



## Schools trying to seize own destiny

*District budget woes foreshadow pain*

By **SEBASTIAN RUIZ** | THE BEACON

In anticipation of statewide budget cuts to education, the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) continues to grapple with a projected \$89 million to \$100 million shortfall next school year. The bleak forecast is forcing the district's parents and administrators to keep scrambling for ways to soften the blow that deep cuts could have on jobs and classrooms.

The latest school budget workshop Feb. 9 left board of education members with tough decisions ahead, including such options as an of 8 percent pay reduction for teachers, personnel layoffs and cuts to programs held dear by many students who spoke publicly to trustees Tuesday.

At the behest of the board, a "priority-based budgeting" committee made up of district staff and several subcommittee members spent the last month canvassing individual communities to assess educational priorities of parents, teachers and SDUSD employees. As a result, committee members suggested keeping current class-size ratios, suspending the Off-Campus Integrated Learning Experience (OCILE) program through 2013 and reorganizing administrative functions within departments and programs.

Though many full-time equivalent jobs remain vacant, "some positions will be left out," said Phil Stover, SDUSD interim chief special projects officer. Stover presented much of the committee's find-

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Students and teachers picketed outside the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education meeting Tuesday against a series of proposed deep budget cuts. **SEBASTIAN RUIZ** | THE BEACON

## YOUTH GONE WILD?



Police officials said they are acting as swiftly as possible to head off problems caused by a transient group of young adults near the Ocean Beach Pier. Some residents claim the group aggressively panhandles tourists and visitors. **PHOTOS BY JIM GRANT** | THE BEACON

## Free spirits tax even OB's tolerance level

By **KEVIN MCKAY** | THE BEACON

For decades, the prevailing wind in Ocean Beach has carried with it a theme of tolerance, forgiveness and a live-and-let-live philosophy. In this laid-back, hippie-influenced enclave, it usually takes a lot to upset the balance.

Over time, migrations of transients have come and gone, setting up temporary residence along Newport Avenue and the OB Pier — homeless veterans, the mentally ill, the down-and-outers — most just keeping to themselves and wishing to be left undisturbed, according to observers.

But residents and merchants are becoming vocal against a new set of particularly aggressive, panhandling free spirits ranging in age from 18 to 26 — some, according to police, from as far away as Canada and many apparently hailing from Portland and other parts of Oregon — that has set down tempo-

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## ON THE STREETS

The Peninsula Beacon will examine the recent influx of young transient people to Newport Avenue and the Ocean Beach Pier in a multi-part series. **Today:** The problem. **Feb. 25:** Solutions and community involvement. Submit your thoughts to us by e-mail at [beacon@sdnews.com](mailto:beacon@sdnews.com).

## Trial begins for man accused of wife's murder

By **KEVIN MCKAY** | THE BEACON

Was money a motivation for murder? That premise will serve as the springboard for trial as opening statements and prosecution testimony got under way this week for a Point Loma man accused of killing his estranged wife from Ocean Beach.

Trial opened Monday for Henry Lisowski, 69, who prosecutors allege murdered Rosa Lisowski on March 24, 2008 in an attempt to dodge child-support payments for the two young chil-

dren they shared and to avoid scrutiny over what the prosecution maintains was \$1.3 million in underestimated assets held by Henry Lisowski.

Confidants of Rosa Lisowski and San Diego County Deputy District Attorney Nicole Cooper have alleged Henry Lisowski leveled threats to harm Rosa, who disap-

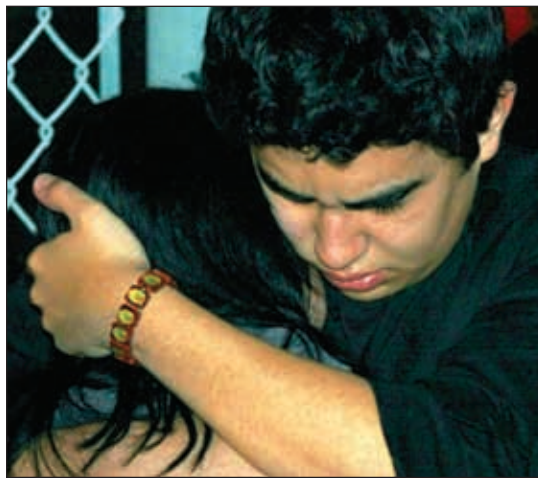


**ROSA LISOWSKI**

peared after walking the couple's youngest son to school at Barnard Elementary in Ocean Beach. Her body was never found.

San Diego County Deputy Public Defender Richard Gates disputed the murder allegations and motive of financial gain, however, maintaining Rosa died as the result of a fall at Henry Lisowski's home in the Midway area in which she allegedly tripped on a set of stairs and struck her head on the pave-

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Emilio Ramos, one of Rosa Lisowski's two oldest children from a previous marriage, gets an embrace during a March 2008 vigil held in the Midway area for his missing mother. Rosa disappeared March 24, 2008 from the Ocean Beach area. Her body was never recovered. Ramos was among the first to testify for the prosecution Monday during trial proceedings against suspected killer Henry Lisowski.

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# Ground broken on Rosecrans/Miramar annex

By **SEBASTIAN RUIZ** | THE BEACON

Elected officials joined about 150 military veterans and active-duty personnel Jan. 30 to dedicate the long-awaited Miramar National Cemetery that will serve as an annex to Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

The gathering was part of a momentous groundbreaking ceremony at the new site along Nobel Drive near Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Officials expect the 313-acre site to begin interments with full burial services in September, according to Miramar National Cemetery director

Kirk Leopard.

"Today marks the culmination of 10 years of efforts by the San Diego veterans' community and the San Diego community as a whole. This is going to provide a service that veterans have needed and wanted for 40 years," Leopard said.

Leopard also serves as director of Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

Saturday's ceremony also included the unveiling of a memorial plaque.

Currently full, Fort Rosecrans has not taken new interments since 1966. It still takes family members of those currently buried at Fort Rosecrans, however, and has spaces for inurnments. However, the

new Miramar National Cemetery will provide full interment and inurnment services for an estimated 235,000 veterans, according to a statement from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The nearest site presently offering full burial services is Riverside National Cemetery.

Veteran Angel Aviles said local burial services have been "a long time coming."

Aviles, a Korean and Vietnam war veteran and president of the Military Officers Association of America's Pendleton Chapter, said he gave away a previously reserved spot at the Arlington National

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Gen. Robert Cardeñas (USAF, Ret.), left, and Mayor Jerry Sanders attended the groundbreaking Jan. 30 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.  
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## OB resident gets two years in vehicular manslaughter case

By **NEAL PUTNAM** | THE BEACON

An Ocean Beach man who had asked his passenger to "wake him up" should he fall asleep at the wheel during a drive on Interstate 8 was sentenced Feb. 1 to two years in state prison for drunken vehicular manslaughter.

Gene Patrick Washburn, 57, had been free on \$100,000 bond, but was remanded to custody immediately after El Cajon Superior Court Judge Charles Ervin sentenced him for causing the death of his friend, John Bauld, 47, on Dec. 20. Probation was denied.

Washburn told authorities he must have fallen asleep at the wheel. He said he recalled telling his passenger to "wake him up" if he fell asleep while driving, said Deputy District Attorney Karra Reedy.

Washburn's Buick Regal drove off the south side of the highway around 3:45

p.m. and the vehicle rolled several times before hitting a rock embankment. Washburn suffered a broken leg and was taken by helicopter to a hospital. Bauld was pronounced dead at the scene.

A cliffside memorial service was held Jan. 17 at Sunset Cliffs. Bauld lived in downtown San Diego.

Washburn pleaded guilty just 10 days after the crash to vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, according to court records. He could have received a maximum 4-year prison term but he agreed to accept a two-year term. Washburn was convicted of misdemeanor drunk driving in October 2000 in San Diego Superior Court.

Reedy said Washburn's blood/alcohol level was .08 percent — the limit considered to be legally drunk — about two hours later in a hospital. Washburn was given credit for six days spent in jail before he posted a bond.



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# District gives PLHS traffic a deeper look

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

As a result of upcoming Proposition S projects, the district is taking a look at traffic around Point Loma High School (PLHS) sooner than expected. The study will be discussed at the school's next Proposition S meeting on Monday, Feb. 22.

"Point Loma High School is probably the most dense high school that we have in the district, in terms of the number of kids and the acreage," said Jim Watts with the district's architectural program.

"It has the most kids per acre of any of our district high schools and it's a very established neighborhood. So that presents a lot of operational challenges," he said.

The traffic study is coming in response to a Proposition S project that will replace a restroom at the southern edge of the campus near Voltaire Street. Watts said when the bathroom project was presented there was hesitancy.

"There was a lot of concern from the neighbors that the facility we were planning was too big and whether it was in the right place," Watts said. "So we

agreed that we would initiate a site master planning exercise and a traffic study to look into their concerns."

The district hired traffic consultants Kimley-Horn to conduct the study, which took place over the course of a couple weeks in January. The study was presented at PLHS at the Proposition S meeting on Jan. 25.

"We got the feedback from that group (in terms of) which things were supported and which were not, and based on that, we're going to meet again on Feb. 22 to refine those options and present them again," Watts said. "We'll ultimately be then coming up with a game plan to move forward to actually implement the final recommendations."

Among the information presented at the meeting, the study found that most drivers speed in the areas right around the school. A list of existing conditions on Chatsworth Boulevard at Clove and Zola streets and on Voltaire Street near the stadium entrance was also presented.

"We are looking at ways that we can potentially improve the drop-off situation, primarily in the mornings — the

peak time there — with some additional crosswalks and traffic-calming measures at the northern end of the site and potential addition of another traffic signal," Watts said.

Watts said the traffic study would have been necessary given potential Proposition S projects down the line, including any work done on the stadium. As far as implementation for the study, it will for now be used as more of a framework for future projects rather than a traffic blueprint. The report itself for the study hasn't been finalized yet.

"The implementation of the actual improvements will vary depending on what we ultimately decided to move forward with and the timeline that it takes to put those in place," Watts said.

The next Proposition S meeting will take place on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the PLHS media center.

"We've got a good a collaboration going now with the community and the residents to make sure that they're engaged and know what's happening at the school," Watts said. "We welcome anyone that wants to come to come to our next meeting."

# Elsbree pays it forward with Dollars for Scholars

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

For more than two decades, Ocean Beach resident Katie Elsbree has helped make further education possible for high school students throughout San Diego. Elsbree got her start locally, founding the county's first Dollars for Scholars chapter in Ocean Beach in 1983.



KATIE ELSBREE

"It's important that each community support young people," Elsbree said. "If you are trying to find the best way to get equality it's going to be through education. Education is what's going to make equality amongst all children."

Elsbree was recognized for her efforts in the organization with the 10News Leadership Award in July 2009.

Last year, the nonprofit Ocean Beach Dollars for Scholars awarded more than \$28,000 in scholarships to local high school students. Among the awards they hand out annually include the Ocean Beach Community Service, Point Loma Alumni and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce scholarships.

"We have organizations that give us money and we give it out to the local Ocean Beach and Point Loma students," Elsbree said. "We give scholarships to people that give back to the community. We like to think that we're all paying it forward here in Ocean Beach."

Elsbree first began donating to local schools to honor Steve Rogow, a fellow classroom volunteer and musician who died of a heart attack at 42. The Steve Rogow Music Scholarship is still awarded annually.

"We wanted to acknowledge what he had done for the community and to make a memorial for him. That's how

we started," Elsbree said. "It has expanded and grown. More and more people have joined us."

In addition to the Dollars for Scholars chapter in OB, Elsbree has also helped start 17 chapters in various parts of the county. From North County to East County to the South Bay, Elsbree's influence has been felt around San Diego.

"We would love to have more people join us," Elsbree said. "We're always looking for people."

Ocean Beach Dollars for Scholars is under the national umbrella of Scholarship America, a Minnesota-based nonprofit. Elsbree said donations to the organization are completely tax-deductible.

"If they give us \$500 to give as scholarship, we write the check out for \$500 and give it to the student in the name they want," Elsbree said.

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# CEMETERY

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Cemetery about 10 years ago. He currently lives in San Diego with his wife.

"This is the proper place to be buried right now," Aviles said. "And I think this is the greatest thing to ever happen for veterans."

Fred Jacques served 26 years in the Army, doing two tours in Vietnam. He was 16 years old when he enlisted but told the military he was 17 at the time.

"Rosecrans is full," Jacques said, "and when you go ... this is close to home now. So instead of carrying you across the nation to some other cemetery, why not be buried here in California where you live."

Jacques said he's been waiting for the opening of the Miramar annex for several years.

Although the first interments are planned in September, ongoing construction should last several years over six phases, according to Leopard.

The first phase of the Miramar site construction would include about 11,500 gravesites with 4,500 "in ground" cremation sites, 10,000 columbarium niches, public assembly areas and administration buildings, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Van Dyke Landscape Architects, a San Diego firm, holds the \$961,004 design contract.

The day's ceremony included several retired and active military officials who spoke, along with a keynote address by Steve L. Muro, acting Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs. The ceremony concluded with a rifle salute and a lone bugler playing "taps."

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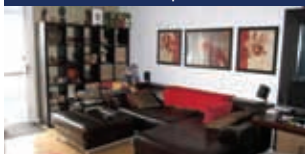
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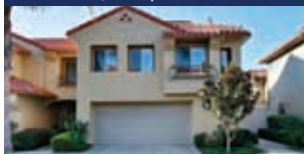
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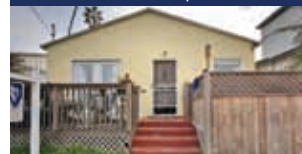
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NEWS**briefs****Peninsula YMCA to break ground on gymnasium**

The Peninsula Family YMCA will open a new chapter Feb. 20 with the groundbreaking of phase 2 of expansion at the Claude and Gladys Family YMCA — the heart of which will be the new Haas Family Gymnasium.

The Haas Family Gymnasium (phase 2) will expand YMCA programming and will serve as an extension of Correia Middle School during school hours for physical education classes and be used by the YMCA for basketball, gymnastics and other programs at other times. Additionally, the school district will share some of its parking to create a unique community collaboration that helps local youth.

Phase 3 is expected to begin in early 2011 and will include a new two-story

complex with group exercise studios, community meeting rooms, teen/senior technology lab, expanded lobby, and an expanded fitness and wellness center.

Phase 1 of the construction was completed in 2006 and included locker room renovations, a new therapy pool, poolside family picnic area and landscape enhancements.

Residents are invited to the Feb. 20 celebration at 4390 Valeta St., adjacent to Correia Middle School. The event will include a free poolside barbecue, community swim, bounce house and surprises. The groundbreaking ceremony will also include a special program to honor key project donors and feature remarks by District 2 City Councilmember Kevin Faulconer, San Diego Unified School District board member John de Beck and other civic leaders.

The Ryan Family Charitable Foundation made a lead gift of \$1 million to the

YMCA in 2003 to begin the project. In 2007, the Haas Family announced a \$500,000 gift to the project, followed by \$4.4 million in contributions from 100 other major donors.

For more information, call (619) 226-8888, or visit [www.peninsula.ymca.org](http://www.peninsula.ymca.org).

**City readies to repair six coastal stairways**

The city of San Diego has begun the permitting process to repair beach access stairways and walkways in six locations.

"Most of them are old. It's old concrete. Saltwater and erosional forces just take their toll on them," said Helene Deisher, project manager with the city's Development Services. "There's some walkways that have been undermined a bit."

Locations on the list in Ocean Beach are the Old Salt Pool stairway at the terminus of Narragansett Avenue at the ocean, the Orchard Avenue walkway and the Pescadero Avenue lower stairway. Other areas identified as needing work in Pacific Beach are the Diamond Street walkway and the Capri by the Sea walkway/stairway west of Ocean Boulevard between Chalcedony and Missouri streets. Repairs in La Jolla are intended for the south Casa De Mañana stairway west of Coast Boulevard between Jenner Street and Ocean Lane.

The process to gain permits is in the very beginning stages and a project date has not been established. A source of funding has not been identified and the cost has yet to be determined, Deisher said. The project is for repairs and maintenance only and no new design work will be included.

**Lifeguards initiate two rescues minutes apart**

Two surfers lost their boards recently when their leashes broke, forcing both men to be rescued at Sunset Cliffs on Jan.

31 around 10:30 a.m.

Surf hovered around four to five feet at the time, according to Lt. Andy Lerum with the city's Lifeguard Service.

Lerum said the first surfer lost his board near Osprey Point and came dangerously close to the rocks as he tried to retrieve it. A former lifeguard and now firefighter saw the distressed surfer and swam out to help him, Lerum said. A lifeguard rescue boat picked both men up.

Shortly after, a second surfer was stranded near the rocks when his leash broke as well. A lifeguard on a Jetski made the second rescue.

**Funds awarded for dredging Mission Bay**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$5.3 million stimulus contract to Manson Construction Co. of Seattle, Wash., to dredge Mission Bay. A start date for the project has not yet been determined.

The project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which President Barack Obama signed into law in February 2009 to help in the recovery of the U.S. economy.

"This project will vastly improve navigation in and around Mission Bay by clearing out sand that has shoaled into the channel over the years," said Scott John, of the Corps' Los Angeles District, who is managing the project. "We have been working closely with the City of San Diego as well as the San Diego Lifeguard Service on this project to make sure that we dredge the areas that need it most, protect important environmental resources and enhance the recreational resources at Mission Beach."

John said the job will dredge approximately 500,000 cubic yards of sand from the federal channels, which were last dredged in 1984. Manson will place most of the material on Mission Beach, where it is compatible with the sand already there.

**OB planners seeking board candidates**

The Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB) will conduct its annual election on Tuesday, March 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4726 Santa Monica Ave.

Candidate petitions may be obtained from the OBPB or by e-mailing [obpbelections@yahoo.com](mailto:obpbelections@yahoo.com). All candidate nomination petitions must be submitted by Feb. 14.

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Maps of the planning area are available at [www.oceanbeachpb.com](http://www.oceanbeachpb.com). For

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**Mathnasium Point Loma hosts Grand Opening Celebration**  
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San Diego, CA – Mathnasium Point Loma is hosting an open-house type event on Monday, February 15th from 2-5 PM with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Regional Chamber of Commerce at 4 PM. It will be held at the Mathnasium Learning Center on the corner of Midway and Rosecrans by the Rubios. We invite anyone who's curious about our services to stop by with their kids and see the inside of the store, have a snack, and play a game or two. There will also be valuable coupons and free services given away at regular intervals.

"Math can be very intimidating to both parents and children so we hope that our Grand Opening party will allow us to show parents how the Mathnasium Method makes math fun and interesting," says Center Director Glenn Creswell. "This will be a chance for parents to look at the specific materials that we use, hear about some of our methods, and check out the wide variety of games that can be used to make learning more fun."

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## SCHOOLS

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ings to the board Tuesday.

The committee also suggests consolidating 24 school district departments and transferring an estimated \$1.5 million to school sites — still coming up about \$40 million short of closing the budget, according to the presentation by committee members.

At least one SDUSD Board of Education member came to a grim conclusion.

"If the purpose of this [budgeting] process was to say, 'We're going to fund our priorities and then see where we're at' ... I think the obvious conclusion is that

we're not able to fund our priorities," said SDUSD Board of Education President Richard Barrera.

The board agreed to call a special meeting Saturday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m. to hammer out details of budget cuts.

But while the board works to close the budget, the Point Loma schools community has begun to take steps toward potential cost-saving measures on their own through a governance pilot project that would open the district's books to community members and residents, said Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation President Christy Scadden.

"We're not asking for extra money," said Scadden. "We're looking at the flexibility of the money as it comes into the

schools. We're still exploring and we don't know what that will look like."

Working with the 10 local schools in the Point Loma Cluster Foundation, the group could examine ways to share resources, or even find funding to pay for special instructors, said SDUSD board member John de Beck, who represents beach-area schools.

During tough economic times, "It's a way to visualize what you could do with [fewer] resources," de Beck said, adding that "in times of low resources, sharing is not a bad idea."

It would ultimately help local communities put unrestricted district dollars to better use, said parent and Point Loma Cluster Foun-

dation member Polly Traylor.

"It would help us not only in terms of savings but also in terms of identifying specific resources that are needed in our individual clusters," Traylor said. "It's an exciting idea and proposition ... I'm hopeful."

The SDUSD board of education approved the cluster's self-governance model pilot project 4-1 during a January meeting, with board member Shelia Jackson casting a "no" vote. Jackson said she voted against it Jan. 26 because of lack of representation from school site administrators.

"I didn't want to be approving something that I wasn't sure that the people at the school sites wanted, or didn't want,

because they weren't here to give any input," Jackson said.

But even as residential communities and local schools begin to lay the foundations for future financial autonomy, the district's budget woes remain. As board member Katherine Nakamura put it, "[We're] between the devil and deep, blue sea."

SDUSD officials are required to submit a report in March to the San Diego County Office of Education to show fiscal solvency or face the consequences.

"We're between the situation of having to make untenable decisions about our budget and being taken over the by the state [of California]," Nakamura said Tuesday.

## YOUTHS

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rary stakes in Ocean Beach.

Denny Knox, executive director of the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA), said the young travelers seem to feel entitled to claim the sidewalks by blocking access to passersby, using the opportunity to fleece tourists and visitors for money.

"They seem to forget we are the people who live here and who make a living here," Knox said. "We welcome anyone who respects us and who lets us be safe, but some of them are rude

and panhandle aggressively. They block the seawall and the sidewalks.

"... They want cash for drugs or alcohol, to have things their way, but they don't want to be told what to do (by police)," she said. "This has a big impact on our local businesses when it comes to tourism and visitors. When times are tough and every dollar makes a difference (to merchants) to keep people employed and to make their obligations, you just want to shake someone. ... It's an intimidation factor, and there is no reason for it."

Knox said at the very least, it's an annoyance that should not work against the allure of OB.

"It's just not right to have to be panhandled and pestered," Knox said. "It discourages customers and tourists. And nobody wants to be hassled."

She added the wayward visitors are further tarnishing the peaceful, welcoming image of Ocean Beach by destroying plants and drawing on resources paid for by OBMA members, sleeping in the doorways of local businesses and in residential areas, urinating in public and letting dogs run unleashed with no thought to cleaning up after the animals.

Though seemingly homeless and sporting the appearance of the stereo-

typical street person, many of the youths carry ATM cards and cell phones, and apparently come from affluent families outside California, living the nomadic lifestyle by choice, according to Dave Surwilo, community relations officer for the San Diego Police Department's Western Division.

The young visitors are also lured because of the cool locale and generosity of the Ocean Beach community in the way of free meals and shelter, and access to public showers and restrooms, and even free or low-cost Internet access at the library, he said.

Several of the travelers also appear to be following the Tribute to the Reg-

gae Legends concert circuit from city to city, according to Surwilo. The tour's next appearance is at the San Diego Sports Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The ripple effect caused by the young nomads has captured the attention of local print and broadcast media over the last two weeks.

More than their presence, the behavior of these young traveling groups has residents and merchants frustrated, on edge and lighting up the blog boards of the OB Rag (www.obrag.org) with a mix of cries

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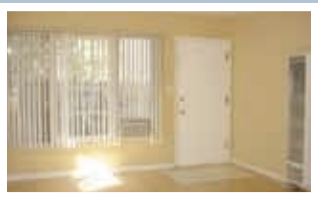
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Tyler Lent, who had a superb junior season pitching for Point Loma Nazarene University, hopes to bring consistency to the team's hopes for a national title. The team is sporting a new coach and new home field this season. COURTESY PHOTO

## PLNU enters season with new coach, field

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

The Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) softball team was rained out of its 2010 season opener Feb. 6, prompting a rescheduled game with Southern Oregon University somewhere down the line.

Still, the Sea Lions launch into a fresh season with some changes that include a new coach and a new home field. PLNU alum Cheryl Schaeffer replaces former head coach Dave Williams, who

spent 12 seasons as the Sea Lions' skipper. Williams posted an overall record of 271-86 (76 percent) and led PLNU to 12 consecutive appearances in the nationals.

This season also marks the softball squad's move to Liberty Station for home games on a temporary basis for the next two years.

One constant for the Sea Lions is the return of ace pitcher Tyler Lent.

"She's excited about this being her senior year and comes back at the top of

her game," Schaeffer said.

Lent had an incredibly successful junior year as an All-Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) and Second Team All-American. In the 33 games she pitched, she posted a 23-7 record and recorded 182 strikeouts and a 1.18 earned run average over 183.2 innings.

Junior Kira Wommer also returns to help bolster the pitching staff. Wommer appeared in 24 games and went 4-2,

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# PLHS sports standouts look to horizon

By **SCOTT HOPKINS** | THE BEACON

Four Point Loma High School (PLHS) student-athletes realized their dreams last week when they signed athletic scholarship offers from Division I universities.

The quartet, including a women's soccer star and three football standouts, attended an early-morning formal signing ceremony held at the San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park before PLHS classes began Feb. 3. The event was part of National Letter of Intent Day, the first day that prospective college recruits can formally announce their choice of schools.

Later, during a school ceremony in the PLHS gym, emcee and head football coach Mike Hastings praised the academic and athletic efforts of the scholarship recipients. He introduced each to a cheering crowd that included parents, family members and student-athletes.

Shelby Murphy, a feisty attacking

midfielder on the Pointers' defending CIF championship soccer team, will be attending the University of Michigan. The diminutive goal scorer, who carries an all-academic team 3.4 grade-point average, appeared stunned by the reception she received during her visit to the Wolverine campus in Ann Arbor.

"They take their athletics very seriously," said Murphy of her Big 10 school choice. "I was recognized and asked for autographs both on and off campus. I'm really excited and I believe Michigan will open a lot of doors for me."

Murphy's father, John, is the athletic director and women's soccer coach at PLHS.

Jordan Sparkman will be playing tight end for the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) Rebels. Standing 6 feet, 6 inches and weighing 230 pounds, the affable receiver found the Paradise, Nevada campus to his liking. Sparkman told the crowd he struggled with his studies since his freshman year

and credited his teachers and classmates for helping him succeed.

In explaining his choice, Sparkman quipped, "I've been a rebel all my life." Since the Rebels are members of the Mountain West Conference, Sparkman will likely return in his scarlet and gray uniform to battle San Diego State's Aztecs at Qualcomm Stadium during his collegiate career.

Running back Leslie Rogers will don the cardinal red and blue uniform of the Fresno State Bulldogs, who signed several other area players. Rogers, who blossomed when given the opportunity to carry the football as a sophomore, is a 6-foot-2-inch, 185-pounder. He endured a serious leg injury as a junior and missed part of the recently completed season with a blood clot in his leg, but assured the crowd, "I am 100 percent now."

"I met the coaches when I was a sophomore," Rogers said. "They have always been really interested in me."

Rogers credited his "second mom"



Point Loma High School students who recently signed athletic scholarship offers from universities are, from left, Shelby Murphy (soccer) and football players Anthony Joyner, Jordan Sparkman and Leslie Rogers.  
PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

(PLHS head counselor Laurie Hurl) with helping him make a plan, resulting in "my dream coming true." The Bulldogs play in the Western Athletic Conference.

For linebacker Anthony Joyner, the honors continue to accumulate. He was recently named to the Cal-Hi Sports all-state first team for medium enrollment schools and second team for all state

schools.

"It's been a long time since we had someone receive all-state honors," Hastings told the crowd.

Joyner is headed for Las Cruces, New Mexico to play for the New Mexico State Aggies. Standing 6-foot-2-inches and weighing 220 pounds, local prep opponents grew to fear Joyner, who led the

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## PLNU

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holding the opposition to a 0.78 ERA over 45 innings pitched.

Sophomore Cassie Monahans also got playing time last year on the mound and figures to add depth at pitching.

Jill Schaeffer returns at third base after

batting .318 in the 2009 season, adding power to the Sea Lions lineup. Freshmen Jessie Owens, out of Santana, is expected to help on offense with her base-stealing ability.

Schaeffer, who was hired as head coach in August, believes the transition has been an easy one as coach. But it has been "a little bit of a challenge" with not being able to play on the PLNU campus

any longer because the field is being returned to its natural state.

"It is disappointing not being able to play on campus but we are playing at a great facility and we have an excellent relationship with the Navy," Schaeffer said. "They have been great to us. It is a very short drive from campus to Liberty Station."

Schaeffer is no stranger to the PLNU

softball program. She was a standout for the Sea Lions in 2000-03, which included honors as a three-time First-Team All-American, three-time GSAC Player of the Year and two-time National Association of Interscholastic Athletics (NAIA) recognition. She played on two GSAC and Region II championship teams and was a member of the 2002 team that reached the 2002 NAIA title game.

Schaeffer returned to the Point in 2004 as an assistant coach and had been the associate head coach in the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

The Sea Lions will be on the road for the next 10 games. The next game is Friday, Feb. 12 against William Jessop University.

The next home game for PLNU is Saturday, Feb. 27.

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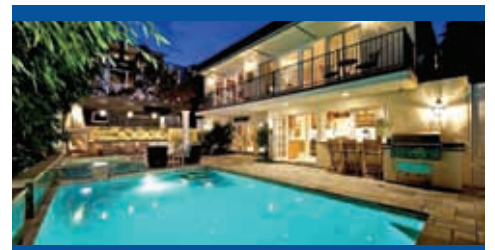
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## Seminar to show singles how to mingle

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

As Valentine's Day nears, those tired of looking for love in all the wrong places may be in luck. The Dating Café's first annual Attract Love and Prosperity Expo and Seminar will be held at Liberty Station on Saturday, Feb. 20.

"This is an opportunity for singles who are tired of kissing frogs, dating duds and endless go-nowhere Internet dates to learn some immediate strategies and tools that they can use to start attracting the right person in their lives," said Mary Berney, a relationship coach and owner of the Dating Café.

The event is both a business expo and a dating seminar, giving attendees a chance to learn about new products and learn new strategies for meeting that special someone. Berney stressed that

this is not a speed-dating type event.

"This isn't a dating event," Berney said. "It is a social mixer and an opportunity for singles who want to leave their old dating habits and patterns behind and learn new strategies for dating so that they can actually meet the person that's right for them."

After registration at 8:30 a.m., a handful of vendors will be available, ranging from baked goods to landscaping to emotional health. From 9:30 to 11 a.m., Berney will share five strategies and tools singles can use from her upcoming book, "How to Attract the Right Person into Your Life, the Real Truth."

"I want singles to take a new path, to motivate themselves and to change their destiny," Berney said. "It's all within their control and it's all possible."

As far as general advice for those having trouble meeting new people, Berney urges them to dress for success. She said looking nice can often be overlooked in the laid back atmosphere of Southern California.

"Always leave the house with the expectation that you are going to meet the love of your life and you want to make the best first impression ever," Berney said. "There's always time to put on your blue jeans and wear your old craggy T-shirt."

And for those singles who haven't found a valentine, Berney said staying on the couch is not the answer. She said being out offers a better chance to kill any ill will toward the heart-happy holiday.

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Singles don't have to be depressed about not having a Valentine come Feb. 14. A planned Attract Love and Prosperity Seminar and Expo will take place Feb. 20 at Liberty Station, hosted by Mary Berney, owner of the Dating Café and relationship coach. The event is both a business expo and a dating seminar, giving attendees a chance to learn about new products and learn new strategies for meeting that special someone. Berney said the seminar and expo is not a speed-dating type event. COURTESY PHOTO



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# PLHS alum's film subject of showcase

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Award-winning filmmaker and Point Loma High School graduate Nicole Oppen will be cast into the spotlight this week when her film, "Off and Running," makes its San Diego premiere Monday, Feb. 15 at the San Diego Jewish Film Festival.

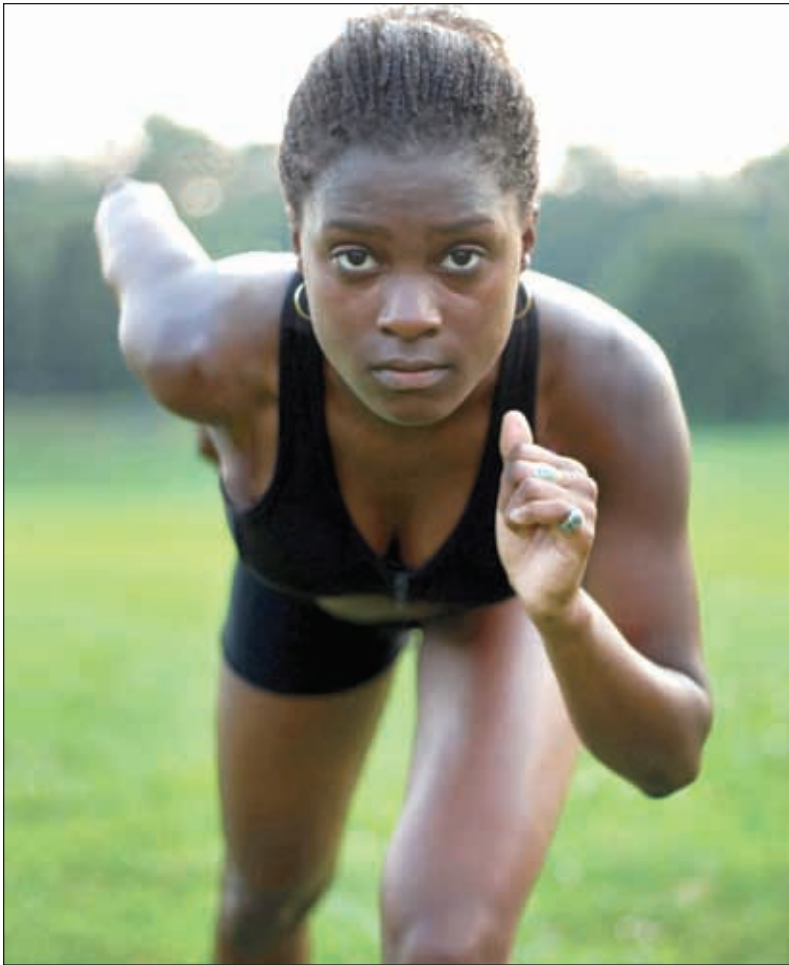
The film screens at 8 p.m. at the AMC Theater La Jolla, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. Tickets are \$13.25.

"I always love visiting San Diego and coming home," said Oppen, who currently lives in New York. "It really does feel like a homecoming each time the wheels touch the ground and I see the palm trees and smell that fresh air."

When Oppen touches down in San Diego, she will first engage in what has become a tradition with her brother — eating a Santana's burrito on the beach. But Oppen misses more than just the food from her hometown.

"It's just such a big part of me," Oppen said. "I have a really strong network of

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Actress Avery Klein-Cloud appears in "Off and Running," a film by Point Loma High School graduate Nicole Oppen. The film screens at the San Diego Jewish Film Festival on Monday, Feb. 15 at the AMC Theater La Jolla at 8 p.m.  
PHOTO COURTESY JACOB OKADA

# SD Jewish Film Festival to step up offerings, venues

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | THE BEACON

San Diego's Jewish Film Festival has grown in scope and influence to become the nation's third largest after those in San Francisco and Boston.

This year, the film festival will showcase 51 films, ranging from feature-length and short films to documentaries and animation through Sunday, Feb. 21 at five cinemas in San Diego and North County. The festival opened Feb. 10.

Festival producer Sandra Kraus described the series as "the best cinema and independent films that you'll find in San Diego."

Film topics range from a Jewish man who discovers he has a different biological father who happens to be a pig farmer to Debbie Ford's self-help film on learning about the shadow that haunts and blesses one's life.

Two decades ago, the Jewish Community Center (JCC) launched the festival with four films at the Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla.

"I think films are sexy. And I've always thought that films appeal to a

mass audience," festival founder Joyce Axelrod said.

An elderly woman who rode her bicycle to the event became the festival's first underwriter when she decided to dedicate a film to her husband. The unnamed benefactress met Axelrod at a coffee shop five times to make small payments until she had funded the film.

"We asked them to stand at the next festival," Axelrod said. "Here are two lovely elderly people who are smiling from ear to ear and I just felt like I wanted to weep. I was just so touched by the humbled beginnings that we had."

Festival producer Sandra Kraus gave *The Peninsula Beacon* the scoop in a question-and-answer format:

*What is the mission of the Jewish Film Festival?*

"Our goal has always been to bring the Jewish culture to the San Diego community and to present it in such a way that it builds bridges and creates new relationships, and to show people that Jewish film can touch everyone's

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friends and family in San Diego that I love to come and visit.”

“Off and Running” is a coming-of-age documentary with Brooklyn teenager Avery Klein-Cloud at its center. The film follows Klein-Cloud, an African-American girl with Jewish lesbian adopted parents, as she tries to reach out to her birth family.

“That decision catapults her into a

whole exploration of race and identity and family that really, in some ways, turns her life upside down,” Oppen said. “The film becomes about the struggle of getting back on one’s feet when something like that occurs.”

Oppen’s 76-minute film has won multiple awards, including best documentary at QFest in Philadelphia and at the Writers Guild of America’s SilverDocs, the latter of which she shared with Klein-Cloud at the ceremony. Oppen said the film has been successful because the audience can sympathize with each of its characters.

“That’s the greatest success, that the film doesn’t really prioritize one person’s point of view over another,” Oppen said. “It’s just trying to give you a lens into the entire story without passing judgment on it.”

While directing and producing “Off and Running,” Oppen said she knew the film would not be completely objective because of her relationship with Klein-Cloud and those close to her. For her, the challenge was how involved she would become.

“The real question for me was not how

I remain objective, but how I avoid projecting my wishes and dreams onto the story and just step back and listen and learn from it,” Oppen said. “That was really an ongoing challenge that I negotiated all throughout production.”

Oppen’s coming attraction — which is still in the works — is “Ipoderac,” a documentary about a home for abandoned children in Puebla, Mexico. Oppen has a personal connection to the home, spending a summer there when she was 18.

“It’s built like a family and it’s run like a family, with the educators playing

parental roles and the boys learning to treat each other and regard each other as brothers,” Oppen said. “That’s what really sets it apart and makes it special. It’s not an institution that you’re just kind of waiting your time out in. It’s a familial experience.”

Those interested in learning more about “Off and Running” or “Ipoderac” can reach Oppen by e-mail at [contact@offandrunningthefilm.com](mailto:contact@offandrunningthefilm.com). Oppen said she is also accepting donations to offset the cost of producing “Ipoderac.”

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lives. It’s not just if you’re Jewish.”

*How long have you been the producer?*

This is my fourth year as the producer

of the festival, and I’ve been involved in the festival for seven years now.

*The San Diego Jewish Film Festival has grown from three films and 100 viewers at its premiere 20 years ago to 51 films and thousands of viewers today. How?*

“There’s no doubt that it has every-

thing to do with the support of the San Diego community and the people who have co-founded and chaired and worked on the film festival committee for the past 20 years. We have over 65 people who sit on the committee and more than 100 volunteers who help run the festival. Our founding chair, Joyce Axelrod, is still extremely involved with the festival. We’ve only had three festival chairs to date. The people who sit on the committee have stood by it for all these years so the consistency and support is there.”

the filmmaker is Jewish but the film has no Jewish content, it’s not eligible for the festival.”

*What does the future hold?*

“We are reaching out into the North County coastal area. We have a new venue in La Costa. We’re always trying to cross-promote within other non-Jewish organizations when we can, which is almost on every film. With the LGBT community, we have two films: ‘Chicks in White Satin’ and ‘Off and Running.’ For Latin films, there’s ‘La Camara Oscura’ [based in Buenos Aires]. We’re also working with the Asian film festival.”

neighborhood in Montreal where a Jewish girl and Lebanese boy fall in love but must face the familial, generational and political barriers that separate them. The film screens at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre at 4126 Executive Drive. Tickets cost \$7.50.

Teen Screen Night: Teenagers 18 years and under are invited to a free pizza dinner and the screening of “Eli & Ben” on the festival’s closing night, Sunday, Feb. 21. Eli’s father, Ben, is accused of taking bribes and is arrested. Eli believes his father is innocent but begins to discover the truth when questioned by the police.

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Tickets for most films cost \$11.25 for Jewish CC members and \$13.25 for non-members. Opening and closing films cost \$13 to \$15. Deja View Fridays cost \$6 to \$7. For more information, call (858) 362-1348 or visit [www.lfjcc.org/sdjff](http://www.lfjcc.org/sdjff).

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The opera was produced and directed by Dr. Juliette Singler while Dr. Philip Tyler served as orchestra conductor. Dr. Craig Johnson was the musical director for the production.

Tyler is a professor of music at PLNU. Singler and Johnson are associate music professors. For more information, visit [www.pointloma.edu/home.htm](http://www.pointloma.edu/home.htm).

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"We're working with the Ocean Beach Town Council, the OBMA's Crime Prevention Committee, merchants and citizens on a regular basis," said Surwilo. "It's no longer an us-versus-them (police against the community) mentality. We're now all on the same set of music. We (the

# TRIAL

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The trial, being heard before San Diego Superior Court Judge John Einhorn, was expected to continue through Thursday, Feb. 11 and resume Tuesday, Feb. 16. Court officials estimate the trial may continue through March 11.

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In any event, all four will be tackling challenges of their own.

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For more information or tickets, visit [www.maryberney.com](http://www.maryberney.com).

The key for many locals will be not only in response to this latest tran-

“What we should be addressing with these people is, if you need a place to eat, need a place to sleep, need some schooling, let’s get you the resources,” she said.

## BRIEFS

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## Peninsula planning board to hold election

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

# What's on tap

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## Arts & Entertainment

FEBRUARY

### WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL

Feb. 13-14, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pacific Southwest Wildlife Arts, Inc. hosts the 37th annual California Open Wildlife Art Festival with more than 150 artists and carvers from parts of the United States, Canada and Japan. The event takes place at the McMillin Event Center at the NTC Promenade of Liberty Station. Admission is \$5; children under 12 admitted free. For more information, call (619) 421-1034 or e-mail [delsdcroys@hotmail.com](mailto:delsdcroys@hotmail.com).

### FIND LOVE & PROSPERITY

Saturday, Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m. to noon, "Attract Love and Prosperity Expo and Seminar," hosted by Mary Berney, a relationship and date coach, author, speaker and creator/owner of The Dating Café. The business expo takes place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and again from 11 a.m. to noon. Berney's presentation will take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Promenade Command Center of Liberty Station, meeting rooms 3 and 4, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. Pre-registration recommended; online pre-registration is \$20 or \$25 at the door. To register or for more information, call (619) 846-0059, or visit [www.maryberney.com](http://www.maryberney.com).

### ORGAN EXTRAVAGANZA



Sunday, Feb. 23, 4 p.m., All Souls' Episcopal Church hosts Christophe Mantoux, organist of the historic church of St. Severin, Paris. Mantoux is also professor of organ at the Conservatoire in Stasbourg, France. He will perform music of the North German and Dutch traditions on San Diego's unique Baroque pipe organ. There is a \$5 donation requested with a reception to follow. The church is located at 1475 Catalina Blvd. For more information, call (619) 223-6393, ext. 13, or e-mail [allsouls.music@gmail.com](mailto:allsouls.music@gmail.com).

MARCH

### BITE OF THE BIG APPLE

Friday, March 5, 7 p.m., send-off concert for the Peninsula Singers, who will be performing along with eight other invited choruses on Saturday, March 14 at Carnegie Hall in New York. The send-off concert will be a Bon Voyage preview of the Big Apple performance, during which the Peninsula Singers will feature Beethoven's Mass in C Major under the direction of John Rutter. The March 5 performance takes place at the North Chapel at Liberty Station, 2881 Roosevelt Road. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (619) 886-6860, or e-mail [meberner1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meberner1@sbcglobal.net).

### MOTOCROSS AT ARENA

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### Community/Civic

FEBRUARY

### A NOVEL IDEA

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts a free presentation by local author Cathy Worthington, who will present two of her novels, "Watch Over Thy Child" and "Moskovsky Station." The event takes place at the library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

### THRIFTY GARDENING

Sunday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m., the Point Loma Garden Club hosts its monthly meeting with featured speaker Aenne Carver, a garden columnist, instructor and UCCE master gardener. Carver will speak on "Thrifty Gardening," with an emphasis on herbs and vegetables. The event takes place at the S.E.S. United Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, visit [www.plgc.org](http://www.plgc.org).



## REGULAR MEETINGS

### AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 12:30 to 2 p.m., regular meeting of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) Airport Committee. The meeting takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Agendas are posted at the library. For more information, call (619) 224-1527, or visit [www.pcpb.net/airport.html](http://www.pcpb.net/airport.html).

### PENINSULA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m., regular meeting of the Peninsula Republican Women's Club. The main speaker will be Kathleen Cruising with "Operation Apron." Visitors are welcome. The meeting takes place at the Point Loma Café, 4865 Harbor Drive. For more information, call (619) 222-9532.

### POINT LOMA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Sunday, Feb. 28, 3:30 to 6 p.m., regular meeting of the Point Loma Democratic Club. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Gordon, who will speak on "The Great Depression of 2008, the Destruction of the Middle Class and the Decline of the Democratic Republic of the United States." The meeting takes place at the Point Loma Assembly building, 3035 Talbot St. For more information, call (619) 224-8013, or e-mail [pldcprez@gmail.com](mailto:pldcprez@gmail.com).

### OCEAN BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB

Tuesday, March 2, noon, the Ocean Beach Woman's Club hosts its monthly meeting. New members are welcome. The clubhouse is located at the corner of Bacon and Muir streets and is available for half- or full-day rental to groups. For more information, call (619) 501-7711.

### PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, March 3, 6 to 7:30 p.m., public forum for candidates seeking election to the Peninsula Community Planning Board. Candidates will share views and express qualifications. The forum takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. The election also takes place at the library on Thursday, March 18. For more information, call (619) 224-9897, or visit [www.pcpb.net](http://www.pcpb.net).

### POINT LOMA GARDEN CLUB

Wednesday, March 10, 10 a.m., Point Loma Garden Club meets. The guest speaker will be Cindy Sparks, a UCCE master gardener and member of the Mission Hills Garden Club and San Diego Horticultural Society. Sparks will speak on the protection of plants, vegetables and shrubs from slugs, snails, grasshoppers and other pests. The meeting takes place at the United S.E.S. Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, call (619) 223-2051, or visit [www.plgc.org](http://www.plgc.org).



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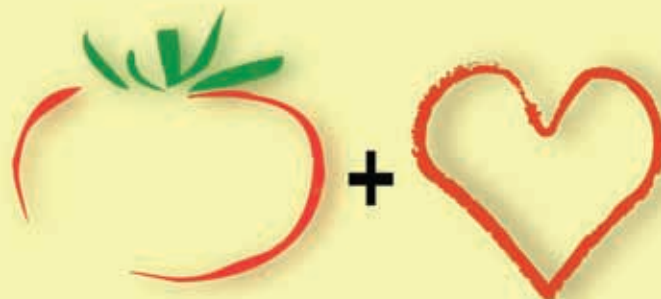
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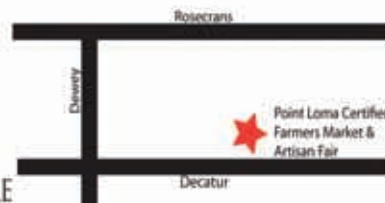


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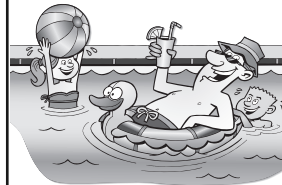
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