Trio of local athletic fields get green light for various upgrades

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

It’s full-speed ahead for plans to upgrade three Point Loma sports fields — Dana (now David Wells Field), Point Loma High and Correia Middle School — as groundbreaking was held June 30 on a $1.4 million upgrade of Dana synthetic turf.

“This field will be a lasting tribute to everybody from our school district to our community to our city,” said Mayor Kevin Faulconer during the groundbreaking, noting it was an example of “teamwork coming together to make this happen.”

Major League Baseball All-Star player and Padres pitching legend David Wells, for whom the field is named, is a Point Loma High alum. “Obecian/Point Lomans like myself had rock fields” to play on in their youth, adding that upgrades will make it a more “even playing field.”

Wells added he’s “just a coach and baseball guy” lauding the mayor and City Council for various upgrades.

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Wes Slack reacts after the announcement he had won first place in the Judges Category of the chili cook-off during the Ocean Beach Street Fair on June 28. Slack, who also won for hottest chili, works at The Joint in OB and reportedly has no prior culinary experience. He represented himself and paid for his winning chili recipe out of his own pocket. A photo gallery of the street fair and chili cook-off is on page 14.

The results of the Beacon’s 2014 Amateur Photo Contest are in — and readers have made their choices!

During balloting at the June 28 Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival, more than ballots were cast for 39 unique submissions. Immediate right, placing first with 38 votes was this sunset shot of a lone surfer framed by Ab Cave by Scott Slack, who also won for hottest chili, works at The Joint in OB and reportedly has no prior culinary experience. He represented himself and paid for his winning chili recipe out of his own pocket. A photo gallery of the street fair and chili cook-off is on page 14.

The second-place entry, bottom right, was this cool, colorful shot of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park. Annie Marsch, who has earned four tickets for free admission to the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park. Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated!

Many thanks also to our loyal readers who took time to stop by the Beacon booth at this year’s street fair and who cast their votes in this year’s contest!

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OB’s July 4 fireworks display always a blast for celebrants

By DAVE SCHWAB THE BEACON

The Fourth of July is going to be a blast — literally — with numerous pyrotechnic displays up and down the San Diego coast, including Ocean Beach’s 35th annual fireworks extravaganza.

“There’s always an exciting finale,” promised Denny Knox, executive director of the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA), the community’s Business Improvement District, about OB’s always-dazzling display.

Fireworks launched from the Ocean Beach Pier at the end of Newport Avenue will begin at 9 p.m., capping a day of picnicking, swimming and frolicking in the sand and surf for thousands of Independence Day visitors along Newport Avenue.

“The fireworks will last about 17 or 18 minutes,” said Knox, adding it’s hoped pre-event publicity will also extinguish any “fireworks” associated with this year’s annual post-display marshmallow war on Newport Avenue.

The ever-popular Fourth of July fireworks display from the Ocean Beach Pier is entering its 35th year of tradition. COURTESY PHOTO BY JAY LEAM

There will be no shortage of other fireworks shows and celebrations nearby in 2014.

• Annual Big Bay Boom July 4 Fireworks Show at multiple locations along San Diego Bay from 9 p.m.

The largest display in the county, with fireworks launched from four launchers strategically placed around North San Diego Bay on Newport Avenue.

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Marshmallow wars could still happen, but be prepared

Br TONY at GARAGE THE BEACON

If you want to buy marshmallows in Ocean Beach in time for this year’s Fourth of July celebration, you may want to disguise yourself with a pair of nose glasses first.

If the Ocean Beach Town Council (OBTC) has its way, buying or selling marshmallows for Independence Day is going to be as socially dubious as cigarettes, ammunition or pornography.

The Town Council last year called for an end to the notorious “Marshmallow War,” and it looks like they mean business.

They’re pulling out all the stops and recruiting volunteers to prevent it from happening, said organizers during a June 25 monthly public meeting of the OBTC’s Board of Directors.

The OBTC has persuaded at least nine Ocean Beach businesses to refrain from selling the puffy treat, lest they be used as weaponry after the annual public fireworks display at the pier, according to board member Steve Grosch.

In addition, a citizen “Peace Patrol” is being assembled to be on the look-out for revelers with marshmallows and gently persuade them to donate their stash to the Girl Scouts.

Grosch noted the irony of his opposition to the tradition. His father was in on it from the beginning in the late 1980s. It started as innocent mischief — a “fun little family thing where two warring streets were trying to one-up each other and started throwing marshmallows back and forth,” Grosch said.

But in recent years, concerns have escalated as thousands have joined in the fray, spreading along the entire beach and bursting into streets. Innocent bystanders reported being injured by frozen and even flaming marshmallows, launched by sling-shot and marshmallow banzookas.

All the gooey, sticky cruft is left behind for cleanup volunteers the next day, many of whom did not even participate in the goofy warfare. In 2012, Ocean Beach generated nearly 80 percent of the 2.600 pounds of trash collected at five beaches, said Randy Iwai, executive committee member of San Diego County Surfrider Foundation.

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The Midway Community Planning Group conditionally approved two medical marijuana cooperatives at their June 16 monthly meeting and called a July 2 special meeting to review six more.

Group chairwoman Melanie Nickel told the packed room at San Diego Community College’s West Campus that discussion on the agendaed items was not to be about the pros and cons of medical marijuana, but about whether or not proposed cooperatives fit in with the Midway Community Plan now being updated.

“We will focus on land use, health and safety, parking and security,” said Nickel noting the group’s job was merely to make recommendations as to whether applicant’s projects comply with the community’s general plan. She added it’s not the advisory group’s purview to rule on whether applicants meet the standards of the new medical marijuana cooperative ordinance. That, she said, is something to be decided later by the City Council.

Nickel’s statement was well received by meeting participants, who consisted primarily of medical-marijuana advocates and hopefuls of cooperative operations. The new City Council ordinance allows cooperatives to operate only in industrial-zoned areas removed from residences and youth-oriented facilities.

Cooperatives are not allowed within 1,000 feet of schools, churches, public parks, playgrounds, minor-oriented facilities.

By DAVE SCHWAB | VILLAGENEWS

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**A new (gateway) sign of the times for OB**

By TONY de GARATE | THE BEACON

They used to say the entryway sign on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard was so fragile it was ready to fall apart once the termites decided to stop holding hands. Ever since the wooden sign was installed in 1984 by the Ocean Beach Town Council, it’s been an epicurean delight for the termites.

Thirty years later, the party’s over for the insects, and a fresh, new look awaits passersby.

The new sign, unveiled June 18 in front of a small crowd of onlookers and community leaders, is an exact replica of the Samuel Wald design it replaced, with the familiar seagull, sky and sea.

And yes, just as it did in the old sign, the great big letter “O” still leans, like much of the community in Ocean Beach, to the left.

The only constituency unlikely to approve of the new sign are the entomological six-legged variety. There’s nothing to munch on in the new sign, which consists of high-density foam — the same material used to make surfboards — and aluminum.

“This is OB’s sign. This is what signifies OB,” said District 2 Councilman Ed Harris. “And it’s not just a sign, it’s a landmark. It represents that you’ve come home.”

The unveiling capped a three-year effort to replace the sign, which had also been damaged by rot, ocean air and sun. The Town Council invited citizens to offer ideas on how to replace it, resulting in 20 proposed designs.

In an election last year, Town Council members decided none of the new designs could beat the original designed by Wald, a longtime community advocate and volunteer who died in 1989. Funding for the sign came in the form of a $7,500 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant from District 4 San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts. In the county’s latest budget, the program allows the five supervisors to allocate $2 million each to projects they deem worthy.

“They were well-spent dollars,” Roberts said. “The sign was falling apart. It was an endangered species.”

Jim Musgrove, the OBTC’s Community Enhancement chairman who spearheaded the effort, said citizens tried unsuccessfully to extend the life of the sign.

“We repaired it twice before with bonds and paint. And community members would come out here and touch it up, give it a face-lift. But it (degraded) beyond that,” Musgrove said.

One of those touch-up efforts included putting red paint on the “O” more than a decade ago. The new sign restores the capital letter to its original white color.

Painting the letter red “turned out to be not such a good idea because at night when the lights are on, the O disappeared,” Musgrove said.

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WHY YOU ARE BEING NOTIFIED: The Department of the Navy will hold a Public Meeting on July 23, 2014 at 6:00 pm, at the Southwestern Yacht Club (2702 Quailtrough Street, San Diego, 92106) to discuss the decision to proceed with inspection and maintenance of existing soil covers and Land Use Controls (LUCs) at Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 5, 10, and 20. The Navy invites the public to comment on the Proposed Plan for Sites 5, 10, and 20. The Proposed Plan identifies the preferred remedial alternative (cleanup method) for Sites 5, 10, and 20. Previous investigations and studies identified human health and ecological risks in soil and remedial alternatives for addressing soil contamination at Sites 5, 10, and 20. The studies are documented in the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, and were used to determine the preferred remedial alternative for the sites. The preferred remedial alternative for Sites 5, 10, and 20 includes inspection and maintenance of existing soil covers and LUCs. The preferred alternative is protective of the public and the environment, and complies with regulatory requirements. The regulatory agencies concur with the preferred remedial alternative for Sites 5, 10, and 20. The agencies reviewing the IRP are the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and Proposed Plan are available to the public at:

Navy Facilities Engineering Command Southwest (NAVFAC Southwest) Administrative Record
2965 Mole Road, Naval Base San Diego Bldg 3519,
San Diego, CA 92136
Attn: Diane Silva (619) 556-1280.

In addition, copies of the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and Proposed Plan are on file and available for review at the NBPL Information Repository:

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Members of the public can submit comments on the Proposed Plan to Angie Lind, Navy Lead Remedial Project Manager. Comments will be accepted via: U.S. Mail: NAVFAC Southwest Code OPUE3.AL, 2730 McKeans Street, Building 291, San Diego, CA 92136 or email at angela.lind@navy.mil. Comments must be postmarked by July 31, 2014. Public comments will also be accepted at the July 23, 2014 public meeting.

Public comments play an important role in the outcome of the Navy’s environmental cleanup decisions. You are encouraged to submit comments on the Proposed Plan by letter or email.

The Navy welcomes your input!

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“Come join us and celebrate the Fourth of July in a way that your family will never forget,” said Frances McMeeken, event organizer. “We will have free activities and games for all ages that date back to the 1800’s. This memorable celebration is a family tradition for many San Diegans.”

Guests are encouraged to participate in the parade around the plaza reminiscent of the July Fourth parades of early San Diego with horses, wagons, and people in historical costumes. Children 12 years and under may enter the patriotic hat-making activity and proudly wear their creation in the parade. Children’s games and crafts begin at 10:30 a.m. in the plaza.

The band “Made in America” will be performing historic and patriotic music on stage starting at 10:30 a.m. Opening ceremonies start at 11:30 a.m. with a welcome address on stage and a parade around the plaza. It will be followed by a flag-raising ceremony, which will include the color guard and guest speaker at noon.

Following the parade, there will be crafts, games, contests, and informational demonstrations that represent the activities enjoyed in the 1800’s. The stage will be filled with free entertainment such as historic dancing, vignettes, and patriotic music. All of the museums will be open and, as always, free to the public.

The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service. Free parking is available at the CalTrans headquarters, just two blocks from the park at 4050 Taylor St.

For more information about the Historic Fourth of July celebration, call Old Town San Diego State Historic Park Visitor Center at 619-220-5422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego.
City Council set to put brakes on proliferation of oversize vehicles

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Local reaction to the oversize-vehicle ordinance (OVO), which is to take effect citywide in August, has been positive, with the general consensus being it will rid streets of unwanted vehicles while preserving quality of life.

“This gives people a clear way of complying with the ordinance while getting oversize vehicles off the streets,” said Mayor Kevin Falconer, noting the ordinance is affordable for citizens who will be able to get temporary permits for recreational vehicles online.

“The oversize vehicle ordinance really addresses safety and quality of life issues,” said District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris. “We already have a great deal of density in our beach communities and that density only increases during summer months.”

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The new ordinance also allows owners of marijuana. Since then, 19 more states, and the District of Columbia, have enacted similar laws.

Marijuana at the federal level remains classified as a Schedule 1 substance — considered to have a high potential for dependency and no accepted medical use — making its distribution a federal offense. The Obama administration has sent a memo to federal prosecutors encouraging them not to prosecute people who distribute marijuana for medical purposes in accordance with state law.

The first two cooperative applications dealt with by Midway planners in June are located at 3430 Hancock St. and 3570-3572 Hancock St. After presentations by applicants on both projects, and discussion among planning group members of their merits, the two were conditionally approved by wide vote margins of 8-2-1 and 9-1-1, respectively.

One point of concern that among planners’ discussion of both cooperatives was whether either would be considered to be too close to youth-oriented facilities to be legal under the city’s new ordinance.

In question is whether both proposed cooperatives would be too near the Valley View Casino Center (formerly the San Diego Sports Arena) and nearby Rock and Roll San Diego, a building housing a music camp, either of which could be construed as “youth oriented” under current city guidelines.

Midway planners insisted that they expect cooperative applicants to come forward with complete plans prepared to discuss questions related to their providing ample parking and security for their facilities.

Planners were also concerned that applicants leasing portions of buildings for medical marijuana cooperatives not be allowed to expand beyond their designated areas.
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Seniors Helping Seniors is proud to provide assistance to one of these brave women, Beverly Beesemeyer, and offers her service to our country as we celebrate Independence Day. Seniors Helping Seniors caregivers have helped Beverly, who turns 96 on August 25, catalog her mementos and records to provide to museum and university historical collections. They also assist Beverly with daily activities, drive her to appointments, and prepare meals, including creative dishes for Beverly’s daily activities, drive her to appointments, and prepare meals, including creative dishes for Beverly.

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*DAVID WELLS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER*

**FIELDS**

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climbers Lottie Zapf, Ed Harris and others for “their commitment and support” in working to “make things happen.”

“What you put in is what you get out of it,” Wells said.

Supported through Proposition Z funding, the Dana/Wells Field improvements include reconstruction of the bullpen and installation of a new center-field fence with access gates and wind-screens, utility upgrades and field logos.

“Renovation of Dana/Wells Field will “make it a safer place,” said John Murphy, Point Loma High athletic director, who added center-field fences are being brought in as, well as being black-screened to make it “easier to see the baseball.”

“We’re hoping to have it (renovation) completed before school resumes Sept. 2,” Murphy said.

Dana’s new artificial field is to include a painted track and field workout area to be used for youth PE education to focus on strengths and agility training, as well as facilitating youth baseball.

Wells, a former New York Yankee, Toronto Blue Jay and San Diego Padre pitching star, and newly named baseball head coach for his alma mater at PLHS, was taken up by the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) on his offer to improve Dana Middle School’s baseball field, which Point Loma High varsity and junior varsity teams also use.

But to do that required the city and school district to sever an agreement between them, under which the 7.3-acre field had been jointly operated since 1994. The field was turned over to exclusive use for high school baseball.

“Now it actually reduces the usage of PLHS for sports tournaments and impact events like big soccer tournaments,” Barnett said.

The PLHS master plan athletic stadium improvements currently going on at PLHS.

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site, and Internet traffic has been strong, Grosh said.

One of the participating businesses, Rite-Aid, will observe a two-day sales ban July 3 and 4. Grosh also reported strong cooperation among businesses along Newport Avenue, though it’s unclear when some of those businesses planned to clear their shelves.

During the 35th annual Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival on June 28, marshmallows were abundant at OB Dollar Store, Newport Trust and Super Max — the latter, ironically, even displayed a supportive “Mall-ow Out” poster on its door.

At those businesses that do choose to sell marshmallows, Grosh called on non-marshmallow throwers to buy up the supply and ask those merchants to refrain from selling until after July 4.

The citizen Peace Patrol was suggested by the San Diego Police Department, but the volunteers won’t be doing anything resembling law enforcement, said Dave Cieslak, the OBTC’s public relations chairman.

They’ll be out and about before and after the fireworks display in blue T-shirts as ambassadors for the campaign.

“The idea is not to be setting marshmallows,” Cieslak said. “We just want people out there talking, explaining what happened last year and just chatting about how we can make this a peaceful, fun and clean Fourth of July.”

Receptacles will be available for citizens who can be persuaded to donate marshmallows to the Girl Scouts. Cieslak said.

Will police cite revelers for throwing marshmallows? Police “have agreed to do what they’re calling ‘appropriate enforcement action,’” Cieslak said.

“meaning, if they see something, they’re going to take action if they see a crime being committed.”

How this approach will differ from previous years is unclear. Lt. Natalie Stone, who addresses the OBTC on behalf of the Western Division, did not return phone calls or emails asking for clarification.

[Cities] are not going to ticket every single person who throws a marshmallow. Let’s be honest here. That would be kind of ridiculous. But they’re going to be out there. They’re going to staff up. They’ve been working with us since Day 1.”

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Diego Bay. They can be seen from Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the Embarcadero area and Seaport Village/Coronado Island.

Music from 105.7 “The Walrus” FM area will accompany the show.

• Sea to Shining Sea 4th of July Fireworks: SeaWorld San Diego, 500 SeaWorld Drive at 10:10 p.m.

• Old Town 4th of July Celebration: Old Town Street Jazz Fest, 7 to 10 p.m.

• Old Town 4th of July Celebration: Old Town Square, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

• Old Town 4th of July Celebration: Old Town Street Fair, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

• Old Town 4th of July Celebration: Old Town Pow-Wow, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Newly adopted city budget gives boost to lifeguards, libraries, parks and police

The news is mostly good for public safety, infrastructure improvements and parks and libraries in San Diego City Council District 2’s beach areas, as the city’s adopted 2014 budget devotes more funding to those areas which have largely gone wanting in recent, more fiscally lean times.

Among other things, the new budget, which took effect July 1, adds four hours a week at branch libraries, keeping them open more hours than they’ve been in a decade.

The 2014 budget also will bring police staffing to 2,000 in fiscal 2015 — higher than it’s been in at least four years. The new budget also will increase, from 34 to 43, recruits at police academies.

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Another estimated 70,000 visitors descended on Ocean Beach for the 35th annual OB Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival on June 28. Fun-loving guests took part in everything from the street fair and chili cook-off to adding their personal touches to the Ocean Beach community mural, absorbing the vibes of Artists’ Alley, soaking up the massive music line-ups and just being kids in the children’s fun zone.

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San Diego Lifeguard chief Rick Wurts said he liked what he sees in the fiscal year 2015 budget, noting it has several additions designed to improve lifeguard operations.

“The first improvement is the addition of one daily lifeguard 24-hour shift at the Boating Safety Unit (BSU),” Wurts said, noting the BSU conducts a wide variety of boating rescue and enforcement functions.

“It also serves as support to all other lifeguard districts within the city during periods of increased activity or emergency incidents. This will provide enhanced staffing in support of boating operations and relieve the strain placed on the BSU during periods where personnel resources are stretched or depleted,” he said.

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On Vacation with the Peninsula Beacon

It’s vacation time! Peninsula Beacon readers are heading out of town and taking their favorite hometown newspaper with them! Take us with you to whatever corner of the world you may be visiting and share your trip with other readers. Tell us your name and/or the names of your family members in the photo and give us a brief description of where the shot was taken. Email the photo and the information to beacon@sdnews.com. It’s that easy! Photos are published based on space constraints and in the order in which they are submitted.

Point Loma resident Dr. Lisa Sarni took her favorite hometown newspaper to the Temple of Ceres in the ancient city of Paestum in Southern Italy.

Point Loma resident Gary Pergi took the Beacon with him on his most recent trip to Afghanistan, shown here in front of International Security Assistance Force, the NATO base coordinating all security assistance in the country and to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. He has been going to Afghanistan for the last five years to help administer the State Department’s Fulbright Fellowship program, which brings about 75 Afghan students to the U.S. every year to pursue master’s degrees.

Thank You! to all the Musicians that support the OB Street Fair!

Brothers Gow - Originally from Flagstaff, AZ, brother Gow is currently based out of San Diego, CA. Borrowing from a massive cache of influences, this hard-edged quintet relies on thoughtful lyrics, dynamic grooves, and improvisational text that keeps each show fresh and unique. Brothers Gow is: Ryan Benutzer (Keys), Ryan Conover (Drums), Eben Heet (Guitar, voc, trumpet), Ethan Markland (Guitar, voc), and Nathan Markland (Guitar, voc). The band delivers an eclectic fusion of rock, funk, jazz, and reggae on the brand new ‘Sprouts.’ Combining the bands unique electric jazzy arrangements with powerful vocal harmonies, complex arrangements, ripping guitar solos and the bands awe inspiring light show, and you get the recipe for a truly memorable concert experience. They are a valued member of that community and have partnered with Ocean Beach Rock and Roll to provide great music for those that yearn to dance.

Red Lotus Revue - Blues Band Based in North Park San Diego. A mix of musicians, The Red Lotus Revue is made up of Karl Cabbage on harmonica/sax, Jimmy Zella on guitar, Pete Fossati on Guitar, and Kurt Kallker on drums. These seasoned musicians have played all over Southern California, Memphis, and Chicago land areas.

Agua Dulce - Agua Dulce was founded in the Summer of 1997 in the Chicano Suburbs of Chula Vista, CA. It all began in a little garage at 176 Bethune Way. This little garage in the charming barrio of Otay, spawned some of the best music and love, Jim Morrison meets Cal Tjader, Eddie Palmieri meets Bill Withers at a saloon near you. Music that invokes spirits of the past can only mean it carries soul that endures. Agua Dulce represents that soul and plays it like it lives- Latin Soul.

MARKLAND - MARKLAND is an energetic and original blues/funk/rock group born and raised right here in Ocean Beach. The band consists of guitarist/singer Aaron Markland, brother/bass player Justin Markland, father/harmonica player Steve “Tunker” Markland, and good friend/drummer Randy Jones.

Electric Waste Band - With a standing Monday night gig at local favorite, Winstons OB, Electric Waste Band’s unique interpretation of one of 120 Grateful Dead tunes has made the band San Diego’s favorite Grateful Dead tributes band. The high energy sound of the band produces the soul of the original crowds that partied on and on and on Monday night at Winstons late 1970’s. Rather than play the traditional hits, the band focuses on songs that we all know by heart. The Grateful Dead’s music is heavy for musicians in that it provides endless opportunity for exploration. The Electric Waste Band prides itself in the fact that, where the Dead wouldn’t guide you safely up the hill and back down, The Waste Band, was leading you up the hill, pushing you over the cliff High Hipshock Dead is the mantra...

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• Sunday, July 6, 7 p.m., Bob Weir & Ratdog. Tickets start at $67.
• Friday, July 11, 8 p.m. Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band. Tickets start at $40.
• Sunday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Steely Dan. Tickets start at $177.
• Wednesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., Chris Isaak. Tickets start at $85.
• Thursday, July 17, 6:30 p.m., Happy Together 10th Anniversary Tour with The Turtles, featuring Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron, Mark Farner, Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels, and Gary Lewis & The Playboys. Tickets start at $55.
• Friday, July 18, 8 p.m., Jesse Cooke. Tickets start at $40.
• Sunday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., Jewel (solo acoustic). Tickets start at $57.
• Monday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., Doobie Brothers. Tickets start at $85.
• Wednesday, July 23, 8 p.m., Lyle Lovett and His Large Band. Tickets start at $65.
• Thursday, July 24, 7:30 p.m., Toots & The Maytals. Tickets start at $65.
• Wednesday, July 30, 8 p.m., Boston - Heaven On Earth Tour. Tickets start at $95.
• Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m., Los Lonely Boys/Kenney Wayne Shepherd. Tickets start at $50.
• Friday, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m., Dave Koz & Friends Summer Horns Tour 2014, with special guests Mindi Abair, Gerald Albright, and Richard Elliot. Tickets start at $70.
• Tuesday, Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m., Amos Lee - Mountains of Sorrow, Rivers of Song Tour. Tickets start at $47.
• Friday, Aug. 8, 8 p.m., Russell Peters. Tickets start at $58.
• Sunday, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m., Power/Average White Band. Tickets start at $112.
• Monday, Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m., Iron & Wine. Tickets start at $19.
• Thursday, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m., An Evening with YES. Tickets start at $65.
• Friday, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m., Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue/Galactic. Tickets start at $84.
• Wednesday, Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m., B.B. King. Tickets start at $75.
• Sunday, Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m., Gipsy Kings - 25th Anniversary Tour, featuring Nicolas Reyes & Tonino Baliardo with special guest Olé Noys. Tickets start at $78.
• Thursday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m., Retro Futurism Tour 2014, starring Thompson Twins’ Tom Bailey and Howard Jones with Ultra-no’s Midge Ure. China Crisis and Katrina (of Katrina & The Waves). Tickets start at $65.
• Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m., Chicago. Tickets start at $102.
• Saturday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., Air Supply. Tickets start at $50.
• Friday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Andrew Bird. Tickets start at $19.
• Saturday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m., Herman’s Hermits, starring Peter Noone with special guest The Grass Roots. Tickets start at $50.
• Sunday, Sept. 21, 8 p.m., Engelbert Humperdinck. Tickets start at $65.
• Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m., The Australian Pink Floyd Show. Tickets start at $52.
• Thursday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m., Tori Amos - Mountains of Sorrow, Rivers of Song Tour. Tickets start at $48.
• Sunday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., The Beach Boys/Kenny Wayne Shepherd. Tickets start at $102.
• Friday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., The Beach Boys. Tickets start at $76.
• Sunday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m., Tower of Power/Average White Band. Tickets start at $55.
• Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., The Wobblers. Tickets start at $50.
• Thursday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m., Tower of Power/Average White Band. Tickets start at $55.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Doggie Street Festival to spotlight World Pups Parade, authors
The Doggie Street Festival, Southern California’s largest adoption-focused event, takes place Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at NTC Park in Liberty Station in Point Loma.

Friendly dogs, accompanied by their two-footed companions, can check out specialty vendors who will offer the latest trends in fashion, accessories, leashes, leads and pet-food products and extraordinary services to pamper pooches.

Last year, thousands of dog lovers attended to celebrate and adopt from the more than 40 rescue groups and shelters who offered up adoptable dogs and cats. A record-breaking number of 166-plus animals found new loving families on Doggie Street Festival Day 2013.

This year, Helen Woodward, Rancho Coastal, SD Humane, SNAP, chihuahua, Aztec doberman, spaniel, golden retriever and German shepherd rescues will be represented.

New this year will be the festival’s Pet Book Pavilion, featuring best-selling authors who will appear in person and sign books.

At 10 a.m., doggies will parade in soccer jerseys paying tribute to their favorite World Cup teams.

VCA Animal Hospital of San Diego will provide complimentary pet exams and goodie bags to adopting parents.

VCA Veterinary Specialty Hospital will also host a hands-on, pet-focused kids’ art booth.

This is a free, family-san celebration. NTC Park at Liberty Station is located at 2455 Cushing Road.

For more information, visit www.doggiestreetfestival.org.
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WHAT’S AHEAD?
Parade events, July 4-28

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“With an expected 2,000 people per gig, it becomes one of the most coveted events for local performers. “It used to be that we had to go find the bands, but now they find us,” De Rosier joked. “We send our members out to go see the bands. We like to have a mix, so we have some Motown, we’ve got some good old rock ‘n’ roll, the Beatles, Neil Diamond. We like to appeal to a wide audience.”

Early concert guests will also be treated to opening sets on a “junior stage,” featuring young performers who kick things off at 5:30 p.m., with the main-stage music taking place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year’s future rock stars include Fate By Friday on July 4, The Non Prophets on July 7/18, First Friday Music Club on July 25, The Sahara Grim Quartet on Aug. 1 and The California Stirens on Aug. 8.

“Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a folding chair or blanket to enjoy the music, but they can also order dinner from one of the catering sponsors that will offer a different taste treat per event. Suppannee serves up food July 11 (Thai food); Miguel’s Cocina on July 18 (tacos); The Peninsula Lions Club on July 25, (hot dogs and bratwursts); The Harbor Town Pub on Aug. 1 (wings and slaw); and Stump’s Family Marketplace on Aug. 8 (fried-chicken dinners).

The event is a labor of love for all, from the 13-person board of directors to the 50 volunteers, whose duties range from cleanup to selling raffle tickets. The PLSC Board of Directors recently donated $2,500 to Lisa’s Middle School’s Music Program. The donation will enable the school’s band director, Ruben Flores, to purchase and repair instruments for his fifth- and sixth-grade classes.

With its mix of food, music and beautiful weather, the Point Loma Summer Concert Series is a great way to hear some favorite tunes and help the area’s residents enjoy music.”

“It is a wonderful community event,” said De Rosier. “It brings all ages together. We have everybody from toddlers to senior citizens, all coming together to enjoy music.”

She’s said “community” is more than a buzz word when it comes to the summer concert series. “It’s also a really great collaborative event. We have gate greeters who are Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, as well as the Optimist Club, Point Loma Rotary, Point Loma Association and more. So, in addition to the great entertainment, it’s a way to bring a bunch of other community groups together,” she said.

Point Loma Park is located at 1049 Catalina Blvd, near the intersection of Varona Street. Free parking is provided at All Souls Episcopal Church, located at 1475 Catalina Blvd. Enter the parking lot on Chatsworth Boulevard.

A free shuttle runs between All Souls’ parking lot and the Point Loma Park from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. For more information, go to www.plconcerts.org.