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They call it puppy love

Animal lovers descended on Liberty Station on March 1 for the inaugural Doggie Street Festival, an event promoting pet adoption, rescue awareness and plenty of canine cuties. Above, 10-year old-chihuahua Gunner, who has no teeth, hangs out with Janet Bianchini of Chihuahua Rescue. Left, children dance to the Koalas, a lively rock cover band. Right, a young child gets a close-up look at one of several dogs available for adoption. PHOTOS BY PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON



Oversize-vehicle rule again on the burner

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | THE BEACON

The effort to move along those parked oversize vehicles is getting another push from District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

The City Council delayed its vote to create an oversize-vehicle ordinance in October because most councilmembers felt the \$2 million proposed cost, mainly to enforce the ordinance, was too high. Faulconer was one of those councilmembers. He wanted the council to find a more cost-effective system.

Now is the time to revisit the subject, urged Faulconer, whose district includes some of the more oversize-vehicle problem areas: Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Shelter Island, Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and Mission Bay.

The Unified Port of San Diego's board of commissioners passed its own oversize-vehicle ordinance Feb. 3 to stop people from storing RVs and from parking overnight along the San Diego Bay. Faulconer is concerned the displaced vehicles will move to the beach communities to park.

Faulconer wants to know how much it will cost the city to implement a pilot program that covers the beach communities — from Point Loma to La Jolla — plus the northern Downtown area and the Morena business district. Faulconer sent a memorandum to chief operating officer Jay Goldstone to look into the cost. Goldstone had not calculated the figure as of press time.

The city estimated it would cost



Oversize vehicles, like this RV parked on Valeta Street, are the targets of a renewed city push to crack down on overnight parking. RONAN GRAY | THE BEACON

\$2 million to implement the program citywide because the city would need to hire a night shift of parking patrollers, as well as the cost of signage to inform people of the new law. Yet early last year, the deputy director of transportation, Deborah Van Wansele, reported the pilot program would be cost-neutral because the city would recover costs through permit fees and citations.

"Implementation of the ordinance in the pilot area would determine whether such an ordinance would

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PLHS nips No. 1 seed, surges to semifinals

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

The 2009 Point Loma High School (PLHS) Pointers girls soccer squad capitalized on its impressive hot streak this season, edging the former No. 1 seed Hilltop Lancers in CIF playoffs Saturday to advance to the Division II CIF semifinal round.

The weekend win set up a showdown Wednesday, March 4 against Helix High for the right to move on to the CIF finals. The results of Wednesday's match were unavailable at press time.

On Saturday, a goal at the 65th

minute of play by PLHS junior midfielder Shelby Murphy gave the Pointers a 1-0 victory over Hilltop (14-3-2).

"The final score was closer than the play on the field," said PLHS head soccer coach John Murphy. "We felt that we won both halves but didn't do a good job of finishing our scoring opportunities. There was one time the ball hit the post and another kick we just missed. We left some goals out there on Saturday."

Shelby Murphy led the team in scoring this year with 15 goals and 9 assists, but perhaps none were

as important as her goal Saturday.

"It was a pretty good goal but I couldn't have done it without the help of my teammates," said Shelby Murphy.

The Pointers started the season with a 0-3-1 record but ended the regular season on a 10-1-5 run. The streak included a 15-game non-losing stretch that ended in the final regular-season game against Eastern League rival Scripps Ranch on Senior Day.

"There was a lot of emotion before that game and we just did-

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Point Loma High School junior midfielder Shelby Murphy (3) gave the Pointers a 1-0 victory over Hilltop High on Saturday to propel the Pointers to the semifinals of CIF action. PLHS took on Helix High last night. COURTESY PHOTO BY STEPHAN CROW

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JROTC gun ranges given brief reprieve

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

School officials are allowing Mission Bay and Point Loma high school students in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) marksmanship program to finish their seasonal competitions before shutting that aspect of the program down permanently.

A school board vote Feb. 24 restored the marksmanship program through the rest of the year.

Board trustee John Lee Evans said the marksmanship component of the JROTC will end after this school year but the rest of the JROTC program has been left intact. Evans, who originally sought to end the air-gun training, voted again to let students at least finish out the season.

"The board's decision seemed unfair to [the JROTC students] who entered the class this year when [marksmanship] was part of the curriculum," Evans said.

Evans said he didn't know about seasonal competitions because "it was never brought up before."

Board members John de Beck and Richard Barrera voted against the motion to delay ending marksmanship training, reaffirming their earlier votes to halt the air-rifle program. De Beck represents schools in the beach communities.

Board members Katherine Nakamura, Shelia Jackson and Evans voted to return the marksmanship training for the rest of the year.

Schools that include Mission Bay and Point Loma high schools had several competitions left in the year when the San Diego Unified School District board members voted down



The San Diego Unified School District's Board of Education voted to allow the JROTC air-rifle marksmanship program to continue at Point Loma High School through the end of the current school year.

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the program in February, said 1st Sgt. Jack Patague, Point Loma High's Navy JROTC marksmanship instructor.

Patague said students were disappointed with the decision to take away the marksmanship training, which is a collegiate sport.

"The biggest thing is that I think these kids ... felt they weren't given the opportunity to finish something they started," Patague said.

Mike Hom, a Mission Bay High School junior and former Marine Corps JROTC student, said he was disappointed when trustees ended the marksmanship program.

"We're not firing off actual rounds. Its an air rifle," Hom said. "I don't understand how [the board of trustees] can justify taking it away."

He said the marksmanship program taught him responsibility and safety rules.

But David Morales, another Mis-

sion Bay High School student, said the board's decision to reinstate the program sends the wrong message to students.

"The message that it's OK to have guns in school, to tolerate that. It's not right," Morales said.

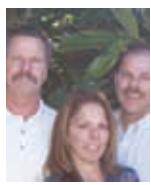
Morales belongs to the Mission Bay High School chapter of Movimiento Etudiantil Chicano Aztlan — or MEChA — a student political group.

Several students from Lincoln High and other schools have been protesting the marksmanship training over the last year. A Marine Corps JROTC marksmanship program that started at Mission Bay High in the fall of 2007 raised concerns over conflicts with the districtwide "zero tolerance" policy on weapons in schools.

SDUSD board members voted 3-2 in February to end the marksmanship training.

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OB Kite Festival set to take flight Saturday

By **TRISH CLENNEY BROWN** | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach will let fly a long-standing community tradition on Saturday, March 7 with its 61st annual kite festival.

The kite festival is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach, the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, the Point Loma Community Recreation Center and the San Diego Park and Recreation Department.

The event represents lighthearted fun, colorful and fanciful artwork and amazing aerodynamics. This year's event will include the traditional elements: kite making, a parade, kite flying, carnival rides and a crafts fair.

Added to this year's festivities will be llama rides.

The OB festival is believed to be the oldest kite festival for children in the nation, according to Melanie Nickel, OB Kiwanis Club president.

"It's a third-generation festival, with people who attended as children themselves now bringing their grandchildren," said Nickel, whose husband, Jim, participated in the first kite festival in 1948 when the kites were made of newspaper and sticks.

Today's children will make their kites at the OB Recreation Center using kits that are so easy to construct that 18-month-olds have accomplished the task. In addition to being failproof, the special kite kits truly are designed to fly. But while the kites start out essentially all looking the same, they are distinct and different after the children have decorated them to their own tastes.



Children and adults alike will take part in the high-flying fun of the Ocean Beach Kite Festival this weekend.

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The kite making will take place from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the recreation center. Participants can break for a free lunch of hot dogs and punch, served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the courtyard of Ocean Beach Elementary School, where live music will entertain them. Adults may also lunch for a donation.

Festival-goers who choose not to make a kite can take in the craft fair booths and the amusement rides on Santa Monica Boulevard from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The craft fair features items from handmade jewelry to birdhouses.

The rides usually include a jump house, flying swings and games, along with llama rides. Organizers said there is a charge for the rides.

Kite judging takes place at 1 p.m. in the elementary school courtyard. Awards will be given in separate divisions — according to age group — from toddlers through high school students.

Prizes are awarded for the most unique kite, the best decorated and the one with the best theme.

Following the award ceremony, a parade is set to begin at 2:05 p.m., with kite flyers marching down Santa Monica Boulevard with their new creations. The parade ends at the beach with freestyle kite flying.

"The kite festival is a lot of work," said Nickel. "When it's over, we're tired. But we can say, 'We've made a lot of people happy today.'"

This year's festival is dedicated to the woman whose name was synonymous with the event for many years — Marion Miller, affectionately known to generations as "the Kite Lady." In her honor, the March 7 parade's grand marshals will be Miller's granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

Miller, a longtime community volunteer, died in August after having proudly orchestrated the historic 60th OB Kite Festival in March 2008. She was the first female member of the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach and served as its president seven times.

Miller was also such a significant contributor to Ocean Beach Elementary School that the school named its new library the Marion Miller Library.

"We miss her sorely," said Nickel.

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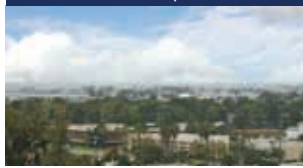
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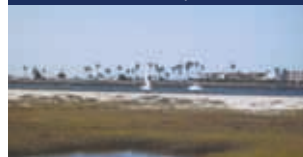
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OB planners slate March 10 election

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

“It’s going to take a lot of the business owners and civic engagement in order to protect the community character of Ocean Beach.”

SETH CONNELLY
OBPB ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ocean Beach planners will ask voters to decide who will preside over Ocean Beach land-use and planning issues in the upcoming Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB) election Tuesday, March 10.

The planning board is made up of 14 board members. Seven of the 14 seats come up for election each March.

The OBPB election will be held at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4726 Santa Monica Ave., from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

A total of eight candidates have thrown their name into the hat, according to OBPB officials.

“OB is at a critical point in terms of all the land-use issues that we face,” said election committee chair Seth Connelly. “It’s going to take a lot of the business owners and civic engagement in order to protect the community character of Ocean Beach. So we encourage people to get involved.”

The Ocean Beach community planning area is divided into seven districts. Candidates run for a specific district. Most candidates run uncontested in a district because of a small field of candidates.

This year only two districts have more than one candidate running for office.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old. Candidates also must have lived in Ocean Beach for at least 30 days or own property or have a business license in OB.

The planning board allows write-in candidates, provided they qualify. Write-in applications must be turned in before March 10.

According to Connelly, candidates running per district this year include:

- District 1, incumbent Nancy Taylor, local resident;
- District 2, Amanda Lopez-Davies, transportation supervisor;
- District 3, Heather Kwiatkowski, archeologist;
- District 4, vacant (likely to be filled by board appointment or a write-in candidate);
- District 5, incumbent, Bill Bushe, property owner resident; Robert Sullivan, business owner;
- District 6, Jane Gawronski, educator/researcher; and
- District 7, Brittany Taylor, resident; Elisa Ingrassia, artist.

The OBPB typically releases election results a few days after the election. The OBPB acts as an advisory board to the city of San Diego on land-use and planning issues involving Ocean Beach.

For more information about the elections, call Seth Connelly (949) 533-2346 or e-mail seth@jenn-david.com.

PARKING

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be cost-neutral and revenue-generating citywide,” Faulconer wrote in a memorandum to Goldstone.

The ordinance proposes to prohibit people from parking oversized, non-motorized and recreational vehicles on any public street between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Residents with large vehicles and no driveways can apply to receive a permit to park on the street.

The port district’s new oversized-vehicle ordinance will prohibit parking along Shelter Island Drive from 3 to 4:30 a.m. The ordinance is meant to stop people storing vacant RV’s along the street and to curb overnight parking, said Jim Hutzelman, a spokesperson for the port district.

The ordinance also gave the port’s executive director the authority to strategically designate 26 parking spaces for large vehicles. The idea is to prevent large vehicles from blocking views to San Diego Bay.

“People stay at Shelter Island hotels that they pay for and their view corridors are blocked,” said Hutzelman, who added the intent behind the ordinance is to maximize access to the bay front for day users.

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Curves flexes muscle with annual food drive

By KEVIN MCKAY | THE BEACON

As the tentacles of economic woe tighten their grip around Peninsula residents and San Diegans in general, at least one local fitness center is exercising its option to help others in need.

The Sports Arena-area Curves will join sister locations throughout San Diego County in launching the 11th annual Curves Food Drive through the month of March.

Nonperishable food items collected between March 9 and March 27 will go to fill the shelves of the San Diego Food Bank.

Cheryl Hradecky, owner of the Curves on West Point Loma Boulevard, has been involved with the campaign since she opened the location eight years ago.

This year, however, the bleak economic tailspin has Curves owners and customers even more eager to reach out.

"We intentionally chose the San Diego Food Bank because it does give a higher priority to helping more localized groups," Hradecky said. "So we will be seeing the benefit of this directly in our community. There will be a direct impact on our neighborhood."

The San Diego Food Bank cites a combination of rising prices, job layoffs, rising rents, home foreclosures and stagnant wages as the key factors that are forcing thousands of low-income working families, increasing numbers of middle class families and fixed-income seniors to turn to the Food Bank for help.

Hradecky agrees.

"There is no question this time



Curves fitness centers – including the location on West Point Loma Boulevard – will launch a food drive through March to assist the San Diego Food Bank to help disadvantaged residents better grapple with economic times. COURTESY PHOTO

around is very tough," Hradecky said. "The need has definitely increased this year. There are a growing number of families whose main provider has lost a job ... and many families who have lost homes."

Programs such as the San Diego Food Bank's Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) illustrate the surge in demand. EFAP, intended for families in immediate need, increased by 21,043 people from January to December 2008.

Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected almost 11 million pounds of food in communities across the world. This year, Curves representatives said they hope to collect 15 million pounds to help even more people.

As she does every year, Hradecky has set a goal of 1,000 pounds of food. Customers have

always donated generously and enthusiastically support the food drive campaign, Hradecky said.

As an added incentive, Hradecky said anyone who brings in a grocery bag filled with nonperishable food during the drive can sign up for a 12-month membership and waive the signup fee of about \$200.

She said new members receive a figure analysis, a health history review, training and weight goals and a first workout. Last year, a quarter-million new members joined Curves during the food drive.

In addition to food, baby items such as diapers and wipes are needed, said Curves officials.

The Sports Arena-area Curves is located at 3960 West Point Loma Blvd. For more information, call (619) 222-8555, or visit www.sdcurlves.com.

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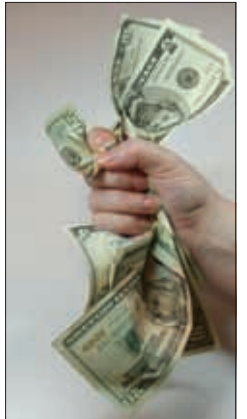
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GUEST COMMENTARY

Israel visit yields gratitude
amid the sound of bombs

By JOSEPH GREENBERG

For six weeks, I recently toured Israel, the land that gave birth to monotheism (a theory that supports the existence of only one God). The nation's fertile soil, which grows pomegranates, dates and olives, has also been stained with blood amid religious warfare since the beginning of written record.

I deplaned an El Al aircraft on Dec. 15th, 2008, suffering from an acute mental fog. The flight had lasted 16 hours. During that time, no alcohol was served; the current time zone was 10 hours ahead of us; and the airplane seat stole my sleep like a well-trained thief. Once on Israeli soil, a wild, wild ride lay ahead of me — and within my active imagination, I could very much relate with Dorothy's disposition when she realized she and Toto were no longer in Kansas.

Upon walking into Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport, a confident middle-aged man approached me and firmly shook my hand, issuing a sincere "welcome home." He was the president of the organization responsible for bringing my group of young Jewish tourists to Israel. With me were my younger brothers, Wes and Zach, along with about 40 others in Birthright Group 1105, a program designed to show college students, graduate students and young professionals the beauty and wonder of Israel. After an hour of luggage recovery, we were herded onto massive tour buses by Israelis with guns. We just happened to have armed escorts.

Our tour guide, Ron, sported an eccentric, flower-child personality and Einsteinian knowledge on just about everything. In the middle of his self-introduction on the bus PA system, he pointed to a spot not far from the road where David is said to have bettered Goliath with his rock and sling (a pretty surreal first 90 minutes, you could say).

The tour lasted ten days. Food, accommodation, flamboyant tour guide and transportation (including airfare) didn't cost a dime.

I was so moved by the tour that for the following two weeks I joined Sar-El, the civilian volunteer service in the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). The high cost of living in Israel

inspired this decision in part — and in Sar-El, we were fed healthful soldier rations of base food and slept in army barracks in payment for our service. The conditions weren't fit for a king, but they suited my shoestring traveler self just fine.

The two weeks spent volunteering gave me an invaluable vantage point into Israeli culture. The Israelis really do put hummus on everything. M-16 rifles modified with vertical grips, lasers, tactical lights, stalks and pump-action grenade launchers are as common as Coca-Cola, and I never got used to seeing them.

Israelis sorely lack in general courtesy skills toward others, and the idea of waiting in a line is a foreign and asinine concept. However, they more than make up for this with their bountiful hospitality toward guests and friends.

I found a resolve to deal with an omnipresent threat of terrorist attack. I also found a deep sense of patriotism. If Israeli men and women do not enlist to protect the country, their nation-state will simply cease to exist.

And speaking of protecting the homeland: What experience in Israel would not be complete without some kind of war breaking out? On the eve that I was to begin volunteering in the IDF, I heard the first bomb blasts of Operation Cast Lead exploding on the Gaza Strip. The operation was Israel's answer to Hamas terrorist activities of last December and January — an answer hugely protested worldwide.

I will never forget walking the cobblestone streets of Old Jerusalem in the early morning darkness, hearing the Muslim call to prayer eerily echo off ancient city walls, as I watched the sunrise over Jerusalem's Western Wall. The trip was profoundly impacting, marked by untold love, hate and history intertwined in one nation the size of New Jersey. I came back to the States on Jan. 25 this year with an awakened connection to Judaism and a deeper appreciation for things like security and manners, so easily taken for granted.

— Joseph Greenberg is a former intern and now a freelance writer for The San Diego Community Newspaper Group.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not enough heft, panache
or self-serving puffery

We remember Mayor Golding, and Kirk Mather whose commentary you printed ("Turning the city into a new county is a viable option," Beacon, Feb. 19, page 8). We recall that words like grandiose or gargantuan were too small for either of them to use. Not enough heft; not enough panache; not enough self-serving puffery. If we judge correctly by the commentary that week, not much has changed in the big-talking Mr. Mather.

San Diego County, Jr., that Mather wants to establish within the city's boundaries, is a pleasant fantasy. Might Mayor Jerry Sanders become Lord Mayor Sanders? That would put us in step with Lord Mayors Villaraigosa and Newsom.

We might enjoy the new adulation, until we discover, as San Diego County, Sr. knows so well, that health care, epidemiology, tax assessment and collection, coroner, a penal system, a court system, schools, agriculture, pest control, recorder (and merging past with future records), weights and measures, mass transit, and a host of other services would rest with San Diego, the former City. San Diego is so far in debt now, sinking so fast, and so bereft of wherewithal that dreams of San Diego County Jr. will just have to be set aside for the future.

Essayist Mather might have given us a discussion topic. For many years all we had to talk, talk, talk about is the airport. Maybe now we can talk, talk, talk about a new county, too. Wow!

James Varnadore
City HeightsDecision to close JROTC
gun ranges was right call

Guns don't belong in our public schools. JROTC guns don't belong in our public schools either, and that air-rifery is part of JROTC training came as news to me (a former eight-year school board member), thanks to stu-

dent activists at Lincoln High School, who brought the issue to light.

The San Diego Unified School District board was right to vote JROTC riflery off-campus several weeks ago and that vote should have been unanimous, not split 3-2.

In an unfortunate lapse of judgment and will, but as pure political gesture, this matter was reintroduced at last Tuesday's board meeting and the vote flipped 3-2 the other way — keeping riflery through this academic year ostensibly so that students can participate in springtime riflery competitions.

The truth is that our school board should stick to its guns: guns don't belong in our public schools, not even JROTC air rifles. The board could easily have called upon JROTC military leaders in this military town to arrange alternative military venues for such student competitions.

Frances O'Neill Zimmerman
La JollaMarksmanship under
attack in SDUSD

The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Board of Directors voted 3 to 2 to remove all marksmanship programs from all SDUSD high schools. That affects nine high school programs within SDUSD.

Let's not forget, Marksmanship/Rifle Shooting is a sport. It is an NCAA sanctioned collegiate sport in the USA. Marksmanship with pump air rifles is taught in thousands of high schools throughout our nation. It is, after all, one more option for students to learn a sport. To date, it is NOT illegal to teach this sport in schools. In San Diego it is apparently a matter of social acceptability. A few people don't accept it, therefore, it must not be tolerated.

Let's look at the instances of injury in air rifle marksmanship. Zero instances in SDUSD. How many injuries have there been in football, baseball, soccer, basketball, volleyball? If you look at sport from the

viewpoint of teaching aggressiveness, football should be banned. Will archery be next? How about baseball? A bat can be used as a weapon. Where does this "no tolerance" law stop?

JROTC is just another option for students to succeed. If they are interested in marksmanship and wish to go on to the collegiate level, and then, maybe the Olympics, who are we to say no? Are we afraid? What is the real reason for preventing students from learning air rifle safety? I would far prefer my student learn under these circumstances than on the streets, or from friends.

We must allow our students to learn in safe environments, and I believe you have done the students a great disservice by taking away this safe option. This costs SDUSD \$0!

Thousands of California high schools have air rifle classes. If not JROTC, then CMA, Civilian Marksmanship. Even the private school Francis Parker offers an air rifle class — and they are proud of their program. We should follow suit by making a positive example of our air rifle ranges, not submit to fear and "political correctness." If we are to teach tolerance, then let's teach tolerance. Let's give our students the option to learn about air rifle safety in a classroom, not the streets.

Pat Hom, parent
MBHS JROTC Air Rifle Range supporter
President, FOPBS

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Be sure to visit the Peninsula Beacon's website (www.sdnews.com) and cast your vote on the issue of the day. Results of the current poll will be tallied and published beginning Thursday, March 19 both online and here on the Opinion page. A new poll will be posted the same day. The polls are not meant to be scientific but rather to act as a general gauge of public opinion. This week's question:
Is the JROTC marksmanship program and air-pistol ranges an appropriate activity for high school campuses?

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City asks for funding to keep fire pits burning

San Diegans who wish to keep the fire pits burning on the beach are being asked to donate to the city budget.

The city is calling on donors to help raise \$173,000 by Dec. 15 to ensure the 2011 budget will cover the cost to maintain the fire pits.

Last December, the mayor directed staff to rip out the fire pits to save \$173,000 a year by eliminating two positions from the Park and Recreation Department. The two employees monitor the 186 citywide fire pits, cleaning them of ash and debris using a front loader that takes about 30 minutes per pit.

As a result of the city's action, an anonymous donor stepped forward in December to give \$259,000 to save the remaining fire pits and keep them maintained through June 2010.

City officials said if they do not solicit enough money to maintain the fire pits, the city will reimburse donors. Spokesperson Darren Pudgil said the city will reevaluate funding the fire pits once the economy rebounds.

"When the economy ultimately returns, then we will certainly take another look at it," Pudgil said.

Anyone can contribute to the saving the fire pits through the city's Corporate Partnership Program. For more information, call Jenny Wolff at (619) 236-7002 or e-mail jwolff@sandiego.gov, or visit www.sandiego.gov/philanthropy-center.

Bizarre police pursuit ends in Ocean Beach

Six men riding in a van led police on a minutes-long vehicle chase along Sea World Drive, ending with several of the occupants tumbling out of the vehicle as it swerved through an Ocean Beach neighborhood.

The incident occurred Saturday, Feb. 21, at about 11:30 p.m.

Police received a call that a group of men was trying to cause fights along the 700 block of Garnet Avenue. The suspects left the area in the van and fled southbound on Interstate 5, according to a statement from San Diego Police Department spokeswoman Mónica Muñoz.

A canine officer stopped the van near the Grand Avenue exit on the southbound I-5. The driver stopped initially, but then continued on the southbound I-5 with police in pursuit.

The driver led police along Sea World Drive before driving into Ocean Beach by way of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard.

The van swerved onto Long Branch Avenue in Ocean Beach before turning again onto Bacon Street. Some of the men jumped or fell from the vehicle along Bacon Street in Ocean Beach before police arrested them.

The driver of the van tried to "walk away calmly" before police arrested him. Police took the rest of the men into custody after they fled from the van in all directions.

Police later placed one of the suspects, 20-year old David Ochoa, under arrest for an alleged assault that occurred in January on the 300 block of 39th Street, according to police.

Police posted police helicopter

footage of the vehicle chase on the San Diego Police Department's news webpage at www.sandiego.gov/police/.

'Biggest Loser' audition set at Liberty Station

NBC's popular reality series "The Biggest Loser" is launching a 14-city, cross-country search to find new contestants for the next edition of the hit show — including one casting call at Liberty Station on March 14.

Both individuals and teams are encouraged to apply for the new season, which will air in the fall. To keep creative options open for the new season, producers are also looking for certified trainers.

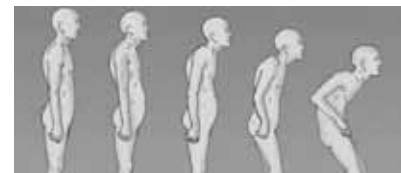
Outgoing and charismatic individuals or teams of two are encouraged to apply, especially those who have the personality, desire and competitive edge to vie for the opportunity to lose weight, change their lives and compete for a grand prize of \$250,000. Teams can include family members, spouses, dating or engaged couples, grandparents, co-workers, former teammates or athletes, best friends and college students. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and legal residents of the United States.

Producers are also looking for certified trainers with strong personalities who have a solid track record of taking the weight off of overweight clients. Nutritional credentials are a plus and trainers applying must provide references.

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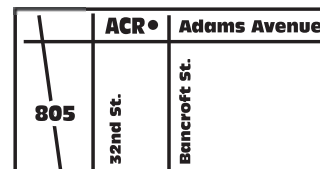
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A banner day for OB musician Chuck Schiele

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

While musicians are often the first to contribute whenever a community or individual needs help — from fundraisers and benefit concerts to education — it's rare for them to receive recognition for their contributions.

This year, a one-time program in the Peninsula area will place the spotlight firmly on the area's music makers.

Beginning in late May, a series of 48 banners, featuring the likeness of deserving musicians from the Peninsula area, will go up along Rosecrans Boulevard in the Point Loma Village.

Sponsored by the Point Loma Association (PLA), the event will tie-in to the annual San Diego County Fair, opening June 12, which this year features a motif of "Music Mania."

"Each year the fair has a theme, such as last year's, which was athletes. We like to use the occasion to celebrate local residents who have risen to prominence in their field," said PLA chair Bill Klees.

The banners feature portraits that are shot specifically for the musician, so a sitting is required. While the lineup was still being confirmed at press time, at least one Ocean Beach artist has already been named — Chuck Schiele.

Best known as a frontman for the group, the Grams, and a multiple San Diego Music Awards winner, Schiele has also produced numerous local performers at his StudioOB recording studio, includ-



Ocean Beach musician Chuck Schiele will be recognized on a banner of accomplishment along Rosecrans Boulevard beginning in May. The honor is sponsored by the Point Loma Association as a tie-in to the annual San Diego County Fair.

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ing John Miller and Podunk Nowhere.

Perhaps more importantly, Schiele is also heavily involved in the community, helping with everything from fund raisers to the annual Ocean Beach Christmas Parade.

Denny Knox, executive director of the Ocean Beach MainStreet

Association (OBMA), nominated Schiele for banner recognition. Knox said Schiele was a unanimous choice among board members.

"His was the first name that came up and everyone was in instant agreement," Knox said. "He's given so much of his time and done so much for the community that there was no dissension at all.

"(Schiele) is such a good musician; we're all really excited that this honor is going to him," she

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CHUCK SCHIELE
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said.

Schiele jokingly considers the accolade to be well-timed.

"I'm glad I got it when I was too old to be egotistical," he said.

He admits to being surprised when informed of the honor, but he said he's thrilled.

"It's wonderful to know that somebody notices the good you do," Schiele said. "When you sit down and write a song, you might think, 'Maybe someday, I'll be on the cover of Rolling Stone or might get to do a cool show.'

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Padre 'dads' look to spring with confidence, renewed hopes

By JOHNNY McDONALD | THE BEACON

The Padres' rebuilding philosophy in becoming a contending team is to draft well and develop players through a productive farm system.

Few, if any, will be free agents.

General manager Kevin Towers, speaking at a Feb. 12 Hall of Champions Sports lunch event, said it is the desire of the new management team to go in that direction.

Manager Bud Black, also appearing, assured the audience that this year's team will be a vast improvement over last year's 63-99 disappointment.

"We spent more money than we ever had in the amateur draft," Towers said. "Last year we had as strong a signing class than anyone in baseball. We spent \$5 to \$6 million in international signings.

"The free agency market is hurting because of the economy. The players who are in arbitration right now are in better shape."

Towers agreed that it was the desire of the new ownership team to stress building a strong farm system to reach its goal. John Moorad, who heads the syndicate buying the team, will move in as the CEO, replacing Sandy Alderson. It's a position he previously held with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Padres will audition 21 of their leading minor leaguers when they join the 40-man Spring Camp roster. Among those being showcased will be hard-throwing pitchers Wade LeBlanc, Josh Geer and Cesar Ramos.

Towers and Black pinned last year's problem on a bullpen that could not deliver between starter and closer.

"Our middle relievers let us down," Towers said.

With eight to 10 fighting for five spots, he feels that problem will be shored up. However, the Trevor Hoffman "closer" gong will have to be replaced this year by a Bell — Heath Bell.

Towers said that trimming the budget closer to \$40 million was the primary reason for letting Hoff-



Padres manager Bud Black hopes to get 70 games out of star pitcher Chris Young, above, this season.

man and Khalil Greene go. A big chunk remains since the deal with the Chicago Cubs for pitching ace Jake Peavy fell through.

The current payroll is believed to be \$44 million, with eight players guaranteed \$32 million. Some of the other 17 may be bordering on the major league minimum of \$400,000. Instead, Peavy will resume his No. 1 starting assignment, followed by Chris Young.

"Third, fourth and fifth spots will be determined by the end of spring," Black said.

"There are expectations every year," Towers added. "But look what happened at Tampa Bay. It's hard to pick a favorite in the Western Division since everyone is loading up on pitching.

"Overall, we have to stay healthy, have less strikeouts, more contact players, steal some bases and do some drag bunting."

Black regards the acquisition of utility man Curt Floyd from Tampa Bay as a big plus.

"He has post-season experience (with the Mets and Rays) and could be the team leader we didn't have last year," he said.

The third through fifth starters will be determined following spring drills.

Towers said it's going to be differ-

ent without Trevor out there.

"Bell is a little more of a crazy animal ... and doesn't lack confidence," he said. "He feels he can take off as Trevor did."

It would appear the opening lineup is locked in place, with Adrian Gonzalez at first, newcomer David Ecksten at second, Luis Rodriguez at short, Kevin Kouzmanoff at third and Chase Headley, Jody Gerut and Brian Giles in the outfield with Nick Hundley behind the plate.

Looking at the position players, Black said, "We're going to be OK. On the bench we still have some spots open."

There could be speed on the base paths on the horizon, assuming Will Venable nails down a utility role and Everth Cabrera can snag a spot.

The 23-year-old shortstop stole 73 bases in the minors last year.

Black was encouraged about ex-All Star pitcher Mark Prior's progress after a second shoulder surgery.

"He's throwing free and easy and his location is good. A couple rehab starts in Elsinore and he can be back by the middle of May," Black said.

"Get 70 games out of Jake and CY (Chris Young) and bring in Prior," he added with spring optimism.

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Point Loma Little League ready to 'Play ball!'

The opening pitch to mark the new Point Loma Little League season was thrown out Saturday, Feb. 28 by, from left, snack shop manager Tracy Moore, league treasurer Steve Bluhm and league safety officer Ned Chambers. At far right with the microphone is league president Carl Nuffer. The event was held at the Point Loma Little League Fields, 1055 Catalina St.

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n't play that well," said John Murphy. "But we went on to take out a very solid Valhalla team to open the playoffs."

Despite the disappointing defeat in the regular-season finale, the Pointers bounced back in the first round with a win over Valhalla in the quarter-final round, which ended 4-1 in penalty kicks after a scoreless regulation. Point Loma has been defeated in only 1 out of the past 18 games, including the playoffs.

The Pointers entered the final regular season game against Scripps Ranch in first place but finished second in the Eastern League after that loss, finishing league play with a record of 7-1-4. The successes in Eastern League play included sweeps over league rivals Morse and San Diego. The Pointers finished 8-1 at home.

In addition to the post-season advancement, five Pointers received All-Eastern League honors last week: Shelby Murphy, junior Bianca Perez, senior Amelia Whitaker and freshmen Veronica Perez and Marie Laube.

Shelby Murphy has already committed to the University of Michigan. Perez scored three goals and recorded one assist; Whitaker con-



Point Loma High School's Bianca Perez (2) controls an opponent during CIF quarterfinals action Saturday against No. 1-seeded Hilltop High, enabling one of several Pointers drive toward the goal. Point Loma won the match 1-0, setting up the next round May 4 against Helix High.

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tributed an assist. Bianca's sister, Veronica, scored four goals with three assists and Laube had two assists.

"Right now we are recovering," said Shelby Murphy. "We're fatigued from the Saturday game but we're still pushing. We're looking forward to the Helix game. Hopefully we don't let our fans down."

The Point Loma players now have their eyes on a bigger prize with CIF finals one hurdle away.

"Overall, the intensity has been

great," said John Murphy. "It was nice to see (PLHS players) dominate in the second half (against Hilltop) and play a complete game. We are peaking at the right time."

The Pointers reached the playoffs in 2008 but were eliminated in the quarter-final round.

According to Shelby Murphy, the Pointers are on a mission to win the CIF title this year.

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March

A Week Ahead

COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Today, March 5, 6:30 to 8 p.m., the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) hosts a candidate forum for hopefuls in the March 19 board election for five open seats. The forum takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 523-9180, (619) 222-2240, or visit www.pcpb.net.

Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 61st annual Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club Kite Festival and Kite Festival Craft Fair. The event raises money for the kite festival, Ocean Beach Elementary School, Point Loma High School and other community projects. Booths may be reserved for \$35. Kite construction takes place from 9 a.m. to noon with the kite contest at 1 p.m. The free event takes place at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center and OB Elementary at the corner of Santa Monica Avenue and Ebers Street off Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. For more information or to reserve a booth, call (619) 225-8705.

Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m., the Point Loma Garden Club hosts its monthly meeting with Emmy Award-winning TV personality, garden writer and horticultural

consultant Pat Welsh. The meeting takes place at the Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, visit www.plgc.org.

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. to noon, Friends of Famosa Slough host a work party to care for California native plants and to remove invasive species. Participants are asked to wear work clothes, a hat and sturdy shoes, along with work gloves and gardening/weeding tools or clippers. Participants are asked to meet at the southeast corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. For more information, call (619) 224-4591, or visit www.famosaslough.org.

Thursday, March 19, 4 to 8 p.m., the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) holds a board election for five open seats. The election takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 523-9180, (619) 222-2240, or visit www.pcpb.net.

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
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SCHOOLS

DANA

- Today, March 5, 3:30 to 5 p.m., parent tour of Dana. Interested or incoming parents welcomed.

- Wednesday, March 11, spring pictures all day during social studies classes; 6:30 p.m., Dana Association meeting in library.

- March 16-20, 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., preregistration for 2009-10 schoolyear for out-of-cluster elementary school students and Barnard Elementary School students.

CORREIA

- Today, March 5, 9 to 11 a.m., Pastry with Patty.

- March 9-13, Point Loma High School (PLHS) articulation for 8th-graders.

- Tuesday, March 10, 6:45 to 8 p.m., Student/Parent Book Club.

- Wednesday, March 11, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., SSC meeting.

- Thursday, March 12, 1:30 to 3 p.m., parent preview and tour.

- Monday, March 16, PLHS articulation makeup day.

LOMA PORTAL

- Today, March 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., annual jog-a-thon. For information, call (619) 226-4900.

- Today, March 5, 1:15 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after



MADCAPS gala returns

Members of the Point Loma-based Mothers and Daughters Club Assisting Philanthropies (MADCAPS) will again launch their annual fundraising show to benefit several local and area charities. The 49th annual show, themed "United We Give," takes place from March 12-14. The show celebrates the unity and support the mothers and daughters in MADCAPS give to one another, as well as to the community. MADCAPS organizers are hoping to raise at least \$50,000 for St. Vincent de Paul, Children's Hospital, Headstart, San Diego Adaptive Sports Foundation and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. Showtimes are Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m., Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 14 at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets for the Thursday show are available at showboxoffice.com and tickets for Friday and Saturday's shows will be available at the door. For more information or for tickets, visit www.madcaps.us. Tickets range from \$10 to \$20. The show takes place at Correia Middle School, 4302 Valeta St.

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school.

- Friday, March 6, Dr. Seuss birthday/Literacy Family Night. Time to be determined.

- Monday, March 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Foundation meeting in library.

- Tuesday, March 10, 3:35 to 4 p.m., popcorn sales after school.

- Thursday, March 12, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., kindergarten tours. To

schedule a tour, call (619) 223-1683.

- Thursday, March 12, 1:15 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.

OB ELEMENTARY

- Today, March 5, Bank Day;

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Spanish, art and dance after-school clubs meet.

- Starting Monday, March 9, parent/teacher conferences all week.
- Tuesday, March 10, 4th-graders to sea camp; yoga after school.
- Wednesday, March 11, Chess Club meets after school.
- Thursday, March 12, Bank Day; Spanish, art and dance after-school clubs meet.

SILVER GATE

- March 9-13, minimum days for parent/teacher conferences.
- Tuesday, March 17, student council rainbow float sale after school.
- Friday, March 27, student council dress-up day; 7:45 a.m., principal's chat for parents of fourth-graders.

SUNSET VIEW

- Thursday, March 5, 9 a.m., PTA meeting in auditorium.

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- Saturday, March 7, First Reconciliation.
- Wednesday, March 11, year-book orders due.
- Friday, March 13, 8 a.m., all-school Mass; 12:45 p.m., Stations of the Cross; food bank, grade 5.
- Friday, March 20, "Simple Elegance" dinner auction at Admiral Kidd Club.
- Tuesday, March 31, 2009-10 registration fees due.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., the dynamic Irish band GRADA performs at the Holy Trinity Parish, 2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. The band performs "Irish traditional music with a contemporary twist." Tickets are \$25. For more information, call (858) 689-2266, visit www.gradamusic.com or www.holytrinityob.com/concerts or e-mail concerts@holyltrinityob.com.

Friday, March 6, 5 to 8 p.m., reception to open the latest San Diego Watercolor Society exhibition "Window on Spring." The watercolor society is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 105 at the NTC Promenade in Point Loma. The exhibit is free. Gallery hours are Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (619)

876-4550, or visit www.sdws.org.

Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m., the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts the Kensington Trio in concert. The free event takes place at the library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

Through March 31, Point Loma Artists Exhibition, a show of three-dimensional art, including ceramics, glass and papier-mache paintings in display cases. The exhibit takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St.

Mondays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. through June, the Peninsula Singers rehearse for upcoming performances and seek new members. Rehearsals take place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 804-6079, (619) 222-0429, e-mail sarahsuho-nen@hotmail.com or visit www.peninsulasingerssandiego.org.

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- Today, March 5, 8 p.m., Monday's Alibi performs with Dante's Boneyard, Tripp and the Delvin Jones Band. Tickets are \$6.
- Friday, March 6, 9 p.m., Split Finger and High Tide perform with Four Minutes Till Midnight. Tickets are \$10.
- Saturday, March 7, 9 p.m., Iron Maidens and friends perform with Benedictum and Forty One Sixty. Tickets are \$10.
- Wednesday, March 11, 8:30 p.m., BLVD performs with Break Silence and Vokab Kompany. Tickets are \$10.
- Friday, March 13, 9 p.m., De La Soul and Lyrics Borns perform with Concrete Project, DJ Rat Star and DJ Gar. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30.
- Saturday, March 14, 9 p.m., Tainted Love ('80s tribute band) performs. Tickets are \$15.

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.

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