In April, Midway Community Planning Group approved an expansion for an existing medical marijuana dispensary and got an update from city officials on Sports Arena Boulevard leases. This was also Cathy Kenton’s first meeting as the planning group’s newly elected president.

The Midway District is a hodgepodge of commercial, industrial, office and warehouse land uses, plus limited residential, in a transitional area bordering Old Town, Point Loma, Pacific Beach and downtown San Diego.

Marijuana dispensary to expand, former Black Angus to be razed

Reward money probably won’t matter in catching the culprits, authorities are being tight-lipped about their investigation, the identity of the shooter(s) is possibly being hushed up and juvenile(s) are the most likely perpetrators.

That was the gist of a presentation by husband-and-wife team Josh Bridwell and Brooke Durham representing SoCal Parrot, a Jamul-based non-profit animal welfare group, at a special meeting held April 21 at All Souls Episcopal Church in Point Loma.

Speaking of the death or wounding of 12 or more wild endangered parrots, locals are discussing leads, actions in parrot killings.

There’s still time for artists to enter submissions to qualify for the Ocean Beach Pier 50th Anniversary Art Show. Deadline for art submissions is 5 p.m. Friday, May 6. Applicants can send their high-quality digital entries to obpiercalltoartists@gmail.com. Submissions should include applicant contact information. To have questions answered, or for more information, call (619) 224-4906. For more information on the art show, visit oceanbeachsandiego.com.

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Locals discuss leads, actions in parrot killings

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SeaWorld drops lawsuit

The operator of SeaWorld San Diego announced April 19 that it will drop a lawsuit that challenged the authority of the California Coastal Commission to regulate animal welfare issues. The commission in October approved a project to expand orca tanks at the theme park but only under the condition that the practice of breeding killer whales be stopped.

SeaWorld executives called the condition an overreach and complained that animal welfare is governed by federal and state laws that do not fall within the jurisdiction of the commission’s board. However, the company announced last month that it would no longer breed its orcas or pursue the tank expansion project.

In a letter sent to the commission on April 18, SeaWorld withdrew its development permit for the expansion and said the legal action was no longer warranted. SeaWorld counsel [sic] soon will contact Coastal Commission counsel [sic] to discuss dismissal of the pending litigation,” the letter said.

SeaWorld has been under strong pressure in recent years from animal rights advocates and their political supporters to reform how its marine mammals are handled.

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Jon Linney has been elected to lead Peninsula Community Planning Board, which advises the city on important land-use matters.

Linney, 24, was elected April 21 to lead the board in his third year of service. The election was somewhat of a surprise, given that planning groups and similar governmental bodies are typically populated by retirees and established professionals, not twentysomethings.

Linney was born in Romania and housed in an orphanage his first seven years. In the early 1990s, following the fall of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, the Veaceskus were allowed to learn of squalid conditions in the centers.

Linney’s earliest memories are of one decent meal a day while looking to older children for any semblance of care or protection.

At age 7, Linney was adopted by a San Diego family. The flight halfway around the globe was exciting, if not bewildering, for a boy who didn’t know a word of English.

“Learning a difficult language was his first and most pressing task in a new culture. “My dad would point to something and say the word. I would repeat it,” Linney recalls. “I learned Spoken English, that is. Written English was another matter, because tutors conversant with Romanian were not much common in San Diego schools. It was an abrupt transition for Linney to learn a Romanian name. He went from being immersed in filth and hunger to plunging into language acquisition in one of the richest nation in the world.”

But Linney thrived in his new environment. Baseball became a passion, and by his midteens he was doing well at Little League officiating that he received an invitation to call balls and strikes at Williamsport, Pa.

He was quite disappointed at being unable to make the trip to the Little League World Series. At Point Loma High School, his classmates noted his outgoing nature and political tendencies and began calling him Governor. They also elected him student body president.

The youthful urge to assert independence led to moving out of the house to attend Cuyamaca College and to take on jobs to pay the way. Linney committed to being a business major, but he acknowledged, “Public service is my passion and will be my avocation if not vocation.”

JON LINNEY
PENINSULA PLANNING BOARD

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Despite an ample load of studies and jobs to pay for college, public service has come easily to Linney. He became a YMCA director, running and being elected to the planning board in 2014. He’s served as vice chair of the Point Loma Kiwanis Club and also joined the Optimists, where he and his colleagues put flags along Rosecrans Street on Sundays. He also had a short but satisfying stint with Junior Achievement.

Peninsula Planning Board elects Romanian millennial

Robert George Lockwood October 22, 1942 to April 21, 2016

Robert George Lockwood, born in San Diego, California on October 22, 1942 passed away on April 21, 2016. Bob O as he was affectionately called by his family and friends passed away after a valiant fight from complications from spinal cancer.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Catherine Lockwood of Ocean Beach. Bob has two children, Jessica (Monica) and Jamie (Doug Parker) one grandchild, Barrett, and two grandchildren, Ella and Wyatt.

Bob as he was growing up attended school at Stella Maris Academy in La Jolla, Sacred Heart Academy in Ocean Beach, he also attended Saint Augustine High School in San Diego and graduated from Point Loma High School.

He is survived by three brothers, Richard (Linda) of Ocean Beach, Thomas of Kauai, and Bob later started a career as an electrical lineman with San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern Electric Inc. His career lasted 30 years.

As Bob was growing up he was an avid surfer. He was an original member of the Sunset Cliffs Surf Club, and the O B Longhorns. He participated in many surfing contests throughout Southern California and Hawaii. His favorite surfing spots were Osprey St., Rincon, and Malibu, and the big waves on Oahu.

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At least 10 car windows smashed in OB vandalism

The windows of at least 10 vehicles were smashed in the early morning of April 25 along a normally quiet street in Ocean Beach. Authorities believe the vandal used a hammer on the vehicles parked along the 4800 block of Coronado Avenue between Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Cable Street.

No thefts were reported in the incident.


Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the San Diego Police Department’s nonemergency phone number at (619) 531-2000.

Ocean Beach Pier Surf Classic

The inaugural Ocean Beach Pier Surf Classic was sponsored by Hoddad’s OB, AWOL Productions and Revolt Surf, a local surf contest for young and old, which will take place at 7 a.m. Saturday, April 30. The event will raise funds for the Ocean Beach Community Foundation’s youth sports. There will also be Family Challenge divisions in longboard and shortboard competitions.

AWOL (A Way of Life), established in 2002, is a local brand inspired by skate, surf and moto, which is a lifestyle dedicated to bringing Ocean Beach together. For more information, visit obsurfs classic.com.

Hammond’s opening in Point Loma

Hammond’s Point Loma grand opening is set for noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at 3740 Sports Arena Blvd. Hammond’s will be buy one, get one free specials all day.

This location is the third for the gourmet ice cream shop, which opened its original place in North Park in 2015 and the third in Ocean Beach last summer. The Point Loma shop has the largest indoor seating area of the three, with 1,200 square feet of space.

New hotels open in downtown SD

Marriott International Inc. recently held the grand opening of the SpringHill Suites and Residence Inn at Bayfront by BRIC.

Leadership from Marriott International, the City of San Diego, the Port of San Diego, Hensel Phelps, Landlord & Associates, and Portman Holdings welcomed local patrons and visitors alike to this innovative hotel property.

The new 253-suite SpringHill Suites and 147-suite Residence Inn on the North Embarcadero area of downtown will showcase San Diego’s design with its striking yellow wall, spectator bay and city skyline views, fifth-floor outdoor swimming pool, bayfront patio area and state-of-the-art fitness center.

Sport Chalet closing all stores this month

Sport Chalet is closing all its stores and has already shut down its online sales, the La Canada Flintridge sporting goods company has announced.

The decision affects four stores in San Diego County and 33 stores in Southern California. Three Sport Chalet stores are located in San Diego – in Mission Valley, Point Loma and University Towne Center – with the fourth county location in San Marcos in North County.

A statement on the company’s website said the stores will remain open until at least April 29 to accommodate gift cards and rewards certificates. An employee at the Mission Valley location said her store could be open for two more weeks or two months and that she was not told anything definitive.

The store has marked everything at a 10 percent discount on already reduced prices, she said.

The announcement comes less than two months after another sporting goods retailer, Sports Authority, declared bankruptcy and announced it would be closing its Grossmont Center location in La Mesa.

Sport Chalet was founded in 1959 by Norbert Olber, with its first store in La Canada Flintridge, where it remained headquartered for the next several decades. What began as one specialty sporting goods location expanded into a string of full-service sporting goods stores across the Southland and eventually expanded to Northern California, Arizona and Nevada. Sport Chalet went public in 1992.

Barbera Fest wine tasting

Gianni Buonomo Vintners Winery and Tasting Room is releasing the much anticipated 2013 Amador County Barbera and Zinfandel at their inaugural Barbera Fest on Saturday, April 30. This casual, picnic-style event is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Robb Athletic Field Recreation Center, 2525 Bacon St. Register at sdreconnect.com. Cost is $13 a day; the kids’ ages are 6 to 12.

Mission Bay High reunion

Mission Bay High School’s Class of 1966 50th reunion will take place 6:30 to midnight Friday, Oct. 21 at Bahia Hotel, Mission Bay, on the Wm. D. Evans Sternwheeler. For reservations, contact Laurie (Rock) Russell at Chalk@sdual.com. Other classes are invited if interested.

Funding breakfast

On the third Sunday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon, PVF Post 5985, at 853 Turquoise St., holds Ketra’s famous made-to-order omelet bar, which includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage and fruit, open to the public for $8.

As a longtime member and past-president within the American Legion Family of Pacific Beach, Ketra spreads the wealth of her monthly profits among various local youth active-duty military and community organizations. She will be donating all proceeds from her May 15 meals to Next Step Service Dogs in Lakeside.

Their mission is to assist, employ and empower veterans and active military personnel with PTSD, TBI and/or mobility limitations by training personal dogs into service dogs. Ketra says it takes $600 to train each new service dog.

PB Woman’s Club’s wine taste fundraiser

Pacific Beach Woman’s Club’s annual wine taste fundraiser and silent auction will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at Hornblend Hall, 1721 Hornblend St. Tickets are $15 each plus two bottles of the same wine valued at $10 or more. One wine will be for tasting, and the other is for the silent auction. Taste a variety of wines and sample a selection of appetizers while supporting the club. For wine tasting tickets, call Patsy Kuczkowski at (858) 274-2462 or email patysykuczkowski@gmail.com. Find out more about Pacific Beach Woman’s Club at pbwomensclub.org.

Clothing donations needed for UCP

Are you ready to donate? The City Beach Boutique in Crown Point will collect clothing donations for United Cerebral Palsy’s Pacific Beach Thrift Shop through May. Drop off donated items at 3460 Ingram St., Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Help support friends and neighbors living with developmental disabilities by donating. For more information, visit citybeachboutique.com or call (858) 230-7705.

San Diego Beach Winery Hosts Barbera Fest

Gianni Buonomo Vintners Celebrates Launch of Second Label

Gianni Buonomo Vintners Winery and Tasting Room is releasing the much anticipated 2013 Amador County Barbera and Zinfandel at their inaugural Barbera Fest on Saturday, April 30. This casual, picnic-style event is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and takes place at the brand-new winery just steps from the Pacific in the heart of Ocean Beach. The showcased Barbera and Zinfandel were sourced from the renowned Oakmont Vineyard in the Shenandoah Valley of Amador County. Immediately after harvest the grapes were brought to San Diego to vinify and age in French oak barrels. These wines are being released under the winery’s new second label, Gianni California.

And who is Gianni California? “It’s probably the most important first to know who Gianni Buonomo is,” explained Winemaker and Managing Partner Keith Rolle. “Gianni Buonomo is the consummate gentleman...always elegant, always well groomed, always well mannered. Buonomo means good man in Italian.” And Gianni California: “Rolle laughed, “You can think of him as the California beach version of Gianni Buonomo.”

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Hone your artistic skills at The Hot Spot Studio

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

If pottery painting and candle making is your thing, check out The Hot Spot Studio in Liberty Station this spring.

Budding ceramicists and chandlers can hone their skills at the studio serving all ages at 2770 Historic Decatur Road near Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens-Liberty Station.

Best of all, and unlike most similar studios, there are no studio fees at The Hot Spot.

“We serve anybody from 9 months old, coming in to get their hands and feet painted, to adults of all ages,” said Lexi Champagne, company spokesperson, noting the studio’s pottery is premade and that people select items to paint and finish in kilns.

Kiln firing lends a super-glossy, shiny look to the finished, painted ceramic product.

Champagne said they get lots of school children.

“We get a lot of school activities and events,” she said, “We have students from one school coming in and making a huge tile wall at their school with tile squares, and the students are painting the tiles.”

The Hot Spot has been in Liberty Station nearly four years.

“It’s an open studio,” said Champagne. “People are welcome to come in and just take a walk around.”

On a typical weekday late afternoon, a mom and her two kids were in working on painting pottery.

Another adult, a woman who identified herself as Kali from San Diego, was cutting wax pieces to melt into her ceramic cup.

“I made this mug here a few weeks ago for my birthday party, and now I’m making a candle to fit inside it,” Kali said, noting the entire process “is really fun,” while adding she likes that there are no studio fees, which cuts down on the cost.

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Increasingly, though, people are discovering what locals have known for years. Old Town is also the place to go for shopping and Fiesta de Reyes is the place to hit up if you’re in the market for a unique gift or specialty item you just can’t find anywhere else.

Fiesta de Reyes is home to 19 unique specialty shops featuring authentic, historically themed, one-of-a-kind items that are perfect for gifts or for yourself. From hot sauces to silver jewelry, from olive oil to toys, from unique garden items to original artwork, books to wine to jerky all of the specialty shops of Fiesta de Reyes are locally owned and independently operated.

Of course, if you really want authentic Mexican food with your shopping, Fiesta de Reyes also features three fantastic restaurants that celebrate San Diego’s rise from a Mexican village to a thriving culinary and commercial mecca. Add to that, the nightly entertainment and Fiesta de Reyes is not just a shopping center, it’s a vibrant shopping and dining experience.

For more on the shopping, dining and entertainment at Fiesta de Reyes, go to fiestadereyes.com or just visit in the northeast corner of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. 2754 Calhoun Street, San Diego, CA 92110.

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RSVP to help San Diego police in Ocean Beach

BY HANNA LAUKKANEN | THE BEACON

Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) in San Diego is calling for more volunteers age 50 and retired amid a large area to patrol – Point Loma, Ocean Beach, Linda Vista, Hillcrest, North Park and Mission Hills.

RSVP works with the San Diego Police Department and is a nonconfrontational group that doesn’t carry weapons. “If we have any problems, we contact SDPD, and they will help,” volunteer Mike Hughes says.

Uniformed volunteers enforce regulations on handicapped parking, conduct vacation home security checks, perform traffic control, patrol accident scenes, business districts, parking lots and school zones and provide homeland security support.

They also answer Balboa Park tourists’ questions as ambassadors of San Diego.

The YANA project (You Are Not Alone) is also part of RSVP. Volunteers visit seniors in San Diego. If they are requested to do so, they’ll visit three times a week to check that everything is OK and that the caregivers have done their job.

Applicants for RSVP must be U.S. citizens, have valid California driver’s licenses and have the physical ability to perform patrol duties. Volunteers have to participate in at least three patrols a month and attend a meeting once a month. The patrols last five to six hours. Volunteers are asked to commit for one year.

RSVP, half of whose volunteers are women, was established in the mid-1990s. Hughes has been a volunteer for 14 years and says it has been fulfilling.
Pointers fall to Vikings in thriller at Petco Park

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

For 25 members of the Point Loma High School varsity baseball team, it was an evening they will never forget, three hours of their young lives that will live forever in their memories.

On April 18, they stepped through a gate along the left field foul line at Petco Park to do what few youthful players have done, playing a regulation Western League game against La Jolla on the immaculately manicured surface that is home to the San Diego Padres.

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The Pointers warmed up on the big bullpens surface with an 8-8 record (0-2 in league) while the Vikings came in at 13-3 (2-0).

“It was pretty special to get out there just to see what it’s like,” said senior third baseman Phillip Huber. “You see all these games played on TV and never realize how nice and how well taken care of those fields are. We’re honored to play on a field like we do at Duna, but that was sure special, especially under the lights.”

The game began well for the Pointers, designated as visitors and occupying the third base dugout, as they took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning and then extended it to 3-1 in the sixth.

Entering the seventh and final inning, the Pointers needed only three outs to chalk up their first league win of the season. But it just wasn’t meant to be.

Head coach David Wells paraded his starting pitcher, and a longstanding, respected member of the profession.

Under her leadership, Francis W. Parker School was awarded the first and only Safe Sports Award in San Diego from the National Athletic Trainers Association. Demonstrating that the school had taken crucial steps to keep its athletics free of injuries.

Dehner named Athletic Trainer of the Year

Point Loma resident Niki Dehner, head athletic trainer at Francis W. Parker, and Robby Bowers, head athletic trainer at Rancho Bernardo, have been co-named Athletic Trainer of the Year by the San Diego High Schools Athletic Trainers Association. Dehner is a certified athletic trainer and a longstanding, respected member of the profession.
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Coastkeeper’s Ocean Commotion Concert on April 30 in Pacific Beach

San Diego Coastkeeper invites San Diego to party for area waters at its fifth annual Ocean Commotion Concert on Saturday, April 30 at Campland on the Bay. The event celebrates aquatic playgrounds and raises money to protect and restore San Diego County’s water quality and supply.

“Ocean Commotion is a celebration of our water,” says San Diego Coastkeeper Interim Executive Director Travis Pritchard. “Local musicians, businesses, families and friends put things on hold for a night to celebrate what makes San Diego so great: our fishable, swimmable, drinkable water.”

Event sponsor Campland on the Bay provides the ideal outdoor setting for a night in honor of one of San Diego’s most precious resources. Beer will be served by local breweries, and the stage remains in earshot of beach access to iconic Mission Bay. Attendees have the option to stay the night at Campland in a tent or RV.

Oceanside’s The Barnwell Shift will again donate a performance and headline the show. Known for their progressive yet playful “shifty rock,” The Barnwell Shift is a talented trio of musicians who shifty musical instruments and genres while artfully blending the sounds of funk, folk and rock. The band challenges the traditional one-person, one-instrument musical norms while eliciting a truly unique crowd response filled with their smooth and shifty grooves.

The Barnwell Shift and San Diego Coastkeeper started Ocean Commotion five years ago to unite musicians for a cause dear to residents of San Diego — clean water. The band and nonprofit recruit additional artists for the event, who offer volunteer performances so that ticket costs wholly benefit San Diego Coastkeeper’s work. The organization will announce more bands soon.

In addition to funky music, guests can participate in a drawing for prizes from an array of local businesses. Past years’ drawings included gift certificates to restaurants and breweries, surf and skate gear, apparel, vacation stays, beach rentals and more.

Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 the day of the show. Parking inside Campland is also available for $10 a vehicle. For more information about this event, visit sdcoastkeeper.org.

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Bite of Point Loma feeds PLHS' coffers

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Hundreds of hungry, happy people will descend upon Liberty Station's finest restaurants Tuesday, May 3 to sample their tastiest wares during the third annual Bite of Point Loma event.

The event is a major fundraiser for Point Loma High School, supplying many needed items to enrich the academic lives of students that are critically needed and not included in today's lean school budgets.

For $35 a person, patrons will be able to stroll the peaceful grounds of Liberty Station from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., socializing with others and sampling offerings from such favorites as Oggi's Pizza & Brew, Luna Grill, Fig Tree Cafe, Tender Greens, Panera Bread, Cold Stone Creamery, Slater's 50/50, Point Loma Tea and Vons in addition to newer eateries such as the Mess Hall and Cecilia's Taqueria, located in the just-opened Public Market.

Tickets for the event were still available at press time; however, the event has sold out each year, leaving late registrants unable to satisfy disappointed taste buds.

Tickets can be purchased at biteofpointloma2016.mydagsite.com/. $250 sponsorships and contributions of any dollar amount can also be made there. A link also allows persons to sponsor a specific PLHS teacher or staff member for $20.

Organizers are hoping to raise $10,000 to continue funding items that directly affect students and their ability to complete projects and progress toward college entrance.

The event is hosted by the school's Pointer Association and has raised funds during its first two years for items such as a new sound system for the heavily used Performing Arts Center on campus; paint, tools, tables and canvases for art classes; recovery beds for the nurse's office; musical instruments; science lab equipment and lab stools and equipment and even to replace outdated textbooks for advanced placement classes.

Dana Middle students performing ‘Anything Goes’

The musical theater class at Dana Middle School will be presenting the Cole Porter musical “Anything Goes” in the Jackson Theater Auditorium at 7 p.m. Friday, May 6.

Forty-two students in fifth and sixth grades have been rehearsing the young performers edition since coming back from winter break in January. The great Porter hits are there – “De-Lovely,” “I Get a Kick Out of You,” “Friendship” and the rousing title song top the list.

The show, under the direction of Dana’s award-winning theater teacher Bill Cobb, is the 16th presentation in the 15 years since the inception of the elective class.

This has been a busy year for the class. In November, the children performed their annual song and dance revue. A week before the show, the Paris terrorist attacks occurred, and the students elected to add a song: “Do You Hear the People Sing,” from “Les Miserables.” In January, they were invited by the San Diego Gulls hockey team to sing the national anthem before a game. They were then invited back in March for both the national anthem and “God Bless America.” They’ve already performed before more than 20,000 people this year.

Tickets for “Anything Goes” can be purchased online by going to the box office link at danamiddle.com. The cost is $9 a ticket plus service charges. Handicapped seating is available by contacting Cobb at (619) 225-3897 or via email at wcobb1@sandi.net.
Middle schoolers honored for documentaries

By HANNA LAUKKANEN | The Beacon

A class of middle schoolers from Correia Middle School in Ocean Beach participated in a nationwide documentary contest called StudentCam, held by the C-Span cable television network, with three winning an honorable mention in the contest.

C-Span received 2,887 films from almost 6,000 students in the nationwide contest, with the winners announced last month.

Tristan Cooper made a documentary about the Syrian refugee crisis, and he noted he would want that issue to be discussed in presidential election. He had seen the crisis in the news and thought that he would help the refugees by making the issue known.

“At first,” Cooper said, “I thought that this was only a school project and I was just going to get it done. But after talking with everyone, it was really a good learning experience, and I learned a lot about Syrian refugees.”

He also interviewed 52nd District Congressman Scott Peters for his documentary.

“Going to Scott Peters’ office was the most fun I had with this project. It was a really cool opportunity to meet and interview him,” Cooper said.

Jacqui Power and Stella Bruce made a documentary about ocean pollution. They have always lived by the ocean and love animals. They note they are concerned about the fish and sea animals dying because of waste and pollution in the sea, adding they are interested in politics.

Fine Art from Point Loma and Ocean Beach Artists

Point Loma Artists Association (PLAA) is a juried arts organization with its members residing in the peninsula area, which is one of the loveliest and oldest neighborhoods in San Diego, California.

Members create art using a variety of media, from traditional to experimental, both two and three dimensional. Watercolors, acrylics, photography, collage, textiles, pottery, sculpture, and fused glass are represented.

We participate in events during the year that showcase our art and contribute to community culture here in Pt. Loma.

If you have space to exhibit art and want to discuss details with one of our members, please contact Anne Jackson annejacksonhefti@gmail.com

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Hill named Blunt Scholarship winner at PLNU

By NEAL PUTNAM | The Beacon

Jordan Hill, a junior English literature education major at Point Loma Nazarene University, was named April 8 as winner of the Blunt Scholarship, named for an underground student newspaper that published in 1976 at the college.

Hill is the first person to win the $1,000 scholarship, funded by former students and supporters who published The Blunt newspaper. They have contributed $13,000 to the scholarship fund, with the former students playing a role in selecting Hill.

Hill was deemed “Blunt-worthy” by the alumni selection committee, said Dr. Michael Christensen, who is on the committee and now works at the Wesleyan Center on the Point Loma campus.

“He demonstrated...not only his social consciousness and progressive ideas but his willingness to push the boundaries of the dominant culture of PLNU with a playful wit and satirical style,” said Christensen.

The criteria for selection as Blunt scholars include the requirement that recipients embody the original spirit of The Blunt and are committed to free expression and fair exchange of controversial ideas.

The name of the underground paper was satirical, and its pages were filled with humor. The students who formed The Blunt previously worked on the official student newspaper. The Point, before The Point’s funding was cut by the college administration. “This scholarship is directed toward students with an interest in creative writing and reporting,” said Carol Foster, a former Point editor and Blunt writer who helped negotiate the agreement and endowment campaign with the college administration.

The scholarship is also conferred in honor of literature professors Noel Riley Fitch and Michael McKinney.

Hill, from Bonita vista, is the son of a Lutheran pastor. He is the creator, producer and host of a show on YouTube in which he impersonates a conservative pundit.

“Jordan has distinguished himself through his quick wit, cultural satire and intelligent participation in my literature courses... (and) he is an independent thinker who does not always follow the rules,” said Prof. Carol Blessings.

A 40th anniversary issue of The Blunt will also be published on campus.

Dr. Michael Christensen holding a 1976 issue of The Blunt with Jordan Hill, who was selected as the Blunt Scholar for 2016. The $1,000 scholarship is named for the underground student newspaper at Point Loma Nazarene University that was published in 1976.
ADMINISTERING YOUR TRUST UPON YOUR DEATH
By: Dick McEntyre, Attorney at Law

You may wonder what is involved when your successor trustee administers your revocable living trust following your death. Here are the primary actions (not necessarily sequential) your successor trustee will need to take:

1. Arrange for the ongoing care of your pets; secure your home; and make the final arrangements for the disposition of your body.

2. Order several Death Certificates through the mortuary to be used in connection with closing financial accounts and transferring title to real property.

3. Mail out “Notice to Beneficiary/Heir” letters as required by California law.

4. Obtain preliminary value of your estate to determine whether a federal estate tax return may need to be filed with the IRS (within nine (9) months from the date of your death).

5. Open a new checking account in the trust name (or convert an existing account).

6. Transfer title to all financial/brokerage accounts from your name into the successor trust which the bank will require, since your income tax reporting number (EIN) for the trust is provided for, “reasonable compensation” as authorized by California law.

7. Open a new checking account in the trust name (or convert an existing account).

8. Locate all outstanding bills and pay same from the account referred to in Para 5 above.

9. As to any personal property in your estate, have an appraisal of such property made by an estate personal property appraiser, and sell such property and deposit the sale proceeds into the trust bank account, or divide such property among the entitled beneficiaries based on value or as otherwise required by the terms of your trust.

10. Obtain date of death values of all other property in your estate. Your banks and brokerage firms can provide the trustee with a statement(s) covering the time of your death and/or a letter providing the date of death value(s) of such account(s). The trustee will probably need to hire a qualified real estate appraiser to value your real property(ies) (needed for income tax basis purposes).

11. The trustee should keep a good record of all trust income and expenses and trust distributions, since an accounting should be provided to each beneficiary at the end of the trust administration.

12. The trustee should pay to himself or herself the compensation he or she is entitled to under the terms of the trust, and if none is provided for, “reasonable compensation” as authorized by California law.

13. After all estate expenses and debts have been paid, make the distributions to your beneficiaries called for by the trust.

14. Have an accountant prepare and file the needed income tax returns for you and for the trust.

Dick McEntyre is a lawyer doing estate planning, estate administration, and real estate legal work. His office is located at 3156 Garnet Ave., San Diego, CA 92109 (619) 221-0279. Dick has served the San Diego community as a lawyer for over 43 years.

By Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

A celebration of student music will take place May 13 when the Instrumental Music Program people at Point Loma High School take over Shelter Island's Humphreys Concerts venue to showcase the excellence of young musicians in the program.

This year marks the ninth annual Rhapsody on the Point at the stunning bayside location, an opportunity for the community to enjoy classical music in an intimate and elegant setting while sharing its pride in the astonishing talent and energy of PLHS musicians.

A cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m.

Performing will be the PLHS Instrumental Music Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra.

The concert is the primary fundraiser for the popular program that now occupies the new Dr. Dan Nelson Music Center on campus.

How badly is funding needed? "There are kids right now in band without an instrument to play," said PLHS Instrumental Music director James Sepulveda. "It’s a wonderful problem to have!"

The program flourishes not only from the dedication of students and staff but also from a collaboration with Dana and Correia middle schools, which annually sends talented musicians.

This year, 40 new students entered the program, stretching the marching band’s inventory to the limit. Every last uniform and instrument is in use, and forecasts say more than $15,000 may be needed just to keep up with enrollment.

Sepulveda’s message to the Peninsula community is blunt: “We can’t keep up with the skyrocketing enrollment, and we need help from the community.”

Tickets to the event at all levels are available, and donations can be made at rhapsodyonthe-point.org until May 10. General admission tickets only may be purchased at the door.

General admission tickets are $45 each or $80 for a pair. Future Point Loma and Ocean Beach High School students will be encouraged to purchase a.m. tickets for those up to age 15 are $15. All include admission and an unreserved seat. Hosted dessert and coffee at intermission are also included in all tickets.

Preferred seating closer to the stage is $100 per pair and includes an appetizer plate.

Reserved and premium cabaret seating is available at $250 (table for two), $500 (table for four) and $1,000 (table for eight) and includes varying numbers of drink tickets, program listings or ads and event signage.

The event is black tie optional and includes a cash bar.

Event sponsorships are being accepted in the amounts of $2,500, $5,000 and $10,000.

A silent auction featuring vacations and other luxury items will be held, with bids ending at intermission.

This year’s Rhapsody on the Point honorees is the Point Loma Summer Concert Series, which organizers emphasize has very generously supported all music programs in Point Loma and Ocean Beach.

Rhapsody on the Point showcases young musicians
Ocean Beach’s Jesse Egan hosts ‘Tonight In San Diego’

By BART MENDOZA | The Beacon

San Diego has had several TV programs dedicated to entertainment over the years, but nothing quite like “Tonight in San Diego,” a full-scale variety talk show celebrating the people, art and sounds of the area. Marine Corps veteran Jesse Egan and produced by Fale Luis with a cast of 35 volunteers, the program is taped Mondays at the Spreckels Raw Space downtown, with each week’s episode including an opening monologue, guests from a wide range of downtown, with each week’s episode including an opening monologue, guests from a wide range of the streets of Paris. A native of Arlington, Va., following a brief stay in Clairemont, Egan has lived in Ocean Beach for 16 years.

“I remember visiting a friend in Point Loma’s BayView Senior Assisted Living in the impeccable boutique care of seniors dealing with all forms of dementia and Alzheimer’s in San Diego.

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Parrots since Feb. 19 in the Ocean Beach area, Durham said reward money being offered for information leading to prosecution of the culprit(s) is now up to $7,000.

But she added she doubts that will make a real difference in capturing those guilty of animal cruelty, a crime punishable by up to one year in jail and a $20,000 fine per count with any conviction remaining on the defendant’s record.

“We know career criminals will give up other criminals for money,” Durham said. “But here we’re dealing with something that is much more community-based, and (therefore) money is not the motivating thing here.”

Animal cruelty is defined as “malicious, intentional or cruel maiming, mutilation, torture or causing unjustified pain, suffering, wounding or killing of living animals.”

Durham hinted there are some strong leads in identifying the Ocean Beach parrot killers, but added, “Right now there’s not enough to go forward with a prosecution.”

She said SoCal Parrot has taken the initiative of “going out into the community and encouraging people to say what they’ve seen.”

Durham suggested the identities of those responsible is known, but that that information is likely being withheld due to neighborhood peer pressure.

Noting the shooter(s) are probably using airguns with BBs and pellets, Durham pointed out, “It’s illegal for anyone under age 18 to use an airgun without written parental consent.” But Durham was quick to note airguns are not in the same category as hand guns and other firearms, which use black powder for pellet propulsion.

As to leads, Durham said, “We have clear indications, from multiple sources, that a particular group of juveniles may be involved.” While adding there’s also a strong likelihood that the identities of youths who may be involved is being suppressed by their parents, who could be threatening their neighbors with legal action if they allege their children are involved.

Durham also said SoCal Parrot has essentially been “locked out” of the investigation into the parrot killings by police and animal control. She’s been told by those organizations that SoCal Parrot’s involvement would interfere with the ongoing investigation.

Josh Bridwell gave a slideshow presentation on parrots noting there are three primary species found in San Diego and the Peninsula, none of which are native and most of which are threatened. He said most of the wild parrots in San Diego and Southern California have migrated here from Mexico, where deforestation has destroyed trees they live in and feed off of, causing them to migrate.

The slideshow presentation showed an alarming decline in the wild parrots’ habitat, which has dwindled to a remnant of the huge areas they once inhabited before agriculture led to wide-scale deforestation altering the natural environment and driving the birds out.

Durham likened the parrot-killing case to a jigsaw puzzle.

“Every little bit of information given to the authorities, the better the picture is,” she concluded.

Anyone with information about the parrot killings is urged to call the county Department of Animal Services’ parrot information hotline at (619) 767-2764 or (619) 236-2341. Callers can remain anonymous.

For more information about SoCal Parrot, visit socalparrot.org, facebook.com/socalparrot or email brooke@socalparrot.org.

Josh Bridwell with a friend.
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Dana Middle School is the public school serving grades 5 and 6 on the Peninsula. It operates on a traditional calendar. The school is located at 1775 Chatsworth Blvd. at the corner of Narragansett Ave. The principal is Scott Irwin.

Military group forms nonprofit foundation

The San Diego Military Advisory Council announced Tuesday that it has formed the SDMAC Foundation, a nonprofit charity to support the local active-duty and retired armed forces community through programs, educational outreach and events funded by tax-deductible donations. Donations can be made at sdmacfoundation.org.

The foundation’s signature program will be awarding a $15,000 scholarship to a San Diego State University student veteran. The funding is designed to supplement GI Bill income to allow the recipient to complete a degree program without incurring significant student debt, according to SDMAC.

The inaugural scholarship is scheduled to be awarded in time for the fall 2017 semester.

“We started the SDMAC Foundation as a means to allow individuals and corporations the opportunity to make tax-deductible, charitable contributions toward initiatives that truly benefit our active duty military based in San Diego and help us better educate San Diegans about the importance of the military and defense communities in our region,” said Pete Hedley, president of the foundation and a founding member of SDMAC. “One hundred percent of dollars raised will go directly toward these efforts.”

Jewish leader donates to UCSD Hillel center

A leader of the area’s Jewish community is donating $5 million to Hillel of San Diego to build a center for Jewish students at UCSD. It was announced April 10. Joseph (Chickie) Glickman donated the money as a lead gift to construct the facility. Hillel International operates a similar facility at San Diego State University that was dedicated in October of 2014.

The proposed center is currently being designed, and the plan will go before City Council for approval soon. It would be located on a lot owned by Hillel at the intersection of La Jolla Village Drive and Torrey Pines Road.

Horton Plaza Park to reopen

The reopening of Horton Plaza Park — long anticipated by San Diegans — will be held on Wednesday, May 4. Adjacent to Westfield Plaza Shopping Center, Horton Plaza Park is viewed as a dynamic urban plaza where San Diego residents and visitors can gather or rent areas for major celebrations and events.

The 2-acre park project began in 2011 and will cost an estimated $17 million. When completed, Horton Plaza Park will be open seven days a week, free of charge. The 53,000-square-foot city-owned facility will be programmed and managed by Westfield, who will be responsible for activating the park with 75 events initially, growing to more than 200 events each year. Daily activities will range from lunchtime concerts to cultural festivals, holiday celebrations, weddings and movie screenings.

The reopening will feature a two-part celebration, highlighting the start of a 25-year public-private partnership between the City of San Diego and Westfield. The afternoon portion will consist of a ribbon-cutting with the mayor and community leaders, followed by a larger community celebration in the evening. The community celebration will include live music, art and entertainment, featuring an internationally renowned performer and artist (to be announced at a later date). Both events will be free and open to the public.