



## School board tries to close budget gap

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

The San Diego Unified School District Board of Education voted to cut about \$63 million from the district's budget Tuesday by reorganizing central office departments, changing school programs, consolidating high schools with the fewest students and charging for student AP exams.

The board also voted to approve "negotiable" items to be approved by unions. These affect workers' and teachers' pocketbooks with five-day furloughs, raising the cost of medical benefits and supporting a 6 percent across-the-board salary rollback.

This most recent round of cuts also left approximately 230 full-time equivalent positions in limbo as the board worked to close a projected \$79 million budget deficit for next school year.

Board of Education President Richard Barrera said tens of millions of dollars in budget cuts from the state over the last two years have put the board in a difficult position.

"This is our second round of going through [budget cuts]. It's very painful," Barrera said after the Feb. 23 meeting.

While the board tried to keep as much of the pain away from the classroom as possible, students stand to lose educational resources and programs.

The Off-Campus Integrated Learning Experience (OCILE) program takes students to Old Town for a week to teach them about cultural and racial diversity and history. That program was reduced to two days a week.

"In two days, what are we getting through?" asked Carlos Ramon, an educator with the OCILE program. "There's no opportunity to integrate and learn about each other."

The board also voted to make cuts in instructional materials, support services, the ordering of textbooks, technology and supplemental resources.

Another difficult one was deciding to charge for the transportation of students, said board trustee John Lee Evans. Many students are bussed into beach community high schools.

"Last year, we cut about \$150 million out of our budget. We did that in large part without affecting the kids in our classrooms. There's just no way to do that anymore, no way to say, 'We're going to do things that do not have an effect on the students in the classrooms,'" Evans said.

The board shied away from other possibilities, such as closing elementary schools with the fewest students.

The board still must finalize budget cuts. Trustees plan to approve a budget

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Lucas Swafford, 25, said he has seen the good, bad and the ugly on the streets of Ocean Beach. A part of a self-named group known as the "urban travelers," Swafford said the vast majority of the 100 or so transient youths respect the local community and police themselves against the bad seeds.

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## Friction on the street

### Young transient sees darker, brighter sides of life in OB's traveling enclave

By KEVIN MCKAY | PENINSULA BEACON

**Editor's note:** A new homeless issue has emerged in the community over the last couple of months in the way of young transients and behavioral problems in Ocean Beach. The issue has seemingly divided the community between sympathizers and those bemoaning an atmosphere of fear and intimidation near the sea wall. The Peninsula Beacon attempted to speak with several of the young nomads for insight. One wayward traveler was willing to share his views on the record. Here is his take from the youth perspective.

Lucas Swafford tries hard to dole out respect to the locals of Ocean Beach. He just wants to play his music, relax in the sun and get some of that same respect in return. Swafford, 25, is painfully aware of how he and some of his young transient friends are being perceived by the community.

Swafford is part of an ever-rotating enclave of young adults which has ebbed and flowed near the oceanfront over the last few months, calling themselves "urban travelers," camping out on the grass area of Veteran's Park, in the alcoves of businesses along Newport

Avenue and up and down the sea wall.

Swafford acknowledges that some among the urban travelers "are idiots," and have rightfully drawn the wrath of the community by becoming drunk and belligerent, engaging in the use and sales of illicit drugs in plain sight of visitors and families, and blocking sidewalks and the boardwalk to aggressively panhandle and intimidate tourists.

But "Spooks," as he is known on the street, also has a message for local residents and merchants.

"A lot of us who respect the community are pissed off — and not at the locals, because we understand what they are saying," Swafford said. "A lot of these kids out here are legit kids. They smoke their weed, like to play their guitar and hang out at the beach. But, like anything, it's always just a handful out of the hundred to screw everything up for everybody else."

"What the community needs to know is that most of us are just here to enjoy our time," he said. "Some of us are just passing

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## OBTC slates dialogue on traveling youths

By KEVIN MCKAY | PENINSULA BEACON

The Ocean Beach Town Council (OBTC) was scheduled to host a community dialogue last night, Feb. 24, on the recent influx of a band of young, aggressive panhandlers to the Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach Pier and sea wall areas in recent months.

The session was generally intended to address homelessness issues locally — but was expected largely to generate comments from all sides

concerning the young adults who call themselves "urban travelers."

In addition, the meeting was scheduled to feature a candidate forum for hopefuls seeking seats in the March 9 Ocean Beach Planning Board election. The candidate forum was slated for the beginning of the OBTC meeting, followed by the dialogue on the residentially challenged.

"We'll have representatives from the police department's Western Division on hand to

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## NTC site now city's 2nd-largest aquatic park

By ANTHONY GENTILE | PENINSULA BEACON

City dignitaries and staff celebrated the completion of Phase II of NTC Park at Liberty Station on Feb. 17 — the culmination of a 46-acre recreation site that is now the second-largest waterfront park in San Diego — dwarfed in size only by Mission Bay Park. The completed project was first opened to the public in December.

"It's important to celebrate this opening and what it means to our community," said District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer. "This is just phenomenal and it fulfills the promise that a lot of people knew could happen here at Liberty Station."

NTC Park was completed at a cost of \$15 million.

"That is just phenomenal in this day and age, and why I think it's such an important milestone for the city of San Diego, Point Loma and our neighbors, to celebrate one of the largest aquatic parks in the city's history," Faulconer said.

The second phase of NTC Park features 13 acres of lawn, paths for walking, jogging and biking —

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Kevin Faulconer

District 2 City Councilmember

in addition to designated picnic areas. Construction crews broke ground on the project in August.

"Forty-six acres of parks and public land in San Diego or any community is a rarity," said Stacy LoMedico, director of the city's Park and Recreation Department. "We need to celebrate the fact that we have set aside this park forever for the residents of San Diego."

Phase II of NTC Park also features a World War II submarine veterans memorial walk and will be home to the Hugh Story Rose Garden Memorial later this year.



Officials celebrated the opening of Phase II of NTC Park at Liberty Station on Feb. 17, making the site the city's second-largest aquatic playground. Adults, from left, are Scott McMillin, board chairman of Corky McMillin Cos.; Mark McMillin, president and CEO of McMillin Cos.; City Councilman Kevin Faulconer and Stacy LoMedico, director of the city's Park and Recreation Department.

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"This park is for everybody," LoMedico said. "It's a legacy for those who live here and work here."

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# Kite Festival set to make OB skies friendlier

By ANTHONY GENTILE | PENINSULA BEACON

Children in Ocean Beach should not be offended if someone soon tells them to go fly a kite. The 62nd annual Ocean Beach Kiwanis Kite Festival and Craft Fair is being prepped for some high-flying fun Saturday, March 6.

"In most places you tell somebody, 'Go fly a kite' and it's an insult," said OB Kiwanis President Melanie Nickel. "In Ocean Beach it's an invitation. It's a fun thing for people to do with their families."

In its sixth decade, the OB Kite Festival is one of the oldest in the United States. According to Nickel, the OB Kiwanis started the festival in 1948 to celebrate its 20th anniversary and the event has been around ever since.

"We're into our third generation now," Nickel said. "We have people who were in it as kids bringing their grandchildren."

Perhaps the best part about the festival is that kids don't need to bring their own kites. OB Kiwanis provides all the supplies for kite making, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center on Santa Monica Avenue.

"We have a special design of kite. It's not the classic type with the cross sticks and the diamond shape," Nickel said. "It's shaped more like a shield and it's plastic. They're guaranteed to fly. A two-year-old could fly them."

Although all the kites in the festival will be the same style, that is where the similarities stop. Kite fliers will be given free reign to dec-

orate their kites as they wish, with eight age divisions awarded prizes along with awards for most unique, best decorated and best theme.

"Kites are judged on how well-decorated they are," Nickel said. "They start out with a clean sheet of white plastic and they decorate it."

The festival will come to a close with a kite parade down Santa Monica Avenue to the beach starting at 2:05 p.m. Nickel expects around 1,500 people to attend the festival and projects more than 800 kites will be made.

"Usually we have a nice, breezy day. A good day for kite flying," Nickel said.

The festival also includes a craft fair on Santa Monica Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nickel said booths will include face painting, jewelry and little decorative items. There will also be carnival and llama rides for children.

Hot dogs and punch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the OB Elementary School courtyard. Families can eat lunch to the sound of live music at the school.

"It's a really fun way for families to spend time together, browse the craft fair, make a kite and go on some carnival rides," Nickel said. "We don't have a lot of things nowadays that families can do together."

All of the kite festival events will be held near the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, located at 4726 Santa Monica Ave. For more information call (619) 531-1527 or visit [www.oceanbeachkiwanis.org](http://www.oceanbeachkiwanis.org).



Families will turn the streets of Ocean Beach into a high-flying fun zone with the 62nd annual OB Kiwanis Kite Festival and Craft Fair on Saturday, March 6.  
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report to the County Board of Education Tuesday, March 9. The district must also balance it's approximately \$2 billion budget by June.

Barrera said state-level budget cuts are the culprit for district budget cuts, while urging parents, teachers and stakeholders to contact state representa-

tives and Governor Schwarzenegger's office. The governor's office must revise the projected state budget in May, he said.

"There are a lot of variables at work," Barrera said. "So we gotta keep fighting to keep [cuts to education] out of the governor's May revise."

The board is scheduled to meet next on budget issues, Tuesday, March 9 at the Eugene Brucker Education Center, 4100 Normal St.

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# Doggie Street Festival to feature tail-waggin' fun

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | PENINSULA BEACON

What's more typically American than a kid romping with a dog? Or, especially in San Diego, seeing a kid pal around with a rescue dog? Or a free festival celebrating dogs where friendly, leashed dogs are actually encouraged to attend?

On Sunday, Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the second annual Doggie Street Festival returns to Liberty Station with a fun-filled, entertaining event designed to promote and celebrate adoption of shelter and rescue dogs and teach children about the importance of appropriate pet care and responsible pet parenting.

At least 35 breed-specific rescue groups and animal shelters will bring adoptable dogs to the festival at this year's site at the new Liberty Station park at Preble Field, 2600 Cushing Road, between Dewey and Roosevelt roads. Here, families and individuals can interact with volunteers from rescue organizations, learn about the various breeds and meet dogs auditioning for the role of life-long best furry friend.

Nearby will be booths filled with dog-friendly merchandise and services, while other vendors will offer tempting edibles for both humans and canines.

In addition, there will be an "Ask a Pet Professional" booth staffed by veterinarians and other pet professionals with perspectives varying from traditional vet approaches to the holistic. They will be able to answer questions about health and behavioral issues, training, nutrition, spaying and neutering, and environmental concerns.

Entertainment will include the Paul Green School of Rock House Band, featuring talented young rock musicians ranging in age from 7 to 17, as well as a return engagement by the Koalas, a local rock cover band. San Diego Gymnastics will present a choreographed performance. The Monarch School's steel drum band is also expected to perform, while face-painters will adorn all comers.

In addition to silent auction items of pet-related products and services, museum and vineyard passes, restaurant meals, overnight stays and sports and theater experiences, there will be an auction of original canine art donated by six area artists.

A newly developed sister-city relationship with Loreto in Baja California will



Pooches of all shapes and sizes will get a chance to frolic Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Doggie Street Festival at Liberty Station from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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benefit Loreto's rescue community with a "care package" to assist local volunteers with pet medical care and spaying and neutering services.

Festival organizer Jude Arntstein, a San Diego-based filmmaker, documentary maker and screenwriter, was inspired by the faithful companionship of her golden retriever, Scout, who stayed by her side, nurtured her and helped her heal after a devastating accident.

Determined to raise awareness of the huge influx of homeless animals abandoned or relinquished to San Diego area shelters and rescue groups, Arntstein started the festival last year to connect potential adopters with canine friends and to celebrate the heroism of volunteers who donate their time to rescue and foster homeless dogs.

About 100 dogs found homes through the first Doggie Street Festival, while the 37 participating rescues and shelters also connected with and recruited new volunteers and foster families in addition to placing dogs in great homes.

This year, Arntstein decided to shift the focus to education as well as adoption, with the goal of "influencing people to get involved to help change the situation of dogs and animal welfare in general."

"Change almost always has to become institutionalized within the community," Arntstein said.

The best way to do that, she said, is to

reach and educate children about valuing the lives of their pets and the importance of pet adoption, care and humane treatment.

"How we save things in this world is to create empathy. When you respect life, you tend to want to take care of it," Arntstein added.

Ann Pollock, a volunteer and director of Chihuahua Rescue of San Diego, participated in last year's event and is looking forward to this year's festival.

"This is a great chance for people to learn about the different characteristics of particular breeds from the rescue groups" and to avoid making a mistake in adopting the wrong type of dog for specific living conditions or family situations. "If you have a 1-year-old, it doesn't mean you should have a small dog," Pollock said.

Candy Schuman, volunteer executive director of the Spay and Neuter Action Project, praised the festival because it celebrates the unsung work of rescue organizations.

"The festival raises awareness of how many animals are in shelters," Schuman said. "It's because of the rescue organizations that are taking out so many of the animals and finding them homes that the euthanasia rate is down in San Diego, but there were still over 50,000 in shelters last year. That's too many."

For more information, call (619) 276-4142, or visit [www.doggiestreetfestival.org](http://www.doggiestreetfestival.org).

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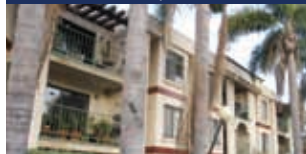
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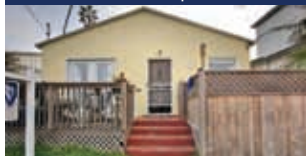
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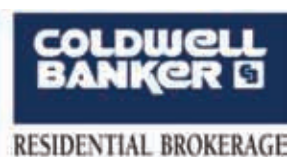
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through and 90 percent of us respect your community and know that we can become bothersome sometimes ... But if you've got somebody who's drunk, throwing trash everywhere and messing up your community, I can understand why people (residents) would react the way they have."

## Survival on the street

Swafford said he earned a degree in English from Arizona State University four years ago. He is articulate and candid, to be sure. He said he left his wealthy family behind in Yuma, Ariz., four years ago to pursue a nomadic life by choice. Swafford arrived in Ocean Beach a year and a half ago in an RV with several friends who have since gone their separate ways.

Swafford has no ATM card to dip into funds as needed. Instead, he plays his guitar and accepts what is given to him.

The traveling musician suffered a personal blow when his guitar was stolen on Christmas. He felt the Ocean Beach generosity recently, however, when he was given a replacement.

"I had to do the whole, 'Excuse me, bro, can you help me out toward a sandwich?' thing, which I hate doing personally. I'd rather sit out here playing all day and make \$5 than have to ask somebody for \$1. Sometimes people come up and give you stuff and sometimes people ask for a little help on their yard. Really, anything you can do to survive."

While some among the urban travelers do have ATM cards and cell phones paid for by families who want the youths "to go out and experience life," panhandling is a frequent means of survival for many, Swafford said. But even the majority of urban travelers are appalled by the aggressiveness of some of the wayward youths, he said.

"Most of the time, everyone's got their own little hustle going," Swafford said. "Some people are good at asking for

money and entertaining people. I'm a musician."

## Drug/alcohol use

Among the more common resident and merchant complaints about the travelers is widespread drug and alcohol abuse in plain sight of visitors and families.

Swafford does not deny such activities take place among the young nomads, but he said the vast majority of travelers attempt to discourage the behavior. He said drug solicitation is a part of society today and, while he admits to being a marijuana smoker, Swafford draws the line at the public drug flaunting and the more serious drug activity.

"If someone says, 'Do you want to smoke a bowl?' I'll smoke a bowl. I don't agree with doing it blatantly out in the open," Swafford said. "I'll be honest. I'm an advocate for marijuana. But I don't think they should be smoking it on the wall out in front of little kids. I mean there's a clinic right here, so marijuana is one thing.

"But the other day I got so pissed off and started yelling at everybody (in the group) because ... I found a hypodermic needle on the beach. That kind of stuff needs to stop ... You can tell a junkie from a person that just smokes weed. I can understand as a family person, if I had my own kids, that would really piss me off. ... People just need to have a certain amount of common sense when there are mothers and fathers pushing their kids around."

Alcohol use is highly prevalent among the traveling youth as well, Swafford admitted.

"There are a lot of alcoholic kids, a lot of swillies. That's what we call them," Swafford said. "But what we really don't like is the meth and the hard drugs. I don't think there's much crack out here. We like to smoke weed, drink beer and have a good time."

## Self-policing

One thing about the majority of urban travelers is awareness of the surrounding community — as temporary as it may be, according to Swafford. He said the group often polices itself and tries to keep more radical behavior from spinning out of control.

"In fact, a lot of us kids here, we keep a lot of the junkies and a lot of the people like that out," Swafford said. "We don't like seeing all this heroin that's been down here and we've had to run a few people out of town. I think we help the community in a way, but we can be a nuisance because there are just so many of us. It's just such a beautiful place to be.

"Our philosophy is, if you start a fight at the fire pit, you are either leaving the fire pit or you are going to get drug out of the fire pit," he said. "I mean, we don't like violence. We don't like none of that stuff. There's just different types of travelers and homeless kids that have different mentalities."

Because of the actions of a few, the police presence around Newport Avenue and the pier has been stepped up noticeably in recent weeks. While several of the urban travelers have been ticketed or

arrested for various offenses, Swafford believes officers are unfairly targeting anyone and everyone fitting the general description.

He is among those youths who have been grilled and even handcuffed by police, only to be cut loose after no wrongdoing was found, he said.

"There's ying and yang to everything. But I wish the police would be a little bit more understanding that not all of us — in fact most of us — are not idiots," Swafford said.

## Getting along

Swafford said he gets up with the sun about 5:30 each morning. Though he may be a short-time resident of Ocean Beach, Swafford said he takes pride in his adopted neighborhood.

"I've got nothing else to do, so I go out to the beach and pick up trash because I do respect the people here and I do respect this community," Swafford said. "So it sucks when you got people driving by and saying, 'Go home, you f—ing troll' (a common term used by some locals for the homeless and streetbound in OB) and all this stuff.

"I mean, you don't know me. And just because of some other idiots, we take the blame," he said. "Most of us are cool kids and we don't really commit crimes. It is a little annoying when people don't like you that don't even know you, because of something some other idiot did a week ago. It gets frustrating, but I can see both sides of the story."

Swafford said that while he makes no excuses for illegal and belligerent behavior on the part of a minority of urban travelers, the street of respect must run both ways.

"Let's be honest. Yes, for the most part, most people are stoned around here," he said. "But some (in the community) look at you as less than human because you didn't take a shower that morning. That's stereotyping. And if people would actually take the time to come up and talk to us, and a lot of times they do, they'd find out that we're really loving, caring people."

## OBITUARIES

## Contreras, 75, longtime OB resident

Bernice Contreras, 75, died Jan. 26 at Sharp Memorial Hospital.

Bernice was born June 19, 1934 to Anton and Venna Lunski. She married Lucas Contreras in 1953 and was a happy homemaker. Contreras was a resident of Ocean Beach for 58 years. She was an auxiliary leader at the Moose Lodge and a neighborhood treasure. Mrs. Contreras is survived by a brother, Paul Lunski, and two sisters, Lorraine Duray, Clara Budish and their families. She is also survived by sons Kenneth, Paul and Anthony; and grandchildren Andrea, Genevieve, Mary, Kristine, James, Ryne and Kyla.

A celebration of her life is being planned at the Contreras' home in Ocean Beach.

Donations may be made by a moment of thought and prayer for Bernice.

## Christine 'Chrissie' Flaherty-Pickett, 44, Ocean Beach resident

Christine Anne Flaherty-Pickett passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 at Scripps Mercy Hospital of multiple organ failure. She was 44.

Flaherty-Pickett was born in Cambridge Massachusetts on Dec. 18, 1965, to Robert E. and Catherine M. Flaherty.

She is survived by her father; stepmother, Rosemary Flaherty, of Chatham Mass.; a brother, Robert, of Watertown, Mass.; and uncle, John Cavanaugh, also of Watertown.

Flaherty-Pickett was a beauti-

ful young woman who had a huge smile and a warm heart. She leaves her family and many friends with very fond memories, and our prayers for her well-deserved rest.

A memorial service will be held in Ocean Beach — her adopted home — in early June.



## THE PREVALENCE OF DEPRESSION IN THE ELDERLY

Researchers estimate that 20 percent of elderly people living in nursing homes or assisted living experience symptoms of depression. Late in life depression can have serious repercussions. It can increase mortality and disability, may result in higher health care utilization and longer hospital stays.

An estimated 15 percent of U.S. adults are providing care for seriously ill or disabled relatives. These family caregivers are simultaneously caring for their own children and also often working outside the home. Add the problem of elder depression in perhaps one in five of all family caregiving relationships and you can see the problem is huge. Many families don't even know what they're dealing with or how to care for their loved one when they don't fully understand what is happening to that family member.

Elderly people themselves will "ignore the blackness that descends on them" because it is hard for them to move away from the belief that depression is a sign of weakness and a result of flawed character. Also, they may think they should just handle things. That's where the RN Case Managers at Innovative Healthcare Consultants can help. They can recognize the warning signs of depression and can help advocate for your family member with their family doctor. If you want advice or have questions about depression in yourself or a family member, call us at (877) 731-1442 or view our website at [www.innovativehc.com](http://www.innovativehc.com).

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# Peninsula YMCA breaks ground on long-anticipated gymnasium

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

In a time when it seems that most everything is getting smaller, the Peninsula Family YMCA is doing exactly the opposite.

The YMCA broke ground Feb. 20 on the Haas Family Gymnasium, the second of three major projects that will enhance the Point Loma facility.

"We know that Point Loma deserves a better YMCA and an expanded and improved YMCA to meet the needs of the community," said executive director Rob Sauvajot. "We know that with this expansion we will expand the services we can provide the community."

The Haas Family Gymnasium is expected to be completed in about eight months and will feature a full-size basketball court, allowing for year-round hoops, volleyball and gymnastics, along with serving as a temporary home to fitness classes.

Currently, the YMCA holds its seasonal basketball leagues at Point Loma High.

"This is a really nice feature of our YMCA which we've been waiting for for a really long time," Sauvajot said.

A new gym has been in the works since the YMCA began its capital campaign in 2000. The main reason for the delay is that officials wanted to secure every dollar of the \$2.5 million necessary for the project before beginning construction.

YMCA of San Diego County's 14 facilities are the only debt-free group among YMCA sites across the nation, according to Rich Collato, president/CEO of YMCA of San Diego County.

In addition to being built debt-free, the Haas Family Gymnasium is

"We know that with this expansion we will expand the services we can provide the community."

ROB SAUVAJOT  
YMCA Executive Director

unique due to its partnership with adjacent Correia Middle School. The school will use the new facility for physical education classes while offering parking spaces to the YMCA in return.

"This idea of taking some space and jointly sharing it for the kids and the community is absolutely marvelous," said San Diego Unified School District trustee John de Beck, "because there's a shortage of parks and recreation areas for kids on the Point."

Among the attendees at the ceremony were de Beck, YMCA officials, donors and board members, representatives from ROEL Construction, and District 2 City Councilmember Kevin Faulconer.

Each was given a hard hat and a shovel to get the project started.

"This is going to be a remarkable facility and one that all of us are very, very proud of," Faulconer said. "I know we are going to have people from all over the city come to look at what we are going to do here."

Sauvajot said his hope is that once the gymnasium is completed, the remaining \$1.3 million will be raised to start the third and final phase of construction at the YMCA. That phase involves the demolition of the existing main building to create a two-story structure with a new lobby, adminis-



The Peninsula Family YMCA will soon be the construction site for a new \$2.5 million Haas Family Gymnasium.

JIM GRANT | THE BEACON

## YOUTH

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address concerns and shed some light on the issue of the homeless in the Ocean Beach area," said Dan Allemeier, the OBTC's public relations chairman.

"It will be predominantly focused on these traveling youths and the cloud that has come in [with them] in the last few months," he said.

Allemeier said police representatives

were expected to speak on what is being done relative to the traveling youths, including unleashed dogs, the blockage of public sidewalks to pan-handle residents and tourists aggressively and loitering in the alcoves of nearby businesses.

Because of the timing of the candidate forum and the community dialogue on homelessness, look for coverage online at [www.peninsulabeacon.com](http://www.peninsulabeacon.com), with full coverage in the March 11 *Beacon*.

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

Assessing the 2009  
real estate market  
and what lies in  
store for 2010The State of  
Real Estate

By SDAR 2010 President

Mark Marquez

As we begin looking at the local real estate market in 2010, it is imperative to look back on 2009 and analyze the numbers and patterns we saw. In many ways, 2009 was a challenging housing market for San Diegans, but we also saw solid signs of improvement, which make us optimistic for the coming year.

The trends we are seeing across the county are holding true in many ways for the communities of Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Old Town. For the most part, we saw a larger number of properties sold in 2009 than were sold in 2008, and a slightly decreased median price since 2008. As we saw throughout 2009, these three communities' statistics usually trended in a similar direction as the county's, but with much higher or lower numbers due to the area's high desirability.

Across the county, the end of the year brought a flurry of new sales, with 18 percent more homes selling than November 2009. However, in Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Old Town, we didn't see nearly as much movement. Ocean Beach only sold one more home than it did in November, and Point Loma and Old Town actually sold less homes in December than in November. In total, all three communities had relatively low numbers of sold listings with Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Old Town selling 10, 14 and 4 homes respectively. While some areas experienced quite a few more sales, the county as a whole is seeing inventory shrink. Certainly this means less inventory in the beach communities where properties are highly desirable and often more expensive.

This is a trend we saw throughout the year and we expect to see it continue into 2010. Since homes in these areas tend to be in a higher price range, there will naturally be less movement. However, potential sellers in this area should not despair. Homes are still selling, and without some of the deep discounts we are seeing elsewhere in the county.

To that point, the 2009 year to date median price for Point Loma was \$766,000 which comes out to be more than double the county's year-to-date median. In even better news, we've seen the median rise month to month for five out of the last six months. All of this points to the continued leveling out of the market.

Ocean Beach and Old Town fared similarly. In Ocean Beach, the year to date median for 2009 was \$635,000, which is \$280,000 more than the county's median. Old Town's median ended the year at \$531,000, again substantially higher than the county's median of \$355,000. These higher median prices, coupled with less inventory, could explain why there are less properties being sold in these areas than in other areas across the county.

Moving forward, it is likely that we will continue to see a steady (albeit slow) improvement both in these three communities and across the county as a whole. With the homebuyer tax credit extended and expanded, there are even more people being incentivized to buy now. In addition, banks continue to withhold foreclosed properties, only releasing a few at a time. One might argue that this is good for higher-end markets, as the limited supply of less-expensive housing increases demands. For higher-end markets, this helps promote "move-up" buying, which, in turn, frees up properties in moderately-priced and first-time home buyer markets.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Says current PCPB not  
representative of residents

The current Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) does not speak for the majority of Point Loma residents.

Point Loma is a highly-urbanized community with a population of 60,000-plus people and some 12 distinct neighborhoods. The 15 members of the PCPB are supposed to represent the 12 geographical areas of the community.

Several years ago, a business/Realtor/developer consortium mounted a campaign to replace "resident only" members of the PCPB. They succeeded, eventually taking control of the PCPB. The result today is that we, the community, have only one single non-business/developer/resident on the most lopsided board on record. A further review of the PCPB roster finds that 50 percent of the neighborhoods do not have member representation for their geographical area.

So what is wrong with having this pro-developer board in control of the voting and final decisions on community issues concerning public health, densification, noise, safety, traffic, water and property rights? One has only to check the current PCPB achievement record now in print for community scrutiny. In my opinion, there has been a dismal and bloodless exercise in manipulation of community concerns on such issues as:

- a) The B.U.D.G. explosive gas trucking project;
- b) The Rock Church parking/permit to close off public streets and affect traffic issues;
- c) The North Harbor Drive expansion/alignment issue;
- d) The densification, 30-foot height and growth issues on Shelter Island 47 condo project; and
- e) The airport expansion and noise issues.

Apparently, these lemming-like incumbents have never seen a developer project they did not like. Let's take, for example, their vote on

the recent B.U.D.G. explosive gas trucking project. Just like a bunch of lemmings, they supported the PCPB chairman, Chuck Mellor, in his pro-developer presentation before the San Diego City Council. Only a public outcry by some 300-plus residents and a timely intervention by District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer reversed what I believe was manipulation and deceit.

They were prepared to subject the community to the high accident risk of transporting 54,000 explosive-gas truck trips through the community for 10 years. These are the incumbents who are now seeking your votes to reelect them.

Residents of Point Loma should be able to expect that they will be represented on the PCPB by members who have a real concern in protecting the community and its quality of life, not incumbents who continually vote like lemmings on pro-developer projects. March 18 is the time to vote these incumbents OFF the PCPB.

The PCPB is poised for a new round of elections. Residents who are interested in running for the PCPB can pick up candidate applications at: the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., prior to the March 18 election.

Jim Gilhooly  
Point Loma

NTC channel dock crucial  
to community as a whole

Thank you for your coverage of the most significant unfinished amenity at Liberty Station, the connection to San Diego Bay via the Navy channel ("Liberty Station dock access divisive." Jan. 28 Beacon, page 1).

Not just buyers of residential real estate at the former Naval Training Center (NTC) saw this value; so did thousands of Peninsula residents, who have been waiting patiently for this connection to become a reality.

The impending opening of this Navy dock will bring an additional recreational opportunity, as well as a unique water connection for the residents of Loma Portal.

In addition, it opens an opportunity for residents and visitors to "catch a boat" and sail to downtown, Coronado or almost any facility with a dock on San Diego Bay.

Isn't this what San Diego is all about? Of course, what it also will bring is an economic "shot in the arm" for the struggling businesses, not just at Liberty Station, but elsewhere in our beautiful city, and just in time to give us additional momentum to pull out of the recession! Remember, successful businesses generate tax revenue for the city.

Does the dock need some tender loving care? Yes it does. But fortunately, the former NTC is also a redevelopment project area and has generated millions of dollars to improve infrastructure like the dock and the shoreline of the channel!

There are limiting conditions, however, principally the clearance of the Navy footbridge at the south end of the channel. This will mean that large ferry/water-taxis cannot operate. Size will be limited to vessels accommodating 10 to 20 passengers or so. Will that be a problem? Remember the British evacuated Dunkirk with small boats much like this!

Does this issue need to be controversial? I think not. The use of the dock and the parking can be shared with the public and the businesses at Liberty Station, all the while respecting safety and security concerns.

What we have here is your classic "win-win" situation, exactly what city leaders had in mind when they created Liberty Station. Let's get busy! District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer has started the process. Let's all get behind him and make Liberty Station all it can be!

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# Jersey Mike's Subs shop opens, helps nonprofit group in a pickle

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | PENINSULA BEACON

Jersey Mike's Subs opened its third and newest location earlier this month in the Midway area, raising about \$1,200 in the process to benefit the Miracle League of San Diego.

Partners Cathy Brown and Steve Leonard own and operate the shop at 2670 Rosecrans St., in addition to stores in Mission Valley and Mira Mesa, which they opened last year.

Part of the Jersey Mike's corporate culture is to help local charities, according to the new owners.

"That's what we do," Brown said. "We give back."

Relatively new to California, the sub shop chain is made up of about 43 stores spread around the state, Brown said. The stores sell East Coast-style subs which, according to Brown, include using olive oil and red wine vinegar instead of mustard and mayonnaise.

The business partners rely on the popularity of the chain and goodwill toward the community to see them through tough economic times. They also cut costs by sharing administrative costs between the two. And with three stores opening within the last year, that formula may prove profitable.

"It's extremely scary," Brown said. "And we're not at the point where we can afford other people to help us yet."

The campaign by Brown and Leonard will help, said Miracle League officials.

"Realistically, that [\$1,200] would pay for scholarships for about 25 players who can't afford to pay for their registration in the Miracle League this season," said Dan Engel, Miracle League of San Diego co-founder and president. The

nonprofit organization provides resources for physically and mentally disabled children to play baseball.

Engel said the league is always looking for volunteers throughout the season to help with the games. The league has two seasons this year with about 175 players spread over 12 teams.

The Jersey Mike's Subs will also provide about 300 sandwiches for the Miracle League's opening day at San Dieguito Park in Del Mar on Saturday, March 13.



## Regional outlook forum to gauge economic pulse

San Diego leaders will receive actionable economic analysis and recommendations for how to deal with a dynamic and changing national, state and regional economy during an economic outlook forum on Thursday, March 4.

Themed "The New Economic Reality: How 'New' and How 'Real'?", the forum will address specific regional issues with special focuses on biotechnology, defense, small business, real estate, international trade and others.

The forum will be held at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina and is being co-presented by the Fermanian Business & Economic Institute (FBEI) at Point Loma Nazarene University and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation. Bank of America is the title sponsor.

Lynn Reaser, Ph.D., chief economist for the FBEI and the current president of the National Association for Business Economics (NABE), will present her economic forecast, according to university officials. Each attendee will receive a copy of the extensive forecast in published form. In addition, FBEI executive director Randy M. Ataide will chair a panel discussion of industry leaders, including Anthony Sorge, CEO, Genlantis; Hugh Constant, executive vice president, World Trade Center San Diego; Rear Adm. William D. French, commander, Navy Region Southwest; and Kenneth D. Slaght, vice president and general manager, General Dynamics Information Technology.

Sponsorships and ticket information on the event can be found at [www.pointloma.edu/Fermanian](http://www.pointloma.edu/Fermanian) or by contacting either FBEI Director Cathy Gallagher at (619) 849-2564 or San Diego Regional EDC Events Manager Emily Norman at (619) 615-2969.

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## PLHS basketball squad won't see CIF action

By **KEVIN MCKAY & KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI**

The Point Loma High School (PLHS) basketball squad ended its regular season with both good and disappointing news. The Pointers dropped their season finale to Madison High School on Feb. 19 and were eliminated from post-season CIF playoff action.

Trying to rebound from a dismal 3-11 start, the team had remained hopeful entering the final game of the season, but found its hopes dashed in a 43-34 loss to Madison.

Perhaps easing the sting, however, the Pointers did have their record adjusted favorably after picking up two wins because of forfeitures by Christian High — which reportedly had been using ineligible players during the season. The added wins pushed the Pointers' overall record to 8-13, according to CIF officials.

PLHS ended the season at 3-8 in Western League play.

"We had seven of our players come in late because they were playing football and the football team advanced to the division finals this past year," said PLHS head basketball coach Chris Brisco. "It took a while for those guys to get going, which is one of the reasons we struggled in our early games."

The PLHS football squad has advanced deep into the playoffs the past five years, with four appearances in the division finals.

Brisco's Pointers had been rallying late in the season and trying to position themselves for a possible CIF playoff berth. But Brisco conceded even before the Feb. 19 loss to Madison that the early losses and close defeats in the middle of the year could prove costly to a playoff bid.

Regardless, Brisco said he is pleased with the team's effort down the stretch considering the way they started the year.

Brisco said he is optimistic about the Pointers' chances next season with the return of many of the team's key players. Junior Nate George (6 foot, 6 inches), the teams' leading scorer along with junior Christian Howard (6 foot, 3 inches). Brisco is also looking forward to contributions by transfer Marquis Cliffords next season.

**DISAPPOINTING SEASON**

The Point Loma High School basketball squad won't appear in the CIF post-season after notching an overall 9-14 record.

• **Good news:** Point Loma did pick up two season wins after Christian High was forced to forfeit its entire season.

**SPORTS***briefs*  
**OBTC comes to aid of  
local Little League**

The Ocean Beach Town Council's (OBTC) board of directors has unanimously agreed to donate \$1,000 from the organization's general fund to directly help replace local Little League equipment lost last year to arson, according to OBTC officials.

The fire destroyed the storage facility and all the equipment inside, leading to about \$7,500 in loss. According to OBTC officials, the insurance plan that the Little League had didn't cover fire.

The OBTC also agreed to sponsor a team (the Cubs).

OBTC members said they are challenging other local organizations, businesses, individuals and public officials to donate as well.

To donate or for more information about the local Little League, call Kevin Otsuka at (858) 229-7619. To contact the OBTC, call Jim Musgrove at (619) 269-8369 or Dan Allemeier at (619) 616-9933.

**Undy 5000 set to  
aid foundation**

They might try to keep this brief.

The debut of the San Diego "Undy 5000 5K Run/Walk" will take place Saturday, March 6 at 8 a.m. at the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station in Point Loma.

Organizers said the event stands out from many other 5K events because participants run in specially-designed boxer-style shorts, providing a fun way to bring attention to a serious disease.

The family-oriented event is open to all ages, and will include a family fun

run and childrens' activities.

The event will kick off March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness-Month. The Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA), a national patient advocacy organization, is dedicated to ending the suffering caused by colorectal cancer, will host the event.

The Undy 5000 is held in different cities across the country throughout the year.

The goal is to educate the public about colon cancer, promote screenings and get people talking about the deadly, but preventable, disease. A percentage of the local proceeds will benefit the California Colorectal Cancer Coalition (C4).

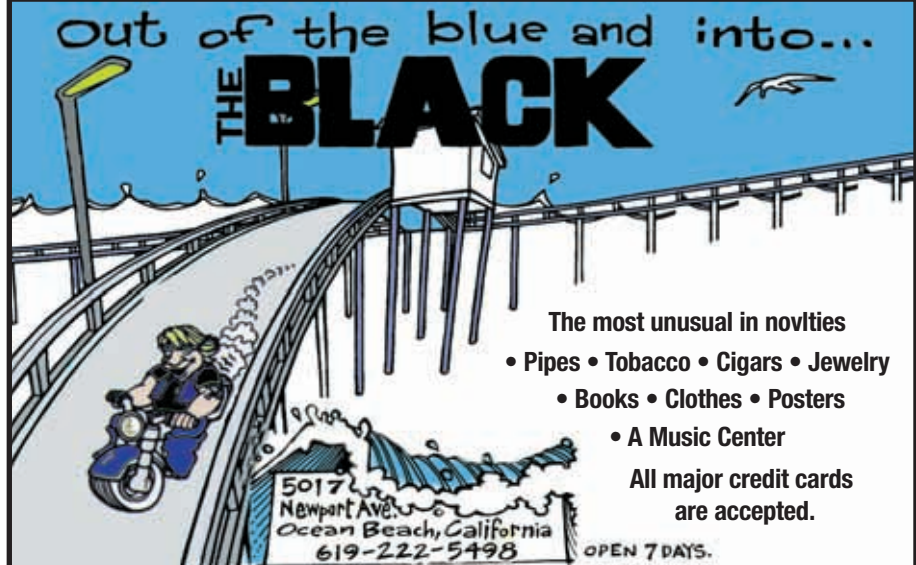
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# PLHS athlete gets a kick out of Ireland's national soccer team

By SCOTT HOPKINS | PENINSULA BEACON

Athletes usually follow a pre-game ritual. But Shelby Murphy's ritual might be more rigorous than most.

Murphy's routine involves leaving her Point Loma home, driving to Los Angeles and flying 5,209 miles to Dublin, Ireland, where she stars on that country's Under-19 women's team. This week, she will make her debut as the newest member of Ireland's national women's team.

To boot, the cheerful teen recently celebrated her 18th birthday.

The daughter of John and Irma Murphy of Point Loma and a senior at Point Loma High School (PLHS), Shelby carries a 3.33 grade-point average, despite her extended trips overseas. She will, however, graduate with her class in June and notes, "all of my teachers have been so cool and flexible."

Her father is the athletic director and women's soccer coach at PLHS.

Shelby helped power the Pointers to a CIF Division II championship last year — the first CIF title for the school in many years, according to school officials. She was named First Team All-CIF and CIF Division II Player of the Year.

After boarding an Aer Lingus flight yesterday Feb. 24, today marks Murphy's first appearance with the Irish national team. When she trots onto the Dublin pitch as a central midfielder in a friendly match against France, she will be the newest, youngest and — at 5 feet, 3 inches tall — likely the shortest member of her country's side.

"They will probably cap me after (today's) game," Murphy predicted.

After being "capped," she will never be

**"Wherever you step on the field, you have to be ready for anything that comes at you, so we are expected to practice like in a match."**

SHELBY MURPHY

able to play internationally for any other country. Players earn an additional cap for every international match to indicate their experience.

But her ascent to international soccer didn't come without years of preparation, practice, persistence and a large dose of natural talent.

"My older sister Maegan was a goal-keeper," Murphy said, "and I started by kicking balls barefoot to her in our backyard when I was four."

Many years of involvement followed with various Southern California club teams and Olympic development squads. Murphy, with her attacking style, excelled in every one.

Her involvement with Ireland came about when she expressed her interest in international soccer while talking to Greg Ryan, women's soccer coach at the University of Michigan. Ryan tossed out the names of two countries, but Murphy shook her head. When Ryan uttered "Ireland?" Murphy's face lit up and she answered with a resounding "Yes!"

Shelby's family traces its Irish heritage through her father's ancestry, and she soon obtained Irish citizenship and an Ireland passport.

Her introduction to the Ireland Under-

19 team, however, was anything but jolly.

Accompanied on that first trip by her parents, Murphy vividly remembers stepping into the team locker room for the first time. She was greeted by the icy stares and dead silence of her new teammates.

"I got no respect," Murphy said, "because I might be taking someone else's spot."

Soon, in her first Under-19 match, Murphy entered in the second half as a substitute.

"After 15 or 20 minutes on the field, I scored my first goal," Murphy recalled, and everything changed. "Now, they are like my second family."

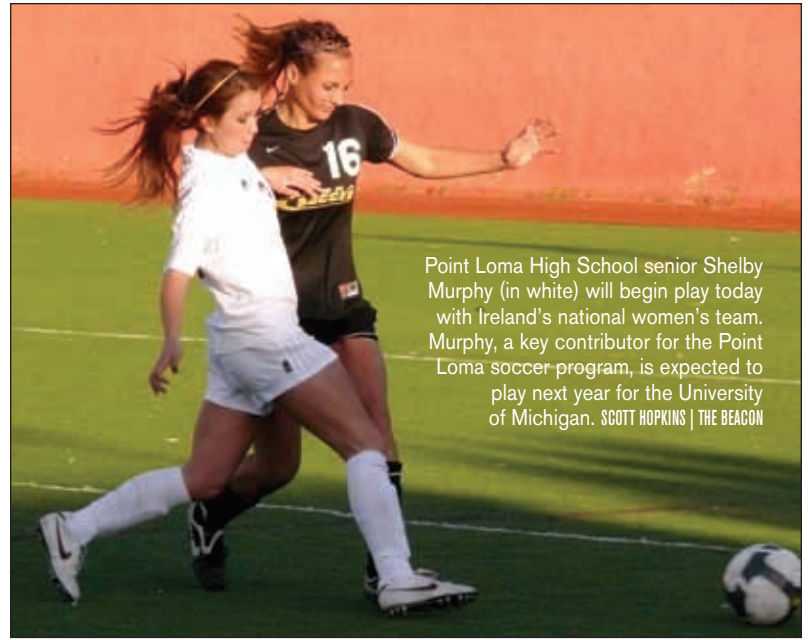
Murphy said further bonding also came from the fact "we are constantly together."

"[We] practice, eat, rest and sleep — that's all we do," she said with a smile.

But Murphy notes she must use some of her "down time" to complete schoolwork and e-mail it back to PLHS staff members.

On her second trip to Ireland, Murphy traveled by herself and laughs when remembering getting off the plane at 4 a.m. only to find her bags missing after a long wait at a luggage carousel. When she went to Aer Lingus personnel to report her problem, she glanced up to see a large sign reading "Limerick." She turned, in a panic, and sprinted back to the gate just as the aircraft's door was being shut for the flight's next leg — to her destination of Dublin.

And as for the team's living quarters? "They put us in a beautiful five-star hotel in Dublin with the best food," and first-class accommodations when on the road,



Point Loma High School senior Shelby Murphy (in white) will begin play today with Ireland's national women's team. Murphy, a key contributor for the Point Loma soccer program, is expected to play next year for the University of Michigan. SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

she said.

Murphy said team practices are intense.

"We play in the rain a lot. I had to get used to the weather and the cold," Murphy said. "Whenever you step on the field, you have to be ready for anything that comes at you, so we are expected to practice like in a match."

That means enduring painful collisions, jarring tackles and stinging head balls.

"And you are expected to be fit (to run)," Murphy said, "or you don't play."

Whether playing in Dublin or throughout Europe, Murphy and her chums enjoy celebrity status on the soccer-obsessed continent.

More goals followed since that first one made for the Irish squad by the aggressive San Diego star. In fact, in a four-team tournament, the Under-19 team played in on her last trip, Murphy scored four goals, including two against Croatia.

"That might not sound like a lot," Murphy said, "but it was the highest by any player in the tournament and nobody else

scored in every match."

Murphy helped her Irish team finish the tourney undefeated and the squad is now ranked No. 6 in Europe.

Murphy finds herself currently holding an invitation to move up to the country's highest women's team. Her excitement is fueled by opportunities that could include a women's World Cup and Olympic appearances.

Some team members have worn the Irish green for a decade or more, leaving Murphy to once again prove herself against the country's best, "but the challenge is good for me," she says.

After graduation from PLHS, Murphy will enter the University of Michigan to play for Ryan on a full athletic scholarship. She plans to continue building her cap total in Ireland. Eventually, she hopes to play professionally, either in the U.S. or in Europe.

For Murphy, the sky might serve an important purpose — both as a pathway for her frequent travel and for the upper limit of this remarkable 18-year-old soccer star's emerging career.

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## Chorus lands lifetime dream with Carnegie Hall gig

By BART MENDOZA | PENINSULA BEACON

It's been said so often over the years that it's practically a cliché, but just about every musician worth his or her salt dreams of performing at Carnegie Hall. There are certainly larger venues around North America, but none has the prestige of the New York landmark. While in the modern era, the thought of such a feat usually rests with bands or solo artists, the dream will come true in March for a local community choir, the Peninsula Singers.

The Point Loma-based group will join eight other choruses from around the U.S. that were invited to perform at the revered venue. On Friday, March 5, the Peninsula Singers will perform a special Carnegie Hall send-off concert featuring Beethoven's Mass in C Major. Nearly 53 members of the 70-person choir will be heading to the East Coast.

"We were nominated to be a part of this following a Christmas concert at Southwestern College in 2008," explained chorus manager Gary Ewing. "We can hardly believe we're doing this. We're so excited. Carnegie Hall invites groups like ours once or twice a year to participate in a special event. We've basically spent the last year getting everything ready."

To date, Ewing estimates the Peninsula Singers have played to more than 10,000 people at venues ranging from the USS Midway museum to Balboa Park's annual December Nights program.

"We're fortunate in that we've sold out almost every show in our six years, but it's tough with an organization like ours," Ewing said. "Expenses for every show can be daunting, everything from the bleachers for the audience to a sound system adds up."

The chorus members had to raise



The Peninsula Singers are in for the experience of a lifetime Saturday, March 14. They will join eight other choruses that were invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York. A local send-off concert takes place Friday, March 5 at the North Chapel at Liberty Station. COURTESY PHOTO

their own funds to attend.

"We did everything we could think of to get us there," Ewing said. "Garage sales, car washes, some restaurants even donated a percentage of a night's earnings."

Luckily, several organizations, including The Ocean Beach Community Foundation, Friends of The Hervy Family Point Loma Branch Library and the Point Loma Community Bank, have stepped up to help.

Ewing said the Carnegie Hall event will be a much bigger affair than they usually play, even without taking into account the historic nature of the venue.

The concert itself will be a huge undertaking, with all nine choirs joining forces along with a symphony, under the direction of John Rutter.

"There will be 262 singers onstage at the same time," Ewing said. "It's an hour-long performance, all in Latin. We're all doing rehearsals with our own groups at home, but once we get to New York, we'll be doing another 10 hours

on top of that with everyone present. It's almost overwhelming, but so exciting."

Both the Peninsula Singers' artistic director Susan Suhonen and pianist Stewart Simon will go along for the trip, though Simon will be singing.

"He's always dreamed of playing Carnegie Hall as a concert pianist, so it's ironic that he's going to finally get to take that stage as a singer," Ewing said.

Although putting the trip together has been a major undertaking, Ewing said it was all worth the effort.

"It's really pulled our chorus together. We're united and it feels like a family," Ewing said. "But what I really like is watching the chorus members having fun singing. We have members from high school age to one gentleman who is 87 years old, and I'm so proud of them."

The Peninsula Singers launch their send-off concert Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the North Chapel in Liberty Station, 2881 Roosevelt Road. Tickets are \$10, and the performance is open to all ages.

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- **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.
- **Monday, March 1, 6:45 p.m., Regular meeting of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council** at the Cabrillo Recreation Center, 3051 Cañon St. For more information, call (619) 222-9719, or visit [www.calsnet.net/sunsetcliffs](http://www.calsnet.net/sunsetcliffs).
- **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.
- **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 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).

- **Saturday, March 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach** presents the 62nd annual Kite Festival and Craft Fair. Kite-making takes place at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center/OB Elementary School (4726 Santa Monica Blvd.) from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with judging at 1 p.m. A parade of kites will follow at 2 p.m. Free lunches are available to children with adults asked to make a donation. For more information, call (858) 225-8705, e-mail [info@oceanbeachkiwanis.org](mailto:info@oceanbeachkiwanis.org) or visit [www.oceanbeachkiwanis.org](http://www.oceanbeachkiwanis.org).

- **Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., Friends of the Library** hosts a free presentation by Charles Pope, director of the Trans-Border Institute, "The War on Drugs and the Rule of Law in Mexico." The event takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.
- **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).
- **Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m., 38th annual Robb Field Spring Egg Hunt** at 2525 Bacon St. For more information, call (619) 531-1563.
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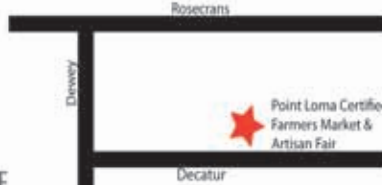


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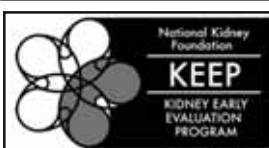
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Sun 1-4pm	350 Fern Glen	3BR/2BA	\$1,425,000
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Sun 1-4pm	5470 La Jolla Blvd. #303	2BR/2BA	\$1,895,000
Sun 1-4pm	475 Marine St.	3BR/3BA	\$2,150,000
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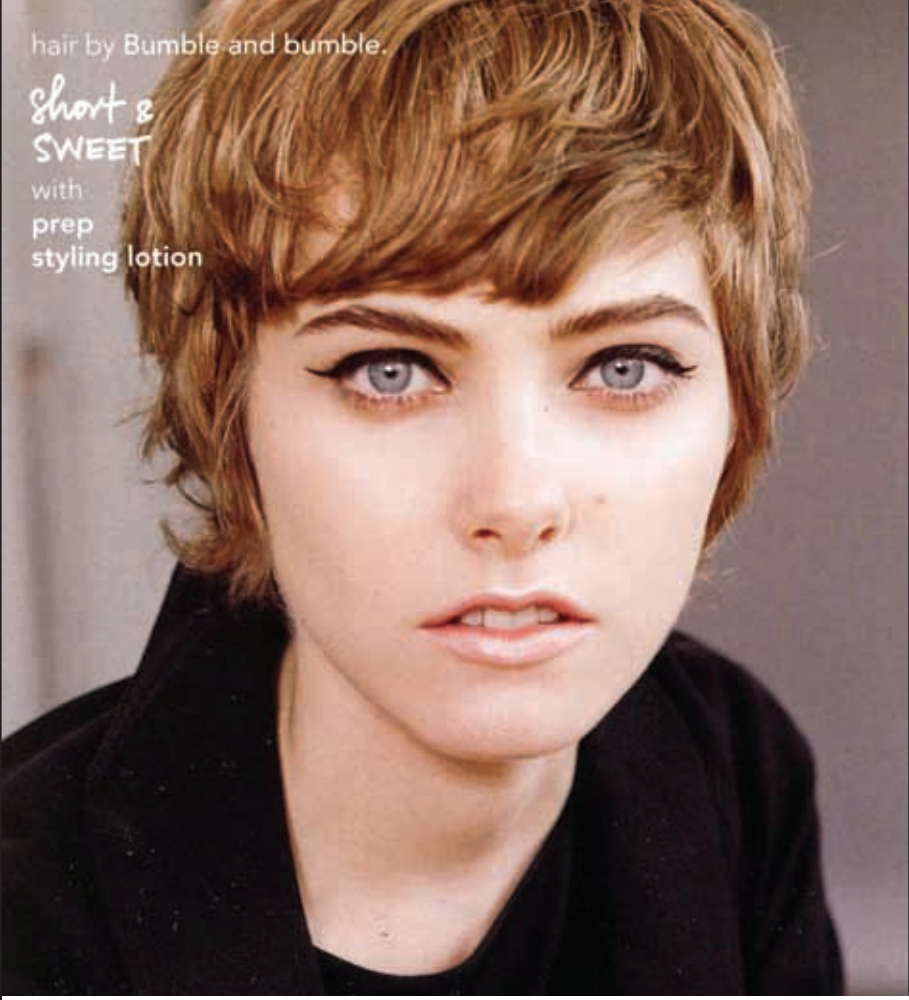
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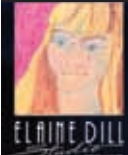
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