BATE’S FOLLY and other white elephants
THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHELTER ISLAND

By KAREN SCANLON
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Aerial view of current Shelter Island. The island, created with dredging spoils in 1934, remained vacant until 1953 when the landfill settled and the road was built. PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELTER ISLAND HOTEL GROUP
Ocean Beach | $699,000
3 br 2.5 ba detached, turnkey home in OB.
Open floor plan, gourmet kitchen and 2 decks
with fantastic views. Beach living just got great!

Ocean Beach | $899,000
Single level 3 br 2 ba house in the countryside. Presently a licensed dog rescue w/ kennels & outhouses for their care. Over 1½ acres of lush grounds.

Ocean Beach | $1,995,000
Brand new 5 br 3.5 ba stunner has panoramic ocean views, gourmet kitchen, central heat & AC, gas FP, romantic master retreat & it's a Smart Home.

Sunset Cliffs | $3,195,000
Amazing 5 br 5 ba overlooking Sunset Cliffs Natural Park & local surf breaks. Home has panoramic, unobstructable ocean views from every room.

Point Loma | $1,095,000-$1,145,000
Approx 3500 sq ft. ocean view lot. Custom Craftsman fixer. Sunset Cliffs! Original home on large level grounds.

Point Loma | $599,000
Spanish style 2 br 2 ba townhouse with open floor plan, rooftop patio w/water and city views and a second floor patio off bedroom.

Point Loma | $399,000
Large 2 br 2 ba apartment with newer kitchen & baths, open floor plan, roof top patio w/water and city views and a second floor patio off bedroom.

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Brand new 3 br 2 ba house in OB.
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Point Loma | $899,000
2 br 1 ba located on a quiet street in the
desirable Plumosa Park area. The bonus family room looks out onto the lrg rear fenced yard w/mature fruit trees.

Point Loma | $1,595,000
2 br 2 ba condo w/ newer kitchen & baths, master suite w/ walk-in closet. Pool, BBQ, gym, rec room & more. ½ block to ocean, blocks to dining & beach.

Point Loma | $565,000
2 bd 2 ba detached, turnkey townhome in OB.
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with fantastic views. Beach living just got great!

Point Loma | $349,000-$369,000
Sunny 2 bedroom 2 bath top floor condo with a private covered dock & laundry closet, ideal floor plan features dual suites on opposite sides of the unit.

Point Loma | $799,900
1904 Bungalow in Roseville offers 2 br 1.5 ba, single level, original redwood floors, upgraded galley kitchen, detached garage with lg workroom. Represented the Buyer.

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3 br 2.5 ba detached, turnkey home in OB.
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Ocean Beach | $880,000
North OB 3 br 1 ba house on approx. 5,000 lot
ocean views. Basement and 2 car garage. Private back yard and alley access. Perfect for your re-
model. I helped this buyer and I can help you too!

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District 2 City Council primary race candidates have their say

Candidates for public office in the City of San Diego must be citizens of the United States and at least 18 years of age. In order to run for City Council office, a candidate must be a registered voter of the appropriate council district for at least 30 days prior to the date of filing nomination papers, and a resident in and registered voter of the district at the time of assuming the office.

Mail-in ballots will be sent out in mid-May, and the Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 5.

San Diego Community Newspaper Group asked the seven candidates in the District 2 City Council primary race one question: “Why should someone vote for you?”

Here are their responses:

LORIE ZAPF (Incumbent councilmember)

As a San Diegan, my main concern is in ensuring that we all have safe, clean neighborhoods. I am proud of my record as a councilmember, having fought for critical community services, supported more funding for street repairs and worked to protect neighborhood character by supporting sensible regulations for short-term vacation rentals. As the councilmember representing the beaches and bays, I pledge to oppose any effort to allow oil drilling off our coast.

KEVIN D. MELTON (Retired businessman)

I’m ready to stand for what the district believes in. For too long, we have had City Council representatives with the belief that they will act in the best interest of the residents. Sadly, that is not always the case. I am running for the District 2 City Council seat because I want to bring honesty and integrity to the political process. It is time to solve the issues with the condition and safety of our community streets. The vacation rental and homelessness in the area will be resolved. Our goal is to bring more businesses into San Diego and provide more resources for market-rate employment for the residents. Looking forward to serving the District 2 community. “Do what is right, not what is easy.”

RANDY HAHN (Publisher/sales manager)

I am not the most seasoned politician, but I love this city and want to make a difference. I’ve lived in District 2 for 33 years and was born understand the old and new. My wife is an elementary school teacher for San Diego Unified and our two teenagers attend local public schools. I am a family man, your neighbor, and accessible.

BRYAN PEASE (Environmental attorney)

Pease is an environmental attorney and a legislation and land use expert, who has lived and worked for the public interest in San Diego for 14 years. Pease lives in Ocean Beach and served on the board of OB Peoples Organic Food Market for seven years, overseeing a $1.5M budget. He is pushing for evidence-based solutions to the homelessness crisis, better tenant protections, Community Choice Energy and restoring Mission Bay. See bryanpease.com for more.

JORDAN BEANE (Small business owner)

I’m running for City Council to bring our beaches and bays the kind of leadership they deserve. As a director on the Pacific Beach Town Council, I know what the issues are that affect our community and how to tackle them. I promise to be a responsive representative who will work tirelessly to fix our infrastructure, resolve our STRV problem, put a dent in our housing crisis, and provide real solutions to our homeless epidemic.

JENNIFER CAMPBELL (Medical doctor/professor)

“I decided to run for office for the first time after 30 years in medicine because of the City’s meager response to the hepatitis A outbreak. San Diegans deserve responsive and attentive government and I’m not here to run for a higher office, so no special interests can sway me. We face a housing crisis, chronic homelessness, a boom in unregulated short-term vacation rentals, and crumbling infrastructure. Vote for me to bring responsible, intelligent leadership to District 2.”

DANIEL SIECHMOWSKI (Real estate agent/landlord)

I have been your neighbor for more than 50 years. We must elect a council member who will vote without prejudice, sticking to the facts. If you desire a politically correct and establishment type, then vote for someone else. I am a moderate, a centrist and I believe this city has too much political polarization.

I will vote with both Republicans and Democrats offering a balance. I do not support rent control. I do support avoiding any more Prop. 13 tax increases to your homes and lowering your out-of-control water bills. Also, this district needs less alcohol and more dog parks. We must regulate the shared bikes, especially in the beach areas. I am an old-fashioned Midwestern-born fiscally conservative Democrat, and will tell you the truth and not skirt the issues just to be elected.

Mail ballots are convenient for voters who’d rather not make a special trip to the polls. In addition, a survey conducted by the Registrar’s office is required by law to send a mail ballot to every registered voter in the county. The City owns about one-third of the riverbed. The City owns Midwestern-born fiscally conservative Democrat, and will tell you the truth and not skirt the issues just to be elected.

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Apply online at sdvote.com. For more information, call 858-565-5800.

Early voting begins for June 5 election

Voters interested in casting their ballots early for the June 5 Primary Election can now do so at the County Registrar of Voters office at 5600 Overland Ave. Early voting began May 7 and will continue from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and until the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day. The office will also be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 for voting.

Also, more than 1 million mail ballots were sent out through the U.S. Postal Service, and voters could find them in their mailboxes as early as that same day.

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Trio charged with attempted murder of woman found shot at Sunset Cliffs

By Neal Putnam | Beach & Bay Press

A judge refused to set any bail on May 7 for three people accused of trying to kill a woman who was found shot three times at Sunset Cliffs on April 12 and was left paralyzed.

The 19-year-old woman, known only as Mya H., who had earlier been kidnapped, was in the trio’s car when one man shot another driver to death in Chula Vista, according to Deputy District Attorney David Grapilon.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Yvonne Campos declined to set bail because special circumstance charges were filed against all three people in which the District Attorney’s office could seek the death penalty if they are convicted of first-degree murder.

Grapilon said Cesar Alvarado, 39, saw Mario Serhan, 59, driving his sport utility vehicle at 12:50 p.m. in Chula Vista on April 11 and apparently thought Serhan was an undercover officer who may have known about Mya’s kidnapping.

Alvarado, whose nickname is "Capone," saw Serhan and announced he was going to shoot him in the head, according to the prosecutor. Alvarado allegedly fired a shot that went into Serhan’s temple, and he slumped over. Serhan’s vehicle rolled across an intersection and hit a garage at a self-storage business.

Mya was in the back seat – after she had been kidnapped and robbed several days earlier. She was acquainted with Michael Anthony Pedraza, 27, whose nickname is "Monster" and he was in the car. The driver was Britney Giselle Canal, 29. Canal, whose nickname is "Giggles," is also known as Britney Llamas.

Before Mya was shot, she was forced to "accompany the defendants who brought her to various locations in an effort to obtain money and goods from her” and to collect from one of her friends, according to Grapilon’s written motion to deny bail.

Mya was shocked with a stun gun in the car, and then the group drove her to Sunset Cliffs. Canal parked and Pedraza and Alvarado forced Mya out of the car. Grapilon said Pedraza held one of her friends, according to Grapilon. She remained there all night and tourists found her at daybreak.

She was taken to a hospital in critical condition and had surgery. Detectives were able to speak with her a week later and she identified all three people as the ones who kidnapped and shot her, said Grapilon.

She is at an undisclosed medical facility and receiving 24-hour treatment. She is able to speak, but requires constant monitoring and care.

The trio pleaded not guilty to murder, special circumstances, two counts of attempted murder, two counts of kidnapping for robbery, felony assault, and three robberies.

A status conference will be held May 17 and a May 18 preliminary hearing was set, although it is likely it will be delayed.
EVERYDAY CALIFORNIA IPA
LAUNCH AT OB SURF LODGE
San Diego’s Resident Brewing Co. recently announced it is bringing back its popular limited-run Everyday California IPA in May. Created in partnership with La Jolla-based ocean adventure and apparel company Everyday California, the California-inspired craft beer will become part of Resident’s permanent brews.

The companies will celebrate the launch with a beer release party from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 11 at OB Surf Lodge, 5038 Santa Monica Ave.

Originally released in fall 2017, the medium-bodied IPA was an instant hit, selling out within days. The beer was designed to embody the “California cool” lifestyle, bringing together tropical flavors resembling San Diego with hints of pine from Northern California. The Everyday California IPA will be available at Resident Brewing inside the Local Downtown, (1085 4th Ave.), OB Surf Lodge, The Local PB, Bayside Landing, Shore Rider, Galaxy Taco, La Jolla Brewing Co. and select La Jolla area hotels, among other venues.

The May 11 release party will be open to the public and will feature food and drink specials, including $5 biscuit sandwiches and $5 Everyday California IPA pints. There will be a beach cleanup beforehand from 4 to 5 p.m.

BAY CITY AMONG FASTEST GROWING CRAFT BREWERIES
Bay City Brewing Co., located in the Midway District, recently announced it was named among the fastest-growing craft breweries in the U.S. It is one of two breweries listed from San Diego County.

The nonprofit Brewers Association released its inaugural list of the 50 fastest-growing small and independent craft brewing companies in 2017. The list represents 25 states and a diverse cross-section of the brewing community. The state of California claims the speediest growth with seven breweries listed.

“Being in the craft brewery capital of the world can present a lot of challenges to company growth,” said Greg Anderson, co-owner of Bay City. “At Bay City, though, our priority has always been to grow community first – the families, friends and loved ones that want to make memories with good beer. It’s what we owe our fast growth to, despite the ultra-competitive industry.”
John Bate was San Diego’s second port director who had public vision clearer than most City officials in the 1940s through 1960s. Amidst ridicule and doubt, Bate’s concern and creative reverie for San Diego Bay gave us two island playgrounds, a hefty-staked marine terminal, and an organization to direct activities along some 27 miles of waterfront.

La Playa Trail Association will delve into the life and genius of John Bate with presenter Sylvia Bate, John’s former wife, at its next public history lecture on Tuesday, May 15 at Point Loma Assembly, 3035 Talbot St. Light appetizers will be served 5:30 to 6 p.m., and the lecture runs 6 to 7 p.m. A $10 donation at the door is welcome.

Before Bate, Joe Brennan was San Diego’s first harbormaster in 1918. He had a history on the water at San Diego. His father, George, was second principal keeper at the lower Point Loma Light Station in the mid-1890s. Joe was also the quick-thinking tug operator who pushed the Navy gunboat USS Bennington into the shallows of the bay to keep her from sinking after the 1905 boiler explosion.

It was Joe Brennan’s clever notion to dump dredging spoils on the unl-oely natural shoal that choked the channel along La Playa and Roseville. In 1934, the federal government started dredging a 200-foot wide channel, 20 feet deep near Roseville.

That same year, San Diego Yacht Club ferried its Coronado clubhouse to La Playa. Dredging was good news to these yachtsmen, since spoils would be used to raise the nameless mudflat and fill in tideflats surrounding the yacht basin. Members of the club threw names into a “hat” and voted the moniker “Shelter Island.”

Brennan said, “I guess that’s as good a name as any!” The United States Board of Geographical Names then officially recognized the title.

News of another deep channel dredging appeared in San Diego Union on June 20, 1940—with pending war excitement. Once again, Shelter Island would be dumped upon with harbor dredging. It was a quick national defense measure.

“There was enough island there during World War II that the Navy used it to store ammunition. ‘Huts had been set up for this purpose,’” recalled yacht builder Paul Kettenburg. He remembers the filling-in of the tidal lands that met his family’s property at Kettenburg Boat Works, adding more area for boatyard ways.

Sylvia Bate remembers the barrage balloon tethered on the island. “It was a strange sight out there, with steel streamers sticking out of it. The idea was that a low-flying enemy airplane came in to strafe, it would get caught up in the streamers.”

Two separate concepts were considered as to the formation of the island corridor. Brennan pushed the idea of connecting Shelter Island to the mainland at the Navy fence, approximately at the foot of Kellogg Street, then having Harbor Drive run along the bay front. Point Loma residents went to court and stopped the idea.

Brennan retired with his newer title, port director, in 1948. Later John Bate. It was his conviction of building a recreational island and moving the old High Seas Tuna cannery, its fleet and piers, out of the yacht basin.

Bate would build a mole out from Byron Street to divide the yacht basin from the commercial basin. Again, residents protested. They peered into the future of Shelter Island and envisioned high-rise buildings blocking their views of the channel and its operations, and noise.

Harbor Commission assistant Carl Reupch said, “John Bate was so sold on his idea in his own mind that he and I called on every person in Point Loma.” The two canvassed neighborhoods and assured residents that their concerns would be addressed.

After the war, the Harbor Commission provided a larger, 400-foot channel entrance to the yacht basin, an area of about 200 acres. Dredge spoils were used to extend the Byron Street mole to connect with Shelter Island.

Additional materials were used to raise it to 14 feet above low water, which leaves the island seven feet above high tide, and was completed in 1950.

Shelter Island remained vacant until 1953 when the landfill had settled and the roadway was begun. Next came a fishing pier, parking for 300 cars, an outboard motorboat launching ramp, and grassed park areas—all for public use. No fishing license required.

Funds were further expended for the island’s completion—lighting, sewer, water, electrical power, road signs, and the transplanting of palm trees. Short sandy beaches spliced to the water line around the perimeter, until rock revetment was installed to keep the landfill in place from changing tides and wash from passing ships.

Brennan died in 1974 at the age of 91, having lived the span of years it took to accomplish the island scheme he had imagined. “We didn’t put in the improvements,” he said, “we didn’t have the money in those days.”

Later, the Port invested $2.5 million in Shelter Island. “The best investment we ever made,” Bate said. Revenues far above that amount from island rentals are returned every five years.

So, it is apparent that Brennan’s successor, “Commodore of the Mudflats” Bate—who took a great deal of ribbing from citizens who had called his plan “Bate’s Folly”—for his broader dream in developing Shelter Island.

White elephants!

Bate’s ideas for other harbor improvements met with more razzing. “Name-calling never bothered John,” Sylvia says. “He had a gentle nature, no temper, and was very concerned about other people.” So concerned was Bate, that he wanted to increase industry and, thus, jobs and dollars, through San Diego’s natural resource. In 1955, voters authorized a bond issue of $9.6 million for construction of the 10th Avenue Marine Terminal. The new pier was soon crowded with cargo loading and off-loading that included, for example, sheep, alfalfa pellets, tobacco, logs for Japan, cotton, and for pulp storage.

In 1961, the port director took advantage of building up a second island playground when the Navy cut nine million cubic yards from the bottom of San Diego Bay to create a 42-foot carrier turning basin. “Bate’s White Elephant; Harbor Island” commissioners declared.

But the real fairy in his proverbial cup came with the creation of the Port of San Diego. Sylvia remembers that John nearly single-handedly worked on developing a port district that included the five communities of San Diego, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, and National City. “We traveled to other ports at Bremerton and San Francisco to see what they were doing.”

With the Antique Center out and a Target Express apparently in on Newport Avenue, there are still some bugs to work out before the mini version of a big box store becomes a reality in Ocean Beach.

According to Franco Reilly Group in Pacific Beach, Minuteman Target took over the 18,000-square-foot Antique Center at 4864 Newport Ave. on April 20. Target says OB is among the sites it is considering.

City officials, however, said the Target deal hinges on a shared parking agreement yet to be worked out between the corporation and South Beach Bar and Grill restaurant at 5039 Newport Ave.

Also, as of May 7, an online petition on change.org, seeking to keep Target out of OB, was more than halfway—2,539 signatures—to its 5,000-signature goal.

The battle over a corporation entering the mom-and-pop-centric Ocean Beach market is reminiscent of a similar battle the community waged in 2001. Back then, an unsuccessful attempt was made to prevent Starbucks entering the beach market.

Will the end result be different now? Paul Bearce, co-owner of the 41-year-old renovated OB printer. The James Gang, which recently returned to Newport Avenue, hopes so. James Gang has been all-in on the protest from the start, doing a brisk business selling “No OB Target” starting last July and “Buycott Target” T-shirts more recently.

Bearce spoke for some in the community in saying that, this time around, the community is truly drawing a line in the sand. He said the corporate opposition is reflective of the beach community’s will.

“I’ve been to public meetings attended by 1,250 people where they asked how many people were in favor of Target, and maybe half a dozen people raised their hands,” Bearce said point out, even if everyone in favor didn’t raise their hands, that still constituted “only a small percentage.”

Bearce fears Target in OB would change the community’s character. “They have a Target two miles from here [in Midway],” said Bearce, arguing the corporation “is forcing their way into our community,” while adding, “It’s going to change the fate of OB, one of the last true beach communities left.”

Regarding the outcome of the previous Starbucks protest, Bearce noted, “They didn’t have social media back then, which is really strong now.”

The Ocean Beach Town Council recently drafted a letter supporting opposition to, and boycotting of, corporate Target coming to OB.

“The communications we received have been mainly opposed to the presence of Target Express ... The OBTC believes small, locally owned businesses are vital to maintaining the strong character of the community and a primary reason residents remain and tourists return year after year to visit our shores and stores. The OBTC urged the owners of the Antique Mall to seriously consider options other than leasing the space to the second-largest discount store retailer in the U.S.”
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Those questions were quickly answered: sleep, yes, and no, that’s a blue floatie thing for my head.

While in the tank, the lack of temperature difference between you and the water tricks the mind and your ability to perceive where your body ends, and where the water begins. After a few minutes of floating, the warm caress of the salt water, along with the lack of lights, sounds and cell phones, unties tension in your back and you drift off.

“It’s a place to relax, get relief from every day stress, and reconnect with yourself,” said Nikki Ruesch, who co-owns and co-runs Reset Float Therapy with Derrick Shepard. “It’s a powerful way to reconnect to yourself.”

The couple had the massive tank installed in pieces, set up the spa room, which includes a shower, and hung out their placard in September 2016. They have been filled with floaters ever since.

“After the first float, you lose that anxiety and immediately feel the benefits,” Ruesch said. “The more you float, the deeper the experience.”

Epsom salt is sort of an old school cure-all, and it works well to relieve sore muscles, headaches, joint pain and—if needed—constipation. Add in the sensory deprivation float to clear your mind and revive your soul, and the 90 minutes is time well spent.

“We’ve had people with severe headaches, hip and back pain who have found relief,” Ruech said. “Athletes use it for recovery, and many pregnant women have floated here to reduce stress on their bodies. They love it.”

Me? I woke up from my float nap snoring. But I still had plenty of time to just relax and enjoy the silence. I didn’t have any profound revelations, but Shepard said most people don’t on their first float.

“The more you float, the deeper the experience,” Shepard said. “But right now, all your senses are heightened. I always tell people, the best meal you ever eat, is right after a float.”

Which brings me back to the best burrito I’ve ever bit into – only a few minutes after floating.

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Lyric’s Heart Fundraiser at OB Brewery
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Check out https://lyricslovingheart to learn more about Lyric’s story or to donate directly to her fund (we also graciously welcome goods/services donated towards our raffle/silent auction).

SPECIAL THANKS:
 Pointer varsity baseball coach David Wells was recently honored by the New York Yankees for something he accomplished 20 years ago. On May 17, 1998, Wells took the mound in Yankee Stadium in front of a crowd of 49,820 to pitch against the Minnesota Twins. Wells retired all 27 batters he faced for a rare “perfect game.”

On April 23, nearing the 20th anniversary of that feat, the Yankees honored Wells’ feat by giving away bobbleheads of him and having him throw out the first pitch.

Coincidentally, the Twins were in town for the event as the Yankees clobbered them 14-1 before 39,249 fans who cheered as videos of Wells’ perfect game were shown on the scoreboard.

“It’s a great honor and very humbling,” Wells said. “The Yankees are very good at honoring their players and ex-players and bringing excitement to the stadium. It’s a milestone and to go back, have a bobblehead given out and throw out the first pitch... I’ll take that any day.”

The Yankees provided Wells a suite for 80 people and several celebrities reportedly stopped by during the game.

Point Loma High remains the only school in the U.S. with two alumni who have thrown perfect games in major league history. Don Larsen, class of 1947, threw his in the 1956 World Series. Wells is a 1982 alum of the school.

NY Yankees honor David Wells

By Scott Hopkins | Beach & Bay Press

A group of David Wells bobbleheads before the Yankees game. PHOTO COURTESY OF CARLEEN BERRY

NY Yankees honor David Wells
OB WINEY WINS GOLD MEDAL
Gianni Buonomo Vintners in Ocean Beach was awarded a gold medal for its 2013 Blaufränkisch at the Hilton Head Island International Wine Competition, which played host to the event that brought in the heavy hitters from the international wine world. Wines were judged by master sommeliers, advanced sommeliers and certified wine educators.

"Winning a gold medal right next to Tuscan wine god Marchese Piero Antinori is really unbelievable, but it happened," said Keith Rolle, winemaker of Gianni Buonomo Vintners, located at 4836 Newport Ave. "They've been making wine for more than 600 years. I've been making wine for just a bit less than that."

Gianni Buonomo will be hosting a celebration event and the release of their 2014 vintage Blaufränkisch from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 2. Traditional Austrian bites will also be served. The ticketed event is open to the public.

BARONS MARKET LAUNCHES COMMUNITY-INTENSIVE WEBSITE
Barons Market, an independent, family-owned grocery that numbers a Point Loma location among its seven Southern California stores, has announced the launch of its new website, featuring interactive elements designed to reflect the communities it serves.

The site features community events calendars; recipe sections; announcements on weekly price deals; and photos, videos and a social media feed that showcases daily activity at the store.

The Point Loma Barons, noted for its specialty, organic and natural foods, is located at 4001 W. Point Loma Blvd. The group also has a North Park franchise and five other outlets from Alpine to Murrieta. The site address is baronsmarket.com.

MARIACHI AT OB LIBRARY
Tavo Alcoser and Mariachi 3.0 to celebrate the diversity of popular border music through an eclectic mix of genres including Mexican folk, Latin rock and reggaecumbia at 2 p.m on May 19 at the Ocean Beach Library.

Now touring nationally as lead vocalist for the band Jarabe Mexicano, San Diego-native Alcoser exhilarates with soaring vocals and a soulful delivery that have gained him the attention and admiration of audiences across the country. Alcoser now brings the show home, joined by fellow touring bandmate Chris Behrens on guitarron alongside local mariachis Jessica Barragan on violin and Rene Velazco on vihuela.

PENINSULA SINGERS CONCERT
Peninsula Singers will present "Over the Rainbow," on Friday June 1 at 7 p.m. at All Souls Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. This "Ireland Tour Sendoff Concert" features selections that will be performed during the Peninsula Singers’ June concert tour of Ireland.

Songs from Broadway like "Over the Rainbow," "Edelweiss" and "You’ll Never Walk Alone/Climb Ev’ry Mountain," will join many songs with American roots and others with international origins. Peninsula Singers will also perform a Pentatonix song and a rendition of "Africa" by Toto.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for students, seniors and military. Children age 10 and under may attend for free. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit peninsulasingerssandiego.org.
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A young girl needs surgery for a rare heart condition, and the Ocean Beach community is stepping in to help with her medical expenses at a fundraiser at OB Brewery Monday, May 21 from 4 to 10 p.m. at 5041 Newport Ave.

Lyric Ivy Spracklen was born with Ebstein’s anomaly, a rare congenital heart defect. Her heart of the nearly 4-year-old has enlarged to the point where it requires open-heart surgery for her to continue a normal life.

“The event is an opportunity for us to share in light and positivity with Lyric and her family, as well as to help with the cost of this surgery and subsequent appointments,” said Joey Jubran, of Hoppy Beer Gear, a fundraiser organizer. “Lyric’s Heart is an event that will help financially support Lyric’s family during her heart surgery and many travels to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, where the specialist resides that will be performing her open-heart surgery, which will take place in the next several months.”

Jubran added the fundraiser will involve the launch of OB Brewery’s ‘Lyric’s Heart Pale Ale.”

“A total of $1 from each pint gets donated to Lyric’s heart fund (until the kegs run out),” said OB Brewery general manager Scott Watkins. “A percentage of all food and beverage purchases during this event will also go towards Lyric’s fund and her family to help with the surgery. Ten percent of our net sales that night will be going to the family.”

Watkins added the fundraiser will include “our amazing silent auction and raffle, filled with lovingly donated goods and services from several local artists and businesses.”

Jubran said the fundraiser got started with a Facebook post about a GoFundMe for Lyric and her family from some mutual friends. She added, “I immediately thought, ‘How can I rally my craft beer community behind this little girl?’”

After speaking with OB Brewery’s gm and brewmaster, the notion of creating a special craft brew to benefit Lyric was born.

Speaking for the local craft-brew industry, Jubran said, “We love to work with the local community whenever possible to continue to give back and be supportive of people in need. Community, fundraising and support are a part of our ethos, and we are so happy to help great causes like Lyric’s Heart, in addition to other charitable causes like Sarah’s Miracle and Chat with Champs, which raise funds to help families that battle pediatric cancer.”

As of May 8, a total of $13,767 had been raised out of a $20,000 fundraising goal.
BEACON TRAVELS

In January, Cory and Heather Osth of Ocean Beach went to Peru and Machu Picchu for their 10-year anniversary. Here they are with the Peninsula Beacon on their hotel balcony in Aguas Calientes, the town below Machu Picchu.

Sunset Cliffs’ residents Julie Bass and Craig Bass in Sydney, Australia, petting a koala.

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The tree on the far left of the photo was planted on the spot where he was assassinated. There on the Ides of March – 2,061 years to the day from when the fateful event occurred.

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PORTUGUESE FESTA DO DIVINO ESPIRITO SANTO ON MAY 18-20
Perhaps San Diego’s oldest ethnic celebration, the 108th Portuguese Festa do Divino Espirito Santo (Feast of the Holy Spirit) will be held Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20 on the grounds of UPSES Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, and St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1140 Evergreen St.

The Festa Parade, the highlight of the event, begins at 10 a.m. May 20 and follows a route from the UPSES hall to St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1140 Evergreen St. The celebration of High Mass and the coronations of the festival king and queen take place at St. Agnes at 11 a.m., with singing by the church choir.

The Portuguese people have been celebrating the feast for the last 700 years amid the lore of Queen St. Isabel, who was said to have rescued her countrymen from starvation.

The event pays homage to and is our Portuguese dedication to the Holy Spirit, and her belief in God and serving the people,” said Diane Balelo, president of UPSES Hall. “On May 18-19, there will be booths at Portuguese Hall where people can buy ethnic foods, like authentic Portuguese bread with meat and potatoes, and be entertained.”

The event is new and improved for another reason.

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■ See exotic kites and watch professionals do tricks;
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For more information, visit oceanbeachkiwanis.org.

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As the Eastern League baseball schedule winds down, the Pointers will have to sweep their current series with league opponent La Jolla if they are to remain as league champions.

At earning a split with Mira Mesa and Serra will have to lose at least three of their five remaining games if the Pointers are to come out on top.

At present, the Pointers, Manauders and Conquistadores each have won five league games, the Pointers have played, and lost, two more games than the other two (5-2).

The Pointers have yet to sweep any of the three-game series that comprise league play. They’ve gone 2-1 against both Conquistadores and Pointers, but lost two of three against Mira Mesa. Fortunately, La Jolla has proven to be the league’s weakest team, turning in records of 1-6 in league and 6-7 overall.

The Vikings and Pointers met earlier this week in La Jolla and meet again next Monday (home) and Wednesday (La Jolla) to conclude the regular season. The Pointers, who are sitting in the third spot (12-11 overall), it’s been a matter of scoring enough runs to support generally good pitching. The team is giving up a stingy 3.1 runs per game but scoring just slightly more (4.3).

The Pointers struglled through some rough patches this week, but were able to salvage their season with a doubleheader sweep of the Point Loma Mariners and a win over La Jolla.

Perhaps the Pointers’ extra-innings loss to Mira Mesa last week (4-3 in 9 innings) was a microcosm of their season.

The Pointers jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first inning as leadoff baller Duce Gourson reached base on a Marauder error. After a first out, Ben Berry was hit by pitch before AJ. Schrader’s double scored Gourson.

Starting pitcher Austin Correia won through 1-2-3 innings in the first and second before a Powder error allowed the No. 8 Marauder hitter to reach first. The third was no better as Correia faced a single run deficit before Correia faced a double and a single to increase the lead to 3-0. Correia went on to finish with 3.2 innings pitched.

The Mariners increased their lead to 3-1 in the third on two singles and a double. Pointers stranded runners in the third and fifth before Connor Ludwig led off the sixth with a triple and cut the lead in half when he stole home while the Marauders failed to score. Joe Dalcanavon in a run-in between first and second bases.

In the Pointers’ last-chance seventh, pinch hitter RJ Larocco lined a one-out single into left-center that was missed by the Mariners as Larocco reached second base. At that moment, a ball was called on the Mira Mesa pitcher, sending the Pointer bench into a frenzy and infusing the Marauder coaching staff as Larocco trotted across home plate to tie the game at three.

Starting pitcher Correia had to be lifted after seven innings when his pitch count reached the prep limit of 110. Schrader took on the mound in relief.

The Marauders threatened in the 8th, but catcher John Cerdana caught a fly ball in center field and grounded out on a runner at the plate for a double play. The Pointers went meekly in their 8th except for Gourson’s single.

The Marauders’ leadoff batter in the 9th, with the game tied, caused a handoff in center field and grounded out on a runner at the plate for a double play. The Pointers went meekly in their 9th except for Gourson’s single.

Schrader’s second hit of the game with one out gave brief hope, but he was crashed on a fielder’s choice before a groundout ended the three-hour marathon.

For the game, the Pointers had runners in eight of nine innings, but two of their nine times at the plate and three times and players were hit by pitches. Only three of these baserunners scored.

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What better way to get spectacular views under a star-studded sky while contributing to a worthy cause than by attending the fourth annual "Cabrillo Under the Stars" from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 2 at 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive.

Sponsored by the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation, the fundraising gala offers a rare opportunity to enjoy San Diego's only national park, Cabrillo National Monument, after dark as monument gates usually close at 5 p.m.

"By attending the event, you help fund a wide range of scientific and educational programs no longer funded at our park by the federal government," said Foundation President John Martinez.

Noting the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation has been in existence more than 60 years, Martinez added the organization "has supported the park with funding for its interpretive and educational programs ... it was with this purpose that Cabrillo Under the Stars came into being."

"Cabrillo Under the Stars is also the chance to treat yourself and friends to a great party at a stunning location," said Martinez pointing out Stars "is our single largest fundraising event of the year serving to highlight efforts such as Ecologik, a platform for underrepresented young girls (ages 9-16) who show specialized interest in the natural and technical sciences, but lack opportunity to explore these careers; and our Community Outreach Program, which last year exposed the wonders of the park to 17,000-plus local school children, many underprivileged.

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