Officials celebrate completion of Phase 1 of Dana field improvements

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Civic and school district leaders gathered last week at Dana Middle School to dedicate Phase 1 of a sparkling new upgrade to David Wells Field, Point Loma High’s baseball facility that will also be used by Dana Middle School’s grade 5-6 students.

The project, funded in two phases with San Diego Unified School District Prop. S money, primarily involved leveling a previously uneven and gopher-infested grass and dirt field before installation of a completely new artificial playing surface that transformed it to one of the premier facilities in the county.

San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer headed a list of dignitaries speaking at the Dec. 4 ceremony. Also taking turns at the microphone were SDSU trustee-elect Dr. Michael McQuary, PLHS Principal Hans Becker and Dana Principal Scott Irwin, Pointer baseball players Ryan Arnold, Dana student Maggie Curran and new Point Loma High’s resurfaced baseball facility on the grounds of Dana Middle School. Faulconer praised the cooperative spirit that characterized the project in all phases.

Garrison Street’s impressive neighborhood display is simply hard to match

A bigger and better spectacle every year, Garrison Street in Point Loma lights up the night for more than a month with the neighborhood’s annual Christmas light display. "The show starts Thanksgiving night and runs until Jan. 5," said Nazare Judd, the Garrison Street Christmas tradition, which began as a "friendly" competition 27 years ago between her mother and her grandmother that she half-jokingly said "got out of control."

The Garrison Street Christmas celebration of lights is on the short block between Chatsworth Boulevard and Garrison Place.

By DAVID SCHWAB | THE BEACON

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Pointe head baseball coach Wells, a Pointer alum and former major league baseball star. Outgoing school board member Scott Barnett was unable to attend.

“This dedication is really special because of all the work people put into it,” said Wells later. “It’s great to have people come out and see what this will mean to the kids and the program. It’s awesome to be a part of something so big.”

The new turf features a deep green surface with a tan-colored infield, batter’s box area, foul territory and outfield warning track. Permanent white lines for batter’s boxes, baselines and foul lines have been marked with seven-in white lines. A large Pointer Dog logo appears in center field with interlocking maroon “PL” letters added behind home plate. The pitcher’s mound, constructed of special clay, is the only non-turfed patch remaining.

The tan warning track and tan foul areas will serve as a running track for Dana students during PE classes. They will also use the outfield area as a multi-purpose field.

Other completed Phase I elements include:
- New bullpens in left and right field with 6-foot fences to protect players using them.
- A new centerfield fence where there was none before. Three access gates lead to a warm-up area and exercise stations for players along with storage for batting cages and other equipment.
- New dark green outfield fence wind screen covering.
- New yellow foul poles in left and right field.
- New quick couplers from the school district water supply placed around the field perimeter for cleaning and cooling the playing surface.
- New palm tree landscaping.
- The SDUSD website lists Phase I’s final cost as more than $1.5 million.

The Dana project has literally been a “Field of Dreams,” first conceived by Pointer baseball boosters in conjunction with Wells. The Ocean Beach native’s name was attached to the facility during a February 2010 ceremony.

Wells was eager to assist with improvements, however, the field, located on school district property, was under the jurisdiction of the city’s Parks and Recreation Department and being rented out to groups who caused significant damages. After a prolonged campaign guided by PLHS athletic director John Murphy, former San Diego City Councilmember Byron Wear and others, the city relinquished control of the field to the school district.

Faulconer admired the newly redone field and praised the process of cooperation that allowed SDUSD to assume control of the field and make the improvements that will benefit local students.
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Volunteers sort toys to be distributed to disadvantaged children on the morning of Dec. 20. The Town Council will hold its annual OB Food and Toy Drive preparation on the nights of Dec. 16 and 19 at the Masonic Hall. Photo by Mike McCarthy

Young and old alike participate in preparations for the OB Town Council’s annual Food and Toy Drive. Disadvantaged families and shut-in seniors benefit from the generosity of the Ocean Beach community. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. Photo by Mike McCarthy

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2014 Ocean Beach Holiday Events

Dec. 5 - 15  •  OB Storefront Decoration Contest (facebook.com/OBMA92107)
Dec. 13  •  Craft Fair at Beach 9am-4pm
Dec. 15  •  Holiday Homes Decoration Contest
Call 619-316-3403 for more info.
Dec. 16-19  •  Food & Toy Drive - Masonic Center, 5:00pm - Volunteer & Bring Donation
Dec. 17  •  Farmers Market 4-7pm
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Ocean Beach catches the holiday spirit as parade rolls down Newport Avenue

One of the largest turnouts in years lined up and down Newport Avenue during this year’s 35th annual Ocean Beach Holiday Parade, which featured prominent politicians, civic groups, merchants, community advocates and youth groups. The theme of this year’s holiday parade was “Peace, Love and OB.” Look for more parade shots in our next Beacon on Dec. 18.

Paradegoers line up to watch the fun in front of the OB Community Christmas Tree.

Photo by Mike McCarthy

The “Stranded” Dana Surfrider Club float was a big hit. The kids worked hard on their hip-hop homage to the long-time-geniatric Surf Team. Two dads were dedicated to giving that soulful surfer experience of seeing surf flicks at The Strand Theatre back in the day to fellow OBceans.

Photo by Celeste Abbott

This year’s Ocean Beach Holiday Parade drew an enormous crowd, perhaps even more than in recent years.

Photo by Mike McCarthy

Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who represented City Council District 2 for nearly two full terms, draws cheers and applause from an enthusiastic crowd of paradegoers.

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Peninsula-area events, Dec. 20 to Jan. 14

SATURDAY, DEC. 20
The Ocean Beach Town Council will host a craft fair to raise proceeds for the Town Council Community Tree Committee’s holiday Food and Toy Drive. The craft fair takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veterans’ Plaza and lawn area at the foot of Newport Avenue. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, email info@obtowncouncil.org or visit obtowncouncil.org.

MONDAY, DEC. 22
A special schedule for the city’s Public Library and its branches will be in effect from Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Thursday, Jan. 1. The schedule is as follows:
- Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23: All libraries will be open regular hours.
- Wednesday, Dec. 24: All libraries will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the Central Library open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 25: All libraries will be closed.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, Dec. 26 and 27
- Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26 and 27: All libraries not specifically listed below will be closed.
  - Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., is open 12 to 6 p.m.
  - The following branch libraries are open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.:
    - City Heights/Weingart Branch, 3795 Fairmount Ave.
    - La Jolla/Riford Branch, 7553 Draper Ave.
    - Logan Heights Branch, 567 South 28th St.
    - Mira Mesa Branch, 8405 New Salem St.
    - Mission Valley Branch, 2123 Fenton Pky.
    - Point Loma/Hervey, 3701 Voltaire St.
    - Rancho Bernardo, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive
    - Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St.

SUNDAY, DEC. 28
All libraries not specifically listed below will be closed.
- Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., is open 12 to 6 p.m.
- The following branch libraries are open 12:30 to 5 p.m.:
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MONDAY, Dec. 29
All libraries not specifically listed below will be closed.
- Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- The following branch libraries are open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.:
  - City Heights/Weingart Branch, 3795 Fairmount Ave.
  - College-Rolando Branch, 6600 Montezuma Road
  - La Jolla/Riford Branch, 7553 Draper Ave.
  - Logan Heights Branch, 567 South 28th St.
  - Mira Mesa Branch, 8405 New Salem St.
  - Mission Valley Branch, 2123 Fenton Pky.
  - Point Loma/Hervey Branch, 3701 Voltaire St.
  - Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14
Take a splash into kindergarten at Loma Portal Elementary. Kindergarten tours will be held Jan. 14, 21 and 28 at 9:15 a.m. in the auditorium. Space is limited. Visit the school website to register at www.sandi.net/lomaportal. Meet Loma Portal’s teachers and staff, learn about the programs, tour the campus and find out what makes Loma Portal Elementary such an amazing school. Loma Portal is located at 3341 Browning St. For more information, call (619) 223-1683.
Lady Pointers tennis squad wraps up another stellar season

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The Point Loma High Lady Pointers tennis team concluded another successful season that included some impressive performances in league tournament play.

Head coach Mark Truver’s girls achieved a third consecutive third-place finish in a strong Eastern League field. With a record of 8-4 (11-9 overall), the team lost two close matches (10-8 and 11-9) to league champion Serra and also defeated rivals Patrick Henry and Mira Mesa.

LEAGUE FINALS
Five players qualified for league finals, where seniors Emi Folsom and Haisa Holasek grabbed third place in the Doubles Draw, averting two regular season losses to No. 5 San Diego. As the No. 6 seed, they knocked out No. 3 seed Serra in the quarterfinals before losing to No. 2 seed Mira Mesa in the semis.

An unseeded doubles team of senior Anika Lopes and freshman Shelby Smith was a surprise as they raised eyebrows during league finals by defeating the No. 4 Mira Mesa and No. 7 Patrick Henry duo before losing to the No. 2 seed Mira Mesa team. They went on to win fifth place with a victory over No. 3 Serra.

Freshman Shelby Smith proved to be a force to be reckoned with after taking fourth place in the singles draw.

CIF TEAM PLAY

As No. 5 seeds in Div. II, the Lady Pointers defeated Mt. Miguel in the first round before losing to No. 4 San Pasqual by a close 10-8 score. A depleted roster of only eight players weakened the team.

Trevor announced the following team awards:
- Most Improved Player: Chyna Donney, senior
- Pointe Award: Morgan Wehse
- Pointer Team Award: Lopes
- Rookie of the Year: Smith
- Player of the Year: Folsom
- Co-Captains: Folsom and Lopes

Other team members were juniors Nikki DeNamur, Nina Fisher and Katherine Johnson; sophomores Allison Trent and Anita Carroll and freshman Caroline Hill.

Truver also coaches the Pointer boys team, with practice beginning Feb. 14.

Lady Pointers tennis honored the team’s seniors with flowers before a recent match against Patrick Henry. Standing behind team coach Mark Truver are, from left, seniors Emilie Folsom, Haisa Holasek, Morgan Wehse, Anika Lopes and Chyna Donney.

Holidays Can Add to Stress for Family Caregivers

Family members who care for cognitively impaired or disabled seniors may find the approaching holiday season to be more stressful than joyful. Caregivers may already feel overwhelmed by their day-to-day responsibilities and view holiday preparations as an additional source of stress.

Family dynamics at the holidays can also be challenging. Primary caregivers may feel resentful toward visiting family members who they feel have not helped out enough. Family members returning home after a prolonged absence may be surprised and depressed by the decline in their senior loved one and feel that the caregiver hasn’t communicated well enough to avoid arguments and discord among family members. Planning ahead and modifying holiday routines to accommodate the needs of the person and the person being cared for can foster peace and good will instead of anger and frustration.

The Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org) suggests alerting family members and guests ahead of the visit to the current condition of a loved one with Alzheimer’s or other Dementia. This can be achieved through a letter or email explaining what to expect and offering suggestions for effective communication while educating them about daily routines. Being prepared allows family and guests to arrive with realistic expectations and an understanding that changes in behavior and functioning are caused by the disease and not the person.

It is also important for the primary caregiver to let family and friends know that their caregiving responsibilities may limit how much they can do in terms of holiday festivities. It is ok for caregivers to let others pitch in and only take on what they can reasonably manage. The Alzheimer’s Association suggests involving the person with Dementia in holiday plans, building on old traditions and adjusting activities as needed to simplify the person’s routine.

Seniors Helping Seniors is offering a special holiday discount oshomecare services. Purchase 8 hours of service between now and December 31 and receive an additional 2 hours free. Call 800-481-2488 for more information.
A.L. Jacobs & Sons celebrates 78th anniversary

A family legacy continues into the third generation in Point Loma

Longtime San Diegans remember the locally owned A. L. Jacobs and Sons Jewelers, which was founded in downtown San Diego. In 1937, after managing another local jewelry store, A. L. Jacobs, Sr. opened his own store. With the help of his growing family, the store had two locations on Fifth Avenue. In 1960, the store moved to its third location at the corner of Seventh and C Streets. In 1982, the store moved to its final downtown location at the corner of Seventh and B Streets.

Third generation family member Chris Jacobs, born and raised in Point Loma, joined the family business in 1975. Chris closed the last downtown location in 1996 and travelled nationally and internationally buying and selling estate jewelry over the next seven years.

Valuing education, Chris earned the title of Graduate Gemologist (in residence from the Gemological Institute of America in 1977), is a Certified Senior Member of the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers and a Senior Accredited Gemologist with the Accredited Gemologists Association. He also has a Certified Gemological Laboratory from the AGA.

Celebrating the store’s 78th anniversary, Chris Jacobs continues the family’s legacy of providing fine quality jewelry to fit all budgets. A. L. Jacobs and Sons Jewelers provides expert repair of jewelry, watches and clocks, watch battery replacement, along with a complete jewelry appraisal service. They also buy unwanted gold, silver, diamonds and jewelry, including sterling silver flatware and hollowware.

Drop in and say hello to Chris at A. L. Jacobs and Sons Jewelers, located in the Marketplace at Liberty Station in Point Loma. Special holiday hours are Monday through Friday, 10:30 to 6:00, Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 to 5:00.