NEW LAWS FOR THE BIRDS  
And for surfing, straws and pets in 2019

Ocean Beach plays host to Springboard West Music Festival in January

Springboard West Music Festival, dubbed the “music discovery festival,” is back in San Diego for its third consecutive year from Jan. 10-12. For three days, emerging artists from all over the world, industry professionals and locals will gather in Ocean Beach to celebrate the future of music.

The conference and festival mashup begins on Jan. 10 with a two-day “Band Bootcamp” where 40 bands and 10 solo artists cherry picked from more than 3,000 submissions will attend workshops, panels and pitch sessions with veterans and professionals in the music industry.

This year’s confirmed mentors include Vicky Hamilton, Guns N’ Roses’ first manager, award-winning producer Dale Penner, and casting directors from “American Idol,” “The Voice” and “The Four.”

BAND & BREW CRAWL
What: Springboard West culminates with the crawl, which will feature all 50 artists performing at Winston’s, OB Theatre, The Harp, Mother’s Saloon and OB Brewery.
When: 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.
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New state and local laws for 2019 that took effect on Jan. 1
Surfing is officially state sport, no helmets for adult e-scooter riders, pet stores must sell only rescue animals

Dr. Dave Schmid | The Beacon

The new year brings many changes, including new laws addressing everything from surfing to gender identification, to cutoffs on plastic straws and the types of animals that can be sold in pet stores.

Here are a few new laws:

- Dogs, cats and rabbits sold in pet stores are now required to be obtained only from animal shelters or rescue groups.
- People applying for a license or identification card can select their own gender, female, male or non-binary. Those choosing “No binary” will receive a card with an “X” gender category.
- Surfing has been designated as California’s official state sport.
- Kids meals in most restaurants must now have a milk- or water-based beverage as the default choice and a parent must request a soda for the child.
- People over age 18 will no longer need to use a helmet to use a motorized scooter.
- New rules will dictate how divorcing couples determine custody of the family pet.
- State parks must now make images of body cameras on police officers, and any other audio recorders they sell, whether new or used.
- Employers must make reasonable efforts to provide a room or place for breastfeeding that is not a bathroom.

The new laws for 2019 that took effect on Jan. 1...

One question on 20 percent of knowledge tests (written exams) on traffic laws about California’s unsecured load code.
- Anyone convicted of a misdemeanor domestic violence offense is prohibited from possessing a firearm for the rest of their lives.
- Gun owners with a concealed carry license must undergo a minimum of eight hours of training, and demonstrate proficiency and safety on the shooting range.
- Employers must make reasonable efforts to provide a room or place for breastfeeding that is not a bathroom.

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Hot-button issues dominated the landscape in 2018 as Peninsula residents grappled with short-term vacation rentals and the proliferation of dockless bikes and scooters. Battles were also waged over a recycling center, and an affordable housing site some wanted rezoned as parkland/open space.

**January**

- In late December 2017, the second of three temporary bridge shelters was opened by Veterans Village of San Diego in the Midway District. The new shelter provided homeless relief from the streets, while connecting them to permanent housing.
- Five student-athletes from Point Loma High received All-CIF honors following the fall sports season. Honored Pointers were Charlie Ekstrom, JL Skinner, Mathew Fa'alele, and Davey Folsom. Pointer freshman Loren Gomez won the CIF individual golf tournament and was named CIF Player of the Year.
- A new study titled “Part 150” was green-lighted to evaluate flight-path improvements and noise reductions in and around San Diego International Airport.
- Maximizing online presence was the main topic at Ocean Beach MainStreet Association’s annual marketing breakfast Jan. 9 at Wonderland.
- The Peninsula Community Planning Board unanimously endorsed a developer’s plan to convert The Dolphin Motel into boutique Monsaraz Hotel. The old Dolphin Motel’s four existing buildings were to be demolished and replaced by a new 49,150-square-foot, 92-unit, three-story hotel.
- Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) honored members for their contributions to the Ocean Beach community at its annual Awards Celebration Jan. 25.

**February**

- Dockless electric scooters and bikes debuted in the beach communities causing consternation for some locals.
- San Diego Lifeguard Lt. Rick Romero speculated social media was the cause of mushrooming crowds at beach attractions like jumping off The Arch at Sunset Cliffs. "It used to be just locals doing it,” said Romero. “But now, everyone knows about it.”
- Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market added a new vegetarian café, OB Garden Café, formerly Tiny’s Tavern, to its growing mix at 4741 Voltaire St.
- A cliff collapse near Ladera Street stairs reported on Feb. 13 caused the stairs leading down to Garbage Beach to be closed for an extended period for repairs.
- A public protest was held Feb. 10 at Stump’s Family Marketplace to attempt to compel Prince Recycling Center to move from 3770 Voltaire St. in the parking lot. The rally drew attention to alleged crime-related issues associated with homeless utilizing the purportedly problematic recycler.
- It was announced that Nati’s iconic Ocean Beach Mexican restaurant, which opened in 1960, was being sold.
- Diminutive Gianni Buonomo Vintners on Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach was awarded a double gold medal at the prestigious San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. The winery competed against the biggest names in the U.S. wine industry at the largest competition of American wines in the world.

**March**

- The Point Loma High girls water polo team accomplished what no Pointer team had...
Bail set at $1M for Midway murder suspect

**By NEAL PUTNAM | The Beacon**

A prosecutor said on Dec. 28 there was DNA evidence linking a man to a baseball bat attack on a homeless man who was fatally beaten on Rosecrans Street on Dec. 5.

Deputy District Attorney Brian Erickson told a judge the DNA of Christian Louis Ewing, 29, was found on the barrel of the bat that struck Gregory Freeman, who later died from head and facial injuries.

Erickson told San Diego Superior Court Judge Joseph Brannigan the 57-year-old victim’s DNA was also recovered from the bat, which was found at the scene on Rosecrans Street near Pacific Highway.

Erickson asked Brannigan to set bail at $1 million, which he did after Ewing’s attorney submitted the bail issue without argument.

He was arrested Dec. 24 in the Midway area.

Ewing made a brief court appearance wearing green jail clothes in a wheelchair that he was strapped to and was handcuffed. He pleaded not guilty to a murder charge.

The arraignment Friday almost didn’t happen as Ewing resisted coming to court from his cell for the second day in a row. Brannigan ordered deputy sheriff’s to extract him from the cell by force if necessary to come to court.

Ewing was placed in a wheelchair simply because it is easier for deputies to push a reluctant inmate in a wheelchair than to try and walk him from the central jail into court. He’s not believed to be injured.

He did not sign a form saying he had been advised of his constitutional rights, but defense attorney Raymond Aragon told the judge Ewing could not sign it because he was handcuffed.

This is the second publicized case against Ewing as he was charged with felony assault in 2015 after he rushed the stage at Petco Park when singer Taylor Swift was performing a concert.

Ewing pleaded guilty to felony assault in causing the breaking of several ribs to a security guard who tackled Ewing on the stage on Aug. 29, 2015. He also pleaded guilty to resisting an executive officer in that incident.

Ewing was sent to Patton State Hospital in 2015 after he was determined to not be mentally competent to stand trial. After he recovered his mental competency, he was sentenced to almost two years he had spent in jail and at the psychiatric hospital.

Taylor was not hurt in that incident and Ewing’s purpose in jumping the stage was unknown.

Erickson said Ewing also resisted coming to court during that case and extraction orders were issued to get him in court.

If Brannigan had not issued the extraction order Friday, the arraignment would have been delayed for several days as the court was on limited hours on Monday, Dec. 31. The court was closed on Jan. 1.

Erickson said someone called 911 from the Old Town Trolley Station to report seeing a man beat another man with an umbrella. The caller was some distance away and could not see the object was a bat.

The prosecutor said authorities do not yet know if Ewing was acquainted with Freeman before the assault.

Freeman was homeless, but had relatives in Missouri, he said.

A preliminary hearing was tentatively set for Jan. 11.

Transients gets 8 years prison for OB arsons

**By NEAL PUTNAM | The Beacon**

A transient who set seven fires in Ocean Beach, damaging six cars, was sentenced Dec. 20 to eight years in state prison.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Polly Shamoon ordered Michael Alexander Barringer, 26, to pay $4,823 to the City Treasurer’s office in restitution and a status on further restitution to victims was set for July 13.

Barringer said he put a bag of dog clothes, said nothing before he was handcuffed. He pleaded not guilty to a murder charge.

The car most severely damaged was a 1979 MGB classic convertible that was owned by Scott Stavish.

The car’s interior was destroyed. A detective testified Barringer placed trash and papers inside the car and set it on fire. Most of the fires were set inside trash or recyclable bins that were either put on or beside the vehicles in Ocean Beach.

After Barringer is paroled, he was sentenced Dec. 20 to eight years in state prison.

The arrest followed July 13 in the early-morning hours after he was shown photos of the scenes, said Detective Patrick Shadoan.

There was no apparent motive in all but one of the fires and Barringer didn’t know the cars’ owners.

Barringer said he put a bag of dog feces on someone’s porch and set it aflame because the resident in the house had refused to give him money, said Shadoan.

The first fire was set in an alley near Bacon Street and Cape May Avenue. Other fires were set on Newport Avenue, Voltaire Street, Muir Avenue, Spray Street, Long Branch Avenue, and Niagara Avenue.

He was arrested at 5:30 a.m. on July 13.

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Rachael Stolz has a bachelors degree in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Physical Therapy. I asked Stolz’s longtime client about his experience with fall prevention. Roger Beale said “I’m 83 years old. I have been training with Rachael for awhile to gain strength and balance. I tripped and fell and caught myself in a push up position. I jumped my legs in and stood up! Rachael has changed my life, she has given me the confidence in my abilities so that I can keep my independence.”

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Tickets to the Band and Brew Crawl are $20 and may be purchased at eventbrite.com. Proceeds benefit local nonprofits, Autism Tree Project Foundation, Pioneer Day School, as well as Sustainable Artists, which is focused on helping artists create a balance between artistic focus and economic reality. For more information, visit springboardfest.com.

San Diego breweries create beer to support music fest

A group of San Diego brewers recently announced its unique craft beer collaboration called Springboard Pale Ale to support Springboard West Music Festival. Participating breweries include OB Brewery, the host at 5041 Newport Ave., along with Amplified Ale Works, Belching Beaver, Pizza Port Ocean Beach, Kilowatt Brewing and Mike Hess Brewing.

This limited-edition, draft-only release will be available at all of Springboard West Music Festival’s stages during the Band & Brew Crawl. The Springboard Pale Ale will have a light malt sweetness balanced with a low level of bitterness and fruity hop flavors including notes of passionfruit and citrus.

Freedom, a new group made up of four young women from San Diego (Ayla, Tkay, Kris and De La), will perform on Jan. 12.

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Republican Women of California-Point Loma’s monthly luncheon meeting will be 10 a.m. on Jan. 16 at Point Loma Cafe, 4865 Harbor Drive. Program: Sophia Fang — The Epoch Times, an independent newspaper with the goal of restoring accuracy and integrity in media. A no-host lunch follows. Guests welcome. Call Marilyn at 619-222-9532 for information.

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before when they defeated No. 3 seeded Mt. Carmel 6-3 to win the CIF Div. III championship.

- A decade-plus effort to secure a long-desired public pool at Liberty Station gained traction, as the City asked for federal approval of a joint-use agreement between it and San Diego Unified School District to build and operate a future aquatics complex at the former Naval Training Center.

- Phase II of the Hillside Improvements Project, which included native habitat restoration and new trails, was implemented in the 56-acre hillside section of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.

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July

- The mermaid at Sunset Cliffs disappeared from her perch just as mysteriously as she had appeared earlier in the year.

- Former Major League Baseball star and PLHS alum David Wells resigned as head coach of the Point Loma High baseball team to devote more time to other pursuits.

- The Pacific Beach Pipeline South Replacement Project, replacing approximately 7.6 miles of water main and 1.6 miles of sewer main in the Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor and Mission Bay areas, caused major traffic dislocation.

- Amid community pressure, the City and the San Diego Housing Commission told cyclists their makeshift track across the street from Bill Cleator Park had to be closed because of liability issues, and because of plans to develop the site for 78 affordable housing units.

- On July 16, San Diego City Council approved a Midway Community Plan update, which will guide development in the 56-acre Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor and 1.6 miles of sewer main in the Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor and Mission Bay areas, causing major traffic dislocation.

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Oktoberfest on Oct. 12-13, South-
ern California’s only Oktoberfest
party at the beach, featured live
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Oktoberfest beer tasting, and a $500
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attributed to tariffs on Chinese
goods, Dog Beach Dog Wash, which
had provided pet pickup bags gratis
in stainless-steel containers at Dog
Beach, closed doing so.
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er drivers safety concerns while
allowing the dockless transportation
to continue operating in San Diego.
• OB Brewery’s brewer Jim Millea
got the call that his B. Right On Pale
Ale had won first place at the Great
American Beer Festival. There were
170 entrants in the American-style
pale ale category.
• Steven Torres, founder of the Pop
Pie Company in University Heights,
confirmed the expansion of his
Midway-Pacific Highway Community
Planning Group grappled with what to leave in – and take out –
of a prioritized list of projects to
be funded in the future by a Midway
developer impact fee study.
• Mayor Faulconer sanctioned forming
a new joint-powers entity
to purchase electrical power to
achieve 100 percent renewable
energy citywide by 2035.

November
• There was quite a buzz when the
famed Blue Angels planes flew over
the Peninsula, as captured in a
front-page photo. Scenes from the
sequence to “Top Gun” were being shot
locally with actor Tom Cruise repris-
ing his role as a Naval aviator.
• Police were continuing an inves-
tigation into a Halloween-eve tag-
ging that left two swastikas scrawled
on a Point Loma elementary school
parking lot wall.
• Emergency bluff repairs next to
the Ladera Street stairs in Sunset
Cliffs were completed.
• Minnesota-based Target revealed
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The bird of paradise is known as the ultimate symbol of paradise and freedom. This January, nearly 350 birds, trees, and decor will descend on seven schools will be displayed at Arts District Liberty Station as part of a unique cross-border art exchange.

“Birds without Paradise” installation will be inaugurated on Jan. 11 with an opening reception at 6 p.m. at Luce Court (from the Lot, beyond the Galison Family Foundation).

This project is a collaboration between Vista, a Mexico-based industrial real estate developer, the San Diego Unified School District, the NTC Foundation and the San-Dieguana Smart Border Coalition. A similar installation premiered in Tijuana above Calle Segunda, from Constitution to Madero, in the center of the city’s downtown earlier this year. This project is being presented in conjunction with another program to provide cooperative art installation that is bigger than themselves,” said Suzanne Long, a teacher at Correia Middle School in Point Loma. “Having the opportunity for students to experience what Manuel Molina helped make this project relevant and meaningful for all students who participated.”

“This was a terrific experience for all of our students,” said Patricia Cox, a teacher at San Miguel Middle School.

“This project was not only really fun for me and my students, but it offered my students a chance to share their creativity and contribute to art in a way cooperation is achieved through creativity and knowledge exchange. “Smart Border Coalition is proud to support this creative and symbolic art project to unite our cross-border community,” said Gustavo De La Fuente, executive director of the San-Dieguana Smart Border Coalition, which is located at Liberty Station and works as a catalyst to bring together leading governmental, academic, business and civic communities from both sides of the San-Dieguana-Tijuana region. READ MORE ONLINE AT sdnews.com
Pointer boys basketball starts strong

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

Pointer boys basketball head coach Josh Aros has seen his team run to an early-season record of 10-4 and has high hopes to have his squad land atop the Eastern League standings when the regular season concludes on Feb. 8.

“We pride ourselves on playing good defense,” Aros said after a recent game. “We take care of the ball. Another priority is making open shots.”

The Pointers’ pre-season success seems to indicate they’ve done just that, winning games by scores like 82-34, 61-31 and 54-40.

Aros’ team also took first place in the recent Sweetwater tournament, going 4-0 overall by scores like 82-34, 61-31 and 54-40.

Aros’ teams posted records of 19-8 and 13-16 in his first two years for a 32-24 career mark. Adding this year’s start, that record rises to 42-28 for a .600 winning percentage.

Baseball teams pancake breakfast

A steamng hot breakfast awaits local residents when the Point Loma High School baseball teams offer their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Jan. 12. The event starts at 7:30 a.m. and concludes at 10 a.m.

Hungry diners who arrive at St. Agnes Hall, 1140 Evergreen St. will receive pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee all for a cost of $5. Available at extra cost will be a donut bar and specialized pancake toppings.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the school’s baseball teams, who are competing for ticket sale prizes, or at the door. Cash or checks will be accepted.

Also planned at the event are raffle prizes in addition to baseball team logo wear.

This event is conducted largely by the players, who will be on hand, in full uniform, to set up the hall, check in guests, assist with cooking, serve food and drinks and clean up.

All teams—varsity, junior varsity and freshmen—will play a game later in the day.

Those wishing to donate to the baseball program should make checks payable to PLHS Typography. All proceeds will benefit the team.

Pointer players have been practicing under new head coach Jeff Solis for several weeks in preparation for a winter season followed by the regular spring prep season.

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Point Loma-based Pacific Records is coming off a banner year, with 2018 seeing numerous and diverse releases, which ranged from boy band hit makers O-Town to legendary rocker Lemmy Kilmister of Motörhead with Chris Declercq.

While there are a number of San Diego-based artists featured on the label, including Lindsay Perry, Ryan Hiller and Chandler Bay, the label is open to talent from anywhere. “We also aren’t genre specific,” said the label’s CEO and founder Brian Witkin. “We just want to help get great new music out to people.”

Founded in 2003, the label has released dozens of albums with upcoming new releases set to include a digital single, “myroom” (sic) from new hip-hop signing, Finn McCod (Jan. 10), as well as a vinyl album from singer-songwriter Chad Hollister this spring. The Chris Declercq / Lemmy Kilmister track, “We Are The Ones” will be released as a 7-inch vinyl single as well.

The label has also been successful at placing their artists’ music on TV programs, including Lindsay Perry’s “Dancin’ With The Devil” on the Netflix/Marvel Universe program “Jessica Jones.” “After placements and TV sync, sales are the most important, and there, as far as format these days, it’s streaming by a long shot,” Witkin said. “Then it’s CD and vinyl. Things change quickly. This year, physical, tangible sales outpaced digital downloads.”

Possibly the label’s biggest release to date will be “Guitar Legends II” due later in the year.

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