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## Airport revs up plan to dampen jet noise

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Hundreds of planes flying overhead make daily life on the Peninsula and in parts of downtown a little earsplitting at times.

And as residents accept that the San Diego International Airport will operate at Lindbergh Field for the foreseeable future, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is looking for ways to make life on the Peninsula a bit easier on the ears of her residents.

Over the last several months, the Airport Authority has ramped up its efforts to reach out to the community for feedback on how to reduce overall airport noise for the majority residents on the Peninsula. The Airport Authority has come up with a list of mitigation procedures as part of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) noise study called Part 150.

Airport Authority representatives unveiled the noise-reducing measures Tuesday, March 10, during

an airport noise workshop at Lindbergh field offices. The public comment period for the study ends Friday, March 20.

"We put together the elements that we feel that would be relevant to further mitigating [noise] and send them to the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)," said Dan Frazee, deputy director of airport noise mitigation. "Whether these elements will decrease the noise for individuals living within the noise [affected area] is the criteria that the FAA will use in deciding whether to approve them."

If the FAA approves the Part 150 mitigation steps, the Airport Authority can apply for funds to sound-insulate homes in the most affected areas and for other programs, he said.

The Quieter Home Program uses window insulation to reduce noise inside the most noise-affected homes. A modeled map of the

“There are huge mansions ... that could be selling for millions of dollars, but they’re not because they’re under the flight path.”

SUHAIL KHALIL  
PCPB AIRPORT COMMITTEE CHAIR

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## Putting the wheels of adventure in motion

A set of 21 women whose average age is 60 gathered at Dog Beach in Ocean Beach on March 6 to embark on a 3,135-mile bicycle adventure to St. Augustine, Fla. The oldest rider in the group is 71, and the group intends to travel 65 miles a day, resting at a scenic point every seventh or eighth day. Riders take part in the event this for various reasons: some for fun, others to promote for various causes such as breast cancer, paralyzed veterans associations and other programs. At right, 65-year-old Jan Conn said she is riding so she can check one more thing off of her “bucket list.” This is the second to last thing she has to do. The last item on her list will be to trek the Himalayas, she said. PHOTOS BY JIM GRANT | DEBBIE OSTROW CONTRIBUTED



The Cabrillo National Monument Foundation provided funding for initial designs to reconstruct the Assistant Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters, shown at right next to the Old Point Loma Lighthouse.

PHOTOS BY NICOLE SOURS LARSON | THE BEACON

## Cabrillo foundation launches new gala to boost park services, funds

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | THE BEACON

Mark the calendar for Thursday, March 26 and prepare to show support for San Diego's only national park by joining friends of the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation (CNMF) at their inaugural fundraiser, Spring Splash.

Fajitas and festive fare will be on the menu for the event, which is being held at the new Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub, 2750 Dewey Road, at the east end of Liberty Station from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

A cash bar will feature special local brews, sales of which will partially benefit CNMF, according to restaurant manager Joe Sabatino.

Tickets for the event are \$20 per person, payable at the door.

Spring Splash reservations are available by calling (619) 222-4747 or by e-mailing the foundation at cnmfkaren@aol.com.

The fundraiser will include both a silent auction and an opportunity drawing. Among the highlights to be auctioned and raffled are golf outings for two at both the La Jolla Country Club and Sail Ho, a wine-pairing dinner for four aboard a motoryacht, a feng shui reading and consultation, art-framed photographs and a home-design consultation.

In addition, other donated gifts

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The Cabrillo National Monument Foundation has provided funding for the national park to monitor human impact on the fragile tidepools, which are open to the public.



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## What have they got to lose – really?

Long lines formed at the Liberty Station Conference Center on March 14 as NBC producers hosted a casting call for contestants on the hit reality-TV show “The Biggest Loser 8.” Among the San Diego hopefuls were Megan Arndt, left, who created a poster listing compelling reasons why she should be cast for the dream of achieving a more healthful lifestyle. Above, Tamera Eason floats a few suggestions of her own for the producers.

PHOTOS BY MARIA EPSTEN | THE BEACON

# Contractors, unions spar over school project jobs

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Union and nonunion contractors are publicly tussling over negotiations with the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) with board members caught in the middle.

With a \$2.1 billion voter-approved school construction bond on the table, SDUSD board trustees, staff and union representatives have started working on the district's first “Project Stabilization Agreement,” also referred to as a Project Labor Agreement. Projects dependent on negotiations include future improvements for schools in La Jolla, Point Loma, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach, such as installation of wireless networks and restroom renovations, among other improvements.

Tom Lemmon, business manager for the San Diego Building Trades Council, said the contract will provide benefits for union workers.

“I want to make sure that when tax dollars are spent, not only do they (workers) get a prevailing wage but healthcare, or pensions,” Lemmon said.

The prevailing wage is a set hourly wage paid to a majority of trade employees working on public works projects, according to state law.

But several private construction firms say the contracts would raise overall construction costs, making the bond worth an estimated \$400 million less. The added expense would lead to fewer completed pro-

jects, according to Alicia Pivrotto, operations manager for the private contracting group Coalition for Fair Employment in Construction (CFEC). The agreement could also force unions to shuttle workers from Los Angeles if local unions can't supply the workforce, she said.

“... If the board pushes the [agreement], they're discriminating against almost 90 percent of the construction industry,” Pivrotto said. “They will put a lot of companies out of business [or] force them to join the union.”

The CFEC has launched a media campaign that includes a billboard decrying the school board's decision to consider union-only negotiations. The billboard stands in front of the Eugene Brucker Education Institute at 4100 Normal St.

Other groups are also against a union-only agreement because it would limit opportunity for trade apprentices, said Jim Ryan, executive vice president of the Associated General Contractors of San Diego.

“There are (approximately) 1,300 ... apprentices in San Diego,” Ryan said. “They essentially wouldn't be allowed to participate if the [agreement] looks like some of the others in the state.”

Other groups against a union-only agreement include the Western Electrical Contractors Association and the Associated Builders and Contractors of San Diego,

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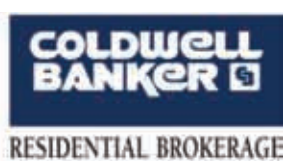
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# Midway-area bank robber gets 8-plus-year sentence

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

An admitted drug addict who stole \$10,000 from a Midway-area bank has been sentenced to eight years and four months in state prison.

Jimmy Lowell Roberts, 42, was ordered to repay \$9,900 to the Wells Fargo Bank at 3505 Sports Arena Blvd. for the June 26 holdup.

During Roberts' sentencing last month, U.S. District Court Judge Larry Burns recommended to prison officials that Roberts participate in a 500-hour drug program.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Orabona recommended a 103-month prison term for Roberts while Roberts' attorney, Timothy Garrison, urged a two-year sentence.

Garrison said Roberts has "a lifelong addition to narcotics" and has "terrible mental health problems."

The defendant has used methamphetamine, heroin and PCP in the past and has not held a job longer than 30 days, according to prosecution documents.

Roberts has been in state prison three times for burglary, possession of an illegal drug and being a felon in the possession of a handgun.

Although Roberts pleaded guilty to the Midway-area bank robbery, he can appeal his sentence, which his attorney did Feb. 24 to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Roberts is now housed at a high-security penitentiary in central California, according to officials with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

In June, Roberts walked into the bank and handed a teller a note reading: "Put the money in the BAG! And no one gets Hurt. You put a Die Pack in the Bag and you Die! Look if you don't believe me."

The teller said Roberts showed her a revolver in his waistband. A customer found a \$100 bill Roberts dropped and gave it to a teller.

The bill represented the difference in the order to repay \$9,900 instead of the stolen \$10,000.

The teller was just about to take \$10,000 in cash to the vault when Roberts approached her. She alerted another employee about the robbery but Roberts demanded that she hurry and give him money.

Garrison told the judge Roberts held up the bank after he had been drinking. He was homeless at the time and took a bus to the robbery.

Garrison said Roberts had attempted suicide in the past and came from a broken home in which he had been physically and emotionally abused.

At the time, Roberts' wife and their three children were living in a homeless shelter but he had not been staying with them, according to court records.

He was arrested July 3 in a Los Angeles hotel by FBI agents.



Representatives from the Southwestern Yacht Club, the Port of San Diego and San Diego National Bank commemorated the groundbreaking of the new Southwestern Yacht Club clubhouse on March 9. The old facility has been demolished and over the next 14 months a new facility will be erected. Pictured, from left, are: Nick Caldwell, junior staff commodore, SWYC; Dan Bush, rear commodore, SWYC; R. David Verdugo, vice commodore, SWYC; Margo King Hemond, commodore, SWYC; Jeff Wheeler, general manager, SWYC; Lisa Fagan, San Diego National Bank; Bill Miller, Port of San Diego; Annette Dahl, Port of San Diego; and John Pearson, Port of San Diego. COURTESY PHOTO ROLAND HANSEN

## Southwestern Yacht Club breaks ground on new facility

Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC) in Point Loma broke ground March 9 on a major construction project. The former clubhouse has been demolished and construction will begin soon on the new facility as mandated by the Port Commission during lease negotiations over the past five years.

The new facility will feature a larger kitchen, dining and banquet facilities and meeting rooms to accommodate club activities.

"The former club served us well for 26 years, but this was an opportunity to step back and think about what we needed to enhance the experience for our members,"

said SWYC Commodore Margo King Hemond.

"Our members enjoy getting together after a day on the water. The new facility will enhance that experience immensely," she said. In addition, it will better accommodate our many community events."

King Hemond pointed to challenges.

"We are working hard to cause as little disruption to our neighbors as possible. We live in a close community and we want to continue to be good neighbors," King Hemond said.

"Also, throughout the 14-month project, we need to keep our club

going for the benefit of our members," she said. "To meet this need, we have erected a temporary facility which we have named the 'Graham Shand' in honor of one of our early commodores who was instrumental in keeping SWYC viable during the Depression years."

SWYC was formed in 1925 by visionary yachtsmen looking for ways to enjoy each other's company and to share their enthusiasm for boating. Since then, the club has developed into a full-service operation with over 750 members embracing all forms of boating activities within the community.

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Mr. Moss is eager to return to his family and his students. His tour of duty ends in late September 2009, when he will resume his teaching assignment at Point Loma High School. He will share his insights from his timely experiences in Honors US History and American Government/Economics.

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# Coastal water monitoring drying up in the midst of funding drought

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | THE BEACON

Surfers and swimmers will now enter the water at their own risk since the state cut funding to the county's decade-old water monitoring program to test bacteria levels in coastal waters.

State officials say the state can't sell bonds for the coastal water monitoring in this economic climate, and county Supervisor Pam Slater-Price said the county is not about to pick up the slack.

Slater-Price said the county cannot withdraw money from its general fund — which is \$3.58 billion for fiscal year 2009-10 — to pay for the water monitoring. Moreover, she said the board doesn't want to set a precedent by paying for a program that might encourage the state to permanently drop the program in the county's lap.

"It's an aberration of duty on the part of the state to let the program go," Slater-Price said. "It's so inexpensive and yet it does so [much] good. The state let it lapse because

they can't get their act together."

Slater-Price said the board of supervisors is meeting with other counties, as well as environmental groups, to discuss the dilemma.

Supervisor Greg Cox said the board of supervisors is "continuing to search for a short-term, and permanent long-term funding source for beach water testing in San Diego."

Cox traveled to Sacramento in mid-March to urge the State Water Resources Control Board to provide interim funding for the program.

Last September, when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger cut \$984,000 from the statewide beach water-monitoring program, San Diego County lost \$302,000.

A month later, the state's Water Resources Control Board offered to bond \$1.97 million to monitor coastal water through 2010, but the state has not been able to sell the bonds. In 2000, voters had approved selling \$1.97 million in bonds for clean water purposes

"Unfortunately, the credit crunch

hit at a point that we need \$2 million," said Bill Rukeyser, spokesman for the State Water Resources Control Board.

Under the coastal water-monitoring program, the county tested bacteria levels at 55 beach and bay sites, including 16 sites around Mission Bay. In the summer months, between April 1 and Oct. 31, beach water was tested weekly. When counts of total coliform, fecal coliform and enterococci exceeded state standards, the county's Department of Environmental Health posted signs advising beachgoers not to swim in the ocean or bay. The department will continue to post beach closure signs following raw sewage spills.

One case in point: The county issued advisory warnings for one beach area in Mission Bay, called the Visitor's Center, seven times in 2007, four times in 2006, two times in 2003 and three times in 2002.

The department measured those three strains of bacteria that come from warm-blooded animals

because they're relatively cheap, easy to measure and are indicators that other pathogens may be breeding in the water. The bacteria can cause hepatitis, gastroenteritis diseases and ear, eye and throat infections. Surfers and swimmers often underreport such sicknesses from the contaminated water, according

to Jack Miller, assistant director of the county's Department of Environmental Health.

Summer is soon approaching and, with it, thousands of tourists eager to head to the beach. For now, monitoring the quality of water at beaches, in the words of Slater-Price, "will go by the wayside."

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## OBITUARY

### Frances Emma Harvey, 92, longtime Point Loma

Frances (Fran) Emma Harvey, born Dec. 27, 1916, passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 4, 2009, under the shadow of Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was 92.

Fran was a long-term resident of San Diego, having resided on Point Loma with her family for over 50 years.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Laurence A.

Harvey, who had been employed at the Naval Electronics Laboratory on Point Loma as a research scientist.

She is survived by three of her children, David Harvey of Foster City, Calif., Dennis Harvey of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Patricia Grialva of Colorado Springs, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her fourth child, Penelope White, was killed in a private plane crash in

2003.

Fran was a member of the Point Loma chapter of the Eastern Star, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, the Food Share Program, Republican Women's Association and many other activities at the Ocean Beach Baptist Church.

Fran's friendly personality and hearty laugh will be greatly missed by her family and a multitude of friends.

## SCHOOLS

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according to a CFEC statement.

Abdur-Rahim Hameed, president of the National Black Contractors Association (BCA), said the agreement should include provisions for historically "underutilized" private contracting firms. He recently sent a letter to the board recommending that 25 percent of the work go to "Emerging Business Enterprise" (EBE) groups. EBEs are underemployed contracting firms owned by disabled veterans, women and Latino and black entrepreneurs, among other minority groups, he said.

The remainder of the construction work, he said, should be split evenly between union and nonunion firms, with a provision the contracts be reviewed every three years.

"[The school board] should truly and honestly and fairly consider the recommendations to create access and opportunity for anybody and everybody to participate," Hameed said.

Private contractors also fear losing jobs to imported labor because of the agreement, Pivorotto said.

SDUSD board member John de Beck, who represents schools in Point Loma, La Jolla and the Pacific and Mission Beach communities, said he opposes any contract resulting in a loss of jobs to local workers.

"We've got [to] make sure we guarantee local apprentices get hired, union or not, and that contractors can handle local employment," de Beck said. "They should get the first crack at it."

Board member Richard Barrera, a former union organizer, said the milestone agreement would lead to a higher quality of life for union

workers. He said the agreement should also include a "path" for students entering the trade workforce.

"We have to make sure that the construction projects are done on time and under budget, that they keep local jobs and work to create a pipeline of opportunity for those kids that [will be] building our schools years from now," he said.

The school board voted 3-2 in

January to direct staff to negotiate the agreement. Barrera, Shelia Jackson and John Lee Evans voted in favor of the motion. De Beck and Katharine Nakamura voted against it. The final vote on the PSA/PLA is expected to occur at the end of May.

San Diego voters approved the \$2.1 billion facilities construction bond in November 2008. It passed with about 69 percent of the vote.

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

PCPB election crucial  
to future of Peninsula

By CYNTHIA CONGER

“How did this happen?...”

Who will represent you on the Peninsula Community Planning Board? Vote today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hervey/Point. Loma Branch Library on Voltaire Street.

At stake, are:

- the current/future loss of long-established quiet residential zones;
- open spaces; parks, views and your property values.

Please don't allow the best parts of the Peninsula, cherished by both long-established families and newcomers alike, to disappear. Why? Because many current PCPB members vote against these interests for “moneyed” ones.

Our Peninsula faces many challenges that include:

- **Airport expansion:** The City Council secretly traded a faulty EIR for offsite traffic-funding promises. Lindbergh Field's land-use compatibility plan, noise study and delayed variance are short-term fix-its with no regional long term plan.

- **NTC build-out:** Including a 650-suite resort hotel with a 100,000-square-foot waterpark, shared use of Bldg. 623 that is still not open.

Additional Shelter and Harbor Island hotels add to our existing traffic and emergency service access impacts

- **City/community planning board's update of our Peninsula Community Plan:** Including policies affecting redevelopment along Rosecrans Street from Lytton Street to Talbot Street east to Bay, higher-density infill of developments/conversions regardless of the Peninsula's missing code-required infrastructure and diminishing amenities.

(As past PCPB boards), always doing right for the Peninsula — our plan's purpose — respecting owners and neighbors to projects, we helped applicants consult directly with neighbors to work out acceptable compromises for both sides. Not so with a remaining majority (of the board). Only 1 of 10 board members — it used to be 1 of 15 — is not affiliated with the real estate, finance or development industries. Being apathetic in this election will permit special interests to force higher density with negative impacts, costing you, the taxpayer, more. Planners, financiers, architects and developers fast-track projects, omitting traffic, parking and fire safety requirements, even for our children. New buildings lack normal code setbacks and violate height restrictions. Seeking extra privilege, they bypass the law. Under-

the-radar approvals result in out-of-character homes, surrounding bulk and scale inconsistent with mostly single-family residential neighborhoods, unsafe roads and pedestrian/bike paths.

Violating our community plan long held in high regard for its charm, attractiveness and livability, past City Councils approved variances against PCPB's advisory votes. 24/7 microwave transmitters placed next to your bedroom window (for city profit) are the mayor's short-term solution to its budget deficiency. Poor planning has left the Peninsula with costly infrastructure repair and unsafe conditions in San Diego's second-oldest community.

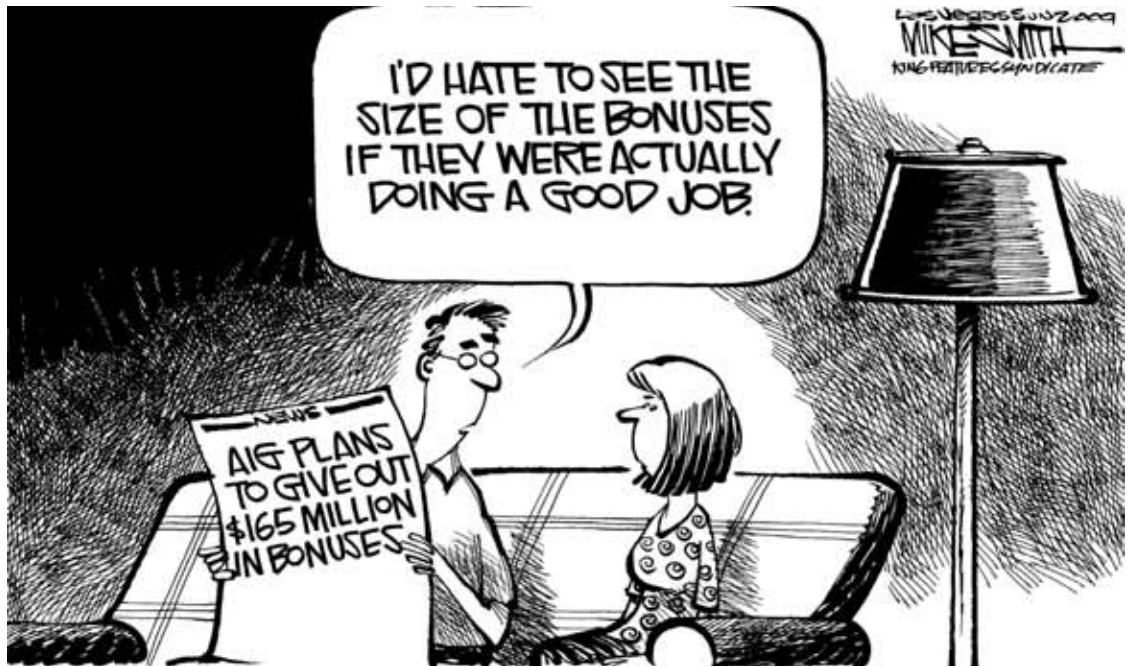
Electing quality local volunteers 6-7 years ago, we:

- attempted to require additional mitigation to overredevelopment; for example, the Rock Church, when 3,500 members on their application in truth was over 10,000. Now much of the community is inconvenienced or negatively impacted;
- insisted Corky McMillin Cos. contribute \$450,000 from a proposed channel-front fountain to community pools at Liberty Station. This yet to come to fruition as the city shifts finances;
- kept Shelter Island's public parking free (versus North Harbor Drive's 100 spaces that were voted by the current PCPB to be Ace Parking's paid spaces);
- kept public-view corridors on Del Monte and Nichols streets through publicly vetted, concerned appeals to the city;
- made neighborhood safety, traffic and health concerns priorities; we found “lost” city-owned lands for a pocket park to reduce the Peninsula's large deficiency and placed safe traffic and parking modifications.

Your vote tonight will count. Please, reserve a few minutes on Thursday to VOTE wisely for individuals who care. Be aware of candidates with special interests. PCPB is not a chamber of commerce or a business marketing group!

We live here. You do, too. Shouldn't you know who you're voting for? What's the present board done for the benefit of our community? For more information, please call (619) 665-3210, and thank you for taking the time to VOTE!

— Cynthia Conger is a past chair of the PCPB, serving in that capacity for five of her six years on the board.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Board and the stop signs were put in the latter part of December 2008.

I wish to thank Ms. Nawal of the city of San Diego's Traffic Engineering Department, James Lawson of District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer's office and my neighbors, who helped me tremendously.

Judy Beach  
Ocean Beach

Church should abide  
the same rules

Re Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) approves Rock Church special-use permit to block a public street:

For the last year or more I have seen the tables and booths set up on Sundays on the public street in front of the Rock Church. I had assumed that, like the rest of us would have to do, they had obtained approval from some city authority to close off the street. So, I was surprised to read in the Peninsula Beacon that the church had only recently asked the PCPB to condone their use of the public street and pursued a permit.

It is not appropriate for public space to be monopolized on a regular basis by a single organization. The Rock Church has a lovely, large \$54 million building in which to set up their tables and booths each weekend. If we are going to close off a public street every Sunday, let's use that space for the benefit of ALL THE TAX-PAYING COMMUNITY and permit other organizations to use the space concurrently. Here are some suggestions of organizations that would also benefit from fundraising and getting

their message out:

- Public school organizations, teams and clubs;
- Planned Parenthood;
- Americans United for Separation of Church and State (they would be particularly interested in this permit);
- American Civil Liberties Union;
- Equality California and No on 8;
- Council on American-Islamic Relations;
- American Humanist Association;
- Anti-Defamation League;
- Catholic Democrats.

Alternately, the PCPB should revisit this agenda item and deny the permit. Keeping the street open might alleviate some of the traffic congestion in Liberty Station on Sundays.

Diane Pantone  
Point Loma

Reader gives kudos to  
the Temple of the Dad

THANK YOU! I loved the story by Patricia M. Walsh about the rock band Temple of the Dad (“Loma Portal dads rock on to support students, schools,” Feb. 26 Beacon, page 1).

What a creative and inspiring way these men have found to support their children's educations, provide great examples for the rest of us and make a positive difference these days.

I know the perfect keyboard player is on his way to join them soon. I wish I could play and pass the physical.

Good work, guys!

Jill West  
Point Loma



Residents of Narragansett Avenue in Ocean Beach recently celebrated the installation of a stop sign at a formerly dangerous intersection with Bacon Street. The drive to place stop signs on Bacon was lead by Judy Beach, pictured closest to the sign, drinking from her cup.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LEWIS A. WENZEL

Narragansett stop sign  
heartens neighbors

On March 10, 2008, I requested to the city of San Diego to please install an all-way stop sign at the corner of Narragansett Avenue and Bacon Street in Ocean Beach. Many accidents and almost-accidents have occurred at this corner.

I was informed that the police do not take accident reports if there is no injury. A neighbor and I went door to door to count cars on Narragansett and the alleys that feed into Narragansett Avenue. City buses also turn east on Bacon onto Narragansett.

I didn't even count the cars of people that come to the west end of the street daily to look at the ocean, eat their meals et cetera.

On Nov. 5, 2008, the project was unanimously approved by the Ocean Beach Planning

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## NOISE

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Peninsula near the airport determines noise levels in certain communities. The map is based on generated models, not actual noise levels, used by the FAA, Frazee said.

Although 24 instruments around the Peninsula monitor noise levels, Frazee admits that the models are "not as accurate as they could be."

The Airport Authority plans to spend about \$12 million to sound-insulate homes in and around the noise contour maps this year, he said.

Homes participating in the program may depreciate in value. Owners must give up the right to take legal action against the Airport Authority in exchange for the soundproofed windows.

Lindbergh Field's effect on property values and development has always been a concern for residents and commercial interests.

Peninsula Community Planning Board member Suhail Khalil, a real estate consultant, is also the PCPB airport committee chair and liaison to the Airport Authority on various noise-related advisory groups.

Khalil said commercial property values may increase near an airport because it attracts tourism dollars. But that's not the case for homes.

"There are huge mansions ... that could be selling for millions of dollars, but they're not because they're under the flight path," Khalil said.

Along with the home sound-insulation program, the Airport Authority encourages other potentially noise-reducing measures that include faster aircraft ascension and flightpath adjustments, according to Airport Authority officials.

The Airport Authority suggests planes fly slightly to the north after takeoff. This allows planes to fly over the less heavily populated Midway community.

Such practices, however, could affect future single-family residential development currently not compatible with airport land uses in the Midway Redevelopment district. Though mostly a commercial area at present, there are several apartments and condominiums in the Midway community.

Shifting flights to the north upon



**Officials at Lindbergh Field are exploring options when it comes to minimizing jet noise over the Peninsula and downtown communities.** CHUCK HANSEN | THE BEACON

takeoff could also bring more noise to Mission Beach residents. However, airport officials wish to prevent that by having planes fly out over the San Diego River basin, Frazee said.

Neighboring communities like Pacific Beach and La Jolla should not feel the impact, however.

"That's the way it's envisioned," Frazee said. "It's definitely not going to affect [Pacific Beach] but it's up to our consultants to figure that [out]."

Sending smaller planes on a southerly flight path from Lindbergh Field and restricting late-night departures are among some of the other measures officials hope would reduce noise to the community.

Airport officials can restrict departures by enforcing a departure curfew. They can't, however, stop arriving flights. As a result, planes can wake residents up in the early morning.

Khalil said several of the measures, combined with newer and hopefully quieter planes, should decrease overall noise level for residents.

"It's all about mitigation," Khalil said.

The San Diego City Council heard and approved the airport's expansion report earlier this month after it was pitched by Mayor Jerry Sanders' airport ad hoc committee. The committee is charged with planning for the long-term development of Lindbergh Field.

If accepted, the \$4 billion expansion proposal would move a terminal, build a massive transportation center and fit airplane storage space near the northeast section of

the airport's 661-acre envelope near Pacific Highway.

Some Peninsula residents fear the planned developments will increase already-snarled traffic flow along North Harbor Drive.

District 6 Councilwoman Donna Frye and District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer voted down the report. The Airport Authority is set to approve the final report Monday, March 23.

Faulconer said he voted against it because the idea of a 5,000-car parking structure is "still floating around."

"I will not support shoe-horning more cars onto North Harbor Drive. I also think that Lindbergh field only has one runway and pouring billions of dollars into this one plan will not change that."

With current operations at Lindbergh Field's single runway expected to reach maximum capacity within the next 5 to 10 years and political bigwigs pushing for the airport expansion, interested residents can attend future Peninsula Community Planning Board airport committee meetings as a way to get involved, Khalil said. He said he plans to hold several April meetings about the massive intermodal transit center planned for the airport.

The Peninsula Community Planning Board's airport committee meets on the last Friday of the month at the Sail Ho Golf Club, 2960 Truxtun Road at Liberty Station.

For more information, visit the Peninsula Community Planning Board's website [www.pcpb.net/airport/](http://www.pcpb.net/airport/).

## CABRILLO

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include a Midway Museum admission package for eight that includes simulators and lunch, a "See San Diego First" staycation package of attraction tickets for two, a pair of annual Mexican fishing licenses, plus gift certificates for restaurant meals, canvas services, printing, clothing and physical therapy consultations. Both checks and credit cards will be accepted for payments.

This is the first time the foundation has reached out to the community to ask for support through a fundraiser, said CNMF board of trustees chair Pam Rose, a longtime Point Loma resident.

"All of the funds we raise support the park's programs and promote the park's mission while helping the park enhance the visitor's experience," she said.

CNMF, founded in 1956 as a non-profit cooperating association specifically to supplement federal funding for the national park located at the tip of Point Loma, has raised and donated over \$1.6 mil-

lion since its founding to assist the park's public programming. The foundation also operates the park's gift shop and bookstore to benefit park activities.

Among the programs which CNMF regularly funds are the Junior Ranger program, the Whale Watch Weekend and Intertidal Life Festival and the school education program.

The foundation underwrites the cost of educational materials for teachers' use as well as the cost of buses to bring children to the park for field trips.

Recent special projects the foundation funded include the initial designs for reconstruction of the Assistant Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters, the lighthouse tactile sculptures for the visually impaired, the conservation and preservation of the park's photographic collection, a bat inventory, tidepool monitoring and a bird-banding project.

Like all national parks, Cabrillo has suffered from many years of reduced federal budgets and staffing and maintenance cuts. Its supporting foundation attempts to fill some of those funding shortfalls.

"They support a lot of the park public programs. We'd be very hampered with the staff we have without their support," said park Superintendent Tom Workman.

The goals in hosting the fundraiser, according to Rose, include raising the visibility of the foundation's work and attracting new members to join the foundation.

Membership in the foundation — which starts at \$35 for an individual, \$60 for a couple and \$75 for a family — is one of the best bargains in town, she said. Among the benefits are an annual pass to Cabrillo National Monument, special member-only events including a star-watch astronomy night and an annual moonwalk event and discounts in the shop.

New-member benefits this year include a series of Sunset Talks featuring prominent local figures discussing timely subjects related to the park and the San Diego environment as well as special off-hours access.

For more information about the Spring Splash or the foundation or to become a member, call (619) 222-4747, visit [www.cnmf.org](http://www.cnmf.org) or e-mail [CabrilloNMF@aol.com](mailto:CabrilloNMF@aol.com).

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# NewsBriefs

## Assailant in assault on Aussie man gets 2 years

One of two men who attacked an Australian tourist in Ocean Beach was sentenced Monday to two years in state prison, but was given credit for spending nearly a year in jail already.

Francisco Montoya, 47, will serve about a year more before he is paroled. San Diego Superior Court Judge David Danielsen denied probation and followed the plea agreement with Montoya and the District Attorney's office.

Charges of aggravated mayhem and torture were dismissed against Montoya.

Montoya pleaded guilty Feb. 13 to assault with a deadly weapon — specifically a skateboard that he used to repeatedly hit Adelaide resident Robert Schneider in the head.

Schneider, a 26-year-old surfer, was beaten Feb. 27, 2008 at a fire pit at the foot of Abbott Street around 5:30 a.m. He suffered a skull fracture and serious burns after he was tossed into the fire pit.

The other attacker, Damian Maple, 22, will be sentenced April 15 for a more severe role in the assault and faces 14 years in prison. Maple also pleaded guilty Feb. 6 to the attempted murder and assault of Justin Hayes, a second victim in an unrelated incident that occurred on Feb. 8, 2008, at Dog Beach.

Schneider required skin grafts for his burn injuries and was unconscious in a hospital for two weeks, according to court records.

He later returned home to Aus-

tralia after his parents visited him in the hospital.

Montoya and Maple fled the area after the attack on Schneider but both were arrested on the same day in different states last year and returned to San Diego.

Maple remains in custody without bail.

## OB Gateway Project gets boost from grant

The Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has received an infusion of \$100,000 in funding for the emerging Ocean Beach Gateway Project, according to District 2 Councilmember Kevin Faulconer.

Faulconer doled out the money with a symbolic oversize check during a press conference in Ocean Beach on Wednesday.

OBCDC Secretary Ann Kelsey has been working hard on the gateway project for several years.

"We're thrilled with this money ... that Councilman Faulconer has recognized our hard work and our shared dedication in that location in particular," Kelsey said. "It's a blighted area."

The money comes from a pool of about \$307,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to be used for projects around the Peninsula, according to Faulconer.

The OBCDC's beautification project is designed to enhance the entryway to Ocean Beach along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Voltaire Street, a main entryway into Ocean Beach and the Peninsula.

The project began in 1997. Since then the OBCDC has been raising funds through community donations and other fundraising efforts.

The two-phase project is estimated to cost \$635,000.

For more information visit [www.obcdc.org/](http://www.obcdc.org/).

## Foundation to host girls leadership conference

An estimated 300 high school girls from throughout San Diego County will be honored and celebrated during the Jenna Druck Foundation's annual "Spirit of Leadership" conference at Marina Village on Saturday, March 21.

Each girl attending the conference was nominated by members of the community for her demonstrated and emerging leadership qualities — whether in academics, sports, the arts or other extracurricular activities.

Designed for young women of high school age, the conference will honor and support the attendees in discovering their unique gifts, dreams and talents, all while reinforcing their individual growth and role as future leaders in the community.

This year's conference features keynote speaker Maria Reyes, one of the original members of the Freedom Writers.

The event takes place at the Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. For more information, call (619) 294-8000, or e-mail [ltibiatowski@jennadruck.org](mailto:ltibiatowski@jennadruck.org).

## PLNU study abroad program ranked high

For the third year in a row, Point Loma Nazarene University's study abroad program claimed one of the top spots nationally among the master's degree-granting institutions, ranking 15th for percentage of undergraduate participation in

study abroad, according to the 2008 Open Doors report published by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

The IIE compares the number of students abroad in a given year to the number graduated in the same year to come up with a participation rate for each school.

According to university officials, PLNU sent 237 students abroad during the 2006-07 academic year and issued 520 undergraduate degrees, resulting in the 45.6 percent participation rate.

The IIE annually reports on the progress of study abroad programs nationwide and compiles comprehensive statistical data on international students in the U.S. and on U.S. students who study abroad for academic credit.

As part of PLNU's commitment to helping students process their study abroad experiences, Point Loma hosted the 2009 Lessons from Abroad conference for returning students.

The all-day event was held Feb. 21 and brought together students and professionals from universities throughout Southern California.

## Groups grade city, county on environmental voting

Four leading environmental groups have released report cards on the environmental voting records of the city and county of San Diego, with county supervisors receiving an average mark for their efforts and their city counterparts scoring somewhat higher.

The League of Conservation Voters San Diego, San Diego Coastkeeper and the local chapters of the Surfrider Foundation and the Sierra Club gave the City Council and Mayor Jerry Sanders an over-

all grade of B-plus regarding issues impacting local waters and coastal habitat over the last full year.

"The 2008 San Diego Water Quality Report Card" includes information on the city's votes on water and wastewater rate increases, urban run-off issues, the beach alcohol ban and coastal protection funding. Five current and former councilmembers scored in the A range.

"The 2008 San Diego County Environmental Report Card" assesses the county board of supervisors on their actions during 2008 related to water and air quality, land use and renewable energy.

The average grade was a C, with supervisors Pam Slater-Price and Greg Cox receiving the highest marks, at B-minus.

The report cards, released Feb. 26, were prepared by Strategic Community Consulting, a student-managed firm based at the University of California, San Diego.

This is the first year the groups have issued an assessment of the county's actions; the city's report card is the seventh such document. The reports mark the first time all four groups have jointly released their findings.

## Cabrillo Monument joins San Diego Science Festival

Cabrillo National Monument, San Diego's national park, is participating in the inaugural San Diego Science Festival that will include the First Annual Park Science Day on Saturday, March 28.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Park Science Day and the Science Expo activities are open to the public.

Park Science Day will offer a unique opportunity to meet scientists who conduct ongoing research on the flora, fauna and geology of the park's threatened Mediterranean and fragile rocky intertidal habitat.

Hourly presentations will include time to meet and chat with the scientists.

Cabrillo National Monument staff will also offer Yellow Submarine Live Interactive Virtual Exploration (LIVE) programs from the park's tidepools to select San Diego-area middle schools on Monday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 25 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Cabrillo National Monument, located on Point Loma at the south end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (619) 557-5450 or visit [www.nps.gov/cabr/](http://www.nps.gov/cabr/).

## Awaken Your Culinary Senses This Spring at The Shores Restaurant

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### Chef's Table:

March 25, 2009. 7 p.m.

Three-course menu. \$25 per person food only.

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Limited seating available.

### Dinner at Dusk Menu:

Sunday to Thursday. 5 to 10 p.m.

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# PLNU basketball squad reaches nationals

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

The Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) women's basketball team was headed for Jackson, Tenn. on Wednesday, March 18 for the National Athletic Interscholastic Association (NAIA) Tournament.

Last night's appearance marked the seventh consecutive appearance in the NAIA tourney for the Sea Lions. Results of the game were unavailable at press time, however.

"We are in a tough bracket with Union University (Tennessee)," said PLNU head basketball coach Bill Westphal. "(They are) the No. 1-seeded team and the team expected to win it all."

The women also come into the Nationals with its full complement and no major injuries.

"We are all healthy and have all 14 girls here," Westphal said.

The PLNU women enter the Nationals with an overall record of 25-6, notching a 17-3 record in the Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) and ranked No. 8 in the nation. The women just missed repeating as GSAC Tournament champions last week with a 78-71 loss to Vanguard University in the conference tournament final. PLNU had previously defeated Cal Baptist 62-50 in the quarterfinal round and Westmont College 62-54 in the semifinal round. The women had also put together a streak of 20 consecutive victories in the regular season, which ended in a 63-48 loss in the regular season finale against the Master's College.

The women were slated to face off with Auburn Montgomery University (Ala.) in the first round.

"We have a winnable first game if we can beat the zone and have good outside shooting," Westphal said. "If we win, then we will most likely face Lubbock Christian (Texas), but the party gets over pretty fast with all the great teams in the tournament."

The NAIA Tournament will include 32 teams in four rounds of play. The GSAC will be well-represented with five teams: PLNU, Azusa-Pacific University (APU), Biola, Vanguard and Westmont College.

The first-round matchups for GSAC squads will be: APU against Southern Nazarene (Okla.), Biola facing Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.), Vanguard taking on Berry University (Ga.) and Westmont against Lindsey Wilson (Ky.).

The appearance in the Nationals



The Point Loma Nazarene University women Sea Lions clinched the No. 8 seed in the National Athletic Interscholastic Association Tournament and were set to take on Auburn Montgomery University in the first round Wednesday, March 18. Junior forward Colleen Paneta (42) was named the All-Golden State Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

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came as a bit of a surprise to Westphal, but he said he is pleasantly surprised with the result.

"We've been to the playoffs 7 times in my 10 years as head coach here, but I didn't expect that we would make it back to the NAIA Tournament this year," he said.

While the PLNU women prepare for the Nationals, the PLNU men's season ended last week with a 99-80 loss to Fresno Pacific in the GSAC quarterfinals. The men finished at 15-16 overall and notched an 8-12 record during the GSAC regular season.

Forward Curtis Carlson was named to the All-GSAC Team with an average of 15.9 points and almost 8 rebounds per game.

The honors team for the PLNU women includes junior forward Colleen Planeta, who was named the GSAC Player of the Year after leading the nation in points per game (21.92) and second in the nation in blocks (4.21). Overall, she finished the regular season with 614 points, 203 rebounds, 135 blocks, 72 assists and 39 steals.

Junior guard Liah Ector was also named to the All-GSAC Team. Ector had 255 points, 184 rebounds, 98 assists and 72 steals.

"We are not as deep a team as last year but the girls said that they were going back to the NAIA Tournament and they were able to. So I am proud of them," Westphal said.

## Padres dump ex-Mission Bay High disappointment

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

The fairy tale envisioned in 2004 when Mission Bay High's Matt Bush was selected No. 1 overall by the San Diego Padres has turned out to be nothing less than a nightmare. The Padres designated Bush for assignment Feb. 5 following his most recent off-field incident and sent him to the Toronto Blue Jays on Feb. 10.

Bush is currently under investigation for alleged assault and public intoxication that involved the boys lacrosse team at Granite Hills High School in El Cajon. The incident took place around 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

The injuries sustained by the victims were minor, according to Lt.

Steve Shakowski, information officer for the El Cajon Police Department. The police report claimed that Bush was drunk during the incident, according to victims and witnesses.

As Bush awaits his fate with El Cajon police, his fate with the Padres has been sealed. Five days after designating Bush for assignment, the Padres sent Bush to the Blue Jays for a player to be named later or cash considerations.

Last week's incident was the third altercation that Bush has been involved in since being taken No. 1 in the 2004 MLB draft. Two weeks after the draft, Bush was accused of felony assault and misdemeanor trespassing that stemmed from a nightclub alter-

cation near the Padres spring training facility in Peoria, Ariz. Last summer, Bush was involved in another fight near Peoria.

As for his on-field activity, Bush never made an appearance for the Padres. He appeared in 206 minor league games with Padres affiliates in Fort Wayne, Eugene and Lake Elsinore from 2004 to 2007 and hit .219 as a shortstop.

Bush was converted to pitcher partway into 2007 and appeared in seven games for Lake Elsinore, recording 16 strikeouts in 7.2 innings. His season was cut short, however, when he sustained an elbow injury that required Tommy John surgery in the offseason. Bush is currently completing rehab for the injury.

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# Musical merriment with 'Happy Ron'

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

It's safe to say no other local musician sounds like "Happy Ron" Hill. The epitome of the word quirky, Hill's intense, often-maniac concerts have become "events" in the truest sense of the word. You never know exactly what's going to happen, but it's always something to look forward to.

Mixing rock, pop, jazz, Americana and whatever he can shoe-horn into a tune, Hill's song titles like "All She Needs Is a Spanking," and "The Mean Therapist Blues" give an idea about the man's sense of humor and musical direction.

Hill, a native San Diegan who performs at Dream Street on March 20, was born without a socket in his left hip. Consequently, most aspects of music are more difficult for him than for the average person.

"I've loved music since I first heard the Beatles at the age of 10," Hill said. "I started to find various forms of meditation and the like that have made it easier for me and I decided to just bring the tension in my body into my songs. It's such a part of me. Why not make it part of my music?"

While the music on his album "Terribly Happy" can be intricate and lush, their creation is quite the opposite, he said.

"I play keyboards and write the songs that way, I then make demos with simple arrangements with several synthesized instruments," Hill said. "I also know two chords on guitar and can strum down so I fake playing my song 'Pitter Patter.' It actually has five chords but I just

tap the side of the guitar during the chords I don't know. Nobody seems to notice that I can't play guitar."

Though Hill has released numerous cassettes in the past, "I never recorded anything that was past the 'demo' stage till I made this album," Hill said. "I really believe music is all about the songs in the end, and I wanted to wait until I had 13 battle-tested songs that lots of people liked. Some of the songs I have performed more than 500 times. The album is kind of like a greatest-hits album because it doesn't include the songs of mine that never made it big in my shows."

For producer Sven Erik Seaholm, the appeal of Hill's music seems obvious.

"The Happy Man is on a mission to spread happiness into the world, and while his shows can be wild and unpredictable, he's actually a very clever songwriter," Seaholm said. "So, many of his tunes address weightier topics. He always manages to make the listener smile. I really respect that ability."

Though its inherent quirkiness might limit potential airplay, "Terribly Happy" has drawn a lot of attention. But Hill isn't surprised.

"Once I heard that final mix of the album, I was very, very pleased with it and I knew people would like it," Hill said. "The critical acclaim has been cool, but what has been more important is the fact that so many of my local heroes, from

Steve Poltz to Lisa Sanders, have honestly loved my album and shows. I mean straight down the line. That's the most rewarding thing for me."

It's a testament to the love the local music community has for Hill that, while many local musicians have praised the album, a small army of San Diego's top talent also took part in recording the disc. In addition to Seaholm, on hand are nearly two dozen musicians, including singer-songwriter Isaac Cheong and chanteuse Cathryn Beeks as well as members of The Smart Brothers and The Wrong Trousers.

The real coup, however, was in securing the Pacific Coast Horns, Paul Litteral and Paulie Cerra. The duo have worked with a long list of major acts and can be heard on such hits as the B-52s' "Love Shack" and James Brown's "Living in America."

"When I announced I was making an album I was blown away by the number of quality people that wanted so badly to be on it," Hill said. "I had 22 but I could have had 100 people if I wanted, and if it had been practical."

"I simply cannot tell you how much of an honor it was for me to have everyone want to be involved," he said. "There's a line in the album's title track, 'It's all about the people you meet along the way.' I get choked up singing it every time."

"Happy Ron" performs Friday, March 20 at Dream Street, 2228 Bacon St., at 9 p.m.; ages 21 and up. For more information, visit [www.myspace.com/happyrn](http://www.myspace.com/happyrn).



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Today, 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](http://www.pcpb.net).

Today, March 19, 6:30 to 8:15 p.m., regular meeting of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB). Copies of the agenda are posted at the meeting site, the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 222-2240, or visit [www.pcpb.net](http://www.pcpb.net).

Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Point Loma American Cancer Society Resale Shop hosts "Glam It Up," a designer-label event. All proceeds go to cancer research and education. Refreshments will be served at the store, 3609 Midway Drive, Suite C. For more information, call (619) 224-4226.

Saturday, March 21, 1 p.m., Friends of Famosa Slough hosts a bird walk at the slough. The easy walk provides good views of a variety of birds and salt-marsh habitats. Residents are asked to meet at the first bench on Famosa Boulevard south of the intersection with 4301 West Point Loma Blvd. For more information, call (619) 224-4591 or visit [www.famosaslough.org](http://www.famosaslough.org).

Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., the Jenna Druck Foundation hosts its 12th annual "Spirit of Leadership" high school conference recognizing 300 young women throughout the county for emerging leadership qualities in academics, sports, arts or other extracurricular activities. The keynote speaker will be original Freedom Writer Maria Reyes. The conference takes place at the Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. For more information, call (619) 294-8000, e-mail [ltibiatowski@jennadruck.org](mailto:ltibiatowski@jennadruck.org).

Saturday, March 21, noon, the Ocean Beach Historical Society hosts its annual Wisteria Tea Party at the home of historical society vice chair Ned Titlow, 4761 Niagara Ave. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Point Loma Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. A \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, call (619) 225-1753, or visit [www.obhistory.wordpress.com](http://www.obhistory.wordpress.com).

Sunday, March 22, 4 p.m., Point

Loma Democratic Club hosts regular meeting with guest speaker Capt. Matt Brown, director of the Navy's public affairs for the southwest region. Brown will speak on the Broadway Complex plan and the military's role in the San Diego economy. For more information, call (619) 222-9344.

Sunday, March 29, the Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC) hosts the first of a three-day Benefit on the Bay 2009 to benefit San Diego Hospice and the Institute for Palliative Medicine. On March 29, the SWYC launches the 22nd annual Charity Bay Race and Regatta — a challenging 10-mile course and the second-largest charity regatta in the nation. Tickets are \$15; race entry is \$60. Other events are slated for Saturday, April 18 and Saturday, April 25. The SWYC is located at 2702 Qualtrough St. For more information, call (619) 222-0438 or visit [www.southwesternyc.org](http://www.southwesternyc.org).

Monday, March 30, 6 p.m., Ocean Beach Library Book Club meets to discuss "Luncheon of the Boating Party" by Susan Vreeland. Copies are available for checkout at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica St. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m., Point Loma Masonic Lodge No. 620 hosts the 2009 Awards Dinner to honor the peace officer and fireman of the year. The dinner will be swiss steak and the \$8 charge includes coffee or tea. The event takes place at the lodge, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Reservations must be made no later than Friday, March 27. For reservations, call (619) 223-1569 between noon and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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- Today, March 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., GATE meeting in library.
- Wednesday, March 25, 9 a.m., principal's coffee in the P.D. room; 4:15 p.m., SSC/SGT meeting.

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- Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m., Parent/Child Book Club in library.
- Friday, March 27, 7 p.m., guitar benefit concert featuring renowned artists Robert Wetdel, Fred Benedetti, Glen Fisher, Grant Fleener, Bill Cobb and Dana students. Tickets are \$10.

## LOMA PORTAL

- Today, March 19, 1:05 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.
- Tuesday, March 24, 3:35 to 4 p.m., popcorn sales after school.
- Friday, March 27, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Multicultural Festival featuring different foods, dances, music and games from across the world.
- Thursday, March 26, 1:05 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.

## OB ELEMENTARY

- Friday, March 20, kindergarten field trip to Victoria's Garden.
- Saturday, March 21, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Spring Fling Carnival, silent auction and dinner.
- Tuesday, March 24, 2:30 p.m., SSC/SGT meeting, Garden Club meeting, yoga.
- Wednesday, March 25, 2:30 p.m., Chess Club; 4th-graders to San Juan Capistrano.
- Thursday, March 26, Bank Day; Spanish, art and dance after-school clubs meet.

# SACRED HEART ACADEMY

- Friday, March 20, 6 to 9 p.m., SHA family potluck dinner.
- Monday, March 23, 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish penance ser-

vice at Sacred Heart Church.

- Wednesday, March 25, after-school band classes.
- Thursday, March 26, 8 a.m., all-school Mass at Sacred Heart Church; 9 a.m., National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony at Sacred Heart Church.
- Friday, March 27, 3rd-graders to Lux Art Institute.
- Tuesday, March 31, report cards sent home.

## SILVER GATE

- Friday, March 27, student council dress-up day; 7:45 a.m., principal's chat for parents of 4th-graders.

## SUNSET VIEW

- Friday, March 27, 5 to 11 p.m., the Sunset View Foundation hosts its 12th annual fundraising dinner and auction at the Kona Kai Resort and Spa. The event benefits the 400 students of Sunset View through funding for enrichment programs, computer program, art instruction, science program, librarian and books. The Kona Kai is located at 1551 Shelter Island Drive. Reservations are \$60 after March 10 and \$100 for table sponsorships. For reservations, visit [www.sunsetviewelementary.com](http://www.sunsetviewelementary.com).

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- Monday, March 23, 6 p.m., grade 2 sacramental preparation meeting.
- Wednesday, March 25, Family Dinner Night.
- Thursday, March 26, SDUSD school board meeting.
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- Sunday, March 22, 2 to 4 p.m., Family Day.
- Monday, March 23, Japanese tea ceremony at the middle school.
- Wednesday, March 25, Dr. Chris Miller, director of the Boys Institute for Growth, lectures on "Boys' Social Development."
- Wednesday, March 25, open house at middle school, all families welcome.
- Friday, March 27, 1st-grade play; 1:30 p.m., "Journey to the Land Before Time." The public is invited. To reserve a spot, call (619) 223-3663.
- March 28-April 4, 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City.
- Thursday, April 2, 8:30 a.m., 77th annual Pet Day, including a parade around the Point Loma campus.
- Friday, April 17, 6 p.m., WWPA Parent Party at the Admiral Kidd Club.

## SENIORS

- Thursday, March 26, 10 a.m. to noon, the Peninsula Shepherd Senior Center hosts a series of activities for seniors at St. Peter's by the Sea, 1371 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Blood pressure checks from 10 to 11 a.m.; 10:30 to 11 a.m., chair exercises with a Peninsula YMCA instructor; 10 to 11 a.m., Bible study; 10 to 11 a.m., fellowship period; 11 a.m. to noon, musical program followed by lunch at noon. Lunch is \$5 and reservations are required before Tuesday, March 24 by calling the senior program office at (619) 223-1640. A \$2 donation is suggested if participants are attending only for

the entertainment.

- Monday, March 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Peninsula Shepherd Senior Center hosts the Needlers program, where seniors are encouraged to bring needle and thread or hook and yarn and prepare to socialize. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch; beverages and desserts are provided. Beginners are welcome and tutors are available. The event takes place at the All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. For information, call (619) 223-1640.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m., the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts the Kensington Trio in concert. The Kensington Trio has been performing classical music since 2001 and has appeared in concerts throughout the greater San Diego area. 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. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

- Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts "Art in April," a multimedia art show and sale featuring paintings, pottery, sculpture, weavings and demonstrations by members of Point Loma Artists. The free event takes place on the library lawn, 3701 Voltaire St., with a portion of the proceeds going to

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- Cane's Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, (858) 488-4458
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  - Thursday, March 26, 8 p.m., A Scribe Amidst the Lions performs with Endoxi, The New Lead, Detectives and RunHoney. Tickets are \$6.
  - Friday, March 27, 9 p.m., Strangers performs with Mike Pinto and Project Out of Bounds. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door.
  - Saturday, March 28, 9 p.m., Candelbox performs with Royal Bliss and Jet Black Stare. Tickets are \$25.
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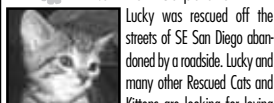


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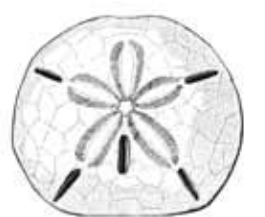
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Sat 1-4pm	5730 Dolphin Pl.	5BR/5BA	\$8,500,000
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Sat 1-4pm	2610 Inyaha Lane	6BR/8BA	\$5,750,000
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Sun 1:30-4:30pm	9740 Keeneland Row	4BR/2.5BA	\$985,000
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