



## Overcoming challenges

The Challenged Athletes Foundation hosted a special event at Campland on the Bay at Mission Bay on Saturday to promote pride, growth and personal accomplishment. The participants had the chance to try several different paddle sports. The Challenged Athletes Foundation created the Operation Rebound fund to provide sports opportunities and support for troops, veterans and first responders who have suffered permanent physical injuries in the line of duty. Clockwise top, Ariel Rigney (rear), Greg Crouse (center) and Amy Bronn (foreground) cast off for a paddle; right, Brice Brokow paddles a stand-up paddleboard; below, Jaques Kaplan-Abrahams paddles a surfboard.

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## Local campuses brace for funding hit from SDUSD

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Board of Education members met for budget and administrative workshops this week to address an estimated \$33 million midyear budget shortfall. School district staff reports project a possible \$81 million SDUSD deficit going into next year.

The board convened Monday and Tuesday to discuss the budget and other districtwide decisions regarding school program funding.

SDUSD board member John de Beck — who represents schools in Point Loma, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach, Mission Bay, Bird Rock and La Jolla — said the board didn't solve the massive budget problem.

"Although they (board) chipped away at the edges by coming up with minor cuts, the real solutions ... they have not addressed," de Beck said.

He said the district could end up dipping into budget reserves, worsening the budget shortfall going into next year. The board is also behind schedule in addressing the 2009-10 budget.

Last week, de Beck proposed the board take a two-month pay cut and that the district impose a 9-day districtwide furlough to save an estimated \$70 million over two years. The board basically ignored his proposal, de Beck said.

During the two-day workshop, de Beck said the board also decided to move state funds to schools in areas



San Diego Unified School District School Board member John de Beck, who represents Ocean Beach and Point Loma schools, unsuccessfully pitched a plan this week to save the district \$70 million over two years.

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where poorer families live. These are families located predominantly in the southern part of the school district.

However, this funding shift would leave some beach-area schools without much-needed money, said board member Katharine Nakamura.

Schools in the beach area would lose tens of thousands of dollars because of a change in the formula on how state funds are channeled, she said. Schools now need a little under two-thirds of their students on a free or reduced-cost school

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## OB resident breathes life back into the soil

By JAN D. WELLIK | THE BEACON

One of the great "green" minds behind organic farming and college gardens in San Diego is Paul Maschka, a longtime resident of Ocean Beach.

Maschka's hands-on ability to grow healthy soil plays a crucial role in the development of the San Diego City College Urban Farm this last summer, as well as Mesa College's new Organic Culinary Garden.

His areas of expertise include biointensive gardening, sustainable landscaping, beekeeping and permaculture, which he will be teaching about in the next few months for the San Diego Natural History

Museum.

Maschka was excited about working on the City College farm because funding was built into the program.

"I've been working on school gardens for years, but without funding they slowly fade," he said.

The college pays for part-time farm helpers and student interns who manage the farm.

The college garden is located in a high-traffic zone on campus where lush rose bushes once grew.

"Jaws drop," he said. "This is a farm in the middle of skyscrapers."

By transforming the heavily watered rose bush landscape, the school now uses less than an eighth of the water it used before,

he said.

The farm is not a monoculture crop of rows of corn, like many think of when they hear the word "farm." Rather, the farm is an example of polyculture with meandering pathways of different shapes and sizes of plant beds growing both edible and ornate plants. The large patch of amaranth, in its bold swath of purplish red, is often the big color draw of passersby.

"I wanted to have them (students and faculty) walk by and stop them in their tracks," he said of the farm design. The creative design has been a success, and

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Paul Maschka, a longtime Ocean Beach resident, has the hands-on ability to grow healthy soil and played a crucial role in the development of the San Diego City College Urban Farm this last summer, as well as Mesa College's new Organic Culinary Garden.

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### Surf Report

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 11:32 a.m.	Hi: 12:25 a.m.
Low: 5:59 a.m.	Low: 7:16 a.m.
Size: 0-1 ft.	Size: 0-2 ft.
Wind: 6-12 mph	Wind: 4-14 mph

### Paying tribute

Friends and family members gather for a memorial paddle-out for OB resident Clint Comstock. **2**

### Surf's up, dude

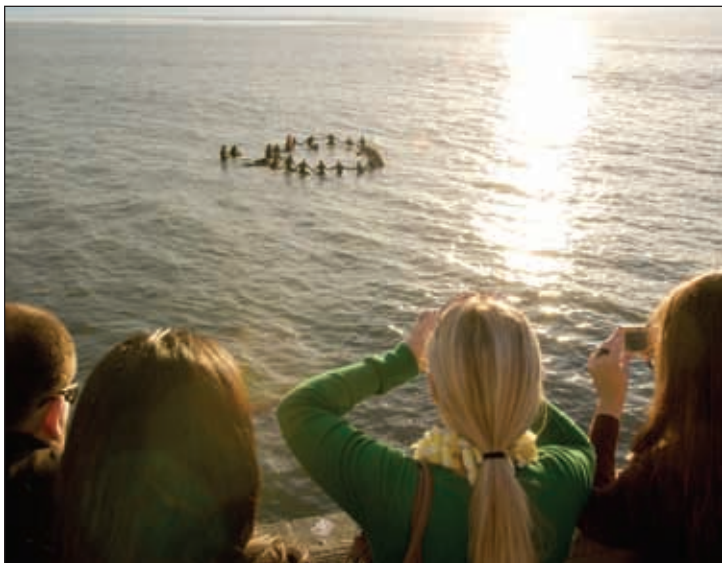
Point Loma High School boasts the only surf P.E. class in the entire SDUSD, and its teacher is extolling its student benefits. **9**



### Wordsmiths to host event

Point Loma Nazarene University will be the site of another Writer's Symposium by the Sea, with an exciting slate of speakers. **6**





## Remembering Clint Comstock

Friends of Ocean Beach resident Clint Comstock line the OB Pier on Saturday during a memorial paddle-out ceremony. Comstock, who was diagnosed with melanoma a year ago, passed away Jan. 9 at the age of 44. Comstock worked as a supervisor in aerospace composites. He is survived by his wife, Mikki, and two sons, Dane, 17, and Brandon, 1 1/2. Friends and neighbors wishing to lend financial assistance and aid to the surviving family members should contact Derek Tomicich at (619) 368-8187 or (619) 456-4702. Center left, OB resident Kent Compton takes a moment to remember Comstock.

PHOTOS BY KIRBY YAU | THE BEACON

## Planners OK special event permitting for Rock Church

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Members of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) gave the green light Jan. 15 to the Rock Church for a special event permit allowing the church to set up booths along Truxtun Road at Liberty Station on Sundays and other times during the year.

The request was made by Terry Lund, parking director for the church, who told board members the booths are manned by volunteers who pass out information and solicit other ministry volunteers.

The church's activities have grown over the last year, according to Lund, and with about 10,000 to 12,000 people coming to five church services every Sunday, traffic congestion has long been a concern for the surrounding community.

The board voted to support the permit request 8-2, with board member Suhail Khalil recusing himself from the vote, according to PCPB secretary Darrold Davis.

The action was taken although the item was not on the original meeting agenda.

A later version of the agenda listed the item. One version of the agenda was posted on the PCPB web-

site. The amended agenda with the Rock Church item was posted at the Hervey/Point Loma Library.

San Diego Deputy City Attorney Kathy Bradley conceded the action item may not have been noticed properly to the public for comment and feedback.

"The items need to be on that agenda. There's an exception if there's some kind of emergency. [But] there's never a planning emergency."

The issue created some controversy over access to information about public decisions affecting everybody who drives or lives near Rosecrans Street and Liberty Station.

Former PCPB chair Cynthia Conger said the board's action is a violation of the Brown Act — a California law that governs open meeting require-

ments to avert secrecy on public actions.

PCPB chair Charles Mellor, however, said he fulfilled his duties as chair.

"[The agenda] was posted about 72 hours before the meeting. It was posted and distributed to the board and it was available and handed out at the meeting," he said.

But it may be not be enough to simply post it inside the library, according to Bradley.

"It's probably not noticed properly if it's inside the library and people don't have access (when the library is closed)," she said.

Bradley said the city of San Diego posts City Council agendas outside. The City Council used to print and distribute its agendas but stopped the practice to reduce printing costs.

PCPB agendas are routinely posted in the library window and on a bulletin board in building.

The PCPB plays an advisory role to the city. The board meets every third Thursday of the month at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library at 6:30 p.m. For agenda information, visit [www.pcpb.net](http://www.pcpb.net) or the library.

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yields a bounty of vegetables each season. Currently growing are: broccoli, Asian greens, rutabagas, baby greens and “a tapestry of colors and textures,” according to Maschka.

Luckily, Southern California has basically two seasons — warm and cool— so harvesting produce is possible year-round, he said. In the summer, the farm grows much of the standard fare, including tomatoes, squash, corn and cucumbers.

During the school year, the college recently started a weekly farmers market on campus that sells the farm’s produce to mostly faculty and students, with long lines forming for the fresh, organic produce.

Maschka is passionate about healthy soil and growing organically. He is a prominent member of the San Diego Food Not Lawns organization and president of the Mycological Society (study of mushrooms).

“We’re not told how our food is produced, and if most people knew how our food is factory farmed, they would be horrified,” he said.

He works to educate students and adults about the need to grow food organically rather than use the high levels of petroleum-based fertilizers used in conventional agriculture.

As a San Diego native who grew up in Escondido, Maschka was raised on his family’s farm in an area that was once rural and full of dairy farms. Not anymore, he said.

“They have slowly disappeared by strip malls,” he said.

Although he grew up gardening with his parents, he hated it, he said, until later in life. Now he can’t get enough of digging in the soil, planting and enjoying the seeds of his labor.

After owning a landscaping business for 15 years that he turned organic and working in horticulture at the Wild Animal Park and San Diego Zoo, he learned that he enjoyed educating people about alternative methods.

He teaches about organic being good for more than food — even



Ocean Beach resident Paul Maschka trims a banana tree. PHOTO BY JAN D. WELLIK | THE BEACON

flowers. Synthetic fertilizers made of petroleum kill the soil, which, in turn, pollutes the watershed and our ocean, he says.

“We’re stuck on a huge treadmill. We’re so addicted to the use of petroleum products,” he said.

He said he is taking a stand against this vicious cycle and wants to show people how to help their environment through healthy agriculture instead of hurting it.

“We need to breathe life back into the soil,” he said.

Deckhand facing 13-year sentence in stabbing case

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

A deckhand on the fishing vessel Alaska pleaded guilty Jan. 22 to stabbing another crew member in a 2007 incident and is facing a 13-year prison term.

Robert David Legerrette, 69, accepted the stipulated sentence for the Aug. 11, 2007, stabbing of David Cunningham, 52, while the ship was moored at 750 North Harbor Drive around 5:50 a.m., according to court records.

Cunningham was stabbed in the chest.

San Diego Superior Court Judge David Danielsen set sentencing for March 19. Legerrette wrote in a court document that he “did unlawfully commit assault with a deadly weapon by means likely to cause great bodily injury.”

The motive for the assault is unknown, according to a prosecu-

tor.

Legerrette was also accused of being under the influence of Vicodin, codeine and morphine at the time.

Those charges and an attempted murder count were dropped in a plea agreement.

Part of the reason Legerrette’s sentence is lengthy is because of his criminal record.

He was convicted of robbery in 1971, as well as attempted theft in 1997 and burglary in 2000, according to records.

Legerrette fled the ship after the assault, forcing San Diego Harbor Police to distribute fliers with his picture. Later that day, paramedics were trying to deal with an “unruly person” identified in the flier as Legerett. Harbor Police responded and arrested him.

Legerrette remains in jail without bail.

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

## Taxpayers see benefits of financial reforms

By City Council President Pro Tem KEVIN FAULCONER



ent and accountable, and tax dollars are used properly.

In response to these reforms, the rating agencies have upgraded San Diego's credit rating and opened the door for the city to re-enter the public bond market.

What does this mean for us and our families? It means more of our tax dollars can be used for services and projects we need, instead of paying the higher interest rates charged by private lenders.

It means more can be invested in water and sewer infrastructure to help reduce breaks and spills, more can be invested in our roads and streets to help reduce traffic and more can be invested in our public safety infrastructure so that San Diego is better prepared for the next firestorm.

Refunding the 1998 bonds saves the city more than \$8.7 million over the next 12 years, which represents 5.9 percent in net present value savings — well above the savings target of 3 percent — and makes even more funds available for investment in our infrastructure.

Even though the economic climate has taken a downturn recently and we still face many challenges, the city of San Diego has made changes that will help to provide more neighborhood services at less-er cost.

Now we are entering the annual budget formation process. The city's budget deficit was caused by decades of mismanagement and has added to the impact of the nation's overall economic recession.

As we begin to review options on how to balance the budget, I look forward to your creative ideas and input. Our neighborhoods are built on the strength of each of you, and I believe we can find the best solutions for our city.

I encourage you to contact my office to share your ideas or tell me about anything I can do to help improve your neighborhood. Together, I know that we can continue moving San Diego forward.

— *District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer represents the Ocean Beach and Point Loma communities. He can be reached at (619) 236-6622 or by e-mail at kevinfaulconer@sandiego.gov.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Submit a local musician's name for street banners

We have a wonderful opportunity to recognize local musicians by nominating them to be featured on street banners that will hang along Harbor Drive and, I believe, some on Rosecrans Street in May and June 2009. The banner project is a promotion for the 2009 San Diego County Fair.

The theme of the 2009 Fair is "Music Mania." These street banners will feature individuals involved in music within your community.

Fair staff will photograph individuals you nominate to represent your community. Banners will be designed, produced and hung in your community on existing banner poles. The program gives us the opportunity to highlight musical talent in the Peninsula area.

The banner project defines a musician as: "A person of significant accomplishment in the field of music or music education."

If you have a nomination, please complete a form that can be downloaded from [www.plconcerts.org](http://www.plconcerts.org) and return it to me for selection by Feb. 15. Please share the information with your friends or direct them to the website.

All musicians selected must be available for a photo shoot in March 2009.

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## City, mayor may close only indoor skating rink in SD

With pools, recreation centers and libraries likely to close in June, school sports and programs soon to follow, the short-sighted city of San Diego Redevelopment Agency is, according to Councilwoman Donna Frye's aide, "giving to a developer in June" the land that Skateworld in Linda Vista has operated on for 30 years.

Ask Donna Frye, other councilmembers and Mayor Jerry Sanders why. With over \$100,000 in yearly revenue — now that skating rinks in Santee and Chula Vista are gone — why didn't they negotiate with Skateworld's owner in good faith, letting him keep the subtenants he's developed over 20 years? Why did they avoid the long-term lease with option to purchase directive by Land Use & Housing in 2005?

Otherwise, no tenant will do major upgrades with a short-term lease and they will be forced to close! In a down market such as this, such "pure revenue sources" are tough to come by. Nothing else in Linda Vista's redevelopment area can pay off those redevelopment bonds.

What other project on a small

commercial lot, adjacent to a toxic gas station lot (that the redevelopment agency bought at the height of the market), in the middle of high-density residential population and where a newer shopping center next door is planned, can serve the community and San Diego at large so well?

They give away thousands of free/reduced tickets to surrounding schools on school holidays. The owner's family redeveloped in '82 a boarded-up Quonset hut grocery store, dedicated by Eleanor Roosevelt in the early '40s. The family actively supervises 300 children/teens at any one time (and adults/seniors and parties for all grades of kids), offering free skating parties to fundraising groups, churches, PTAs, hospitals, schools, national and local charity groups.

All this community benefit will be given away to a money-making private developer, regardless of the fact that 80 percent of the local population and all the kids, teachers, parents and Linda Vista Planning Board who want Skateworld to remain. Just what we all need. Some of the 300 "bored" teens in your neighborhood.

Please call or write Mayor Sanders and your councilmembers, c/o: City Clerk, 202 C. St., San Diego 92101.

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# Buckley, Urrea headline PLNU Writer's Symposium by the Sea

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | THE BEACON

Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) will stage its annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea from Feb. 2-6 at its cliffside campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Political satirist Christopher Buckley, Pulitzer Prize finalist Luis Alberto Urrea and rock 'n' roll singer and writer Richie Furay will headline the conference.

Surgeon/author Pauline W. Chen, Bridge to Terbithia screenwriter David Paterson, pastor and author Brian D. McLaren, science and religion scholar Karl Giberson and alternative singer/songwriter Greg Laswell — a PLNU alum — round out the list of featured speakers at the symposium.

Unlike most other writing confer-

ences which bring editors and agents together to meet with aspiring authors, PLNU brings in only writers and musician/writers as speakers.

Organizers continue to use the interview format requested by local crime writer Joseph Wambaugh, the first symposium speaker 14 years ago, who agreed to participate if he were interviewed in a one-on-one

setting.

The format proved a resounding success.

"We started the symposium as we were trying to find ways to encourage, instill and inspire good writing in our students," said Dr. Dean Nelson, director of PLNU's journalism program.

"We started out thinking it would be for the students but it also resonated so well with the public. It



C. BUCKLEY



L.A. URREA



R. FURAY



P. CHEN

(draws) an interesting mix of students and members of the San Diego community," he said.

Each year, the conference brings in nationally and internationally known authors. Among past participants are writers Anne Lamott, Bill Moyers, Ray Bradbury, James Fallows, Otis Chandler and George Plimpton.

This year the symposium will



D. PATERSON



B. MCLAREN

kick off Mon., Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. with liver transplant and cancer surgeon Chen, author of Final Exam: A Surgeon's Reflections on Mortality.

It will culminate on Fri., Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. with Buckley, novelist and author of Thank You for Smoking and other satirical novels. Founder and editor-in-chief of Forbes Life



K. GIBERSON



G. LASWELL

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lunch program.

According to Nakamura, the following is how much some beach-area schools would lose as a result of the funding shifts:

- Ocean Beach Elementary: \$35,476
- Pacific Beach Elementary: \$31,752
- Spreckels Elementary: \$66,444
- Dana Middle: \$75,852
- Correia Middle: \$80,948

Nakamura added that the

"6 to 6" program has also been cut. This program helped provide before- and after-school childcare for working parents.

"These are families that are right on the edge and we're going to pull the carpet out from under them?" Nakamura asked.

Other options the board considered this month include "categorical" funding cuts such as cuts to workers compensation funds, hiring freezes and limiting contracted services, according to district staff

reports.

The board did not address Small School Committee recommendations targeting several local beach-area schools. The committee has been meeting over recent months to address ways to save money by closing or reconfiguring schools with less than 400 students.

Other board members could not be reached for comment.

The board next meets Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m. at the Eugene Brucker Education Center, 4100 Normal St.

## City, environmental groups reach accord on wastewater plans

San Diego environmental groups and the City Council agreed Jan. 27 to take on a "comprehensive assessment" of the city's wastewater treatment system in Point Loma. The study would move the city toward a water reuse and recycling program. There are a couple of facilities in the region that could handle more water recycling, according to a 2005 water reuse report to the city.

San Diego Coastkeeper and the Surfrider Foundation had threatened to oppose the city's choice to apply for a waiver exempting it from having to upgrade sewage treatment processes for the Point Loma wastewater treatment facility.

The city took the waiver application

before the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval on Jan. 21, according to a statement released by San Diego Coastkeeper.

The agencies tentatively approved the 5-year waiver with a final approval expected in March. It could be the last time the waiver is approved, according to the statement. San Diego is one of the largest cities that does not use upgraded treatment process for wastewater dumped just miles out into the ocean, according to the statement.

The agreement is a move from opposition to cooperation between environmental groups and the city.

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# Pocket looking for a seam in jazz scene at Winston's Jan. 31

By **BART MENDOZA** | THE BEACON

Jazz in San Diego is often thought of as a sedate affair — meant for listening while sipping cocktails or a cappuccino. However, mix in a little soul or funk and it's an entirely different proposition. Several popular groups in this style have emerged from San Diego, including the Greyboy All-Stars and The B-Side Players. Rising right on their heels is the instrumental quartet Pocket, which performs at Winston's on Jan. 31.

Influenced by artists like George Benson and Grant Green, the band formed in 2002, emerging from the ashes of Price of Dope, a late '90s group with a heavily funk influenced sound. More jazz oriented, Pocket, featuring bassist Christian Schinelli, keyboardist James Cummings, drummer Jeff Kelley and guitarist Andy Holmes, is fairly

clear about who their audience is. "It's people who still have album collections or collect vinyl," said Schinelli.

By this he means that vinyl junkies also tend to be audiophiles, and for the members of Pocket, their sound and the way it's heard is crucial. Indeed, their most recent self-titled album is available in two formats. "The old-fashioned album is still the best way to get good sound. That's why we released the CD on vinyl as a two-LP set. Spacing the songs gives room and deeper grooves means more volume."

The band has scored a few major successes, including having their music used in commercials for Nike and doing an intro song for the HBO series "Weeds." They

were also nominated "Best Jazz Band" at the San Diego Music Awards in 2005 and 2006. Pocket was even used as a prop for a Sports Illustrated photo shoot. While the band often has guest musicians, this was different.

"It was surreal," said Schinelli. "They brought in an athlete and had him get up on stage while we were performing. He then pretended to sing for the cameras as we and the audience looked on in amusement."

While Pocket is currently working on a new album and has become a draw as far north as San Francisco, the band does not plan to take the show on the road.

"Everybody in this group is a business owner and a family man," Schinelli said. "We play as often as

we can, but extended touring isn't something we can easily do."

Schinelli fills in downtime with Pocket by playing bass in the rock group Dirty Sweet.

Pocket has been known to shift their sound subtly for gigs.

"This isn't Dave Brubeck-type, quiet-played music. When we play places downtown, it's a completely different vibe than Winston's," Schinelli said. "There, things like volume are a major concern. At a low volume we play a little differently. At a venue like Winston's, we can let loose. It's a bit more enjoyable, simply because it's more like a party and there are less restrictions."

Being veterans of the club scene and used to improvising, Pocket doesn't rehearse. As stage veter-

ans, they know the basics of dozens of tunes as well as their own originals. According to Schinelli, the shell of a song is all the band needs to get a jam going.

"We just show up, throw some tunes in order and wing it," said Schinelli. "We focus more on the groove. When that really gets going, things can get explosive."

He noted that it's generally the players' solos that get the big cheers, rather than the songs.

"It could really be any song that we're performing. When somebody pulls off a good set of notes, the crowd responds," Schinelli said.

Pocket perform at Winstons, 1921 Bacon St., on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 9 p.m. For more information, visit [www.winstonsob.com](http://www.winstonsob.com).

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magazine, speechwriter for President George H.W. Bush and past contributor to The Atlantic, The New Yorker and other publications, Buckley gained recent notoriety when he was fired from The National Review, the conservative magazine his father founded, for endorsing Barack Obama for president.

Tijuana-born Urrea, author of the recent The Hummingbird's Daughter, will speak on Tues., Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. His previous book, The Devil's Highway, named the best book of the year by The Los Angeles Times and a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize, began as a series for The Reader of San Diego.

The book tracks the odyssey of a group of border crossers through the desert. Most ultimately died. Urrea will share his unique insight into Tijuana and border issues.

Buffalo Springfield and Poco alumnus Furay, a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, will be interviewed Wed., Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. along with local alternative singer/songwriter Greg Laswell, former lead singer of the alternative rock band Shillglen. Furay is bringing his band to perform live following the interview.

McLaren, named by Time magazine as one of the 25 most influential evangelists in the U.S., has written or co-written over a dozen books. His recent books, Everything Must Change and A New Kind of Christian, have shown him to be an innovative thinker with an unconventional worldview.

He will speak on Fri., Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

Screenwriter, actor and playwright Paterson adapted his mother's Newbery Award-winning novel, Bridge to Terabithia, for film.

He will discuss screenwriting and producing in a workshop on Thurs., Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. and will be interviewed that evening at 7:30 p.m.

Giberson, author of Saving Darwin: How to be a Christian and Believe in Evolution, is known for his innovative approach to reconciling Christian theology with Darwinism, evolution and science.

He will meet with PLNU students Tues., Feb. 3, at 12:30.

Each event is ticketed separately. Individual event tickets ranging from \$10 to \$15 may be purchased online at [www.pointloma.edu/writers](http://www.pointloma.edu/writers), which offers full details of the symposium, as well as a map and directions to the PLNU campus, located at 3900 Lomaland Drive off Catalina Boulevard.


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# Chargers have off-season to ponder lost dream, future moves

By DAVE THOMAS | THE BEACON

When the Arizona Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers hook up in Tampa this weekend for Super Bowl XLIII, there will be millions of viewers worldwide tuning in. Among them will be the San Diego Chargers.

To hear the pre-season prognosticators, the Chargers were destined for Tampa coming into the season. What the destiny actually entailed was a second-round play-off exit and more questions than answers.

As the Chargers sit back and ponder next season, the biggest question on the horizon is whether

star running back LaDainian Tomlinson will be retained for the 2009 campaign. While Tomlinson still has some gas left in his tank, many people are wondering if that gas will be pumped somewhere else next season.

Injuries to LT, Antonio Gates, Shawne Merriman and some other key figures were not the only story this season for the Bolts.

Having watched the team's secondary perform this year, one could make the claim that several of the elite NCAA Division I teams could have picked it apart. Until the Chargers improve a very deficient secondary, don't expect a Super Bowl title anytime soon.

The offensive line was also inconsistent during the season, leading to QB Philip Rivers scrambling for his life many times. Attention to this side of the ball is also critical if the Bolts want to make a Super Bowl run in '09.

On the plus side, while Darrel Sproles will not go down in history with the numbers LT has produced, he has proven himself to be a very capable runner, as did Michael Turner (Chargers running back in 2007) with the Atlanta Falcons this season.

With a sturdy QB in Rivers, a decent group of receivers, an expected improvement next year in the defensive pass rush with the return of a healthy Pro Bowl linebacker in Merriman and a strong special teams group, the Chargers could make a run at the

title. That, however, will mostly be determined on what they do with filling their needs.

So now imagine if the Chargers were able to move an LT, who at the back side of his contract is owed a ton of money.

Tomlinson, who turns 30 in June, is due to count \$8.8 million against the 2009 salary cap. Moving LT now could open the check-book to signing some much-needed help in the secondary and where needed on the offensive line.

Arizona has proven this year that you don't have to be the most talented team in your conference to get to the Super Bowl.

The Cardinals put together a nice run in the playoffs and now go after their first Super Bowl crown, having won a championship back

in 1947 as the Chicago Cardinals.

Pittsburgh, meantime, is seeking a record sixth title, which would push it one ahead of San Francisco and Dallas, both of which have won five Super Bowls. While the Steelers are around a touchdown favorite this Sunday, expect the unexpected, which is what this NFL season has shown us.

For the Chargers, meantime, it is an opportunity to look to next year and think back to what might have been this year.

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The most recent robbery occurred in November.

Colburn was arrested near his home along the 4900 block of Santa Monica Avenue, according to FBI public information officer Darrell Foxworth.

Since 2004, Colburn allegedly robbed multiple banks across the city.

Employees at a Mission Valley bank provided a license plate number and vehicle description after observing Colburn acting suspiciously, according to FBI officials. The information led to Colburn's arrest.

Foxworth could not give a description of the alleged "Big Boy Bandit" but said he was "sure it had to do with his looks."

Residents with information about the alleged string of robberies between 2004 and 2008 are asked to call the FBI at (858) 565-1255 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

### OBMA directory info deadline nears

Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) officials are reminding local merchants and professionals of the fast-approaching deadline to submit information for the 2009-10 Local Business Directory.

The directory will be going to print in a matter of days and OBMA officials are setting a deadline of 4 p.m. on Thursdy, Feb. 5 to submit information, according to Denny Knox, exective director of OBMA.

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# PLHS surf P.E. class puts students in elite company

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

The surfing physical education (P.E.) class at Point Loma High School (PLHS) became a reality this year when it was approved as an official class. As a result, it became the San Diego Unified School District's only surf P.E. class, said school officials.

"We tried to get it started for years, but it all came together when our principal, Bobby Samilson, went out on a limb and made it happen. Props to her," said surf P.E. teacher John Murphy.

The class starts at 6:45 a.m. Mondays through Fridays and meets at Tower 2 in Ocean Beach. It runs until 7:45 p.m., which allows the students enough time to get to period 2 on campus by the 8:27 a.m. start time.

The current class has about 40 students in all grades. Many of the kids are also part of the after-school surf team in Ocean Beach/Point Loma. The surf team is a high school club sport that competes against other surf clubs in the area.

According to Murphy, the biggest obstacles in getting the surf P.E. program established were liability issues and the logistics of students getting to the beach at the early start and returning to campus on

time for the next class.

"At first the kids were very tired ... but after a while they got used to it and now they are going to sleep at earlier times to get here by 6:45. They are also on time to the next class because we allow extra time to shower and get ready for the next class," Murphy said.

The surf P.E. class is open to all high school grade levels, and the requirements are that they must pass a swim test administered by San Diego lifeguards. Students must also pass a physical.

"We have other activities in the class, including guest speakers," Murphy said. "The lifeguards came in and spoke about safety and surf etiquette. We meet on campus once a week. We've also played basketball, soccer on the beach and brought in judges to teach the kids how scoring works in surf contests."

Even parents give the class high marks.

"The program is amazing," said Julie Klein, a parent and one of the individuals instrumental in getting the surf class started. "Other schools in San Dieguito and Huntington Beach have been giving surf classes for years. So it made sense for us to have one being so close to the ocean. So I thought, 'Let's get it done.' It took a lot of networking."



Point Loma High School surf P.E. teacher John Murphy credits the class with not only helping students learn and hone their surfing skills but also with improving the academic pride and performance of the kids. COURTESY PHOTO BY PAT RICE

Klein's son, Josh Morris, a junior at PLHS, is also captain of the Ocean Beach surf team and a student in the surf P.E. class.

Lou Ghio, a member of the local surf team, was also a key figure in the establishment of the class, according to Murphy and Klein.

"Right now we need more girls in the surf P.E. class for next time. Of the 40 kids we have only two girls," Klein said.

In addition to support from the school, the surf class has also had tremendous support from the community, according to Murphy.

"The parents come out and watch the kids while they are in class. We also have many PLHS alumni in the area who surf with the kids in the morning. Our kids are well-behaved when they are in the water."

The Ocean Beach Surf Team will

host a "Surf Day" on Feb. 7 in Ocean Beach at Tower 2.

Murphy said he will bring the girls from his PLHS girls soccer team to help teach them how to surf.

"I've been getting great feedback from the teachers," Murphy said. "The students are more engaged in their classes. They show up on time and are taking more pride in academics."

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## Scholarships available to local students

The Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California are currently seeking applications from students in the Point Loma and Ocean Beach areas for 150 scholarships to those of Portuguese descent.

The scholarships, which will be awarded for \$500 each, will be granted in June, according to past state president Izzy Skidmore.

The applications for the scholarships are being made available in city and county high schools this month, Skidmore said.

The application deadline is March 15.

To qualify, students must be graduating high school seniors of Portuguese descent who have maintained a 3.5 GPA or better and have been involved in school and community service.

The completed application and supporting documentation must be sent to State Scholarship Chairperson Alda Lawrence, 12823 Kent Ave., Hanford, CA, 93230.

For more information, call local scholarship chairperson Mary Jane Warren at (619) 890-9685.

Applications may also be obtained online at the Cabrillo Civic Clubs' website at [www.cabrillocivicclubs.org](http://www.cabrillocivicclubs.org).

## People's Market set to open gallery exhibit

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## COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., monthly meeting of the Point Loma Garden Club with master gardener and Point Loma Association member Jodi Bruhn. The event takes place at the Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, visit [www.plgc.org](http://www.plgc.org).

Sunday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., inaugural Doggie Street Festival to promote pet adoption, featuring pet demonstrations, contests, vendors and services, live music and food. The free event takes place at NTC Park on Cushing Road at Liberty Station. For more information, visit [www.doggiestreetfestival.org](http://www.doggiestreetfestival.org).

Mondays, 3 to 3:45 p.m., baby signing storytime for infants and caregivers at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Tuesdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., Preschool Storytime at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

## SCHOOLS CORREIA

Saturday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m., Correia Association hosts its annual fundraising dinner and auction to raise proceeds for the middle

school. This year's goal is \$25,000 and the support foundation is seeking items for donation to the auction. The event is open to the public. For information, call (619) 224-2921.

## LOMA PORTAL

- Today, Jan. 29, 9:30 to 11 a.m., kindergarten tours beginning in auditorium. Tours may be scheduled by calling (619) 223-1683.
- Today, Jan. 29 and Thursday, Feb. 5, 1:15 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.
- Tuesday, Feb. 3, 3:35 to 4 p.m., popcorn sales after school.
- Monday, Feb. 9, no classes for Presidents Day.
- Monday, Feb. 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Foundation meeting in library.
- January through Feb. 14, turn in boxtops for a drawing and chance to win a Webkinz Pet. For more information, call (619) 223-1683.

## OB ELEMENTARY

- Today, Jan. 29, Bank Day; ArtSpace, Dance, Spanish and yoga afterschool clubs.
- Monday, Feb. 2, 4th-graders visit Dana Middle School.
- Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8:30 to 10 a.m., kindergarten meet and greet; 2:30 p.m., after-school yoga.
- Wednesday, Feb. 4, spring picture day; 2:30 p.m., Chess Club meets.
- Thursday, Feb. 5, Bank Day; ArtSpace, Dance, Spanish and



## Undaunted pooches

Recent rains did little to dampen a walk along the 900 block of Catalina Boulevard recently for Chewy, left, and Gidget, shown sporting the latest in canine rain gear. Photographer Mike Ryan said Chewy apparently wasn't so thrilled about the fashion statement and refused to don the gear. Mild Santa Ana conditions are expected to settle over the area for the next few days, bringing temperatures in the low to mid-70s at the beaches by today and running at least through the weekend.

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yoga after-school clubs.

## SACRED HEART ACADEMY

- Today, Jan. 29, grade 2 to San Diego Zoo.
- Friday, Jan. 30, Family Picnic Day.
- Saturday, Jan. 31, book fair at Bookstar.
- Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m., PA board meeting in art lab.
- Wednesday, Feb. 4, 3rd-graders to Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
- Thursday, Feb. 5, flower friends presentation to 2nd-

graders.

- Friday, Feb. 6, noon dismissal.
- Monday, Feb. 16, Presidents Day, no classes.
- Tuesday, Feb. 17, progress reports online for grades 4-8.
- Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m., Mardi Gras parade down Newport Avenue followed by Mardi Gras party at school.
- Wednesday Feb. 25, 10 a.m., Ash Wednesday Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

## SDCCD

- Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon,

San Diego Community College's Continuing Education Department offers free Qigong class, an ancient Chinese path to health. Classes take place at 3250 Fordham St., "A" building conference center. Walk-ins welcomed. For more information, call (619) 221-6973.

## SILVER GATE

- Today, Jan. 29, jog-a-thon; 12:30 p.m., Student Council family lunch.
- Friday, Jan. 30, 7:45 a.m., prin-

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- Friday, Jan. 30, Grandparents Day, no after-school daycare.
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- Feb. 5-8, science fair in Parish Event Center.

SUNSET VIEW

- Today, Jan. 29, 1:45 p.m., SSC meeting.
- Friday, Jan. 30, student awards.
- Thursday, Feb. 5, 9 a.m., PTA meeting in auditorium.

SENIORS

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Sharp Cabrillo Senior Resource Center hosts a free blood pressure screening at the Peninsula YMCA, 4390 Valeta St. The event is free and registration is not required.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sharp Cabrillo Senior Resource Center hosts a free blood pressure screening at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1145 Evergreen St. The event is free and registration is not required.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Feb. 2-6, Point Loma Nazarene University hosts the 14th annual Writer’s Symposium by the Sea themed “Writing Beyond Boundaries.” Various times and speakers are scheduled and prices vary depending on topic and speaker. Most all of the symposium takes place at Crill Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For information on speakers, schedules and prices, call (619) 849-2297 or visit [www.pointloma.edu/writers](http://www.pointloma.edu/writers).

Feb. 4-27, the San Diego Watercolor Society (SDWS) presents an exhibition of original watercolor paintings entitled “Valentine Visions.” A First Friday public reception with the artists is slated for Feb. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will feature about 100 paintings by SDWS members both for display and sale. The gallery is located at the NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road, #105. Gallery hours are Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no admission cost. For more information, call (619) 876-4550, or visit [www.sdws.org](http://www.sdws.org).

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- Cane’s Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, (858) 488-4458
  - Today, Jan. 29, 8 p.m., KCR/SDSU kickoff party with The Tiger Sharks and Groove Theory. Tickets are \$8.
  - Friday, Jan. 30, 9 p.m., B-Real and DJ Muggs (of Cypress Hill) perform with Psycho Realm. Ticket prices unavailable.
  - Saturday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m., Hed(pe) performs with Kutt Calhoun, Dirtball, Potluck DGOF and Deaf Zero. Tickets are \$16.

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- Mondays, 9 p.m., CTK Comics That Kill comedy show. The cover charge is \$5 and includes free pool.

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- Saturday, Feb. 7, Smucker’s Stars on Ice returns for 23rd season with “On the Edge,” featuring a cast of Olympic, world and international champions, including Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen. For ticket prices and information, visit [www.sandiegosportsarena.com](http://www.sandiegosportsarena.com).

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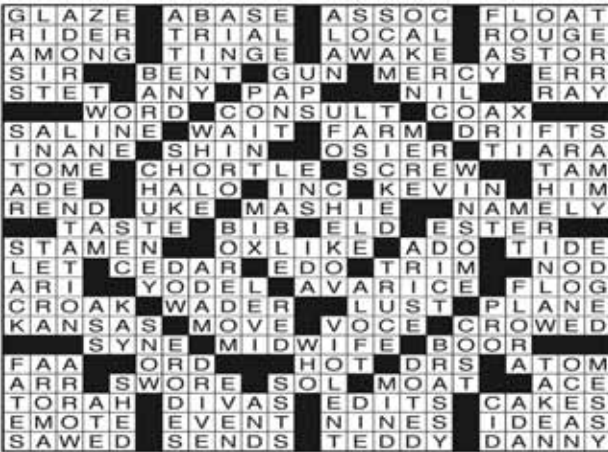


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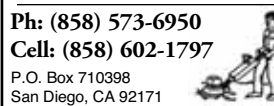


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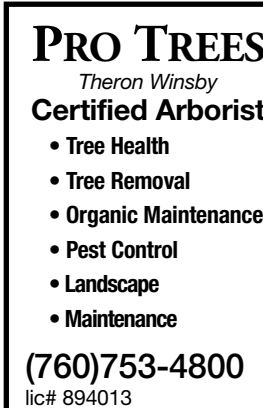
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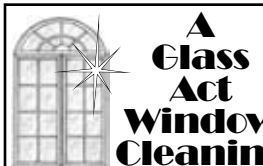
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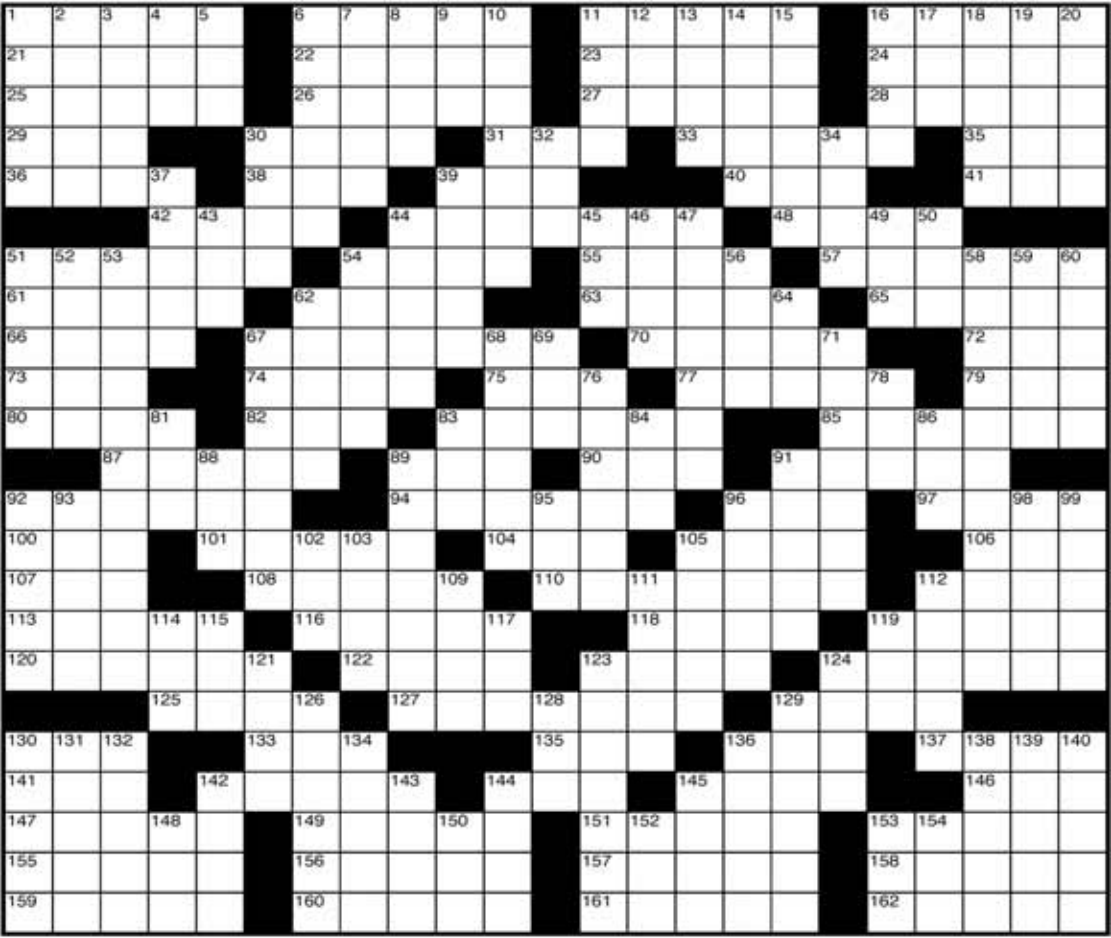
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Don't put all of your eggs in one basket this week, Aries. Otherwise you'll end up with a lot of broken shells. It's a bumpy ride ahead, so be prepared.  
**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Romantic interests flourish this week, Taurus. You may rekindle some much-needed passion with a current flame, or find a new companion in the days to come.  
**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
Feeling like a workaholic lately, Gemini? It could be time to scale back at work a bit. However, in this economy, you may want to phrase your request with some finesse.  
**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you can change what seems like a no-win situation into a win-win situation with just an adjustment in your way of thinking. When Pisces offers advice, take it.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
It won't be an easy ride this week, Leo, but it will be a fulfilling one. You'll be the center of attention for more than one reason, which suits you just fine.  
**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, think with your head and not with your heart when making financial decisions this week. Unfortunately emotion can cloud better judgement.  
**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Make the most of time spent with a loved one this week because it won't last forever. Libra, he or she needs to head home and it could be some time before you connect once more.  
**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, the finish line of a specific goal is within sight. Now you just need to have the patience to make it the last few laps. Don't worry -- it will take less time than you think.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, some financial difficulties are on the horizon. But with some advice from an unexpected source, you'll get back on an even keel. Aquarius is your go-to person this week.  
**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, just when you thought you had everything worked out, something pops up to put a wrench in your plans. A level head will help you find a work-around.  
**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
It is the time to take that financial plunge you've been nervous about, Aquarius. Once you dive in with both feet you'll find it's really not as nerve-racking as you thought.  
**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, health concerns leave you looking for more answers. With a strong spirit you can overcome anything.

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