Workers sift through debris of fatal jet crash in U.C.

Two days after an F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet crashed into a University City neighborhood, the County Medical Examiner’s Office confirmed four fatalities — those of two adults and two infants — found inside one of the five homes destroyed or damaged in the accident.

The pilot, a first lieutenant with Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101 from United States Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, was flying Monday, Dec. 8 from the USS Abraham Lincoln toward MCAS Miramar to make a routine flight. The jet reportedly lost its second engine, causing the plane to crash into two homes in the 4400 block of Cather Avenue in University City, two miles short of the air base. The pilot safely ejected from the plane and was found in a nearby canyon.

“The pilot was nearing the end of his training,” said USMC Miramar public affairs spokesperson Cpl. Jessica Aranda. Officials drove the pilot, identified by as Dan Luque or Dan Neubauer, to Balboa Naval Hospital. Marine Corps officials said he is expected to make a full recovery.

Maurice Luque, spokesperson for the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, said the two destroyed homes — the Yoon residence at 4416 Cather Ave. and an unoccupied house next door — immediately caught fire from the crash. Rescuers from the Fire-Rescue Department and MCAS Miramar discovered three victims after sifting through debris and rubble Monday evening. With the help of search dogs, the fourth victim was found the next day.

The victims were identified as Youngmi Yoon, 36; Yoon’s mother; Suk Im Kim, 60, 15-month-old Grace Yoon, and 2-month-old Rachel Yoon.

Don Yoon, Yoon’s husband and the father of the two girls, was not at home at the time of the crash.

“I really believe that my wife and two daughters are in heaven,” Yoon, 39, said the day after the crash, adding that his prayers go out to the pilot.

O’Connor said reaching out to the community and sharing as

City’s budget war takes center stage

The mayor recently vetoed the City Council’s decisions to keep city community service centers open and restore three painter positions, which would have violated procedures laid out in the city charter, Laing said.

The community centers in Point Loma, Clairemont and Scripps Ranch will stay open until the end of January. Painter positions will be reinstated at the end of January as well, she said. The community service centers act as city information centers and provide general city services such as accepting bill payments.

The City Council closed some of the gap by agreeing to a majority of the mayor’s proposed midyear budget cuts, District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer said.

The council was able to keep the fire stations fully operating, and libraries and recreation centers open by dipping into infrastructure funds, library system improvement funds and hotel-room rental tax revenue.

However, that still adds to an estimated $54 million budget gap moving into fiscal year 2010, Laing said. City staff starts the
With local experts and politicians claiming the city imports too much water, treating and reusing sewer water for irrigation — or even drinking — takes on a new meaning.

Meanwhile, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency is verging on granting the city another five-year pass in upgrading its sewage treatment process to the next level of cleanliness, called secondary treatment.

At least one local environmental group has met with the mayor and city staff in an effort to tackle the problem of rethinking the city's water and wastewater infrastructure.

“We’re trying to reach an agreement (with the city) over the next month or so … to really lay the groundwork for long-term planning for our sewage and water infrastructure in San Diego,” San Diego Coastkeeper executive director Bruce Reznick said.

The city applies for a permit every five years, allowing the city to empty treated sewage about four miles off the Point Loma coast. San Diego is one of the last big cities to keep applying for the waiver, Reznick said. This is the third waiver the city has applied for since 1995.

A public comment process for the waiver will continue over the next several months, requiring approvals from agencies such as the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Coastal Commission. The first public hearing takes place Wednesday, Jan. 21 at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board offices, 9174 Sky Park Court, at 9 a.m.

Environmental groups such as Coastkeeper have traditionally opposed the city’s application for the waiver.

They sued the city in 2000 because of it, Reznick said. The suit finally resulted in a water recycling report to the city, released in 2005.

Though another lawsuit is “not off the table,” Reznick said, now is the time to work with the city “hand in hand” to plan for future water recycling. He added that he needs a more comprehensive study of the city’s water infrastructure.

Environmental groups have advocated for an upgrade to cleaner treatment processes at the Point Loma wastewater treatment facility for environmental reasons. However, mayoral spokesman Bill Harris said upgrading to secondary treatment processes would cost too much and does too little for the environment.

“There are options that do not involve spending $1.5 billion that have to be raised in fees to cram a facility into Point Loma in order to achieve very little additional benefit. It’s exorbitantly costly, almost physically impossible to construct and provides very little additional benefit to what we’re currently doing,” Harris said.

Mayor Jerry Sanders is making good on his announcement to apply for the Point Loma wastewater secondary treatment waiver. He announced the decision last year after he gathered a team of UCSD scientists to study the environmental impacts of the treated wastewater on the ocean.

Reznick said the dearth of accurate assessments of environmental impacts is part of the problem. “I don’t think we have that data,” Reznick said, “but there is a lot of information that is required for (determining) overall ocean health.”

The public comment period for the waiver closes Jan. 28.

The Point Loma wastewater treatment plant treats about 175 million gallons a day of the city’s sewage, according to the city’s website.
A ban on the use of plastic bags by grocery stores, pharmacies and other retailers may be one of the hot issues to come before the new San Diego City Council in 2009 following a 2-1 vote by a council committee on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Several dozen people spoke before the Natural Resources & Culture Committee on the topic with only a few opposed to a ban on plastic bags. Councilmembers Donna Frye and Scott Peters voted to send the proposed ban to new City Attorney Jan Goldsmith, who was sworn into office Monday, Dec. 8, for legal analysis before it goes to the City Council within 90 days.

District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer voted against the motion, saying he wanted Goldsmith to look at the proposal and perhaps send it back to the committee. He said he did not support forwarding it to the City Council even though the motion made no committee recommendation about the proposed ban.

"I don’t support this ordinance. It’s appropriate for the new city attorney to have a look at this, to explore options," Faulconer said. He added he felt "increased recycling is the way to go."

"I think more analysis needs to be done," he said. "I think it could be harmful to consumers, not good for business. We need more focus on recycling."

A representative from Mayor Jerry Sanders’ office told the committee the mayor opposes a ban because cities which have passed a ban on plastic bags have been sued. The mayor also opposes the ban because small businesses would be adversely affected.

A proposed ordinance was already prepared for the committee by outgoing City Attorney Mike Aguirre, but it will go back to the city attorney’s office as part of the motion.

The use of paper bags and reusable cloth bags that consumers would bring into the store were suggested as alternatives to plastic, which do not biodegrade easily. Several people from San Diego Coastkeeper told the council of the harm that plastic bags pose to sea life, birds, and animals.

"I've pulled plastic bags out of the water when I'm surfing," said Bill Hickman, of Ocean Beach, who added he did not support forwarding it to the City Council even though the motion made no committee recommendation about the proposed ban.

"They're essentially all over the place," said Jim Pugh, from the San Diego Audubon Society. He said plastic bags smother plants at the bottom of creeks and streams. "Please move along with a ban and keep them out of our wetlands," he added.

Scott Harrison, the chairman of the Surfrider Foundation, told the panel the ban is like "a train leaving the station — it’s time to get on board."

Among the few opposed to the ban were representatives from the California Grocers Association and the American Chemistry Council.

Jennifer Forkish, who represents the American Chemistry Council, said the use of paper bags are "three to five times more expensive, which means higher operating costs for stores and higher prices for their customers."

Frye held up a dingy white cloth bag she said she uses for shopping and added, "It needs a bath." She urged residents to ask for paper instead of plastic when at the checkout line.
A special group of girls, having realized the holiday appeal of hot chocolate, has been exploiting its popularity for the last nine years.

On Saturday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m., in front of 3631 Garrison St. in Point Loma, they’ll set up shop to sell their delicious drink to hundreds of holiday faithful.

What makes their recipe extra-special is that all the proceeds will go toward various charities that have immediate community impacts.

The girls refer to themselves as The Core Four, and they include Jessica Ybarra, Meghan Zander, Adrianna Pickering and Emily Ferdyn. This catchy name calls to the fact that “they have all known each other pretty much since they were 4 years old,” said Kyle Ybarra, Jessica’s father.

The girls have donated to organizations such as hospitals and the Red Cross. This year will be the first year they repeat a donation, as they will again be donating to Isabella’s Gift, a foundation at Rady Children’s Hospital.

Funds raised from the first year totaled $75, and they went to help a young girl from Mexico who was receiving surgery on a

Our goal is $2,000 this year. We usually have lines going down the street, so I think we can do it.”

Jessica Ybarra
CHARITY ORGANIZER

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much information as possible was his priority. He attended Tuesday’s University Community Planning Group meeting in an effort to inform residents of the military’s efforts and to allay the public’s fears, he said.

“We are conducting a thorough investigation. We are going to take our time,” he said.

O’Connor said the military’s team of first responders was on the scene immediately and will continue to work with the city. Military officials will continue to remove wreckage from the area, he said.

“We take our responsibility very seriously,” he said.

O’Connor said the military stresses the safety record of its aircraft. “As a pilot, safe operation of aircraft is our number one concern,” O’Connor said. “[The F/A-18 is] a dependable aircraft. It flies a lot, every day. It’s a proven performer. They’re our workhorses.”

On a related note, the Peninsula Community Planning Board’s (PCPB) Airport Committee has slated a regular meeting for Friday, Dec. 12 at the Hancock Voltaire Library, 3701 Voltaire St.

In light of Monday’s crash — and because the PCPB has regular interface with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority that oversees Lindbergh Field — committee chair Suhail Khalil said he has invited representatives from various agencies to brief committee members on airport safety matters. Representatives from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, North Island Navy Base and Mayor Jerry Sanders’ office are expected to be on hand.

The airport committee meets from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the library. Copies of the agenda are posted there and can also be accessed by visiting www.pcpb.net.

For more information, call (619) 224-1527, or e-mail morningstar.resvc@cox.net.

Fire Chief Tracy Jarman, above left, listens as Mayor Jerry Sanders addresses the media at the scene where a military jet crashed into two University City homes Monday, killing at least four people. Shortly before noon that day, an F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet encountered trouble over the residential area, forcing the pilot to eject. At left, Col. Chris O’Connor, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, also spoke.
Protecting neighborhood services is high priority

By COUNCILMAN KEVIN FAULCONER

Recently, the Ocean Beach Community Celebration of its 80th anniversary and the community came together to celebrate and share residents’ favorite memories. The day made it clear on how the library is an integral part of the community. Just a few weeks later, the Ocean Beach Library was proposed to be closed as part of the midyear budget cuts. I knew I needed to find a way to keep it open in a fiscally responsible way. This is why I supported the independent budget analyst’s proposal to keep the libraries and recreation centers open and fire engines operational.

I believe the City Council needs to address both a short-term and long-term solution for the city’s budget deficit. The short-term solution I voted for included keeping the libraries, recreation centers, and fire engines operational. With the short-term option, we had and the information we had available, it was the best decision for the short term. It will close the budget gap while providing more time to determine what will be the best for taxpayers and the financial stability of the city in the long term.

The long-term solution must not immediately close libraries and recreation centers on the chopping block every time the city has a budget deficit. For next year, I think the City Council must first look to City Hall for reductions and ways to eliminate costs. There is no reason to cut services to the families rely on when they have not yet even looked at extending a one-week mandatory furlough (unpaid time off) in the next year. This is just one example of what I will support to balance the city’s budget.

Second, we need to review city services like the library and recreation center systems. For example, why was the Ocean Beach Library on the proposed “to be closed” list but is also on the proposed “to expand” list? We need a cohesive plan that does not waste money and serves all of the communities.

Additionally, it is critical the City Council maintains public safety services. We must develop a long-term plan and standard for fire and police that assures the public safety standard are met before I could support a proposal to enact rollin' browned-out which keep two third of the police stations and are all located in the commercial, office, business, buildings, and high-rises.

I will advocate for more community dialogue and input as we work through this challenging period. These are our tax dollars. Some communities may not use certain city services while other communities may heavily rely on those same services. We need to do what is possible to use the information to determine the best ways to balance the budget.

As we go into this tough budget year, I am committed to working with our community to balance the budget in a way that is best for our community and the city as a whole to protect our neighborhoods and restore the financial stability.

— City Councilman Kevin Faulconer represents District 2, including the Point Loma and Ocean Beach communities.

Prop 8 motivation raises other social questions

Regarding: (‘In retrospect, maybe Prop 8 vote was wrong,’ Dec. 4 Beacon, page 6): I may be wrong, but was the letter writer who signed her note on Prop 8 vote may have been less than compassionate being facetious or perhaps sarcastic.

Was she actually rubbing salt in the wounds of those who maybe has been denied the right to commit their lives to someone they love? Was she, perhaps, cackling over her win because people like her have decided that gay couples somehow deserve less than other people due to their inability to procreate “naturally”?

It seems this letter writer is suggesting that people who cannot produce a child “naturally” should not be allowed to marry because marriage is for procreation only. If that is the case, perhaps we need to rethink allowing infertile couples to marry, and those who don’t use fertility clinics must submit to a DNA test in order to prove that the child did, indeed, come from their egg and sperm and if not, their marriage will be invalidated.

I suppose she is also of the opinion that gay couples should not be allowed to adopt a child because they cannot marry and, after all, the adopted child would not share their DNA. Following that reasoning, why should anyone be allowed to adopt a child — after all, the child doesn’t share their DNA and that is not “natural.”

God, if there is one who dutifully follows the minutiae of the lyric and social questions.

Cancer Society shop sets Point Loma benefit sale

Winter is almost here, and so is the Point Loma American Cancer Society Discovery Shop’s Winter Wonderland Extravaganza, featuring apparel to keep you warm.

The sale is Friday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items include coats, sweaters, scarves and gloves. Donations of unworn clothing will be accepted during the sale or at a later date. The shop is located at 5760-C Midway Drive behind Kinoks in the Vons Shopping Center. Proceeds go to cancer educa-
tion and research.

For more information, call (619) 224-4336.

Stephanie Ripley
Discovery Shop manager

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Overlooking the cliffs and pocket beaches Kristan enjoyed walking regularly, loved ones sought comfort in each other’s arms. The warmth Kristan inspired in others seemed to shine down that day as, one by one, those who knew Kristan best shared stories and laughs with one another.

A close friend read a prayer for her before a group paddled out in tribute.

Kristan’s father, Robert Wagner, said he didn’t realize Kristan touched so many lives.

“As a parent, you know your daughter,” Wagner said, “[but] she did so many things.”

Friends comforted Kristan’s father, her mother Marie, brother Robert Jr. and sister Molly in a warm embrace as friends spoke fondly of the kind woman who worked as a hair stylist in a local salon.

Nikki van Dobben, an Ocean Beach resident, shared Kristan’s circle of friends. They used to go swimming together in the neighborhood shores of Ocean Beach.

“(Kristan) was cheerful and giving, spiritual and kind. She loved animals and children,” Van Dobben said.

The family planned services for Kristan Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Catholic Church of Immaculate Conception in Old Town.

Local surfers gather along Sunset Cliffs before a tribute paddle-out held Sunday to remember the life of Kristan Wagner.
BURN MORE THAN 500 CALORIES IN 30 MINUTES

Curves International Inc, the world’s largest franchisor of fitness clubs, has concluded a study at Baylor University led by Dr. Stuart Kreider, Ph.D., FACSM, professor and director of Baylor’s Exercise and Sport Nutrition Lab, who has studied the Curves program clinically since 2002. Studies confirmed the Curves program is effective at helping women lose weight, increase bone density, gain muscle strength and aerobic capacity, and raise metabolism.

The latest study focused on the intensity of the workout and the number of calories burned by study participants. Results correlated directly to the fitness level of the participants and the intensity at which they exercised. Fitness level is crucial data that correlates directly to the maximum number of calories a person is capable of burning in a given period of time. The least fit women in the study burned between 164 and 238 calories in 30 minutes. “The important thing to note here,” said Kreider, “is that these women were working at 80 percent of their maximal oxygen uptake, so they simply could not have burned any more calories in 30 minutes with this or any other workout.”

Are the fittest test subjects? “They burned as many as 522 calories in 30 minutes,” said Kreider. “As you progress and become more fit, your capacity for burning calories increases.”

So what’s the bottom line? “The Curves workout is unique in that the intensity can adjust automatically to the fitness level of the person doing it,” said Kreider. “Not only does it help women stick with the program, but it helps them avoid injury while still permitting them to make substantial gains in weight control, fitness, and overall health.”

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Holiday pageantry
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A PEACEFUL OCEAN BEACH CHRISTMAS

From left, Clare Eagle, 11, Lauren Eagle, 12, and Taylor Wagner, 12, help sort canned food with accessories, and looking at see the toys in the toy drive.

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association has announced the winners of the annual OB Window Decorating Contest.

First place honors went to Vigettos, 2828 Newport Ave., for the judge’s choice “Best Overall Creativity Award.”

Second place honors went to Beach Sweets, 5022 Newport Ave., for “Best Holiday Theme Display.”

Capturing third place was Bone Appetit Ocean Beach Pet Supply, 4845 Newport Ave., for the best merchandise display “Display of Your Products Award.”

Special mention was awarded to MainStreet Ocean Beach, 4931 Voltaire St.

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Dec. 12-14

Wednesday, Dec. 17
• The Ocean Beach Farmers Market on Newport Avenue between Cable and Bacon streets hosts the annual Holiday Magic Food and Toy Drive. From 4 to 7 p.m., nine top local acoustic musicians play 20-minute sets to collect nonperishable food items and new unopened toys. Information: www.myspace.com/beachmusicmafia or www.obtowncouncil.org.

Today, Dec. 11
• Mingei International Museum and JAZZ 88.3 present “Caravan! – A Holiday Jazz Party,” 5-8 p.m. Music by the Jazz 88 All-Stars, no-host wine and beer, hors d’oeuvres and the exhibition “Nomadic Legacy – Tent & Textiles from Central Asia & Iran.” Information: (760) 735-3355 or www.mingei.org.
• The Pioneer Players present a joyful Christmas celebration including the Hand Bells Choir, Greek dancing and musical theater presentation of “Grease” and “Little Shop.” To donate or make reservations: www.firstgiving.com/projectturnaround or (858) 481-3998.

Dec. 11-23 and 26-30
• The Garden of Lights at the Quail Botanical Gardens, a dazzling winter wonderland with more than 100,000 sparkling lights. Information: www.qbgardens.org or (760) 436-3036, ext. 206.

Friday, Dec. 12
• 13th annual Alpine Village Christmas Parade of Lights and snow festival, 6:30 p.m. Santa makes an appearance on a bright red Alpine Fire Department truck to lead the colorful community parade. Information: (619) 442-2722 or visit www.alpinechamber.com.

Dec. 12-13
• Country music stars Lee Ann Womack and John Michael Montgomery headline the 19th annual Carols by Candlelight concert, joined by other guests to help raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego. Tickets: (800) 98-TICKET or visit the calendar section of www.wishsandiego.org.

Historic Old Town Community Foundation presents the second annual Fiesta Navidad, which includes one of the oldest Las Posadas pageants in the country, holiday music, food and more. Information: www.oldtowndiegosd.org.
• Old Town’s 1800s Winter Holiday Celebration with candlelight tours. Costumed dancers will waltz you back 150 years, live holiday music, caroling, candlelight tours, refreshments and more. Information: (619) 220-5422 or visit the events calendar at www.parks.ca.gov.

Dec. 12-14
• San Diego Chamber Orchestra performs the annual Handel’s Messiah concert series. Tickets, showtimes or information: www.chamberorchestra.org.
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Saturday, Dec. 13
• The Pug Rescue of San Diego nonprofit organization’s annual Christmas party at Harry Griffen Regional Park in La Mesa, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free to the public. Opportunities for shopping, socializing and snapping to raise funds for the rescue organization. Information: www.pugbuts.com.

• The San Diego Archological Centers presents Family Day Children’s Holiday Workshop. Young participants ages 4 and up learn about the archaeology, history and natural environment of San Diego with hands-on lessons on pottery, cordage making and Victorian era activities. Information: www.sandiegoarchology.org.

Dec. 13-14
• Gay Men’s Chorus of San Diego presents “Holiday Toons,” starring the chorus’ seasonal cartoon characters and featuring the award-winning children’s story “Oliver Button is a Sissy.” Tickets: www.gmcsd.com; information: (619) 57GMCSD.

Sunday, Dec. 14
• Lambs Players Theatre and the Hotel del Coronado take a trip back in time to 1908 with “An American Christmas,” three-hour performance in the hotel’s beautiful Grand Ballroom. Tickets: (619) 435-6000 or www.lambsplayers.org.

Dec. 15
• Winter Pops Special Concert
• Chris Botti and the San Diego Symphony Hall Thursday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. Information: (619) 235-0804.

Dec. 16-17
• Anthology jazz holiday concert featuring nine-CD original “American Christmas,” three-hour performance in the hotel’s beautiful Grand Ballroom. Tickets: (619) 435-6000 or www.lambsplayers.org.

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Friday, Dec. 19
• Mercy Hospital Foundation presents a special evening with “The Nutcracker” to benefit Scripps Cancer Center. Exclusive VIP reception at the Westgate Hotel followed by the performance at the San Diego Civic Theatre. Tickets: (858) 678-6393.
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m., monthly meeting of the Point Loma Peninsula Women's Federated with a no-host lunch to follow. Visitors are welcome: The event takes place at the Point Loma Cafe, 4865 N. Harbor Drive. For more information, call (619) 244-0714.

OCEAN BEACH ELEMENTARY
• Today, Dec. 11, Bank Day.
• Friday, Dec. 12, 6 to 8 p.m., Paper Rock Sandwich sponsors Future Fly Craft Night in the school courtyard area.
• Monday, Dec. 15, 1:30 p.m., music sing-along in auditorium.
• Thursday, Dec. 18, 6:30 to 9 p.m., winter concert.
• Dec. 22-Jan. 2, winter break.

SENIORS
Tuesday, Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Sharp Cabrilho Senior Resource Center hosts a free support group for families with a loved one dealing with Alzheimer’s disease. The event takes place at the resource center, 3475 Kenyon St. For more information, call (619) 221-3779.

HEALTH
Monday, Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m., Computer Sciences Corporation hosts the San Diego Blood Bank’s mobile unit in the parking lot of 4045 Hancock St. For more information, call (800) 479-3902, ext. 0.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
Through Dec. 26, the San Diego Watercolor Society opens a new exhibition themed “Holiday Lights.” The exhibition will feature displays and sales of original watercolors by local artists. A public reception is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 2802 Dewey Road, #105 at the Navy Promenade of Liberty Station. The gallery’s hours are Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (619) 876-4550 or visit www.sdws.org.

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