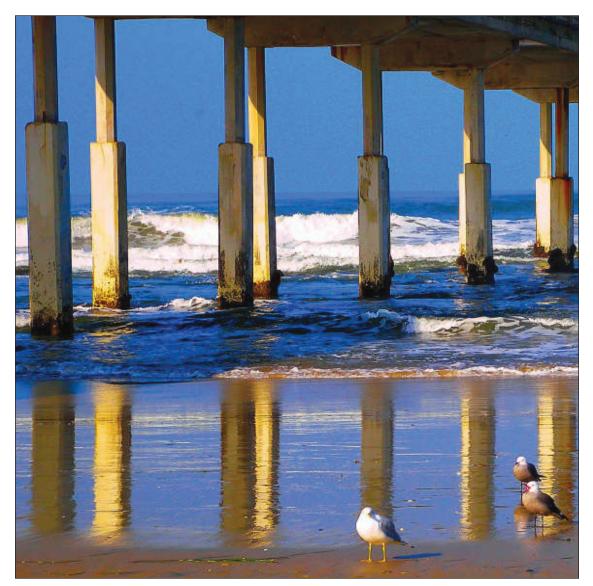


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Seaside feeding frenzy

An abundance of sea life turned out in Ocean Beach last week, drawn by the lure of a large "bait ball," left, that appeared close to the shoreline. The phenomenon of a bait ball - the bunching of thousands of small fish that school together in a tight ball for protection - is usually witnessed in the open ocean, not near the shoreline. Bait balls are often made up of sardines, small mackerel or anchovies that are herded together by larger fish. Once the water turns black with the giant school of fish, birds, seals and porpoise sail in for an easy meal. Above, birds take a break from the beachfront feast.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIKE McCARTHY | THE BEACON

Group weighs creation of Peninsula Town Council

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

A group of peninsula residents wants to form a Peninsula Town Council because of what they believe is a lack of community representation on the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) pertaining to issues affecting residents, said Marcie Rothman, a member of the Peninsula Town Council Formation Committee.

PCPB has traditionally been the forum where residents speak publicly on salient community issues.

"As concerned citizens, we feel that there needed to be another outlet and venue for the community, a better forum where voices from the community can get involved," Rothman

Aside from advising the city on land use and planning, the "information gathering" stages, the 10- to 12-member group plans to eventually establish an elected board with the goal of preserving and improving the quality of life on the Peninsula, Rothman said.

> The group would address important community issues like airport noise, infrastructure,

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PCPB gains a mix of challengers, veterans

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Three new faces and a couple of familiar ones have joined the ranks of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) following a March 19 election. The board members-elect said they want to address important community issues like airport noise, traffic problems along Rosecrans Street and updating the community's land-use plan and other concerns.

About 444 Peninsula voters elected the five candidates without issue, avoiding a potential run-off elec-

On Thursday, April 16, the board will seat the winners, elect a chair and assign committee chairs when it meets next at the Hervey/Point Loma/Branch library, 3701 Voltaire St., according to PCPB Chair Charles Mellor.

The new and returning board members who captured more than 50 percent of the vote were: • Returning board member Doug

- Cohen: 277 votes (62.4 percent); • Newcomer Nancy Graham: 285
- votes (64.2 percent); • Incumbent Helen Kinnaird: 287
- votes (64.6 percent); • Newcomer Matthew Sanicki:







CHRIS VEUM



Cohen and **Matthew Sanicki** were unavailable.

265 votes (59.7 percent);

• Newcomer Chris Veum: 282 votes (63.5 percent);

The top vote-getters outpaced the remaining candidates: Mary Gmitruk, an engineer; former board member Cal Jones; Steve Lombardi, an architect and former PCPB chair Geoff Page.

Write-in candidates reportedly included former PCPB chair Cynthia Conger, former PCPB Airport

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SDYC racers sail to a win in SDNOO

About 1,000 sailors from throughout the United States and beyond descended on San Diego Bay over the weekend for the 3-day 2009 Sperry Top-Sider San Diego National Offshore One Design (NOOD) Regatta. The event was hosted by the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC). SDYC racers Denis and Sharon Case were named the overall winners, earning an invitation to participate in the NOOD Regatta Championships in the British Virgin Islands in November. The Cases and their boat Wings completed five races with a total of 11 points - a 9-point differential from their next closest competitor. The regatta moves on to the next series in Annapolis, Md. in April. Above, Mission Bay Yacht Club's Clifton Odom finished second in the 9-boat Ultimate 20 class. PHOTO COURTESY STUART STREULI

Surf Report

SATURDAY SUNDAY Hi: N/A Hi: N/A

Low: N/A Low: N/A Size: 2-4 ft. Size: 2-3 ft.

Wind: 8-12 mph

Wind: 4-12 mph

School cuts blasted

Protesters give the school board an earful over plans to eliminate busing for magnet schools like Barnard Elementary School. 2

Making a solid run of it

The Point Loma Nazarene University baseball squad has been on a hot streak but now prepares to enter a tough road schedule. 8

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Parents and students protest the San Diego school board's plan to eliminate busing to magnet schools as a budget-cutting option. PHOTO BY SEBASTIAN RUIZ I THE BEACON

Magnet school busing cuts, sharing of principals blasted

Barnard principal warns of lack of options

If the buses stop, the

options stop.

EDWARD PARK

BARNARD ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Bird Rock and Pacific Beach elementary schools, along with 20 other schools, will be sharing principals at campuses that have fewer than 500 students each if a plan adopted by the San Diego Unified School District's (SDUSD) board of trustees comes to fruition.

This plan, if it stands, would assign one principal to oversee two schools.

The plan, adopted earlier this month, also eliminates magnet

Elementary School and increases class sizes, among other measures trustees said will save the district an estimated \$34 million.

D a w n a Deatrick, president of Friends of Pacific Beach Ele-

mentary, said PB Elementary School's staff, part-time counselor and part-time nurse already fulfill multiple roles. Cutting a principal's time would affect the schools' organization, Deatrick said.

"Without a principal," she said, "there's nobody to lead the school."

Lisa Bonebrake, a member of Bird Rock Elementary School's Parent Committee, said "half-time principals" are lawsuits waiting to hap-

"Should there be any ... other emergency, we will have no principal, vice principal or counselor on site," Bonebrake said.

By law, there must be a designated contact person at the school for emergencies, according to school board officials.

The school board made the decision to divide principals' time without consulting principals or parents, Bonebrake said.

She said the community will help find better options so "we can keep our principals."

Bonebrake joined a large group of students, parents, principals and administrators at the SDUSD board meeting March 24 at the Eugene Brucker Education Center on Normal Street to protest the eliminaschool busing like that at Barnard tion of student busing to magnet

schools and the plan to consolidate principals.

Sunset View Elementary School Principal Linda Parker said principals develop relationships with students, staff and parent organizations. She said sharing schools

as a principal would affect quality of education and those relationships.

"The reality is that a principal of two schools ... will be at each school less than half time, yet remain responsible for both full time," Parker told trustees during Tuesday's meeting.

Barnard Elementary is a magnet school with fewer than 400 students. The district currently buses students from across the district because some parents don't have the means to do it themselves.

"If the buses stop, the options stop," said Barnard Principal Edward Park.

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Masonic awards gala to honor community heroes

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

The Point Loma Masonic Lodge No. 620 will recognize two outstanding emergency responders at their annual Peace Officer and Firefighter of the Year awards din-

Police officer Gerry Waclewak and firefighter Alfredo Duron will be the honorees during the April 2 dinner.

The honorees will receive a certificate from Congresswoman Susan Davis and an award plaque during the event.

The San Diego County Board of proclamation to honor the two men.

Waclewak will receive the Peace Officer of the Year award. He joined the San Diego Police Department in 1985 and has worked throughout San Diego.

Waclewak has served two stints in the Western Division and currently is assigned there.

According to Masonic officials, Waclewak strives to improve the quality of life in the Ocean Beach area, working with citizens groups, the homeless and public agencies in the area.

"He just makes it a better community here for everybody," said Point Loma Worshipful Master Lorenzo Provencio.

For the last three years, Waclewak has run the Serial Inebriates Program and geographic probation programs in the Ocean Beach area. It is a program observers

said helps keep the community and area beaches safe. A majority of the people in these programs are alcoholics, homeless, mentally ill and drug users.

Provencio said the Western Division recommended Waclawek for the award.

"We ask for the Western Division to suggest somebody from that division that works in this area who we need to recognize," Provencio said.

Fire captain and paramedic Duron will be awarded the Fire Fighter of the Year award.

Duron has worked for the San Supervisors will also provide a Diego Fire-Rescue Department for 12 years and is currently assigned to Fire Station 12 in southeast San

> During a recent yearlong human resources assignment at headquarters, Masonic officials said Duron established processes and forms that made the transition of new standards under the Firefighter Bill of Rights an easier process.

> "He developed some of the things they are using now to better understand the bill of rights," Provencio said, "and make the fire department better."

The lodge has hosted the awards dinner for 14 years. Although reservations are now closed, Provencio said he expects a good

"We will have a good attendance," Provencio said. "It would be nice if we packed the place.'

For more information, call (619) 223-1569.



Finding just the right deal

Evelyn L. Allen hunts for bargains at the Point Loma American Cancer Society (ACS) Resale Shop's "Glam It Up" sale over the weekend. Proceeds from the sale benefit cancer research and education. Shoppers at the Midway Drive store were given a chance to spin a discount wheel, providing them a chance for discounts between 10 and 50 percent. For information about the ACS store, call (619) 224-4226.

But while options for students and families are under threat, the SDUSD Board of Education seems to have plenty of options.

Instead of sending out teacher pink slips and possibly rescinding them later, the board proposed the cuts to programs like magnet school busing, according to SDUSD board member John de Beck.

De Beck represents schools in many of the beach communities.

He said the board decided on the proposed plan to satisfy San Diego County Department of Education deadlines. The school district reports to the county and needs to show a "fiscally solvent" budget, de Beck said.

The board needs to review decisions on issues like sharing principals, he said.

Sharing principals, he said, is "impractical" at some small schools like Bird Rock Elementary. The school is close to capacity with more that 400 students between kindergarten and fifth grades.

The school board should determine which schools share principals on a case-by-case basis instead of all small schools bearing the brunt, according to de Beck.

Getting rid of magnet school busing, de Beck added, may require canceling entire magnet programs at schools that bus in a large number of their students.

"This is a serious budget year," de Beck said. "So they (the communities) need to tell us their views."

The school board will hear the State of the District address Thursday, March 26 at Lincoln High School's Center for the Arts, 4777 Imperial Ave., at 6 p.m.

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Deckhand sentenced in 2007 stabbing case

A deckhand on the fishing vessel Alaska was sentenced March 19 to 13 years in prison for stabbing another crewmember in a 2007 incident and was ordered to pay \$12,000 in medical expenses to the

Robert David Legerrette, 70, had agreed to accept a stipulated sentence in the Aug. 11, 2007 stabbing of David Cunningham, 52, while the Alaska was moored at 750 North Harbor Drive around 5:50 a.m., according to court records.

Cunningham was stabbed in the

San Diego Superior Court Judge David Danielsen gave Legerrette credit for almost 1 1/2 years served in jail already. Legerrette will have to serve 80 percent of his 13-year term before he can be paroled, according to court records.

The motive for the assault is unknown, said a prosecutor.

Legerrette was also accused of attempted murder and of being under the influence of Vicodin, codeine and morphine at the time of the assault. These charges, however, were dropped in return for in the 2004 Major League Baseball the plea agreement on the assault draft. charge.

Part of the reason Legerrette's sentence is lengthy is because of his criminal record. He was convicted of robbery in 1971, along with an attempted theft in 1997 and burglary in 2000, according to records.

Legerrette fled the ship after the 2007 assault and San Diego Harbor Police distributed fliers with his pic-

ture. Paramedics were trying to deal with an "unruly person" later that day when someone saw a flier and recognized Legerrette. Harbor police responded and arrested him.

Former Padres pitcher eyes assault charges

Former Padres pitcher Matt Bush, a Mission Bay Ĥigh graduate, has been charged with four misdemeanor battery counts after allegedly assaulting Granite Hills High students during a lacrosse practice on Feb. 4 in El Cajon.

San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis filed four misdemeanor battery charges against Bush. If convicted, Bush could face up to four years in jail and a \$2,000 fine. Bush is scheduled to be arraigned April 28 at 8 a.m. in Superior Court in El Cajon.

Bush was reportedly intoxicated when he allegedly assaulted the high school lacrosse players, who sustained minor injuries, according to Lt. Steve Shakowski, spokesperson for the El Cajon Police Department.

After the incident, the Padres shipped Bush off to the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Feb. 4 incident is the third altercation that Bush has been involved in since being taken No. 1

Two weeks after the draft, Bush was accused of felony assault and misdemeanor trespassing that stemmed from a nightclub altercation near the Padres spring training facility in Peoria, Ariz.

Last summer, Bush was involved in another fight near Peoria.

Navy to break ground on modern new fuel facility

Naval Base Point Loma will officially break ground on Friday, March 27 at Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) Point Loma, the site of the future state-of-the-art fuel storage facility.

This five-year project to construct six 125,000-barrel fuel storage tanks, piping, facility pump house and a fuel oil reclamation facility will modernize the existing base's fuel depot, according to Navy

DFSP Point Loma is the only defense fuel facility in the Southern California region, providing fleet assets and airfields annually with fuel valued at \$500 million. The entire project budget represents less than one-third the value of fuel processed in a single year.

The five-year construction program is required to replace aging fuel infrastructure that last year handled 7.7 million barrels of fuel in 1,278 fueling evolutions, making DFSP Point Loma the largest single fuel-handling facility in the Navy's inventory, said officials.

The new project was awarded by Navy officials in 2008 at the cost of \$139 million, The completed project will allow for the closure of 75 percent of existing aboveground and underground storage tanks and provide environmental mitigation and remediation of contaminated soil. The contract also includes options for two additional tanks, which would allow closure of the remaining 1950s-era tanks in Point Loma.

City launches film tilt on water conservation

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SDG&E hawks new kit that saves water, energy

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) is offering a kit designed for double duty – the conservation of both water and energy – to all residential customers with an SDG&E account. And it's free.

The new Home Energy- and Water-Savings Kit includes aerators for the kitchen and bathroom faucets, a low-flow showerhead and a list of tips to save energy. Aerators introduce air into the water flow, maintaining high pressure while reducing water usage; low-flow showerheads do pretty much the same thing and can cut the use of water by more than 50 percent. On average, each San Diegan uses about 71 gallons of water a day.

Only one kit is available per household; please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. To order, visit sdge.com/energykit or call the company's energy information center at (800) 644-6133.

IRS offering free tax assistance for seniors

Several free tax preparation sites are now open throughout San Diego County to assist lowerincome and senior taxpayers through the IRS Volunteer Income tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

The VITA program also offers tax help to the disabled and to those

Department is launching its first who speak English as a second lan-

Eligible taxpayers will also find out if they qualify for the IRS earned income tax credit. The agency estimates that up to 25 percent of eligible taxpayers fail to claim the credit, leaving millions on the table.

For the location of the nearest VITA or TCE site, taxpayers are invited to call 211 in their area or the IRS at (800) 829-1040. More information is available at irs.gov.

Bill on control of SD port tidelands introduced

San Diego State Sen. Christine Kehoe has introduced legislation that upholds the state's authority to sign off on development proposed for state tidelands under the San Diego Unified Port District's control.

The bill ensures that the California State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission must consider proposals for port district lands and clarifies that the district operates under the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Act.

Under the legislation, the port's master plan could not be changed via municipal, county or district initiatives or referenda. Instead, voters could only change the master plan through a statewide initiative, which requires supporters to collect the signatures of 5 percent of the votes last cast for governor. This means nearly 434,000 signatures would be required to place a measure on the ballot.

Church slates pancake breakfast fundraiser

The Oasis Christian Fellowship in Ocean Beach will host a fundraising pancake breakfast event on Saturday, April 4 to help fund a special outreach program.

Church members will launch the inaugural event between 8 a.m. and noon at the Masonic Temple, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. to benefit the Oasis Christian Fellowship Missions Program.

Proceeds from the breakfast will

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go to help offset costs to send two of the church's young people to the Amazon for a 7-week outreach mission that will include home building and Christian ministry, according to Pastor Terry Miller.

Organizers hope to raise \$2,500 to achieve the goal. The cost of the breakfast is \$5 and will include pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee.

For more information, call (619) 249-0507.

SWYC to host Benefit on the Bay for charity

The 22nd annual Charity Bay Race and Regatta — the secondlargest charity regatta in the nation — will officially begin Sunday, March 29 at the Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC) in Point Loma.

The event kicks off a three-day greater event known as Benefit on the Bay

Proceeds raised from the event go to benefit San Diego Hospice and the Institute for Palliative Medicine.

Following the 10-mile regatta on March 29, organizers will host a post-race party, barbecue and awards ceremony at the SWYC, 2702 Qualtrough St.

Tickets are \$15 and the race entry fee is \$60.

The event will continue for a second day on Saturday, April 18 with a "Gala of Gourmet Delights — Cooking and Dining" event. Tickets are \$75.

The Charity on the Bay event rounds out on Saturday, April 25 with a full day of fishing and fun during the Southwestern Anglers' 39th annual Bottom Fishing Tour-

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OB Comedy hosts benefit show for food bank

Ocean Beach Comedy (OBC) will host a benefit show for the community on Friday, March 27 to aid the San Diego Food Bank.

The show runs from 6 to 9 p.m. All cover charges and raffle proceeds will go directly to the food bank to help feed the less fortunate.

The show will feature headliner Steven Kendrick, Bob Hansen and more, including a special surprise guest comic from Los Angeles. The show will also feature a raffle of prizes donated by local Ocean Beach businesses. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.

Ocean Beach Comedy has been bringing live stand-up comedy weekly on Friday nights to Ocean Beach and San Diego for over 3 years.

Ocean Beach Comedy's San Diego Food Bank Benefit Show takes place at Winston's, 1921 Bacon St., on Friday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

PLNU students agree to adopt 'green fees'

After a majority vote by the student body recently, Point Loma Nazarene University has passed a green fund proposal.

The green fund will increase student fees by \$5 per semester in an effort to boost campus sustainability. In passing its green fund initiative, PLNU has joined about 60 other universities nationwide in a

student-led movement for enhancing sustainability on college campuses.

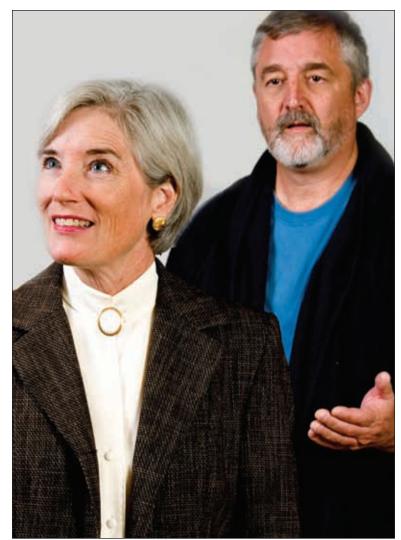
Students will work with PLNU's Resource Stewardship Task Force to determine how the new funds will be distributed. The Associated Student Body predicts that projects such as frontloading washing machines, a community garden, energy efficient lighting, more fuel-efficient campus vehicles and expanded recycling efforts are likely to be at the forefront of the list of possible projects.

In the past several years, PLNU has implemented a number of sustainability efforts, including the installation of solar panels, which provide green power for 10 percent of the campus, the use of waterless urinals, which conserve 40,000 gallons of water per urinal each year, a campuswide purchasing directive to buy products made from recycled materials and a commitment to build all new structures to at least LEED silver qualifications.

San Diego Charger Girls hold auditions April 5

The San Diego Charger Girls will hold auditions for the 2009 squad on Sunday, April 5, in the Jenny Craig Pavilion on the campus of the University of San Diego.

All interested applicants should complete an application (available at www.chargers.com, Charger Training Facility, phone or mail) and include a nonreturnable photograph of themselves (5 by 7 or larger, black and white or color, head shot or full body shot) and send to: San Diego Charger Girl Auditions, P.O. Box 609609, San Diego, CA 92160



Vanguard launches new production

Point Loma resident Amee Wood and Jerry Marcu will be featured in the world premiere presentation of Westminster Presbyterian Church's Vanguard Productions – "Posthumously Speaking" – a show written by Point Loma playwright Robert I. Landis. The production is a love story wrapped inside a comedy-fantasy that tries to answer the question of what really happens after life ends. Performance dates are March 27-29 and April 2-5. Friday and Saturday performances take place at 8 p.m.; Sunday performances begin at 7 p.m. The show takes place at the church's Westminster Theatre, 3598 Talbot St. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and military and \$10 for children under 10. For more information or tickets, call (619) 224-6263.



Public Notice NAVAL BASE POINT LOMA SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Formation of Restoration Advisory Board Membership Solicitation

The Department of Defense recognizes the importance of stakeholder participation as part of its Installation Restoration (IR) Program. Therefore, Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) is announcing the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The RAB is intended to enhance public participation by involving the local community in the environmental restoration process.

The RAB is an advisory body designed to act as a focal point for the exchange of information, between NBPL and the local community, regarding restoration activities. The RAB is intended to bring together community members who reflect the diverse interests within the local community, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the affected community and the installation.

RAB membership is a voluntary, non-compensated activity. RAB members will be asked to meet regularly to review and comment on technical documents and plans relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at NBPL. Members will be expected to serve as a liaison with the community and be available to meet with community members and groups. Membership terms will be decided by the RAB. All RAB meetings will be open to the public. Technical support staff will be available to provide informational support and to assist RAB members with technical issues.

Community members interested in forming a RAB for NBPL are invited and encouraged to submit a membership application. Membership applications are available on line at: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/PointLoma/Programs/Environmental/index.htm Or, you may request an RAB membership application form from:

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Ms. Allison Basche
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest
2730 McKean Street, Building 291
San Diego, CA 92136
allison.basche@navy.mil

Please submit to your application to Ms. Basche by April 24, 2009.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Miramar's highway to the danger zone

By CITIZENS ADVOCATING SAFE AVIATION

uring the March 3 Marine F/A-18 crash investigation press conference, Colonel Rupp said, "If the plane had failed just seconds later, it would have made the canyon." Our concern? If the plane had failed just seconds earlier, it would have fallen on Curie Elementary School or University City High School.

The approach over University City still threatens five south UC schools and their 4,500 students. If this approach to Miramar Runway-06 remains an option, pilots who urgently need it will take it.

A plane with an urgent need is a plane on its way to an accident.

The Marines want us to believe their new yet unannounced procedures ensure an emergency flight will not arrive over University City. They say proper procedures will ensure this aircraft gets "vectored" elsewhere. Of course, these procedures were already in place the day of the crash. The Marines already know this approach shouldn't be used.

The problem is, pilots will ask for this approach when they are desperate, and pilots have the authority to take their plane virtually anywhere they want to in a declared emergency.

US Airways Capt. Sullenberger recently needed to land a disabled airplane. New York air traffic control offered him three options. As the pilot, he chose a fourth — the Hudson River — because he thought it put the fewest lives in danger.

The pilots who now inhabit Miramar are mostly trainees, not top guns. If they don't have the experience or maturity required to land in the safest possible place, then we should take the Runway-06 option away from them.

Why save Runway-06 for use mainly by planes in distress?

The UC approach to Runway-06 is seldom used because of safety and noise regulations. It took fewer than 137 flights in 2008, while Miramar totaled 79,000. There is another reason: Land use regulations categorize approaches over schools as so unsafe that if our south side schools fell down tomorrow, current guidelines prohibit them from being rebuilt. It's too dangerous to land over schools unless the schools already exist!

So the straight-in approach to Runway-06 is fraught with danger. the December Marine F/A-18 Yet, realizing we will probably not hear the jackhammering associat-

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ed with new runways being built anytime soon, the following ideas could ameliorate our concern:

- 1. Amend or prepare flight publications to state that "straight-in approaches to Runway-06 are not allowed when an aircraft is making an approach in extremis."
- 2. Consider whether local air controllers can more forcefully influence pilots (in extremis) not to go there. (After listening to the FAA crash tapes, it's easy to infer FAA controllers were less convinced than people at Miramar that the plane would make it back
- 3. Help pilots better understand rules like "All personnel are expected to exercise prudent judgment in the performance of their mission." In this case, not to fly over populated areas when they have an available and closer alternative like North Island.

Everyone has a stake in Marines acting responsibly.

Irresponsible behavior seems endemic these days. Yet, we naturally hold Marines to a higher and broader standard because, well, they're Marines: the elite warriors whose reason for being is to defend us. In this instance, their behavior turns that idea on its

As renowned World War II U.S. Navy Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz once said, "Our faith is not primarily in machines of defense but in ourselves." What happened on Dec. 8 isn't about something as impersonal and mundane as needing a better repair manual. It's about widely held attitudes. The 13 culprits indicated in the Marine report forecast a trend.

America needs an effective military. San Diego needs a successful and well-respected home-based military. Protecting our kids is a priority. Our committee wants all three.

Democracy is messy, but it shouldn't stop anyone from asking questions, making suggestions and monitoring results.

> Ron Belanger, LT CMDR U.S. Navy (Ret.) Dr. Ernie Lippe Stephanie Jed Richard P. Ramirez, CMDR U.S. Navy (Ret.) **Bob Stein** Pia-Mantovani-Sud

— Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation is a committee of University City residents established after crash. Reach them at info@casa-

Failure to muffle jet noise inexcusable

Re your front page "comprehensive" article about airport noise ("Airport revs up plan to dampen jet noise,' March 19 Beacon, page 1):

What nonsense you and all the agencies peddle! My wife and I have lived in Ocean Beach/Point Loma for 32½ years and have seen multiengine jets take off with hardly a whisper. The technology to muffle (jet engines) fully is available.

So why don't we just say to the airline businesses, you can only use our airport with fully muffled jets?

Well, because:

- the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is pro-business;
- the Peninsula Community Planning Board is pro-busi-
- the San Diego City Council is pro-business;
 - the FAA is pro-business;
- the Peninsula Beacon is pro-business.

This puts business ahead of individuals. We individuals do NOT want any Quieter Home Program, which is for idiots who don't understand we live here because we like to have the windows open, even in the winter, drink a martini on our front porch, champagne on our back patio, enjoy gardening in our 5 gardens.

All you can say is "new and hopefully quieter planes." Sure, we can hardly wait.

Also, something that no one mentions is that every time one of those jets takes off over us, it is laying down a blanket of poisonous exhaust. Make the airline business clean that up too.

We won't be holding our breath.

> John Mood Ocean Beach

Forget the seals, save the babes!

Whenever I speak with the zealous supporters of the Children's Pool seals, I give them several very good, practical reasons why I don't think 200 seals should be squatting in downtown La Jolla. I always ask them for their counter-argument, and so far all I've gotten is: "I like to look at the seals."

OK. You know what? I'd "like to look at" 200 Playboy Playmates out there, prancing about, buck-naked, playfully frolicking in the surf and sunning their beautiful, wild selves on the sand. This is

untamed, raw nature that

kids in a city (or the country,

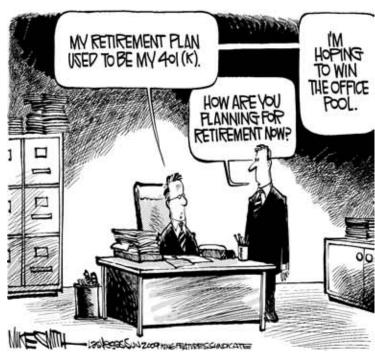
for that matter) don't often get to observe up close. I know the boys, at least, would find it educational as all get-out. And they might even attract *more* tourists! I admit this would be controversial to some, but so what? You see, I "like to look at" the naked Playmates at

Children's Pool — can't we give them (and me) just one lousy beach to call their own? Well, no, we won't, because let's face it, a couple hundred naked babes at Children's Pool, in the middle of La Jolla Village, just wouldn't be appropriate, would it?

But then again, they wouldn't be *nearly* as inappropriate as those fetid seals. Consider the following:

- 1. Playmates would presumably avail themselves of modern sanitation facilities, thus Children's Pool Beach formerly one of the most beautiful beaches in the continguous U.S. and now the most polluted in the county would no longer stink. And, bonus! Playmates smell good!
- 2. Playmates would respect the marine preserve, and even if they didn't, the lot of them could never eat as many fish in a month as a seal eats in a single day.
- 3. Playmates, while they are very attractive, are not so to sharks. Despite what misinformation you may have read or heard, the recent fatal attack in Solana Beach was the first and only shark attack on a human in San Diego waters, ever. (The "Shark Data Base" in Florida is all wet.) If the seals remain, expect further attacks.
 - 4. Ellen Scripps really did a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



lot for us La Jollans, but, like Flounder in "Animal House," she screwed up — she trusted us. And now the council and Kehoe and all the rest of our reprobate "leaders" are doing everything they can to undermine that trust. Why would anybody ever give anything to the city of San Diego again? The presence of naked

5. Presumably, it would still provide James Hudnall and others of his ilk something they "like to look at" without ruining our beautiful town.

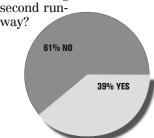
Playmates, however, would

not violate the trust.

So, come on, everybody! Save the babes!

Joe Guinev

Results of polling for our online question ending today, March 26: "Should the San Diego International Airport at Lindbergh Field build a second run-



NEW QUESTION: Should the San Diego Unified School District follow through with plans to cut busing to magnet schools like Barnard Elementary School? Cast your vote through Thursday, April 9.

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and development. Traffic along Rosecrans Street and North Harimprovements there have also piqued the community's interest, Rothman said.

group, according to Rothman, does not serve the community well as a public forum.

allow for more than three minutes of public comment per person, according to PCPB chair Charles Mellor.

He said town council members may speak at PCPB meetings or "wherever they want to."

council isn't elected," Mellor said. "I don't know who [sic] they represent other than the 11 people passing e-mails back and forth. I don't know where their authority comes from or how they portend to represent the community."

Other San Diego communities like Ocean Beach, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach have both a community planning group and a town council.

The beach-area town councils traditionally serve as a venue for communication between city officials and residents. They also serve as a forum for debate or discussion over community issues.

City Council members usually send a council representative to on airport-noise issues, has signed

town council meetings.

As such, the town council represents a political force for the community.

"That's basically what we do," said Pacific Beach Town Council bor Drive stemming from President Rick Oldham. "And the city can heed what we say and do something or it can ignore us."

Town councils also host events The local community planning like pancake breakfasts, festivals or beautification campaigns.

Established town councils usually have a broad local member-Time constraints often don't ship and an elected board of directors. Pacific Beach Town Council boasts a membership of 600 residents, families and businesses.

Members voluntarily pay a yearly membership fee ranging from \$20 for a single member to \$50 for a registered business member. "As far as I know, the town The membership elects a 17member board of directors, with officers including a president, vice president and treasurer.

> The money is used to pay for an office and a part-time office manager.

"All the rest goes into the community," Oldham said.

But without a set of bylaws, a mission statement and standing rules, the Peninsula Town Council Formation Committee can meet in private without worry of breaking open-meeting laws. For now, the committee is an unofficial board with a relatively small membership.

Lance Murphy, a former PCPB member and watchdog working

If ... residents believe they need another voice, I will support the neighbors getting together to come to their own conclusion.

KEVIN FAULCONER DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILMAN

on with the committee. His group, represented through the website www.sannoise.org, claims a 500-

Council also wants to address air-

Council sees the emerging Peninsula Town Council as an official political group remains to be seen. Asked whether the city would support the movement, Murphy said he doesn't care if the community

District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer said the Peninsula is a very diverse community with dif-

"If the community and the residents believe they need another voice, I will support the neighbors getting together to come to their own conclusion," Faulconer said. "The more people get involved in

person membership. The proposed Point Loma Town port-noise issues, Murphy said. Whether the San Diego City

recognizes them.

fering points of view.

a community, the better."

Doug Cohen, who had been serving the PCPB as an appointed mem-

Committee Chair Lance Murphy, former board member Jarvis Ross, resident Christy Schisler, and possibly others, according to Conger. Independent confirmation could not be made, however, because a representative of the League of Women Voters — which oversaw the election — was unavailable.

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The new members will serve a 3-year term.

As a land-use advisory board to the city, the PCPB addresses issues such as airport noise, traffic and development and weigh in on the community's land-use plan. The city has been in the process of updating several community plans, which act as a guideline for future development.

"If the community plan is going to reflect a vision of the community, then the community is going to have to get involved," Graham said.

She said she will also suggest that the board improve its website to communicate with the public.

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ber, said he wants to help improve traffic along Rosecrans Street by working the "many different users," including the Navy and the Rock Church. Rock Church patrons number in the thousands. While churchgoers have an effect on traffic patterns, Rock Church administrators have been responsive to the community, said Cohen, a self-employed developer.

Cohen added that the board benefits from differences in opinion.

"[We] want to make sure the discourse is professional and respectful," Cohen said. "Balance means that people are able to talk through the disagreements."

Veum, an architect with city planning experience, said the proposed improvements to the San Diego International Airport will be one of the most debated topics for the board.

"Any impact that [a proposed intermodal transit center] will have on the Peninsula community does raise some concerns for me," Veum

Sanicki is a chiropractor with a practice in Liberty Station. He said he wants to help improve business near the former Naval Training

A first-time board member, Sanicki said the new PCPB representation includes members from the development industry, as well as residents.

He said he's not "just another member of the development community" and represents the perspective of a resident and business

Longtime Peninsula resident Kinnaird garnered the most number of votes at 287 of the 444 ballots cast.

Familiar with Peninsula community politics, Kinnaird said the board needed a balance of residential and business interests.

It seems the majority of people agreed, she said.

"The people came out and they voted and we won," Kinnaird said, pointing to the new board's diverse backgrounds.

The PCPB meets on the third Thursday of the month at the library from 6:30 to 9 p.m.



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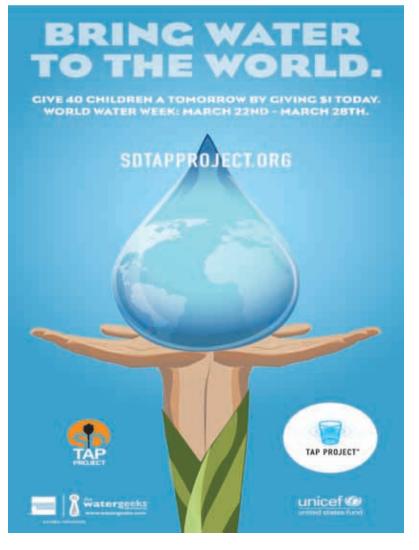
Sacred Heart Academy Open House - Sunday March 29th

On Sunday, Sacred Heart Academy will have an Open House for all preschoolers and their parents. The Open House will be at the school (4895 Saratoga) at 1 p.m. The Open House will give children and parents an opportunity to visit the school and learn more about the school's Core Knowledge Kindergarten program.

Miss Teri, the kindergarten teacher, and Mr. Hamm, the principal, will meet with parents while the children get to be part of an art activity. Miss Teri has been the kindergarten teacher at Sacred Heart for nine years. Students are always excited about being in her class. Matt and Michele Kalla's daughter was in her class, and the Kalla's had this to say about Miss Teri: "Miss Teri represents what kindergarten should be about, and brings out the most in each child's life she touches."

If you need more information about the Open House or kindergarten registration, you may call the school at 222-7252.





SPORTS

Nazarene takes a swing at **GSAC** with early hot streak

team offensively this

year ... our hitters are

tougher outs.

JOE SCHAEFFER

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

The Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) Sea Lions baseball team split a doubleheader on the on Saturday.

PLNU lost the first game 3-1 but came back to

win the nightcap

"We were able even though we didn't play that well," said PLNU head baseball coach Joe Schaeffer. "We struggled on offense, but we pitched well."

The split for the Sea Lions

can be considered a step forward Schaeffer said. "Our pitching staff combined score of 23-10 last year, s i

n 10-5 and 13-5 at the hands of the Blauer (5-1) pitched 8 innings but gave up two unearned runs to record his first loss of the season.

Andrew Bovich (5-0) salvaged the series with a complete-game

shutout of the Cougars to stay undefeated. The win also helped PLNU maintain its one-game lead over APU (13-5) in the Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC). PLNU leads The Master's College road against the archrival Azusa (12-6) by two games and has a Pacific University (APU) Cougars three-game lead over Fresno Pacific (12-8).

"It is always good to get a split,

especially against these guys," said center fielder Kurt to get the split I believe we are a better Steinhauer, a senior.

Overall, PLNU is off to a strong start with a record of 20-7, recording a 14-4 GSAC record.

"I am pretty happy with how well the season has gone so far,"

after they were swept at APU by a has been very good. We fought through some adversity early in the year when we lost some games early, but our guys have been Cougars. Hard-luck starter Chad fighting back in the late innings, which is good to see."

The recent successes included an 8-game winning streak and 9 wins in the last 11 games.

"It has been a great year and



Point Loma Nazarene University head baseball coach Joe Schaeffer is pleased with the team's hitting performance so far this year. Above, Kaohi Downing prepares to take a cut. The Sea Lions are 20-7 so far this season.

been a ton of fun so far," said Steinhauer.

The Sea Lions entered the 2009 campaign with question marks about the starting lineup and on the pitching staff.

"The lineup became much more settled when our second baseman, Alex Cameron, broke his hand," Schaeffer said. "That forced us to move guys around the infield."

Cameron's injury also forced Schaeffer to rotate two players at the catcher position and three players at first base.

of a fortunate early schedule of playing 20 of the first 27 games at home at Carroll B. Land Stadium, but it will now play 14 of the next 21 games on the road.

"It is hard to get excited right now because we know what is in front of us in the second half of this season," Schaeffer said.

The early success comes as no surprise to Schaeffer, who said he had confidence in his squad going into the season.

"I knew what we were capable of if we put it all together," Scha-

PLNU has taken an advantage effer said. "I like what I have seen so far. I believe we are a better team offensively this year, even though statistically it doesn't show up. This year our hitters are tougher outs."

The Sea Lions will play a home and away series this week against GSAC rival Concordia with a home game today at 3 p.m. before getting ready to play eight of the next nine games on the road.

"I see this team going all the way this year," said Steinhauer. "This is the best team we've had since I've been here.'

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Housing your rabbit indoors will greatly contribute to its health and longevity. Predators (foxes, raccoons, coyotes, stray cats, etc.) and parasites (fleas, flies and mosquitoes) are a serious threat to the health and safety of a rabbit housed outdoors. Temperatures above 80 degrees and wet weather also pose health hazards, with heat being a factor in many summertime fatalities.

Regular veterinary care is important to catch health issues early and prevent costly, long-term or even fatal conditions. San Diego House Rabbit Society (SDHRS) recommends you schedule a "well bunny" exam when you first adopt your rabbit to establish a baseline for care.

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long-term health is to ensure it has been spayed or neutered. Rabbits are especially prone to reproductive cancers when not altered. Taking this into account, along with behavioral benefits and the obvious - overpopulation issues — getting your rabbit altered should be at the top of your list. An unaltered rabbit may be difficult to litter-box train, more likely to destroy its surroundings, and more aggressive and difficult to handle. Raging hormones turn young rabbits into little "hellions" and is likely the number-one reason for rabbit relinquishments. Getting males neutered at approximately 12 weeks and females spayed at 20 weeks settles them down and helps to make them better family companions.

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~ Judith Pierce, chapter manager, San Diego House Rabbit Society

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Mod Amish brings its club circuit power to Dream St.

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Band names often give an inkling to what a performer's music might sound like. However, indie rockers Mod Amish, who perform at Dream Street on March 26, take a different approach.

According to frontman Mike Drake, the quartet went for something abstract rather than a name with deep meaning.

Indeed, rarely have two less likely words been paired together than mod and Amish. The name was chosen after they found their original choice, Brittle Star, was already taken.

"It's nonsense, really," said Drake. "A friend had a dream where she was the singer of a band called Mod Amish, so we went with that."

Though now considered a mainstay of the local club circuit, Mod Amish actually got its start in Louisiana during the late '90s. It was guitarist Shannon Jones who first arrived in San Diego in 2004, with Drake making the move in

"It was hard to get taken seriously back where we came from," Drake said. "The bands which won 'best of' polls were always cover bands, and that used to really get under our skin.

"We moved to California to pur-

sue music professionally," he said. "It just seems like a natural destination for musicians, and So-Cal has such a rich history of rock and punk music. Besides, who can argue with this great weather?"

Drake said the biggest culture shock in the move was the set lengths, which average 45 minutes.

"We used to do three-hour shows back in Louisiana and we were the only band playing," Drake said. "I like it better here.

Ironically, both of the musicians Drake and Shannon added to the band upon regrouping in San Diego were also both transplants. Drum- mer Jim Benuska is originally from Chicago, while bassist Gerry Matthews hails from New Jersey.

While the whole group contributes to the arrangements, the bulk of its material is penned by Jones.

"Melodically, he regurgitates his influences into a sound that's uniquely him," said Drake.

While Mod Amish plays original music, it also includes the occasional cover song like The Talking Heads' "Psycho Killer."

"[Jones is] a big Beatles and Simon & Garfunkel fan and a fan of anything with great hooks," Drake said. "He spent two years performing in a restaurant on Sixth Street downtown doing mostly covers, so



Mod Amish performs at 9 p.m. at Dream Street in Ocean Beach on Thursday, March 26.

there is a lot of melodic stuff deeply Converse shoes song contest. ingrained in his mind."

The band has released two albums to date, "Mod Amish" (2006) and "No Use for Sunshine" (2008). More recently, the band chalked up a minor college radio hit with the song "September," chosen by the University of California, Los Angeles' radio station for inclusion on a CD of the country's top unsigned bands. The song has also been featured in filmmaker Armand Monteils' movie "3 Ways to

Currently writing material for a proposed third album later this vear, Drake isn't worried about diminishing music sales worldwide. He said the act of creating music is the best part.

"The fact that we just enjoy doing it is the main motivator," Drake said. "Writing, rehearsing, recording and playing live are all really fun."

At most shows the group easily wins over its audience, but Drake Sunday" and won first place in a acknowledges the occasional ups

and downs of the music biz.

"We have nights where we play and people come up afterward and ask us for an autograph," Drake said. "Three nights later and three blocks away in a different club, you're playing to a crowd of people who are looking at you like your very existence offends them."

Mod Amish performs on Thursday, March 26 at Dream Street, 2228 Bacon St. at 9 p.m. The show is for those 21 and up.

For more information visit www.myspace.com/modamish.

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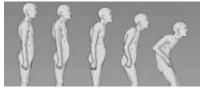
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March/April A Look Ahead

COMMUNITY/CIVIC

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.

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 more information, call (619) 223-1569.

Saturday, April 4, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's San Diego-based Pacific South Coast Chapter hosts the San Diego

County Credit Union Walk MS 2009 fundraising walk at NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2750 Womble Road. There is no charge to be a walker but walkers are encouraged to solicit sponsors to raise funds and prizes are available based on the amount of donations collected. For more information or to register, visit www.mswalk.com.

April 10-12, the Rock Church hosts a weekend of Easter celebrations and activities, beginning with a presentation of "The Passion of the Christ" at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10. An Easter service is planned for 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 with an Easter

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Sweet sound of music

The second annual Guitar Class Benefit Concert is planned for Friday, March 27 to benefit student guitarists at Dana Middle School. The concert will feature well-known local guitarists Fred Benedetti and Robert Wetzel. Also on the bill are the Swamp Kats. Local musician/teachers Glen Fisher, Bill Cobb and Dana guitar teacher Grant Fleener will also join the musical engagement with Dana's guitar students. The event takes place at 7 p.m. in the school's Ann Tripp Jackson Theater. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance from www.showboxoffice.com or at the door. For more information, call Fleener or Cobb at

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Saturday, April 11, the city of Spring Egg Hunt at Robb Field in Ocean Beach, sponsored by the Robb Field Recreation Council. The event will feature a DJ, clowns, free fire truck rides, free popcorn and professional photographs for \$4. For more information, call (619) 665-2104.

Sunday, April 12, 6:30 a.m., the Kiwanis Club of Point Loma hosts the 60th annual ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at Cabrillo National Monument in the national park's lower parking lot. Fellowship follows the service. Gates open at 6 a.m. and participants are encouraged to arrive early. For more information, call (619) 519-3812 or e-mail barlekis@cox.net.

SCHOOLS

DANA

- Today, 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 26, 1:05 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after
- Friday, March 27, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Multicultural Festival featuring different foods, dances, music and games from across the world.
- Monday, March 30, delivery visit of all cookie and bread orders.
 - Tuesday, March 31, 3:35 to 4 p.m., popcorn sales after school.
- Wednesday, April 1, last day San Diego hosts the 35th annual to place yearbook orders. Yearbooks are \$16 and available by emailing lomaportalyearbook@yahoo.com.
 - Thursday, April 2, 1:05 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.

OB ELEMENTARY

• Today, March 26, Bank Day; Spanish, art and dance afterschool clubs meet.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY

- Today, March 26, 8 a.m., allschool Mass at Sacred Heart Church; 9 a.m., National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony at Sacred Heart Church.
- Friday, March 27, 3rdgraders to Lux Art Institute.
- Sunday, March 29, 1 p.m., kindergarten open house.
- 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.
- Wednesday, April 1, 7:45 a.m., Friends of Silver Gate meeting.

- cil Sports Day.
- April 6-10, no classes for spring break.
- principal's chat for parents of 1stgraders.
- Thursday, April 30, Student Council Family Lunch.

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- Today, March 26, SDUSD school board meeting.
- Friday, March 27, 8 a.m., allschool Mass; 12:45 p.m., Stations of the Cross; pizza lunch available; grade 3 food bank.
- Tuesday, March 31, 2009-10 registration fees due.
- Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., book fair at Bookstar.
- Monday, April 9, 12:15 p.m. dismissal and beginning of Easter break.
 - April 10-19, Easter break.
- Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m., First Eucharist.

SUNSET VIEW

• Friday, March 27, 6 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. Tickets are \$50. For reservations, visit www.sunsetviewelementary.com.

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• Friday, March 27, 1st-grade play; 1:30 p.m., "Journey to the

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 - March 28-April 4, 8th-grade trip to Washington, D.C. and New
 - Thursday, April 2, 8:30 a.m., 77th annual Pet Day, including a parade around the Point Loma
 - Friday, April 3, no classes for faculty grading and meeting day.
 - Friday, April 17, 6 p.m., WWPA Parent Party at the Admiral Kidd Club.

SENIORS

Today, 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 entertain-

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Through March 31, Point Loma Artists Exhibition, a April," a multimedia art show show of three-dimensional art, and sale featuring paintings, including ceramics, glass and papier-mache paintings in dis-

• Friday, April 3, Student Coun- Land Before Time." The public is play cases. The exhibit takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

> April 1-24, the San Diego Watercolor Society (SDWS) presents an exhibition entitled "Hometown San Diego" about 100 works by SDWS members. A reception is slated for Friday, April 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 105 at the NTC Promenade. Gallery hours are Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (619) 876-4550 or visit www.sdws.org.

> April 3 through June 7, "Off the Wall" exhibition by renowned Maine quilt artist Elizabeth Busch at Quilt Visions Art Quilt Gallery. An opening reception is slated for Friday, April 3 from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a 2-day workshop April 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The class fee is \$200 for materials and \$10 admission. An artist tour and lecture is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. The gallery is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100 at the NTC Promenade. For more information, call (619) 546-4872 or visit www.quiltvisions.org.

> Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts "Art in

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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 benefit the library. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

Through May 30, the New Americans Museum presents two simultaneous exhibitions: "Immigration and Caricature: Ethnic Images from the Appel Collection" and "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit." The museum is located at 2825 Ocean Front Walk, (858) 488- liners. Tickets are \$20. Dewey Road in the NTC Prom-

enade. There is no cost for admission. For more information, call (619) 255-8908 or visit www.newamericansmuseum.org.

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 sarahsuhonen-@hotmail.com or visit www.peninsulasingerssandiego.org.

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• 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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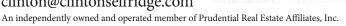
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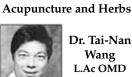
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