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Beach-area schools face funding pinch

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Schools in Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach and La Jolla are poised to receive less federal funding this year to support students whose families struggle financially.

The San Diego Unified School Board of Education voted 3-2 on Jan. 27 to give less federal funding to some beach area schools and shift it to other schools.

SDUSD board member Richard Barrera said it was an effort to give money to schools that have more students from poorer families. Barrera voted to shift the money, but said he rushed last week's decision.

"I made a mistake," Barrera said, "I think I jumped into a decision without ... community input."

My feeling is that we need to back up a little."

The board will address the issue at their next board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 10, according to Barrera.

Schools in the beach areas that stand to lose funding include:

- Pacific Beach Elementary: \$31,752
- Spreckels Elementary: \$66,444
- Ocean Beach Elementary: \$35,476
- Correia Middle: \$80,948
- Dana Middle: \$75,852
- Standley Middle: \$108,584
- Clairemont High: \$176,384
- University City High: \$212,660
- Point Loma High: \$198,156

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Ocean Beach resident "Sacreligious Dave," 75, keeps the crowd laughing at the OB Comedy series at Winston's on Bacon Street. COURTESY PHOTO BY VITO DI STEFANO

OB Comedy has remedy for the blues

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

"Sacreligious Dave" was gracing the stage this night with his ineffable presence; his dominating aura packed into a quasi-dominating stature. He entered the comedic fray in front of a capacity crowd at the third anniversary show of Ocean Beach Comedy (OBC) on Friday, Jan. 30 at Winston's in Ocean Beach.

Shenanigans ensued.

The 75-year-old comedian, poet and community watchdog told some funny jokes. Some in the

seated audience laughed. Some didn't.

However, it wasn't "Sacreligious Dave's" fault that not everybody fell over in laughter at the turn of every punch line. As it turns out, the generations who have come after him just don't get it.

"No offense to you," Dave said to a reporter outside Winston's, "but your generation is [not that smart]."

The end of Sac Dave's statement trailed off, almost inaudibly, as he

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Lion dancers perform for a receptive audience during a Chinese New Year celebration at Barnard Elementary School, which boasts the only Mandarin Chinese magnet program in the San Diego Unified School District.

MANDARIN MAGNET HAS ALLURE

Barnard students embrace Chinese culture, language in celebration

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

The crackling jubilee of electric firecrackers sounded like the real thing inside the Barnard Elementary School auditorium, where students, teachers, administrators and parents celebrated the start of the Chinese New Year on Thursday, Jan. 29.

The festivities marked the Year of the Ox.

Despite rumors of the school's possible closure that have swirled of late around the K-4 campus, Principal Edward Park gave participants yet another reason to celebrate. He announced to parents and teachers that the school plans to add a fifth grade next year.

The announcement came as a relief for parent Sabrina Nichols. Nichols said her 4th-grade daughter is still too young for 5th grade at another

middle school. Nichols would rather keep her daughter in Barnard's Mandarin Chinese-language magnet program for another year, she said.

"I think the more languages your child can speak, the better. It just helps them out in the world," Nichols said.

Nichols joined other parents that day and watched performances of acrobatic dancers dressed in golden-furred lion costumes twirl across the room. Chinese martial artist Huang Qin fascinated smiling participants with lightning-fast punches and flowing, graceful movements.

Even with the elaborate traditional demonstrations, it was Barnard's students who really stole the show.

Fourth-grade students dressed in traditional Mandarin Chinese garb spoke near-per-



Students from the Barnard Elementary School Mandarin Chinese magnet program perform for the audience during a Chinese New Year celebration Jan. 29.

PHOTOS BY PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON



Chinese martial artist Huang Qin fascinated audience members with lightning-fast punches and flowing, graceful movements at Barnard Elementary School on Jan. 29.

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Surf Report

SATURDAY

Hi: 6:47 a.m.
8:29 p.m.
Low: 12:31 a.m.
2:02 p.m.
Size: 4-10 ft.
Wind: 4-10 mph

SUNDAY

Hi: 7:36 a.m.
9:01 p.m.
Low: 1:23 a.m.
2:39 p.m.
Size: 2-3 ft.
Wind: 6-14 mph

The mane event

The annual Peninsula Lions Club spaghetti dinner Saturday will benefit several local causes. **4**

Striving for glory

Point Loma Nazarene's softball team is anxious to capture its conference and a national title. **8**



Showcasing her debut album

Singer-songwriter Vanja James, who touts her music as "organic" — real musicians playing real instruments — plays today at Dream Street. **9**



Battle on the bay recaptures history

While a cluster of landlubbers looked on from the Embarcadero, the action was in full swing on San Diego Bay on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 and 18. That's when replicas of two ships from the Age of Sail – the Lynx and the Californian – heated things up in a mock battle, just like the real deal from the early 19th century. The Lynx, above, is a 122-foot schooner patterned after fighting ships from the War of 1812. At 93 feet, the Californian, left, is the clone of a cutter whose personnel enforced federal law during the Gold Rush days of the 1840s and '50s.

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Cravens draws 20 years to life in surfer's murder

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

After apologizing to the family of professional surfer Emery Kauanui Jr., Seth Cravens was sentenced Monday to 20-years-to-life in prison for killing Kauanui in 2007 and for knocking a man unconscious and breaking his nose three weeks earlier.

Cravens, 23, was dressed in a green jail uniform and sported what appeared to be fading blemishes of two black eyes. He spoke for the first time publicly and told the slain surfer's family he was sorry.

"I'm so sorry that this happened. I'm sorry for you guys' loss," Cravens said. "I do pray that you guys find some kind of peace and comfort. I'm really sorry. I'm sorry for my own family and for everybody that had to go through this with me."

San Diego Superior Court Judge John Einhorn imposed 15-years-to-life for the second-degree murder conviction, and added five years consecutively for an attack upon another man, Michael Johnson, who was knocked unconscious in an unrelated incident. He fined Cravens \$200, and gave him credit for serving 616 days in jail since his arrest in early June, 2007.

Deputy District Attorney Sophia Roach urged a sentence of 26-years-to-life that included punishment for Cravens after he was also found guilty of assaulting six other people in a jury verdict on Nov. 18,

2008. The other incidents occurred in La Jolla and involved Cravens and other members of the "Bird Rock Bandits" crashing parties and punching people.

"Mr. Cravens has been terrorizing the community for years," Roach said.

Kauanui, 24, died May 28, 2007, four days after he was punched by Cravens in the face and his head hit the pavement outside his mother's home in La Jolla. His skull was cracked and he suffered brain damage.

"I know his death was not in vain. I believe it would have been someone (else)," said Cindy Kauanui, alluding to the other assaults that occurred to other victims.

Cravens' lawyer, Mary Ellen Attridge, asked for an 18-year sentence without the life term attached, saying to add life would be "cruel and unusual."

Einhorn disagreed, saying his case does not meet the criteria for unusual circumstances.

"By your violence, you took the life of a human being. It's unforgivable," said Einhorn, who described the slaying as "a brutal, vicious, totally uncalled-for attack upon Mr. Kauanui."

Attridge asked the judge to permit Cravens to have a hug with his parents and his fiancée in the courtroom after the sentencing was over.

"Can't do it, sorry," Einhorn

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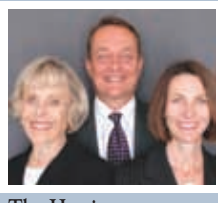
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fect Mandarin to the audience. Younger students lined the floor wearing construction-paper hats — glittering representations of the Chinese culture's traditional astrological signs of dragon, rabbit, rat, tiger and other animals.

Each class took the stage with a different song and dance inspired by modern and traditional themes, including a Chinese version of the "hokey pokey."

The performances concluded with everyone in the room singing along with the children a heart-warming song: "One World, One Dream."

After the performances, parents and students gathered at the playground lunch tables for a Chinese-style lunch.

Parent Julie Kapelczak ate at a table with her son, Eddie, who emceed the festivities in Mandarin. Julie said her son has taken an interest in ancient Chinese culture and said he wants to travel to China in the future.

It's not hard to imagine Eddie as a future international leader. That's what Barnard's educators aim to accomplish.

Now in its second year, Barnard's Mandarin Chinese magnet program prepares stu-



Second-grader Caitlynn Kruppa performs a song with her class during a Chinese New Year celebration at Barnard Elementary School on Jan. 29. PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON

dents for an international business world where Mandarin Chinese is one of the most spoken languages.

Parent Isabela Slojowski has a daughter in kindergarten and said her daughter is picking up the language quickly. But she said her daughter isn't the only one in her family learning Mandarin Chinese.

"Not only is she learning, but I'm learning Mandarin as well," Slojowski said.

Students receive 45 minutes of instruction each day in Mandarin language and culture. The district hired teachers Lei Li and Sally Lowe to teach the program. Park

said the teachers were hired especially for the magnet program.

Kindergarten teacher Karol Singer said students in her class soak up the material.

"These children are like sponges," Singer said. "They learn the language like it's their first [language]."

The Chinese New Year celebration, which follows a lunar cycle, showed off the best of the culture and language program.

"I think the kids are enthusiastic about the program," said Park. "You can see their love of learning. Parents are excited that students are learning a language of investment."

CRAVENS

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said.

Attridge unsuccessfully asked that the second-degree murder conviction be reduced to voluntary manslaughter, and for a new trial.

She cited what she called "prosecutorial misconduct," but Einhorn said there was no misconduct.

"There was substantial, credible evidence to support a (verdict) of second-degree murder," Einhorn said.

Cindy Kauanui said she believed

her son was "my guardian angel now."

She told the court of memories their family spent in Hawaii, and how her son was once in a C & H sugar commercial as a child.

"He knew the God of Aloha. He knew Jesus Christ. I'm sure if Emery were able to speak for himself today, he would let Seth know that God loves you, and that Jesus loves you, and He died for you," Cindy Kauanui said.

Matthew Yanke, 22, Eric House, 21, and Henri "Hank" Hendricks, 22, have been released from jail, and only Orlando Osuna, 23, remains in the Vista Detention

Facility.

They were sentenced to varying jail terms in 2008 and placed on three years' probation with the condition they do not drink alcohol.

All five of them graduated from La Jolla High School. Yanke, House and Osuna pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and Hendricks pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact. Osuna is scheduled to be released Feb. 22.

What is next for Cravens? His attorney said afterward "he and his girlfriend are thinking about getting married."

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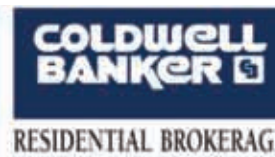


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Catching some serious wave action

Surfer Matt Brown takes advantage of a healthy size wave along Sunset Cliffs in Point Loma. COURTESY PHOTO BY BRUCE WALKER

Annual Lions Club dinner to benefit multiple causes

By JOSEPH GREENBERG | THE BEACON

The Peninsula Lions Club is cooking up its 15th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Sauce Contest to raise money and satisfy appetites of an expected 400 or so Point Loma faithful.

Last year's event raised about \$6,000 — roughly half of which was donated to Guide Dogs of the Desert, an organization that trains service dogs for the blind.

Proceeds from this year's contest will again go to benefit Guide Dogs of the Desert, The Dana Association, Dover & Provost Family Scholarships, and The Sunset Cliffs Surfers Association for spinal cord research.

This year's contest is set for Saturday, Feb. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

The temple's large room and stage will be well suited for the lively nature of the event, as aromas from competitively crafted sauces and feel-good music fill the air.

Music this year will include the Dana Jazz Group from Dana Middle School as well as the James Garner Trio, which is the main event beginning at 6 p.m., according to 30-year Lions Club member and contest co-chair Bill Klees.

Klees shares chairmanship responsibilities with his wife and fellow Peninsula Lion, Marti.

Contestants in the sauce competition hope to make the music merely background stimulus however.

"We have about nine contestants competing for best sauce this year and we have trophies for first, second and third places," said Bill Klees.

Some of the contestants include Irene LaRocca from the Sunset Cliffs Association and Barbara Harris, Jo Pomi and Nick Poma representing the Lions Club. Their cooking skill, along with the music and other activities are intended to garner interest and attract as many people as possible to come out and make the fundraising event successful.

Also generating funds will be a raffle and silent auction, which will feature items donated by local residents.

Some of the things up for auction include "a designer pair of sunglasses and some free optometry exams from Newport Optometry, gift certificates from the new Cuban bakery Azucar, a surfboard from the Dana Group and much more," Bill Klees said.

Organizers said the event is really about strengthening the community ties by supporting a long-running tradition.

Members of the Lions Club volunteer their time to organize the event by selling tickets, running the auction and helping with the food preparations.

Many organizations that also lend their support to the event have been doing so for years. Organizations like Sunset Cliffs Surfer's Association help in the kitchen, while James Gang Graphics creates and supplies tickets and placemats for the dinner are both names on a very long list of volunteers.

"They just donate all that," said Bill Klees. "And they have for years. With business going the way it is right now, I think it's a very special contribution."

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OBITUARY

Mary Reynolds, longtime community supporter, 93

Mary B. Reynolds passed away Nov. 27, 2008 at the age of 93. Mary was born Oct. 8, 1915 and raised in Minnesota, a minister's daughter. She graduated from Macalester College in 1936, where she majored in sociology.

In 1938, she married John Mahle and moved to California, where she raised three daughters: Barbara, Jayne, and Jan. Mary worked as program director at the YWCA in San Jose for 10 years.

In 1968, Mary married Art Reynolds and they traveled the country in an RV, finally settling in Ocean Beach, where they lived for more than 20 years.

Mary embraced everything about OB and volunteered at the Ocean Beach Community Services Center

and Ocean Beach Elementary School.

Just prior to her 90th birthday, Mary moved to Portland, Ore. She lived there happily for three years and passed away at home, pain free, and at peace. Mary, a master at the art of conversation, was gregarious, fun-loving and always "ready to go."



MARY REYNOLDS

She is survived by two daughters, two sons-in-law, 12 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson, one brother and his wife, seven nieces and nephews and their families.

Friends are invited to gather at the end of the Ocean Beach Pier at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 to observe the scattering of Mary's ashes at sea.

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Board members John de Beck and Katharine Nakamura voted against the motion to move the money, while board members Sheila Jackson, John Lee Evans and Barrera voted in favor.

Nakamura said the board also eliminated the district's "6 to 6" program. The program provides childcare for working families before and after school.

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

The decision to eliminate federal funding for schools with students and families qualifying for assistance only makes the budget for these schools worse, Nakamura said.

The cut in federal money to beach area schools comes as the unified school district works to close an estimated \$30 million budget shortfall for this year.

Schools like Pacific Beach Elementary could lose teachers in subjects like math and Spanish if money isn't available to pay them, according to Dawna Deatrick, president of the Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary, the school's

Parent Teacher Organization.

"Our teachers that are already spread thin will be spread even thinner," Deatrick said. "The students just won't get the same instruction they're getting now."

University City High School used this year's federal funds to hire extra instructors and tutors, said Principal Michael Price.

"This was our first year [to receive federal dollars]," Price said, "If [the board's decision] were to remain, we would lose the ability to use those dollars to pay for after school tutoring."

The \$30 million shortfall

To address the \$30 million budget deficit, the board imposed a hiring freeze with a few positions approved on a "case by case basis," according to SDUSD spokesman Jack Brandais. Administrators must also approve all spending, he said.

"We really want to keep a real tight lid on spending," Brandais said. "If there are things that can be postponed, [administrators] will take a look at them."

The district's budget crisis stems, in part, from the inability of California state legislators to resolve the state's budget crisis, Brandais said.

The state budget problem has

the school district preparing for an estimated \$20 million to \$40 million current year budget cut with impacts on next year's budget, he said.

In January, board member John de Beck had called for a savings plan that would close the district for nine days for the next two years, and cut salaries for board members for two months.

De Beck represents schools in Pacific Beach, Mission Bay, Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Bird Rock and La Jolla. De Beck estimated his plan could save the district \$70 million over the next two years, and avoid layoffs. His proposal, however, fell on deaf ears, according to de Beck.

De Beck said the district should address the budget by Sunday, March 15, when the school district becomes obligated to pay teachers' salaries.

By law, the district must notify teachers by March 15 if they will be laid off, he said. With about 80 percent of the school budget dedicated to teachers' salaries, any savings from layoffs after the March 15 deadline would be minimal.

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

COMEDY

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walked back into the club to sip on a can of Blue Ribbon, but the message came across.

Sac Dave's musings added an air of validity to the only comedy show in San Diego that has its own gang sign in the form of twisted fingers shaped into an OBC.

The beginnings of the comedy troupe came just three years ago as the brainchild of co-conspirators Steven Kendrick, Jesse Egan, Bob Hansen and Andrew Deans. With the help of popular comedians and funny amateurs alike, the show's slow rise to legendary status has gained local recognition and a bit of a cult following. It's comparable to the Drunk Poet's Society at the height of the show's local popularity. The society erupts with a dash of apathy every Monday evening at Winston's.

But while the Drunk Poet's Society may be in need of poetic resuscitation, the OBC is alive and well.

Before discovering the Drunk Poets and co-creating the OBC, Kendrick spent about six years doing comedy in Austin, Texas. He came to Ocean Beach about five

years ago, playing shows at the Comedy Store in La Jolla and other local venues. He was banned from several places and refused from others because some audiences might find his material offensive.

"At first [being banned] was a badge of honor," Kendrick said. "Now it's ... 'Oh yeah, that's why I don't make that much money.'"

But Kendrick and the OBC troupe fit like round pegs in deep round holes in Ocean Beach. Even if those pegs are a bit rough around the edges.

So together, Kendrick, Deans, Egan and Hansen birthed the first uncensored comedy show in Ocean Beach.

Kendrick laments his early battles over freedom of expression.

"There's still censorship in a lot of comedy clubs. Our only censorship is to be funny," he said.

The only material an Ocean Beach audience doesn't seem to appreciate is overtly racist material, he said. And if the third anniversary show is any indication, anything and every institution, political persuasion and mixed martial arts style is fair game.

Readers can check it out for themselves though. The acts are posted online at www.oceanbeach-comedy.com.

comedy.com.

But having fun and making people laugh isn't the only drive for Kendrick, Egan and friends at Winston's.

As everyone knows, the hand-in-helping-hand spirit of the community comes out whenever someone is in need. The OBC is no exception.

The OBC has hosted several benefit shows over the years, including a benefit show for victims of the 2007 October wildfires that ravaged the region's canyons and brush, displacing thousands and killing 10.

During the tragedy, local businesses donated gift prizes to raffle. The act resulted in several hundred dollars donated to victims.

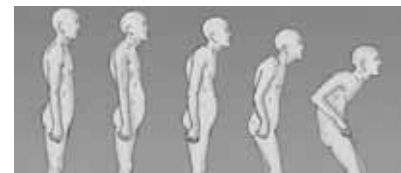
OBC hosts benefits throughout the year for various other causes, including the Ocean Beach Christmas parade, Kendrick said.

And while OBC may not raise millions, every little bit toward helping those in need counts, he said.

What else would you expect from a bunch of sacrilegious, offensive comedians who would trade a barrel of laughs for a few bucks? They may not recognize what they have.

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GUEST OPINION

Mentors and sponsors:
a matter of function

You may be at the beginning of a career ladder or you may be at the end of it. You may be the new kid on the block, the new person on a board or a new resident of a retirement community. Wherever you are, you have to learn the culture, for every organization has its own way of doing things, from what type of humor is acceptable to the dress code, from who goes where for lunch to who's in charge of what.

In order to become integrated, we all need three hands: one to be held by a sponsor as we're being pulled along the organizational ladder or introduced to others; another to hold hands with supportive peers, colleagues, other board members or residents; and the third to pull along those who will arrive after us. It is difficult to make it alone — we all need someone to lead the way, to show us the ropes, to tell us the norms, to encourage, support and make it a little easier as we try to fit in or move up the hierarchy. But who are those people, and where do we find them? They have been called benefactors, godfathers, patrons and, most often, mentors and sponsors. It is important for us to define the terms so that we can differentiate among them.

Especially at work, it is important to know the difference between a sponsor and a mentor. It is one of function.

A mentor is defined as "a wise and trusted teacher." It comes from the Greek: Mentor was Odysseus' counselor. A mentor will teach you a skill or provide you with the knowledge necessary to perform a task. A mentor may or may not be able to influence your career and need not have any particular clout in the organization.

A sponsor, on the other hand, may have very little to teach you about your job but can help your career by vouching for your suitability, recommending you for special projects or taking you along on assignments.

A sponsor must have influence in the organization. Whereas mentors are usually found among your immediate superiors, they can also be colleagues or anyone who can teach you. Sponsors can be your superiors too but are most frequently a few rungs up the ladder or can

even be outside your organization.

This happens in schools where a parent speaks on behalf of a child or on behalf of a new program; it is true in any organization where you represent someone else or someone else's proposal.

The city of La Jolla has a group that welcomes new residents with gifts and information. In a retirement community, there is a hospitality committee whose members see to it that newcomers are integrated into the community; they make sure that the new person always has someone to eat with, that questions are answered and that help is available for the minutiae of settling in.

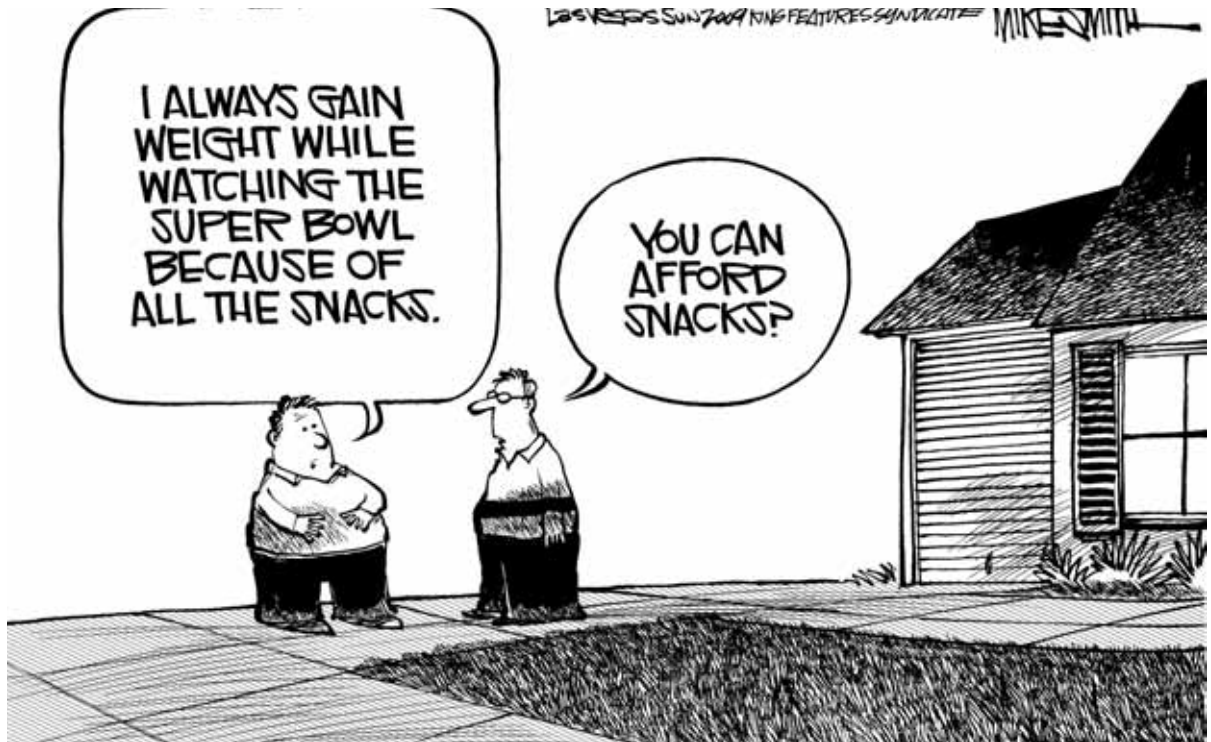
Sponsors have protégés (people they protect or speak on behalf of), while mentors have apprentices (people they teach). A mentor will help by telling you what issues to focus on at the next regional meeting; a sponsor will help by introducing you to the regional vice president. A mentor sees to it that you gain the necessary competence; a sponsor sees to it that you gain visibility and that you are promoted.

Sometimes a mentor and sponsor are the same person. However, it is important to distinguish between the functions to be certain that both are filled. Each time you reach a new level, you need a mentor to teach you the ropes, but as soon as you know them, you need a sponsor to help you move up again.

There are psychological reasons for becoming a mentor or sponsor. Men and women in their 50s, 60s and 70s are at a developmental stage where they need to teach and help younger colleagues. I call it occupational parenting. The gratification of helping younger people with their aspirations is very great indeed.

It is important to realize that wherever we are on that organizational ladder, as we are looking for mentors and sponsors to further our goals, we can also be mentors and sponsors to those below us and help them progress in their own aspirations. In all organizations, there are newcomers, minorities, the very young, the shy.

All these give us opportunities to make a difference in their lives. It behooves us all to become mentors and sponsors. This is at least as important as taking care of ourselves, and in fact, it is a way of doing just that.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City budget needs line by line scrutiny, priorities

I read with interest City Council Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer's guest article in the Jan 29th edition ("Taxpayers see benefits of financial reforms," Peninsula Beacon, page 4).

First of all, I suggest that the City Council and mayor prioritize the entire budget, line for line, starting with what they believe are the most important services to the least. Let's see if that matches what the taxpayers believe are the spending priorities. Given the budget cuts suggested so far, I doubt that the San Diego city government's priorities are in sync with the taxpayers.

Second, Councilman Faulconer suggests we contact his office to "share your ideas." I've done this twice recently ... to which I've received no response. How can there be any dialogue when the councilman doesn't even respond? How about letting the city taxpayers participate in setting the spending priorities? Then I believe the spending will be matched to revenues received, just as all taxpayers have to do with their personal finances.

Tom Frichtel
Ocean Beach

Planners overstepped bounds on agenda item

The action of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) on Jan. 15 in hearing and voting on the Rock Church's [special event] permit request was completely contrary to the spirit and intent of the community planning board system. The item was not properly notice to the public

and, as a result, none of the people who might be affected had a chance to speak on the issue. Only one board member lives in Liberty Station, so the resulting traffic congestion was of no concern for the other 14 members.

The agenda posted on the PCPB website did not contain the item until the Monday after the meeting when I and several other people protested the illegal action. The PCPB quietly changed the agenda on the website. I wrote a letter to the City Attorney's Office protesting the action as a violation of the Brown Act.

I also protested a report to the City Attorney posted on the website by an "expert" who has declared cell phone tower emissions to be safe. This "expert" has been a paid consultant for cell phone companies for more than a decade. There is no consensus of opinion among experts about the safety of these emissions.

The PCPB posted only one side of the debate and the posted report was not reviewed or discussed with the public. One of the newly elected PCPB members has been representing cell phone companies for years and still is doing so. It is curious that the only set of project plans ever posted on the PCPB website is a set for a cell phone project.

These two incidents illustrate what kind of planning board the community allowed to get elected last year. These people serve only their own self interests and interests of others who they do not reveal.

[Board member] Suhail Khalil, who the article noted recused himself from the Rock Church vote, stated when he was elected that he was no longer affiliated

with the Corky McMillin Cos., which has since proved to be untrue. Mr. Khalil recused himself because one of his clients is Liberty Station — i.e., McMillin.

It is sad to say, but it is now necessary to scrutinize every action of the PCPB and to take whatever it takes with a grain of salt. Some of the current board members are good people, but they are in the minority, a majority block of these people vote in lock step. The Rock Church action should rescinded, properly noticed and publicly discussed. The cell phone "expert" report should undergo the same treatment. And everyone should vote in the March election for the kind of people you really want speaking for you.

Geoff Page
Former PCPB board chair
Ocean Beach

State can afford IOU's but not refunds?

I wonder how much money it costs to send out IOUs in lieu of tax refunds? I'll bet it's quite a lot.

Inasmuch as most people are abreast of the news that the state is out of money and that our tax refunds will be delayed, why waste money that it doesn't have on IOUs?

We already know about the delay. Send no unnecessary IOUs. Save the cost. Spend the savings on better things. Like the tax refunds for example, for starters. Please.

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NewsBriefs

OB man pleads not guilty to being 'Big Boy Bandit'

An Ocean Beach man has denied he is the so-called "Big Boy Bandit," a serial bank robber who has held up banks in La Jolla, Point Loma and Pacific Beach since 2006.

Stephen Francis Colburn, 54, was arrested by San Diego police on Jan. 26 outside his Ocean Beach home. According to jail records, Colburn is 6'2" and weighs 240 pounds.

He is charged with nine armed bank robberies and one attempted bank robbery, six of which occurred at various Citibank branches. He was arrested after an attempted robbery at a Citibank in Mission Valley.

He is also charged with robbing the California Bank & Trust on Wall Street in La Jolla twice in 2008.

Colburn pleaded not guilty last week in San Diego Superior Court, and Judge David Szumowski set Colburn's bail at \$1 million. A preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 10.

The first bank robbery in the series that Colburn is charged with occurred on July 12, 2006 in Pacific Beach. Another Citibank branch was held up in La Jolla on Oct. 5, 2006. He is also charged with robbing the Pacific Western Bank on Rosecrans Street in 2008.

The amounts taken in the robberies have not been disclosed.

Colburn remains in the George Bailey Detention Facility.

Homelessness up 9% in 2 years, task force says

The county Regional Task Force on the Homeless, which tracks, measures and analyzes trends in the homeless population, has reported that almost 7,600 county residents were without a home as of the end of January last year. This figure represents a nine percent increase in homelessness compared with that of 2006 figures.

Some 400 enumerators on behalf of the task force recently fanned out across the county to conduct counts of those without homes. The point-in-time survey ended on Friday, Jan. 30. Due to the large volume of information, results can take up to a year to be sufficiently analyzed.

Preliminary reports from various agencies suggest there are many "first-time" homeless — the most recent and hardest hit victims of the economic crisis — that are expected to drive numbers even higher.

The 2008 count has been called the most comprehensive census of

the San Diego region. The count includes people found living on the street, along with data from more than 90 agencies that provide emergency shelter and transitional housing programs.

The Obama administration is considering proposals increasing the funding for homeless programs. The task force has stated its interest in working with the new administration to help create employment opportunities for those who are without homes.

The Regional Homeless Profile for 2008, a fact sheet and more information are available online at www.rtfhsd.org.

Fire-Rescue looking for a few good men/women

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is accepting applications from those seeking to join it until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 — and the application is the easiest part of the process.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high-school diploma and an Emergency Medical Technician Certificate from the state of California or the National Registry. A CPR certification or its equivalent from an American Heart Association member organization and a valid California driver's license are also required.

Following application approval, a written exam will be administered in April, and those who score highest will then take the city of San Diego physical ability test. Those men and women who successfully jump these hurdles will go through a 14-week academy in the fall, during which potential recruits will receive between \$2,581 and \$3,115 a month. Upon successful completion of the academy, recruits may be promoted to Fire Fighter I, with a salary range of \$3,275 to \$3,939 a month.

If you feel you have the necessary stuff, the department strongly encourages you to submit an application. Information on the application process is online at www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/pdf/recruitbulletin.pdf.

Princess Project asks for prom gown donations

Make the prom experience — a milestone of American youth culture — a little richer for those who may not be able to afford it. The Princess Project is now collecting new and nearly new formal gowns and accessories as part of its 2009 dress drive, which is set to take place between Feb. 8 and 14.

There are some gown guidelines to keep in mind: Dresses should be either fashionable formal gowns,

party dresses or cocktail dresses, in all lengths, sizes and colors. They should be in excellent condition and they must be dry-cleaned and on hangers upon donation.

Locations that are accepting dresses:

- Margaret's Cleaners, 7511 La Jolla Blvd. (also Margaret's locations in Del Mar and Kearny Mesa, www.margarets.com)

- Mossy Nissan (El Cajon, Escondido, Kearny Mesa, National City, Oceanside, Poway, mossynissan.com)

- Minx Hair Salon (5726 La Jolla Blvd. in Birdrock)

- First Class Wax (Banker's Hill, www.firstclasswax.com)

To learn more about the Princess Project, visit www.princessproject.org.

Peninsula Singers actively seeking new members

Peninsula Singers, a nonprofit community organization which prides itself on building community appreciation of the arts by making music accessible to performers and audiences, is actively rehearsing and seeking new members.

Peninsula Singers is a community chorus with members aged 15 to 85 and beyond which meets every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library at 3701 Voltaire St. in Point Loma.

According to organizers, the group is committed to enriching, educating and entertaining diverse audiences in the region and to building arts awareness through community connections.

In addition to seeking new members, Peninsula Singers also encourages local talented musicians to join as vocal and instrumental soloists. The musical repertoire of this group is rich and varied and spans the range from Bach to Beatles to boogie and beyond.

People of all musical abilities are invited to attend, and the choir particularly needs men to round out the tenor and bass sections.

Rehearsals are held every Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. from September to June, reflecting the school calendar. Music classes are often held at 5 p.m. Mondays, just prior to rehearsals, and cover everything from basic music reading lessons, through vocal techniques and music appreciation.

The group often performs with the Point Loma High School choir, which was reinstated largely due to the influence of Peninsula Singers.

For more information, call (619) 804-6079 or (619) 222-0429, or e-mail sarahsuhonen@hotmail.com. Also visit www.peninsulasingerssandiego.org.

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Putting muscles to the test

Chris Barlow, coach of the San Diego Canoe and Kayak Team, grits and grins as he thrusts his surfski through the water. Four hundred kayakers took to the water Saturday, Jan. 31 to race across Mission Bay and out on to the open ocean for the 13th annual Hanohano Challenge. Patrick Dolan, 20, paddled in first at 1:03 hours on the nine-mile, open ocean course. For more results, visit www.hanohano.org.

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SportsBriefs

Soccer tryouts are just around the corner

Tryouts are set to get under way for the Barca Point Loma soccer teams — both boys and girls divisions.

Signups for U8-14 girls take place Monday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Liberty Station

For the boys, tryouts in the U8-14 category also take place at Liberty Station on Tuesday, Feb. 17

and Thursday, Feb. 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information on try-outs, call (619) 223-3589.

Moore's, Moorad sign pact on Padres sale

John Moore's, San Diego Padres majority owner, and Jeff Moorad, a general partner of the Arizona Diamondbacks, have agreed on a pact that divests Moore's of about one-third of his interest in the franchise.

Moore's said the value of the club will ultimately be more than \$500 million, including debt.

Because of the team's \$240 million debt service, Moorad still must come up with about \$100 million to close his part of the deal.

In 2008, Forbes magazine valued the Padres at \$385 million, 19th among major league baseball's 30 clubs.

Moorad, a former Diamondbacks CEO, has five years to effect the purchase. Until then, Moore's will represent the club at owners meetings and sit on various committees.

In 2008, the Padres finished last in the National League West race, losing 99 games.

PLNU softballers eager to improve on '08 results

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

The Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) Sea Lions softball squad opened the 2009 campaign against Cal State San Bernardino in a double-header Tuesday and against Cal State San Marcos today.

"We're excited to open the new season because of our two returning All-American pitchers Melissa Gomez and second baseman Kayla Luttmers," said PLNU head softball coach Dave Williams.

The Sea Lions are coming off both a successful and disappointing 2008 season in which they posted a dominating 50-12 overall record, finished with a No. 2 overall ranking in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and placed third in the national tournament.

"Anytime you get close and don't win it's a tough pill to swallow," said Williams. "If you don't win, it doesn't make any difference if it was a good game."

Despite the disappointing ending to the 2008 postseason, the Sea Lions are likely to have another deep, talented roster, particularly

on the pitching staff. Gomez and junior Tyler Lent — both 2008 All-Americans — anchor the rotation, along with junior Kira Wommer, sophomore Katie Nagler and freshman Cassie Monahan. It might be a different story on offense, however, after Amanda Addie and Paige Powell, PLNU's top two scorers and base stealers from 2008, graduated this past year.

After two very successful seasons

and having entered this year ranked at No. 2 overall, Williams believes his players are not looking ahead to the playoffs in May and that most of his players — especially the younger ones — are simply concentrating on battling for a starting position.

"We have a lot of uncertainties in our lineup, with only a few positions sewn up

right now," Williams said.

Sophomore Taran Lent and freshman Alexandra Wilkinson are in a battle for the catching position while juniors Jenel Guadagno, Jessica Amador and sophomore Tina Keys appear to be the starting outfield after all three of the Sea Lions 2008 starting outfielders graduated.

In addition to Luttmers at second base, juniors Jill Schaefer and Samantha Hall are also returning players who should be able to shore up the infield positions.

"I think that it is a very different team than last year," said Luttmers, a senior. "We have a few starting players returning this year and will be developing our team as we get to know each other on and off the field. We want to win the conference this year. We've been a great team for many years but we haven't been able to win the conference or national title yet."

Since Williams was hired in 1998 as head coach, the Sea Lions have put together a streak of 11 straight winning seasons, three Golden State Athletic Conference titles (2002, 2003 and 2004), three regional playoff titles (2001, 2003 and 2004) and eight straight appearances in the nationals. But the teams have come up empty the last four years when it came to winning a title of any kind, despite an overall record of 187-55 since 2005.

"Pitching will have to be the backbone of our team early on, and will have to pull us along. Obviously we're a much different team from last year," Luttmers said.

There will also be a greater emphasis on winning the conference title after the NAIA changed playoff formats from the regional playoffs to a conference tournament round for each of the 22 conferences.

The winners of each conference get an automatic berth in the nationals with the remainder of the playoff spots going to at-large teams from the conferences or independent teams.

"After practicing 6 days a week for 3 weeks we're ready to play someone else," Williams said.

“We want to win the conference this year. We’ve had a great team for many years but we haven’t been able to win the conference or national title yet.”

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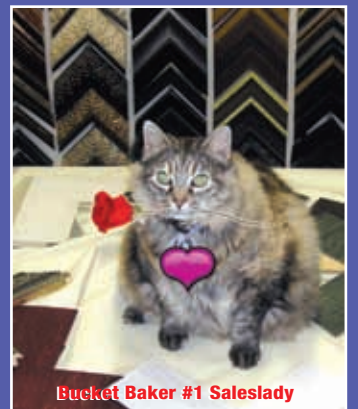
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VANJA

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uct, no matter how long it took. The 15 songs on the disc include contributions from over two dozen guest musicians.

"It's my recording debut," James said. "It's covering the span of what I can do stylewise. It took time, but getting it to sound good was more important than how long it took to do."

For James, it was important to use real instruments instead of using computer shortcuts.

"You could describe my music as 'organic,'" James said. "As in, real instruments played by real people."

The length of time spent recording could also be attributed to working on off hours.

"I was working with my own money so I was paying as I went

along," she said. "The studio I was using was pretty busy, so I was at their mercy."

Additionally her choice of violinist went on tour in the midst of the project.

"Sometimes people got scheduled over me, which can be a little frustrating," she said. "But I did the budget plan, so I was willing to be patient and I probably saved a little money that way."

James is prolific to a fault, composing anytime, anywhere.

"I carry a digital recorder in my car to capture any particularly good ideas," James said.

While a crucial part of her creative process, this practice can sometimes cause other motorists amusement.

"I was doing a vocal warm up while I was on my way to a show downtown," she said. "My mouth was open really wide when I looked over at the car next to me.

They were laughing really hard," she said.

With a debut album imminent and touring planned for the year ahead, the future appears promising for James. But she is determined to make it on her own terms.

"Music is sort of a universal language that you can use to connect with people," said James. "I get pretty sad when I don't sing or play music with people. It's a happy thing for me."

She considers music to be her mission in life.

"I'm blessed with it," said James. "My life always seems to come back to that, so it seems like it's something I was meant to do."

James performs today, Feb. 5, at Dream Street, 2228 Bacon St. at 4 p.m.

The show is for those 21 and up. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/vanjajames.



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Clear, warm days have made for beautiful conditions on the coast, as demonstrated in this shot of Sunset Cliffs. The weather, however, is expected to take a turn for the worst the next few days, bringing rain and cooler temperatures through the weekend and possibly heavy showers Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO BY JIM GRANT



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Saturday, Feb. 14, 9 to 11 a.m., Friends of Dog Beach hosts monthly Dog Beach cleanup. Gloves, bags, scoops, brooms, shovels, toys and treats for humans and dogs provided. For more information, call (619) 523-1700.

Saturday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., The San Diego Audubon Society and the UC Natural Reserve System host "Love Your Wetlands Day" volunteer event at the Northern Wildlife Preserve on Mission Bay (access through Campland, 2211 Pacific Beach Drive. To RSVP, call (619) 682-7210 or e-mail Dougherty@sandiegoaudubon.org.

Saturday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m. to noon, The San Diego Audubon Society hosts a habitat restoration for the California least tern at Mariner's Point along Mission Bay. For information, call (619) 682-7210 or e-mail Dougherty@sandiegoaudubon.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.

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

- Monday, Feb. 9, no classes in observance of Lincoln's birthday.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11, 5:45 p.m., SSC meeting.
- Thursday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m., Pastry with Patty.
- Monday, Feb. 16, no classes in observance of Washington's birthday.
- Wednesday, Feb. 18, school tour for Dana Middle School 6th-graders.
- Saturday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., the popular Dallas Brass performs in a fundraiser after a music clinic for students during the day. The event takes place in the auditorium, 4302 Valeta St. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students. And may be purchased by visiting www.correiamusic.org. For information, e-mail kerrid-

erosier@gmail.com.

- Tuesday, Feb. 24, GEAR UP kickoff assembly.

DANA

- Today, Feb. 5, 3:30 to 5 p.m., parent tour.
- Saturday, Feb. 7, 4 to 9 p.m., Peninsula Lion's Club spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit Dana Association, Guide Dogs of the Desert, Dover and Provost family scholarships and the Sunset Cliffs Surfer's Association Spinal Chord Research Fund. The event will be held at the Masonic Temple, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Tickets are \$8. For more information, call (619) 225-8200, ext. 10.

LOMA PORTAL

- Today, Feb. 5, 1:15 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.
- Monday, Feb. 9, no classes in observance of Lincoln's birthday.
- Monday, Feb. 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Foundation meeting in library.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10, 3:35 to 4 p.m., popcorn sales after school.
- Thursday, Feb. 12, 1:15 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.
- Friday, Feb. 13, 9:15 to 10 a.m., coffee with Principal Gerde in library.
- Through Feb. 14, turn in boxtops for a drawing and

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- Monday, Feb. 16, no classes in observance of Washington's birthday.
- Thursday, Feb. 19, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., kindergarten tours. To schedule a tour, call (619) 223-1683.

OB ELEMENTARY

- Today, Feb. 5, Bank Day; ArtSpace, Dance, Spanish and yoga after-school clubs.
- Monday, Feb. 9, no school in observance of Lincoln's birthday.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m., kindergarten tours.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m., Chess Club.
- Thursday, Feb. 12, Bank Day; ArtSpace, Dance, Spanish and yoga after-school clubs.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY

- Today, 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.

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SILVER GATE

- Monday, Feb. 9, no classes in observance of Lincoln's birthday.
- Feb. 10-13, 4th-graders to Old Town program.

- Wed. Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m., new parent tour in auditorium.
- Monday, Feb. 16, no classes in observance of Washington's birthday.
- Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m., SSC/SGT meeting.
- Friday, Feb. 20, 7:15 a.m., Dads and Donuts.
- Friday, Feb. 27, 7:45 a.m.,

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- Today, Feb. 5, report cards distributed, WASC/WEC visiting team pre-visit.
- Feb. 6, Feb. 8, 8 a.m. to noon, science fair in Parish Event Center.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10, re-registration packets for 2009-10 distributed.
- Friday, Feb. 13, no classes.
- Monday, Feb. 16, no classes in observance of Presidents Day.

SUNSET VIEW

- Today, Feb. 5, 9 a.m., PTA meeting in auditorium.
- Monday, Feb. 9, no school in observance of Lincoln's birthday.
- Feb. 10-13, book fair.
- Friday, Feb. 13, 9:10 a.m., flag ceremony led by kindergarten.

PLHS

- Friday, Feb. 6, 7 to 11 p.m., PLHS fundraiser "Casino Night" at the Portuguese Hall, 2828 Avenida de Portugal. Prizes include a DVD player and gift certificate for Morton's Steakhouse. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call (619) 871-8221 or e-mail pdickson@semrageration.com.

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Friday, 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.

Friday, 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

Through Feb. 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.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., the Point Loma Nazarene University's Center for Politics and Public Service hosts the PLNU orchestra performing "Lincoln Portrait," featuring composition by Aaron Copeland in tribute to President Lincoln. The event takes place at Crill Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Admission is free. For more information, call (619) 849-2344 or e-mail laurieoliver@pointloma.edu.

Feb. 14-15, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Saturday) and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sunday), 2009 California Open Wildlife Festival wildfowl and fish carvers' competition takes place at the Corky McMillin Event Center at the NTC Promenade of Liberty Station. The event features wildfowl art and the crafting of the traditional hunting decoy. Admission is \$5; children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, call (619) 588-7141 or e-mail bobberryfishcarvings@cox.net.

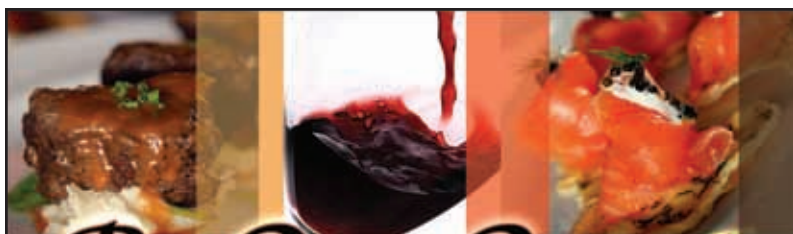
Monday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., Dr. Robert Bates, professor of organ at Moores School of Music at the University of Houston, performs with a Baroque pipe organ. The event takes place at All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. A donation of \$5 is requested. For more information, call (619) 223-6394, ext. 13.

Through Feb. 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.

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- Saturday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m., XIFM listener appreciation party with Corey Wilkins, Fuzz Huzzi, 190 and Psydecar. Tickets are \$3.

- Wednesday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Flight or Fight performs with RDG, CoPilot and Unknown Motive. Tickets are \$10.

- Thursday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m., XIV performs with The Stove, Grizzly Circus and Heavy Glow. Tickets are \$6.

- Friday, Feb. 13, 9 p.m., the Atomic Punks (Van Halen tribute band) perform with Damage Inc. (Metallica tribute band) and Monsters of Rock. Tickets are \$10.

- Saturday, Feb. 14, Club Bollywood featuring a DJ and dancing. No ticket prices listed.

Club Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Blvd., (619) 255-8635

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

Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, (619) 224-3577

- Monday, Feb. 23, Robin Henkel, a blues/jazz guitarist and singer who has won awards in the San Diego Music Awards numerous times over the years, performs. The cover charge is \$5; 21 and over.

San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Blvd., (619) 225-0176

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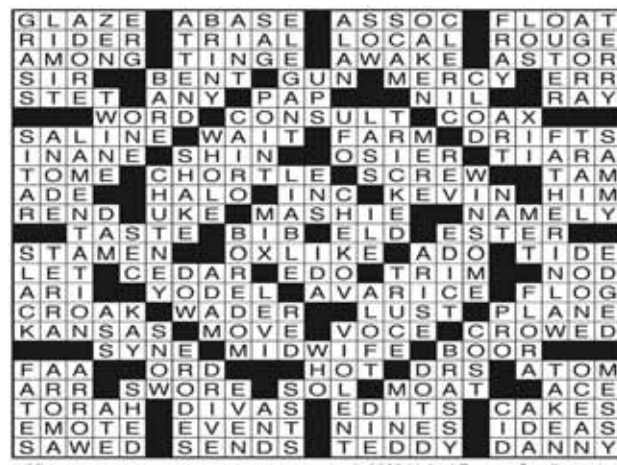
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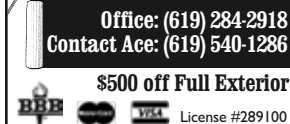
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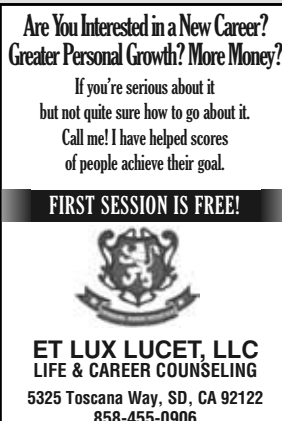
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15 Ludwig — Beethoven

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19 Tavern

21 Garbage

22 Kind of name

23 Out of practice

24 Compassionate

25 Washing stage

26 Conceal

27 Playing card

28 Spiked

29 Inky

31 Fastened a certain way

33 Period

35 Done

36 Cliff's edge

37 Bank workers

38 Behind

40 Mark with a hot iron

41 Wicked

42 Alternative route

44 A joint

45 Song

47 Measure of length

51 — wheel

52 Impudence

53 Cantankerous

55 Contend

56 "— showers..."

57 New York stadium

58 Sudden

60 Dwelling

62 Urge gently

63 Cookout items

65 River in Germany

66 Bragged

67 Superlative suffix

68 Layer

69 "Woe — —!"

71 Hard, dark wood

73 Consume

75 Elec. unit

76 Scrub

77 Dawber or Grier

78 Plant pouch
- 81 Assists

83 Cans

84 Fill to satisfaction

85 Mongrel

87 Disparage

90 Marx or Malden

92 — de corps

94 Retread

95 Pointless

96 Large tropical fruit

98 Secret look

99 Bicycle part

100 Won — soup

101 Hauled

103 Epic by Homer

105 Dressing table

106 Sir — Guinness

108 Place for fishing

109 Rail

110Something dangerous

111 Was indebted

113British diaper

114Audible warning

115Get — fast

118Works the soil

119Jailbirds

120 Excursion

124 The East

125 Place of great attraction

126 Fry

127 Poem

128 Row

129 Boat used by Eskimos

131 Temperament

133 Fully grown

135 Function

136 Charlotte —

137 Wiped out

138 Thesaurus name

139 Tip

140 Ford that flopped

141 Watched

142 Tall and slender

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- 1 Jack in a rhyme

2 Armistice

3 Stair part

4 Qty.

- 5 You get what you — for

6 Dish

7 "— Gantry"

8 Street

9 Long time

10 Leave in the lurch

11Magician's specialty

12 — and file

13 Donkey

14 Anytime

15 Translucent fabric

16 Snake

17 Requirements

19 Little guy

20 The Cornhusker State

22 Coldish

28 Plant sacred in ancient Egypt

30 Yarn fuzz

32 Boxing great

34 Table of numbers

36 French cheese

37 Doctrine

39 Fencing sword

40 Shatter

42 Force from office

43 Printing mistakes

44 Cereal plant

45 Genuine

46 Not ready

48 Affirm

49 Midway attraction

50 Act

51 Countenance

52 Someone miserly

53 Money or pecking

54 Story

57 Walk heavily

59 Make confused

61 Guys

63 Weighing instrument

64 Island in the Mediterranean

66 Celestial body

70 Child

72 Fabric dyed using wax

74 Skinny

76 Fine violin, for short

79 Sour

80 Parish priest

82 Energy type (abbr.)

- 84 Say

86 Depend

87 Rudner or Hayworth

88 Organic compound

89 Weathercock

91 Mimic

93 Piquant

94 Renter of property

96 Self-esteem

97 Jumbo jet

99 Glass square

102 Camera opening

104 Drinks

105 Metrical writing

107 Stick together

109 Soapstone

110 Coined

112 Cyst

113 Metallic element

114 Became spoiled

115 — Dame

116 Hunter constellation

117 Handle effectively

118 Tantalize

119 Bring about

121 Baton —

122 Ran in neutral

123 Unimportant

125 Young woman

126 Command for Fido

130 Mire

132 Exist

133 Abbr. in a schedule

134 Deer

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