Residents split on how to deal with homelessness

Some say eject the bad seeds; others call for compassion, better allocation of resources

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Social-service providers take new tack on problem

Social-service providers have adopted a new approach to combating homelessness that involves first finding them housing, then offering them an array of wrap-around services geared to their needs.

That was the perspective offered by a panel of social-service providers who fielded questions from frustrated residents who feel not enough is being done to curb homelessness in Ocean Beach, while at the same time answering to frustrated residents who feel not enough is being done to solve the problem. Both sides of the issue — including advocacy of services and calls for compassion for human rights and outright ejection of the sometimes harassing and violent homeless squatters — were aired during a public forum hosted by District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris on July 10.

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Police outreach program plays key role in solution

The first line of defense in efforts to control homelessness is the San Diego Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T.).

The H.O.T. team consists of police officers, county Health and Human Services Department specialists and psychiatric clinicians from the Psychi-

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‘Marshmallow War’ tradition softens after community pushback

By all accounts, this year’s traditional Fourth of July “Marshmallow War” was a lot less sticky and gross, thanks to the pre-event “Mallow Out” publicity campaign by the Ocean Beach Town Council (OBTC) and police.

“The grassroots effort by the OBTC and the OB community was a huge success,” said San Diego Police Lt. Natalie Stone. “We experienced at least a 90-percent decrease in marshmallows, and there were less arrests and citations.”

The assessment was shared by community leaders.

“It was a night-and-day difference from last year to this year,” said OBTC president Gretchen Kinney Newsom. The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) also appeared pleased with the outcome.

“It was great,” said Denny Knox, executive director of OBMA, the community’s business-improvement district. “There were

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Lindbergh Field parking plaza gets the go-ahead

The board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority voted to direct staff to proceed with construction of a long-anticipated parking plaza adjacent to Terminal 2. The board also approved an addendum to the 2008 environmental impact report that originally included a parking structure.

The addendum showed there were no significant changes since 2008.

“Our need for more close-in parking is clear,” said Airport Authority president/CEO Thella F. Bowens. “Our single lowest customer satisfaction rating is for availability of parking. Building this plan will enhance customer service, especially for the business traveler for whom convenient, close-in parking is a priority.”

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Faulconer lays cards on table on city’s present, future state

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer discussed everything from the budget, water independence and energy sustainability to wildfires and infrastructural needs during a free-ranging conversation with print media June 23. In his conference room on the 11th floor of City Hall with a commanding view of downtown, Faulconer answered any and all questions.

“I’ve tried to really set a tone of collaboration at City Hall,” said Faulconer. “That’s what our city desperately needed. I also think that’s the best way to actually achieve real results.”

Noting a combative approach “wasn’t my style,” Faulconer said his term has thus far been focused on the city budget, which he described as the “blueprint for our priorities for the city.”

Faulconer, a Point Loma resident, said his budget is all about enhancing neighborhood services and improving infrastructure — paving streets, increasing library hours and other quality-of-life issues.

The new mayor said he’s spent a lot of time initially on “economic development, incentivizing the development and growth of new companies, as well as promoting small businesses,” which he characterized as the backbone of San Diego’s economy.

Faulconer said he’s working hard to change the culture of city government, striving to make it more “customer-service focused.”

“Everyone out in our neighborhoods, our taxpayers, they expect and deserve good-quality service coming out of the city,” he said.
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Beacon writer takes home multiple journalism honors

Peninsula Beacon writer/photographer Scott Hopkins took home several awards at a recent banquet honoring local media members.

The San Diego chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists ceremony was held July 10 at the Bahi Hai restaurant on Shelter Island.

Former KGT news anchors Carol Lebeau and Lauren Reynolds presented the awards.

Hopkins swept the Breaking News Category for non-daily newspapers, winning first and second place. His account of the last-minute decision to scrap plans for Point Loma High’s annual homecoming football game received top honors. School principal Hans Reyonlds presented the award.

Hopkins’ story described how apparent tension and controversy with school officials and parents had plagued Nunez’s tenure.

A series of stories on the astonishing recovery of shooting victim Will Barton garnered Hopkins second place in the News or Feature Series Category. Barton, a PLHS alum, was given less than a 1 percent chance of surviving multiple gunshot wounds when he was ambushed by a deranged gunman as Barton walked home from work.

An action photo taken by Hopkins at the 2013 Powder Puff football game between PLHS senior and junior girls received Honorable Mention in the category of Best Feature Photo among all San Diego news media. The facial expressions of a girl running among all San Diego news media. The facial expressions of a girl running between the game made the photo stand out.

A retired teacher, Hopkins has been contributing to the Peninsula Beacon for the last five years.

Massive post-Fourth of July cleanup targets holiday debris

Nearly 650 volunteers gathered at four popular beaches on July 5 to assist with the Surfrider Foundation San Diego County chapter’s annual post-Fourth of July “Morning After Mess” beach series.

By midday, Surfrider volunteers had recovered 1,410 pounds of trash and 126 pounds of recyclable material that otherwise would have been washed into the sea, where it would add to the already critical pollution problem devastating the world’s oceans.

Surfrider volunteers hosted four cleanups in collaboration with I Love A Clean San Diego and San Diego Coastkeeper from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on July 5 at the Ocean Beach Pier, Belmont Park in Mission Beach, Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach and the Oceanside Pier.

These cleanup sites were chosen because of the high concentration of beachgoers and notorious reputations for post-Fourth of July trash.

“We are incredibly pleased with the number of volunteers who came out this morning to help clean the beaches after the busy holiday,” said San Diego County chapter manager Haley Hagerstone. “We are also pleasantly surprised with the amount of trash that was collected. There was a significant decrease in the amount of trash collected this year when compared to the last few years. This is partially due to the cancellation of the annual marshmallow fight in Ocean Beach.”

Few holidays generate more trash on San Diego County beaches than the Fourth of July. Much of this litter is made up of plastic, which exacerbates the pollution problem impacting marine life in the world’s oceans.

This year’s “Morning After Mess” recovered 489 plastic bags, 983 pieces of Styrofoam and 14,796 cigarette butts.

Throughout the year, the Surfrider Foundation works hard to prevent pollution from becoming part of the “Morning After Mess.”

Through successful programs like Rise Above Plastics and Hold Onto Your Butt, the organization uses education, outreach and advocacy to reduce the amount of single-use plastics and cigarette butts along our coast.

For more information on the Surfrider Foundation San Diego County chapter, visit www.surfridersd.org, or contact email haley@surfridersd.org or (619) 929-5350.

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Phanlantropist Prebys of Point Loma gives $25M to Salk Institute

San Diego philanthropist and Point Loma resident Conrad Prebys has donated $2.5 million to the Salk Institute for Biological Studies to boost the La Jolla research center’s endowment, according to published reports.

The gift is the second largest in the institute’s current $300 million capital campaign, following a March 2013 contribution of $2 million from the Helenmy Charitable Trust. Prebys’ contribution brings the tally to $27.5 million, with a year left in the campaign.

Prebys, who made his fortune in real estate, has made numerous large gifts to area health, education and cultural institutions, most recently donating $20 million for a new scholarship program at San Diego State University.
Virginia Fournier, 99, longtime OB resident and volunteer

Virginia (Ginger) Fournier, a long-time Ocean Beach resident, passed peacefully on June 14 in Washington State after living with her daughter Suzie (Fournier) Long and husband Jay Long of Oak Harbor, played High School, was a 2014 graduate and Paul Fournier, on July 1, 2014.

She was 99.

Ginger graduated from Point Loma High School as a cheerleader and played sports, graduating in 1934. Ginger was an avid roller skater (where she met Paul). Ginger and Paul have two daughters, Pauline (Buell) Breeding of Alpine and Suzie Long of Oak Harbor, Wash.

Ginger was also an avid bowler, a longtime Girl Scout leader and lifetime member of the San Diego In Door Sports Club, an organization to help physically challenged adults.

Ginger spent many years volunteering at the Ocean Beach Community Center, organized and volunteered during many parades and activities.

Ginger was a member of the San Diego Clown Club and many other organizations throughout her life. She was a giving individual, loving wife, mother and friend.

Ginger married Paul in 1917, Paul was a career Navy man and the couple spent its first few years traveling to different duty stations until 1949 when they purchased their home in Ocean Beach. Ginger and Paul returned to their home and was returning home for a two-year shore duty stint and promotion to commander when an explosion happened aboard the USS Bennington, which killed 100 men, including Paul.

Ginger remained a widow, raising her daughters, enjoying her five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Ginger was well liked for her smile and kind personality to all. She is missed.

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Quick Hits

Man killed after fall from Sunset Cliffs

A man was killed after falling roughly 50 feet to his death at Sunset Cliffs on July 3, authorities said.

A friend of the victim reportedly called 9-1-1 shortly before 4 a.m. and said the man appeared to have been startled before falling from the cliffs near Ladera Street, according to officials with San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and San Diego Police

The victim was apparently with a woman and another couple at Ladera Park.

Terrible emergencies workers administered CPR, the man was pronounced dead at the scene, police officials said.

The identity of the victim, who is reportedly an Ocean Beach resident, was not immediately available.

Funconer, Kersey Warn of Fire-Safety Dangers

San Diego’s fire department especially those living near open space, can take measures to help protect their homes from fires this season—and on July 7, Mayor Kevin Faulconer and City Councilman Mark Kelsey issued a reminder to that effect.

“Fire safety is everyone’s responsibility,” Faulconer said. “The city is doing its part by increasing funding for brush management efforts within our open-space parks and canyons. Homeowners also must take common-sense steps to protect themselves, because we are all in this together.”

Kelsey concurred.

“Fires can go from bad to worse in a very short time,” Kersey said. “So firefighters need every advantage they can get in order to successfully protect homes. It is critical that homeowners are proactive in doing their part, in turn, firefighters can do their jobs more effectively.”

Kersey pointed to the city’s District 5, in which the Bernardo fires burned 1,500 acres last May. The city’s brush management regulations all beneficiaries in wildland urban interfaces areas to have 100 feet of defensible space and for homeowners to take other precautions to help prevent the spread of wildfires, including trimming of trees and clearing debris from roofs and gutters. In coming months, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department will be conducting door-to-door inspections to help educate residents and make sure they are properly clearing brush around their homes.

San Diego has more than 500 linear miles of wildland-urban interface in which backyards meet the native-naturalized vegetation in canyons and other open-space areas. At the same time, drought of years have increased the flammability of vegetation.

For information on how to properly prepare or wildfires, download the city’s brush management guide at sandiego.gov/fire/pdf/brushpdf.pdf.

Man pleads guilty to holding up service station

A man who held up a USA service station at gunpoint in the Sunset Cliffs area has pleaded guilty to all charges, which include a separate case, and he faces a maximum term of 31 years to life in prison.

Sentencing for Steven Joshua Balistreri, 36, has been set for Aug. 12 by Superior Court Judge Timothy Walsh. Balistreri remains in jail on $150,000 bail.

Deputy District Attorney Jim Koerber said the admitted use of a gun in the March 9 incident adds 10 years to the other charges of robbery, auto theft and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Balistreri also admitted to being out on bond in a Riverside County case when he committed the robbery.

Balistreri also pleaded guilty to stalking a woman in Chula Vista. His prior conviction for residential burglary adds five years to the sentence, said Koerber. Koerber said Balistreri stole more than $240 from the service station and apologized to the female clerk before fleeing in a stolen Nissan Pathfinder. During a traffic stop, a police officer discovered the gun and arrested him near Robb Field.

Art in the Park event set for July 19

The Point Loma Artists Association is proud to host its 11th annual “Art in the Park” event, hosted by the Point Loma Artists Association, will thrill art lovers with exhibits, demonstrations, and continue with various acts through Aug. 8. The event will be donated to the Point Loma Artists Association.

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Even more, members say they are looking forward to meeting with the public and showing their work. Be on the lookout, as some of the artists are also hosting some on-site artistic demonstrations.

A percentage of all art sales from this event will be donated to the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library in appreciation for ongoing support of the local artists.

For more information, visit www.pointlomaaartists.com, or call (619) 222 9825.

Bank officials plead guilty to embezzlement charges

A former assistant branch manager at a Point Loma bank has pleaded guilty to embezzling nearly $37,000 from the J.P. Morgan Chase branch. Sentencing for Mark Masiglat, 25, of San Diego, is set for Aug. 22. He could face a maximum term of 30 years in federal prison, though judicial sentencing guidelines do not recommend such a long sentence if there is no prior record.

Masiglat embezzled the funds in 46 unauthorized cash withdrawals between Jan. 4, 2011, and Aug. 27, 2012, according to court records. Masiglat is expected to pay some restitution before being sentenced by U.S. District Court Anthony Battaglia, who allowed Masiglat to remain free on $3,000 recognizance.

“Corrupt bankers cannot be allowed to treat federally-insured accounts as their own personal piggy bank,” said U.S. Attorney Laura Duffy in a statement.

“My office will not tolerate abuse of public trust and defraud other financial institutions. I want to thank the FBI for its commitment to ensuring the integrity of our local banks,” said Duffy.

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City defeats lawyer’s attempt to stop use of business-improvement district funds

The San Diego Superior Court has denied attorney Cory Briggs’ motion for an injunction seeking to prohibit the city from spending more than $1 million raised by 18 San Diego business-improvement districts.

Those funds are used to promote neighborhood events like farmers markets, street fairs and festivals and projects like lighting, planters, banners and promotions. Had Briggs been successful, such events and projects would have been jeopardized throughout the city.

In rejecting Briggs’ motion, Judge Ronald S. Prager concluded that Briggs’ entity plaintiff “has not shown that it has a reasonable likelihood of prevailing on the merits.”

A business-improvement district (BID) is a public/private partnership that performs a variety of services to improve the neighborhood and promote individual business districts. They also carry out economic development services by working to attract, retain and expand businesses.

State law authorizes a city to establish BIDs and levy annual assessments on businesses within the boundaries, but only after proper notice and opportunity to oppose is given to the public. In concluding that Briggs is unlikely to prevail in his lawsuit, Prager found that BID assessments are “not taxes for the general benefit of the city; rather they are assessments imposed on businesses to fund activities which confer a special benefit upon the businesses assessed.”

City Attorney Jan Goldsmith hailed the legal decision.

“BIDs are specifically authorized by state law and are very popular in our neighborhoods,” said Goldsmith. “Residents of Little Italy are proud of their festivals and special neighborhood touches, for example. This decision allows BIDs to continue enhancing our neighborhoods.”

Sail Ho Golf Club swings into a new name, rebranding

BY DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Sail Ho Golf Club at NTC Liberty Station has morphed into The Loma Club. But more than the name is being changed.

“Nothing about the golf course itself has changed,” said Katie Flaherty, the club’s general manager, who added, “We’re doing some rebranding, have a new logo, and we’re starting a remodel shorty.”

The first phase of golf club remodeling, set to begin in the next week or two, involves building a new outside deck at the existing restaurant at the course.

“A deck will be built out on the existing patio, extending out onto the grass that will really showcase the golf course,” said Flaherty, noting the new deck will be substantial at 2,700 square feet.

“It’s intended to house an outdoor kitchen and bar,” said Flaherty, adding once the new deck is complete, “We’ll then close down and remodel the existing golf building.”

Flaherty said it is hoped the entire project remodel will be done sometime in October.

Though plans are still being formulated, Flaherty said the idea is to give the existing golf-club facility a modernized facelift, making it more “loungey and inviting.”

There’s discussion of changing the configuration of the existing building’s kitchen, to remove it from sight and replace it with a line bar.

Sail Ho was the original name given to NTC’s golf course in the 1920s.

The golf course has been in operation since 2006, with much of its staff from that time still intact, said Flaherty.
City reverses course on OTL under-21 policy

By Dave Schiawab | The Beacon

The city has done an about-face, rescinding its recently announced policy of excluding under-21 visitors and participants at the 61st annual Old Mission Beach Athletics Club (OMBAC) Over-the-Line (OTL) world championship tournament that continues July 19-20.

The tournament kicked off the weekend of July 12-13.

“The past six decades, Over-the-Line has become part of the fabric of San Diego,” said Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who was joined by City Attorney Jan Goldsmith at a news conference last week.

Faulconer said the announcement means “thousands of San Diegans and visitors from across the world will be playing, Over-the-Line on the sands of Fiesta Island, just like they have since 1954.”

Last year’s 60th OTL tournament almost didn’t happen when the non-profit group FreePB.org filed a lawsuit against the city, alleging it was denied a special-event permit for a 14-hour “Leisure Olympics” at Crown Point Shores. FreePB.org alleged the city was showing favoritism by issuing a permit for OTL, when FreePB.org’s was denied.

“There was no legal basis for last year’s lawsuit’s seek to cancel OTL, and we are prepared to defend the city’s permission for the event again, if necessary,” said Goldsmith. “Over-the-Line is a San Diego tradition that the city welcomes.”

The news of a return to the old rules for OTL was warmly received at The Pennant, a popular South Mission Beach hangout at 2893 Mission Blvd.

“A player makes an unsuccessful attempt at a diving catch during a previous Over-the-Line World Championship Tournament.” Photo by Jim Greet

that has long been associated with the event.

Saying there are always a couple of people in any large group who get out of hand, Koby noted that Fiesta Island is an “isolated area with no residences to negatively impact.”

“Thanks to the City Council and the citizens of San Diego for all of their support in the past, present, and future,” said OMBAC’s Jeff Johnson, adding OMBAC is grateful that a fair and reasonable solution was found to preserve the 61-year tradition that Over-the-Line is to the citizens of San Diego.”

Additionally, city officials said they will explore a change in policy to expand access to other comparable special events that take place on Fiesta Island.

City Councilmembers Ed Harris and Lori Zapf supported the city’s decision on OTL.

“Granting this special-event permit to OMBAC was the right thing to do,” said District 2 Councilman Harris. “OTL has been a San Diego tradition for 60 years, and I am pleased the spirit of the event will go unchanged this year,” said Zapf, who won the primary race for District 2 in early June, agreed, “I am pleased the city is allowing the tradition of OTL to continue for the 61st year of this event,” said Zapf. “As the newly elected councilmember [representing the interests of Fiesta Island], I plan on working with city staff and the City Attorney’s Office to revise the special-events policy for Fiesta Island to allow similar special events to go forward.”

“The city’s reversal in policy also appears to be meeting with endorsement by law enforcement. “The San Diego Police Department has had a longstanding, collaborative and successful relationship with OMBAC,” said San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman. “We appreciate everything OMBAC has done to ensure the Over-the-Line tournament is enjoyable and safe for all,” she said.

Faulconer, in office a little more than 100 days, was queried about his stance on the city’s proposed minimum-wage increase.

“My job is to make sure we are competitive and provide a good-quality climate, not only for starting new businesses but expanding existing businesses,” he said. “I am pleased the city is allowing the tradition of OTL to continue for the 61st year of this event,” said Zapf. As the newly elected councilmember [representing the interests of Fiesta Island], I plan on working with city staff and the City Attorney’s Office to revise the special-events policy for Fiesta Island to allow similar special events to go forward.”

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Faulconer noted it’s an “acute problem.”

“His said the focus should be on programs and services that transpire people out of homelessness.

Citing the Connections Housing Program in downtown San Diego as a workable model, Faulconer said combating homelessness is complicated by the fact that many in the population suffer from the double whammy of substance abuse and mental illness.

Nonetheless, “That doesn’t mean we stop trying.”

On other topics, Faulconer said the new budget funds a sustainability coordinator for the city, adding San Diego needs to “create the framework that makes us more sustainable.”

“Coupled with the minimum-wage increase “100 percent committed” to recycling wastewater, which he said is necessary to attain energy independence for the region.

Faulconer said he is pro-fireworks and said he’s willing to work with communities having problems in hosting fireworks, making sure they go through the required licensing and permitting processes.

Faulconer, a San Diego State University alum, also hailed Padres star Tony Gwynn as not only “Mr. Padre” but “Mr. San Diego.

“Most of the coverage of his death, which I think is awesome, was not what he did on the field, but also off of it,” Faulconer said.
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Although the board certified the environmental impact in 2008, the parking structure was deferred while the rest of the airport master plan, including The Green Build project proceeded. Although the expansion of Terminal 2 added 10 new gates, it did not add any parking capacity.

The original project was envisioned as a five-story structure with 5,000 parking spaces. The current project scope is for three stories and 3,000 spaces.

The parking plaza is also expected to have environmental benefits, by reducing total vehicle trips for passengers who park on site, as opposed to being dropped off and picked up. And smart-parking technology will allow parkers to reserve spaces and pay up-front. And smart-parking technology will allow parkers to reserve spaces and pay up.

Another consideration is phasing during the anticipated replacement of Terminal 1 as part of the Airport Development Plan (ADP). While multi-year construction takes place, parking in front of Terminal 1 will be lost. The parking plan will help offset that loss during construction. Also proposed as part of the ADP is a future on-airport roadway that would take airport traffic off Harbor Drive.

Other projects that have reduced traffic include the new central receiving and distribution center, which takes 50 to 75 trucks a day off Harbor Drive, and the rental-car center being built on Pacific Highway which will take another 10 to 15 percent of all traffic off Harbor Drive.

“This airport is very constrained, and its footprint is only 66.1 acres. We need to make use of every available bit of land to meet the needs of air travelers into the future,” Bowens said. “Increasing parking capacity by building vertically rather than horizontally is a necessity.”

Airport Authority staff will also be emphasizing aesthetics as they design and build the parking plaza and include a public art component.

The next steps are to prepare a comprehensive document, complete project design and obtain a California coastal development permit. After that, project construction bidding and award will precede actual work. Current estimates are that it will be three years before the parking plaza is complete.

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fewer people throwing [marshmallows] and lots more people picking them up. Most of [the marshmallows] were confined to the sand. Some people just went home.”

What began in 1985 as a festive, local family feud morphed over time into a large-scale free-for-all, leaving the beach community a gooey mess that has stained streets, sidewalks and nearby businesses — forcing an army of volunteers to do increasingly costly cleanups.

In 2011, the Town Council responded to a public outcry following the annual Fourth of July “marshmallow war” near the Ocean Beach Pier, which spilled over from the beach into the neighboring business district, leaving streets, businesses and nearby Veterans’ Plaza an unsightly and embarrassing mess.

A year later, the OBTC and police officials responded with the “Mallow Out” preventative campaign, aimed at curbing outrageous revelers.

The OBTC persuaded at least nine Ocean Beach businesses to refrain from selling the puffy treats to prevent them from being used as weaponry. Additionally, a citizen “Peace Patrol” was assembled to be on the lookout for revelers with marshmallows and gently persuade them to donate their stash to the Girl Scouts.

Local residents and businesses were also asked by the OBTC to go online at www.obtownscouncil.org and pledge to end the “marshmallow war” tradition by not throwing the confessions or selling accessories like shirts, popguns, slinghots or other items promoting the fight.

“We got back to where the event was originally,” said Knox, citing the success of local merchants in “agreeing to remove marshmallows from their shelves or allowing customers to buy just one bag. It was just ridiculous to have to clean the sidewalks two or three times.”

Knox said cleanup efforts necessitated by the marshmallow wars were not only a waste of time but a “waste of water during a time when we have a real shortage.”

Knox said the “Mallow Out” campaign will continue next year.

“We really couldn’t be happier,” she said.

Town Council members were similarly pleased with the results of the cam.
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acritical Emergency Response Team (PIERT), a private nonprofit organization. The H.O.T. team is available to assist the community with homeless-related issues.

At a recent public forum hosted by District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris on homelessness issues in the Peninsula area, Sgt. Teresa Clark of the H.O.T. team told residents the key to resolving homelessness is not only to identify resources to aid those out on the street, but to get homeless people to seek out those resources. No easy task, said Clark, since people at present cannot be forced to take advantage of available social services.

Clark said one objective of the H.O.T. team is “compassionate enforcement.” “It’s hard to grab people up,” said Clark, noting, “You can’t put them all in the jail system — it just can’t handle it.”

What H.O.T. team members do, said Clark, is help homeless people to “make connections, pull them off the streets and get them more help.”

Describing enforcement as “very challenging,” Clark said one resource available for everyone to tap immediately is to call 2-1-1.

That number is an information hub that connects people with community health and disaster services through a free, 24/7 confidential phone service and searchable online database.

“It’s just like calling 9-1-1,” saidClark, who added the 2-1-1 line allows searches for social services, including everything from substance-abuse treatment to child or elder care, food, housing and financial assistance.

By dialing 2-1-1, clients are linked with highly-trained service representatives who can help provide a wide range of immediate resources to individuals and families.

A recent survey of about 1,100 homeless people downtown revealed that 62 percent were “chronically homeless,” meaning they’ve lived on the street a year or more.

About 14 percent of the homeless population are veterans, and as many as 75 percent of them are classified as having serious mental-health problems. Perhaps surprisingly, surveys have found the largest proportionate group of homeless is in the 50- to 59-age range. Another 12 percent of the homeless population is age 60 or older.

Two-thirds of the homeless population is from San Diego or Southern California.

A total of 92 percent of homeless people surveyed, when asked if they would move off the street and into transitional housing given the opportunity, said they would accept.

On the city’s website, the SDPD and elected officials recognize there is a fine line between homelessness as a social issue and a criminal issue.

It is noted that many homeless are on the street because of substance abuse, mental illness, or both. Often the disorder issues associated with homelessness are criminal in nature — but difficult to enforce.

Being homeless is also not a crime, although many kinds of public conduct — public intoxication, loitering, prowling, fighting, trespassing, aggressive panhandling, soliciting, urinating and defecating in public, camping or sleeping in parks, littering, obstructing sidewalks, living in a vehicle parked on a public street, disturbing the peace by loud and unreasonable noises, using offensive words, behaving in a threatening manner — are illegal and should be reported to police.

At the Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group, which is responsible for the area north of Centre City between Old Town and Point Loma, homelessness is a frequent agenda item and a hot topic.

Police Lt. Natalie Stone, who heads a police neighborhood resource team composed of a sergeant and eight officers, said homelessness is “problematic” and a high-profile presence in the Midway Corridor.

Noting that the numbers of her Neighborhood Resource Team “aren’t enough to combat the problem,” which she said includes cracking down on illegal encampments and people sleeping in cars, Stone has told community planners that police and the community need to work collaboratively to deal effectively with homelessness.

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The Homeless — or PATH — a group of agencies working cooperatively to end homelessness, said putting a roof over street people’s heads is the first step to getting them stabilized and headed toward leading productive lives.

“We’re able to redirect folks,” said Standish of the program, which she said provides an array of services. Standish said there’s been a 70-per-cent reduction in homelessness in surrounding communities when a comprehensive approach involving wrap-around social services is offered.

Meanwhile, Garcia said, “The main challenge for us is to coordinate the efforts of multiple agencies linking the individual with needed services.” Garcia said it’s very difficult to house the homeless because they need to acquire the necessary identification to get the paperwork accomplished, as well as to clean up any legal warrants or financial black marks from their past.

Theisen talked about a new homeless pilot program under way currently in downtown San Diego, which he said involves a “coordinated assessment and housing placement program.”

That program, Theisen said, involves volunteers who actively count and assess the homeless to categorize them and their needs. Those homeless people can then be dealt with in a much more individualized and focused way once they’re housed and off the streets.

Details of the available programs drew responses from community members and local representatives.

“You need to take those pilot programs and bring them to our coast,” said Gretchen Kinney Newsum, president of the Ocean Beach Town Council. “We need them right now.”

Cathy Kenton, a business owner in the Midway area, said their coastal neighborhood “has become the dumping ground” for homeless people displaced from elsewhere in the city.

“Our employees do not feel safe coming and going to work in our neighborhood,” Kenton said.

Melanie Nickel, chairwoman of the Midway-Pacific Highway Planning Group, said there are four separate types of homeless in the area: people sleeping on the streets in tents, those living in vehicles, those who take to panhandling on medians and others who lounge in business parking lots.

Clark, of the police department’s H.O.T. team, said the key is not to identify resources for the homeless, but to get the homeless matched up with the appropriate resources.

Theisen urged residents to be patient regarding the homeless situation, saying, “There is no magic solution. If you want to solve the problem, you have to put the resources behind it.”

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless, referred to the 25 Cities Initiative, a national effort to assist 25 communities in accelerating and aligning existing efforts toward ending veteran and chronic homelessness.

Theisen spoke of a new pilot homeless pilot program under way right now in downtown San Diego called the Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement Program. That program is looking for homeless people to get them off the street and back into productive lives.

“I’m hopeful this will be as quickly as the community wants.”

There are some people who can find their way out of homelessness without any financial intervention, and some with severe disabilities who will never find their way out of homelessness without substantial intervention.”

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Peninsula YMCA soiree celebrates partners

The Peninsula YMCA event on June 19 was a great success, and we thank the Beacon for being a sponsor with the three advertisements.

The event, themed “Friends, Fun and Summer Sun: We Are The Y,” was an annual recognition celebration event held at the Bali Hai Resort, with 200 guests in attendance.

The Peninsula YMCA recognized six volunteers who have made a difference at the facility over the past year.

Those recognized were Ruben Flores and Scott Hedenkamp, who have coached youth sports teams; Charlie Ryan and Byron Wear, who have both served on the Board of Management; Abby Sailors, who has been a longtime annual support fundraiser; and Douglas Taylor, who has created the Peninsula YMCA’s community garden.

The event raised funds for camp scholarships to sponsor more than 400 campers for this summer, according to organizers.

Dance theater’s ‘Damaged Goods’ set for run July 18-20

Tragedy and comedy blend with trauma, memory, imagery and honesty in “Damaged Goods,” a multimedia program to be presented by the San Diego Dance Theatre Company Friday through Sunday, July 18 through 20, at White Box Live Arts, 2590 Truxtun Road at the NTC Promenade.

“Damaged Goods,” co-directed by Jason Hudnall and Dance Theatre artistic director Jean Isaacs, presents the stories of four So Say We All writers, who use the literary and performing arts to create opportunities for individuals to tell their stories. Pieces about post-traumatic stress disorder, body images and foster care are the topics addressed through dance, video, text and the spoken word.

The program begins at 8 p.m. July 18 and 19 and 2 p.m. July 20. For more information, see sandiegodancetheatre.org or call (619) 225-1803. For more about So Say We All, see sosayweallonline.com.
PLNU poised to join NCAA as Div. II member

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FINAL STEP TOWARD CONFIRMATION TO TAKE PLACE JULY 21-22

Point Loma Nazarene University received notification from the NCAA Membership Committee that it has been recommended to the NCAA Management Council to become an active NCAA Division II member beginning in the 2014-15 season.

The Sea Lions will now await the final step of confirmation on July 21-22 before they are formally accepted into the NCAA.

Upon approval, there will be recognition of this landmark achievement on the Point Loma Campus over the week of Sept. 1-6, when students return to mark the first week with PLNU as a fully-fledged NCAA member.

FOUR SEA LIONS EARN PACWEST SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR HONORS

Each year, the Pacific West Conference elects only 15 student-athletes—one per conference-sponsored sport—to be the PacWest Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Point Loma Nazarene University now boasts four of those for the 2013-14 academic year.

Andrea Mersino (women’s golf), Daniel ten Bosch (men’s soccer), Tyler Nordgren (baseball) and Claire Mathews (women’s soccer) were selected from all student-athletes in their respective sports in the PacWest as the top individuals in combined athletic and academic performance.

Mathews holds a 3.98 grade-point average as an engineering physics major. The junior earned a place on the prestigious Capital One Academic All-District Team and was a NCAA All-Academic selection. She also was named Second Team All-PacWest with four goals and five assists.

Mersino has a 3.97 grade-point average as a junior pursing his Master’s in Business Administration (3.66 GPA). He was named to two different All-American teams this season and ranked third in the PacWest in RBIs (46), fourth in doubles (18) and seventh in home runs (five).

Ten Bosch completed his sophomore year with a 3.86 GPA as an engineering physics major. He was a Second Team All-PacWest selection, while leading the league with 11 assists. He was the Sea Lions’ MVP and tied for the team lead with five goals.

As a whole, the PLNU student-athletes posted a 3.3 GPA for the 2013-14 academic year; the fourth-best in PacWest history.

139 STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO PACWEST ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

The Pacific West Athletic Conference proudly placed 139 Point Loma student-athletes among the 1,469 named to its 2013-14 PacWest Academic All-conference team.

Each PLNU team had at least six selections on the PacWest All-Academic squad, including the women’s track and field team, which led the Sea Lions with 28 award recipients.

To qualify for the PacWest All-Academic team, student-athletes must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA at their universities and participate in a conference-sponsored sport.

VOLLEYBALL INKS THREE IN 2014 RECRUITING CLASS

Point Loma Nazarene head volleyball coach Jonathan Scott announced the signing of three women to the 2014 recruiting class.

The Sea Lions will bring in Brianna Winbigler, itali Andrade and Bethany Mandon, all of whom will join the team as freshmen in the fall.

“This incoming class will provide us lots of high-level experience and success, which all have achieved at the high school and club levels,” said Scott. “I am very excited to see how they will be able to come in and immediately contribute to our program great.

Winbigler, at 5 feet 11 inches, out of Oceanside, ranked in the honors both at city and state levels. She was named MVP of the San Diego Section and was a First Team All-CIF selection. She also earned First Team All-Avocado League and an all-state performer.

Andrade, at 5 feet 8 inches, from San Dimas, had a decorated senior season in which she was named league MVP and to the Southern Section All-CIF team. She was also a two-time first team all-league selection in both volleyball and basketball.

Itali is one of those players who will immediately contribute to the team’s success on the court and character off the court,” said Scott.

She has had played in a number of top-level club matches, and her experience and poise will contribute to our program great.

Mandon, at 6 feet 2 inches, from Rocklin, was named Second Team All-State by Max Preps. She was also First Team All-League, MVP of the San Joaquin Sectional final and was co-MVP of the conference.

“I am very excited about Bethany and her upside as a volleyball player,” said Scott. “She is not only tall and physical, but she has experience at the highest levels in the club volleyball scene. She will immediately come in and compete with all our returning middle blockers.

“These three signees will join the 11 letter winners and seven starters coming back for PLNU in 2014.

World TeamTennis

Junior Nationals returns to San Diego

By DAVE KENSLER | The Beacon

Now in its 19th consecutive year in San Diego, the World TeamTennis (WTT) Junior Nationals will once again take place at the Barnes Tennis Center from July 28-31.

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Kona Kai Resort sports new presentation, concert lineup

By BART MENDOZA | The Beacon

San Diego is fortunate to have many scenic locations to hear music, but there is something special about the Kona Kai Resort.

Set overlooking a marina and private beach, you can hear music both in the Vessels restaurant and bar, as well as poolside on select days.

The restaurant has recently been restored to its original layout, with the bar back in the middle, and all the bar stools now facing the marina. It has a seamless feel between the inside and the outdoor patio where music is performed.

With the patio doors open, the music can be heard by anyone in the restaurant and/or down by the pool.

The Kona Kai Resort keeps a great schedule of music, with something for just about everybody.

Upcoming performances include guitarist Hank Easton on July 26, acoustic duo Doug Booth and Draeh Jirnae on July 27, boogie-woogie pianist Sue Palmer on July 31 and the trio of Joey Harris, Caren & Paul Jirnae on July 27, and/or down by the pool.

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At the heart of it all as a huge music venue since 1990 at La Casa del Zorro, doing the jazz weekends out there with Art Good.

“We had a huge following out there and I’ve been booking bands ever since,” she added.

Aguirre has always specialized. “For me, it’s always been working in a hotel environment. It’s always been really important to get the dynamics of the hotel guests, as (the music venue) is not just a freestanding restaurant or bar,” she said.

Even after decades in the business, Aguirre said she still enjoys the role she plays in providing the soundtrack to so many people’s visits to the Kona Kai and the other locations she works with.

“I just like providing live music,” she said. “It has been shown to be significant in changing the dynamic of the venue.”

She points out that each location has its own unique personality. She said she tailored the music to fit the property.

“The River Terrace Inn in Napa just added music this year. We just started in May and it’s been a huge success,” Aguirre said. “It’s proven that people will stick around and people want to be entertained.

“It’s wine country, so solo acoustic, classic rock, even flamenco works,” she said. “But the Kona Kai is more eclectic. Different things work there. It doesn’t have to be so specific.”

She said she likes the varied nature of the Kona Kai’s offerings.

“It’s a bit of everything,” Aguirre said. “We have blues one night a week and we’ve just added a DJ to the pool area for the weekends. It’s still family oriented, but it provides some live music and people can request stuff. It’s really enhanced the atmosphere down there. We’re trying a bit of everything right now just to kind of give as big a variety as we can.

She cites blues guitarist Gino Matteo and Glen Fisher’s Latin Jazz group Con Alma as examples of the musical diversity to be found at the Kona Kai.

Its waterfront location and varied settings also make the Kona Kai an attractive nightspot for people of all ages.

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Now in its 14th year, the annual Point Loma Summer Concert Series (PLSC) kicked off July 11 at Point Loma Park and will continue for four more weekends, offering free, family-friendly fun.

The first installment featured Motown and classic rock cover band The Mighty Untouchables.

Now on tap is award-winning dance and Top-40 band Liquid Blue on July 18, Beatles tribute combo Help on July 25, Neil Diamond impersonators Hot August Night on Aug. 1 and horn-driven soul group Detroit Underground on Aug. 8.

Early concert guests will also be treated to opening sets on a “junior stage,” featuring area youngsters who kick things off at 5:30 p.m., with the main-stage music taking place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year’s future rock stars include Fate By Friday on July 11. The Non Prophets on July 18, First Friday Music Club on July 25, The Sahara Grim Quartet on Aug. 1 and The Californias on Aug. 8.

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a folding chair or blanket to enjoy the music, but they can also order dinner from one of the catering sponsors that will offer a different taste treat per event.

Point Loma Park is located at 1049 Catalina Blvd. Free parking is provided at All Souls’ Episcopal Church, located at 1475 Catalina Blvd.

A free shuttle runs between All Souls’ parking lot and the Point Loma Park from 5:30 to 9:45 p.m.

For more information, go to www.plconcerts.org.

Point Loma Summer Concert Series now hitting full swing

The first of the popular Point Loma Summer Concerts got under way with the “Mighty Untouchables” entertaining a large crowd at Point Loma Park on July 11.

‘Sound of Music’ set to resonate at Westminster Presbyterian

The summer Vanguard Production series continues through July 27 with “The Sound of Music,” hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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They will all be on stage to experience, and guests might just leave the theater singing.

The cost is $17 for adults, $13 for seniors (over age 60) and for military and students, $10 for children 12 and under.

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Seniors Helping Seniors is proud to provide assistance to one of these brave women, Beverly Beese-meyer, and honors her service to our country as we celebrate Independence Day. Seniors Helping Seniors caregivers have helped Beverly, who turns 96 on August 25, catalog her mementos and records to provide to museum and university historical collections. They also assist Beverly with her daily activities, drive her to appointments, and prepare meals, which Beverly describes as “the best.” Beverly has been a client for over two years, “I am so happy with the services Seniors Helping Seniors provides, they do everything and I don’t have to worry about a thing.”

“Beverly is a delight and her caregivers understand and value the sacrifice Beverly and her fellow WASP’s made during WWII,” said Sue Erskine, co-owner of Seniors Helping Seniors, serving most of central, east and south San Diego including Point Loma, Coronado and La Jolla. Call Seniors Helping Seniors at 800-481-2488. Visit them on the web at www.homecarebyseniors.com.

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A birthday hike on the Pacific Crest Trail at Lake Tahoe! Carlene Abrecht celebrated her birthday with her husband, Mark, and friends Annika Bohl and Gail Hutcheson (and the Beacon, of course). Annika served as the fun and challenging leader for the adventure.

Susan and 4-year-old Lisa Matthews take their favorite hometown newspaper to Austin, Texas with Blake Sophia Bernstein. Blake, Susan’s niece, is an Austin resident.

Point Loma residents Jim and Laurie Hurl, along with former Point Loma residents Ron and Kathy Cunningham, took the Beacon all the way to Germany. The four traveled to Dublin, before traveling to Austria, Germany, Prague and Budapest on a recent river cruise. “Once a Pointer, always a Pointer!”

Sunset View Elementary School student Tom Taylor (age 8) takes a hike with his dad, Dan, and their Beacon to the summit of Mount Langley (14,026 feet) in the High Sierra. This was Tom’s first mountain climb.

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Peninsula-area events, July 17 to Aug. 23

THURSDAY, July 17

The Ocean Beach Historical Society will present a free presentation titled “WWII Comes to OB” at 7 p.m. at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. The presentation will feature speaker Dedi Ridenour, who will transport audience members back to the frightening start of World War II as experienced in Ocean Beach. Ridenour will share details from a 72-year-old historical piece written by her mother, in which her mother tells of hearing “War is Declared!,” seeing armed soldiers patrolling Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, a hair-raising 45-mile trip in blackout, martial law and air raids. Hear the actual unpublished words of a Navy doctor’s wife from a journal describing the anxiety, bravery and courage of Obeceans as they faced possible invasion by Japan in the first weeks of the war, about O.B. Elementary School’s air-raid drills, finding k-rations washed up on shore and how growing up in a war affected these children later. For more information, visit obhistory.wordpress.com.

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