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OB, Point Loma to join the world in feting Earth Day

On April 22, 1970, grassroots activism came to call in workplaces across the U.S. It was a Wednesday, when the organizers of the country’s first Earth Day figured they had the best chance to entice employees out of their offices for the nation-wide rallies. The play worked, to the tune of 20 million souls in attendance—and 44 years later, more than a billion people worldwide are expected to take part in clean-ups and attend speeches on the environmental state of the globe.

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | The Beacon

Beach lifesavers ask for budgetary boost for staffing, equipment needs

The lifeguards responsible for the lives of 20 million-plus beachgoers along San Diego’s 17-mile coast who made more than 5,000 water rescues in 2013 are asking for a little more than $5 million over the next five years from the city during budget deliberations.

"The main thing is to look ahead and have a plan ready so that, as funding is available, we know where we want to be (operationally) and can act on those opportunities," said San Diego Lifeguard Services Chief Rick Wurtz. "We recognize the city is still going through its recovery in the budget and that there are many important needs throughout other departments like police and fire. The list of needs...

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Veteran lifeguard tapped to finish Faulconer’s term

It took two ballot rounds for the San Diego City Council to select Point Loma resident Ed Harris, a longtime lifeguard and former Marine, to fill the District 2 seat vacated by now-mayor Kevin Faulconer over the next eight months.

"There were numerous highly qualified and inspiring candidates in the field, and I’m very humbled by the council’s decision," said Harris after his April 7 appointment. "I look forward to working directly with community leaders to strengthen District 2 neighborhoods."

The diverse field of candidates for the temporary District 2 post included a TV producer, a retired judge, a disabled-persons advocate, an attorney and an architect, among others.

Harris was immediately sworn in after being selected by the council. His candidacy drew the support of councilmembers Sherri Lightner, David Alvarez, Mark Kersey, Scott Sherman and Lorie Zapf, who will run to become the next full-term District 2 councilmember in the June primary.

In appointing Harris, who is head of the city’s lifeguard union, his council...
Temperatures in Ocean Beach and elsewhere in San Diego gave beachgoers plenty to celebrate early this week as highs reached into the low 80s, easily surpassing the average daily temperature for this time of year by nearly 15 degrees.

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Point Loma family with sick infant rescued from their distressed vessel

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A critically-ill infant aboard her Point Loma family’s damaged sailboat who was rescued by the military and Coast Guard and Air National Guard parachutists on April 3 aboard 925 miles off Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, continued to receive medical attention this week aboard the Navy frigate USS Vandegrift.

“We are thankful to be safe and well,” said Eric and Charlotte Kaufman in a statement to the Air National Guardsmen rescue team, the ship’s crew, the Navy and the Coast Guard who rescued them and their two daughters, including 1-year-old daughter Lyra, from their distressed 36-foot sailboat Rebel Heart.

“Lyra is doing well now and her medical condition continues to improve,” the Kaufmans said.

The rescue was initiated after the family spent about two weeks at sea on a planned trip around the world. The family had been moored in Point Loma for seven years.

The family’s trip was aborted because “the stricken child required treatment beyond the capabilities of those on board,” said 2nd Lt. Roderick B. Bersamina, spokesman for Air National Guard 129th Rescue Wing.

“The child is getting medical care aboard the USS Vandegrift while the Navy vessel is heading back to San Diego,” Bersamina said. “The mission is not over until the 1-year-old is in the care of medical facilities onshore that can treat her.”

Military authorities said the Kaufmans’ craft had lost steering and some of its radios. The yacht took on water and sank.

Addressing those questioning their decision to sail with young children, the Kaufmans said they had prepared as well as any crew could when they had departed more than a year ago.

Eric Kaufman is an ex-Navy corpsman and a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captain.

“The ocean is one of the greatest forces of nature, and it always has the potential to overcome those who live on or near it,” the Kaufmans said.

“We are proud of our choices and our preparation, and while we are disappoint ed that we lost our sailboat and our home, we remain grateful for those who came to our aid and those family and friends who continue to encourage us and support us,” they said.

A military spokesman said the frigate transporting the Kaufmans was to arrive at North Island Naval Air Station on April 9.
Two developments being championed by the Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation (OB CDC) — Saratoga Park and Veterans’ Plaza redevelopment — are forging ahead.

Started in 1993, the OB CDC is a non-profit created for the benefit of Ocean Beach which seeks to develop resources for revitalizing the infrastructure of Ocean Beach applying the OB “spirit.” Conceptual plans by OB CDC to construct park improvements for all ages at the foot of Saratoga Avenue adjacent to the Ocean Beach Lifeguard station took another step forward during an April 8 public workshop.

“We got input to implement the park plan, which calls for a children’s play area, some exercise stations and maybe some seating,” said Byron Wear, an OB CDC volunteer and former San Diego city councilman. “It was an opportunity for us to hear from the public.”

Wear said the next step now in developing Saratoga Park is to “come back at a second workshop in June and show an actual concept that people can look at and the public can comment on.” The Saratoga Park project is supported by the Ocean Beach Town Council, the ocean Beach MainStreet Association and the Ocean Beach Community Foundation and is consistent with the proposed Ocean Beach Precise Plan.

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“An aerial view of the area where the Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation is proposing improvements at Saratoga Park, including a children’s play area, some exercise stations and possibly some seating.”

Plaza Redevelopment Conceptual Design Package, is to create a new coastal veterans memorial that is “artistic/beachy informal” in design. Plans call for an artificial rock wall mimicking Sunset Cliffs’ stratified geology. Other artistic flourishes would be inlaid stars representing lives lost in battle. Other artistic flourishes are to include low-lying artistic-themed meandering walls culminating in a family gathering plaza and a disabled-accessible path with decorative walls overlooking the ocean.

“We’re pleased with the progress on the Plaza project,” said OB CDC president Tom Perrotti. “We’ve only been working on it for about a year and we have construction documents done.”

Perrotti said continuing work on Veterans’ Plaza redevelopment is being accomplished with the aid of a $22,500 city grant.

“That chunk of money went toward the RFP for construction documents which have been completed,” he said.

Ambitious community projects march forward

BY DAVID SCHWAB | THE BEACON

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Wooded Area – Ranches by Cliff May. Winding paths through the tropical garden, terraced patios, 4BR, 5BA single level. Wonderful floor plan. Large lot.

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The documentary “Blackfish” and Point Loma High theater students reacting to it with a public-service announcement calling for SeaWorld to eliminate orca shows. Performances have ignited a chain-reaction of local debate and inspired a state Assembly bill that would ban the practice.

At issue are a number of fundamental questions. One is whether animals have legal rights and deserve protection under the law. Another is whether it is appropriate, moral or ethical for humans to hold animals of higher intelligence, like dolphins and killer whales, in captivity. A third involves the ethics — and wisdom — of requiring marine mammals to perform in live shows.

It’s an interesting discussion and one that should — and apparently will — be fully vetted.

The outcome seems uncertain. But however things ultimately unravel, one thing seems clear: In the end, the public’s perception of the relationship between humans and captive animals is likely to be forever altered.

And the debate comes at an interesting time. As SeaWorld is being saluted for rescuing distressed marine mammals, promoting their conservation, and for the theme park’s economic contributions to the city over the past half-century. The City Council has declared March as “SeaWorld San Diego Month.”

Sides are chosen, lines drawn.

On the one hand are global institutions like SeaWorld, zoos and aquariums and the public institutions housing animals that many people would otherwise never have the chance to see. Such mostly-for-profit entities insist what they do is essential to public education. They point to their conservation and research work that contributes toward saving and preserving endangered species as justification for what they do.

On the other side are the pro-animal rights advocates who insist keeping dolphins, orcas and other higher-order animals captive is slavery, labeling institutions which do so as “abuse”-perks which profit from exploiting innocent, allegedly illegally held captive animals.

There are telling points on both sides. Whether or not it’s right to hold higher-order animals captive requiring them to perform in shows is justifiably a matter of public debate. At the same time, it is undeniable that the SeaWorld and San Diego Zoo and Stephen Birch Aquariums of the world are not only cornerstones of our culture, but serve a useful purpose, not only in terms of research and education for humans, but in protecting and preserving dwindling global wildlife populations continually encroached upon and threatened by expanding human habitation.

The danger here is in taking the argument too far. While “reassessing” the situation with captive animals forming for human entertainment is entirely appropriate, denying people the opportunity to see animals first-hand in marine parks, zoos, aquariums, circuses, etcetera, is not.

Horses that we’ve saddled and ridden and used and held captive for centuries and “gambled” on in competitive races, doesn’t that constitute exploitation? Are people who own dogs and cats “slaveholders,” as some animal rights extremists would have us believe?

Should we stop using mice in scientific research aimed at discovering cures to diseases afflicting mankind? Let’s salute SeaWorld for the fine work it’s done and its contributions to San Diego over the past half-century. Let’s discuss, fully vet and come to reasonable conclusions as to whether captive dolphins and orcas performing in live shows is exploitation or not. Let’s come to a collective consensus on that, and then act accordingly, changing the rules if they need to be changed for the betterment of both species.

But let’s not let extremists on either side of the debate dominate and control the conversation.

Human beings and animals co-exist. They always have and, hopefully, always will. Let’s define that relationship and set the parameters for what is, and is not, right for them as they continue to share this world.

Let’s question whether orca shows at SeaWorlds are entertainment or exploitation.

But let’s not question SeaWorld’s right to exist, or that they do — or should — have a continuing central, positive role to play in society moving forward.

— Editor’s note: The proposed legislation addressed in this editorial failed to muster enough support in the state Assembly’s Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on April 8. Committee members agreed, however, to direct a study be done over the next year and before reviving the issue at a later date.
A three-mile fundraising walk along San Diego Bay benefiting the war on multiple sclerosis will culminate at Liberty Station on Saturday, April 26.

The 2014 San Diego County Credit Union Walk MS at Liberty Station’s NTC Park, 2750 Womble Road in Point Loma, is hosted by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in San Diego. The event is expected draw about 3,500 walkers who hope to raise about $525,000 for MS research, programs and services for MS victims.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an inflammatory disease affecting nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, disrupting the ability of parts of the body’s nervous system to communicate. MS can lead to restrictive or awkward movements and mental gaps, among other problems. The disease can occur in isolated attacks or attacks that build up over time.

Symptoms can disappear between attacks, but permanent neurological problems often occur. The disease usually begins between the ages of 20 and 50 and is twice as common in women as men.

“It’s time to put on your walking shoes and connect people living with MS with those who care about them,” said Rich Israel, president of the National MS Society chapter. “Walk MS is a rallying point of the MS movement. It’s a day when our community comes together to raise funds, show the power of our connections and celebrate hope for the future.”

Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the walk begins around 8:30 a.m. On-site registration is available. Admission is free. There is no cost to be a walker.

San Diego County Credit Union (SDCCU), San Diego’s largest locally-owned financial institution, will return as title sponsor of the 2014 Walk MS. This will be the 13th consecutive year that SDCCU has served as title sponsor. SDCCU has supported the National MS Society’s Walk MS for the last 16 years, and has served as title sponsor since 2002.

Over the years, SDCCU’s sponsorship support for Walk MS has exceeded $1 million, according to the National MS Society.

“We are proud to participate in such inspirational events as Walk MS that celebrate the power of a community coming together in a movement toward a world free of multiple sclerosis,” said Tereisa Hallbeck, SDCCU president and CEO. “Team SDCCU, a volunteer group made up of our employees, customers and friends, are eager and ready to step out in the fight against MS.”

Now in its 24th year in San Diego, Walk MS is known for drawing a large number of teams representing businesses, neighborhoods, clubs, community groups, churches and family members and friends of a person with MS. Many teams have a team name and their members are outfitted with costumes, including T-shirts, hats or balloons. All it takes is four or more people to form a team.

Free snacks and beverages will be provided to walkers, plus live music and a festive finish line celebration. Walkers will have the opportunity to earn prizes, including T-shirts, movie tickets and gift cards, based on the amount of donations they collect.

Registration information is available at www.MSWalk.com.
we’ve submitted are our top priorities.”

Wurts’ recent budget proposal to the city asked for about $5.28 million over the next five years. This includes $1.77 million in fiscal year 2014-15, to add personnel and address maintenance and equipment needs.

Wurts said his department’s budget proposal was projected over five years “to take a comprehensive look at areas where we felt we could augment operations to be able to continue to provide even better service in all aspects of our operations.”

Mayor Kevin Faulconer is expected to release his proposed budget later this month, which will be vetted by the public and City Council in budget deliberations over the next couple of months. The budget will be finalized sometime in June for the new fiscal year starting July 1.

The budget proposal requests 15 additional lifeguards and support staff.

“We have 97 full-time lifeguards working year-round, and in the summertime we bring in about 200 seasonal, part-time lifeguards,” Wurts said.

New lifeguards would reportedly be added to Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, South Mission Beach, Windansea and Mission Bay for the boating-safety unit.

Though the lifeguard’s flotilla of watercraft is small — totaling 11 vessels, including two fire boats and nine patrol/surf-rescue vessels — it’s integral to the department’s lifesaving mission.

“We have a cliff-rescue vehicle that sorely needs replacement,” said Wurts. “That’s currently being constructed and we hope to get that delivered to us sometime in January 2015.”

Wurts said another big-ticket item, replacement of a fire boat, is going through vendor selection.

“We’ll hopefully get that boat about 12 months from now,” he said. “We’re setting chunks of money aside over the next 20 years or longer so when a boat comes due for replacement, there’s money that’s been set aside. Our goal is to pre-plan for when these things start coming due.”

There’s also funding set aside in the lifeguards’ five-year plan to expand lifeguard headquarters at Mission Bay.

“We’ve shared that facility with the Park and Recreation Department for decades,” said Wurts. “We need some additional lifeguard headquarters for things we want to do.”

One way lifeguards could be getting more space is through the conversion of a carpenter garage used by Park and Rec at Quivira Basin into a boating safety unit locker room and sleeping quarters.

“It’s a really big footprint (garage) and used by only one person,” Wurts said. “We’re in the process of identifying another space to relocate all that shop equipment. We’re hoping to build out that same space into a large locker room and sleep facilities for our emergency lifeguards who work 24-hour shifts.”

Wurts noted supporting lifeguards is important, not only for their rescue function but for the “preventative” work they do.

“Last year, we made more than 251,000 preventative actions,” said Wurts, pointing out such actions involve activities like “lifeguards seeing people too close to a rip current and warning them to move further north or south.

“There is a tremendous amount of activity that goes on along the coastline to make sure that our beaches are safe,” he said.

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**LIFEGUARDS CONTINUED FROM Page 1**
It's Time To Get The Lead Out!

An Earthquake Preparedness Checklist

Emergency Preparedness At Home

Preparation your family for a disaster is extremely important. You should plan to be without any emergency services for at least three days. The size of your family will determine what your requirements will be. You can assemble an emergency supply kit by packing the following items in a sturdy trash barrel.

Emergency Supply Kit:
- Top of Barrel
  - Flashlight
  - Battery operated radio and extra batteries
  - First aid kit
  - Personal items
    - Eyeglasses
    - Antibiotic ointment
    - Aspirin
    - Tissues
    - Medication recommended by your doctor, i.e., insulin, heart medication
- First aid dressings
  - Sterile bandage, 2 in. x 2 in.
  - Bandages, plastic strips
  - Cotton tipped swabs
  - Sitz bath, alcohol, soap
  - Butterflies bandages
  - Box of disposable diapers, baby aspirin
  - Miscellaneous
    - Scissors
    - Tweezers
    - Thermometer
    - Petroleum jelly
  - Rubbing alcohol
  - Pocket knife
  - Water purification tablets
  - Eye dropper
  - First Aid Handbook

Middle of Barrel
- Food - Three day supply of non-perishable food requiring no refrigeration. Date all food items. Write out menu for each day. Examples:
  - Canned, dried and dehydrated foods
  - Instant oatmeal
  - Breakfast: Ivory, coffee, sugar, salt
  - Lunch:
    - Soup, rice
    - Meatballs
    - Sandwiches
    - Hard boiled eggs
    - Fruit
    - Milk
    - Water
- Bottom of Barrel
  - Bedding
  - Sleeping bag/blankets
  - Mattress sheet/cover
  - Clothing
  - Undergarments
  - Outerwear
  - Footwear
  - Miscellaneous
    - Toiletries
    - Toiletries
    - Reading material
    - Paper/pencil
    - Fuel and Light
    - Matches

Get your kit together.

Emergency Preparedness For Your Car

Should an earthquake occur while you are on the road, you could easily find yourself stranded for several days. It is critical that you keep these essential supplies in your car at all times.

- First Aid kit (with large bandages, large gauze, tape, and handbook)
- Survival handbook
- Water (minimum 2 quarts)
- Umbrella kit
- Cords
- Pocket knife with utility blades
- Weather/windproof matches
- Water purification tablets
- Emergency light sticks
- Flashlight with extra batteries and bulbs
- Pocket radio and extra batteries
- Personal shelters
- Roll of aluminum foil

Leather gloves
Large safety pins
Emergency food/snacks
Nuts
Raisins, prunes, and other dried fruit
Beef jerky - canned meat
Granola bars
Instant soup broth
Hot cocoa mix
Instant coffee
Paper and pencil
Tools
Jumping cables
Hammer
Crowbar
Screws
Flares
Screws
Pliers
Crescent wrench
Duct tape
Plastic trash bags for personal waste

Fire extinguisher
Can/bottle opener
Rope - 50' length, 1/4" recommended diameter
Personal needs
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Medication, prescription and non-prescription
Sanitary napkins
Comb
Soup
Towel
Wash cloth
Other as needed

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ESCORZA AND RHOADS EARN NCCAA ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Callie Rhodes and Jessica Escorza of the Point Loma Nazarene University women’s basketball team have been voted to the National Christian Colleges Athletics Association All-American Second Team by the NCCAA coaches throughout the country.

This is the second straight season Rhodes has earned second-team All-American honors, while it is the first for Escorza.

Escorza paced PLNU with 16.6 points per game. She scored in double figures in 16 of 18 games this year, including all eight games after returning from a knee injury while upping her scoring average to 19.9 points per game. Escorza was also second on the Sea Lions with 5.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 2.1 steals.

The junior from South Riding, Va., also inked her name in the PLNU record books by recording just the second 100-rebound season in school history.

Rhoads was the leading scorer for PLNU for much of the season, especially while Escorza was out. She averaged 14.1 points per game while shooting .428 percent from 3-point range. She was also second on the field to lead the Sea Lions.

Lescault averaged 16.6 points per game while shooting .524 percent from the field to lead the Sea Lions.

The two All-American selections for PLNU matched Roberts Wesleyan and University of Northwestern for the most of any team in the country.

LESCAULT ADDS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS TO HIS LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Point Loma guard Hayden Lescault capped off a fantastic junior season by being selected to the NCCAA All-American First Team by the NCCAA coaches.

Lescault averaged 16.6 points per game while shooting .524 percent from the field to lead the Sea Lions.

He scored in double figures in 25 of 30 games this season to help PLNU claim the NCCAA championship.

Lescault also led Point Loma in assists (3.77) and steals (1.7). He shot .725 percent from the free throw line and .388 from behind the arc.

Lescault was also named the Pacific West Conference Newcomer of the Year and second team all-PacWest.

NORDGREN NAMED PACWEST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Point Loma’s senior third baseman Tyler Nordgren was named the Pacific West Conference co-Player of the Week for the week of March 24-30.

Nordgren powered PLNU to a series win over Azusa Pacific as the Sea Lions took three of four games from the Cougars. Nordgren hit .467 (7-for-15) in the four-game stretch with two doubles, a home run, seven RBI and two runs scored.

He hit a walk-off home run in game two of the series to lift PLNU to a 3-2 win. He then came back in game four to drive in all three runs in a Sea Lions 3-1 victory.

Nordgren is now second in the PacWest with 32 RBI and eighth with a .374 batting average. He also ranks fifth in slugging percentage (.548) and seventh in on-base average (.444).

Point Loma is 18-15 this season and in fourth place in the Pacific West Conference standings with a 9-7 record. They have won four of their last five games, which included taking three of four games from Azusa Pacific.

The Sea Lions will be on the road for the next two weekends to play Fresno Pacific and California Baptist before returning home to close out its 2014 regular season with games against PacificWest-leading Dixie State (April 25-26) and Academy of Art (May 2-3).

FIESTA DE REYES HOSTS FIFTH-ANNUAL FOLKLORICO COMPETITION IN OLD TOWN

Dance troupes from throughout the region will meet and compete during the fifth-annual Fiesta de Reyes Folklórico Competition in historic Old Town San Diego. The annual three-day event will light up the main stage in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park during the last weekend of March.

On Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the children and adult groups will each have 25 minutes to perform their best dances, representing many different regional styles of ballet folklórico. One finalist from the children’s groups and two finalists from the adult groups will be selected to advance to the finals.

A week later, on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, the six finalists will return to the state park during the Fiesta of Old Town d of April and the first Saturday in May. Folklórico is a traditional Latin American dance that emphasizes local folk culture with ballet characteristics.

Cinco de Mayo event to compete for the folklórico competition title and cash prizes.

The competition is free for the public to attend and will take place in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. There is free parking available all day on the weekends in the Caltrans parking lot on Taylor Street, just two blocks from Fiesta de Reyes.

For more information, visit www.fiesteredereyes.com or call 619-297-3100.
Jefferson Jay works to nurture dreams of aspiring new talent

By BART MENDOZA | The Beacon

San Diego’s music scene has been growing over the last several years, led by a colorful cast of music lovers and promoters. Each makes their own music but also strives to help others in their quest for the musical brass ring. A list of the most influential in San Diego would easily include Ocean Beach resident Jefferson Jay.

Originally from New Jersey, Jay arrived on the West Coast in 1995 and has been performing locally with his band since 2001, releasing five albums and becoming a mainstay of beach-area clubs with his occasionally quirky but always compelling tunes.

A sixth album, “Hallelujah Expressway,” is currently in the process of being recorded. However, where Jay has really made an impact is in hosting events that allow others to shine. Besides the more typical rock-show events, Jay now hosts an open-mic night at Winston’s Beach Club each Wednesday night from 6 to 9 p.m., immediately following the OB Farmers Market. Meanwhile, he is also the man behind the popular Acoustic Evenings music series held at La Jolla’s Athenaeanum.

Unlike many other hosts of similar events, Jay takes a back seat to the other performers. Yes, he performs the occasional song, introduces the other artists and even tells a few jokes. But he said it’s not about him.

“It goes back to the way I was raised,” he said. “From the beginning, if we all work together and help each other, build each other up, it’s a more gratifying, fully enjoyable experience. It’s what feels most right to me.”

He said hopes to make each event a showcase.

“I want it to be a high moment of the week for the performers. I really try to make a big moment for whoever is on stage,” he said. “Not everyone has a band or plays other shows, so through these events, I try to give them their big moment in the sun.”

While he has staged open-mics at other San Diego venues, Jay has a special place in his heart for Winston’s and the residents of OB.

“The venue itself is so professionally run,” he said. “And they are so friendly. But that’s just the way people are in OB. It’s a great place to hear music and it has great beach proximity,” he said. “It’s like the show ‘Cheers.’ It’s a place where everybody knows your name.”

Upcoming projects for Jay include that sixth album, “Hallelujah Expressway,” for which he’s also working on a musical. “It’s kind of an ambitious project,” he laughed. “I was walking home last night, and I was asking myself what I really want to go with my life and I realized that the things I wanted to do, such as have a creative outlet, express myself, be part of a community and help people where I can. I realized that I was already doing all these things. And I was pretty happy about it. I mean, we can always do more or try a different approach, but it’s nice to know that as long as you stay active and keep putting lines in the water, eventually something will happen, something will bite.”

For now, Jay is happy to keep running full speed ahead with his open-mic night. “I really try to make it like a variety show,” he said. “If you’re an attendee, you’ll hear a real mix of things. There’s a bit of everything. We even have one gentleman who does a bit of spoken word where he riffs on current news.” He said, “If you’re an attendee, you’ll hear a real mix of things; there’s a bit of everything. We even have one gentleman who does a bit of spoken word where he riffs on current news.”

The mission of Camp Connect is to keep the family bond. Promises2Kids annually provides more than 3,300 current and former foster youth in San Diego County with the tools, opportunities and guidance they need to address the circumstances that brought them into foster care, overcome the difficulties of their past and grow into healthy, successful adults.

In 2013, 460 children were able to reconnect with their siblings through Camp Connect. With community support, organizers hope to add foster children to their lists and will be able to attend Camp Connect.

To help get the gala going, event organizers are asking for help from local merchants and residents. Here are the ways you can participate in the run-up to the benefit event:

• Donate an item or service to the Thursday Club online and/or its live auction.

The online auction alone is expected to reach a multitude of viewers through the Bidding For Good website. Organizers said this type of exposure is sure to bring donors new, prospective patrons for future clientèle bases.

• Financially sponsor the event.

Examples of financial support include cash donations, table sponsorships and in-kind donations (such as food, beverages, printing, equipment and staffing volunteers).

To help, visit www.thethursdayclub.org. You can also connect through Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheThursdayClubJuniors/ref=hl.

The Thursday Club was founded in 1921 to promote social, educational, cultural and civic activities throughout San Diego County. Each year, the Thursday Club Juniors support their heritage of philanthropy by planning a gala event. Since the group’s founding, the Thursday Club has raised nearly $2 million to support local charities.

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More than 15 Ocean Beach restaurants will show off their chops at Ocean Beach’s 2nd Annual OB Restaurant & Hospitality Week. More than fifteen local restaurants are participating throughout the week, starting Monday, April 28 and finishing Sunday, May 4. Restaurants will offer special menus and deals for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert.

This year, the event has expanded to include local lodging establishments. The OB Hotel, The Ocean Villa Inn, Elsbree House Bed and Breakfast and The Inn at Sunset Cliff will host OB Restaurant & Hospitality Week launch parties at each of their locations open house style on Sunday, April 27 from 4-7pm. You’ll be able to take in the view, check-out the rooms and enjoy some nosh from participating restaurants. Each open house location will also raffle off an “Enjoy Ocean Beach” gift basket – complete with hotel, dining and beauty treatment gift certificates, among other treats.

“ar elphia food scene keeps growing and expanding and bringing in more and more great dining establishments. We’re excited to open up our doors and show everyone what the great food and hospitality of Ocean Beach is all about,” said Raglan Public House’s Mike Zouroudis, event chair. For a list of participating restaurants see OBRestaurantweek.com

Participating restaurants include:
- Lighthouse Ice Cream – 5059 Newport Ave., #102, 619-222-8600, facebook.com/lighthouse-ice-cream
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- Pizza Port Brewing Co. – 1956 Bacon St., 619-224-4700, www.pizzaport.com
- Sessions Public – 4294 Voltaire St., 619-222-2443, wwwsessionspublic.com
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August 28 To register or for a list of camp dates, descriptions & pricing visit juniortheatre.com. Register early as our camps fill quickly. (619) 239-1311

Bye-Bye Video Games, Hello Surf!

Time to get outside and surf with other local kids at San Diego’s energetic, safe, and professional surf school. A 3:1 ratio guarantees a good balance of outdoor and indoor activities. Children begin their day with a walk by the tidepools (one block away from the studio), followed by warmup exercises at the studio. On Mondays and Wednesdays we work on ceramic painting projects in which children learn ceramic painting techniques (color blending and use of puff paints). On Tuesdays and Thursdays the kids work on mosaic projects. Children create their own patterns, learn to apply adhesive and grout their own pieces. On Fridays we include fabric painting or sketching or jewelry making. And the week ends with an ice cream party in which the kids get to use the ice cream bowls they painted on Monday. All supplies are included. For reservations call 619-223-6050 or go to claytimeceramics.com for information.

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Coastal Sage Gardening to host reopening gala

Coastal Sage Gardening is preparing to host a grand reopening bash on Sunday, April 13 to entertain and bring together neighbors for a day of fun and gardening frenzy. The event will feature art, music and a garden exchange, where visitors can trade fruits and treasures from their individual gardens.

Artist Kyle Bowen’s work will be displayed on gallery walls. Bowen’s art is inspired by native civilizations reflecting his life of entertainment.

Coastal Sage will also introduce a 2nd Sunday Garden Exchange, which will take place the second Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. During these events, participants can trade, sell or barter items from their respective gardens. The entire event runs from 1 to 5 p.m. on April 13 at the store, located at 3685 Voltaire St. Coastal Sage specializes in drought-tolerant and native landscapes and is experienced in all garden environments. It does custom design, installation, maintenance, irrigation, repair, labor and consultation.

For more information, call (619) 223-5229, or email john@coastalsage@yahoo.com.

Phil’s BBQ reopens after $1 million renovation

The wildly popular Phil’s BBQ location in Point Loma reopened its doors Feb. 11 following a six-week shutdown for renovations to the kitchen and design upgrades. The renovations, which topped $1 million, were the largest in Phil’s BBQ history and included a complete overhaul of its kitchen. In conjunction with the temporary closure, the restaurant held a Shutdown Sweepstakes and named 14 winners, including the grand-prize winner, during the reopening.

“When we moved in to the Point Loma location over seven years ago, we took an existing kitchen and tried to make it work for our needs, but it just wasn’t,” said owner Phil Pace. “We’re really excited for this day to have come and are very pleased with the outcome of the renovations.

“We know it was an inconvenience to many of our customers, but we also know that the upgrades will help us to run a tighter ship and improve our service to guests,” he said. “It’s a win-win [situation] for our employees and our diners.”

More than 2,500 Shutdown Sweepstakes entries were received over the course of the closure and nearly $10,000 in cash value was awarded to 14 lucky winners.

For more information, visit www.philbbq.net.

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The new SDCCU branch offers loan and new account stations, teller windows and an exterior ATM. The branch is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The Kiwanis Club of Point Loma will again present an ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at the Cabrillo National Monument, 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive in Point Loma, on Sunday, April 20.

The services will be held in the lower parking lot, giving those who attend a great early morning panoramic view of San Diego Harbor and the city behind it.

Club president Charles Perdue said this year’s service marks the 65th consecutive year the club of Point has presented the service.

The gates to the monument will open at 6 a.m. on Sunday, with the non-denominational service beginning at 6:30 a.m. There is seating for approximately 550 guests.

Speakers this year include Capt. Scott Adams, commanding officer, Naval Base Point Loma; Gary Jander, immediate past governor, Kiwanis CalNevHa District; and Doug Beckham, past lieutenant governor, Kiwanis Division 21. Chaplain Jerome Hinson of the Third Fleet will conduct the service.

The Navy Band Southwest will provide pre-service patriotic music, and the Naval Base Point Loma Color Guard will open the ceremony. Soloist Jojo Ito and accompanist Brent Johnson will be featured.

National Park Service visitor and parking fees are not in effect for the Easter Sunrise Service. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served immediately following the services.

Capt. Jerome Hinson, Navy chaplain with the Third Fleet, demonstrates his religious passion during a previous Easter Sunrise Service at Cabrillo National Monument.
How to Avoid Costly Housing Mistakes Before and After a Divorce

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH: Divorce is rarely easy and often means a lot of difficult decisions. One of the most important decisions is what to do about the house. In the midst of the heavy emotional and financial turmoil, what you need most is some non-emotional, straightforward, specific information and answers. Once you know how a divorce affects your home, your mortgage and taxes, critical decisions are easier. Neutral, third party information can help you make logical, rather than emotional, decisions.

Probably the first decision is whether you want to continue living in the house. Will the familiar surroundings bring you comfort and emotional security, or unpleasant memories? Do you want to minimize change by staying where you are, or sell your home and move to a new place that offers a new start? Only you can answer those questions, but there will almost certainly be some financial repercussions to your decision process. What can you afford? Can you manage the old house on your new budget? Is refinancing possible? Or is it better to sell and buy? How much house can you buy on your new budget?

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Get your free special report NOW to find out how to make this part of your current situation less stressful.
Peninsula-area events, April 13-May 21

SUNDAY, APRIL 13
The Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church Easter Fest is poised to celebrate with a petting zoo, crafts, games and a bounce house at the church, located at 2128 Chatsworth Blvd., from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, email Cindy Davis at cindypoint-lomachurch@gmail.com, or call (619) 223-1633.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
The Point Loma Republican Women Federated club hosts its monthly luncheon meeting at 10 a.m. at the Point Loma Cafe, located at 4865 Harbor Drive. The program features Rachael Meyer, who will present a program titled “Guard My Vote,” a campaign to get the voter-identification push on the ballot in California. A no-host lunch will follow the presentation. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn at (619) 222-9532.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
The Ocean Beach Historical Society will host a free presentation spotlighting the Ocean Beach Woman’s Club (OBWC), which turns 90 this year. This is an opportunity to celebrate the women of Ocean Beach and their rich local history. The 7 p.m. presentation will feature club interim president Melyssa Roark and board member Mercy Baron, who will detail the club’s history and plans for the future. The program will take place at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. The OBWC was formed in 1924 by a group of women from the founding families of Ocean Beach. It is the oldest civic group in Ocean Beach. Over the years, the club met in several of OB’s past landmark buildings before settling in the current clubhouse on Bacon Street. For more information, visit www.ob-history.wordpress.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20
It’s egg-hunting time! Westminster Presbyterian Church will host its free, annual Easter egg hunt for local children at Westminster Park, behind the church grounds at 1598 Talbot St., at 11 a.m. For more information, call (619) 224-6263.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23
The Sharp Health Senior Resource Center will host a conference for seniors and their families, titled “Aging: Planning and Coping.” People are living longer but with illness and medications prevalent in their lives. The conference, which includes free health screenings, continental breakfast and lunch will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, located at 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. Registration is required. Call (800) 827-4277.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
The Point Loma Garden Club is preparing for its big, annual plant sale. The event is set to take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 3598 Talbot St. (east of Cañon Street) from 9 a.m. to noon. Take home heirloom tomatoes, unusual vegetables and herbs, beautiful patio container plants and specimen, waterwise and native plants—all grown and created by Point Loma Garden Club members. Visit the Club Cafe and Boutique and get information from master gardeners who will be there to answer any gardening questions. Proceeds from the event provide continued philanthropic support for local college scholarships and community organizations. For more information, visit www.plcg.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
• The Point Loma Singers will perform a free concert at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library at 6:30 p.m. The library is located at 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.
• The Sharp Health Senior Resource Center will host a free presentation titled “Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters.” Holly Pobst, community education manager of the Alzheimer’s Association, will present the seminar. Current data suggest that fewer than 35 percent of people with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias have a diagnosis of the condition in their medical record. Learn about the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer’s disease and the benefits of early detection, as well as tips to follow up on any concerns you may have about yourself or someone you care about. The presentation will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, located at 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. Registration required. Call (800) 827-4277 or register online at www.sharp.com.