

PENINSULA NEWS BRIEFS

NTC Foundation will create performance center at Bldg. 178

The Naval Training Center Foundation is slated to receive the largest grant in its history to begin renovation of the long-empty Building 178 at 2800 Roosevelt Road in Liberty Station into a major performing arts center, announced State Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins and State Assemblymember Todd Gloria.

The \$9 million in one-time catalyst funds is in the state's 2019-2020 budget, which was approved recently by the State Assembly and Senate, and will be funded through the California Arts Council. The budget must be signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"We are grateful beyond words to Assemblymember Gloria, who requested the funds in a March 28 letter to the Committee on Budget, and to Senate President Atkins, who made it one of her budget priorities," said Lisa Johnson, NTC Foundation CEO. "This truly was a team effort and a major win."

And looking ahead, NTC Foundation executive director Alan Ziter added: "We hope to have another major announcement in the next few months." ntcfoundation.org

Portable Pool program on its way to Ocean Beach

The City is launching its Portable Pool program at select recreation centers — including Ocean Beach Rec Center, 4726 Santa Monica Ave. — to help children learn important water safety skills. The sessions will

of Surfrider's San Diego chapter. "Most of what our volunteers pick up could be avoided if we chose reusable items instead of disposable ones." Single-use plastic — which persists for hundreds of years as a wildlife toxin — exacerbates an already-critical pollution problem devastating marine life in the world's oceans.

Whammock! opens at The New Children's Museum downtown

The New Children's Museum at 200 W. Island Ave. welcomes *Whammock!*, Toshiko Horuchi MacAdam's first large-scale work at a museum in the United States and the museum's most recent commission. The colorful 28-foot by 20-foot interactive, three-dimensional textile environment resembles a giant hammock of crocheted circles, open pockets and dangling pendulums. The two-ton structure took nearly 3,600 hours to construct from more than 40 miles of braided nylon. The 14 hand-dyed colors reflect MacAdam's impressions of the San Diego environment and landscape, including references to California poppies, the ocean and Mexican cultural influences. The installation will be open for play at the museum for five years.

"To me, the concept of *Whammock!* is to connect with others through the waves of vibration in the net," MacAdam shared at the recent ribbon-cutting. "If a child climbs, jumps or crawls in one place then another child will feel the vibration and respond with their action, and in this way, they are naturally communicating to one another." For museum hours, call (619) 233-8792 or visit thinkplaycreate.org



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COURTESY

Variety of improvements coming to Point Loma High School

Construction is taking place at Point Loma High School, 2335 Chatsworth Blvd. to: 1) increase onsite parking with reconfiguration of the Clove Street parking lot; 2) secure the campus perimeter and build a new visitor

nationwide chosen by the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation to participate in the Unmanned Aircraft System Integration Pilot Program. The FAA aims to craft new policies that support more complex low-altitude drone operations. In the first half of the program, San Diego's team operated more than 640 flights using 17