Residents win ‘lottery tickets’ to Obama inaugural

By ALYSSA RAMOS | VILLAGE NEWS

The Joint Congressional Committee on Inauguration Ceremonies in Washington, D.C., expects more than 250,000 people to line the Capitol next Tuesday, Jan. 20, to watch Barack Obama sworn in as the 44th president, according to Congresswoman Susan Davis’ office. And for the first time in recent history, ordinary people will have access to witness the event as authorities open the National Mall.

“Susan felt it was important that everyday people who helped elect Barack Obama have a chance to join in the celebration,” said Aaron Hunter, Davis’ press secretary. “Susan wanted to give everyday people a chance to witness history.”

Although more than 1,000 constituents requested tickets, Davis randomly selected about 100 people to whom she gave away her allotted 198 tickets, including three area residents from La Jolla, Ocean Beach and Pacific Beach.

“I wish I could have given tickets to everyone. But we only had a limited number,” Davis said. “Many people who did not win official tickets are coming anyway, which is amazing.”

Davis and other members of the House received 198 tickets, while senators received 393 tickets.

New councilwoman tested on first day

Lightner responds to jet crash by appointing civilian task force

By ALYSSA RAMOS | VILLAGE NEWS

Newly elected San Diego City Council District 1 representative Sherri Lightner sat with La Jolla Village News Jan. 8, after a sobering first month in office, to discuss the impact of the crash on UC Santa Barbara and the nation.

“We had just come out of the inauguration, and people were milling around and getting cake and everything. I didn’t expect to have a security detail come up to me with something so soon, and — they did.” Lightner said, pausing as if struggling to contain rising emotion. “I’m sorry. I didn’t expect to get so emotional,” she said, adding that she did not realize her response would be so overwhelming. “Clearly that’s pent up. At the time it was emotion-al.”

At 11:58 a.m. Dec. 8, a pilot with Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101, United States Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, lost control of an F/A 18 Hornet aircraft flying training runs from the USS Abraham Lincoln off San Diego’s coastline to the Marine base.

According to military officials, the plane experienced engine trouble, the pilot ejected and the aircraft crashed and leveled one UC home, killing four family members, including a woman, her mother-in-law and two small children. A neighboring home was also destroyed.

“The security team very quietly just told me that there had been a crash and they did- n’t know what was going on, and they wanted me to go to my...”

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Piano is key to Athenaeum’s winter jazz ’09

By BETH WOOD | VILLAGE NEWS

If Jazz at the Athenaeum has a familiar sound to it, it’s because it’s been around since the summer of 1989 and is the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library’s flagship program.

“This winter series is a milestone in the Athenaeum jazz history since it marks the 20th anniversary. We hope to be able to continue with the same enthusiasm and support for another 20 years and beyond,” said Erika Torri, the library’s executive director. “As the jazz program coordinator, Dan Atkinson has done a fabulous job selecting the performers and we are most grateful to our Athenaeum members and generous donors for their continued support.”

But the familiar sound is in title only, because the jazz program highlights the music’s remarkable wide spectrum. The winter 2009 series asks this question: How many ways can you play a piano? Or, more to the point, how many ways can you hear a piano?

The winter series highlights the diverse range of this versatile instrument.

“I used to try to organize each Jazz at the Athenaeum series around a particular instrument or theme, but I found that this was too limiting,” Atkinson said. “I will have to admit, though, that when I saw the potential of the piano theme emerging for this series, I was swayed a bit in that direction. “Another longstanding criterion for the choice of the artists in an Athenaeum series has been a spectrum of different styles of jazz, which is also true in the case of these four pianists. And of course, they are all great musicians!”

The series launches Saturday with a solo concert by pianist Marilyn Crispell. A graduate of the New York University School of Music, Crispell is known as a prolific and innovative pianist, representing a variety of musical influences and styles. Known for her ear for improvisation, Crispell is a highly respected musician and has performed with numerous groups around the world.

Pianist Marilyn Crispell will kick off the Athenaeum’s winter jazz series with a solo show Saturday, Jan. 17, at 1008 Wall St.

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New laws on the books regulate recycling, texting

BY SEBASTIAN RUIZ | VILLAGE NEWS

Unless you’ve been driving on the freeway with your head down, thumbing through your cell phone to send text messages, you probably should have seen the electronic freeway signs telling drivers that using your cell phone to send text messages is a no-no as of Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009. That’s just one of several new laws that came into effect with the new year.

If you’re caught texting while driving, it carries a minimum fine of $20 to $50, apart from local court costs and other fees, according to a statement on the California Department of Motor Vehicles Web site.

The law is an extension to the “hands-free” law that started July 1, 2008. The law mandates motorists to use a hands-free device to talk and drive, said California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Eric Newbury.

With the new rules in place, police are looking for people fiddling repeatedly with their phone while on the road.

GPS mapping systems with big screens obstructing a driver’s view are also prohibited, he said.

“Slowly but surely, [legislators] are realizing that anything that takes your attention off the road is potentially dangerous,” Newbury said.

He goes by “Pandora’s box” for possible legislation addressing eating and putting on makeup while behind the wheel. Again, tougher punishments for repeat drunk drivers aim to make life miserable for those caught driving under the influence, he said. Police can write a citation or impound a vehicle if they catch somebody on probation for a previous drunk-driving charge with any amount of alcohol in their system, he said. It can result in an automatically suspended driver’s license.

Other laws that took effect this year include tougher regulations for those trying to sell recyclable materials. Sellers have to show identification, give a thumbprint and receive payment by check after three days, according to Robin Faulkner, owner of Pacific Beach Recycling.

The new rule applies to those selling material such as copper, according to the text of the bill. California State Senator Robin Ficker said she doesn’t deal in scrap metal and so doesn’t have a license filled with the city to sell scrap. The new regulation is intended to prevent copper and scrap metal thieves from selling stolen recyclables, she said.

Last year, the city saw a rash of copper thefts hit around the city.

“Back when copper was over $3 a pound … people were stealing everything. A lot of people lost their [business] licenses,” she said.

Every year California legislators pass hundreds of laws. A full list of all the bills signed or vetoed by the governor can be found at www.gov.ca.gov. 8

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According to Gharabiklou, he found that obtaining tickets hasn’t prohibited people from planning to attend Obama’s inauguration.

“Ten other friends did not get tickets but will be out on the public mall. If I know ten people personally, then I can imagine the mob scene,” Gharabiklou said. “It’s exciting. It could directly affect what happens with our agency,” Baker said. “To me, just to be there and to experience this is something I’m thrilled to be a part of.”

Pacific Beach resident Cameron Ghaharibklou, 27 — a practicing attorney — said he requested tickets through Davis’ office the day after the election.

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“We found out we won through e-mail. Before the election, Thomas and I decided that no matter who won, we still wanted to be there,” Shigenaga said. “We also made our plane reservation at that time too.”

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Unrelated, but also in effect as of Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, is the state’s automatic suspension law, which temporarily suspends the license of anyone who commits a crime involving alcohol or drugs.

For example, if you’re caught text messaging and driving, you can automatically lose your license.

Shigenaga said that a bunch of my friends were found hotels near the Capitol were booked, so Gharabiklou says they’ll be out on the public mall.

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Pacific Beach resident Stacie Somers, 33, said she signed up through Davis’ office after hearing of the lottery.

“One of my friends mentioned that a bunch of my friends were signing up through [the represen-tative’s] office, so I went to other Web sites to see what to do,” Somers said.

Somers, an avid Obama supporter, won tickets to the inauguration through the congresswoman’s site.

She said she was excited.

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Skate parks supervision shredded by budget woes

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The city's five skate parks, including the site at Robb Field on Bacon Street in Ocean Beach, will remain unsupervised indefinitely because of city budget cuts, according to statement from the office of Mayor Jerry Sanders. It costs the city about $282,571 a year to pay staff to supervise the parks in the face of an estimated $53 million budget shortfall. The city has also stopped charging park entry fees, which previously helped cover some of the cost of staff, said Rachel Laing, a spokeswoman for Sanders' office.

But with no supervisors how will the city enforce its own health and safety rules?

"We’re going to enforce the rules the same way we’ve always enforced them: People are on their honor and police will do spot checks," Laing said.

Park users should call the nearest recreation center to report any problems, she said. Western Division police Capt. Walt Vasquez said officers will respond to any calls on a case-by-case basis.

"It’s more depending on the circumstances and what’s going on down there," Vasquez said. "Are we receiving calls? That will dictate our response. But at this time it’s a matter of when time permits. Officers will go by the area."

Aside from the facility at Robb Field Recreation Center, other skate parks eliminating supervisors include the site at Robb Field at 10111 Carmel Mountain Road.

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RACHEL LAING
MAYOR SANDERS’ OFFICE

Flanked by Mayor Jerry Sanders, Police Chief William Lansdowne and Fire-Rescue personnel, District 1 Councilwoman Sherri Lightner speaks during a press conference at the scene of the Dec. 8 crash of a military jet in University City.

Although many residents voiced disapproval of the military during the community meeting, Lightner said the task force is not meant to accuse the military of wrongdoing but to find answers. The committee is a civilian-based group seeking answers.

"We’re opening lines of communication. This is more fact-finding, not fault-finding," she said.

Lightner said she started gathering members for the UC Crash Community Task Force, which met Jan. 9. She said she is open to allowing a military liaison on the board.

"We’re having a meeting with people from the neighborhood — a follow-up to the crash. It will be up to the community to see what direction they want to take," Lightner said. "Of course, we will have some suggestions on what we think is possible; there are certain facets of this that are city-related and others that are federally-related.

Lightner serves on three committees for the council, including Land Use and Housing, Natural Resources and Culture, and Public Safety and Neighborhood Services. In addition, she was appointed to eight other committees dealing with Transnet or SANDAG issues. The councilwoman said she is eager to attend those meetings.

For more information about Lightner, visit www.sandiego.gov.

To contact Lightner, e-mail lightner@sandiego.gov.

Lightner, whose previous experience stems from La Jolla’s neighborhood committees, said she leaned on her fellow council members for support regarding the Dec. 8 UC crash.

"I asked that they not hold a [council] meeting and said that I would not be there and that they support me," Lightner said. "They called the meeting to order that day but did not vote on a president until the next day."

Lightner and her staff worked behind the scenes in an effort to assist families impacted by the crash, she said. She organized a community meeting at University City High School so that citizens could gain access to police, military and city officials.

"I had the council meeting on Tuesday, so I had staff and volunteers from my campaign lead the neighborhood," Lightner said.
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The Grand Jury: Democracy is not dead!

Dr. VALERI D. HOFFMANN

Thanks to the grand jury system in California, democracy is alive and well in San Diego.

There are two types of Grand Juries. Most commonly, people think of a Criminal Grand Jury, which is impaneled by the district attorney for a particular case. These members are picked from the regular jury pool that we all get called up on from time to time. The “Civil” Grand Jury is quite different.

They are, in effect, a “Citizen’s Watchdog” for the County. This is quite a commitment. I served for two years on the Civil Grand Jury of San Diego County.

The Grand Jury has been around even longer than the U.S. Constitution. They have no power to fine, they have no power to jail, and they have no power to prosecute. What they do is investigate. They do not have the power of law enforcement to enforce the temporary ban. I felt that the voters wanted that.

This is quite a commitment. I did it for a year. From 2004 through 2005. Twice a month, at least six hours each day. Yep! For a whole year! From July 1 until June 30. A lot of hard work.

By state law we were required to visit every jail in the county and to interview inmates and conditions we found there. And make suggestions of any changes or improvements that might be advisable.

Any citizen can file a “complaint” with a Civil Grand Jury. They have the approval of any citizen who believes someone is being treated unfairly. The Grand Jury of San Diego County consists of 19 jurors.

Each of the 19 jurors is carefully evaluated for merit and value, and has gone through a careful and serious interview process. These members volunteer their time, make a $1,000 bond, and have their names drawn by lottery in the form of a “report” that is actually, recommendations in the form of a book, which in the form of a “report” that is... go to “reports”.

Wait till you get a phone call for an appointment for an interview with a judge.

Wait to be notified by the Office of the Superior Court Preliminary hearing for the “drawing of the names” (drawn by lottery in June) to get these jurors.

If your name gets drawn, look forward to an exciting “democracy” experience.

— La Jollan Walter D. Hofmann, M.D., is past president, San Diego Grand Jurors Association.
new trial.

Cravens, who was one of five La Jolla High School graduates involved in a fight with Kauanui, threw the fatal punch at Kauanui's head in a May 24, 2007 fight outside the victim's home. At the time, Kauanui's skull was fractured when he hit the pavement, and he died four days later in the hospital of blunt trauma and brain injuries.

Now you are forced to cut ser-
dues due a "$43 million gap in the budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year get." Sanders also states cutting 217 positions from the city pay-
rolls, in addition to reducing police and fire-rescue departments to reduce their budgets, thus less vital services to the citizens of San Diego. If you are also seeking to change the Mills Act that aids homeowners of historic proper-
ties to maintain their respective homes, you have to reduce our tax dollars on the city's budget and finance commit-
tee, said he's “working with an independent budget analyst to look at the assumptions behind the numbers.” That makes sense in a budget crisis — hire a con-
sultant to do your job. If Faulcon-
er cannot make budget and finance decisions, he should not be on the committee.

The question for Sanders is as the strong mayor, are you going to spend our tax dollars on the city's budget.

The meeting will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the La Jolla Hi-
nals 11,111 Marine St.

Families will meet the teachers and principal, tour the campus, and learn about school programs and have their questions answered. Registration forms will be available for neighborhood families. For information, call (858) 454-7196.

FLORESTA HITS A MARK IN ANTI-DEFORESTATION EFFORT

Florencia Adams, a San Diego-based international charity that works to end poverty by fighting deforesta-
tion, has planted its 4.1 millionth tree worldwide. Floresta, which has been plant-
ing trees since 1984, has recently

In the same interview you answer the question of the seven libraries and rec centers being closed until 2010, which you answered, “It could be worse. We don’t know what the bottom is on this.” To add insult to injury, Council-
man Kevin Faulconer, who has been the city's budget and finance commit-
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In an interview with the Union-
Tribune dated Nov. 16, [Sanders] said “more severe cuts are com-
ing in June with the next budget.”
Sesame Street has its cookie monster; La Jolla has its cookie master, and the affable artist of dough, Girard Gourmet’s Francois Goedhuys, once again spun his imagination into fantasy figures for the holidays. There were the traditional Santa and reindeer, plus angels on high and other delightful flat figurines strewn throughout the Athenaeum, but best of all there was the non-traditional, true-to-life series of villages (even a White House) representing the abysmal state of our country. You had to see it! Francois should have his own segment on the Food Network. Taking center stage in one room was an oversize crate titled “Smoking Room” installed earlier for a show. There were peepholes here and there, giving a glimpse of a rather unattractive interior, but that was the whole idea. The buffet served included grapes and monstrous baby tomatoes looking as if they had been raised on steroids, in addition to the cookies patrons were permitted to eat. Two servers were busy slicing huge chunks of roast beef for service on miniature rolls, Dagwood style, sans forks and knives. Athenaeum stalwart Penny West made quite a fashion statement with her snake bracelet winding up her arm from elbow to shoulder. Altogether another spectacular Ath holiday party.
Diversionary dives into family issues

Diversionary Theatre (in collaboration with San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre) opened its 2009 season Jan. 10 with Paul Oakley Stovall’s serious little comedy, “As Much as You Can,” which continues through Jan. 25 at the University Heights venue.

The play begins with Jesse (Kevane La’Marr Coleman), born to a white woman with whom the late patriarch had an affair. To add to the audience’s bewilderment, in addition to the bride that’s never seen, the bride’s parents are never seen. Neither is the bride’s ailing grandmother, who presumably dies at the play’s end—a non sequitur of divergent opinions about homo- sexual Melissa Coleman Reed), the matriarch had an affair. To add to the audience’s bewilderment, in addition to the bride that’s never seen, the bride’s parents are never seen. Neither is the bride’s ailing grandmother, who presumably dies at the play’s end—a non sequitur of divergent opinions about homosexual sex.

The audience is denied an affecting denouement. The playwright delivers sitcom. The audience laughs a lot. Director Antonio TJ Johnson smooths over additional dramatical problems, but when the entire back-story finally emerges late in Act II, it causes one to leave the theater pondering the ages and birth order of the characters. “As Much as You Can” continues at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays at Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Blvd. For tickets ($29-$31, discounts available), visit www.diversionary.org or call (619) 220-0097.

The “Three Extraordinary Tenors,” Dennis McKell, Jose Medina and Jorge Lopez-Ynez, sang Jan. 9 at a performance by the Hutchins Consort at the Neurosciences.

Boisterous evening at Neurosciences

Longstanding good intentions finally became reality Jan. 9, when the locally based Hutchins Consort presented an already boisterous evening in the acoustically live Neurosciences Institute. The experience led to another intention: to return when the eight-member ensemble plays a broader range of repertoire so that one may better evaluate them. They play on eight scaled violins built by Carleen Hutchins (b. 1911). According to program materials and the Web site www.hutchinsconsort.org, “These instruments are the first successful products of the first new violin design since 1610. One problem was the range of the violin. Getting the ear and mind attuned to the range of these instruments, created to complement one another, takes some doing. Though not unpleasant, the sound is jarring because this is not your grandpa’s string orchestra. Closest to satisfyingly traditional expectations is the “baritone” violin, which resembles the cells in size and timbre. These caveats aside, Hutchins Consort comes highly recommended and seems to have an avid and apparently more youthful than normal following.

The evening commenced with a brief new work, “Run Fast Blue Cookie,” written especially for Hutchins Consort by West Coast-based composer Michael Vathkovich. The piece, rife with timbres and the bustling of the tech bubble—the markets eventually rebounded to levels higher than they were before the crash.

It’s also important to remember that the stock market usually bottoms out four to six months before a recession ends. Fortunately, the downturns don’t usually last nearly as long as the upswings. If you leave the market now entirely, you probably won’t make it back in time to enjoy the complete recovery. According to the Schweb Center for Financial Research www.schwab.com, missing the first few months of a new bull market can ruin the first year’s return by a third or more, not including the current market.

If you find yourself moving your money around every time the market drops, it might be time to hire a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professional to hold your hand through the current crisis. Remember, you can’t control the market—but you can control your reaction to it. As always, if we can be of assistance, please let us know.
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Cuban- and Afro-jazz and pop references, puts one pleasantly in mind of Astor Piazzolla.

Next up was Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s “Souvenir de Florence” as arranged by artistic director/contrabassist violonist Joe McNally. What seems lacking in this work is dynamic contrast, the true and lascivious beauty of timbre one expects of strings, and the usual nuance, sweetness and singing quality of phrasing, both individual and in unison. Granted it is a virtuoso work — especially as arranged for a mere eight players, and redolent of Bach’s Brandenburg concerto. The program concluded with a rousing performance by the Hutchins Consort presents “Three Extraordinary Tenors,” a rousing performance by Domingo and Jose Carreras, were on their feet. Between each of the four movements and fights over inheritances. The society page has its share of bankruptcies, fraud and lawsuits. Other cultures, like ours have emphasized individual achievement. Other cultures, like the Japanese, have been able to emphasize the achievements of the work group as the goal. At times a few even manage feelings of pride in their organization without the inflicting. When there is a common enemy, a nation can forget its class and ideological differences and rally together. The whole world would surely unite if an enemy came from another planet. But in the meantime, is there anything we can do to minimize the dog-eat dog world of work, the backstabbing, the cheating, the elbowing, the sabotaging? Isn’t there something we can do to make not only the workplace a harmonious environment where people are friendly, warm and supportive and can delight in the achievements of one another? In a study where employees were asked about the most important requirement of their workplace, the answer was not money or other benefits but friendly co-workers. The family, the boardroom and the nonprofit all would also benefit from a more noncompetitive environment. I wrote this short poem: Every one of us who looks good makes the rest of us look better.

“...in matriarchal societies, the skeletal remains show far fewer broken skulls and war wounds ...”

Of course, you could start right now being less competitive and aggressive. But if you are the only one that way, you might be eaten alive. The whole department — or even better, the total organization in a concerted effort — must decide to be more supportive and caring. The manager or executive would have to stop rewarding competition and rework cooperation instead. No one will stop until it doesn’t get them what they want anymore. People’s energies will be then used for improvement and innovation rather than self-advancement. The need for friendship and mutual dependence is at least as strong as the need to compete and gain territory. We may also have here a gender difference too. I believe that men more often than women may perceive competition as just a friendly game, while collaboration, nurturing and nurturing are looked down upon by women. Anthropologists have discovered that in matriarchal societies, the skeletal remains show far fewer broken skulls and war wounds in male-dominated societies. This, of course, belies the behaviors of some of our more recent women leaders who had to use male strategies for advancement in order to make it to the top in a male-dominated hierarchy. Jonas Salk, who often spoke to my classes, dreamed of a society where earned merit and cooperation were rewarded in male-dominated societies. This, he believed, was more and more civilized, perhaps we will finally achieve what Plato in the 4th century BCE. He too believed in a meritocracy. As we move forward and become more and more civilized, perhaps we will finally achieve what Plato hoped for, so many centuries ago.
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Sports brief

La Jolla High searching for track coaches

Come and meet some of the best athletes in town. La Jolla High School has a phenominal track team over the years, as both boys and girls have rewritten CIF (boys 2004, girls 2007) and runners-up last season.

These great student-athletes are ready to train and compete, but the team is in need of coaches. Coaches are needed for the hurdles, high jump, shotput and discuss and a boys distance coach. Any of these could be also be the boys head coach. Workouts will be starting Feb. 21, and the school will need these coaches until the first week-end in June; if the athletes advance far in competition.

Hours are somewhat contingent the coaches with the work, but the starting time is between 1:30 and 2 p.m. Meetends are on Thursdays and some invitational are on Saturdays. A stipend is offered for assist-

For further information, contact the athletic director, (858) 454-3081, or head girls track coach Roger Karpoff, (858) 204-0098.

COACHING OPPORTUNITY

La Jolla Country Day School grad Dominique Conners (left) is a fresh-

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Aggies.

Utah State to a recent 72-58

and four rebounds in last Sat-

to go along with six assists

State University Lady Beavers.

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Carmichael is a sophomore

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Sarah Van Norman, a graduate of The Bishop's School, is playing

water polo for the University of Southern California.

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team-high 10 points two

in Arizona State.

women's water polo, Sarah Van Norman (The

Bishop's School) is a sopho-

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Chargers run into wall of unyielding Steelers

By BOB HURST

There was a sense early in the third quarter of the AFC Divisional Game at Pittsburgh on Sunday that the San Diego Chargers were in trouble. Pittsburgh was leading 14-10 after a score just before halftime and Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was methodically driving his team into Chargers territory. The final Steelers scoring drive before halftime went 77 yards on 13 plays, ending on an 8-yard touchdown pass from Roethlisberger before halftime and Steelers kicker Phil Dawson converted the extra point, giving the Steelers a 28-10 lead — all but sealing the deal.

“Everything Rivers was doing that was crazy,” said Rivers, who was selected I literally jumped up and down, and since it was expected at the Steelers 21. A Pittsburg punt bounced off the helmet of Charger return-team specialist Eric Weddle and was recovered by the Steelers. And Gary Russell’s 1-yard TD run with 12:52 left in the fourth gave the Steelers a 28-10 lead — all but sealing the deal.

Altogether, the Chargers had the ball for one play (not including the kickoff return) and for only 0.17 in the third quarter. “We were standing on the sideline and it was like, ‘We were in for one play in the quarter and it was an interception,’” Rivers said. “There was a little bit of disbelief. You can’t call it a fluke. Those guys played well but that was crazy.”

It was a disappointing finish for the visiting Lady Vikings in the 9-6 Western League victory. Woods scored three goals for the Lady Vikings in the 9-6 Western League victory.

Riford Library under new leadership

By STEPHANIE ALDRETE | VILLAGE NEWS

Librarian makes her way into new job — that is what the leadership thought when it hired Catherine Greene to take over the role of branch manager at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave.

“When I found out I was selected I literally jumped up and down, and since it was going to be a couple of weeks before the announcement was made public, I could tell my children — but they were the best possible audience,” Greene said.

“Then we see them passing on their way back north in mid- to late March,” said Staci Shaut, the whale-watching lead at Scripps Institution of Oceanography’s Birch Aquarium. “Then we see them passing on their way back north in mid- to late March.”

“The whales are able to consume around 2,400 pounds of food a day in the nutrient-rich waters of the Arctic,” Shaut said.

HOWDY, POD-NERS: gray whales pass by SD

By JOSEPH GREENBERG | VILLAGE NEWS

Majestic gray whales have already begun their annual 10,000-mile round-trip journey, traveling from their feeding grounds in the Bering Sea to the tropical lagoons of Baja, Mexico, to play, rest, breed and give birth.

The natural phenomenon signals the start of the popular whale-watching season around San Diego’s coastline.

These gentle giants, which can reach lengths of 45 feet, pass in close proximity to the coast of San Diego every year on the longest mammal migration in the world.

The whales are able to consume around 2,400 pounds of food a day in the nutrient-rich waters of the Arctic, Shaut said.

The huge caloric intake is converted into fat or blubber stores. Most whales are estimated to put on 6 to 12 inches of blubber, which they rely on during their migratory journey, Shaut said.

Gray whales belong to the baleen family, yet their feeding habits are a little different. Their main feeding routine involves “digging through the mud with their massive jaws and straining out the clouds of arthropods with their baleen, a process called benthic feeding.” Shaut said.

In October, the pregnant females are the first to embark on the trip, needing to reach the warm lagoon
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Sharp Cabrillo nursing facility to close in April

In order to provide the best patient care, we need to be financially fit.

Residents seeking post-treatment care at the Sharp Cabrillo Skilled Nursing Facility in Point Loma will have to look beyond their own backyard next year. The 76-bed facility will close when it leases expires April 3.

"Operations have been at a significant loss," said John Ghomisky, vice president of public relations for Sharp Cabrillo. Ghomisky said many factors forced the decision to close the facility, including the age and maintenance costs of the building, low insurance reimbursement rates for treatment, high utility costs, increased medical supply costs and lease expenses. In addition, Ghomisky said the skilled nursing center lost about $7 million last year.

"We looked at the losses and what the market has as capacity for these patients," Ghomisky said. "We saw that there was an excess of capacity in the county.

There are 82 other skilled nursing facilities in the county, 45 of which are within a 15-mile radius of Sharp Memorial Hospital in Kearny Mesa. And of the patients discharged from Sharp Memorial who required additional care, 35 percent were sent to Sharp Cabrillo Skilled Nursing Facility — the other 65 percent were sent to the 82 non-Sharp facilities.

Sharp Cabrillo provided acute care in Point Loma until 1999. The facility now handles only patients who have received treatment at Sharp Memorial and require care afterward.

"They’re not ready to go home, but don’t need to be in an acute-care hospital bed," Ghomisky said.

Currently, Sharp Cabrillo has about 70 patients with an average patient stay of 23 days. The patients who have already been admitted into the facility will not be affected by the closing, hospital officials said.

"Patients there now will continue receiving care. They will be discharged well before the closing," Ghomisky said. "Other patients who require a longer stay will be sent to an appropriate facility to meet their needs.

The facility will limit admissions beginning in January and will not take in patients who require long-term care. By the end of February, all patients there will be discharged or, if necessary, sent to other skilled nursing facilities in the area.

Sharp Cabrillo employs a total of 201 people, according to hospital officials. Ghomisky said Sharp is helping employees at the Point Loma facility to find new jobs within the organization by holding job fairs and giving them priority on open positions.

"We’re trying to help all those employees find jobs within Sharp Healthcare," Ghomisky said.

With many companies facing financial issues in a struggling economy, Ghomisky said the move by Sharp is not an indication of shaky financial status.

"In order to provide the best patient care, we need to be financially fit," Ghomisky said. "Patients want the latest technology, and the money that we don’t have to spend in places we don’t need to is lost for the overall organization."

As for the building itself, Ghomisky said the move by Sharp is shaking off the "old Cabrillo LLC. The building used to be called Doctor’s Hospital and was purchased and renamed by Sharp in 1981.

Catherine Greene (third from left) is now the branch manager of the La Jolla Riford Library, 7555 Draper Ave.

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"In the interim, having studied economics for a number of years and working down on Wall Street, I confess to having had fantasies of being the first woman to buy a seat on the NYSE, or the first woman member of the Fed," she said. "But public librarianship is way more seductive than any of that ever was, at least to me personally."

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the Bolts, who won their last four games to reach the playoffs, then beat Indianapolis in the first round to go over the .500 mark for the first time since 1995.

On Sunday, Rivers went 21-for-35 for 308 yards and three touchdowns, including a 41-yarder to Vincent Jackson just more than two minutes into the game for a 7-0 lead. Rivers had more yardage through the air than Roethlisberger, who was 17-for-26 for 181 yards, but the ground game was another story.

With LB Adrian Tomlinson sidelined by injury, Sproles and the Chargers were held to only 15 yards rushing. Pittsburgh piled up 165 yards rushing, with Willie Parker getting 146 yards and two touchdowns.

“We knew we could do that,” said the Steelers Santonio Holmes, who returned a 67-yard punt for a touchdown and 7-7 tie in the first quarter. “That’s Steelers football: run the ball, pound them down. Once we get them down, we can do whatever we want to do with them.”

One of the few shining performances for the Chargers came from Sproles, who finished with five catches for 91 yards, including a 62-yard TD catch late in the fourth. He had 274 total yards and his 66-yard TD catch in the two playoff contests set an NFL record for two consecutive postseason games.

The Chargers, who finished the regular season 8-8, now have to wait again until next year to see if they can reach their dream destination — the Super Bowl.

Road teams win the rest: San Diego was the only road team that didn’t win in the divisional round. Baltimore beat Tennessee 12-10 in Nashville; Arizona upset Carolina 33-13 in Charlotte and Philadelphia upended the New York Giants in East Rutherford, N.J.

It was the first time since 1971 that three road teams won on a single playoff weekend.

Championship games:
- NFC: Philadelphia Eagles (11-6-1) at Arizona Cardinals (11-7), noon Pacific on FOX.
- AFC: Baltimore Ravens (13-5) at Pittsburgh Steelers (13-4), 3:30 p.m. Pacific, CBS.

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SANTONIO HOLMES
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Quotable: “To me, this is the Super Bowl.” — Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward, on the upcoming AFC championship game against Baltimore.

Sidelines: With the elimination of the Tennessee Titans and the New York Giants, it’s the first time that the top seeds in each conference didn’t advance in the postseason in the same year since the league expanded from 10 to 12 playoff teams in 1990 ... Former Detroit Lions head coach Rod Marinelli has joined the Chicago Bears as defensive line coach and assistant head coach. Marinelli became the first African-American head coach in the NFL to go 0-16 this season and was 10-38 in three years in Detroit. He previously had been the defensive line coach at Tampa Bay, where he worked with Bears coach Lovie Smith.

Broncos new coach: New England Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels will be the new head coach of the Denver Broncos. McDaniels, 32, replaces Mike Shanahan, who was fired at the end of the season after guiding the Broncos to the postseason for a third consecutive season. Denver is 24-24-1 since losing to Pittsburgh in the 2005 AFC Championship game.

StatsWatch: When it was reported on Monday morning that Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy would announce his retirement, a flood of his accomplishments followed. Here are a few:
- Ranks 19th with 148 career wins.
- First NFL coach to reach playoffs in 10 straight seasons.
- Only coach to win 12 or more games in six consecutive seasons.
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Please do not confuse the new Fox Searchlight bomb ‘Notori- ous’ with the classic Alfred Hitchcock thriller of the same name made in 1946 with Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman and Claude Rains. That film had class, suspense and style. The new film, patched together by director George Tillman Jr, is a look at a 20th-century phenomenon, rap music. The dialogue alone will turn your ears blue. Whatever you do, do not waste your money on this new film about the infamous rap star Notorious B.I.G. (Jamal Woolard), who was gunned down at age 24 after becoming a success in the music industry.

This film glamorizes drug dealers, jailbirds, street whores, bums, uneducated people and absent fathers and abusers of women. It is and-narrow mom, but she’s terrific job as B.I.G.’s straight- erers are offered in films. She does a fine actress, has reached that certain age when actresses have a musical of sorts!

absent fathers and abusers of bums, uneducated people and ers, jailbirds, street whores, music industry. After becoming a success in the ‘Notorious’-ly bad; but ‘Brides’ full of laughs

BY JAMES COLT HARRISON |

This film represents the worst that Hollywood can create, and you may thank Sean ‘Puffy’ Combs for producing this piece of

swill. It gets my vote as the Worst Picture of the Year, and it’s only January. ‘Bride Wars’ will put a smile on your face. Although it is definitely a ‘chick flick,’ there is enough reliable material for men to enjoy, too. 20th Century Fox seems a bit schizophrenic in producing wildly different films as ’Notorious’ and ‘Bride Wars’ out of the same sound stages. The giggly offspring of Goldie Hawn, Kate Hudson is almost a replica of her funny mom and seemingly as talented. She and the gorgeous Anne Hathaway are best girlfriends who dream of having their weddings at the famous Plaza Hotel in New York — but not on the same day. When a scheduling conflict happens with Candice Bergen’s wedding planning service, the two girls find that their weddings will be held at the same time, thus fouling up all their plans. This naturally, causes tensions between the two childhood pals and they become sworn enemies. This opens the film up to many funny situations, and director Gary Winick seems able to squeeze every comic moment out of the two lovely girls. Hathaway, by the way, could play veteran actress Ann Blyth’s daughter because of their similaroothy smiles. Miss Blyth played the famous and vicious daughter of Joan Crawford in “Mildred Pierce” in the 1940s.

The famous Plaza Hotel was the setting of Kay Thompson’s book character “Eloise,” which later became a film. Famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright took a suite there when he was building the round Guggenheim Museum. He completely redesigned the hotel suite in his own style — and they let him! So, in ‘Bride Wars,’ the hotel itself is one of the main characters, and elegant it is. The hotel has starred in many films.

The two young ladies are very appealing, and their leading men are handsome and eager, they being Chris Pratt, Bryan Green- haw and New-Howe Productions. The settings and costumes design — wedding gowns courtesy of Vera Wang — are the tops. In fact, the girls both say, “You don’t alter a Vera Wang to fit your body, you alter your body to fit a Vera Wang”!!!

Anne Hathaway (left) and Kate Hudson somehow book their weddings on the same day in ’Bride Wars.’

JAMAL WOOLARD (right) portrays the Notorious B.I.G. in “Notorious,” a new film based on the real story of the rap star who was shot and killed at age 24.

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We are starting to suspect that they don’t all necessarily migrate each year.

WAYNE PERRYMAN
NOAA

“However, we cannot cut off their path or block their way at all.”
Shaut makes a special point of this when educating her team of naturalist-whale-watching tour guides.

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Whales are counted going south, and experts are watching boats can get to marine animals. If they encounter any obstacles, they will turn around with the whales. Shaut confirms the latter suspicion, saying she believes that not all whales make the migration. Some whales stay up north. We will even see juveniles hanging out around San Diego, and when they encounter adults nearby, they will turn around with them. Shaut said.

In January of 1997, J.J. (the juvenile whale) was found on the beach near Marina Del Rey. The animal was dehydrated and malnourished, so they took her in. After her GPS tracking device unfortunately fell off after three days, it was reintroduced to the wild. She was transferred to a Coast Guard vessel and taken off the coast a few miles and released;

Koontz said.

The animal care staff at SeaWorld was able to create a baby whale milk formula from scratch to feed J.J.

“Nobody had done it before, but J.J. responded fairly quickly here at the park,” Koontz said. “J.J. was tube-fed in the initial stages and shortly after she was actually nursing from a device we created. She was slowly weaned off formula and put on solid food, and thereafter demonstrated an ability to forage and find food as a normal gray whale would in the ocean.”

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J.J.’s release was timed with the northward migration of gray whales in the hope she would be taken in.

“Her GPS tracking device unfortunately fell off after three days, but it is our hope that J.J. is still out there swimming today,” Koontz said.

Gray whale populations are slowly growing. Because of worldwide protection efforts, their numbers rose so steadily that, in 1994, they were taken off of the endangered species list. However, some natural threats still remain because orcas (killer whales) are their main predators.

Shaut makes a special point of this when educating her team of naturalist-whale-watching tour guides.

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