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LOGAN JENKINS

In a stunned heartbeat, my family moved to San Diego

On the infamous date, 75 years ago, life changed, changed utterly.

After the first dots and dashes — *Pearl Harbor attacked* — hit the Chollas Heights radio tower, a terrible beauty, stealing from the great Yeats poem, was born.

I missed the combat, the rationing, the blackouts, but during the Cold War in this Navy town, no kid could grow up ignorant of what was birthed that winter day in 1941. The trajectories of millions of families changed direction. Children then unborn would feel the convulsion of Pearl Harbor deep in their bones.

You have your own precious Pearl story, of that I'm sure. This happens to be mine:

On Dec. 6, my father was the 31-year-old editor of the Imperial Valley Post-Press, married with an infant daughter. His mother-in-law, recently widowed, was nearly paralyzed with grief on the family ranch near El Centro.

Within days of the attack, thanks to a friendship with an admiral, my father was a commissioned officer in the Office of Naval Intelligence hunting Japanese "saboteurs" in San Diego. (He didn't find any.) My mother and infant sister soon followed him from the desert to the coastal city 100 miles to the west.

Later in the war, my father would serve in the South Pacific on Adm. William "Bull" Halsey's staff, working with a team of officers he'd call the smartest men he'd ever known. (Byron "Whizzer" White, the future Supreme Court justice, was among them.)

After V-J Day, my dad drew upon his war experience to cover the waterfront for the San Diego Daily Journal. In 1947, as my mother was in labor at the Coronado Hospital, the old man was banging out a front-page story for the afternoon edition. My arrival in the world wasn't news, but Navy Day was. In a wild flight of fancy, he led his story with a genetic link between Glenn Curtiss' pioneering hydroplane, which flew into history on San Diego Bay in 1911, and its Navy offspring — planes such as the Hellcat, the Corsair and the Skystreak, which had recently clocked the world speed record.

When the Journal founded in the early '50s, my dad jumped ship to Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. (Convair), a super-powerful player in what President Dwight D. Eisenhower would call the "military-industrial complex." My father's job for the next 20 years was to edit Convairity, the colossal defense contractor's glossy newsletter.

For years, he hung his leather saps, a memento of his short tour as a Navy gumshoe, on the inside door handle of his bedroom.

Every time we drove onto North Island — as a retired lieutenant commander, he enjoyed base privileges — his curt salute to the sentries reminded me that he had been in the Pacific like almost every Coronado man I knew.

My parents' first San Diego address was a houseboat in Point Loma. My grandmother, alone in the Valley, soon sold her ranch and drove Highway 80 to be with my mother and sister. Needing more space, they took the ferry to Coronado and found an apartment for the duration of the war.

My mother had worked at the Imperial Valley courthouse, but in Coronado she

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CITY AUDIT BLASTS HOUSING PROGRAM

System designed to expedite environmentally friendly, affordable units failed on all fronts, report concludes

BY JAMES DEHAVEN

San Diego wanted eco-friendly and affordable housing. What it got was dozens of large, market-rate coastal homes outfitted with solar

panels.

That's according to a new report from City Auditor Eduardo Luna, who found that many of the projects fast-tracked under the city's "Affordable/In-Fill Housing and Sus-

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tainable Buildings Expedite Program" were neither affordable, sustainable nor really even expedited.

Auditors said almost half of permit reviews completed through the program between 2011 and 2015 were not finished under deadline. Nearly

one-third were granted to single-family homes and other small residential projects that "provide questionable environmental benefits and, in many cases, should not have been admitted to the program."

The program — which promises to process permits twice as fast in exchange for a \$500 fee — is limited

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International teamwork

The frigate Daqing, the third of three People's Liberation Army (Navy) ships, (left) approaches the waterfront in San Diego on Tuesday. The ships arrived as part of a routine port visit that will last through Friday. The Daqing was joined by the frigate Yancheng and the oiler Tai Hu. Above, Chinese and American sailors work together to secure the Daqing. Sailors from both navies will participate in sporting events and cultural exchanges this week. This is the third time PLA(N) ships have visited San Diego since 2014.

ALZHEIMER'S GROUP STILL WANTS PRESENCE

Local chapter split from national organization last year, has successfully raised funds

BY PAUL SISSON

SAN DIEGO

The national Alzheimer's Association said Tuesday it is working to maintain its presence in San Diego County after a split with its local chapter about a year ago.

The new local chapter, operating

from an office in Liberty Station, is continuing to reach out for donations and provide programs alongside Alzheimer's San Diego, the name of the breakaway group. Both entities are nonprofit organizations that support research and provide various services to patients and their families.

On Dec. 3, 2015, the original local

chapter notified its national counterpart that it would not participate in a nationwide consolidation effort and would instead become a standalone operation. Judging by fundraising results and the schedule of educational events published on both groups' websites, Alzheimer's San Diego has

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TRIAL BEGINS IN GAY PRIDE NUDITY LAWSUIT

Man claims he was singled out, arrested because of type of event he attended

BY KRISTINA DAVIS

SAN DIEGO

Is San Diego's public nudity law enforced the same at the beach as at Comic-Con? What about the Mardi Gras block party or annual gay pride festival?

That is the question eight jurors will be considering over the next week, as they listen to testimony in the federal lawsuit that accuses San Diego police officers of selectively enforcing the nudity law against Will X. Walters at the annual 2011 gay pride event in Balboa Park.

"In this case, the evidence will show Mr. Walters was treated differently," Walters' attorney, Chris Morris, said in his opening statements Tuesday.

Not because Walters said, rather "because of who he was, where he was and what he represented."

Deputy City Attorney Stacy Plotkin-Wolff told the jury that police weren't acting with bias that afternoon, they were merely enforcing the law as they do at every other special event in the city.

She said officers had contacted a



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Will Walters (left) walks into court with his attorney Chris Morris for the first day of his federal trial.

handful of other gay pride attendees that day — including a man wearing chaps and exposing his buttocks and a woman without a shirt wearing pasties — and they all agreed to cover

up so they could continue to enjoy the festival. Walters was the only one who would not comply, she said.

"The same rules apply to everyone

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UNIVERSITY CITY BRIDGE PLAN NIXED BY COUNCIL

BY DAVID GARRICK

SAN DIEGO

The long-controversial Regents Road Bridge, which has pitted neighbor against neighbor in University City for many years, suffered a major setback on Monday night when the San Diego City Council voted to remove it from planning maps.

Planned for decades, the \$60 million bridge would have provided a second north-south route through the often-congested community. Past city leaders considered the bridge crucial when they approved many dense housing projects for the area.

But a majority of the council, which voted 6-2 against the bridge on Monday after three hours of strident public testimony, said they doubted the bridge

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ALZHEIMER'S

FROM B1 remained the largest organization serving those affected by the still incurable disease, which causes degeneration of the brain.

In an interview Tuesday in downtown San Diego, the national association emphasized its broad and unified reach across the country.

Dr. Maria Carrillo, the organization's chief science officer, is in town this week to speak at the ninth annual Clinical Trials on Alzheimer's Disease conference. She noted that some of the large, multi-center clinical trials to be discussed at the event were funded with multimillion-dollar grants that went to local scientists. She said the association has given grants worth a total of \$18.5 million for San Diego re-

searchers since 1993. "We didn't fundraise those millions only in San Diego. They came from our generous donors around the country to fund the best research wherever it is, and a lot of it does happen to be in San Diego," Carrillo said.

She also said the consolidation of local chapters has enhanced the national association's ability to work directly with large corporations and other institutions on fundraising efforts and on services for Alzheimer's patients. Being able to speak with one voice, she said, should bring new programs to the San Diego chapter in the future.

"Our goal is for the programs we offer to be seamless around the country," Carrillo said.

It appears the main fundraising events for Alzheimer's San Diego brought in

more donor cash this year than the national association's events. The independent local group's community walks raised about \$700,000, according to the Alzheimer's San Diego website. Meanwhile, the Alzheimer's San Diego events guide lists 16 community functions in October and eight in November, compared with three in October and two in November for the national association.

Mary Ball, chief executive of Alzheimer's San Diego, said Tuesday that her group has served about 32,000 people this year, slightly more than the corresponding figure from a year ago. "We're very grateful for the support we have received from the community this year," she said.

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Stress reliever



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UC San Diego students pet Molly, a Lab who was among 30 certified therapy dogs that visited the university Tuesday to help students de-stress from finals week.

WATCHDOG • Program was created in 2003

FROM B1 by City Council policy to residential projects of four or more units.

Created via a council vote in 2003, the program is meant to reduce the cost to develop affordable housing — and encourage more compact, but still energy efficient, urban development — by streamlining permit review, often cited as one of the slowest and costliest stages of the development process.

Friday's report warns staff time spent on single-family residences and other, apparently ineligible projects could result in slower reviews for other blueprints, both in and outside the expedite program.

It recommends the city start maintaining a list of reasons why projects are qualified to be expedited and immediately bar new single-family homes from consideration for the program. Auditors said single-family homes accounted for approximately 30 percent, or nearly four dozen, out of 152 expedited developments.

"A substantial portion of actual expedite program benefits are being accrued by small-unit owners to incentivize an activity — the installation of solar energy systems — that is already being performed at a rapid pace and which is already heavily incentivized by other programs," auditors wrote. "Such project owners are reaping the benefits of the expedite program while the city is receiving very little overall public benefit from their inclusion in the program."

Since 2011, the average size of single family homes expedited through the program was 5,000 square feet — large enough that heating and cooling requirements could potentially undermine greenhouse gas reduction efforts, according to the report. The largest expedited single-unit home was ap-

proximately 31,000 square feet.

Auditors also pointed out the majority of expedited new homes involved potentially environmentally taxing "complete tear-downs" and rebuilds at sites disproportionately clustered in coastal areas. City rules adopted in 2000 single out those same areas as one of the few places in the city where developers are required to replace all affordable housing units they raze or repurpose. It's not clear if any expedited "tear-downs" involved the demolition, or subsequent replacement, of such units.

A city spokesman did not return requests for comment on how many expedited projects might have been subject to the coastal housing replacement rules.

The San Diego Union-Tribune last month reported dozens of developers had been granted exemptions to the provisions. Most others paid a fee in lieu of providing new low-income housing. Per city code, each of those proposals was supposed to be reviewed by the city manager — a position that hasn't existed since voters put a "strong mayor" form of government in place in 2008.

Affordable housing accounted for 13 percent of expedited projects completed over the past four years, according to last week's audit.

City employees told auditors that was because many affordable projects no longer require the type of approvals offered under the expedite program.

Staffers offered a lengthier explanation as to why large, single-family homes were allowed into the pipeline.

They said the city first started admitting those projects in October 2006, citing an April 2006 City Council committee meeting where an advisory panel suggested

it would consider adding small residential projects to the program.

Last week's report takes pains to point out that suggestion was never ratified by the City Council but was nevertheless used as clearance to consider single-family homes as expedite-eligible — a decision auditors say

has hindered the program's effectiveness.

"To the extent that stakeholders within the city are relying on the program to help mitigate the severe affordable-housing challenge, it is important to recognize the program's limited impact as a policy incentive on the provision of overall units," auditors wrote. "Given the changing regulatory environment, and the city's strin-

gent goals related to affordable housing and sustainability, alternative efforts or incentives may be needed to reach the city's goals."

Robert Vacchi, director of the city's Development Services Department, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment on the audit and the reason single-family homes were allowed to enter the expedite program.

The report says Vacchi agreed with all eight recommendations detailed in the report, writing in a response attached to the audit that "the current expedite program is outdated and DSD is in the process of working with stakeholders to make improvements to the program."

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Life Tributes

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Everlasting memories of loved ones

John J. Biaselli

June 1, 1921 - December 2, 2016

SAN DIEGO — of San Diego, CA; formerly of Bellmawr, NJ. Age 95.

Beloved husband of the late Marion F. (nee Flocco). Devoted father of John P. Biaselli and the late Marie Hoover and Laurence Biaselli, loving grandfather of six and great-grandfather of four. Preceded in death by his three sisters. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Mr. Biaselli proudly served with the US Marine Corps during WWII and Korea. He was a former US Olympic weightlifting coach and a longtime weightlifting coach in Bellmawr, NJ. He was a former member of the US Weightlifting Federation and the AAU. There will be a viewing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday eve and from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m., Monday morning at Gardner Funeral Home,



126 S. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ 08078. Funeral Mass, 10 a.m., Monday at St. Joachim Parish, Mary, Mother of the Church, Bellmawr. Interment New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr. In lieu of flowers, Camden County Boys & Girls Club, 2 S. Dudley Street, Camden, NJ 08105. Family and friends may share memories at www.GardnerFuneralHome.com.

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James L. Redman

October 12, 1935 - December 4, 2016

ENCINITAS — Jim Redman, 81, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2016 at Scripps Hospital in Encinitas with his loving wife and family by his side. Jim was a man of incredible strength and courage and also of incredible kindness and gentleness. He brought happiness and smiles everywhere he went and is greatly missed by his wife Ginny, his daughter Kate, his son Jim, his granddaughters Cassie, Norma, and Rudi, his grandson Ayden, and his grandnieces Grace and Katie.

Before retiring, Jim was a banker and rose from AVP to CEO. He told his employees, "The only reason I'm successful is that you all make me look good!" He was captain of his high school football team and since retirement he has been back with his team, but traded the gridiron for a "9" iron! He loved golf! Jim also loved to cook and made every



meal a feast. His verdant thumb worked magic in his beautiful rose garden, and the rest of the yard, known as "Redman Park", was filled with orchids, cactus, snapdragons, and tomatoes that responded happily to his TLC.

Jim's family and friends are so grateful for the joy he has given us and for his light which inspired us. The funeral Mass is Monday, December 12, at 11 A.M. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Encinitas.

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FROM B1 did her bit for the war effort by volunteering at hospitals. She found her calling in life, later becoming the Coronado Hospital's medical librarian, the keeper of the most intimate secrets of just about everyone on the Island.

During the war, my grandmother took the ferry to work at a Convair assembly plant, a far cry from the life her parents had pioneered in 1901 when they walked from Julian down the Banner Grade to the desert floor where the Colorado River had just been harnessed for irrigation.

Growing up in the long shadow of the war, how could I not be aware that Pearl was the galvanizing event in my family's history, the sole catalyst for our migration to San Diego and the reinvention of our lives?

Of course, it's fitting that on Dec. 7 we focus on those who were there, their bravery and suffering and endurance. San Diego Union-Tribune reporters John Wilkens and Peter Rowe have gone many extra miles to perform the essential duty of remembering the sacrifice.

Worth highlighting, however, is Pearl Harbor's reshaping not only of families but of the way Americans think about war.

To a critical mass of Americans, Vietnam was optional, arguably strategic but not absolutely necessary. There was no Pearl Harbor to rally the nation, no call to arms that spoke to every man, woman and child. The stark contrast with Pearl Harbor rubbed salt in the national division of opinion.

Only 9/11, that other infamous date, could compare with Pearl Harbor as an inarguable *casus belli*.

My Canadian wife, content for more than 20 years to float along with her green card, stared at the destroyed Twin Towers and vowed then and there to become a citizen.

"I'm an American now," she said to the TV.

She took her second-grade class to watch her take the oath of citizenship a couple of months later.

That was something, a family heirloom forged in a traumatic sneak attack.

But to be honest, the arc of our lives has remained largely unchanged by the amorphous War on Terror.

I kept working as a newspaperman, she as a teacher. We stayed in our house. Our undrafted son stayed on his career track. The war remains over there somewhere.

Seventy-five years ago today, on the other hand, millions of American families, seemingly the whole country, suddenly went into overdrive. Everyone was moving. And San Diego, which would grow exponentially during the war, was the California city where duty called most powerfully.

We were the steely eye of the storm, the staging ground for the making and wielding of terrible swift swords.

Never to be rivaled, one prays, a life-changing beauty was born that bloody winter day, 75 years ago.

No wonder that, for those of a certain age, Dec. 7 is San Diego's most deeply moving, most personally consequential, day of remembrance.

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Martha 'Marti' Crockett

1928 - 2016

RANCHO SANTA FE, CA — Marti Crockett, age 88, passed away peacefully at home on December 2, 2016. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Dr. James E. Crockett; children, Brian (Kim) Crockett and Cara Crockett; brother John (Christine) Grennan; and her four grandchildren, Sean Crockett, Caroline Crockett, Will Crockett, and Katharine Crockett. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Gail Crockett, and son Kevin Crockett. The family appreciates the help of Interim Hospice nurse Cara. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Vernon J. Marion

October 24, 1938 - November 10, 2016

NATIONAL CITY — Vernon J. Marion passed away on November 10th. He grew up as a farmer, spent 21 years in the U.S. Navy. He retired a Chief Petty Officer. After retirement he worked as a boiler maker, millwright and outside machinist at Southwest Marine Shipyard.

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Shirley R. Brinkley

February 22, 1934 - November 18, 2016

OCEANSIDE — Born in Olathe, Colorado, Shirley, a long time Oceanside resident passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family. She is survived by son Jeff Brinkley of Oceanside and wife Dee Dee, daughter Jamie McKinley of Washington and husband Leo and four grandchildren. Memorial service will be December 9, 3:30 at the Mission San Luis Rey Chapel. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Gail Crockett, and son Kevin Crockett. The family appreciates the help of Interim Hospice nurse Cara. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Richard Anthony Cerda

May 30, 1926 - November 22, 2016

OCEANSIDE — Richard Anthony Cerda passed away at the age of 90 surrounded by family and friends.

The viewing will be held on Dec. 8th (4-7pm) and the rosary (7-8pm) at Eternal Hills Mortuary. Funeral service is on Dec. 9th (10am) at St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Oceanside.

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DEATH NOTICES

Babauta, Jesus Quintanilla
08/05/1933 - 12/02/2016
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Gillan, John Allen
06/17/1929 - 12/01/2016
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Gustafson, Ramona Lee
10/02/1938 - 12/03/2016
El Cajon Mortuary

Johnson, Rosemary
08/28/1949 - 12/05/2016
Anderson-Ragsdale Mortuary

Olea, Yesenia
07/29/1994 - 12/01/2016
El Cajon Mortuary

Pfeiffer, Bernice E.
09/17/1922 - 11/23/2016
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Powell, Irma J.
01/08/1934 - 12/03/2016
Anderson-Ragsdale Mortuary

Titus, Mary
02/22/1951 - 11/22/2016
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Valenzuela, Julio Ruben
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