POWDER PUFF POINTERS

A senior player in blue gives her best effort to pull the flag of a junior runner during last week’s Powder Puff football game. After battling to a scoreless tie during regulation time, the PLHS Class of 2019 seniors scored a touchdown during a ‘California Tiebreaker’ overtime to defeat the PLHS Class of 2020 juniors by a score of 6-0 in the annual Powder Puff football game.

By SCOTT HOPKINS / PENINSULA BEACON

Jury convicts killer of OB’s ‘Incense Man’

A jury on May 31 found a young man guilty of second-degree murder in the stabbing death of a transient known as the “Incense Man” who sold scented sticks in Ocean Beach.

The eight-man, three-woman jury deliberated for 11 hours over three days before convicting Noah Mitchell Jackson, 21, of Ocean Beach, in the 2017 slaying of Walter (Ras) Riley, 65, who was stabbed five times.

Jackson showed little reaction, but his lawyer, Eugene Iredale, reacted with disappointment and held his hands over his face briefly. Iredale had argued for acquittal, saying that video surveillance photos of a man seen leaving Bacon Street after the attack

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach Pier reopens for ‘unofficial start to summer’

Mayor Kevin Faulconer and District 2 Councilmember Dr. Jen Campbell, along with a host of Obecians, formally reopened Ocean Beach Pier at an early morning ceremony on May 24.

“Thank you to all the businesses, the city and everyone who worked together to get this done. I’d like to thank the community for all your help and support,” said Denny Knox of Ocean Beach Main-Street Association. “It really does affect us when it’s closed. I want to thank the mayor’s office for pushing so hard to make this happen, and all the work the City and our City Council did all working together to make this happen.”

OB Pier was closed in January for public safety and to make repairs after the structure was ravaged by unusually strong winter storms and king tides.

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

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POP PIE A NO GO IN OB

Pop Pie Co. has confirmed it has pulled out of putting in an eatery at the former site of Nati’s Mexican Restaurant at 1852 Bacon St.

“We’ve parted ways with the developer of Pop Pie Co.’s Ocean Beach location,” said Steven Tores, Pop Pie co-owner along with Gan Sueb-sarakham. “We’re disappointed that it didn’t work out, but we’re incredibly thankful for and encouraged by all the support we received from the community.” We’re working to bring Pop Pie Co. to more communities in the near future, and in the meantime, we look forward to continuing to serve you at our original location in the amazing neighborhood of University Heights.

Nati’s restaurant building, which opened in 1960, has been extensively remodeled and improved after having much of the former building demolished. Pop Pie has an existing location in University Heights at 4404 Park Blvd, Suite A. The eatery serves sweet and savory pies including breakfast pies. Originally owned by Vem Lortz and his wife, Charline, Nati’s started on the corner of Bacon and Niagara streets as a one-room OB diner before remodeling and expanding. The couple owned and operated Nati’s until retiring in 1972. Longtime employees Thomas and Kerr then took over for the Lortz’s, operating Nati’s until the property was sold about a year ago.

SUMMER OPENING SET FOR OB TARGET

Saying only that it will be opening its new small-format Target Express store in OB “sometime this summer,” Target recently began hiring 50 available positions for the new store at 4854 Newport Ave. Candidates were being interviewed at Target’s existing Sports Arena Boulevard site.

A similar, existing small-format Target is in South Park at 3030 Grape St. The company said its small-format stores are customized to bring the best of the Bulseye into urban neighborhoods, near colleges and other areas where a full-size Target wouldn’t fit. The new OB store will offer a curated assortment of food and beverage items, apparel and accessories, health and beauty, and home décor. Target said its OB store will be approximately 18,000 square feet, which compares with an average Target store of about 120,000 square feet. Target took over the former Antique Center at 4864 Newport Ave. in April 2018. As happened previously with Starbucks coming in years ago to the beach community’s business strip dominated by mom-and-pops, there was an adverse reaction to a corporation entering the local market.

ALL-WAY STOP PLANNED AT SUNSET CLIFFS BLVD

“The likelihood is high that a proposed all-way stop will be installed at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Point Loma Avenue,” said City supervising spokesperson Pewtie Godwin, noting the Department of Transportation Storm Water evaluated the intersection.

“During the evaluation, the City confirmed there has been some reported accidents and the volume of pedestrians crossing Sunset Cliffs Boulevard is high,” Godwin said. “It determined the intersection does qualify for an all-way stop. The Storm Water Department will conduct summer traffic and pedestrian counts to confirm that there have been no significant changes in the results of the previous evaluation.”

Added Godwin, “It is anticipated that the installation of an all-way stop would reduce the number of traffic accidents and make it easier for pedestrians to cross.”

Godwin said the cost, and timeline, for installing a four-way stop at the problematic intersection has not yet been determined.

PHLS GRADUATION PARKING GUIDELINES

The beginning of on-campus construction will cause severe parking issues at Point Loma High School’s commencement on June 11. Principal Hans Becker announced plans to accommodate the annual overflow crowd that descends on Pete Ross Stadium for the 3 p.m. event.

“Parking this year will be extremely limited, more so than ever,” Becker said. “Parking on campus will be strictly limited to vehicles with handicapped placards in the passenger parking lot on College Street,” Becker said. “We will have golf carts to shuttle those needing assistance to the stadium. We are asking everyone else to please be patient and park on streets surrounding the school.” Gates will open at 2 p.m. for ticket holders at both the Voltaire Street gate and the basketball court gate. There will be security present at all gates and only one other chaperone or attendant, Becker noted, to make sure all handicapped persons can be accommodated. Additionally, chaperones and guests are asked not to save seats for those arriving later. Those without tickets will be admitted at 2:45 p.m. at the Voltaire Street gate only.

PORTUGUÉS FESTA DO ESPÍRITO SANTO STARTS

The 2019 Portuguese Festa do Espírito Santo (Feast of the Holy Spirit), one of San Diego’s oldest ethnic celebrations, will be June 7-9. The weekend-long event is on the grounds of UPSES Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, and St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1140 Evergreen St.

The highlight, the Festa Parade, begins at 10 a.m. Sunday June 9. It follows a route from the UPSES Hall to St. Agnes Church, where Holy Mass is celebrated and the coronations of the festival king and queen take place at 11 a.m., with church choir singing. The festival has been held continuously for over 100 years and is the first Portuguese families settled in 1848.

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Midway planners hear proposal on NAVWAR site

By DAVE SCHNARF | The Beacon

Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group in May vetted a controversial proposal to turn part of the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR) site into a regional transportation “grand central station.”

Colem Clementson of San Diego Association of Governments also briefed community planners on the regional planning agency’s new four-year transportation plan.

Clementson told Midway planners the NAVWAR site off I-5, which the Navy is entertaining proposals on subletting, is among sites being considered to create a regional mobility hub directly connecting to San Diego International Airport. A mobility hub links multiple travel modes where people live, work and play, extending the reach of mass transit beyond the first and last mile using technology.

“NAVWAR is being considered for a grand central station serving high-speed train routes, with a possible people mover to the airport,” answered SANDAG’s Clementson.

SANDAG executive director Hassan Ikhrata are championing a plan to ask the Navy to allow redevelopment of the Old Town property currently occupied by NAVWAR into a transit station with a rail connection to the airport.

“Why couldn’t you put the grand central station over by Sassafras Street close to the rental cars?” asked group chair Cathy Kenton. “Putting it down here (Midway) is just going to make a traffic nightmare for all concerned.”

“I know that was difficult,” said Deputy District Attorney Michael Reilly to a jury process, said Deputy District Attorney Michael Reilly to a jury.

“I have a lot of respect for the jurors first-degree murder was an option to consider. Jurors acquitted Jackson of first-degree murder. Reilly had told jurors first-degree murder was an option to consider.

“I am incredibly concerned for this community about a prospective grand central station being located at NAVWAR,” Kenton.

Iredale put on testimony from all three of Jackson’s sisters who said they had not been spit upon by the victim. Jackson did not testify.

“Why couldn’t you put the grand central station into a transit-ready place,” she said. “The other is a new trolley extension with a spur down Harbor Drive stopping at the airport, and possibly extending into Liberty Station in Point Loma. Right now what SANDAG is doing is figuring out the cost of each of those options.”

“I know that was difficult,” said Iredale to San Diego Superior Court Judge Michael Groch.

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Riley, a tall African American man, sold incense sticks on New- port Avenue and also at the OB Farmers Market. A lot of people referred to him as the “Incense Man.”

Riley was found mortally wounded in the 1900 block of Bacon Street at 12:30 a.m. on June 22, 2017. He was also home

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After 50 years of cleaning clothes in OB, couple retires, plan to cruise Caribbean

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

F or 50 years the alarm clock in Steve and Shan Jacobs’ Tierrasanta home has gone off at 4:15 a.m. At 5 a.m. the couple is on the road, driving in darkness on deserted freeways, to their business, Embassy Cleaners at 4320 Voltaire St. in Ocean Beach. By 5:20 the business lights are on and the couple begins the careful process of cleaning dozens of clothing items. Customers will be picking up later in the day.

Don’t be surprised if that alarm clock is sitting atop the Jacobs’ trash container this week.

The couple locked the doors of Embassy Cleaners for the final time on Friday, April 26, ending an era that began in 1946 when Jacobs’ father Glenn, with a business partner, opened the shop, also named Embassy Cleaners, at 6001 University Ave. in San Diego. Glenn Jacobs and his partner claimed the name from former City Councilmember Lorie Zapf presented on the 70th anniversary of Embassy Cleaners Day in District 2.

Over the years, Steve has worked with his father in 1969 following years at Mesa College. Since his father’s passing in 1981, “it’s just Shan and me,” he said with a laugh.

Steve and Shan Jacobs hold a proclamation from former City Councilmember Lorie Zapf presented on the 70th anniversary of Embassy Cleaners Day in District 2.

The Jacobs noted they had the same landlord since the early 1960s but that family finally sold the small strip mall in 2017. After it became apparent the new owner had other plans for the space, the Jacobs’ contracted with a company from Los Angeles that dismantled the machinery for sale.

But the Jacobs freely admit there is much sadness at this time. “We’ve both been crying a lot,” Shan said. “[Our customers] are like our family. We’re going to miss these people. We’ve been part of this community for many years.”

In retirement, the Jacobs have plans to spend more nights at sea where they love cruising on Norwegian Cruise Lines. “We’re going on a Caribbean cruise in a couple of weeks as our retirement gift,” Steve said. “And later we’re going for a week in Cancun where I’ve always wanted to see the ruins.”

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Jerry was born and raised in San Diego. He attended San Diego High School and lettered in four sports, excelling in football and baseball. After graduating from San Diego State College, Jerry returned to San Diego High where he taught and coached football and baseball for 18 years. He also coached American Legion Baseball during his summers.

Jerry met and married his wife Suzanne Wight while attending San Diego State. They went on to raise three girls, Kim, Karri and Lori who all followed in their footsteps to pursue careers in education. Jerry and Susie were married for 63 years.

Jerry and Susie enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling in Mexico with their many friends and families. He loved to body surf at South Ocean Beach, as well as playing in the Over-the-Line Tournament, softball and bike riding. After retiring he and Susie were known to head south to Mazatlan, where they would spend the winter months. In his later years, you could find him reading or swimming at La Playa with his wife, daughters and grandchildren.

Jerry was a generous man with a very big heart. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and fun-loving spirit. Jerry approached every day with a positive go-getter attitude and believed that it was important to live every day to the fullest, not wanting a single minute. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Jerry is survived by his wife Susie, three daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
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Himalayan Palace brings Nepalese-Indian cuisine to Midway District

Khem Kharel is on a mission to bring Nepalese-Indian cuisine to San Diego. And he’s landed on the coast in the Midway District, hosting recently opened Himalayan Palace Restaurant for lunch and dinner at 3760 Sports Arena Blvd. His new location is something of a food mecca, with Phil’s BBQ, Red Lobster and The Pho Shop nearby. Kharel has four other Nepalese-Indian restaurants scattered throughout San Diego County in La Mesa, Mission Valley, Mira Mesa and Chula Vista. A Nepalese who came to the States 32 years ago, Kharel was studying to be an accountant in 1990 in Los Angeles. But he changed his career choice after getting homesick for his homeland cuisine.

“When I came here I eat around the restaurants and I didn’t like … there was nothing around,” he said. “I wanted to do something unique. And my customers said, ‘Let’s do it.’”

Kharel was ultimately displaced from Los Angeles to San Diego after the 1993 Northridge earthquake, after which he opened his first San Diego restaurant in La Mesa. “About 75 percent of the spices we use in both is common,” he said. “But we use way less oil, less cream (in Nepalese), less butter, less spice. But it’s still flavorful. So it’s healthier, lighter. Our food takes longer (to cook). But it’s freshly made.”

A typical Nepalese restaurant does not carry pork or beef, noted Kharel, adding those meats are replaced by lamb, chicken and goat. There are also vegetarian and vegan choices on the varied menu, which includes soups and salads, Naan flatbread, additional Nepalese Naan flatbread, a host of vegetarian options, traditional Nepalese Naan flatbread, a wide assortment of chicken and lamb options, as well as several seafood and Tandoori choices. Indian beer and wine are also served.

Himalayan Palace’s all-you-can-eat buffet is served daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a cost of $11.95 plus tax. “The buffet is different items every day,” said Kharel, adding he’s offering special deals during his ongoing grand opening.

Kharel is also something of a tour guide for Nepalese food fans who’s interested in going to that Himalayan nation, “He’s more than willing to advise them on the best places to go — and eat,” he noted.

The restaurant accommodates large groups, as well as doing catering and delivery. “We do a lot of pickups,” said Kharel, adding he remodeled the entire large restaurant space. “We improved this so that people are like, wow, when they come,” he noted.

The restaurateur takes special pride in his lamb dishes. “Our lamb is tender and lean,” Kharel said. “People drive miles to get our lamb.”

Himalayan Palace
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Stone Brewing launches new menu: adds nachos, tacos, wings and burgers

Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens has launched a completely new menu to pair with the company’s acclaimed beers. The menu emphasizes quality, sustainability, approachability and … a burger, which guests can indulge now at Stone’s Liberty Station location.

While planning the menu changes, Stone identified local purveyors and producers of fresh ingredients to create menu items that deliver a better value. Menu items now include $12-14 shareable plates and entrees between $13 and $28.

They added a sizable selection of shareable plates including Sausage Wellington, Yellowfin Ahi Poke “Nachos” and Jidori Chicken Wings. A selection of street tacos includes the Ensenada Fish Taco, Yucatan Pork Taco, the Carne Asada Taco and the Taco De Calabacitas.

For years, Stone took hits from fans who detested that a brewery so acclaimed for its acclaimed beers. The menu maintains its global inspiration with a menu now highlighting Belcampo meats in San Diego. “The ambiance in our bistros and gardens is unmatched and our menu items are paired with beers that, given their excellence, have helped to define craft beer on an international scale,” said Gregg Frazier, Stone Brewing vice president of hospitality. “By relinquishing our menu, we’ve further elevated the overall experience at our Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens so that the food, beer and environment are equally exemplary and everything you’d expect of a brewery so acclaimed for its accomplishments in beer.”

While change abounds, some things remain the same. Stone’s menu maintains its global inspiration with menu items including Chicken Schnitzel, Bangers & Mash, The Angry Chicken (Korean Fried Chicken breast with gochujang, honey mustard and pickled red onion) and Stone Brewing Medianoche – Stone’s version of the late-night Cuban sandwich.

Batch craft sodas are locally produced in California, gluten free and made with pure cane sugar. Recommended pairings of Stone’s bold, independent, award-winning craft beers complement every menu item and flights and tasters are available.

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And while you’re at the 40th annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival June 22, stop off at the Peninsula Beacon’s booth, No. 256 in the 4900 block of Newport Avenue, to participate in voting in the Beacon’s annual amateur photo contest.

All you have to do is check out posted submissions for the newspaper’s ever-popular 26th annual Amateur Photo Contest. Then fill out a slip denoting your favorite entry and put it in the box provided.

Fahey’s always amazed at just how many people drop by the Beacon booth to say hello, check out the photos and select their favorite entries.

“We usually get more than 400 ballots,” Fahey added.

Photos must be taken in the Ocean Beach, Shelter Island, Point Loma, La Portail and Sports Arena/ Midway area by local residents. It’s also your chance to share thoughts and comments with the Beacon staff.

The deadline for entries in the photo contest is Tuesday, June 18. Photos submitted must have been taken between June 18, 2018 and June 18, 2019.

Entries may be dropped off at The Beacon Offices, 1621 Grand Ave, on the 2nd floor, or mailed to: The Beacon, Attn: Photo Contest, 1621 Grand Ave., Suite C, San Diego, CA., 92109.

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Point Loma High School salutatorian Jack Loewer and valedictorian Clara Page.

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Top PLHS grads to lead 94th commencement

By Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

The valedictorian and salutatorian of Point Loma High’s Class of 2019 agree on their view of the high school they are about to leave.

“Point Loma is a well-rounded school,” said valedictorian Clara Page. “We win CIF championships in sports but the students here are really dedicated to their academics.”

“Everyone is super-supportive of each other,” salutatorian Jack Loewer said. “It’s not what you expect, but in a good way. You can do what you’re passionate about and people will be there for you.”

Page and Loewer sat down last week to discuss their school years and future plans.

Clara Page, valedictorian

Page is the daughter of Deirdre O’Shea and Eric Page. She attended Grant Elementary School, Dana and Correia Middle Schools and has never received a grade other than “A.” Her overall GPA is 4.7.

Page was captain of the varsity field hockey team this year where a highlight was scoring a shootout goal that won the match. She also had such a wonderful high school experience,” Page concluded. “I couldn't have asked for anything better.”

Jack Loewer, salutatorian

Loewer is the son of Chris and Andrea Loewer. He ended his time at PLHS with a 4.65 GPA. A class he took as a senior elective likely separated him and Page.

“I took ceramics this year,” Loewer laughed. “I made a dog and a UCLA Bruin bear, but the ‘A’ was only worth four points.”

For Loewer, he was also part of Model United Nations, a leader of California Scholastic Federation, captain of a championship water polo team and played baseball for several years.

“Winning the Div. II CIF championship in water polo was a high-light of my junior year,” Loewer recalled. “Then senior year of Div. I. I made it to the finals and lost 8-6, but it felt really great because it’s the furthest we’ve ever gone.”

Loewer recalls three teachers who have made an impact on his time at PLHS.

“I love Mr. C (Brian Compagnone),” Loewer said. “From my junior year English class. I’ve always been kind of a math-sci-ence type of guy and thought, ‘Oh no, I’ve got to take another English class.’ But he actually changed my mind.

“Everybody knows Glenn Richard, a history teacher who is super fun and a super cool guy!”

Loewer also cited AP biology teacher Sylvia Maas. “She runs the hardest class on campus. But she’s an amazing teacher.”

Loewer will enroll at UCLA to major in engineering, probably taking his ceramic Bruin bear along. “I still have to figure out what type of engineering I’m going to specialize in.”

NEW VICE PRINCIPAL JOINS POINT LOMA HIGH

After decades of six-month-long Chicago winters, Dana Tolomeo was thrilled to be in San Diego. A veteran educator, Tolomeo was recently named to a vacant vice principal position at Point Loma High School.

After earning an undergraduate and master’s degree from University of Illinois (secondary education) and a master’s degree (education administration) from Columbia University, Tolomeo spent 16 years teaching English learners and Spanish.

One of the schools where she taught, Oak Park and River Forest, is the alma mater of many well-known persons as diverse as Emeril Hemingway and Dan Castellaneta, the voice of TV’s Homer Simpson.

Her husband and two daughters are still in Illinois and will join her in July.

“The weather here is so welcoming. I feel like we’re laid back and welcoming,” Tolomeo said. “I fell in love with Point Loma High School the first time I came here, found out about its history and realized it was a good place for me.”

Tolomeo has found PLHS to be “a great school, with lots of pride which I love. They have great teachers, the students are very involved in clubs and athletics. It’s just a wonderful school and I’m glad to be a part of it.”

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Point Loma High junior wins district-wide PSA contest with video on gun control

A Point Loma High School junior has won a contest for his “See Something Say Something” video graphically depicting how it’s easier to buy a gun than it is to get a driver’s license.

Timothy Fraher, a student in Anthony Palmiotto’s cinematic arts program, won a recent school district-wide public service announcement video contest, which was a collaborative effort between San Diego Unified School District’s Police Department and San Diego County’s Crime Stoppers.

Fraher was recognized for his 40-second PSA spot, vimeo.com/332259484, at an April 23 Crime Stoppers luncheon. He received a plaque, and his PSA will air on Cox Communications more than 100 times this summer.

“Timothy Fraher” (second from left) celebrates winning the PSA contest.

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So instead of “skirting the issue,” Fraher opted instead to do something about it via his PSA spot.

Fraher’s premise was to contrast the difference in difficulty between getting a driver’s license and acquiring a gun. “It’s so much harder to get a driver’s license than it is to buy a gun,” he said, adding his PSA spot incorporates news headlines from school shootings, even audio footage with a woman at Columbine crying out, “People are dying all around me.”

Fraher’s PSA has a climactic ending with a bullet shattering glass.

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The Navy has adjourned the Former Naval Training Center (NCT) San Diego Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) pursuant to 32 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 202. The RAB served an important role in the Navy’s environmental cleanup of Former NCT San Diego. However, it is now appropriate to adjourn the RAB because 1) a record of decision has been signed for all environmental restoration sites at the former NCT San Diego; 2) all response actions have been completed; and 3) the purpose of the RAB, “to promote community awareness and obtain constructive community review and comment on environmental restoration actions to accelerate the cleanup and conversion of NCT” has been met. The substantive requirements of 32 CFR Part 202 for RAB adjournment have been met.

The Navy solicited input from the RAB members and the community on the adjournment of the RAB by a notification in the Peninsula Beacon on July 5, 2018 and a letter addressed to the RAB and other community stakeholders dated July 5, 2018 that asked for comments from the community and identified a 30-day public comment period between July 5, 2018 and August 6, 2018. The Navy considered all comments received during the public comment period. In addition, during the August 22, 2018 RAB meeting, the RAB members in attendance voted unanimously to adjourn the RAB as soon as the Regional Water Quality Control Board approved the Final Remedial Action Completion Report for Site 12, Boat Channel Sediments. This approval was received on April 16, 2019.

For more information, contact:
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New Director at San Diego Dance Theater

San Diego Dance Theater has announced that Trisha Gooch, CFRE, is their new executive director. She began work at SDDT on May 14. Gooch has 17 years of fundraising, marketing communications, strategic planning, non-profit management and leadership experience.

She comes to the SDDT team from Second Chance, where she was the vice president of advancement for more than six years. At Second Chance, Gooch created the signature event, Change is the New Black, and led a staff of four in the creation of numerous giving programs, including Giving Tues.-day's successful Ball Me Out campaign, LawSuits, GEM (Give Every Month), and the $599 Club.

Prior to her tenure at Second Chance, she served as director of development for the Jacoba & Cushman San Diego Food Bank for three and a half years. She also worked in San Diego for Mainly Mozart and the San Diego Food Bank for three development for the Jacobs & Cushman $599 Club.

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Summer Solstice at Liberty Station

Arts District Liberty Station is celebrating the summer's arrival with three days of creative events alive with art, dance, music and recreation open to the public.

Friday, June 21 through Sunday, June 23, ‘Become part of the International celebration of summer with us,” urged Peggy Flachbeck, artist and co-chair of the Solstice with the Arts project.

Friday, June 21 will feature art, dance and music from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 22 will feature art in the studio/galleries as well as art projects and a Yoghathon open to the public, from noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 23, noon to 4 p.m., continues the solstice celebration with public art, open studios, galleries and music. Visitors will find hundreds of paintings, drawings, fiber arts, photography and hand watercolors.

Arts District also offers a wide selection of dining options with Liberty Station’s restaurants.

Summer Solstice with the Arts 2019 is a collaboration of the Artists of Arts District and Jean Isaacs’ San Diego Dance Theater, through a grant from NTC Foundation.

More information can be found at libertystation.com/solstice.

OB Historical Society New presentation

Ocean Beach Historical Society will present a lecture on Kate Sessions – horticulturist, landscaper, florist, and more – at 7 p.m. June 20 at the Edge Faith Community, 846 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Historian Nancy Carol Carter is a retired professor of law at USD. She is a frequent lecturer in San Diego and has been published in Pacific Horticulture and The Journal of San Diego History, with articles on Kate Sessions, the San Diego olive industry, and renowned local botanists Katharine and T.S. Brandegee. This program is free. Visit obhistory.org for information.

San Diego is one of the most beautiful cities in the U.S., due in large part to its abundance of exotic trees and plants – jacarandas, queen palms, Brazilian pepper trees, bougainvillea, Italian cypress, the bird of paradise, and the poinsettia. Yet, surprisingly, none of these trees and plants are native to San Diego. From them we are introduced to the region by Kate Sessions, the pioneering women horticulturalist who came to San Diego in 1883.

PL Republican Women Monthly Luncheon

Point Loma Republican Women Federated monthly luncheon meeting will take place 10 a.m. June 19 at Point Loma Cafe, 11 E. Coronado Drive. Program: Daniel Piedra from the Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund. For additional information, call Marilyn at 619-222-9352.

Peninsula Singers Concert on June 14

The Peninsula Singers will present “Classicalal Rockstar,” at 7 p.m. June 14 at All Souls Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. Classical pieces include “Paradisum,” “How Lovely Are the Mountains,” and “Ubi Cubillae,” will join rock songs like “I Love Rock ‘n’ Roll.”

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The Black Crowes Revival debut at Winston’s on June 11

Southern rock may not have the same visibility it once did, but there can be no doubt that it remains immensely popular. One of the more modern practitioners, ‘90s-era rockers The Black Crowes, is probably the last truly huge band of the genre, more than enough reason for a slow of tribute bands to exist. One of the best, The Black Crowes Revival, is based right here in San Diego.

The band makes its debut at Winston’s on June 11, with a lineup that includes OB-based singer Dani Spade, guitarist Tim Bennett and Frank Andrews IV, bassist John Osmon, keyboardist Jeff Brown and drummer Scott Southwood, as well as backing vocalists Amanda Andrew and Mindy Torgol.

The group emerged from a birthday jam session for Bennett. “Some guys I knew from various bands including Scott and Frank, got together early in August 2017, just to celebrate my birthday,” he said. “We played Pearl Jam songs, since we all knew them, but our conversation afterwards led to ‘do you guys like The Black Crowes?’”

He was surprised when all those present responded in the affirmative. The seeds of the band were planted when he realized how many people like the band’s bluesy rock sound. “I had always wanted to form The Black Crowes tribute but I didn’t think I knew anyone else that dug them the way I do. It turns out we were all fans. We agreed on a handful of songs and got together a couple weeks later, and it clicked immediately.”

Bennett became an instant fan of The Black Crowes upon seeing them at a 1990 concert. “They were the biggest crowd on certain songs are right there.”

The Black Crowes played it live. “We research and attend shows and concerts, purely by accident, at Red Rocks, where they opened for The Black Crowes Revival to debut at Winston’s on June 11.

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Point Loma Nazarene journalism prof writes the book on interviews

I t is a good interview the result of luck or skill? Just ask Dean Nelson, Ph.D., the founder and director of the journalism program at Point Loma Nazarene University. His new book, “Talk to Me: How to Ask Better Questions, Get Better Answers and Interview Anyone Like A Pro,” takes him into more than 40 years of journalistic and academic experience to answer that question.

The narrative guide advises that a great interview cannot rely solely on “serendipity and intuition.” The “art” and “science” of a good interview includes “careful planning, good journalistic habits and hard work.” “Talk to Me” offers tools of the talk trade along with insightful and interesting anecdotes.

While most consider the art of the interview as the “bedrock of journalism,” Nelson notes that interviews are not designated solely to journalists, but to anyone seeking truthful information. “Insurance adjustors, social workers, lawyers, nurses, teachers, investigators, therapists, podcast hosts, customer service representatives, bankers, and police officers spend a good part of each day asking questions,” he writes. “And that’s what an interview view is: a purposeful series of questions that lead to understanding, insight, and perspective on a given topic.”

Nelson begins with a simple premise – quality questions get quality answers. “Great interviews just don’t happen,” he explains. “But what is a good interview?”

“Good interviews are simply themselves,” he writes. “It isn’t all charisma, coincidence and chemistry. You have to be intentional about what you’re after.”

But what is a good interview? “Good interviews are simply themselves,” he writes. “They’re not acting. They’re our curios. They know how to be quiet and listen. The authentic ones who ask good questions are the ones who extract profound answers instead of cliché’s, and who get past the superficiality of mere gathering of information into the stratosphere of other-worldliness.

When interviews are done well, they have the potential for a human connection that goes past the level of merely gathering information, he writes. “Good interviews reveal information, but great interviews reveal so much more.”

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Story of Dick Virgilio, long-time Point Loman, told in ‘Strong In, Strong Out’

D ick Virgilio is known today as the father of trauma care in San Diego County. In his new biography, “Strong In, Strong Out,” you’ll shake your head in wonder at how he managed to survive his early childhood on the brutal outskirts of 1950s Baltimore, with a mean and dysfunctional father and a bullying brother. His solution? Run away from home in the middle of the night and hitchhike across country. He was only 13, and all he had was $3.75 and a couple of T-shirts.

Somehow the young Virgilio fought his way through military school and internal medical school. He was hiding a secret, severe dyslexia, but he learned to memorize his medical studies and graduated at the top of his class.

Along the way he worked for an Italian “family” that found him face to face with Nat King Cole, Bobby Darrin and others. Before long, Dick was whisked off to Vietnam as a trauma surgeon, working on the front lines.

His young family continued to grow but so did Dick’s frustration at the lack of trauma care in San Diego.

Tired of seeing military men and women die from a lack of timely care, he led the charge to create a trauma system in San Diego County, which in turn, became a model program on a national level.

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Fivé PLHS athletes were recognized on all-CIF teams announced last weekend.

Leading the pack is senior track star Altan Mitchell, who won two events at the league championship meet and one event at the CIF championship meets. Mitchell won the long jump (21.25 feet) and the triple jump (46.75 feet) at the Western League finals last month.

Mitchell then took first place in the triple jump (47 feet 10.25 inches) at the CIF championship meet to make him the only CIF champion this year among Pointer athletes. Mitchell will be attending Brown University of the Ivy League next year.

In boys golf, junior Jackson Moss was named first team all-CIF. Only 10 golfers from the San Diego-Imperial County area were selected for the honor.

The Pointer baseball team produced three all-CIF second team selections. Senior Anthony Hall, the team’s first baseman, led the group. Hall is expected to be selected in the professional baseball draft that was held earlier this week.

Pitcher/outfielder Hunter Otjen, a junior, was also selected along with sophomore shortstop Duce Gourson, both of whom will give the Pointers a strong nucleus in the 2020 season.

“Due to challenges with securing the necessary sponsorships for the inaugural 2019 ANOC World Beach Games in San Diego this October, and the time sensitivity, we have regretfully learned the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) has decided to withdraw the event from San Diego,” said Vince Mudd, chair, San Diego Exploratory Foundation.
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