Silver Gate administration, students and parents, along with Councilmember Lorie Zapf and community leaders officially opened and used the crosswalk on Jan. 3.

PHOTO BY BLAKE BUNCH

Silver Gate Elementary students returned to campus this week after winter break with a new flashing crosswalk at the intersection of Catalina Boulevard and Orchard Avenue, behind the school in Point Loma. The new safety feature is part of the city’s Vision Zero plan to eliminate all traffic deaths by 2025 and was adopted by the City Council last year. The plan calls for more visible crosswalks and signage along with pedestrian countdown timers, audible pedestrian signals, street lighting, and flashing beacons to help make pedestrians and drivers more aware of their surroundings.

What bills have became laws in 2017 for California residents?

It’s a new year and with it come new laws enacted annually by the state legislature. Not the least of which is the much-anticipated, initial minimum wage hike from $10.50 to $11.50 an hour for employees, which took effect Jan. 1.

San Diego’s Earned Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Ordinance passed in 2016 gives city employees a $1 an hour minimum-wage hike, with all future increases to be tied to the Consumer Price Index beginning Jan. 1, 2019. At that time, if the state’s minimum wage increases above the city’s minimum wage, the state’s higher minimum wage will prevail.

“More than a million hard-working San Diegans and Californians began receiving a pay raise that increases their ability to make ends meet for themselves and their families,” said Assembly member Todd Gloria (D-78th), who spearheaded passage of San Diego’s minimum-wage law as a city councilman.

“What this investment in our workforce, we have taken a meaningful step toward the principle that those who work full-time should not live in poverty. While there is still much more work to do, I am proud of our progress. I will continue to work in the State Assembly to improve the quality of life for working families and ensure our state continues to...

What should we expect for 2017?

Local leaders look ahead at issues for the Peninsula

It was an eventful year in the Peninsula in 2016, and 2017 promises to provide more of the same. We asked Peninsulans in Ocean Beach and Point Loma to look ahead and tell us what they’d like to see—and not see—happen in the new year.

District 2

Second District Councilmember Lorie Zapf, chair of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, said, “2017 will be an exciting year as I will be focusing on job-creation, workforce readiness, reducing burdensome regulations and partnering with our education community. I will also be seeking assistance from our state and federal representatives to get San Diego’s fair share of the promised funding to address problems in our communities related to drug abuse, homelessness and crime.”

In Council District 2, Zapf looks forward to “continuing to repave our major roads in Point Loma and Ocean Beach, including West...
San Diego Yacht Club named Platinum Club

For the second time in the past four years, San Diego Yacht Club was ranked as the No. 2 yacht club in the country behind St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco in the Platinum Clubs of America rankings. Grosse Point Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club, and Annapolis Yacht Club round out the top five. Over the past two years, San Diego Yacht Club in Point Loma has facilitated improvements to maintain sustainable practices. In 2015, new LED lights were installed in many of the club’s buildings and on the entire marina, which has cut down the club’s energy consumption by approximately 10 percent each month.

At the beginning of 2016, the entire kitchen was remodeled to include the latest technology in refrigeration, as well as a new pantry area to streamline work flow and ultimately enhance service efficiency and consistency. Most recently, San Diego Yacht Club has seen professional growth within its staff. In October, Tammy Hackney was promoted from food and beverage director to clubhouse manager. This sparked several other promotions in the food and beverage department to align with general manager Terry Anglin’s philosophy to promote from within whenever possible.

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**OB Holiday Food and Toy Drive**

Nearly 100 volunteers helped package and distribute food and toys to more than 80 families in the local community during the Ocean Beach Town Council’s annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive on Dec. 17. Lorie Zapf, councilmember representing District 2, brought the bacon.

**OBMA**

On the business front, Isabel Clark, programs director for Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA), noted the business improvement district “is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the OB Farmers Market all year long in 2017. Join them every Wednesday starting at 4 p.m. on Newport Avenue between Cable and Bacon streets for fantastic produce, beautiful flowers, delicious ready-to-eat food, live music, local crafts, and the best people-watching in San Diego. Learn more at www.OceanBeachSanDiego.com.”

**PLA**

Robert Tripp Jackson, community activist and immediate past president of the Point Loma Association, said he’s always admired the Peninsula’s gift in its belly. “When there is a ‘common good’ being harmed, our citizens step up and fight for the common good. The common good includes land, power lines, billboards, trashy establishments, tacky signage, Sunbelt Cliffs, water quality, the airport, and in the 1980’s with Dana Middle School – are prime examples.”

Jackson added, “In 2016 height/size regulations and the flight path over the Peninsula were key topics.”

“Pointing out our citizens stepped up and called for action,” Jackson added the mayor, Zapf and the Board of Supervisors have worked on community 100 percent with these important concerns. It seemed we all found common ground with positive solutions.

Lorene Valeta, President of Point Loma, noted, “Our common goal is to ensure our community is met without deviation and ‘bait and switch’ methods. We need complete transparency on all issues. In order to work towards the best for Point Loma, we need to take steps to ‘Continue the Conversation’ with all our neighbors and stakeholders to continue our community plan update for Point Loma. We need to work on the ‘common ground and good,’ and not have inner fighting. This is how we will be heard, loud and clear, to our elected officials.”

**Community Plan**

Freelance writer/editor/owner Kerri DeRosier said that, topping her community wish list for 2017 is “‘yes’ votes for the Point Loma business improvement district – a process that was started in 2012.” She noted the “signed petitions, which reached the city’s threshold, were delivered to the City in February 2014.”

Also on DeRosier’s list is a community plan update for Point Loma. “Single-family homes in Roseville are being scraped and replaced with townhomes/condos with inadequate parking in an area that is already suffering from a lack of parking,” she said. “Alas, the City’s Development Services Department keeps stamping those development plans.”

DeRosier also cited “unscrupulous developers who attempt to flood the city with 30-foot height exceptions, advocating ‘barring them from building anything in the City of San Diego.’”

DeRosier also expects homelessness to “continue to be an issue in Point Loma and throughout the City of San Diego.” It’s not just a downtown problem, though it is being treated as such. “Regional a task force on solving the homeless problem across our communities is in order.”

**Bicycling**

Obceans and bicycling advocate Nicole Burgess has “great visions for San Diego to become a world-class bike-friendly city and 2017 will be the year that we really get rolling. For 2017, we will applaud the efforts for Faulconer and other local leaders to take a stronger stance to prioritize the value of bike transportation for our residents, tourists and youth.”

“By repurposing our streets with our resurfacing efforts, the City is using tax dollars wisely and this is helping to create awareness and encouragement, while prioritizing safety for all modes of transportation, which in the end, provides opportunities for more people to have a chance to commute safely by bike.”

Burgess noted that “by investing in bikeways for the new Downtown Mobility Plan our city will become a bike mecca. To top it off, SANDAG will be implementing more than 100 miles of protected bikeways in the City of San Diego and with city collaboration, we will help create bold new ways to move through our city.”

Burgess added that “Our united pedaling voice must be taken seriously at the top, to transform our streets for sustainability, safety and health. I visualize an increase of riders taking the streets by bike, to continue building this community, to become active and healthy, while escaping the hassles of traffic and parking. It’s an amazing transformation to become a bike commuter and offers our community the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle.”

Burgess added, “In 2017, retired city councilmember/community advocate Byron Wear said, “I will continue to work on community-based projects including fundraising for the final greenway in the OB Peninsula VMCA on Valeta Street, planning a new OB Children’s Playground honoring Ruth Held near the beach at Tower 2, development of a joint-use regional aquatic center for the Peninsula, and the beautification and enhancement of Nitnate Boulevard.”

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Cabrillo National Monument Visitors Center wins community grant to restore habitat

Cabrillo National Monument Visitors Center has received a $5,000 community grant award to help it restore and enhance native habitat.

The American Society of Landscape Architects, San Diego Chapter (ASLA SD), in collaboration with the San Diego Native Plant Society, announced Cabrillo as the 2016 recipient of the community grant.

The ASLA Community Grant was established in 1997 as a result of the chapter’s commitment to the local community. The grant is awarded to deserving community groups pursuing the cultural, aesthetic, and educational enhancement of their local environment.

With the guidance of San Diego native plant expert Greg Ruben, as well as documents and planning prepared by local landscape architects, the Cabrillo project involves performing native habitat restoration and enhancement within 15 outdoor areas in the vicinity of the Cabrillo National Monument Visitor’s Center complex, comprising 5,990 square feet in total area.

Of this amount, the project will completely restore 4,392 square feet of disturbed areas, and enhance 1,598 square feet of landscaped areas by introducing a selection of native plants conducive with the existing ornamental species to remain in these areas.

This project is a collaboration between the Cabrillo National Monument staff and volunteers from the Native Garden Committee of the California Native Plant Society, (CNPSSD) San Diego Chapter.

The purpose of the project is to provide native habitat enhancement/beautification of the grounds immediately associated with the Visitor’s Center complex that is both sustainable and educational. This fulfills simultaneous objectives of the U.S. National Park Service.

The CNPSSD Native Garden Committee includes certified landscape architects who will create working construction-level drawings of the native habitat restoration and enhancement areas, including planting plans and specifications.

The actual work effort to implement the project will be performed by a combination of Cabrillo National Monument workers/contractors and CNPSSD volunteers.

The Community Grant is intended to enhance and to educate the community on landscape architecture, environmental issues and the value of landscape architecture and the use of licensed landscape architects. Each year the grant is supported by the proceeds of the annual ASLA/Community Grant Golf Tournament. The ASLA mission is to lead, educate, and participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning and artful design of the natural environment.
National Franchise, Splash and Dash Groomerie & Boutique in now open in Point Loma

San Diego, CA, August 21, 2016 – Splash and Dash Groomerie & Boutique located at 4011 W Point Loma Blvd (next to Baron’s Market) offers dog grooming services, shelves of high quality food, treats, toys, and accessories but what has truly made this company famous is their Unlimited Bath and Brush monthly membership that starts at $39.95/month*.

“We strive to create an unique experience for pets and pet parents by treating them like royalty,” said owner, John Neugebauer. “I choose Point Loma because of its diversity and close proximity to dog parks and beaches, like OB and Fiesta Island. So far the public’s reception has been great and I am proud to be serving my neighbors and friends”

S&D lives by the philosophy of “Play Dirty, Live Clean” and believes every pet has the right to live a fun, free life as an animal while owners live free from the fear of dirty furniture.

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Planned Parenthood expands Mission Bay Health Center

Planned Parenthood doubled the size of its Mission Bay Health Center, which will allow them to see more patients in a health center designed to maximize efficiency and give patients the best care possible.

The health center, which has been in the same location for more than 15 years, was completely modernized and expanded from 1,900 to 3,300 square feet. The waiting room is colorful and full of comfortable coffeehouse-style seating with plugs for electronic equipment. Exam rooms have been equipped with everything staff members need to care for a patient in one location and health care providers are able to collaborate in a central work space surrounded by six exam rooms.

“We paid attention to everything, from the hook on the back of the door in exam rooms to the number of steps staff takes to complete a visit,” said Lori Keim, senior director of business initiatives, who oversaw the expansion. “This attention to detail allows our staff to spend the most time possible with patients.”

This expansion will allow the clinic to provide birth control, STD testing and treatment, abortion, UTI testing and treatment, and more to the people in Mission Bay and the surrounding communities.

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The San Diego Padres have announced the schedule for 2017 Spring Training at the club's 24th spring in Peoria, Ariz.

Padres' pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report to Peoria on Tuesday, Feb. 14, with their first workout scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15. Position players are scheduled to report on Friday, Feb. 17, with the club's first full-squad workout on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The team will begin its 34-game Arizona schedule with the annual charity game on Saturday, Feb. 25 as the designated home team against the Seattle Mariners at the Peoria Sports Complex.

In total, the Padres will play 18 of their 34 games this spring in Peoria. In advance of the 2017 World Baseball Classic, the Padres will host the Mexican national team at the Peoria Sports Complex March 6-8.

Reassessing and refining is the name of the game as the Padres embark on their annual spring frenzy.

A recent survey of baseball experts predicts the Padres will be slightly better than they were in 2016 but not enough to win the NL West. That's the backdrop as they start their annual spring training duel against the Mariners.

The team will feature many new faces for the 2017 season. One of the major targets is improved pitching. The team has added four new pitchers - improving the rotation or a setup man - to bolster a pitching staff that was the second-worst in the majors last season.

But will the Padres improve with the expected addition of starting pitchers Tyson Ross, Joe Castillo and Matt Szczur? Will the bullpen improve with the addition of setup man Adam Warren? Will the Padres win the NL West for the first time since 1998?
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Sunset Cliffs
Sunset Cliffs Natural Park has two major projects in process: 1) the Hillside Improvement Project, which is a major California Coastal Conservancy grant project including native habitat restoration and safe access trails in the park’s 50 acre hillside section, and 2) design of the long awaited comprehensive drainage plan for the park. The Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council is pleased that the City has budgeted for much needed ranger services and increased lifeguard attention for Sunset Cliffs and other shoreline parks.

The Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council, the officially recognized advisory group for Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, meets at the Cabrillo Recreation Center from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. on the first Monday of every month with exceptions for holidays. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 9. The public is welcome.

Chamber of Commerce
Peninsula State Farm agent Matt Kalla, on behalf of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, said “we would like to see the passing of the proposed business improvement district for Point Loma.”

Local man gets court date for allegedly stalking woman
A trial date of April 17 was set on Dec. 23 for a Pacific Beach man who is accused of pointing a gun at a La Jolla woman after he scaled a wall to reach her upstairs condominium.

Michael Anthony Davee, 52, appeared before San Diego Superior Court Judge David Danielsen on Dec. 23. He again entered a not guilty plea to the charges of assault with a deadly weapon, stalking, and making a criminal threat.

A La Jolla woman tested Nov. 30 that Davee, her ex-boyfriend, crawled between two trees and scaled a wall to reach her upstairs condominium balcony and he point-ed a gun at her on Sept. 22.

The woman testified in the pre-liminary hearing that she ran out the door with her dog after Davee, 52, also pointed the gun at his own head at one point.

Judge David Gill also ordered Davee to stand trial for possession of a firearm and ammunition by a felon, receiving a firearm while under a temporary restraining order, resisting an officer, and disobeying a court order.

Davee remains in jail on $300,000 bail.
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Voltaire Beach House coming to Ocean Beach in January

No beach town is complete without a salty air destination locals can call home. Inspired by the seaside beach homes of Nantucket, Voltaire Beach House is about to open its doors to the Ocean Beach community with an official grand opening in early January.

Located at 4934 Voltaire St., this neighborhood restaurant and bar is sure to connect with all who share a love of the coast with its 3,000-square-foot interior, including a wrap-around bar located both inside and outside. Patrons can also enjoy Pacific Ocean breezes on their 900-square-foot patio, perfect for dining al fresco with the warmth of a fireplace in the evenings. The antique copper design elements, rustic paint design and spiral staircase inspire feelings of a true beach haven.

With consulting chef Abe Botello at the helm, the menu will feature new American cuisine. Botello gained significant experience working for Urban Solace and the Moonlight Lounge and is known for his delicious food in his current role as executive chef of West Coast Tavern in North Park. The local restaurant will have a full liquor license and local beers on tap. At the helm of operations will be general manager Gabriel Shantz, who lives just a few blocks away from the establishment and understands the heart of Ocean Beach. Working hand-in-hand with the owner, David Schiffman, they are creating a vision for Voltaire Beach House to be a truly comfortable, neighborhood hub.

Voltaire Beach House is hiring for all positions. Interested parties may contact them at hello@voltairebeachouse.com.

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Point Loma eatery dishes up generosity for local nonprofits

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Dr. Matt Sanicki of Point Loma Chiropractic, previously CRAC at Liberty Station, is proud to announce that the office is moving from the Village of Point Loma to the Midway District starting January 2017. PLC has served Point Loma’s chiropractic needs for over 30 years, earning Beacon awards for the last 5 years. Dr. Matt and his team are excited to continue this service at the new Midway office.

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Craft beer delivery service fulfills a niche

By MANNY LOPEZ | THE BEACON

Craft beer enthusiasts in Pacific Beach, La Jolla, Point Loma and Ocean Beach can now select from thousands of brews, and have them delivered to their doorstep with just the click of an icon. Crafthounds, a new and unique on-demand delivery business, has partnered with local alcohol vendors, bottle shops and breweries to create what a company representative described as the largest craft beer marketplace in the craft beer capital of the world.

"There are other delivery services that do beer, wine and liquor, but we really wanted to focus and specialize," said Adam Gendler, director of marketing services for Crafthounds. "There are so many different nuances to the craft beer culture that we can really customize our platform, and help users explore and discover new beers."

Gendler said that unlike other delivery services, Crafthounds customers aren't limited to just their local grocery store. Users can input their address and see all the craft beer available within a five-mile radius.

He added that the company currently works with 26 local retailers, including Best Damn Beer Shop, Keg N Bottle, Best Quality Liquor Store, Craft City, The Craft Gurus and 32 North Brewing.

Crafthounds is also offering its customers growlers on demand from a number of breweries and tasting rooms. The company is currently pursuing a number of options to expand its list of choices.

Another advantage Gendler pointed out is that consumers can compare prices to find the best deals available, and purchase from the store of their choice within the network.

Founded by a close-knit group of family and friends that wanted to start a microbrewery, Crafthounds was begun as a way to promote the idea of discovery.

"At our root, we're really not a delivery service," Gendler said. "We're in business to empower people to be adventurous, explore and try new things. There is nothing better than finding a new craft beer that you just love."

Every beer has a detailed summary, which includes a description, tasting notes and food pairings. The site also provides personalized recommendations based on customer taste preferences.

According to Gendler, delivery fees run between $2 and $6. Delivery times vary between an hour or less and can be scheduled.

Gendler said that with more than 1,115 breweries, and 1,300 craft beer stores, San Diego was a fitting place to start their unique business.

"We started here because the city is the craft beer capital," he said. "San Diego was always at the top of our list because of the number of breweries, but the biggest thing for us was always the craft beer culture."

Restaurant entrepreneur Alex Curballo, owner of Moto Deli and Fresco Pizzeria & Grill, said that having a unique delivery service such as Crafthounds in the craft Mecca of the United States is like having the gaps filled in with convenience and diversity.

"Overall, delivery services have been lax and confined to a specific geographic area," he said. "If a company can target the more festive selections and deliver a premium quality beer, that’s excellent."

Thomas Michalsky of Pacific Beach recalled having to call Uber for a ride to the liquor store when the beer ran out during his wife’s birthday party recently.

"It would have been easier and cheaper had I known about this service before," he said. "I could have ordered premium beer and not missed out on time with my guests."

HomeStreet Bank opens branch in Point Loma

HomeStreet Bank recently announced the opening of a new bank branch in the Point Loma neighborhood at 1110 Rosecrans St., Suite 101. Raymond Simas will manage the new branch. Simas comes to HomeStreet Bank with more than 35 years of experience serving at San Diego financial institutions. Maria Gorete Correia will serve as the customer service supervisor and comes to HomeStreet with 12 years of experience serving the financial needs of customers.
Gaby Aparicio’s Latin rhythms move hips in San Diego

By BART MENDOZA/THE BEACON

One of the things that shows just how healthy San Diego’s current music scene is, is the fact that genres beyond the usual pop, rock, soul and hip-hop, such as jazz, reggae and Latin sounds, are also flourishing. One such example is Point Loma resident Gabriela Aparicio, who specializes in the latter and performs locally with her band, La Buena Onda.

Aparicio is a veteran of the stage, she has been performing for two decades. While in Florida, she performed with a more pop-oriented sound, but her move to San Diego was to further her music career beyond the usual pop, rock, soul and hip-hop, such as jazz, reggae and Latin sounds, are also flourishing. Aparicio was drawn by the area’s vibrant music community. “My intention was to continue my music career while living in a great vibe,” she said. “I also wanted to be able to wake up every morning and hike on a mountain if I was inclined, and also learn to surf.”

Aparicio performs two shows this weekend, Jan. 7 at Lestats in Normal Heights (8 p.m.) and Jan. 8 at the La Jolla Farmer’s Market (10 a.m.). Now singing in both English and Spanish, she has a choice. “It’s being able to create something out of absolutely nothing,” she said. “And then making people feel good out of it.” Aparicio is succinct when it comes to what she loves about her chosen career. It’s simple. “It’s about being famous is one thing. But there are many other people out there that can do that,” she said. “I want to be able to have a music career, that’s the goal,” she said. “I think the confidence to just go for it had to happen when I came out of that setting, I get to try new things that gives her a chance to experiment with dual cultures. So there is a chemistry collaborate. And when the crowd dials in, we’re all feeling that moment of pure source energy.”

Aparicio is happy with the success she’s had since her move to San Diego, pointing out that music is a tough business, but worth it. “I would rather wake up every day and struggle at doing what I love, than doing what don’t want and being miserable,” she said. “It may be tough, but it’s not impossible to have a music career. Being famous is one thing. But there are so many different ways of making money, I believe you have to be smart and just get creative with the business side of things to figure out what works best for you.”

The next year will see the release of Aparicio’s third full length album, more touring and recording. “Being able to sustain myself fully off my music, that’s the goal,” she laughed. Aparicio is succinct when it comes to what she loves about her chosen career. It’s simple. “It’s being able to create something out of absolutely nothing,” she said. “And then making people feel good because of it.”

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Red Hot Chili Peppers in San Diego March 5

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“Peace and FAITH HILL recently announced their “Soul2Soul: The World Tour 2017” that kicks off in New Orleans on April 7. The 65-city tour celebrates the 10th anniversary of the record-breaking “Soul2Soul II” tour, the highest-grossing country music tour of all time, and the first time Faith Hill has toured since 2007. The tour plays Valley View Casino Center on July 23. Tickets are on sale at valleyviewcasinoevents.com.

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Enter the world of Disney magic Live on Ice with four of your favorite stories at Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Enchantment at Valley View Casino Center Jan. 26-28. See Lightning McQueen, Mater and the Disney-Pixar’s cars race across the ice. Experience the adventures of Buzz, Woody and the Disney-Pixar Toy Story gang as they race for home. Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf and Kristoff from Disney’s “Frozen” as they learn true love comes from within.

Get warmed up for the show at Mickey’s Dance-Along pre-show. From wheels to waves, icy wonders and infinity and beyond, Disney moments will come to life. For more information, visit valleyviewcasinoevents.com.

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The band is touring in support of its 11th studio album, the worldwide No. 1 “The Getaway.” Tickets are on sale at AXS.com, charge by phone at 888-929-7849 or at the Valley View Casino Center box office.

The Getaway Tour kicks off Jan. 5 in San Antonio, and will cross its way across North America. “The Getaway” debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Album Sales Chart and at No. 2 on the Billboard Top 200 upon its release.
A City Council majority gave final approval last month to the Plaza de Panama project that will transform Balboa Park for future generations by creating more than six acres of vehicle-free parkland, gardens and plazas in the heart of the park.

"We can now seize this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform San Diego’s crown jewel for the next century," said Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. "This public-private partnership will reclaim the heart of Balboa Park for pedestrians and return the Plaza de Panama to its original grandeur. With the support from the City Council and great civic leaders like Dr. Irwin Jacobs, the grand restoration of Balboa Park can finally begin." The long-stalled project will remove traffic from the historic heart of Balboa Park; create 6.3 acres of parkland, gardens and pedestrian-friendly plazas; and increase parking.

The $79 million project will be financed through a combination of paid parking revenues in the new garage, city funds earmarked for major capital projects and about $30 million in private philanthropy, led by the Plaza de Panama Committee and its chairman Dr. Irwin Jacobs, the Qualcomm co-founder.

Originally approved by the City Council in 2012, under the leadership of former Mayor Jerry Sanders, the project was held up by a legal challenge that was overruled with a victory by project proponents at the appellate court level—a ruling that was affirmed by the California Supreme Court.

"Future generations will look back on today and thank everyone involved for their vision and determination, especially Dr. Jacobs," said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. "Now that the California Supreme Court has blessed this project, there can be no question that it is legally sound in addition to being enormously beneficial to Balboa Park.

Richard Louis Eastman

Richard Louis Eastman, a lifelong resident of Point Loma, passed away on Dec. 30, 2016. Richard was 24. Richard was born on Sept. 3, 1992 and attended Loma Portal Elementary, Dana Middle School, Corona Del Mar High, and Point Loma High School graduating in the Class of 2010.

Richard was a tech kid. He loved studying anything science, technology, engineering and math related, but eventually found his calling in chemistry. He welcomed any discussion of a technical nature and was always excited to learn new things. He attended San Diego Mesa College and later transferred to the University of California, Irvine where he majored in chemistry, and had hopes of attending graduate school in chemistry or medicine.

From Richard’s earliest childhood, he had a love of fishing. He started fishing off the Shelter Island Pier with his dad about the time he started walking, and throughout his life enjoyed fishing the local islands and Southern California coastlines with his family. He also enjoyed his countless summers at the Mission Bay Sports Center sailing and kayaking around the Mission and San Diego bays, Karate at USA Freestyle, and Padres games with batting practice chasing home runs and autographs.

Richard was an avid baseball player and started training at 4-years-old with coach Brisco’s training camp at Cabrillo Elementary where he learned to grab a ball and hurl it. Over the next 12 years, he played baseball with his dad as his coach at Peninsula Little League and TECOLETO Youth Baseball, and played on Point Loma High School’s freshman team before being sidelined with ankle injuries. Even with the ankle injuries, he often helped his dad coach his brother Andrew’s baseball and sister Allison’s softball teams. Richard also had a season on the Point Loma High swim team.

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OB Historical Society program

The Ocean Beach Historical Society program will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Maggie Espinosa, travel journalist and author, embarked on an 800-mile walk to visit California’s 21 missions from San Diego to Sonoma along the El Camino Real. What ensued was the journey of a lifetime to become the 11th person to complete this sojourn.

Espinosa is a member of the Society of American Travel Writers and NATJA Silver and Bronze Award winner. She was also the San Diego Press Club president during 2013 & 2014. Espinosa is author of “Author of a Mission” and “The Privileged Pooch.” More about Espinosa at travelwithmaggie.com.

Grants available for biking programs

SANDieG is offering $3,000 grants for programs or projects that encourage biking. Local government agencies, community-based and nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, and business improvement districts, main street associations, or chambers of commerce are all eligible to apply for the grants. The SANDiG iCommute program will award up to $30,000 in GO by BIKE Mini-Grants in this funding cycle.

Examples of eligible activities include: community rides, bike scavenger hunts, or guided bike tours; bike commuting, maintenance, and safety classes; “Bike to Business” promotions in a neighborhood business district; local “Bike to Work” or “Bike to Campus” events; campaigns or contests that promote bike riding; and public events or rides that open city streets to people on bikes. Projects that focus on bike education, building support for biking, and promoting biking as an everyday transportation solution will be prioritized. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. Jan. 20. Funds will be awarded by Feb. 17. Complete details on eligibility, reporting requirements, evaluation and selection criteria, timelines, and application procedures are available at 511sd.com/iCommute or call 511 and say “iCommute.”

Point Loma Garden Club

Point Loma Garden Club meets monthly on the second Wednesday. This month’s meeting will take place 10 a.m. Jan. 11 at Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. The program will feature several experts on fermentation. Fermentation is an excellent way to preserve vegetables from your garden while also increasing their nutritional value. There will be fermentation kits for sale.

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Capretz on NY Times top 10

The New York Times recently named Climate Action Campaign executive director Nicole Capretz as one of the top 10 Californians of the Year. NYT states: “The Climate Action Campaign founder is a force in environmental advocacy in San Diego.”

Capretz is on the list with luminaries such as Elon Musk, Vin Scully, Goc Jerry Brown and Senator Kamala Harris. Capretz is the founder and executive director of the Climate Action Campaign, known for her work crafting the City of San Diego’s groundbreaking, legally binding 100 percent clean energy Climate Action Plan.

In addition to being named one of the top 10 Californians of the Year, Capretz was named:

n Voice of the Year 2016 for Climate Change by Voice of San Diego;

n Best People of San Diego 2016 - San Diego CityBeat;

n Bike Advocate of the Year, San Diego County Bike Coalition;

n Leadership Award, San Diego County Democratic Party;


Climate Action Campaign is a climate watchdog organization with the mission: “stop climate change and protect the quality of life.”