El Niño reshapes Sunset Cliffs

No injuries were reported after a portion of the famed bluffs at 1303 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. gave way about 5 p.m. Feb. 24, according to San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, creating a new coastline for the popular park. Gravity and the cliff’s steepness, accelerated by El Niño rains, were causes of this latest development in the erosion process. Turn to page 4 for the story on the collapse.

Who’s killing OB’s parrots?

Wildlife rescue group offers reward

BY DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

A wildlife rescue service is seeking donations to fund a $3,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the recent killing of Ocean Beach parrots. SoCal Parrot, of Jamul, has launched the effort amid the bird shootings, which have been taking place in Point Loma and Ocean Beach. At least five parrots have been killed since Jan. 1.

The group says it will pursue felony animal cruelty charges against anyone caught shooting the exotic birds.

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Reducing Wabaska Drive part of Safe Route to Schools plan

BY DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

The vision to convert Wabaska Drive as part of the Safe Route to Schools Corridor has come sharply into focus as Peninsula Community Planning Board recently endorsed the proposal. The community advisory group also concurred in requesting that the city of San Diego delay, if possible, resurfacing a small portion of Wabaska near Tennyson Street so that roadway improvements can be

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spokeswoman for the animal welfare group, said the reason behind the "bounty" is to "send a message" that such behavior is intolerable, and something the community at-large is not going to stand for. For information on how to donate, see globalgiving.org.

Other Peninsulans agreed that wants killing of defenseless animals of any kind, parrots and birds included, is abhorrent. "They’re (parrots) an integral part of our Ocean Beach history; having been here for more than three decades," noted Kathleen Blavatt, creative director for Ocean Beach Historical Society. "I am personally heartbroken over the shooting of them—that anybody would harm them."

"Everyone knows they are loud, but I don’t know of anyone who would want to harm them," said Denny Knox, executive director of Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, the beach community’s Business Improvement District. "I’d rather listen to them squawking than the planes. Plus, the parrots look like they are having a wonderful time."

Added Knox, "People are just disgusted by the thought of someone harming the parrots."

SoCal Parrot has been contacted about three birds being shot with a pellet gun in the past couple weeks. Two parrots were found at Talbot Street and Gage Drive. One was already dead. The other was taken to a rescue center in East County, where it later died.

A third parrot was found dead near the Mariners Cove Apartments on Point Loma. An X-ray revealed a small pellet in its body.

Parrots are not native to Southern California. But their exact origin is a matter of debate. Some have speculated that the wild local parrot population was at least contributed to by birds that escaped from the San Diego Zoo during its early days.

According to The California Parrot Project, the birds survive on seeds, fruit and nectar from tropical trees and shrubs planted in urban and residential areas in communities like Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Pacific Beach and La Jolla.

The Parrot Project maintains that hundreds of released and escaped parrots throughout the state over time have led to the wild breeding populations today.

Karen Straus, coordinator of the annual San Diego Bird Festival hosted by the San Diego Audubon Society, said parrots do not migrate but stay in San Diego year-round.

They have established communal roots around the county that they return to each night.
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Large portion of Sunset Cliffs collapses

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

Following heavy El Niño rains in January and recent pounding surf, yet another portion of Sunset Cliffs yielded to nature last week, sending tons of sandstone and debris hurtling to the beach below.

No injuries were reported after a portion of the famed bluffs at 1303 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. gave way about 5 p.m. Feb. 24, according to San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.

The collapsed portion, termed “large” by Fire-Rescue spokesman Lee Swanson, was in an area of the popular cliffs inspected just over a month ago by a municipal geologist after cracks were observed in the ground at the bluff’s top. The area, which includes the first public parking lot south of Point Loma Avenue, was ordered closed based on these findings.

Since that time, a city-installed fence has kept nightly hordes of sunset-watchers, recreational walkers and others back while several permanent signs installed years ago warning of “Unstable Cliffs” now stand alone far behind the chain link barriers.

City lifeguards and police officers surveyed this most recent incident before deeming current fencing and signage sufficient to protect the public.

Pat Abbott, SDSU professor emeritus of geology and geophysics, suggested persons walking along the top of any local cliffs stay well back from the edges and that those on the beaches below walk as close to the water as possible to provide extra space in case part of the bluffs were to fall.
**125TH LIGHTHOUSE ANNIVERSARY**

Light keeper’s daughters come home to Point Loma

By KAREN SCANLON | THE BEACON

Light keeper James Dudley’s daughters are coming home to Point Loma to participate in the 125th anniversary festivities at Cabrillo National Monument on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 23. The public is invited to come and revel in lively accounts of their years at the lighthouse.

**History notes**

By virtue of its location at the southwesternmost point of the continental United States, the peninsula of Point Loma was the chosen site for one of the first eight lighthouses on the West Coast. But, alas, the original, 1855 Cape Cod structure had a short career as an aid to navigation, just shy of 36 years. Fog and low clouds too often obscured its light.

San Diego was eager to become an important shipping port, but a reliable lighthouse, or two, was required. Point Loma Light Station was then re-established at a lower elevation with a new lighthouse and two keepers’ quarters. A harbor light on Hot Point was to go into tandem operation but was lighted a few months ahead of the other. There had been complication with the size of the lens fitting into the lantern, which delayed sending a beacon from the lower lighthouse.

Finally, on March 22, 1891, Captain Robert Israel lighted the wicks in the old lighthouse one last time. The following night, on his 68th birthday, he lighted the lamp in the new lighthouse.

Over the years, numerous keepers were assigned to Point Loma Light Station. In 1930, James Elliott Dudley arrived as assistant keeper. Dudley had served aboard an East Coast lightship before journeying on an Indian motorcycle from home state Connecticut to California in 1922. He secured jobs aboard two lighthouse tenders and three light stations prior to Point Loma.

Dudley chanced to meet pretty Violet Warner, a visitor to the lighthouse, and offered her a look at the prized chickens he was raising. The two courted and were married a few months later, in October of 1930.

Dudley’s daughters

Patricia Dudley was born in 1931 and Joan in 1933, during their father’s tenure at Point Loma. Today, they are the last living Point Loma keepers’ kids whose lighthouse home was under the old guard of the U.S. Lighthouse Service.

A son, Robert, was born in 1944.

Lighthouse interpreters, Living History volunteers and, it is hoped, navigation personnel will be on hand to enhance visits on this important anniversary.

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 grpured together. “Wabaska Drive is an important Safe Routes to Schools corridor that will connect bike paths on both Voltaire Street and Nimitz Boulevard,” said Nicole Burgess, a planning board member and City Council District 2’s bicycling representative.

“We are proposing a separat-ed, safe and comfortable bike path that is feasible with the excessive roadway space. Ultimately, we are hopeful that the improvements will encourage more students and residents to enjoy our city by bike.”

Burgess added that Wabaska improvements “also has the potential to increase home values on the street while making the area more livable and enjoyable.”

In a sweeping effort to get more children walking and bicycling to schools across America, Congress approved Safe Routes to School initiatives in the early 2000s. From 2005 to 2012, more than $1 billion in funding in all states to support infrastructure improvements and program projects that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, including sidewalks improvements, traffic calming, speed reduction improvements, street crossings, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools. Safe Routes to School funds may be used for the planning, design and construction of projects that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school. Including sidewalks improvement, traffic calming, speed reduction improvements, street crossings, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools. “This is a race against the clock, in a way,” said Don Sevrens, another planning board member who’s been working on the Wabaska project. “Once the city starts resurfacing part of Wabaska, some steps become less likely or certainly more expensive.”

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Baby seal, pier jumper rescued in Ocean Beach

A baby sea lion that couldn’t handle the heavy surf that pounded the San Diego coastline Feb. 25 had to be rescued by SeaWorld workers. The baby sea lion got stranded just south of the steps to the Ocean Beach Pier. He was too weak to battle the waves, and SeaWorld workers rescued him sometime after 11 a.m. The pier was closed the morning of Feb. 25 due to a National Weather Service high surf advisory, but that didn’t stop one would-be swimmer. Sometime before 11 a.m., a man jumped the fence, ran down the end of the pier and jumped and had to be rescued by a lifeguard.

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Point Loma has a new sign gracing the entryway into the community from San Diego International Airport.

"Weathered by years of irrigation overreach and ever-prevalent termites, the Point Loma sign on North Harbor Drive was declared to be in critical condition last year by then-Rotary president Leon Scales," said Cecilia Carrick of the Point Loma Association. "Quarts of BONDO and several layers of paint applied by our skilled Rotarian friends were barely holding the sign together until design and funds were arranged by (the association) for a new purchase.

"That's when a very generous Point Loma private donor and the County of San Diego stepped in to help out. The work, commissioned to Integrated Sign Associates, produced a vibrantly colorful replacement that is now in place."

Nonprofit Point Loma Rotary Club provides support for community projects in Point Loma, the greater San Diego area and the world.

Created in 1961, the Point Loma Association comprises residents and businesses committed to improving the quality of life in Point Loma through beautification, education, charitable activities and civic collaboration.

Carrick noted the North Harbor Drive gateway sign was originally installed by the association in 1980 and has served as a geographical landmark for millions of visitors and neighbors for more than 35 years.

Association president Robert Tripp Jackson noted Dorothea (Dot-tie) Laub and her late husband Richard paid for the original gateway sign's installation and for landscaping around it.

"It was all wood," said Jackson of the original sign. "It had started to deteriorate, and (the association) had it refurbished three or four years ago, but it was pretty much disintegrating. So (Carrick) found the people who'd made the OB sign. So they went ahead and produced a new one for us."

Jackson said two anonymous Point Loma donors and the county deserve kudos for stepping forward to assist with paying for the cost of the new sign, which he noted cost approximately $12,000.

Ed Harris, the head of the city's lifeguards union and a former interim City Council member, tossed his hat into the San Diego mayoral ring March 2, according to the City Clerk's Office.

Harris represented Council District 2 for most of 2014 after the seat was vacated by Kevin Faulconer when he became mayor and until Councilwoman Lorie Zapf was elected in her new district. He's been a longtime advocate for improving health benefits for lifeguards, who often have to work in contaminated water, and recently directed the attention of city officials to a looming staffing crisis — in which many experienced lifeguards are due to retire in the next couple of years.

Faulconer is running for re-election and is also being challenged by former state legislator Lori Saldana. Gita Appelbaum, Marty Gardner, Steven Greenwald, Bilal Homran, Sina Simon Moghadam, Gregory Morales and Lawrence Zynda have also taken out nominating papers to signify their intent to run for mayor.

The papers have to be returned to the City Clerk's Office by March 10.
Girls soccer: Loses semifinal; boys still in hunt

By Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

The Lady Pointers soccer team had been successful in its attempt to repeat as CIF champions until they played No. 2-seeded Scripps Ranch in a semifinal round game March 1 and lost 2-1 on the Falcons’ field.

Seeded No. 3 in Div. I, the Pointer girls were flying high after a first round bye and a 1-0 victory over No. 11 La Jolla in the quarterfinals last Friday.

In the semifinal game, sophomore Abigail Bates’ goal in the 37th minute proved the game-winner. She was assisted by senior Jordan Patane, who led her team with four shots.

Goalkeeper Taylor Washington, also a sophomore, recorded her 15th win and 14th shutout of the season as the team’s record moved to 20-2-2.

Patane, who has accepted a scholarship offer to play at Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo) next year, leads the team with 27 goals and 23 assists for 77 points.

Sophomore Trinity Watson follows with a line of 17, 15 and 49 points, while classmate Iyana Zimmerman follows at 11, 15 and 33.

Junior Riley O’Toole, who joined the team in the second half, has nine goals in only 10 games.

Team captains are Patane, O’Toole, Jaquelyn Neves and Natasha Camacho-Tier, who has accepted a scholarship offer from Mercy College of New York.

The Pointers, under head coach John Murphy, have won two CIF titles, including the CIF Div. II title last year in a 1-0 battle with Valhall-la that was decided by a penalty kick.

In 2009, his girls defeated Mt. Carmel 2-1 in a shootout after both teams played to a 1-1 tie followed by a scoreless overtime period.

Boys soccer

The Pointer boys soccer team has quietly been adding victories to its résumé and is also still in the hunt for a CIF title.

Two Pointers earn CIF titles in wrestling

By Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

Two Point Loma High School wrestlers captured CIF championships in their weight classes at the Div. III finals late last month hosted by Del Norte High School.

This is the first time in school history two championships were won by team members, according to coach Brian Lamb.

Taking the first place medal at 134 pounds was Lamb’s son Brian, a senior. Lamb won a 10-9 decision over Mitchell Spencer of La Costa Canyon to take the title. Lamb finished seventh last season.

In the 287-pound heavyweight division, it was Pointer football line-

man Arthur Daniels, a junior, who pinned Andrew McDonald, also of La Costa Canyon, for his medal. Daniels rebounded from his fourth-

place finish last year.

In team standings at the event, PLHS finished in seventh place, with 97 points.

Other wrestlers who placed at the event included junior Tomas Ronge (third place at 115 pounds), senior Kele Frost (fifth at 128), sophomore Dylan Reisburg (seventh at 122) and junior Antonio Quintanilla (seventh at 160).

Lamb, Phil Moore and Miles Dougherty share coaching duties and have raised the sport’s profile at the school in recent years.

After receiving a No. 4 seed and first-round bye in the Div. II tournament, the Dogs inflicted a no-doubt 5-1 bite on No. 12 seed Bishops. At press time, they were awaiting a trip north for a semi-final tussle with No. 1 seed Oceanside, set for yesterday (March 2) at 5 p.m.

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Home run champ

Campbell Wear, right, won the Home Run Derby at the Pointer Alumni Game Feb. 28, when he launched four baseballs into orbit to defeat four other finalists. Wear received a baseball from the collection of Pointer head coach David Wells (left), signed by Wells, fellow PLHS alums Don Larsen and David Cone, the three New York Yankee players in history to pitch perfect games. Wear, Class of 2011, plays professionally in the Colorado Rockies organization after four years on the UCI Santa Barbara roster.

Pointers winter teams in the playoffs

By Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

All winter sports teams at Point Loma High School earned playoff spots. Boys basketball entered Div. III as the No. 10 seed, where they defeated No. 7 Rancho Buena Vista 43-40 before traveling to Central (El Centro), where they were eliminated by a score of 64-49.

Head coach Chris Brisco’s team finished with an overall record of 12-15 (5-7 for fifth place in the Central League). Partial statistics show sophomore Nashom Carter led the team in scoring at 14.8 points per game. Junior Darnell Johnson, at 11.2, was next.

Girls basketball also entered Div. III as a No. 10 seed but was eliminated in its first game against No. 7 Valley Center by a 38-28 score.

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San Diego’s largest thrift, estate and garage sale

The 89th Thursday Club Rummage Sale – San Diego’s largest thrift, estate and garage sale – will be held Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Balboa Park Activity Center. Proceeds will benefit 18 community charities from children to the elderly, health, veterans, art, life-skills, animals and education.

The Thursday Club, started in 1921, is a non-profit, volunteer organization of more than 300 women. Our goal is to promote educational, cultural, social, moral and civic activities. Through the Rummage Sale we hope to raise more than $120,000 for the community.

There will be bargains galore. We have furniture, rugs, lamps, sporting goods, toys, bikes, linen, holiday items, clothes, art, frames, jewelry, hats, purses, household and kitchen items, electronics, antiques, books and more new and gently used merchandise.

Free admission and lots of parking. Please bring cash.

For more information or to make a donation call (619) 224-5264; or www.thethursdayclub.org

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Westy's – an old-fashioned neighborhood bar

BY DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Westy's Bar & Grill in Point Loma started out as a cross between an antique store and a restaurant-bar. But 38-year-old owner James West knew that wouldn't last for long, that one or the other would ultimately prevail.

"For the last 1½ years, it's been a bar," said West, whose establishment, given his nickname, he freely admits is a dream come true.

"I always wanted to do that, be in the neighborhood and have a nice little pub here," he said. But a few antiques still remain in Westy's, mostly in display cases.

West bought the retail space at 1029 Rosecrans St., formerly an inte-

... (rest of the text continues)
Dana Middle tours

Staff members at Dana Middle School are proud of their campus and are eager to share it with prospective families and community members, so they’ve set aside time for visitors to tour either during morning classes or after dismissal. On the first Monday of each month, tours are scheduled for 8 to 9 a.m., making future morning tours on March 7, April 4 and May 2. Then, on the first Thursday of each month, afternoon tours will take place from 4 to 5 p.m., with tours set for March 3, April 7 and May 5. Dana Middle School is the public school serving all students in grades five and six on the peninsula. It operates on a traditional calendar. The school is located at 1775 Chatsworth Blvd. at the corner of Narragansett Ave.

The school principal is Scott Irwin. Check sandiegounified.org for more information. The school phone number is (619) 225-3897.

--Scott Hopkins

OB Historical Society presentation March 17

On Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m., the Ocean Beach Historical Society presents “The Beloved Wisteria Cottage” at Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. in Ocean Beach.

The program features information on the history of Wisteria Cottage and its famous vines, now more than 100 years old. Come see and hear what has made the historical site so special, from the people who have lived there to the people that have partied there. A suggested donation of $5 will be appreciated.

Point Loma Library events

In honor of Women’s History Month in March, the Point Loma Library is featuring a multimedia event, “Glass, Paint, Swing -- The Total Art Experience,” through March and April. Glass art by Leslie Perlis and paintings by Bonnie Owen will be on display March 2 to April 28.

The artist reception will take place 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5. Sue Palmer, Point Loma musician, will provide music for the reception, featuring her Motel Swing Quintet.

Perlis, a Point Loma artist, will be showing glasswork depicting women and dance themes. Owen will be displaying unique paintings of her interpretation of famous women in ancient history. Janette Kutchins, a dance instructor, will be teaching four free swing-dance lessons to prepare the community for dancing at the reception.

For information, email leslie@leslieperlis.com or bonnie-owen@gmail.com.

PCPB elections

The Peninsula Community Planning Board will be holding elections March 17 to fill five vacancies for terms that will expire this month. The term for the five vacancies will be effective through March of 2019.

The election will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 17 at the Point Loma Hervey Library, at 3701 Voltaire St.

To be eligible, a candidate must be 18 years of age; reside, own property or operate a business within the PCPB boundaries; and have attended one regular meeting within the previous 12 months. Attending the candidates forum would also qualify for this requirement.

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“Vern’s business plan was simple — good food, good service and a fair price — and remains the foundation of Nati’s popularity,” explained Thomas. That plan continues to serve the business well and has earned it a solid following of loyal, repeat customers.

As part of that commitment, Nati’s has found that it is important to retain their employees to maintain those goals. “We believe that consistently outstanding food is the basis of our popularity, we maintain consistency by keeping our employees,” said Thomas. “Our chefs, brothers Maci and Inez, as well as our lead wait staffer, Aida Peterson, have been with Nati’s for more than 40 years. This longevity provides us with the consistent quality and great service our loyal customers have come to expect.”

Many of the “Nati’s Family” have been with the restaurant for 25 years-plus. “We constantly strive to maintain the quality of our food and the cleanliness of the restaurant,” said Thomas.

Marilyn Thomas has a B.S. Degree in Food and Nutrition so she is well versed in quality control and environmental cleanliness.

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Nati’s is proud to be a part of the Ocean Beach community. “We are very happy to have such strong customer support in the Point Loma Ocean Beach area, it’s that support that has kept us here for 56 years,” said Thomas.

Nati’s is a member of the Ocean Beach Main Street Association and has supported the Peninsula Little League since the early 60’s. In 2006, they were presented a plaque for being the Sponsor of the Year and the longest continuous sponsor. The restaurant was opened in 1962. Both owners literally “grew up” in the business under the tutelage of Vern Lonta. In 1962, Vern Lontz and his wife, Charline, owned and operated Nati’s until retirement in 1972. At that point the company became a corporation. It is now managed and run by the stockholders who are long-time employees. General manager and vice-president Marilyn Thomas started as a hostess in 1969. Dennis Kerr, company president, started as a dishwasher in 1962. Both owners literally “grew up” in the business under the tutelage of Vern Lonta.

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Serves 4
1 pound tempeh, steamed and cut into 1/2 inch cubes
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1/2 cup toasted sesame oil
1/4 cup brown rice vinegar
1/4 cup tamarind
1 cup carrots, shredded
1 bunch cilantro, rough chopped
1/2 cup sesame seeds, toasted
Dressing
1/4 cup toasted sesame oil
1/4 cup brown rice vinegar
2 Tbsp mirin*

Place steamed and cut tempeh in marinade and let soak for at least 30 min. Preheat oven to 350°. In a high-rimmed or deep baking sheet, bake tempeh for 45-55 minutes, turning every 15 minutes. Set aside to cool. Mix vegetables with cooled tempeh. Pour dressing over mixture and toss until evenly coated.

*Chef’s note: People’s carries mirin in the vinegar section of the Grocery Dept. If you don’t want to purchase a full bottle, you can try dry sherry or sweet Marsala. Chefs also suggest dissolving a small amount of sugar in a little white wine or sherry, perhaps a 1/4 teaspoon of sugar to 1/4 cup wine.

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San Diego Natural History Museum has noticed more than 400 gray whales coming south this season, which is a good number.

“This season has been phenomenal,” says Leslie Rapp, San Diego Natural History Museum whaler. “We have seen whales in every cruise except two.”

Rapp and her colleagues frequent Hornblower Cruises to tell people about the mammals of the sea. February is the middle of gray whale southern migration, she says, and females are going down to Mexico. Also, northbound whales are on the move, so San Diego is in between the transition of both migrations.

According to Joe Terzi, president of the San Diego Tourism Association, San Diego is quickly becoming a top whale-watching destination anywhere in the world. Even in February, it’s fantastically clear, and you can see the whales from three miles away: “In winter season, we see gray whales, humpbacks, finback whales, four kinds of dolphins, common dolphins, Rissos, white-sided dolphins,” says Rebecca Milkey, director of marketing for Hornblower Cruises. At summertime, she adds, different whales feed near San Diego.

On one Hornblower cruise, we saw whale tails and, after cruising 11 miles out, saw signs of finback and gray whales, which deep-dive for food. Huge flocks of Pacific white-sided dolphins jumped up and down in the water. This season, tourists haven’t seen a lot of dolphins, so that was a special treat.

We noticed that, unlike dolphins, whales move much slower and don’t waste as much energy. Moreover, whales don’t actually sleep the way we understand sleeping. They are conscious breathers, so they have to be awake to come to the surface to breathe.

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Music a lifelong passion for Doug Booth

By Bart Mendoza | The Beacon

He may not quite be a household name, but it’s likely that over the past few decades, bassist Doug Booth has been one of the most heard musicians in town, playing bass with acclaimed local cover band Rockola and taking part in a wealth of musical projects.

Set to appear at the Kona Kai Resort’s Vessels restaurant on March 13 as part of the duo Jenny & Doug, Booth is a virtuoso instrumentalist, skilled at bass, guitar and piano as well as flute. The gig is a natural fit for the musical pair, as they were introduced by the venue’s general manager, Shauna Aguirre.

“She had hired Jenn and her guitarist in the past,” Booth said. “When Jenn and her guitarist stopped playing together, Shauna recommended to both of us that we pair up. So I guess she is the matchmaker of our duo. It is an awesome fit.” While the occasional original is included, the focus in the pair’s sets is covers. “I will play an original solo guitar piece every so often, but our bread and butter are songs that people know and like,” he said. “I would hope most of our songs are crowd pleasers. If they don’t appeal to anyone, then we drop them, unless we love them.”

Born and raised in Palo Alto, Calif., Booth arrived in San Diego circa 1984 to finish up his degree at SDSU. “I was a guitarist but came here with a bass guitar so I could hopefully get some work,” he explained. “In Northern California at that time, if you could play bass, sing and show up on time, you pretty much had a gig. I auditioned and got in several different bands that had gigs on the books so I could make some money to live on as I went to SDSU.”

By this point, Booth had been performing for over a decade. “I started playing guitar when I was in the fourth grade,” he recalled. “My mom was a South Dakota State award-winning baritone horn player. She had the music gene in the family. She played piano and guitar as well, so I got interested in guitar because she played. She used to say she taught me everything she knew in one week.”

Soon after, he began taking lessons and was learning Beatles songs with instructor Jack Conway in Menlo Park. “He slowly started introducing me to jazz chords and voicings using Beatles songs as the format and then one day pulled out a jazz standard, and that was the beginning of me becoming a jazz guitarist. I guess you could say he tricked me into playing jazz, but it’s a lifelong passion.”

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Grandparenting: ‘Far away and always in heart’

By HANNA LAUKKANEN

Humans are one of the rare species that have three or even four generations alive at the same time. This is important because human children are dependent on their parents longer than any other mammal species. Grandparents hold an important role taking care of the children when parents aren’t available.

Natasha Josefowitz has been a grandmother for 35 years and soon will be a great-grandmother. All four of her biological grandchildren and three step-grandchildren live across the country, far away from San Diego and still close to her heart.

“It is totally different to be a parent than a grandparent,” Josefowitz said. ‘As a parent, you’re responsible for the behavior of your children. As a grandparent, your only duty is to admire and support them. Criticism should always be about a specific behavior, not a general term. For instance, it is better to say ‘You’re always late.’ It is equally important to be specific with praise — instead of ‘you are wonderful,’ state a specific behavior worthy of praise.”

Josefowitz has lectured on various topics, including grandparenting. One of the favorite lectures of her cruise ship passengers was about living with children who are not raising their children the way you know they should be raised. Josefowitz sums it up in two words: “Shut up.” She believes in serving words: “Shut up.” She believes in serving

Grandparents,” she said, “have more time and longer life experiences than parents to talk with the children about life, problems and solutions.”

Natasha Josefowitz has been a grandmother for 35 years and soon will be a great-grandmother. Josefowitz and her grandchildren email, call, Skype and sometimes visit.

In 2015, she was inducted into the San Diego Women’s Hall of Fame. She taught the first course in the U.S. on women in management. She has worked as a consultant for government agencies and several for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

She writes a biweekly column, “Doing It Better,” for La Jolla Village News and is a regular blogger on Huffington Post. She is also featured on an international website, sandiegojewishworld.com and has her own website (natashaswords.com).
How seniors may make their homes safer and more secure

By HANNA LAUKKANEN

Citizens of the United States have longer life expectancies than 10 years ago, and more seniors need a safe and secure place to live. The problem is that there aren’t as many places to spend your senior life as there are people in need, according to a report from Harvard University’s Joint Center for Housing Studies.

But a housing problem is avoidable by creating new models for housing, services, construction and technologies. Such innovations will create long-term benefits for the economy.

“With the right innovation and policy attention, this transition can be beneficial for the long-term health of the housing market,” realtor.com chief economist Jonathan Smoke says.

“Addressing the challenges should result in investments in new construction, renovations to existing housing, increased housing turnover, provision of more affordable housing alternatives and improvements in the infrastructure that will benefit all ages,” he notes.

Bedroom

The bedroom is better to locate downstairs so that seniors can go to bed even when they are exhausted after a long day. In case of a fire or emergency, a bedroom upstairs can be a safety risk. Relocating the bedroom to a first-floor den can feel like an upsetting change, but once it’s done seniors will wonder why they ever walked up and down the stairs before.

An adjustable bed rises or lowers with a set of controls and makes it easier to get up in the morning. It’s difficult to see where you are going at night, so a nightlight or a bright digital clock help with that. A flashlight in the nightstand is your best friend in case of power failures, and when a phone is by the bed, it’s easy to call for help.

Lower the shelves so they’re easier to reach, or use only the lower ones. Components for do-it-yourself shelving are available at home improvement stores.

If furniture has ornate, outward-carrying legs, they are easy to trip on. Sharp edges or handles that can cause injuries. Don’t put heavy or bulky items in drawers; they could be difficult to open. Replace or relocate the furniture that hits constantly on the knee or toes or cover the sharp edges with foam.

Other rooms

Fall-proof home: Preventing falls must be the first priority. Install non-slip strips on floors, steps and showers or tubs. Open up walkways by arranging furniture differently and make sure staircases have handrails on both sides. Install handrails in other key areas.

Store or sell unused items so that they don’t lie on the floor. Lever handles make it easier to grip and turn doorknobs or faucet handles.

Safe bathroom

Bathrooms have to have nonslip surfaces in bathtubs and showers. Sitting down in the shower chair can be safer for those who have trouble stepping into the bathtub or toilet.

Grab bars are great in the bathroom for toiletting and bathing or anywhere persons might need to stand to assist themselves.

Intercoms and alert systems

It’s easy to call for help when seniors have a medical alert system along and intercoms around the home. Sometimes you can’t get to the phone, and in an emergency you have to have access to other forms of communication.

Double-locked doors

Doors, especially bathroom doors, should have locks from the inside and outside. If someone falls behind the locked door in the bathroom or bedroom, it can be risky. A door that can be opened from the outside allows other people to come in.

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HELPFUL TIPS

- Seniors have many options to make their houses and apartments more safe and live at home longer.

- Moderations are important in order to prevent fall-downs and make it easier to move and live normally at home. Moderations are not always cheap. Certain modification, like installing wheelchair ramps or needed bathroom renovations, can be expensive.

- Seniors with serious physical or memory problems, like Alzheimer’s, should not live alone.

No-step entry

When moving around gets more difficult, a single-floor layout is best in senior home. Also make sure the thresholds are flush with the floor, for getting around in a wheelchair.

Senior Lifestyle

For your peace of mind and for the personal services, support and care, dedicated professionals, well planned, home-like setting. It’s the perfect alternative for seniors who can no longer live on their own.
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but by then administration of light- houses had been transferred (in 1939) to the U.S. Coast Guard. America’s lighthouse keepers either retired or took military commissions based on years served.

Joan and Patricia had no other re- ference but that home was confined with a moonbeam, a maker, quarters painted, in those outbuildings, kept machines of all trades. They maintained numer- ous house jobs.

“We were not there long,” Joan said, “when KABOOM! The glass in the front porch was blown out. And my bear, shat’s it embedding inches into the floor.” As happened, a defec- tive fuse in a 6-inch, high explosive projectile caused a premature deto- nation at nearby Battery Humphreys. Five soldiers were killed in the blast.

“We were isolated out there,” Joan recalls. “We ate plenty of fresh lobs- ter caught in traps dad set in the eel- grass. And we pounded lots of abalone. Dad would reach under the rocks with a tire iron and bring gunny sacks full up to the house. The kids often rode Army trans- port vehicles to school in Loma Portal. Both girls graduated from Point Loma High School. Patricia says, “I was in the first class to spend three years at Dana Junior High, 1943–46, and then Point Loma High, 1946–49.”

Roller-skating in the old under- ground mess hall and on the cement catch basin was a weekend pastime. A swimming hole with tiger sharks showed itself at low tide. Baby octo-opus were lugged to biology class.

“We had a path near the flagpole down to the beach below the light- house,” Patricia says. “There were times I asked Dad if we could go to a real beach like Ocean Beach.”

He’d scold. “You have your own beach!”

Had the keeper been aware that his daughters dreamed of experiences beyond their lighthouse home? “Mother made sure we had nice clothes to wear,” Joan remembers. “Dad had strict beliefs, that one need- ed very few clothes. Mother was a seamstress and made dresses for little or nothing.”

James Dudley was all business when it came to lighthouse and grounds maintenance. He was also quite when dad was sleeping after he worked his night shifts. We didn’t make a sound.

Lightkeepers, it seems, were jacks of all trades. They maintained numer- ous outbuildings, kept machines repaired and quarters painted, in addition to their work in the lantern, lest the USLHS inspector make a sur- prise visit. Great gardens were gowned, glorious flowers and trees. Fruits and vegetables were raised to supplement meager incomes.

Gun-bearing bunkers were visible from the keepers’ gardens. And just 70 feet from the house stood a 50- mm anti-aircraft machine gun. Vio- let’s children wore dog tags and were practiced in the use of gas masks and the taste of malt taffets, all stored in a partial basement under the kitchen. “Water-like, a quarter-inch thick, chalky and salty. We didn’t like ‘em,” Joan says. “And we had a bat- talion of 300 men camped in our backyard.”

A home-built HAM radio station filled a portion of the Dudley dining room. Cousin Franklin reminded the girls that their father was in the wire- less loop looking for Amelia Earhart when her plane went missing in 1937. Wireless operators were also called into war service.

War, indeed! The bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941 affected changes at Point Loma Light Station. Keepers were assigned duties elsewhere in the war effort. Dudley, an expert in elec- tronics, was put in charge of the LORAN station (long-range naviga- tion) across from the cemetery. Armed guards stood watch at the station. The light in the tower went dark. Windows were covered with tarpaper. Dwellings, the tower, out-

buildings, fences and even the side- walks were painted in olive-drab cam- ouflage. Keeper Johnson rigged a light under the front fender of his car, for what light it provided going down the long hill at night.

Patricia remembers standing on the point watching fighter planes leaving North Island for carrier at sea, “I counted to 1,000, as far as I could count.”

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Beacon travels

(Above) From left, Point Loma High School alumni Forrest Lutz, Heather Lutz, Lily Lutz, Andrew Johnson and Curt Lutz took the Beacon along during their visit to Beqa Island, Fiji.

(Top right) Carl Cobb, Loma Portal, Stephanie Young, Point Loma and Aaron Kamerling of Ocean Beach congregate with the four ash-smudged, dreadlocked warrior priests along the Ganges River in Varanasi, India.

(Bottom right) Deborah and Richard Thorn and Linda and Jim Hervey recently visited the Budapest Christmas Market with the Beacon in tow. They dined with the locals as children sang carols and ate from food stands with fragrant steaming pans of stuffed cabbage rolls, sausages and goulash.
the Point Loma Hervey Library.
Applications can be downloaded at pcpb.net under the elections tab. For information, contact Jon Linney at (619) 929-6258.

**OB library events**

Mondays: Signing Crafts and Games at 3:15 p.m. Learn American Sign Language in a fun and interactive way.

Tuesdays: Baby Yoga at 1 p.m. and Children's Yoga at 1:30 p.m. Baby Yoga is for infants 4 weeks old to crawling. Children's Yoga is for children 3 to 9.

Kiwi Krew Homework Helpers 3 to 8 p.m. K-8 students are welcome to bring their homework assignments, including research projects.

Thursdays: Children's Story Time at 10 a.m. Stories are read to preschool children.

Family Crafts at 12:30 p.m. Visit every Thursday for a fun-filled family craft hour.

Fridays: Baby Sign Language at 10:30 a.m. Sign language fun for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

**Easter Sunrise Service at Cabrillo Monument**
The Kiwanis Club of Point Loma will present an ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at the Cabrillo National Monument on Easter Sunday, March 27. 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 Matt Lemas points out that this year’s services will mark the 67th consecutive year that the Kiwanis Club of Point Loma has staged the service.

The gates will open at 6 a.m., with the nondenominational service beginning at 6:30 a.m. There is seating for approximately 700, and the public is encouraged to arrive early.

The speakers this year are Capt. Howard Warner, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Point Loma; Mike Servais, Lt. Governor, Kiwanis Division 21; and Jon Linney, Vice President Point Loma Kiwanis Club. Chaplain Terry Gordon, third fleet chaplain, will conduct the service. This year, the soloist will be Jojo Cadwell, to be accompanied by Brent Johnson, who will also provide the musical prelude to the service. The Naval Base Point Loma Color Guard will open the ceremony.

The National Park Service has provided the Cabrillo National Monument facilities for the Easter services for the past 65 years. Visitor and parking fees are not in effect for the services. A fellowship time with coffee, tea and pastries will occur immediately following the services.

**Peninsula Singers choir rehearsals**
The Peninsula Singers community choir welcomes singers with any level of experience to join them for the spring season. No audition is needed. Rehearsals are every Monday night, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the community room at Point Loma Hervey Branch Library at 3701 Voltaire St.

The spring theme, leading up to May and June performances, is the music of Leonard Bernstein, including songs from his Broadway musicals – “West Side Story,” “Candide,” “Peter Pan” and “Wonderful Town” – and classical selections from his Mass and Chichester Psalms. Interested singers should visit peninsulasingerssandiego.org. Registration is also available at the first few rehearsals.

**Peninsula Singers is a community choir based in Point Loma under the direction of Sarah Suhonen and accompanied by Stewart Simon on piano.**

**PB Parking Advisory Committee meeting**

Will there be metered or permitted parking coming to Pacific Beach? Find out at the March 10 Parking Advisory Committee meeting at the Pacific Beach Rec Center, located 1405 Diamond St. On March 10, at 6 p.m., let your respective community groups know as they are trying to accommodate for public comment.