Award-winning author Lois Joy Hoffmann, a Pacific Beach local, has been making the rounds of bookstores and coffee shops promoting the latest book in her nautical trilogy.

Hoffmann and her husband, Günter, escaped the corporate world — where Hoffmann sat at the top of the corporate ladder — to sail the South Pacific, "Maiden Voyage" and "Sailing Adventure and Moments of Bliss." Her first novel, "Maiden Voyage," is available on Amazon and locally at Seabreeze Books, Traveler’s Depot and Upstart Crow Bookstore and Coffee House.

Earlier this month, Hoffmann spoke at the Point Loma Masonic Lodge. Earlier this month, Hoffmann spoke at the Point Loma West Marine store at 1250 Rosecrans St. on Friday, May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Hoffmann’s presentation, “Come Away with us to the Islands,” is a South Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. She continues her spring author tour with a presentation and book signing at Upstart Crow Bookstore and Coffee House. Earlier this month, Hoffmann spoke at the Point Loma West Marine store at 1250 Rosecrans St. on Friday, May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Hoffmann’s presentation, “Come Away with us to the Islands,” is a South Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. She continues her spring author tour with a presentation and book signing at Upstart Crow Bookstore and Coffee House.

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Scott Peters enjoys early successes, frustrations in Congress

The way he tells it, Democratic freshman Congressman Scott Peters has tried to do all the right things to address the partisan rancor he railed against last year as a candidate to represent the 52nd Congressional District, which includes the Midway District, the beaches and the Peninsula.

He joined the House United Solutions Caucus, a bipartisan group of 28 freshmen that purports to focus on long-term solutions and building relationships between parties. He aligned himself with No Labels, a social-welfare advocacy organization that supports filibuster reform and making Congress work in a more business-like, responsive manner.

He said he’s been spending time getting to know his colleagues across the aisle, and even took a Republican "date" — Tim Griffin of Arkansas — to this year’s State of the Union address. And yet, less than four months into the job, Peters has already had a low point — a moment he described as "exasperation," to a few dozen who attended a Town Hall gathering, April 27 at the Point Loma Masonic Lodge.

Earlier this month when the House was deliberating the six different budgets on the floor, Peters said he realized not one of the options had any bipartisan support. To send a message, he rallied his fellow freshmen to vote against all six budgets.

"We all got the message from the 2012 election that the point is to solve problems," Peters said. "We don’t want to fight last year’s battles. We want (the congressional leadership) to sit down and come up with a budget that really makes compromises and provides a balanced approach to getting our long-term budget under control."

The result? Thirty freshmen joined Peters in voting no — but not one was

SEE PETERS, Page 5

Familiar blueprint for OB entryway sign will be back

There must be something special about that soaring seagull and that great big red letter “O” which, like much of the community of Ocean Beach, learn to the left.

The results of a long-anticipated election are in, and it turns out few could bear the thought of revamping, renewing or updating in any way the blueprint of the entryway sign that greets southbound traffic heading into Ocean Beach on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. After nearly a year of discussion, the 28 freshmen in the Ocean Beach Town Council have overwhelmingly decided to stay with the familiar, and keep the sign just the way it is.

Nearly 58 percent of voters preferred the design that has been in place since the Town Council put the sign up in 1984. That’s more than three times the support of the option that came in second, a design virtually identical but for the addition of two parrots.

In all, 76 voters — roughly 52 percent of those eligible — spread their votes among five designs in an email election held April 1-8. To be eligible, voters were required to have their $20 annual dues paid up as of March 30 and live in the 92107 ZIP code. Results were released at the Town Council’s monthly meeting, April 24.

After nearly three decades of relentless rehabbing, a new sign was needed, and the sign has not aged gracefully. A decision was made last year to replace it, and a request for help from the community generated 20 designs. By last week’s end, that total was whittled down to four, plus the original design. The five finalists were posted on the Town Council’s website for several months before being taken down last week.

“I think having the designs available on our website for several months gave everyone in Ocean Beach the opportunity to review and comment on their preferences,” said Town Council president Dave Martin in an email. “It also served to offer guidance to our members in voting for the most popular option. It was overwhelmingly obvious the most folks wished to maintain OB’s identity as it is.”

To generate interest in the vote, the sign was covered up with a tarp containing a red question mark and the Town Council web address. The tactic worked. In March, membership enjoyed its largest-ever one-month spike.
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Point Loma residents Carlita “Lee” Durand and Diana Dressler were recently on vacation in Thailand and Cambodia. The ladies took their favorite local newspaper to the Angkor Wat-Bayon Temple in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

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Locals set to celebrate San Diego’s treasured lifeblood during River Days

By MARKO LAMB | THE BEACON

For a decade, San Diego has paid homage to its liquid lifeblood, the San Diego River, through annual San Diego River Days events each spring. This year, San Diego River Days is back with free events along the length of the river from Santa Ysabel on the upper end to Ocean Beach at the lower end in an event for the entire family to enjoy.

From May 11-12 and May 18-19, the San Diego River Park Foundation and its network of partners will host more than 40 family-friendly activities, including hikes, boat rides, garden tours, rehabilitation projects and kids activities to engage families in service projects and to educate them about the river that flows all the way to the Pacific Ocean via Ocean Beach.

Activities around the mouth of the San Diego River:

• Rare habitat restoration at the river mouth

Join the San Diego River Park Foundation, Friends of the River Mouth and SDG&E as the groups work to help restore the rare habitat at the river mouth. Volunteers will build and paint access control posts, paint educational signage about endangered native species, remove invasive plants and create a lookout for a world-renowned bird-watching area. Participants are urged to meet at the Dog Beach parking lot on May 11 at 9 a.m.

• Open house at the river mouth

Explore one of the few remaining coastal wetlands and its fascinating flora and fauna. Expert docents from Friends of the Point Loma Mouth will lead guests on a guided tour and open house through the unique coastal habitat. Participants are asked to meet at the Dog Beach parking lot on May 12 at 10 a.m.

• Explore a hidden native plan garden

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The exact boundaries and candidate application forms are available at pcpb.net.

Voters recently selected seven members, three of whom were incumbents — Jay Shumaker, Patricia Clark and Jarvis Ross. Three freshmen took their seats for the first time last month: Nicole Burgess, Brittany Taylor and Bruce Cook.

The seventh, Cal Jones, resigned before taking office. Board members said it’s likely that the one-year position will be offered to Shannon Osborne, the first runner-up who trailed the others by a single vote.

The other opening results from the resignation of Rich Possanzo, who has two years remaining on his term.

Candidates must have attended one regular meeting within the previous 12 months. Attending the candidates’ forum that occurred on March 7 would also qualify for this requirement. Applications should be submitted by Thursday, May 9.

The PCPB meets on the third Thursday of each month and has various subcommittees that also meet on a regular basis.

More information is available by contacting board chairwoman Julie Quinn at pcpbnet@gmail.com.

Tony de Garate

Leadership workshop shows girls they matter

Young women in San Diego might have forgotten how much they matter. The Jenna Druck Center aims to change that and inspire young women to change how they see themselves and become leaders in their own lives at its upcoming “You Matter” Leadership Workshop.

The workshop brings guest speakers Matthew Emerbian, founder of Every Monday Matters; and Kathy Cuff, senior consulting partner at The Ken Blanckard Companies, who will engage the girls in learning the skills and tools they need to move from being a beginner to a competent achiever in any task or situation, as well as what they can do every week to make a difference in their communities.

The workshop takes place May 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Barracks 17 at Liberty Station, 2710 Historic Decatur Road.

There is a registration fee of $25, but scholarships are available and no girl will be turned away, according to organizers.

For more information or to register, visit www.jennadruckcenter.org/youmatterworkshop.

Quick Hits

Alleged OB rapist charged with new count

Based on DNA evidence, new charges involving another victim have been filed against a man charged with kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman in Ocean Beach.

Butts was increased from $300,000 to $1.5 million for Richard Christopher Butts, 25, who pleaded not guilty to all charges on April 17. A June 28 preliminary hearing has been set in San Diego Superior Court. DNA evidence found at the March 24 sexual assault in Ocean Beach also allegedly matches DNA evidence left in an Aug. 25 rape against another woman.

Butts is now charged with kidnapping both women with the intent to commit sexual assault. Two kidnapping counts carry a life term that includes parole, according to court records. He is charged with a total of eight felonies.

The victim in Ocean Beach was walking on Long Branch Avenue around 10:15 p.m. when a man grabbed her and attacked her. The woman screamed and neighbors called police. Butts was arrested by police near Robb Field.

— Neal Putnam

Bronze lifeguard statue garners funding

The city has donated $20,000 toward the construction of a 6-foot-3-inch bronze memorial tribute to lifeguards in Ocean Beach following an April 16 vote by the City Council.

District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer donated $15,000 of his district funds and District 6 City Councilwoman Lori Zapf donated $5,000 from her office. With Faulconer’s motion, the council voted 7-4 to donate the funds to the project.

The lifeguard memorial will be constructed in front of the Ocean Beach life guard station at 1950 Abbott St. Most of the donations so far have been privately based.

The memorial notes the 1918 tragic drowning deaths of 11 World War I soldiers from Camp Kearny who were swimming in the ocean. There were no lifeguards at the time.

This event gave rise to the establishment of a professional lifeguard service in the city. The sculpture in Ocean Beach is expected to enhance the public space and provide a historic and cultural asset to the community.

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Resignations leave 2 openings on PCPB

Annual elections are over, but unexpected resignations have created two openings on the Peninsula Community Planning Board. Eligible citizens have been invited to pitch their candidacies at the board’s next meeting May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 1701 Voltaire St.

One term expires in March 2014, the other in March 2015.

Potential candidates will be interviewed by the board and a vote taken at the meeting.

Candidates must be at least 18 and reside, own property or run a business in the planning area, which includes the following neighborhoods: Ocean Beach Highlands, Point Loma Highlands, Loma Alta, Loma Palomas, Loma Portal, Fleetridge, Roseville, Sunset Cliffs, Wooded Area, La Playa, Roseville and Liberty Station.

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Peninsula stop-sign issue comes to head for planners

BY TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

Are the stop signs along a one-block section of Jennings Street in Wooded Area excessive or just right? It’s become the newest debate in the neighborhood, and may well draw a full house when the Peninsula Community Planning Board hosts a discussion May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Point Loma/Harvey Branch Library, 17301 Val vista.

But if Pete Nyström has his way, it’s going to be an argument that’s short and to the point. He’s served notice to all involved: come with an agreement, or don’t bother.

Nyström chairs the board’s Traffic and Transportation Committee, which can help a neighborhood get stop signs, speed bumps and the like — or keep the city from jumping the gun.

“The city says such a measure isn’t warrant- ed by engineering studies. But Nyström has made it clear to the opposing factions: the board is in no position to choose among alternatives. It’ll only put its weight behind a uni- fied approach, no matter what the neighbors want.

“There’s no reason the board should sit there for half an hour while the neighbors argue. If they come in and say, ‘We’ve talked about it and here’s what we want.’ I think the board will vote in favor of it and it’ll go to the city,” Nyström said.

However, “If those folks cannot come to an agreement, they’re all in warren camps and want to call each other names, all in due process, the city and say there isn’t any consensus,” he said.

At issue are five stop signs on Jen- nings Street between Albinon Street and Silvergate Avenue, a short stretch that has provoked concerns about haz- ardous curves and dangerous speeds.

Until recently, there were two yield signs and two stop signs. This is where story turns into a bit of a spy novel.

Some residents are petitioning in response to a request from a citizen who had gathered petitioners, the planners voted to support the conversion of the yield signs and update the street signs to accommodate the change, according to minutes of the meeting.

Once a planning board makes a request for nonstandard signage, it goes to that board’s City Council representa- tive, who may then give the request a stamp of approval by sending a memo to the mayor, Pence said.

But the city implemented the request by adding the fifth stop sign on Jen- nings, and a group of neighbors formed to oppose the changes.

“We have not been able to accom- plish anything since,” Nyström said. “If the neighbors don’t agree, Nyström said he expects the city to remove the changes and restore standard con- figuration.”

In other planning group news

Board members elected the follow- ing officers for the next year: Julius Quinn, chairman; Mike Ryan, vice chairman: Patricia Clark, treasurer; and Nicole Burgess, secretary. May 7 is the last day to comment on a draft environmental document for the replacement of a pier and wharf at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography’s Marine Facility near the up Point Loma, said city planner Tony Kempton. A copy of the plan is avail- able at physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/environ- mental/MarineFac/EA_04.03.13.pdf or the Point Loma/Harvey Branch Library.

PETERS

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a Republican. His take-away? Fighting the good fight is the right way to go, he said, but it’s not going to be easy.

“We’re having trouble getting our Republican colleagues to pull away from their fear of the Tea Party,” Peters said. “I can deal with Republicans. I can’t deal with extremists.”

As a result, the budget process is at a standstill and, to date, Republican House Speaker John Boehner hasn’t appointed anyone to negotiate with the Senate to reach an agreement, Peters said.

“It’s been so locked up by politics. What we need is someone who’s willing to take a bipartisan approach, a prob- lem-solving approach,” Peters said.

To that end, Peters said he refuses to take the Grayson-Takano pledge to oppose “every cut to Medicare, Medi- care, or Social Security benefits.”

He also took heat from several audi- ence members for his position that more testing for those programs should be on the table.

“It is a priority of mine to save Social Security and Medicare for those who need it. But would I prefer to change it? I think signing pledges is not the way to create a debate,” Peters said.

He’s also “not a big fan” of using the chained consumer price index to cal- culate cost-of-living increases in enti- tlement programs, “but President Obama bringing it up as a way to meet Republicans in the middle — I com- mend him for that,” Peters said.

Peters was enthusiastic about his committee assignments and expressed hope for protecting investments in basic research and fighting climate change.

He said his seat on the Science, Space

and Technology Committee will help support research clusters in San Diego.

“That’s not just important for San Diego, it’s important for America,” he said.

As chairman of the Climate Task Force of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, Peters said he’ll pursue measures that can reduce short-term greenhouse gases like methane — steps that won’t provoke politically charged debates involving energy use. One example might be reg- ulating natural gas wells and fracking to reduce methane leaks, he said.

Peters said he doesn’t dispute the reality of man-made climate change.

“Even if there were uncertainty, it pays to be prudent, like your mom told you. Hope for the best and prepare for the worst,” he said.

In response to a question, Peters described himself as “not a fan” of the Keystone pipeline, but added the debate is somewhat “overhyped on both sides.”

Other questions from the audience ran the gamut. One citizen asked Peters to defend his stand on the unsuccessful Medicare/Medicaid Reform and Protec- tion Act, in which Peters split from pri- vacy-rights advocates and joined House Republicans in supporting.

Another asked Peters about his rela- tionship with Bob Filner, who became San Diego mayor with Peters’ endorse- ment.

“I would suggest he get out of his own way and let things happen. There are a lot of other people who can lead his efforts,” he said.

Nevertheless, he said he admitted Fil- ner’s courage and continues to support him.

“He can be cantankerous. But one thing about Bob — you never have to guess what he’s thinking,” Peters said.

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Now that a design has been selected, the hard part begins in terms of raising the estimated $1,000,000 to construct and install it. That is how much it will cost to install the old signs, said Jim Musgrove, who chairs the council’s Community Enhancement Committee.

The last sign was about 80 percent funded by private donations, Musgrove said. District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer also has helped and Musgrove said other Bob Run Roberts have also expressed inter- est in locating funds. Musgrove suggest- ed one idea that may remind some of the Berlin Wall: sell off pieces of the old sign as souvenirs.

The project has already benefited from this bit of good fortune. The upright posts holding the sign are in good shape. Not only does that save money — replacing the posts would have triggered a require- ment to reapply for permits, Musgrove said.

In other Town Council news

• Faulconer said John Ly, a San Diego State graduate and one-time Ocean Beach resident, introduced himself to board members. Ly replaces Mike Pat- teron, who has accepted a job with a New York public relations firm. Ly can be reached at jly@sandiego.gov, or by call- ing (619) 236-6622.

• Ocean Beach businesses are leading the way when it comes to making sure smokers have a place to dispose of their butts, according to Dukes Wooters, coordi- nator of the Surfrider Foundation’s Hold On To Your Butt campaign. Of the roughly 150 Surfrider-installed ashcans outside bars, restaurants and other loca- tions throughout the county, more than two dozen are in OB — the highest con- version rate of any community, Wooters said.

• A proposal to construct a 185- square-foot sidewalk cafe outside the OB Noodle House, 2218 Cable St., could come before the City Council as early as May 14, said Chris Duggan, director of local government affairs for the Califor- nia Restaurant Association. The associa- tion has been advocating for lower per- mit fees for the cafes, which can require a deposit as high as $16,000. Duggan said. Restaurant owner Steve Yeng said he’s eager to add the space and take advantage of the buzz created by being featured on the Food Network’s “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives.”

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It’s never too late to learn to swim

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | THE BEACON

Many people who swim only by keeping their faces above the water have a problematical relationship with the water, swim instructor Kim Shults discovered.

Some, like me, have had traumatic water-related incidents that affect their ability to feel comfortable swimming.

That, plus her concerns for drowning prevention and water safety, is one reason Shults started her “40 for 40” Face in Water Project to mark her 40th birthday.

The former Ocean Beach resident was a 1.2-year veteran ESL (English as a second language) instructor in the San Diego schools when she received her annual “drill” notice last year. She decided that was one too many “drill” notices, and opted not to return to public education — at least now but to refocus on her first love, teaching swimming.

She determined to use her birthday as a catalyst to examine what she wanted to do in the next in life.

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“My intention was to change people’s relationship with the water. It’s a challenge for me to do it in an hour,” she said.

For her project, Shults is using The Plunge, Mission Beach’s historic, heated indoor pool, part of the Wave House Athletic Club, now being upgraded under new management. The pool at The Plunge is maintained at about 84 degrees, ideal for swimming.

I was Shults’ sixth project participant and her first adult. I had long wanted to learn to swim properly, since I had never learned how to breathe while swimming. I had met Shults at The Plunge while I was “water-walking” with friends and she was teaching charming 3-year-old twins. I was impressed with her easy manner and encouraging approach toward teaching.

Afterward, I recalled the locker room, asked if she taught adults, too. She explained her project. It was only when I explained that I didn’t submerge my face because I didn’t know how to breathe that I realized I had had three separate near-drowning incidents by age 6. The last of these was during my final swimming class. None of these affected my love of the water, but they left me a poor swimmer.

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Point Loma edges LJHS in big-league venue

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

For Point Loma High’s baseball team, a day in Petco Park was very likely the season highlight.

The Pointers turned a superb pitching performance by senior Josh Azar into a 1-0 victory over Western League opponent La Jolla High at the downtown home of the San Diego Padres. Azar limited the Vikings to two hits during his complete-game victory, striking out seven to pick up the victory. He honored his accomplishment. “The whole experience was incredible,” Azar said. “The mound was the best I’ve ever seen. That was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for everyone on our team. It was incredible to get the win out of it and represent Point Loma.”

Pointer bats have struggled all season, and the victors recorded four hits at Petco in front of a large contingent of cheering supporters who took advantage of “Don’ts” while on the pristine stadium turf and monitored by groundskeepers during the games. Pointer coaches made sure every senior on the team saw playing time during the games. Pointer outfielders Lemmel, junior Jordan Goulet and senior Kye Miranda all ran down several La Jolla drives, some hit into the gaps.

The game was actually “neutral” in the leadoff spot. His .316 batting average leads the team. His .316 batting average leads the team. His .316 batting average leads the team. His .316 batting average leads the team. His .316 batting average leads the team. His .316 batting average leads the team. His .316 batting average leads the team. His .316 batting average leads the team.

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The Pointers will try to head home with the Mallory Cup national championship when they travel to Chicago for the May 11-12 event to be sailed on Lake Michigan. Also earning the right to represent the Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association (PCISA) region are Cathedral Catholic, Corona del Mar, Newport Harbor and Dos Pueblos High Schools — all from California. The Pointers count four Mallory Cup victories in the series that dates to 1930. Point Loma’s first victory was in 1993, followed by titles in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2012. In the PCISA’s final regatta of the season, the Pointers traveled north, facing extremely challenging conditions, yet winning once more.

This time, it was the Pointers’ junior varsity boat that sailed to victory in the Gold Division of the 2013 Gaucho Regatta held last month off Santa Barbara. Aboard the winning Gaucho Pointer boat, with sophomore Claire Hecht, sophomore Jennifer Johnson and freshman Megan Landsdale. All were singled out by the race committee for “uncanny ability to play huge shifts and read what was coming next” as light winds shifted more than 30 degrees.

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PLHS sailors setting sail for another title

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

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The Pointers also won the PCISA Gold PCC event held April 20–21 at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. Junior Scott Sinks captained the winning Pointer boat, with sophomores Rebecca McDrain or senior Greer Watterson as crew.

Conditions were so poor, including heavy fog, that only five races could be completed by the 30 Gold Fleet entries over two days. The varsity Pointer boat also fared well, finishing sixth overall, 10 points behind third-place Newport Beach’s junior varsity craft. The Pointers also won the PCISA Gold PCC event held April 20–21 at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. Junior Scott Sinks captained the winning Pointer boat, with sophomores Rebecca McDrain or senior Greer Watterson as crew.

Track and field athletes score top marks

A local athlete turned in the county’s top marks of the track and field season in two events at an invitational meet in April. Point Loma track team member Sydney Rush-Dunigan topped all county long jumpers when he leaped 23 feet, 7.66 inches.

At the same meet, Rush-Dunigan soared a county best of 6 feet, 6 inches in the high jump. The leading marks were set during the Arnie Robinson Invitation-al at Mesa College.

— Scott Hopkins

Crew members from the winning boat pose with the Gaucho Regatta trophy for the Point Loma High team won last month in Santa Barbara. The team goes after the national championship next month in Chicago.
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Sam Sadler and Garrett Levesen teamed to throw the first no-hitter in PLNU history, holding Fresno Pacific hitless in the second game of a doubleheader on April 12 to lead PLNU to a 2-0 victory.

Sadler, a sophomore from Fullerton, pitched the first 6.2 innings, striking out four. He ran into some trouble in the top of the seventh after loading the bases on two walks and a hit batter, but Levesen came in to record the final out to seal the game and earn the save. This was the first combined no-hitter and its first since Kenny Hosner tossed a no-no against Vanguard in 2008.

Four Sea Lion golfers earn All-PacWest honors

Samantha Stockton, Kathleen Crossley and Andrea Mersino highlighted PLNU’s performance at its first-ever Pacific West Conference Women’s Golf Championship as all three were named to the All-PacWest team. Stockton led the way as she earned first team All-PacWest honors after finishing fourth at Loma. Mersino tied for 15th and Crossley grabbed a tie for 18th place. Oscar Casillas represented the men as he shot a 9-over 153 at the PacWest championships. He tied for 13th to earn the Sea Lions’ first-ever All-PacWest honor in men’s golf.

Baseball streak extends to 8

The PLNU baseball team earned its first-ever four-game sweep of a PacWest opponent as it took all four games at home from Fresno Pacific. The Sea Lions then went on the road the next weekend and swept Holy Names in the Bay Area. The eight straight wins for PLNU guaranteed that the Sea Lions (25-21, 21-11 PacWest) will finish the year with at least a .500 record. The winning streak also pushed Point Loma from a tie for fifth place in the conference standings into sole possession of third place, just two games back of second place Cal Baptist. The .500 record also means that the Sea Lions are now eligible for the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) regional playoffs, which will start May 9.

PLNU hosts Special Olympics for 20th consecutive year

Point Loma Nazarene University hosted a Special Olympics regional event for the 20th consecutive year on April 6. Point Loma welcomed numerous Special Olympic athletics to compete in track and field. The Special Olympic athletics competed in events ranging from the standing long jump to the shot put and the 400m dash.

The Special Olympics event was sponsored by the Family and Consumer Sciences and the Department of Education at PLNU, but it is the student leadership that annually drives the event according to Jim Johnson, event director and instructor in the Department of Education.

“The secret is we have a student leadership team that does everything for the event and which we are progressively building on for the next year,” said Johnson. “I’m basically a facilitator and give my signature where I need to, but it is the student leadership team that does everything. They handle publicity, they gather donations, they set up the website and they coordinate the volunteers. All of it is done by students here at Point Loma.”

There was also members of the volleyball team, basketball team and cheer squads in attendance.

“The Special Olympic athletes just love the student-athletes from Point Loma,” said Johnson. “They are talking to them about pumping iron, saying ‘I have five medals. How many do you have?’ It is a dynamic relationship and it is very cool.”
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Ocean Beach neighborhood bistro BO-Beau still receives phone calls from people inquiring about its predecessor, Thee Bungalow, which closed its doors in 2010. To bring back old favorites to the community and its loyal patrons, BO-Beau revisited old traditions last month with a special revival of Thee Bungalow menu.

On Sunday and Monday nights in April, BO-Beau offered a three-course menu for $34.99 per person that had a selection of classic French dishes from Thee Bungalow, like the roasted half duck and seafood bouillabaisse.

Thee Bungalow served San Diegans for more than 30 years and was a destination frequented to celebrate special occasions including weddings, engagements, anniversaries and birthdays.

“Thee Bungalow was such an institution,” said K. Luna, BO-beau general manager. “People can still remember what they ate there so many years ago. Many locals grew up spending Thanksgiving and Christmas at Thee Bungalow, so there’re memories galore here.”

Luna, an Ocean Beach resident, started working at Thee Bungalow the last year it was opened, where she met all the restaurant regulars. While brainstorming with BO-Beau chef Katherine Humphus, the pair came up with the idea of re-creating the menu from the former era. The two were particularly nervous about preparing the roasted duck exactly as it was before, but after the first few batches of plates were served, they received a very positive response from diners.

“No one wants to see places close,” said Luna. “But we hope to get [former patrons] in the door to try us out and see that we’re great, too.”

On April 14, former owner of Thee Bungalow (from 1969 to 2006) Ed Moore attended the revival dinner to reunite with locals and reminisce over old memories from the famed Ocean Beach institution.

Today, much of the BO-Beau staff lives and works in Ocean Beach. The restaurant holds Local Love Wednesdays, where they purchase products locally from the Ocean Beach Farmers Market and prepare them the same day.

“We want the community to come see us,” said Luna. “We’ll keep feeding them and make them happy.”

Depending on the response from patrons, BO-beau may decide to make the Thee Bungalow revival an annual tradition.

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Dance groups from throughout Southern California will meet and compete during the Fiesta de Reyes Folklórico Competition at the annual three-day event during the last weekend of April and the first Saturday in May. Folklórico is a traditional Latin American dance that emphasizes local folk culture with ballet characteristics.

In addition to the folklórico entertainment, all three days of the competition will be hosted by Univision’s Gabriel Sotelo.

“This is one of our favorite events of the entire year to produce and sponsor,” said Chuck Ross, the owner and operator of Fiesta de Reyes. “The energy that the dancers bring to the stage will be sure to impress the entire family and will feature the vibrant color and culture of this traditional dance.”

On Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the children and adult groups will each have 20 minutes to perform their best dances, representing many different regional styles of ballet folklórico. One finalist from the children’s groups and two finalists from the adult groups will be selected to advance to the finals.

A week later, on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to noon, the six finalists will return to the state park during the Cinco de Mayo celebration weekend to compete for the folklórico competition title and cash prizes.

The competition is free for the public to attend and will take place in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. There is free parking available all day on the weekends in the Cabrillo parking lot on Taylor Street, just two blocks from Fiesta de Reyes. For more information, visit www.fiestadereyes.com.

The interior of Thee Bungalow in Ocean Beach as customers knew it for many years.

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By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | The Beacon

“Death ain’t muthin’ but a fastball on the outside corner of the plate,” blustered character Troy Maxson in playwright August Wilson’s “Fences” on stage.

Maxson had already seen enough of them to know. Baseball was his life and his world even during his 15-year stint in prison on a murder and robbery rap. In fact, he would return to become a Negro League hometown king following his release in the 1950s.

But the era’s demon racism would rear its ghastly head, denying Maxson a coveted shot at the major leagues. It seems, also conspires off the field, claiming him by show’s end.

“Fences,” mounted by San Diego’s Cygnet Theatre Company in 2008, featured Ocean Beach actor Antonio “TJ” Johnson, playing Maxson in one of the most spectacular performances in recent local memory.

Johnson’s turn at the role was all the more remarkable because he was battling a pesky case of pneumonia during the latter half of the run. Herbs and vitamins were de rigueur backstage as the cast propped up its remarkable leading man.

That’s one of a litany of stories that dot Johnson’s 30-year career in San Diego theater. For the award-winning actor, coach, founding artistic director, lecturer, post-doctoral graduate of the esteemed Hard Knocks University, tireless advocate for Wilson and Shakespeare, the glow from his reviews threatening to set his house on fire. His résumé reads like that of a veteran New York stage performer. And right now, that’s especially appropriate.

On June 5, Johnson will travel 5,000 miles northeast and make a sharp left at Manhattan’s Columbus Circle, trading a fairly predictable theater climate for the toughest and most competitive in the nation.

Monday, May 6, marks Johnson’s public sendoff. He’ll play legendary singer-actor Paul Robeson at The Ocean Beach Playhouse and Center for the Arts in a staged reading of Ed Schmidt’s “Mr. Rickey Holds a Ballgame,” in which Brook-lyn Dodgers owner Branch Rickey outlines his plan to call the great Jackie Robinson up from the minors.

The play takes place at 4944 Newport Ave. More information is available at (619) 222-0816. A reception follows at 7:30 at Top Gourmet at 5038 Newport Ave.

From there, Johnson will set up shop in Brooklyn with only a TV, a microphone and memories of a recent audition with La Jolla Playhouse. The latter experience in Ocean Beach jump-started his search for new horizons. Clearly, Johnson’s primary residence is the stage, and he lives and breathes theater for the desperately personal experience it is.

“I do this in a circle [in San Diego],” Johnson said. “I do this thing and then I’ll do a little part, and I’ll sing some songs, I’ll do lecturers. I do, I mean, I mean, I mean, I mean, I mean. I do it to see it end here. I still want to be excited by it. I saw my future, and I just don’t want to see it end here. I still want to be excited.”

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National Comedy Theatre expands to Liberty Station

By ETHAN ORENSTEIN | The Beacon

To make space for a growing demand for its popular improvisational work- shops, the National Comedy Theatre has expanded from 2590 Truxton Road in Liber- ty Station.

As it continues into its 14th season, artistic director Gary Kramer said he can’t believe how far the show has come. In May, the National Comedy Theatre will become San Diego’s longest-running show.

“I didn’t think it would last three years, much less 1,800 shows,” Kramer said. “And it just keeps going. We’re doing six to eight shows a week, and it just keeps going. It just got so big and our classes got so popular that we just had to add the Point Loma stuff to it [in addition to the India Street location in Mission Hills].”

The National Comedy Theatre offers improvisational workshops for children, teens and adults. Kids’ and teens’ classes are structured into six Saturday sessions with a private performance for family and friends at the end.

“They do pretty much the same thing,” Kramer said. “You do a little bit of theater, you do a little bit of games. You do a little bit of sports. You do a little bit of different things, and then we do a little bit of acting, and then we do a little bit of stand-up.”

Kramer said the teachers are great at helping people out of their comfort zones to help them succeed. Adults who complete all the classes also get the opportu- nity to perform in front of family and friends. He said people who are shy or afraid of public speaking really benefit from the classes.

“TJ Johnson plays the part of Hoke and the late Sandra Ellis-Troy plays the part of Daisy Werthan as the two characters form an unlikely bond in ‘Driving Miss Daisy’, mounted at Vista’s Avo Playhouse in 2008.

Antonio ‘TJ’ Johnson, playing the part of Hoke and the late Sandra Ellis-Troy plays the part of Daisy Werthan as the two characters form an unlikely bond in ‘Driving Miss Daisy’, mounted at Vista’s Avo Playhouse in 2008.
“Here,” he said. “So I need to go some-
thing about what’s going to happen when I
brought a buddy’s guitar and hit the smoking pit of
the barracks for an hour.

Meanwhile, stand-up comedy and
I just don’t think the [theater] commu-
ity the last 30 years,” Johnson said. “We
have the Cygnet community. We
have the La Jolla Playhouse community.
We also have great people here, and we
could be like New York. Can’t we? At least have the [annual] Craig Noel
Awards on TV? Starting a new company, 
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I just don’t think the [theater] commu-
nity will be here as a unit to make it worth-
even with the younger people coming up.

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house’s ‘Beauty,’ are a few outstanding
examples of local performances over the
last many years, and many more will
surface sooner than later.

But to hear Johnson tell it, a certain
categoria dogs theater as a whole in the
city, forcing his hand to other
locales. His departure — or rather, the
terms under which he’s leaving — ren-
der it that much more inert.

— Martin Jones Wordlin, a freelance writ-
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Fish taco:

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German:

Greek:

Happy hour:

Healthy Dining:

Hot dog:

Italian:

Juice bar:

Late night eatery:

Live music:

Lunch:

Margarita:

Martini:

Mediterranean:

Mexican (fast food):

Mexican restaurant:

Most romantic:

New restaurant:

Omelette:

Organic:

Pastry:

Patio dining:

Pet friendly restaurant:

Pizza:

Place for a birthday party:

Place to dance:

Place to go on a budget:

Place to people watch:

Restaurant service:

Restaurant with wine List:

Salad:

Sandwich:

Seaside:

Senior Special:

Specialty/ Trademark Drink:

Sports Bar:

Sunday Brunch:

Sushi:

Take-out:

Thai:

Vegetarian/Vegan:

Vietnamese:

Wine Bar:

Wine Shop:

Wings:
Pamper Mom with a gift from People’s

Springtime is the right time to Visit O.B. People’s Organic Food Market. As Mother’s Day approaches, People’s has everything you need to pamper Mom. From therapeutic bath accessories and aromatherapy candles to high quality lotions and eye pillows, we’ve got the gifts that make Mom feel special. Stop by.

The market on Saturday, May 11, from noon until 2 p.m., and join us for a free event where we’ll be making Mother’s Day cards. When you’re done making your card, stop by the World Fair Trade Day table from 1 – 3 p.m. where People’s will be sampling two varieties of Equal Exchange organic Fair Trade products, coffee and chocolate! If you’re looking for a pick me up, try the Ethiopian Full City coffee: a complex roast that features black pepper, blueberry, ginger, chocolate, and nutmeg tastes, all rolled up with a thick and creamy “mouth-feel.” If it’s chocolate your craving, People’s will also be sampling Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt chocolate bars. This is the chocolate that satisfies both your sweet and salty cravings: crunchy caramel bits serve as the perfect complement to mouthwatering sea salt crystals. Open daily from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., you’ll find Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market at 4765 Voltaire Street, where Everyone Can Shop and Anyone can join! Visit online at www.obpeoplesfood.coop or call us at (619) 224-1387.

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Moving Mom and Dad to Assisted Living

Almost everyone hopes as they grow older that they will be able to spend the rest of their lives in their own home enjoying the comfort and memories that go along with having a long life. Sometimes parents tell their adult children “I want to stay in this house forever. Promise me you’ll never put me in a home.” This promise can put undue stress on the children when the parent’s good health begins to change.

Joan’s parents, John and Anna, had been married more than fifty years and were doing well. Then Anna began having short-term memory loss and then she broke her hip which put her in a rehabilitation facility for three months. Joan was at a loss of what to do when her mother was ready to leave the facility. She contacted Innovative Healthcare Consultants, a Geriatric Care Management company, who met with the entire family. Even though Anna wanted to stay in her home forever, it wasn’t practical as John could not manage the demands of her illness at home. The nurse at InnovaCare was able to help Joan find an assisted living home with specialized dementia care for Anna with a senior apartment complex for her dad. It’s working out well. Anna is being safety taken care of and John sees her every day but still can golf and do all the things he loves without the worry of leaving Anna. Call Innovative Healthcare at (877) 731-1442 to talk to a nurse or view our website at www.innovativehc.com.

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When we visit you, we bring along a great selection of products for same day installation. Decide what diameter and texture feels best before you buy. We can match the finish of your existing hardware.

Falls are one of the main reasons people leave home and move into assisted care. Let us help you prevent falls and stay in the home you love.

The Benefits of Pre-Birth Acupuncture

By Alexis Richardson L.Ac.

If you are pregnant and preparing your body for labor, you may consider pre-birth acupuncture. For those of you not familiar, pre-birth acupuncture is a series of weekly treatments beginning at 37 weeks gestation till delivery. Studies show pre-birth acupuncture can: decrease length of labor, reduce the rate of medical intervention and prepares the cervix and pelvis for efficient labor.

The pre-birth acupuncture protocol consists of acu-points located on the legs and ankles. Your acupuncturist can also help you with pregnancy ailments including: back pain, sciatica, constipation, swelling, leg cramps, heartburn, insomnia, anxiety, hip pain, hemorrhoids and fatigue.

Alexis Richardson L.Ac. is an acupuncturist at Element Wellness Center in Point Loma, her specialties include: fertility, pregnancy, postpartum and pediatrics. Call (619) 523-9355 or visit www.elementwc.com to schedule an appointment.
Shelter Island’s Bali Hai Restaurant will host a classy dress-up banquet at the beginning of June to award its top academic achievement, club and volunteer service. The Pointer history department is the brainchild of teacher Patrick McElhaney, each of whom has at least one of the brightest achievers in history.

Point Loma Nazarene University has received a gift of $51,000 that was used to encourage energy efficiency by retrofitting the central processing plant on campus. Donated by PLNU supporters Steve and PJ Bothwell, the gift will save PLNU energy costs of over 17 percent each year for 10 years, with an overall savings of $171,000. It is the Bothwell’s hope that the gift toward energy efficiencies on PLNU’s campus will encourage other donors to give in this area and allow PLNU to further its already substantial work toward sustainability. PLNU has long been committed to ensuring a sustainable environment.

Community support needed to spotlight student history academians

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The end of the school year brings an array of award ceremonies recognizing area students for athletic achievement, club and volunteer services. Point Loma High School remains one of the few schools in Southern California to award its top academic achievement, club and volunteer service. However, even in the face of this accomplishment, some parents, teachers, local groups, and certificate. But McElhaney and his colleagues said they also wish to offer dinner at $22 per person and allow the department to help students, otherwise unable to attend, a chance to contribute to the cost of the $300 deposit at the Bali Hai Restaurant & Resort.

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On Mother’s Day weekend, the Asian Cultural Festival of San Diego’s fourth annual celebration will touch the lives of residents on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m at the NTC Promenade-Liberty Station Park in Point Loma.

The event is the county’s largest festival held during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The festival provides a means to learn new things about all the different traditions among some of the various Asian ethnicities in the community. Among the features:

- Free admission and two free parking lots
- Opporunity drawing for Southwest airline tickets and other goodies
- Family and pet-friendly park, with stroller and wheelchair-accessible areas
- Live cooking demonstrations to spice up your cookbook, plus free sample tastings
- Two stages of cultural entertainment and group dances to join
- Explore the Cultural Row of Asian Nations to learn cool facts and make crafts
- Support San Diego small businesses and prominent community organizations
- Cultural food

Whether you have been to Asia or dream of going, organizers said it’s like having exotic countries in San Diego’s backyard. Like the Facebook Fan Page, RSVP on the Event Page, or send a tweet “hello” in your language to twitter @ACFsd for festival updates.

The 2013 event is presented by National Asian American Coalition (www.naacoalition.org), empowering minorities with homebuyer education, foreclosure/credit/loan counseling with offices in Mira Mesa and Chula Vista opening soon.

The festival is sponsored by Union Bank, Filipino Press, Asian Journal, San Diego Yuyu and Hampton Inn at San Diego SeaWorld/Airport. It is also a signature event created by the Silk Road Productions team.

Festival organizers are accepting applications for sponsors, vendors and entertainers to represent San Diego’s diverse demographic. For more information, visit www.asianculturalfest-sanld.org or email, or email acfsandiego@gmail.com.

— Staff and contribution
Owners Dave Murphey and Pete Johnson, both originally from the area, said they are excited about the new venue, which offers plenty of parking. According to the owners, the menu offers many options, like "build your own tacos" with seafood, chicken, pork, along with carne asada taco platters and favorites like flame-roasted chili rellenos stuffed with fall-off-the-bone-tender carnitas or seasonal grilled vegetable enchiladas. The owners boast honest food, prepared fresh daily from scratch with wholesome ingredients.

A full bar also features margaritas and other fine drinks, along with a 10-tap draft selection of Mexican brews and San Diego’s home-grown craft beers. Sign up at www.lasolasmex.com to become a Compadres Club member to receive monthly promotions and other great deals sent directly to you.

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