Hundreds of people and parents gathered on the Ocean Beach Pier on Monday, Aug. 15 to watch as participants in the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Program’s second session jump off the pier in an annual tradition.

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Peninsula community leaders offered comments – and suggestions – on problematic homelessness.

Robert Goldyn, vice chair of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB), speaking for himself as a Point Loma Heights resident, noted Point Loma is “quite different than OB.”

For the most part, the homeless are not too great of a population in the Peninsula as compared to OB,” Goldyn said, noting, “It is really difficult to address and rec--

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‘Our community lives with this picture ... tents, mattresses, filthy clothing.

CECILIA CARRICK
COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Group against PLHS lights, SDUSD agree to mediation

Neighbors opposed to adding lights to Point Loma High School’s Stadium and the San Diego Unified School District, which approved the proposal, have agreed to submit to third-party mediation in an attempt to resolve their differences.

In May, San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) unanimously endorsed environmental documents for Point Loma High’s long-term modernization, which includes stadium lights. District trustees then voted 5-0 July 12 in favor of a master-planned, Whole Site Modernization and Athletic Facilities Upgrades Project for the high school. Shortly thereafter, 17 neighbors of the high school

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Robert (Tripp) Jackson is immediate past president of the Point Loma Association (PLA), a community nonprofit working for beautification and civic improvement. He noted the old school homeless population is gradually being replaced by traveling kids.

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Three myths about San Diego’s homeless

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As more tents go up across San Diego, more San Diegans are talking about homelessness — and many of the same myths keep circulating.

We’ve all heard them: Most homeless folks are mentally ill. They don’t want our help. They’re moving here in droves.

None of those statements is entirely true. But perhaps they serve a purpose. All are convenient crutches that make it easier to avoid confronting the hard work necessary to aid the homeless, especially those who seemhardest to reach.

Some of them involve placing blame or making excuses, which are easier to do than having the tougher, solutions-oriented conversations about whether we’re doing enough to help the homeless and whether the resources we’re offering them are working. Here are the facts on three of the most persistent myths about the homeless in San Diego.

Myth: Most homeless people have serious mental illnesses.

The most memorable encounters many of us have with the homeless are with those who seem to be mentally ill and that can lead to some faulty conclusions.

For that reason, there’s a tendency to link homelessness and mental ill-ness — and to suggest it’s a major road-block to eradicating an overwhelming social problem.

In recent interviews with political candidates, the Union-Tribune’s editorial board repeatedly suggested it wouldn’t be possible to end homelessness in San Diego because that “would mean ending mental illness.”

Yet only a fraction of San Diegans who live on the street report having serious mental illnesses. This January, volunteers surveyed hundreds who live on the street and used the responses they received to gauge the likely percentage of the unsheltered population considered mentally ill.

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless, which conducts the count, estimated just 14 percent of the unsheltered homeless in San Diego have a mental illness.

Since those stats do rely on self-reporting, I did more research and found this conclusion by University of Pennsylvania professor Dennis Culhane, who’s done extensive data-crunching on mental illness among the homeless.

Here’s what he wrote in a 2010 op-ed for The Washington Post: “In my own research, I have calculated that the rate of severe mental illness among the homeless (including families and children) is 13 to 15 percent. Among the much smaller group of single adults who are chronically homeless, however, the rate reaches 30 to 40 percent.”

(The Task Force estimates 22 percent of the county’s homeless population is chronically homeless, which means they’ve been homeless for more than a year or had multiple stints of homelessness.)

Culhane told me he stands by that national estimate today, though he believes the percentage of chronically homeless adults with serious mental illnesses is probably closer to 30 percent.

Myth: Most of San Diego’s homeless moved here from elsewhere.

Anyone who lives in San Diego knows we’ve got a mild climate with fewer cold nights than other parts of the country. This helps fuel the assumption that much of San Diego’s homeless population came here from one of those less-comfortable places.

A Business Insider piece, for example, chronicled nomadic folks who “seek refuge from colder climates on the warm beaches and bays of Southern California. Here, they regroup, reconnect, and plan ahead for their next move” — reinforcing the idea that outsiders comprise a large share of San Diego’s homeless population.

Even Alpha Project CEO Bob McElroy, whose nonprofit aims to combat homelessness locally, has sometimes seemed to imply San Diego’s weather could be drawing the homeless here.

“Smart homeless people are in San Diego, dummies are on 1-2 foot snow drifts back east somewhere,” McElroy told KUSI last year.

But data that’s been collected about such movements doesn’t support the theory that there’s massive migration to San Diego.

The latest point-in-time count survey included a question that aimed to address whether homeless folks were migrating to San Diego.

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless has since estimated that 70 percent of San Diego’s unsheltered homeless population became homeless in San Diego and that just 24 percent became homeless elsewhere before coming here.

Dolores Diaz, who leads the Task Force, has noted that migration within San Diego — particularly, to downtown San Diego — is far more common.

Tales of the homeless folks migrating aren’t unique to San Diego, so the Veteran Affairs’ National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans took a look at such movements for a national analysis published last fall.

The VA think tank tracked more than 113,000 veterans who accessed the agency’s homeless services and found just 15 percent moved across large geographic areas during a two-year period.

“The converse of this is that over five-sixths of this study group were stationary or moved only in a local context,” the analysis says. “Even when looking only at those veterans who were homeless for extended episodes, migration is more the exception than the norm.”

Myth: Many of San Diego’s homeless aren’t interested in getting off the streets.

It’s a comment often expressed in exacerbation when the conversation turns to ending homelessness in San Diego, a goal that can seem insurmountable after years of effort.

Many homeless people in San Diego don’t want help. They prefer life on the street, they say.

San Diego authorities do face big challenges as they try to get the homeless into shelter but the truth is far more complicated than this myth implies.

For one, many people do want to get in shelter but can face weeks-long wait lists and seemingly complex sign-up processes to get into those beds. The latter can be enough to discourage some people. More crucially, shelters aren’t always inviting places for the homeless.

The net result for the VA region that includes San Diego, other parts of Southern California and southern Nevada, further drives home the insignificance of homeless migration, researcher Stephen Metraux found 14 percent of those who utilized VA homeless services in the region moved out and 13 percent moved in — meaning there was actually a net loss of 107 veterans in the region.

Metraux also emphasized that there wasn’t a massive movement to warmer weather cities like San Diego during the winter months.

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Homeless expert: ‘Understanding, resources and leadership is needed’

Michael McConnell, a San Diego business owner and long-time philanthropist, is determined to solve homelessness in San Diego. The founder of the Facebook page Homelessness News San Diego, says the city is full of different real homes, homelessness and the solution lies in leadership and the community.

McConnell has been a business man for more than 35 years and was the vice president of the board of directors for the Regional Task Force on Homelessness for nearly two years.

The Peninsula Beacon spoke with McConnell about homelessness in the beach communities.

**BBP:** Where does your passion to end homelessness in San Diego come from?

**MM:** I am a long-time San Diego business owner. I did that for more than 15 years and I decided I wanted to do something different so I chose to help the homeless. I had a brother who was mentally ill and while he was not homeless, he struggled, and I see my brother in the people who are sick and on the streets.

This helps me understand them and under what circumstances they just don't want to be there. So my brother was a big factor for me, but the big big factor is the beautiful ripple effect that solving homelessness has on a community.

The effect on businesses, on tourism and on housing. As “America’s Finest City,” we need to be treating all of our citizens, those on and off the streets, like they deserve, especially in “America’s Finest City.”

**BBP:** Do the kinds of people who are homeless vary depending on where they settle?

**MM:** The beaches are home to a lot more young people. Definitely more younger than downtown or the panhandlers minors and those in the transitioning age and a few older. I definitely don’t see a lot of families along the beach that’s for sure. There are definitely fewer services, which creates a different dynamic than other places in the city. People say there are so many homeless downtown because the services and agencies are down there and they are, but that just isn’t the case for the beaches.

There are a lot less agencies, housing options and shelters in the beach communities. Because of this lack of services, a lot of these people became homeless in the beach communities, or they just want to remain close to the people they are comfortable with or another. This is totally different from say homeless in downtown.

**BBP:** Do you know of any initiatives, programs or agencies that work to specifically help the beach communities and/or the homeless youth?

**MM:** A great agency helping the situation in a beach community is the Pacific Beach Homeless Coalition. They have a Facebook page you should definitely look at and they have meetings.

I went to one and there they offer services like meal sharing and laundry programs. Ocean Beach has always been a hotspot for the homeless, and I’m not sure about the agencies at work there, but I know the churches out there do their part.

There is also San Diego Youth Services. They do great street outreach.

**BBP:** How is homelessness in communities across San Diego being addressed?

**MM:** There is something called the Regional Continuum of Care or the RCC as I’ll refer to it. It is designed to promote community-wide commitment to end homelessness. It is part of a regional response to homelessness. Communities get funds to assist this regional response. This money is then put into initiatives.

**BBP:** Have you seen other cities deal with homelessness successfully or use models that you think we should follow here in San Diego?

**MM:** Yes, definitely in central Orlando, Fla. They have made dramatic progress. Houston as well.

Philadelphia is another place with dramatic progress. They created additions to their resources rather than just displacing the homeless there. They added more outreach people and put out more beds. It was about increasing the available resources for them not about displacing these people. But Orlando did great work, so did Houston.

**BBP:** What are the different initiatives, projects and programs you know about in San Diego, and in your opinion, how successful are they?

**MM:** For veterans, who in large part settle in areas like downtown, the Opening Doors Committee is a federal initiative trying to end veteran homelessness. The Opening Doors Committee has big goals but have put in great effort recently. Housing for Heroes is another that deals with the shutdown and the eviction of homeless veterans directly into housing. These provide assistance to the regional effort of ending homelessness throughout the county.

There is also San Diego Youth Services working on a youth initiative for working people who have serious mental illnesses across San Diego County. The goal is to provide 24-hour access to necessary services. They have already placed more than 1,250 people with a housing agency and instilling a systematic placement process. There is an assessment done to determine what kind of housing someone needs and where they are placed.

The issue is that people tend to get into multiple programs and on multiple waitlists in an attempt to get help, but this creates a duplication of services. One for All helps coordinate and oversees the Continuance of Care to match the homeless with the right services and care. This streamlines the duplication of work and services.

This helps more people more effectively with what they need and an amount of money. There is a shift happening from an older ineffective and inefficient method. The shift puts housing first and services second, and this is a major transformation and a big fund-

**BBP:** Do you feel the way homelessness was addressed surrounding the All-Star Game and Comic-Con was displacement rather than developing resources?

**MM:** The thing is, especially during these events, the homeless do not want to be in your way. They don’t want to be a bother. They are on the street because there is nowhere else for them to be and they are on the streets downtown because there is close to many of their services. We should have invested in resources is what we should have done. We do not need to hide these people but help them.

**BBP:** What do you think are San Diego’s next steps?

**MM:** It is all about the leadership. We have a mayor who won’t step up, he is holding us back here. He has put this on the police, and yes, the law enforcement need to be involved.

There are criminals everywhere but they are not sleeping on the street. We have criminalized homelessness and it is a waste of money when there are real crimes occurring elsewhere.

If these are homeless in downtown, Hillcrest, or the beach, the solutions are the same. The solutions for the beach communities remain the same as elsewhere in the city. We need to get a better understanding of the youth in the community and that can help us understand homelessness along the coast. Across the country there needs to be a push to solving youth homelessness.

**BBP:** What are your thoughts on the fact that leadership and action taken against the homeless community?

**MM:** Criminals are preying on the homeless. Some are other homeless and some are just criminals preying on the homeless.

The mayor is all about climate change, he’s going to solve the climate crisis. If the mayor would tackle this like he wants to tackle climate change, we would make changes. Really, I mean, I have news for him. Homelessness is easier to solve than climate change. Other cities have learned this and he should learn from them.

**BBP:** What would you like to see the mayor do?

**MM:** We need to rally the faith community and the businesses and the people. We have to get in the sandbox together, but we also have to go in the right direction.

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contemporary society’s decency rules.

“Our community lives with this picture – tents, mattresses, bags of filthy clothing and litter, furniture, bottles filled with urine, outhouse stations behind our alleys, stores and homes,” she said. “Whether volunteer, homeowner or business owner, most in our beach community have been negatively impacted by the homelessness trail.”

Carrick offered these possible solutions for combating homelessness:

- A pitch for the temporary, scattered site, supportive services approach.
- Set up sturdy inexpensive National Park-type simple solar sanitary facilities discretely located near homeless, underpasses or other sites that can be accessed as regularly.
- A trial of small groupings of movable “tiny houses” placed near public transportation in areas all over the county for basic shelter for people wishing to stay off the street with supportive site visits from social services.
- Stronger temporary support for families with delinquent rents. The high bar of re-entering the housing market after an eviction makes for an insurmountable challenge, especially in beach communities.
- Decriminalize the homeless tax” on all of us. Carrick said. “Yes folks, the art community needs it and has it. Cap it, restrict its use and adjust for inflation.
- Let’s stop giving those dollars to median panhandlers and save a lot by pitching in a little.” Carrick concluded.

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**Homeless Awareness: ‘Understanding, resources and leadership is needed’**

Michael McConnell, a San Diego business owner and long-time philanthropist, is determined to solve homelessness in San Diego. The founder of the Facebook page Homelessness News San Diego, says the city is full of different real homes, homelessness and the solution lies in leadership and the community.

McConnell has been a business man for more than 35 years and was the vice president of the board of directors for the Regional Task Force on Homelessness for nearly two years. The Peninsula Beacon spoke with McConnell about homelessness in the beach communities.

**BBP:** Where does your passion to end homelessness in San Diego come from?

**MM:** I am a long-time San Diego business owner. I did that for more than 15 years and I decided I wanted to do something different so I chose to help the homeless. I had a brother who was mentally ill and while he was not homeless, he struggled, and I see my brother in the people who are sick and on the streets.

This helps me understand them and under what circumstances they just don’t want to be there. So my brother was a big factor for me, but the big big factor is the beautiful ripple effect that solving homelessness has on a community.

The effect on businesses, on tourism and on housing. As “America’s Finest City,” we need to be treating all of our citizens, those on and off the streets, like they deserve, especially in “America’s Finest City.”

**BBP:** Do the kinds of people who are homeless vary depending on where they settle?

**MM:** The beaches are home to a lot more young people. Definitely more younger than downtown or the panhandled minors and those in the transitioning age and a few older. I definitely don’t see a lot of families along the beach that’s for sure. There are definitely fewer services, which creates a different dynamic than other places in the city. People say there are so many homeless downtown because the services and agencies are
OCEAN AND CLIFF RESCUES INCREASING

By DAVE SCHWAB

By most accounts, it’s been a taxing summer for lifeguards as sunny days, warm waters and the San Diego beach vibe have drawn huge crowds to local beaches. But as crowds increase so do the dangers – and the workload – for San Diego lifeguards.

“Lifeguards have had one heck of a summer,” said San Diego Lifeguard Sgt. Ed Harris. “Millions of people visit San Diego beaches every year. And this year has been one of the busiest.

“As massive numbers visit this beautiful coastline, the San Diego Lifeguard Service has responded to thousands of emergencies,” said Harris, who is also the lifeguard union chief. “Those rescues include water, cliff, boating calls and medical aids.”

Pointing out guards “provide a wide array of safety services designed to keep locals and visitors safe,” Harris added. “Every station, from Ocean Beach to Torrey Pines, has done an incredible job pulling beach patrons to safety.”

Harris noted lifeguards’ peak season begins in June “when hundreds of seasonal lifeguards join our year-round guards in staffing oceanfront stations. We are all proud and thankful of our seasonal lifeguards who are the backbone of our summer operation.”

Due to the large surf and consistent swell brought about by this year’s El Niño, Harris noted the biggest change is that “the sand has shifted drastically. The combination of shifting sand and constant south swell this summer, has made the rip currents strong and prevalent. These rip currents have continuously pulled throughout the Mission Beach Strand for most of the summer.”

In July, Harris noted Mission Beach made 1,569 rescues alone.

“In La Jolla and Sunset Cliffs, the pocket beaches have been hosting unprecedented crowds, and this has resulted in a number of critical rescues,” Harris said, adding, “There are no ‘local’ beaches anymore. These areas are experiencing extremely high-rescue counts.”

Pointing out pocket beaches “are rockier and often have bigger surf,” Harris added

Back to school: earlier start date, vaccines required

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

With the new school year nearly here, Peninsula parents are being reminded by the San Diego Unified School District that in 2016 school schedules begin Monday, Aug. 29, not the day after Labor Day.

“We’ve been reminding parents about the new start for the last several months,” said Jennifer Cornelius Rodriguez, SDUSD’s information services-specialist—communications. “It’s posted at, www.sandiegounified.org, and all school websites, and we posted a reminder in our Unified Vision newsletter that goes out to all parents.”

Cornelius Rodriguez noted district superintendent Cindy Marten “has also done several TV spots, in which she reminds parents about the first day of school. We’ll be doing some additional outreach to parents in the next few weeks.”

SDUSD has also published this checklist for parents for preparing for the upcoming school year:

• Check school Bell Times: to learn when your child’s school starts and ends.

• Enrollment is necessary for the following students: those attending for the first time; those new to the district (they have recently moved into the San Diego Unified boundary or they were previously attending a private school, charter school or were home-schooled: and those who were previously attending a district school, but have moved to a different area of the district.

• Students wishing to attend preschools or child development centers: must enroll through the district’s Early Childhood Education Department and families must attend an enrollment fair. Details are available at Early Childhood Education Department website.

• Visit the district’s Enrollment website for details on the enrollment process. Most school sites will open the week of Aug. 22 for those that need to enroll their child.

• Per SB 277, as of Jan. 1: parents or guardians of students in any school or child care facility, whether public or private, are no longer allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to currently required vaccines. Medical exemptions require documentation from a licensed physician (MD/DO).

• Tdap Immunization: Students entering grade 7 and those new to SDUSD in grades 8-12 must show proof of their Tdap immunization against pertussis prior to Aug. 29.
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On Thursday, Aug. 11, City of San Diego alerted community members that a failing Torrey pine tree would be removed from 4652 Saratoga Ave. in Ocean Beach on Friday, Aug. 12, starting at 7 a.m. But Ocean Beach residents had other ideas. Activists joined forces to call, cajole and cutoff the city before any chainsaws ever arrived on Saratoga Avenue. By Friday morning, the tree removal had been postponed again — maybe permanently or maybe not. “In light of the recent independent arborist’s analysis of Esperanza, the Torrey pine tree on Saratoga Avenue in Ocean Beach, Friends of Peninsula Trees now agrees with City’s concerns that the tree is not healthy enough to be saved,” the Friends of Peninsula Trees group posted on its Facebook page earlier this week. “The failing condition of the tree is directly as a result of the neglect, improper maintenance and the unqualified tree service that was subcontracted through the City of San Diego. The City has not adhered to its own public tree policy, which led to this unfortunate situation,” according to Friends of Peninsula Trees. But there are other voices within the community who are still against the removal of the tree — so the saga continues. The Torrey pine is 73 feet tall, more than 90 years old, and adjacent to where two other large Torrey pine trees were removed after one of this winter’s El Niño storms caused them to uplift and actively fail. “Public safety is of the utmost importance, and while our goal is to maximize the environmental benefits of trees, we must balance the risk of trees with the preservation of trees,” said Jeremy Barrick, a board-certified master arborist and the city’s Urban Forester Program Manager. Barrick has inspected the subject tree multiple times, as did another board-certified master arborist. Their reports, along with one from a biologist confirming no healthy enough to be saved,” the Friends of Peninsula Trees group posted on its Facebook page earlier this week. “The failing condition of the tree is directly as a result of the neglect, improper maintenance and the unqualified tree service that was subcontracted through the City of San Diego. The City has not adhered to its own public tree policy, which led to this unfortunate situation,” according to Friends of Peninsula Trees. But there are other voices within the community who are still against the removal of the tree — so the saga continues. The Torrey pine is 73 feet tall, more than 90 years old, and adjacent to where two other large Torrey pine trees were removed after one of this winter’s El Niño storms caused them to uplift and actively fail. “Public safety is of the utmost importance, and while our goal is to maximize the environmental benefits of trees, we must balance the risk of trees with the preservation of trees,” said Jeremy Barrick, a board-certified master arborist and the city’s Urban Forester Program Manager. Barrick has inspected the subject tree multiple times, as did another board-certified master arborist. Their reports, along with one from a biologist confirming no

On Aug. 4, the City’s original date to remove the Torrey pine on Saratoga Avenue, OB resident Crystal Rose Sperris climbed up into the tree to make sure it would not be cut down. Friend of Peninsula Trees has offered to partner with and assist the City to ensure other trees and treasured wildlife are not lost in the future. “This will be the City's opportunity to partner with the community to accomplish the city's stated goal for City Urban Forest Plans as a priority,” the group said.
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Have you been contemplating adding a new furry friend to your family? Your new family member may await you at the free, family-oriented eighth annual Doggie Street Festival, held again this year at Liberty Station’s NTC Park Saturday, Aug. 22. The park is located at 2455 Cushing Road, between Dewey and Roosevelt roads, with free parking nearby.

Whether you’re looking for a purebred or a charming mixed breed of puzzling origins – whether dog or cat – you may find your future best friend at one of the festival’s more than 25 participating rescues.

This year’s festival will be the largest ever, with more rescues, more pet-related vendors and renewed emphasis on pet-related activities and education for children and adults, explained founder and organizer Jude Artenstein, a filmmaker and “Pet Lounge” television series creator. Friendly, well-behaved leashed dogs are invited to accompany their humans.

Every year throngs of happy residents surround the pet enclosures, eager to meet that special pet – or even a pair – that’s their perfect match.

More than 25 local rescue organizations, including many breed-specific groups and public shelters, will bring an array of pooches plus a few courageous cats seeking their “forever” homes. New this year, rabbit and parrot rescues will join the region’s largest pet adoption event.

Festival attendees can browse about 100 vendor booths offering a diverse selection of pet-related supplies, food, services, training and veterinary and pet care information, all geared to improving the health and well-being of companion animals.

Artenstein created the festival to promote adoption and contribute to ending euthanasia of orphaned pets. Every year the festival helps rescue groups find homes for more pets. In its early years about 100 dogs found forever homes through the festival. More recently that number has doubled to more than 200 annually, now including cats, bunnies and parrots.

Because of the festival’s success, organizer Artenstein replicated the festival in Los Angeles, now in its fifth year on Sept. 16 and second year in Phoenix Jan. 28.

“My dream is to host Doggie Street Festival in 20 cities across the country. This event is extremely effective at increasing dog and cat adoptions. Together we can make a huge and meaningful difference in the lives of our deserving companion animals,” she said, adding that she is actively seeking festival sponsors to help expand pet adoptions.

The Ocean Beach Library will celebrate its 100th birthday on Saturday, Sept. 10, with a party at the library at 4801 Santa Monica Ave.

The fun will include a DJ playing oldies, beer and wine, and light refreshments. Various Ocean Beach organizations and businesses will have tables in the library, educating partygoers on their history as well as their current activities.

The entire community is invited to the party, which will be from 7 to 10 p.m.

The party will feature a silent auction to raise money for the library’s expansion into the space next door, 4817 Santa Monica Ave., known as the Gee building, which is owned by the City of San Diego and was purchased for the purpose of expanding the library.

The City will study the best ways to adapt the Gee building for library use. Hoped-for renovations should be completed in two years.

The 100th anniversary party committee – part of the O.B. Friends of the Library – is soliciting contributions from the community, both individuals and merchants, and welcomes either items or services for the silent auction as well as cash or check contributions.

All proceeds will go toward the library expansion.

To make a donation, contact committee members George Murphy, chair; Laura Dennison, logistics, or Ellen Liversidge, silent auction, at OBLibrary100@gmail.com, or you can mail a check to OB Friends of the SDPLibrary and write “Expansion” in the memo line.

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LIFESTYLE
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**Ocean Beach Historical Society program on Dr. Fred Baker**

The Ocean Beach Historical Society program on Fred Baker, M.D., pioneer San Diego physician and civic activist, by Jim Baker, will take place at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., 7 p.m. Aug. 18.

Jim Baker is a descendant of one of Point Loma’s founding families. He will discuss his great-grandfather Dr. Fred, from his younger days in Ohio, to his arrival in San Diego in 1888. Fred Baker moved to Point Loma in 1898.
WRITE OUT LOUD, an organization founded in 2007 with a commitment to inspire, challenge and entertain by reading short stories aloud for a live audience – announces the 7th Annual TwainFest to take place on Saturday, August 20th from 11am – 5pm in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, San Diego. TwainFest is produced by Write Out Loud and sponsored by Fiesta de Reyes in association with Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

TwainFest, now a tradition for many San Diego families, is an all-day FREE festival celebrating Mark Twain and the literature and culture of 19th Century America. There is something for everyone at this festive old-fashioned gathering at the park. Presentations occur at a variety of park venues throughout the day.

Returning Festival Favorites:
Local San Diego performers present 19th Century stories and poems by Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson, Walt Whitman, Eugene Field, Cervantes and many more at venues throughout the park. Prof. Pudd’nhead & Co. puppets will delight the little ones. Cygnet Theatre’s Storytelling on the Green troupe presents abridged Shakespeare designed for young people. Giant puppets of Mark Twain, Emily Dickinson, Paul Laurence Dunbar and Edgar Allan Poe will wander the green. An arcade of unique literary games and activities designed especially for TwainFest will entertain players of all ages at the park. The Election of 1872, Jim Hawkins Treasure Hunt, Wheel of Fiction and Telegraph Crunch are just a few activities that join sack races, ring toss and other games of the period to assure a fun-filled yet educational day for all ages.

A 19th Century Spelling Bee will run throughout the day as well as a community wide Never Ending Story, to which anyone who wishes may contribute. For those who want to dress up in period attire there's a 19th Century Literary Costume Contest. A backdrop of 19th Century music enlivens the day's activities. Free books are provided to all who participate in 5 or more activities.

New To TwainFest for 2016:
Each year, Write Out Loud strives to expand and diversify the cultural family friendly offerings for TwainFest. This year, three new presentations join returning festival favorites. The Authors Salon will provide the opportunity to meet Mark Twain, Lewis Carroll, Emily Dickinson and other beloved writers of the period.

A Civil War Field Encampment, complete with General Grant, will provide classes for all ages in fife and drum and artillery.

In addition to TwainFest, Write Out Loud – led by Artistic Director, Veronica Murphy and Executive Director, Walter Ritter – provides the community five other core programs serving over 16,000 people annually. Additional programs include a six show season of Story Concerts presented at Old Town Theatre, Stories for Seniors, StoryBox Theatre for elementary students, Read Imagine Create for teens and Poetry Out Loud for high school students.
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New league, challenges for Pointers football

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

Perhaps the Point Loma High football team has made a smart move in preparing itself for the upcoming season by holding all practices at least familiar David Wells Field, home of the school's baseball team.

Forced to abandon their usual Ben- nie Edwards Field on campus due to field restructuring and resurfacing of the running track, the Pointers have taken up residence on the outfield of the pristine new artificial turf surface at Dana Middle School (see related story).

And they’ll be there for awhile. The team will not play a true home game until Oct. 21 when rival Cathed- ral Catholic arrives for a 3 p.m. West- ern League game.

Yes, that’s the other big change for the Pointers in 2016 as the top five schools in the City Conference were selected for re-leaguing based on recent records. Joining the Pointers and Don Bosco is Madison, Mira Mesa and St. Augustine.

For head coach Mike Hastings and his veteran staff, the new league means greater challenges after biding farewell to former league foes such as La Jolla and Mission Bay. Hastings, who is entering his 19th season as Pointer head coach, has compiled a record of 130 wins, 77 losses and two ties including an 8-4 mark last year.

Maybe '16’s early road games aren’t so bad after all, since the 2015 team went 4-1 on the road and only 3-3 at home en route to an 8-4 over- all record that included a CI playoff. 58-0 blitz of Poway and a last-minute 28-24 to county power Ocean- side when a game-winning Pointer TD was called back.

As always, prep football rosters turn over quickly, and despite the loss of such college-bound players as Julius Agho, Caleb Johnson, Cameron Calcutt and Kimo Katahashi, Hast- ings feels he has the players to replace them. He sat down after a recent practice to assess the strongest mem- bers of the 2016 team:

Quarterback: “Kyle Grady (Jr., 6’2”, 160), pounds, is in stepping as our starting quarterback. He worked real- ly hard in the off-season and he’s rel- atively healthy and shoulders above where he was last year and ready to take over.”

Running backs: “We lost one to transfer and another moved away, but we’re fortunate to have Josh Ball (Jr., 6’1”, 195) coming back healthy. And at our fullback position, Matthew Van Heuven added.

Receivers: “Patrick Rutledge (Sr., 6’2”, 195) is probably our best pass catcher. Gabe Hall (Sr., 6’4”, 195) had some injuries the last two years, but he’s healthy and looks really good right now.”

Defensive backs: “Returning starter Anthony Pelayo (Sr., 5’11”, 165) has really worked hard. As a senior, he’s ready to anchor the sec- ondary. Malik Moore (Jr., 6’1”, 165) returns as a returning starter but has an injury now that may put him out for the first couple games. J.L. Skinner (Soph., 6’5”, 165) is going to be a tremendous free safety for us and Hall is an important part of this group too.”

Special teams: “We have a couple of guys, Oscar Borjon (Sr., 5’6”, 130) kicked for us on the JV last year, and then Fa’alele, who can do just about anything, is also a tremendous punter so I think we’re going to fill the void by committee at kicker. We’ll definitely be finding someone during training camp. That placekicking job is one place we’re looking for someone to step forward.”

Intangibles: “We’ve done our retreat to Big Bear every summer for 15 years, and this year’s team really had a strong bond coming out of the mountains. They really came togeth- er and figured out what they want from their team this year. I think the teamwork aspect of this group is strong. They just need to keep their mentality high and they’ll go far in this new league and new opportuni- ty we have in front of us.”

The new league: “We like the opportunity and challenge to play against these schools. Three of them (Cathedral, St. Augustine and Mira Mesa) were in our old Eastern League and the other (Madison) has been in our league the last several years. ‘It’s unfortunate we lost some traditional rivalries (Mission Bay and La Jolla are gone) but we look forward to these renewed rivalries which our kids love to play.”

Players attracting college interest: Seniors: “Sheldon is starting to get some real strong looks. He is a very good student so has the aca- demic and the football ability to play at the next level. Daniels is a tremen- dous player being recruited by 1-AA schools and the small Div. 1 schools.”

Juniors: “Players such as Grady, who has a 4.5 GPA, and has been touring Ivy League schools this sum- mer has opportunities there and with larger Div. 1 schools. Then you look at Fa’alele who will have tremendous opportunities at the large schools. Fol- son is already generating a number of looks from big schools. I believe all of these kids will have tremendous opportunities to play at the college level.”

Returning All-League players: Fa’alele, Daniels and Rutledge. Hon- orable Mention: Folsom.

Hastings takes his 2016 squad to Cathedral for a four-team scrimmage on Aug. 19 that also includes Mission hills and Fastlake. Varsity action begins at 6 p.m. The season opener is at Oceanview’s El Camino High 7 p.m. Aug, 26.
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The AFC Half is expected to host a field of more than 7,000 elite, recreational and inspirational runners hailing from approximately 46 states and 14 countries. The accompanying AFC 5K typically attracts an additional 800 runners and walkers.

The AFC Half’s point-to-point 13.1-mile course starts at historic Cabrillo National Monument, past Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, through quaint Point Loma neighborhoods, along the San Diego Bay and through downtown San Diego before finishing in historic Balboa Park in front of the Hall of Champions. The accompanying AFC 5K, 3.1-mile run/walk starts and finishes in Balboa Park in front of the Hall of Champions. The 5K will start at 6:15 a.m. with the half-marathon kicking off at 6:30 a.m.

The race weekend also includes a two-day AFC Fitness Expo to be held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina Pavilion (1380 Harbor Island Drive) on Friday, Aug. 19, noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 2016 America's Finest City Half Marathon will benefit the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and other local charities.

For more information on the race, road closures, or to register, visit www.afchalf.com, you may also email at info@afchalf.com or call (760) 692-2900.

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adamantly opposed to adding new stadium lighting filed a class-action lawsuit against SDUSD. They claim new lighting will harm their quality of life adding more noise, crime and visual pollution to their already overcrowded and impacted neighborhood. They also fear further commercialization of the PLHS stadium by outside interests, which they claim doesn’t benefit local students or the community.

“We met with school district officials Aug. 1 and both parties have agreed to all-day mediation with a retired judge,” said PLHS neighbors’ attorney Robert P. Ottilie. “We decided we should sit down and take one shot at trying to resolve this issue.”

Ottilie said there’s an existing pool of several competent retired judges to draw upon. The attorney explained mediation is unlike arbitration, another legal device used in an attempt to avoid lawsuits and drawn-out court battles.

“The mediator is not like an arbitrator who has to make a (judgment) call,” Ottilie pointed out. “The mediator’s job is merely to get both sides together to attempt to get a resolution.”

Ottilie discussed the legal basis of the PLHS neighbors’ case.

“There are three causes of action,” he said. “The first is we’re challenging whether (SDUSD) appropriately considered an environmental impact under the California Environmental Quality Act, and whether they correctly identified impacts that could not be mitigated, and actually sought reasonable alternatives.”

The neighbors’ attorney said a court ruling in their favor on that first count could have far-reaching impacts.

“If we win on that cause of action, then the school district has to do the (environmental report) over,” Ottilie said.

On the second count, Ottilie said, “We’re contending that the SDUSD hearing on the issue was a sham, that the district’s leadership had already made up their minds on (approving) the (stadium lights) project.”

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