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Season of wonder, night of delight

The streets of Ocean Beach were alive with holiday lights, music and celebra tion Saturday during the 30th annual Ocean Beach Christmas Parade down Newport Avenue. Elaborate floats like the one above by Azar and a huge pack of vintage Volkswagen vehicles, left, lit up the night to the delight of children and adults. More parade coverage and winners, page 9.

PHOTOS BY PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON

Fire pits again in **budget crosshairs**

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

The city's fire pit program could go up in smoke next summer if the city fails to raise about \$173,000 by Dec. 31 to save the program that is hailed as a cornerstone of local beach culture.

City Park and Recreation Department officials said removal of the fire pits could begin by the end of June if funding is not found. The issue was expected to be heard by the City Council begin-

ning Wednesday, Dec. 9, as the City Council delves into a new, daunting round of budget-cutting decisions. A final vote is tentatively planned for Monday, Dec. 14.

The issue may also not be as cut and dried as a budget matter. Deborah Lee, district manager for the California Coastal Commission's San Diego coast area, said the city needs a permit to remove the 186 fire rings in parks and beaches or

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Pipeline OK'd to bleed excess gas from wastewater facility

BY ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to amend the city's current contract to recycle excess methane gas from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. The decision curbs the original plan of trucking the volatile gas through Peninsula neighborhoods.

"It's a strong win for the environment and an even stronger win for the community," said District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

The city will now use existing

San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) fuel lines to transport the gas when the project begins in

Faulconer learned in August of

resident opposition to the gas-hauling alternative that grew out of an effort by Citizens for a Green and Safe Point Loma, a citizens group that has been vocal in opposing the city's trucking option.

Catalina Boulevard resident John Pedersen spearheads this

SEE **PIPELINE**, Page 8



Pointers cage Cougars in semifinals

Point Loma High's Leslie Rogers (23) broke through a hole in the Steele Canyon defense Friday as the Pointers defeated the Cougars 30-26 to advance to CIF finals against Catholic Cathedral Dec. 11 at Qualcomm Stadium. Story, page 15.

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'Back Room Bandit' pleads guilty

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

A surprise guilty plea to all 20 robbery counts was entered Dec. 3 by the man suspected of being the "Back Room Bandit" who ordered female employees to the back of small stores in Point Loma, La Jolla and elsewhere in San Diego.

Dragon Jones, 41, faces a maximum sentence of 24 years, but San Diego Superior Court Judge Kathleen Lewis said she would limit the term to 16 years or less.

Sentencing is set for Jan. 25.

The plea was made without any deals from the District Attorney's

place between Sept. 25 and Oct. 31, the day Jones was arrested as he entered the San Ysidro border

crossing area. Jones robbed Pet People stores on Midway Drive and in La Jolla.

Jones also robbed a yogurt shop in National City and left his fingerprints on one counter that allowed National City police to uncover his identity. Deputy District Attorney Amy Maund said Jones usually took amounts of up to several hundred dollars from each store.

Maund said Jones appeared to have selected small stores with a lone employee. If a worker hesitated in handing over money, prosecutors said, Jones would pull a gun and threaten to shoot them.

Jones pleaded guilty in advance The series of robberies took of a preliminary hearing set for Dec. 15.

> He remains in custody on \$750,000 bail.







Wicked winter storm pummels Peninsula



Monday's whopping storm played havoc across the Peninsula with its torrential rains and punishing winds. Above, San Diego Harbor Police reported several boats that were grounded and battered by the storm swells around San Diego Bay (photo by Jim Grant). Meanwhile, a 100-year-old Torrey pine, center left, was toppled in Point Loma at Tarento Drive and Talbot Street, knocking out power from about noon until midnight (photo by Mike McCarthy). Center right, winds scattered and overturned dinghies at Shelter Island (photo by Jim Grant) and, left, snapped telephone poles like toothpicks (photo by Mike Ryan). Monday's storm dumped one to two inches. Two more weaker storms are expected to move through beginning as early as today, dropping an estimated 1/4 to 1/2 of an inch of rain through Sunday.



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Holiday Night on Promenade on tap

Liberty Station event touts bazaar, celeb appearances, book signing

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Liberty Station will showcase Santa, shopping and star sightings on Saturday, Dec. 12. The scenic Point Loma spot will host Holiday Night on the Promenade from 4 to

"It's going to be a fun event," said event producer Erin Dial. "It's geared toward family and the true meaning of the holidays.

For those last-minute shoppers, the event's holiday bazaar will allow them to get some eleventhhour gifts. All of the merchants at Liberty Station will be selling gift certificates and stocking stuffers during the event, and Boy Scout Troop 24 from Ocean Beach will sell holiday wreaths. Some tenants will also provide free gift wrapping.

"We have such a unique group of merchants down here and different types of tenants," Dial said. "Sometimes people may just recognize the big names or somewhere that they go on a regular basis, so this just helps people be able to see everything that we have to offer."



It's geared toward families and the true meaning of the holidays.

ERIN DIAL EVENT PRODUCER, HOLIDAY NIGHT ON THE PROMENADE



The free event will feature a host of holiday activities for children, including photos with Santa, letters to Santa and ornament decorating. Other children's activities include bounce houses, face painting and balloon artists.

"It's going to be a fun time for everyone to spend together," Dial said.

Other highlights of the evening include a tree lighting, carolers and an autograph signing and photo-op with sibling celebrities Doug and Chris Brochu. Doug costars on Disney's "Sonny With a Chance" and Chris has made appearances on "Hannah Montana" and Nickelodeon's "Zoey 101.

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Those who attend Holiday Night on the Promenade are encouraged to bring a new and unwrapped gift. The gifts will be donated to the Promises2Kids Holiday Gift Drive. For more information, visit www.libertystation.com.

Holiday Night on the Promenade will conclude a full day of holiday events at Liberty Station. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, interior designer Laurie Ann McMillin Ray will be holding a book signing and holiday open house at her boutique within the shopping center.

Signed copies of McMillian Ray's book, "At Home With Laurie Ann, A Decorator's Guide" will be available during the open house and designers will conduct presentations at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the event. For more information and a full schedule, www.laurieann.com.





Among the winners of the 2009 Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest were Sunset Cliffs Animal Shelter, left, and Progressive Fitness,

Storefront decorating winners unveiled

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Ave. Association (OBMA) has unveiled its list of winners for the 2009 Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest to honor some of the most lively and festive seasonal creations by local merchants.

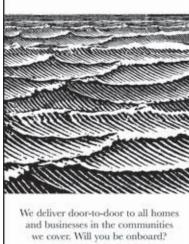
Residents are encouraged to visit the winning storefronts,

- "Best in Theme" Sunset Cliffs Animal Hospital, 4862 Santa Monica Ave.
- "Most Whimsical" Progressive Fitness, 4966 Santa Mon-
- "Most Traditional" Cottage Antiques, 4873 Newport Ave.
 • "Most Elegant" — Gary
- Gilmore Goldsmith, 4857 Newport

• "Special Mentions" — Bella Donna, 4820 Santa Monica Ave.; Bone Appetit, 4845 Newport Ave.; Dog Beach Dog Wash, 4933 Voltaire St.; OB Nails, 4796 Niagara Ave.; Lighthouse Ice Cream, 5059 Newport Ave.; and San Diego Bay Flower Company, 4822 Santa Monica Ave.

OBMA officials are now preparing for the 2009 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Judging for the home decorating contest takes place at dusk Sunday, Dec. 13. To enter, call (619) 316-3403. For more information, call (619) 224-4906, e-mail info@oceanbe achsandiego.com, or www.OceanBeachSanDiego.com.

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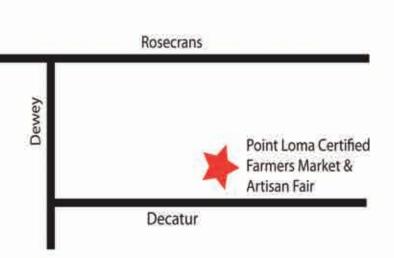
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Liberty Station Weekend Events

At Home with Laurie Ann Book Signing and Holiday Open House Sat, December 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2855 Perry Road San Diego, CA 92106

At Home with Laurie Ann will be hosting a book signing for *At Home with Laurie Ann: A Directors Guide: Turn the Place you Live into a Home you Love* with author Laurie Ann McMillin Ray. All are invited to attend, meet Laurie Ann, watch the live demonstrations, and enjoy the refreshments. For more information, visit www.laurieann.com, or call 619.758.9981.

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Holiday Night on the Promenade at Liberty Station

Sat, December 12, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Liberty Station will be hosting Holiday Night on the Promenade, a flurry of fun activities for all ages. Stop by Liberty Station to pick up your stocking suffers, and enjoy photos with Santa, holiday carolers, bounce houses, face painters, balloon artists, and more! There will also be autograph signings and photo-ops with actors Chris and Doug Brochu. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift for a gift drive benefitting Promises2Kids. For more information, visit libertystation.com.

Ex-pupils reflect during OB Elementary School centennial event

News

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach Elementary School alums of all ages shared memories, stories and laughter as they gathered recently to mark the school's 100-year anniversary. The Ocean Beach Historical Society (OBHS) hosted the event at Point Loma Methodist Church.

"This was a thrilling evening," said Dollie Malcolm Belt, a speaker who attended OB Elementary in the 1930s and was PTA president in 1959 and 1960. "There was a lot of laughter and shared memories. We probably could have talked the rest of the night."

OBHS held the event in conjunction with its monthly meeting. More than 60 people attended the event, filling the room to the brim.

'This just shows you how much of a community we really are and how we have folks that have been here for many, many years," said OBHS president Pat James. "It's just really great to bring these folks out. I know a lot of these people haven't seen each other for a lot of years.'

to Lincoln Rock, a lifelong Ocean Beach resident who attended OB Elementary and who died Oct. 26. After that dedication, San Diego

Unified School District trustee ing on the monkey bars, the rings John de Beck — who represents the district's coastal schools kicked things off by reminiscing about the area.

Following a short video presentation that featured former Ocean Beach resident George Cunningham sharing his thoughts about the school, a panel featuring alumni from each of the school's nine decades was invited to the front of the room. Each alum shared his or her memories about OB Elementary.

"You could pretty much hear from the stories and testimonies just the way people feel about it," James said.

Among the alumni on the panel was local celebrity Noah Tafolla. Tafolla hosts the KPBS show 'Wonderland" that takes a periodical look at different neighborhoods around San Diego.

Numerous people reflected on the May Pole Festival and the rose arbor in the middle of the school's grounds.

"We used to go out there and take our lunches, too," Belt said. That was a wonderful place to sit The celebration was dedicated and visit and play our games and do the naughty things that kids do to each other."

> Belt said her fondest memories of OB Elementary included play

and the jungle gym. And although she usually brought her lunch, Belt said she loved eating in the cafeteria when she got the chance - especially when they served creamed tuna on toast.

Following the panelists, the microphone was passed around the room to whoever wanted to share thoughts, allowing audience members to take a trip down memory lane. More than one person claimed chewing tar from the road as a strong memory from childhood.

"I loved it. You'd go out in the middle of the street and dig tar out from the street. That's where we got our tar," Belt said. "As a kid, I didn't have gum, so I ate tar. I'd go dig it out of the middle of the street.

After about two hours, the scheduled meeting ended. But the conversation continued for long after that, as Pelicans of all ages shared 100 years of memories.

OB Elementary's formal centennial celebration will be held next

For more information about the school's centennial celebration. visit www.obelementary.com.

For more information on the Ocean Beach Historical Society, visit obhistory.wordpress.com.



Ocean Beach Elementary School, which is in the midst of a centennial celebration, wowed the crowd with this decorative float during Saturday's 30th annual Ocean Beach Christmas Parade down Newport Avenue. PHOTO BY PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON



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GUEST COMMENTARY

Holiday light safety should be priority

By CHRISTINA HANSEN

While holiday decorating is all about adding fun, sparkle and warmth to a very special season, it's important to remember that many of our favorite decorations carry the risk of fire or electrical injury if not used carefully. Don't let a preventable accident take the enjoyment out of your holidays. Take a few minutes to consider these decorating safety tips.

Lights and decorations

When shopping for lights, electric decorations and extension cords, purchase only the ones that are UL-list-

If you're planning to decorate outdoors, make sure that you use lights and decorations that are rated for outdoor use. Putting indoor-only products outside in the weather can result in electric shock and fire hazards.

If you're in doubt as to whether light strings are rated for indoor or outdoor use, just check the color-coded UL mark on the product's package. A green holographic UL mark says, "indoors only, please," while a red one indicates that the product is safe for both indoor and outdoor

Whether they're brand-new out of the box or seasoned veterans from holidays past, before you put them up, inspect all lights, electric decorations and extension cords for signs of damage to wire insulation, plugs and bulbs. If cords and plugs are damaged, discard and replace the decoration.

Always unplug lights before changing bulbs, replacing fuses or making any other repairs.

If you need to replace a bulb in a string of Christmas lights, make sure that the wattage rating of the replacement bulb you're using matches that of the light strand. Using a bulb with too high a wattage can cause the light string to overheat, creating a fire risk.

When hanging Christmas lights outdoors, reduce your risk of electric shock by passing up metal ladders in favor of ladders made of non-conductive materials like wood or fiberglass-reinforced plastic.

Before you begin decorating, verify how many strands of lights it is safe to connect end-to-end (as a general rule, it's 3).

Be careful not to overload extension cords. Before you start plugging in, find out the wattage rating of your extension cord, as well as the power requirements of any lights or decorations you're planning to plug into it. A wattage rating is the amount of electricity that an extension cord is built to carry, and if the combined power requirements (or "pull") of your lights and decorations exceed that rating, overheating and fire can occur.

Every so often, check Christmas light wires to make sure that they're not warm to the touch.

Always turn off all Christmas lights and decorations before going to bed or leaving the house.

— Christina Hansen is a product specialist at CableOrganizer.com — a leading provider of cable, wire and equipment management solu-



Reprioritizing the cost, price of democracy

While Thanksgiving issues of other newspapers prominently showed gratitude to the U.S. military for the defense of our four freedoms abroad, the Nov. 26 issue of the Peninsula Beacon displayed the domestic cost of our foreign wars.

Whether it concerns the bankrupting of our public institutions and municipalities ("PL schools lobby to be heard as district's budget crisis deepens" and "Lifeguard staff reductions on table as deficit balloons," page 1), limited resources for human needs ("Holiday food/toy drive gears up to aid needy," page 1) or police harassment of civilians ("Skateboard safety enforcement misguided," page 6), the Beacon brought home the "cost of freedom is not free" message.

Demagogues may lay the blame at the feet of pit bulls, the union movement, the poor and other "evildoers" all the while offering us snake oil panaceas for our troubles, but the sorrows of empire will soon overrun even the swift.

So as we head into the season of peace, let me thank real leaders like Mike Ryan (skateboard) and Anna Daniels (library) for taking initial steps for the people. After all, aren't we Americans

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers make OB parade a success

The OB MainStreet Association wants to thank the OB Town Council's OB Tree Committee for their outstanding volunteer efforts.

The OB Christmas Parade was huge and so much fun. So many people wanted to participate this year because other parades were cancelled. The parade chairs -Kelly Touhill and Jodi Merchant did a phenomenal job.

Claudia Jack chaired the OB Tree Committee and, as usual, has done a fantastic job.

I know they had many volunteers who spent the entire day overseeing the parade. Also, a big thank you to all the announcers. What a great community effort! Keep up the great work!

Mike Akey

President, OBMA Board of Directors

Questions wisdom of using live community tree

When I saw that towering, majestic Canary Island Pine tree on the cover of the Peninsula Beacon last week, it was with great sadness that I realized Ocean Beach still uses a real Christmas tree on the sand. Is it worth sacrificing the life of such a venerable work of nature, when it will be tossed into a dumpster a few days

In an era when we are becom-Danny Morales ing more conscious of our planet's Ocean Beach needs — which ultimately are our

own --- we can use and re-use an artificial tree.

Carolisa Morgan

Let's stick with local holiday parade entries

Once again I left the Ocean Beach Christmas Parade early. It used to be a one-hour event, but of recent it seems the OB merchants want to fatten up their wallets with allowing more participants. Spring Valley and Barona Raceway? What do they have to do with OB?

Give me woodies, Harleys, skateboards, bicycles and surfers – the hallmarks of our beach community. The nauseous fumes from the racecars and the potential danger of their loss of control definitely does not put me in the Christmas spirit. Seeing the OB **Elementary School and Point** Loma HS classes, the local bands, the local businesses, that's what has made the parade a success.

> D. Showley Point Loma

CORRECTION

A story that appeared in the Nov. 26 Peninsula Beacon ("Holiday food/toy drive gears up to aid needy," page 1) should have stated the program is sponsored by the Ocean Beach Town Council's Tree Festival Committee.

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Woman shot during OB home-invasion robbery

San Diego police are investigating a reported home-invasion robbery in Ocean Beach during which a woman was shot in the leg Dec. 6.

According to police, a male suspect reportedly shot the victim at about 11:20 p.m. at a residence in the 4800 block of Long Branch Ave.

Police reports indicate the suspect followed the victim into the residence where her boyfriend was and attempted to rob the couple. A struggle ensued and the suspect shot the woman, resulting in non-serious injuries.

The suspect is described as a black male in his 30s, between five-feet seven-inches and fivefeet nine-inches, with a goatee and black clothing.

He was last seen fleeing eastbound on foot. The police department's Robbery Division is investigating and although no arrests have been made, police spokeswoman Mónica Muñoz said there are leads in the case.

Bicyclist suffers injuries in Sunset Cliffs crash

A 67-year-old bicyclist was injured Dec. 5 while traveling westbound in the 400 block of Hill Street when he collided with a parked pickup truck, according to San Diego police.

While traveling at a high rate of speed, the bicyclist reportedly veered to the right while adjusting his floppy hat, colliding with the truck around 12:18 p.m.

The resulting collision hurled the man into the bed of the parked truck, police said.

The unidentified victim reportedly suffered compound fractures in both arms from the crash, broke his right leg and suffered head injuries.

Sunset Cliffs work party slated for this Saturday

Residents can help keep the cliffs looking pretty during a Sunset Cliffs Work Party, scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the roped garden area south of the Ladera Street park-

Workers will spread mulch in the newly-expanded garden area and help plant nearly 250 native

Gloves and necessary tools will be provided at the work party and volunteers are encouraged to bring drinking water and sun-

Early birds can help move plants and tools before the event, starting at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, e-mail David Kimball at kimballd@cox.net.

G-Bots fall short in LEGO championship

A team of Warren-Walker School students saw their robotics dreams end Saturday at LEGOLAND California in the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Southern California Championship. Out of 52 teams, the G-Bots took home first place in the

robot design category and finished fifth in robot performance

"It was a fun day with lots of excited kids and fast action," said Lynn Collins, a G-Bots coach.

The G-Bots are made up of 10 Warren-Walker Middle School students, including Andrew Williams, Ziven Vonk, Emilio de la Garza, Betsy Tainer, Luke Celeste, Larsen Hayes, Hans Vonk, Spencer Collins, Ruben Medina-Coe and Aden Khalil. Lynn and Ken Collins coach the team.

The winners of Saturday's event, West Side from Palms Middle School in Los Angeles, will next participate in the FLL Championship in Atlanta in

Inaugural Rubber Ducky Races take wing Monday

The Blue Parrot Bar and Grill in Ocean Beach will be hosting a lively community fundraiser at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 to generate money for the Ocean Beach Christmas Tree Festival's 2009 Holiday Food and Toy Drive for the less fortunate.

The inaugural event of Rubber Ducky Races will involve participants buying and ultimately racing the light-hearted duckies for a \$200 cash prize and will feature food and drink specials and prizes.

Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 will get participants a regular rubber ducky, while donations of \$75 or more will land entrants a super ducky (with a shorter pond to paddle, according to event organizers.

For more information, call (619) 222-1722.

Oregon Christmas trees available at OB lot

Ocean Beach residents and merchants have banded together to create a Christmas tree lot in the southeast part of the parking lot of Apple Tree Market, 4949 Santa Monica Ave.

Organizers said the trees are brought to the area from Oregon and will be available at reasonable prices throughout the holiday season.

For more information, call (619) 224-4906.

Baron's Marketplace to host holiday gala In the spirit of the holidays,

Barons Marketplace will be hosting a weekend of music and

Baron's will feature local musician Larry Zeiger and some of his friends for a festive holiday gathering Saturday, Dec. 12 from noon to 4 p.m., although the celebration will run in its entirety from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Participants can stop in after a long day of holiday shopping and grab a complimentary cup of hot cocoa or mulled apple cider, as well as various holiday appetizer samplers.

The gourmet goodies will return for sampling on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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it could potentially face stiff penalties — possibly as much as \$6,000 per day for violations. The city can apply for a permit at no charge but the process could take six to eight weeks, Lee said.

If the city does want to pursue it, we're hoping they've looked at a number of alternatives," Lee said.

Such alternatives could include relocating the fire pits to locations cheaper to service, Lee said. As an example, Lee said the city of Coronado applied years ago to remove fire pits because of an "overconcentration" in some areas but ended up simply relocating them.

The fire pit program, which requires a full-time staff of two and a frontloading tractor, was placed on the chopping block a year ago before an anonymous donor stepped up and contributed nearly \$260,000 to keep the program running through June 2010.

As the city's staff works to cobble together a plan to close next year's estimated \$179 million budget shortfall — largely driven by the recession — the city could snuff the program and dispose of the concrete fire pits, said Rachel Laing, spokeswoman for Mayor Jerry Sanders' office.

The city's current fire pit donor program fund, established to save the fire pits through private, individual donations, sits at a little more than \$1,200. Vavi Sports and Social Club donated the largest sum of \$250, according to the city documents.

That's hardly enough to keep the program.

"We'll keep them (fire pits) if our economy recovers and ... if we could get into a position where we could replace them," Laing said.

Cutting the program would save about \$105,000 in salary expenses, with additional savings by cutting associated benefits, Laing said. Though the positions would be eliminated, employees working the program may "not necessarily" be laid off, Laing

However, the positions are but two of 530 full-time equivalent positions Sanders proposes to eliminate across city departments. Fire department and pub-

They [fire pits] are on the reduction list. If the reduction is taken, we'll be working with the California Coastal Commission staff to determine if any permits are required.

STACY LOMEDICO

lic safety positions could also get the ax to help save about \$82.6 million, according to city officials. About 200 of those positions being considered for elimination are currently filled, according to a statement by the mayor's office.

Along with the fire pits, the Park and Recreation Department could cut additional positions, if the City Council approves the mayor's proposed 18-month budget reductions this week and next, according to Park and Recreation Department Director Stacy LoMedico.

"They (fire pits) are on the reduction list," LoMedico said "If the reduction is taken, we'll be working with the California Coastal Commission staff to determine if any permits are required [before removal]."

While the city maneuvers itself to cut staff and services citywide, some in the community are organizing to save their beloved fire pit program. A Facebook web- \mathbf{a} and page website, www.savethefirepits.com, has sparked a small movement.

The website includes an online petition to "save the fire pits."

Though site administrators could not be reached, the website reads: "... Fire Pits on the beaches have survived for decades, through prosperous and lean times. Let's not let the city use these tight times as the excuse to eliminate them forever. This is an opportunity to reduce the costs, but not destroy a San Diego tradi-

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group.

"Citizens for a Green and Safe Point Loma and Point Loma residents are very pleased with the revised outcome for the handling and distribution of excess methane gas from the Point Loma Wastew- feasibility of bringing bio-gas ater facility," Pedersen said. "Utilizing the existing SDG&E pipeline to were certainly ripe for this," Reed transport the gas instead of trucking through our residential neighborhoods is a practical, green and safe solution."

Now the project falls into the hands of SDG&E and BioFuels Energy, the Carlsbad company that the city has contracted with. Jeffrey Reed, director of marketing and emergent technology for SDG&E, said construction for the project will begin late next year or early 2011.

"Given the (City) Council approval now to restructure the project to pipeline injection, Bio-Fuels Energy will be moving forward with additional design work, financing and then commencing construction," Reed said.

According to Reed, SDG&E has recently been looking into putting bio-gas on its grid. So when Faulconer came to SDG&E with the proposal that he and locals developed in September, Reed said SDG&È officials were happy to pursue the alternative.

"We've had a bio-gas initiative for the last couple of years studying resources onto the system. We said. "We were at the stage of beginning to identify initial commercial projects that could start to supply their gas to the system. So it was quite timely."

SDG&E will work with BioFuels Energy in support of its efforts. Reed said SDG&E would be responsible for the design, engineering and construction for the interconnection of existing facilities with its grid while the BioFuels would do the same for any other facilities necessary for the project.

"SDG&E views bio-gas as a very important potential renewable resource for the state and we're very pleased to see the first commercial project going into the implementation phase," Reed said.



day magic is alive and well in Ocean Beach

The streets of Ocean Beach were filled with plenty of holiday sights and sounds Saturday during the 30th annuall OB Christmas Parade, including the Disco Wonderland float, above. Parade winners this year were San Diego Woodies for the Best Family/Neighbor entry; Cameron Highlanders for Best Music Entry; Silver Gate Elementary School for Best School entry; The Electric Giraffe for Best Individual entry; Young at Art for the Best Youth entry; and Noah's Arc for the Best Church entry. Look for more parade coverage in coming editions.

Parade of Lights sets sail at Mission Bay Saturday

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Thousands of locals will line the shores of Mission Bay on Saturday, Dec. 12 for the annual Mission Bay Parade of Lights. The parade is as uniquely Mission Beach as any holiday celebration.

"It's very unique," said Mission Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) vice commodore Randy Smith. "You don't often get to see a hundred boats dressed up in different colored lighting celebrating the holiday."

More than 60,000 people are expected to attend the event that will feature more than 100 boats parading around the bay from 7 to 9 p.m. brandishing all variety of holiday lights. MBYC and SeaWorld put on the parade that sets sail from Quivira Basin.

"It's a non-commercialized, free event to celebrate the Christmas season. We don't take advertising nor do we allow advertising, Smith said. "It's totally just for fun and just to celebrate the holiday in the San Diego spirit."

The parade concludes with a fireworks display courtesy of Sea-World. The fireworks bring an end to what Smith said is a festive

Since Smith is always at the helm of a boat during the parade, including captaining the lead boat in this year's edition, he has never watched the parade from land. If he were to, however, Smith suggested Crown Point, Vacation Island, Riviera Shores and Fiesta Island as the best spots to watch the parade - the latter two because of the amount of parking available.

"There's so many places to view it that crowds are not an issue," Smith said.

Registration is still open to those who wish to float in the parade. Each participant in the parade receives a plaque of recognition from SeaWorld.

For more event information, including a map of the parade route and how to go about registering, visit www.mission-bayparadeoflights.org.

Annual Parade of Lights to cast holiday glow over SD Bay for 2 consecutive weekends

By JOHN GREGORY | THE BEACON

More than 80 vessels decorated year's San Diego Bay Parade of Lights on Dec. 13 and 20.

The event, now in its 38th year, begins each of the Sundays with a sor is the Unified Port of san Diego.

works show.

Beginning at the east end of in colorful holiday lights are Shelter Island, the boats will expected to participate in this parade into the downtown waterfront and Coronado areas. This year's theme is "Christmas at the Zoo." The event's presenting spon-

5:30 p.m. start signaled by a fire- For more information see sdpa- cadero as well as the pathway radeoflights.org.

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- The park behind Seaport Vil-

PARADE TIMES Approximate arrival times are:

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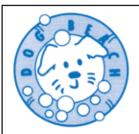
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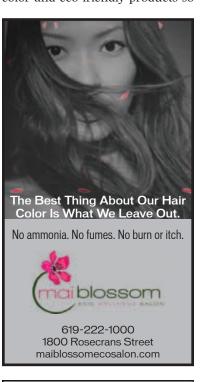
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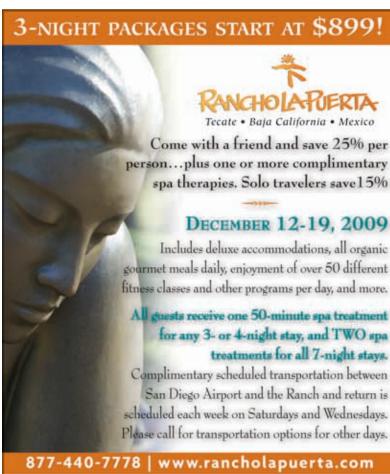


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Benefit concert hits home for organizer of musicfest

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

San Diego's musicians are known for lending a helping hand whenever the need arises, with benefit concerts and fundraisers set up to help various service organizations.

While all of this charitable help is welcomed, it's especially poignant when funds are being raised for an organization by a person who herself was helped to get back on her feet. Such is the case with jazz and soul singer Regina Leonard.

Saturday, Dec. Humphrey's Backstage Lounge will be the site of "Regina's Christmas Jam Fundraiser," the first of what organizers hope will become an annual event. Inspired by her friend, Americana singer Sara Petite, who has promoted fundraisers for Becky's House (the YWCA's Domestic Violence Program), Leonard decided to try her hand at promoting a benefit concert.

Her choice of cause — San Diego's homeless — was pragmatic.

"I wanted to donate to the places that helped me when I was teetering on homelessness about five years ago," Leonard said.

The event benefits El Cajon's Halcyon Crisis Center and Golden Hill's Isis Center, both of which Leonard staved with at one point.

"Especially with the economy the way it is, I keep thinking about the people who will end up sitting in a shelter over the holidays with no family, because I was there," Leonard said. "I remember watching the ball drop (on New Years Eve)

and feeling really alone. So I know, no matter how small the contribution, it's important."

The day's guests have more than a dozen San Diego Music Award wins and nomninations between them, including Petite and British rock 'n' roller Dave Humphries, singer-songwriter Cathryn Beeks, hluesman Robin Henkel. troubadour Chuck Schiele and guitarist Charlie Imes. All are donating their services.

"I'm really lucky I was able to call on such amazing friends," Leonard said. "The music community here really comes together when they see a chance to help."

Though Leonard has taken the local club scene by storm in the past few years, she is a relative newcomer to music.

"I was raised in a super strict, religious household," Leonard said. "We weren't allowed to pursue any kind of extracurricular activities like music."

Her catalyst for writing songs emerged from personal tragedy when, still in her early 20s, her husband passed away.

"That tragedy shook me out of my lifestyle," Leonard said. "From that darkness I rose up with this resolve to do music."

Currently recording her debut album, Leonard will release a sixsong E.P. of Christmas favorites to coincide with this show.

"Having waited so long to start the recording process, I didn't want to let 2009 pass without releasing some sort of album," Leonard said.



Regina Leonard, once on the verge of being homeless, is organizing a benefit concert Dec. 12 to aid those less fortunate this holiday season. The concert takes place at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge from 2 to 6 p.m.

Tracks were laid down with producer Sven Erik Seaholm, featuring a band that included a four-piece horn section and some of the area's top blues players, notably bassist Big Slim of The Blue Invaders. Highlights include a storming take on James Brown's "Soulful Christmas" and "Merry Christmas Baby," as popularized by Bruce Springsteen.

With a late start as a performer, Leonard has tempered her career aspirations — but only a little.

"Fortunately I've managed to keep a grasp on my naïve enthusiasms to keep me going. I had illusions in the beginning that (success) would be pretty quick," Leonard said. "There's a lot of things that I don't do well, but I put on a good show.

"At this point, I've come to the realization that the only thing that will keep me going is the love of doing (music)," she added. "I may very well never 'make it,' but (music) is something I have to do to feel fulfilled as a human being."

"Regina's Christmas Fundraiser" takes place from 2 to 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. Tickets are \$8. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/reginaleonard.

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PLNU women's soccer squad makes impressive run at a national title

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) women's soccer team (15-4) came to an end Dec. 5 with a 2-0 defeat at the hands of defending seed Simon Fraser (B.C.) then champion Lee (Tenn.) 21-2-1 at the Jack Allen Sports Complex in Decatur, Ala. in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championship game.

"It was phenomenal," said PLNU incredible job. I'm impressed with how hard they worked to get there and how committed they were to each other. It was a dream season.'

eliminated in the Golden State Ath- saves in the game. letic Tournament (GSAC) but An unexpected title run by the entered the competition as an atlarge team. PLNU began the single-elimination national tournament with a 1-0 shutout over No. 9 knocked off GSAC rival and No. 8 seed Vanguard 6-1. Point Loma rolled over No. 1 seed Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) 6-1 in the quarterfinals to gain a berth in the semifinals.

The Sea Lions followed up the head coach Tim Hall. "They did an impressive victory over Lindsey Wilson with another impressive win over GSAC rival and No.4 seed Azusa Pacific University (APU) in penalty kicks 3-0. Freshman goalkeeper Tiffany Kracy held APU The Sea Lions entered the cham-scoreless in regulation, two overpionship unranked after they were times and in penalty kicks with five

Kracy was named the defensive player of the tournament and was also named to the first team All-Tournament, along with teammate Katie Pedlowe. Amanda Rowand was awarded the Brine Champion of Character Award.

Hall believes the key ingredient to success for the team this season was how well all of the players were able to get along throughout the year.

"The chemistry on this team is incredible both on and off the field," said Hall. "They all work hard for each other. There are no cliques on this team."

He said the camaraderie

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The Point Loma Nazarene University women's soccer team celebrates after knocking off No. 1 seed Lindsey Wilson in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championship tournament last week.

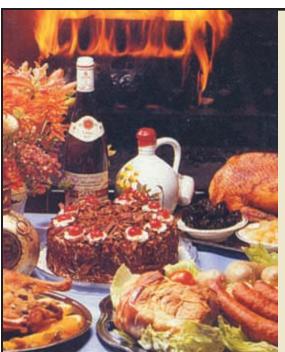


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Pointers chew up Cougers to reach CIF finals at 'Q'

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

"We're going to 'The Q' baby!" yelled dozens of sweat-soaked, grass-stained football players from Point Loma High School on Friday.

Moments later, the traditional Gatorade shower bathed an unsuspecting head coach Mike Hastings as the euphoric band of players prepared to sing the school's alma mater before a group of shrieking parents, students and fans.

The Pointers are heading back to Qualcomm Stadium for their fourth appearance in the last five rounds of county championships.

Point Loma players ground out vet another come-from-behind victory Dec. 4, edging the stubborn Steel Canyon Cougars 30-26 in a CIF Division III semifinal nailbiter at Mt. Carmel High School.

Running back Emilio Diaz (5 carries for 31 yards) picked up a crucial first down with a blast through the Cougar defense with just over one minute left, allowing the Pointers to take a knee as the stadium scoreboard clock rushed

toward zero. The Pointer crowd erupted in ecstatic cheers while players began rushing the field.

Across the expanse of turf, Cougar players faced the reality that their dream was over.

The winning touchdown drive for the Pointers was a nicely executed 12-play drive covering 72 vards that consumed more than six minutes.

Morris Mathews (10 carries for 64 yards) powered the final 12 vards early in the fourth quarter, and the Dogs' tenacious defense shut the Cats down the rest of the

"We made the plays that counted and found a way to win," Hastings said.

Pointer placekicker Ruben Diaz drilled a 38-yard field goal with just three seconds remaining in the first half to give the Dogs their first lead of the game at 16-13.

Then came a wild third quarter that gave the Cougars their third and fourth leads of the game before the Pointers' final burst.

The Spring Valley school took the second half kickoff and

helmet-slapping his teammates,



Under extreme pressure from Point Loma's Anthony Joyner (68) and Sean Stepina (36), Steele Canyon quarterback Brad Boehmke (10) throws the football behind himself as a surprised Alex Perlin (7) watches helplessly. Boehmke was penalized for intentional grounding on the play. PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

marched to the end zone for a 20- Davis Callejon that came on a third-16 lead after kicking the extra

After the Pointers were called for holding during the next possession and faced a first-and-22 dilemma, quarterback Keegan Fitzgerald (3 pass completions, 84 yards) stunned the Cougar defense with a 75-yard touchdown bomb to favorite target

and-10 situation. The Pointers took a 23-20 lead after making the extra

The Cats came right back, connecting on a 71-yard scoring toss only two plays later. Despite Callejon's second PAT block of the night, the Cougars took a 26-23 lead, setting the stage for the Pointers' final drive.

The teams also matched each other in the first half, with the Cougars leaping to a 7-0 lead on a drive that began after a Point Loma fumble. Alex Perlin (11 carries, 102 yards) scored his first of two touchdowns from 32 yards on a fourthdown play.

The Dogs showed their fourthdown prowess when Leslie Rogers (who led all rushers with 20 carries for 131 yards) scored from 15 yards on a fourth-and-six play early in the second quarter.

That $\bar{7}$ -7 tie lasted all of 37 seconds as the Cats went up again on a 43yard run followed by Callejon's first PAT block.

The Pointers knotted the score at 13 on a drive capped by Fitzgerald's (16 carries, 94 yards) one-yard plunge. Diaz's PAT attempt was blocked.

The Dogs ran up some big numbers, totaling 358 yards on the ground. Stephan Jackson carried three times for 21 yards and Zach Gemmill had 17 yards on two carries as the team averaged 6.4 yards per

The 9-3 Pointers will encounter archrival 11-1 Cathedral Catholic for the Division III crown tomorrow, Dec. 11 in a 1 p.m. kickoff at the Mission Vallev stadium.

"Our kids are pumped," said Hastings. "We're going to show up and leave it all on the field."

PLHS pays homage to fallen teammate

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Michael Taylor would have loved the Point Loma Pointers' 30-26 come-from-behind victory in

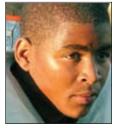
> last Friday's CIF Division III semifinal football game against Steele

Canyon. In fact, he

played

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would have



MICHAEL TAYLOR

running from group to group and hugging the friends with whom he had practiced and sweated with for so long. Finally, Taylor's moment would

have come. His beloved Pointers were headed to "The Q." They were going to the county championships.

Instead, all Taylor's teammates could do Friday after their emotional victory was point skyward and touch the white stickers on the back of their helmets — the ones with the letters "MT."

Taylor was shot and killed almost a year to the day before this game. Only 15 years old, Michael and a female friend died at the

hands of a gunman Dec. 6, 2008 as they walked home from a party in their Southeast San Diego neigh-

Adding to the pain, Michael's killer has yet to be identified. But the students and staff at Point Loma High remember the smiling, athletic freshman with the bright

Football players and coaches attended a peace march last weekend in Southeast San Diego honoring Taylor and his friend.

Pointer football players said they know Taylor will be with them in spirit on the sidelines at Qualcomm Stadium for their 1 p.m. contest against Cathedral Catholic in tomorrow's championships.





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between his players was something very unique and that none of his players felt like an outsider.

Taylor might well have jumped

high in the air as the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard clock,

Point Loma struggled through the tournament because of the 20degree weather in Alabama.

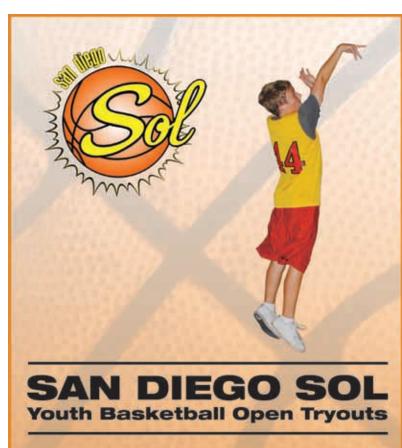
"The weather affects you but it didn't stop our team," said Hall. "They played with tremendous

The women's appearance was the fifth all-time for PLNU sports in an NAIA championship game. The other Sea Lions teams to make the NAIA Finals were volleyball (1996), softball (2002 and 2006) and baseball (2009). Point Loma has yet to win an NAIA championship in any

Volleyball squad falls

Georgetown (Ky) eliminated PLNU's women's volleyball team in three games (25-21, 26-24, 27-25) on Dec. 4. Fresno Pacific defeated Georgetown to win the NAIA title, beating them in three games (25-15, 25-18, 25-12) on Dec. 5.





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Dec. 10-13, the New Americans Museum hosts "Body Narratives: Expression Through the Human Form," featuring artwork from mysterious wrapped figures to lyrical floating bodies and from figurative abstractions to a houdini-like escape performance. Exhibition times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Bldg. 202, Suite 102. For more information, visit www.ntcpromenade.org.

Sunday, Dec. 13, 10:15 a.m., the Children's Choir of First Church of the Nazarene performs "The Best Christmas Present Ever," followed by a service and a marketplace luncheon in the Family Life Center served by community vendors. The event also includes a food drive for the Loaves and Fishes hunger program. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item to aid the cause. The event takes place at 3901 Lomaland Drive. For more information, call (619) 849-3110, or visit www.churchonthepoint.com.

Sunday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., Vanguard Ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Theatre holds auditions for the comedy production of "You Can't Take it With You." Organizers are seeking nine men, seven women and three extras. Performances are March 12-14, March 19-21 and March

26-28. Auditions take place at the church, 3598 Talbot. For information, call (619) 459-3336.

Through Jan. 17, Quilt Visions/Visions Art Quilt Gallery hosts a new exhibit, "Interpretations 2009." An opening reception takes place Saturday, Nov. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. The admission to the gallery, located at 2825 Dewey Road, is free. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call (619) 546-4872, or visit www.quiltvisions.org.

COMMUNITY/CIVIC

• Saturday, Dec. 12, noon to 4 p.m., Baron's Marketplace hosts local musician Larry Zeiger and friends during a festive holiday gathering that includes a complimentary cup of hot cocoa or mulled apple cider. On Dec.12 and Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Baron's will provide samplings of gourmet goodies. For more information, call (619) 223-1696, ext. 305 or e-mail rachelshemirani@baronsmarket.com.

RELIGIOUS

Thursday, Dec. 24, various times, The Rock Church hosts Christmas Eve services at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Childcare is not provided. For more information, call (619) 226-ROCK, or e-mail worshiparts@therocksandiego.org.

SCHOOLS

CABRILLO

• Thursday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., holiday program featuring grades kindergarten through 4.

CORREIA

- Friday, Dec. 11, 1 to 3 p.m., "Play It Safe" assemblies; CIMA Barnes & Noble fundraising night; progress reporting ends.
- Through Friday, Dec. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Scholastic Book Fair.

DANA

- Friday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Winter Theater Showcase in Jackson Theater.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m., DIMA Symphonic Band and String Orchestra performs for Point Loma elementary feeder schools in Jackson Theater.
- Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Point Loma High School Winter Concert featuring the entire PLHS Music Department with seasonal classics like Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and the band masterpiece "Russian Christmas Music" in Jackson Theater.
- Thursday, Dec. 17, Dana Instrumental Music Winter Concert assemblies in Jackson Theater; 9:20 a.m. for grade 5, 11:20 a.m. for grade 6.
- Friday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m., Dana Instrumental Music Winter Concert in Jackson Theater.
 - Dec. 21-Jan. 1, winter break.

LOMA PORTAL

- Friday, Dec. 11, awards assembly in auditorium.
- Through Friday, Dec. 11, Holiday Gift Fair in auditorium during school hours
- Dec. 10-17, 1:15 p.m., hot dog and festive bake sale by 4thgraders.
- Dec. 19-Jan. 3, winter break.

OB ELEMENTARY

- Friday, Dec. 11, Family Craft
- Wednesday, Dec. 16, Mrs. Kilian's bake sale.

POINT LOMA HIGH

• Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Point Loma High School Winter Concert featuring the entire PLHS Music Department with seasonal classics like Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and the band masterpiece "Russian Christmas Music" in Dana Middle School's Jackson Theater.

SILVER GATE

- Today, Dec. 10, 4 to 8 p.m., special event at Fresh & Easy (955 Catalina Blvd.) netting 5 percent of all sales to the school.
- Friday, Dec. 11, student recognition assembly in auditorium; 12:45 p.m. for grades 1 and 2; 1:15 p.m. for grades 3 and 4.
- Through Friday, Dec. 11, 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., book fair.
- Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., FSG meeting in auditorium.

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- Wednesday, Dec. 16, Family Dinner Night.
- Thursday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Christmas programs.

• Friday, Dec. 18, 12:15 p.m. dismissal, Christmas recess begins.

SUNSET VIEW

• Today, Dec. 3, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Art Corps Family Night in auditorium.

WARREN-WALKER

- Monday, Dec. 14, 10 to 11 a.m., Masterpiece Mornings for 2to 3-year-olds and their caregivers. The event is free. Call (619) 223-3663 for details.
- Monday, Dec. 14, 2nd grade field trip to LEGOLAND.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1st-graders see "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the Old Globe Theater.
- Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1:15 p.m., holiday tea and band concert for parents of grades 4 through 8 at middle school.
- Thursday, Dec. 17, 10:45 a.m., prekindergarten and junior kindergarten holiday play; families are invited.
- Thursday, Dec. 17, holiday roller skating party for middle school.
- Friday, Dec. 18, 10:30 a.m., kindergarten high tea; families are invited.
 - Dec. 21-Jan. 1, winter break.

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Monday, Dec. 14, San Diego SOL Youth Basketball League hosts open tryouts for boys and girls in grades 3 through high school at Francis Parker Upper School, 6501 Linda Vista Road. To register, e-mail coachheckman@sandiegosol.com, or visit www.sandiegosol.com.

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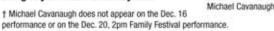


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Happy Hour 5-6pm

1/2 Price Pitchers

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Nightly Specials:

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Every Saturday

\$2 Mimosas

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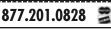


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