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## Catching SPRING FEVER

Youngsters discovered the thrill of a community Spring Egg Hunt on March 20 at Robb Field. Above, left, 1-year-old Rains Sullivan hands his friend, Hattie Bergel, also 1, an egg in between hunts. Lower left, children sprint for the decorated goodies strewn across the field. Bottom right, Santiago Frazer, 3 1/2, loads his finds into a firetruck basket.

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## Locals lukewarm to coastal school district proposal

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

With local schools seeking more autonomy from the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), many options are on the table. One of those options is district trustee John de Beck's Coastal School District idea, which would break schools in coastal communities away from SDUSD.

"It's a group of people who have common interests that want to make their schools better and believe that the kids should be in a school system that has equity," de Beck said.

De Beck has presented the idea to the Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation (PLCSF) on two separate occasions, most recently last fall. PLCSF President Christy Scadden said the Peninsula community is lukewarm to the idea so far.

"We're not currently looking at this one solution," Scadden said. "This isn't where all of our effort is going. We're looking at some different styles of governance."

Scadden said the PLCSF is doing outreach with schools in the cluster to get their input into the process.

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## Final three PCPB seats to be decided in runoff

Gott, MacCulloch claim spots so far

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

The Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) election ended with mixed results March 18, netting only John Gott and Robert MacCulloch seats with a necessary 51-percent-or-better vote.

The remaining three open seats are yet undecided because of a lack of simple majority vote, forcing a runoff election tonight, March 25.

The second election for the final spots will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch

Library, 3701 Voltaire St.

Gott and MacCulloch shared their thoughts on their new roles.

"My goals are first to learn more about the issues and opportunities that confront the Peninsula community and to contribute to thoughtful balance and respectful decisions that benefit the long-term interests of the community," Gott said. "I'm interested in opportunities for renewal of the community but retention of the historic feel of the Point."

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## Unique Harbor Point project in the mix

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Despite a grinding economy, construction began earlier this month on Harbor Point, a rather different two-story commercial building in Point Loma. Harbor Point is slated to open at 5555 N. Harbor Drive in August.

"It's built around the harbor, so they're trying to fit it into that type of construction and the general architecture. It's going to be pretty unique," said Carl Haines, executive manager at project contractor Johnson & Jennings.

Haines said the Harbor Point project cost \$7 million, including the 24,000-square-foot building itself and construction costs. The building will be mixed-use, with nine offices on the top floor and three retail suites on the ground floor.

"Although we're in the midst of a challenging environment for real estate and development, we felt there

was strong but unfulfilled demand among smaller tenants for a well-located office and retail building in Point Loma," said Doug Arthur of Sentre Partners, who is handling the leasing and marketing for the building.

When completed, Harbor Point will have such amenities as covered parking, free wireless Internet and men's and women's showers. It will also feature an art wall with a local twist.

"We're very excited about our Point Loma-themed art wall along the main exterior building stairway, which the local community will help to create and will capture the essence of what makes Point Loma a great community," Arthur said. "Definitely a 'must see' if you're a Point Loma resident."

Arthur said there is considerable interest in Harbor Point and the project is currently being discussed with

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A rendering shows what the unique-looking Harbor Point mixed-use commercial building should look like on North Harbor Drive when completed in August.

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one possible restaurant and several possible office tenants. As the discussion process is still early, Arthur was unable to provide names of prospective tenants.

"The building should be a great fit for local individuals who want to stay close to home and the water," Arthur said. "We envision tenants who can ride their bike to

## NEW DEVELOPMENT

Despite dismal economic times for the construction industry and businesses in general, construction has begun on the new 24,000-square-foot Harbor Point mixed-use complex on Harbor Drive. Work is scheduled to be completed in August.

work in the morning or take a run around the bay at lunch — all while enjoying bay views and fresh air during the course of everyday business."



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The 2009 community mural now has a home at the Ocean Beach branch of Union Bank after being placed in storage for several months following last year's OB Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off.

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## 2009 community mural has permanent new home in OB

By REBECCA SAFFRAN | SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

The Ocean Beach branch of Union Bank at 1858 Cable St. is now home to the latest community mural created at the 2009 Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off. Zed Electric installed the 32-foot creation next to the drive-through window that faces toward Newport Avenue. Zed Electric stored the mural for 6 months until a permanent home could be found. Installation began Feb. 17. The process took 3 days as extra care was needed to guard all eight of the mural's panels from damage. Janis Ambrosiani, mural artist and owner of Walls with a View, designed the 2009 mural to commemorate the OB Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off's 30th anniversary.

The 2009 mural is the 10th mural created as part of the Ocean Beach Com-

munity Mural project. Additional murals surround the neighborhood, contributing to the cultural landscape of Ocean Beach.

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) repairs and maintains the murals. Originally, the first mural was going to be on display for a year and then painted over during the second mural event, and so on. As the murals caught on in popularity, however, the OBMA decided to preserve all the murals.

The 2010 mural is currently under design and set to be painted during the 31st annual OB Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, June 26 at 1874 Bacon St. Each square costs \$5 to paint. Donations are welcome.

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# Teachers give awaited contract a thumbs-up

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

After almost two years of negotiations and increasingly difficult budget times for the San Diego Unified School District, (SDUSD), members of the San Diego Education Association (SDEA) voted nearly unanimously last week to ratify a three-year contract with district officials.

"We're pleased with the outcome," said SDEA President Camille Zombro. "This allows us to move on and focus on the kids and what we do best."

The teachers' previous contract with the district expired in 2008. Since then, both the teachers and SDUSD officials have been working toward a contract that would benefit both sides.

"The district had an incentive to settle the contract because they needed something," Zombro said. "They needed us to take an economic hit so they could balance their budget."

With nearly half of SDEA members voting on the contract, 97 percent voted to approve the agreement. Zombro said the new contract has been a long time coming.

"We've been ready all along," Zombro said. "We've been wanting to settle this contract for two years."

One of the most significant sacrifices by teachers in the new contract is the implementation of five furlough days for each of the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years. On the traditional school calendar, the furlough dates for next year will be June 14-17 and June 20 – ending the school year one week early.

"It was a hard pill to swallow, but if we could get things that demonstrate to us that the money is going to be used appropriately, that's why teachers were willing to step up," Zombro said of the mandatory days off.

According to Zombro, the contract's key element for the teachers was the adjustment of language involving class sizes, nurses and counselors. The new contract states that schools are going to be staffed with nurses and counselors without spending flexibility and keeps the pupil-to-teacher average at 36 students for the next three years. The contract also protects educators who retire within the next two years.



## Helping hands and feet for Haiti

Sunset View students and staff, right, held a "Hearts for Haiti" fundraiser for humanity in February, raising proceeds to help the earthquake victims. Students were asked to bring in loose change from around the house that mom or dad could spare or do extra chores that they can be paid for. The response led to a successful fundraiser, netting more than \$2,000 that will be donated to the Friends of the Orphans organization in Haiti. Left, Sunset View students present a "thank you" banner to fundraising partner Point Loma Community Bank. The banner was accepted by Jill Faucher, Point Loma Community Bank's vice president. Above, The U.S. Karate Academy at Liberty Station and nearly 60 of its students conducted a two-day Kick-a-Thon in February, where individuals pledged money for each kick performed. The event raised nearly \$1,800 for the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund with more than 13,820 kicks conducted.

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# Environmental groups score decisions by city officials

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Eco groups weighed in on the city's elected leaders this month with an "environmental report card," handing them letter grades based on their votes on land-use, water, energy and political appointments, among other categories.

The document is an expanded version of a yearly water-quality report card aimed at influencing City Council members' future decisions, said Colin Parent, a board member with the League of Conservation Voters, San Diego.

"[The report card] is not to reward our friends or punish people who haven't been with us on issues, the purpose is to encourage everyone to do better," Parent said.

The report includes an analysis of weighted grades over about a year's worth of City Council votes. Here is how the city officials fared in the group's environmental report card:

- District 1 Councilwoman Sherri Lightner: C
- District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer: D
- District 3 Councilman Todd Gloria: A-

- District 4 Councilman Tony Young: D
- District 5 Councilman Carl DeMaio: F
- District 6 Councilwoman Donna Frye: A
- District 7 Councilwoman Marti Emerald: C-
- District 8 Councilman Ben Hueso: C-
- San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders: D-

The report card evaluated several City Council votes and legislative decisions, including votes on the establishment of an indirect potable reuse plan — commonly referred to as the toilet-to-tap program. The assessment also highlighted a City Council vote to change land-use rules allowing for construction of townhomes in the Peninsula community instead of leaving it as solely for traditional use by the marine and fishing industry.

The report also pointed out council votes on La Jolla's Children's Pool. The city has been given the final say on the human/marine mammal interaction issue — a decision that has not yet been finalized.

Lightner's office released a statement via e-mail in response to the report card, saying, "Although I don't agree with the report card's authors on every

issue, I do strongly support their efforts to encourage elected officials to be environmentally conscious and to increase transparency."

The report card also came down hard on Faulconer. Faulconer helped bring about the beach alcohol ban and he supported the cigarette-butt ban policy, which helped rid the beach of trash left by holiday weekend crowds, said Tony Manolatos, a spokesman for Faulconer. Manolatos added that the report card is a politically-motivated document that ignores Faulconer's efforts to revitalize and clean up Mission Bay Park.

The report card paints Faulconer as somewhat unfriendly toward environmental issues, but "for them to say that is not fair and not accurate," said Manolatos.

Campaigning on environmental issues from the beginning, Frye said she still cares deeply about the environment. Asked whether the report card would influence any future decisions about the environment: "It's certainly something I pay attention to, but I've never got a bad report card," Frye said.

The report card also judged council members on a political appointment of a candidate to the San

Diego Board of Port Commissioners. Environmental group representatives said the City Council should appoint someone with a strong background of environmental advocacy.

The City Council appointed land-use attorney Lee Burdick to the Port Commissioners in 2009, passing over several nominees, including Diane Takvorian, executive director of the Environmental Health Coalition (EHC). The EHC also supported Takvorian and is named as one of the groups behind the report card.

Other groups listed on the report card include the San Diego Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Coastkeeper, the League of Conservation Voters, The Sierra Club and various other environmental organizations. Strategic Community Consulting from the University of California, San Diego compiled and released the report card.

"We were really disappointed with the results of the report card and we're looking for leadership and vision in 2010 and a change in direction," said Nicole Capretz, Environmental Health Coalition's campaign director. "The votes we listed are an opportunity for the council to redeem itself."

## New dino exhibit brings ancient world back to life

By JOHNNY McDONALD | THE BEACON

Technological advancements during the past two decades have unearthed a greater comprehensive study of mammals that roamed the continents more than 80 million years ago — including fossils uncovered in Point Loma.

These microscopic new discoveries will be featured in a traveling exhibit called "Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries," opening Saturday, March 27 at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

This exhibit will be curated by Dr. Thomas Demere, a Joshua L. Bailey Jr. chair of paleontology at the museum since 1993. His research has focused on the

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evolutionary history and paleobiology of pinnipeds and cetaceans.

"There are many new sophisticated techniques in the last 20 years, like medical scanners to look inside the mammals," Demere said. "More paleontologists are searching for dinosaurs and to determine the many ways to analyze data. Even developing countries

are supporting paleontology with training procedures.

"In our area, we've collected the remains of dinosaurs from the [time period of] 75 million years. Armour dinos, Hadrosarus and Technosairus fossils have been located in Carlsbad, La Jolla, Point Loma and southern Orange County.

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These models of Mei long, a small birdlike theropod called a troodontid, are featured in the exhibition "Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries," running March 27-Sept. 5 at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The models are based on a fossil that was first described and studied by museum paleontologists.

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### 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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GUEST EDITORIAL

# Saying 'yes' when one should say 'no'

Natasha Josefowitz, Ph.D.

"I'm just a girl who can't say no," goes the song. In the case of the musical, her problem was saying no to men. Yet the problem is much more pervasive than just romantic relationships.

I do it, all my friends do it, everyone I know does it. We all say, "yes," "OK," "I'll do it," when we don't want to. It can be a favor for a friend, additional work for an employer, a helping hand to a co-worker, an errand for a relative, a committee we don't want to sit on, a fundraiser we don't want to attend. Why do we say yes when we really mean no? Do women do it more often than men? I believe they do.

After I have said yes, agreed, committed myself, I often regret it. By then, it's too late. If it is hard to say no, it is 10 times harder to say, "I've changed my mind." So why do we do it?

Often it does not seem such a burden at the time. Many of us underestimate the time it takes to fulfill the added responsibility or else the deadline is weeks or even months away. I frequently accept to write a lengthy article or to give a talk "due next year." But then that inexorable date arrives and I'm frantically trying to fit it in with everything else I have to do.

Another reason is that it feels better at the moment to say yes to someone than to say no. None of us likes to be rejecting, and this is perhaps where the gender difference comes in. Women generally are more attuned to the needs of others, more consciously dependent on relationships.

Turning our back on a request feels like a rejection of the person, instead of just a denial of one request. It is not very different from the statement that women tend to personalize more than men. In other words, if a woman's behavior is criticized, she feels like the criticism is an attack on her whole person, not just a reference to one of her actions. If refusing one favor is seen as akin to rejecting the person, it becomes understandable why women would have a harder time doing so.

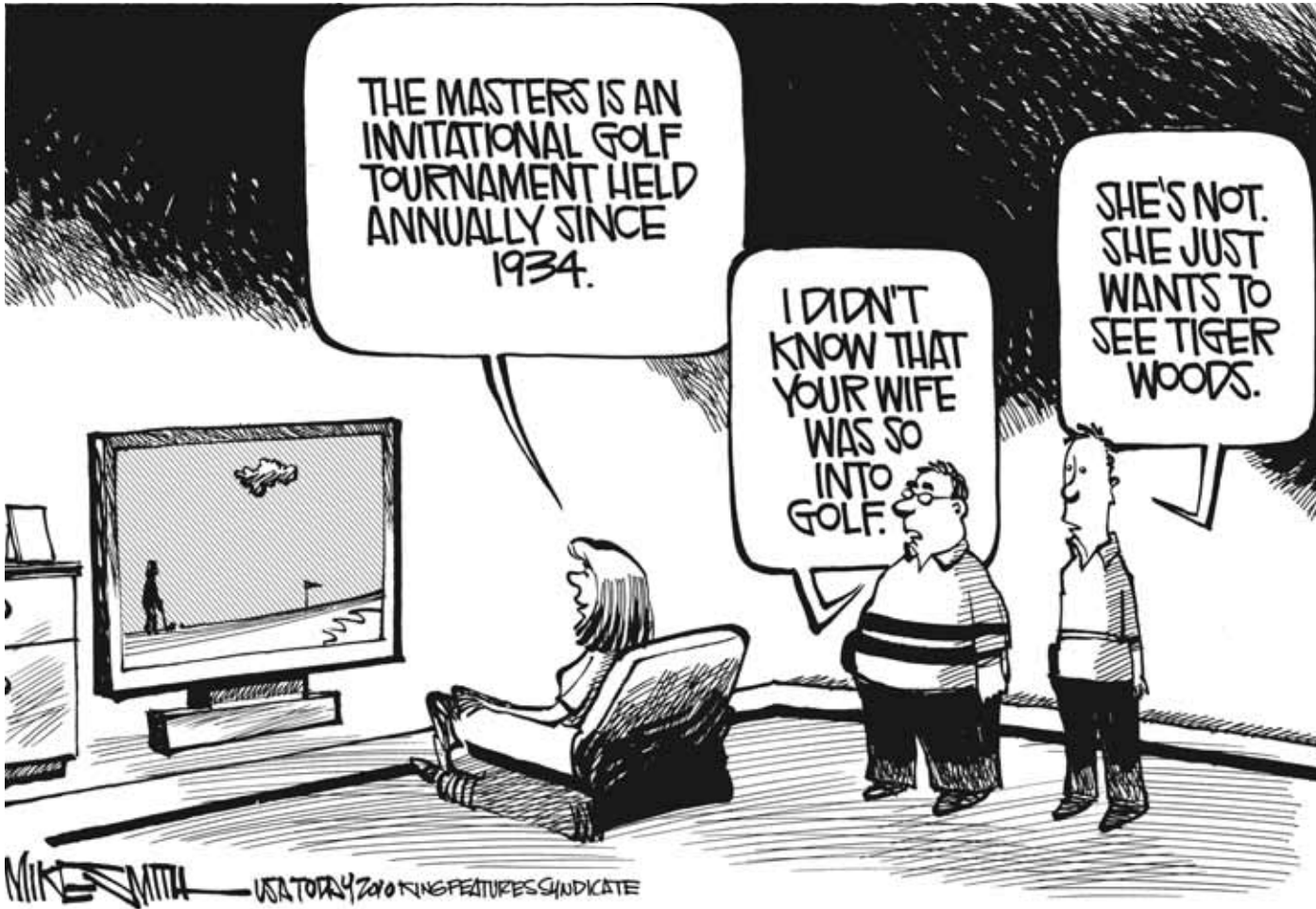
Another reason is that women either are genetically programmed to be more nurturing or have been brought up to be more giving. That being the case, it is not surprising that when asked to extend themselves, they tend to do it. We have been taught to think of others and thus are quick to respond when we hear a plea for help.

There is also the issue of assertion. It often feels like being assertive in responding to one's own needs instead of someone else's is selfish. "I'm going to take care of myself first" smacks of the "me" generation.

The voices disagree between my needs and wishes versus your needs and wishes. Of course, when it's our children, their needs come first until adolescence — then it's up for grabs as to who wants and gets the car or how much money they're allowed to spend. Discipline and teaching values comes into play and the "why" of decision making becomes more complicated.

We tend to say yes more often to people we like, to people in power, to people with whom we have a reciprocal relationship. We also tend to help out people we feel sorry for, those who can't fend for themselves. The issue then is how real are our feelings of responsibility. Are we taking on too much — is it a burden that can be shared or are we not paying attention enough?

Now, I am not saying we never should respond to others. I like that nurturing side of women. I like it in me. It becomes an issue and a burden, however, when it is not what we really want to do, when we pay too high a price for it. What is important here is to know whether there is enough available time and energy or whether there is not.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Sexual predators put the innocent on the defense

I was so upset after hearing the result of yet another guy raping and killing an innocent girl (Chelsea King) that I started considering the main cause of violent attacks by man.

Why do the innocent have to be on the defensive against predators? Because of this, WE are forced to avoid sex offenders and other violent acts by men by having to change OUR lifestyles by doing some of the following:

- Never walking or jogging alone;
- Always carrying a cellphone;
- Having to carry a noise and/or debilitating device;
- Accompanying children to and from school;
- Keeping children within constant eyesight;
- Not being in secluded areas alone;
- Keeping our doors and windows constantly closed and locked;
- Buying expensive home security-alarm devices;
- Having to always be conscious, wary of strangers;
- Never befriending or assisting an unknown person; and
- Always having to be "on edge," tense and suspicious.

Why not attack the SOURCE of why sexual predators inflict harm and let THEM adjust their lives, instead of US having to and let us simply live normal, safe, uncomplicated lives.

This means addressing the high testosterone levels of males, especially of known sex offenders, by lowering it somehow. Radical, but what do YOU suggest can be done to stop them?

Carol Hill  
Point Loma

### What's wrong with the 'schoollibrary?'

After a meeting with the SDUSD Capital Improvement Department it became clear: Why is the SDUSD Board of Trustees allowing 20 million of Prop S dollars to be diverted to a downtown "new" charter school in a proposed, and not yet funded, downtown library?

Prop S required a long and detailed account of how the funds would be used should the voters approve the bond sale. A team was formed, existing schools in SDUSD were visited and a detailed list of improvements were identified. The voters were presented with this and the people spoke — fix the existing schools.

Now we find out that \$20 million is being "held back" to fund a new charter school downtown. We didn't vote for that. Where's

P.E. going to take place downtown? Are the students going to run in the streets? Will the homeless population be asked to leave the library because there are students about? Where are we getting these students? Are we going to bring 30 buses in and out of downtown every day?

If the SDUSD Board of Trustees releases the \$20 million back into the Prop S improvement fund, many projects that are currently on hold will be able to move forward and our schools will receive the badly-needed improvements they asked us to vote for. I, as a voter, am not willing to wait one more day for this.

Please write SDUSD and let them know how you feel about your vote: board@sandi.net.

Pat Hom  
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# Families ready for Liberty Station's Spring Fling

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

On Easter weekend, Point Loma will be hopping. Liberty Station is hosting its Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3.

"It's going to be similar to last year's event, but even better," said producer Erin Dial. "We took the feedback we received

last year and improved upon it."

One of the new elements of the Spring Fling is a scavenger hunt, which will take place between noon and 4 p.m. The scavenger hunt is limited to the first 200 participants, who will be given a map with different routes around Liberty Station.

"All of the tenants included will be doing something very different," Dial said.

"When they're on the scavenger hunt, it will give them an opportunity to see a lot of the locations they may not have seen before and get some goodies along the way."

Spring Fling's egg hunt will feature 15,000 eggs — 10,000 filled with candy and 5,000 filled by Liberty Station tenants with candy or retail coupons. The egg hunt starts at 1 p.m. with children aged four and under, continues with ages 4-7 at 1:15 p.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m. with ages 8-12.

Dial said she expects between 1,500 and 2,000 people to attend. Among the free entertainment and activities are photos with the Easter Bunny, inflatable slides, face painting and lawn games, in addition to performances and demonstrations

from the merchants at Liberty Station.

"It will be a great way for people to get around the community and see what we have to offer," Dial said. "We'll have lots of fun activities and everything is free."

A free concert featuring local classic rock cover band Rockola starts at 2 p.m. Rockola describes itself as "America's premiere classic rock experience."

"They're all over San Diego," Dial said. "They're really fun and they make it really exciting for the kids."

During the Spring Fling, most of the events will be held at Ingram Plaza at the corner of Rosecrans Street and Roosevelt Road. Old Town Trolleys will provide shuttles to transport people throughout Liberty Station. For more information, visit [www.libertystation.com](http://www.libertystation.com).



Organizers of this year's Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt say the event will be bigger and better than last year. The event takes place at Liberty Station on Saturday, April 3.

## DINO

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They're mostly isolated bones. Southern California's record of dinosaurs is rather limited."

An exhibit highlight will be a 700-square-foot walkthrough diorama depicting the rich diversity of these animals in a Mesozoic forest in China — considered to be the most detailed recreation of a prehistoric environment.

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Another highlight will be the Bambiraptor feinbergi, a well-preserved Dromaeosaur fossil that, along with several others, provides evidence that dinosaurs were closely related to modern birds.

This represents the most up-to-date look at how scientists are reinterpreting

many of the most persistent and the puzzling mysteries of dinosaurs. It reveals what they looked like, how they behaved and how they moved, as well as the complex and hotly-debated theories of why they became extinct 65 million years ago.

"There's still different compelling hypotheses about what happened to the dinosaurs," Demere said. "Including the notion that birds are closely related to dinosaurs and that we still have them flying around."

This exhibit was organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York, in collaboration with the Houston Museum of Natural Science; the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; the Field Museum of Chicago; and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh.

A year ago, local museum paleontologists and construction workers excavating at the East Village construction site for the new Thomas Jefferson School of Law downtown campus discovered partly exposed 500,000-year-old fossil remains

of a gray whale and what they believe to be a southern mammoth, an unprecedented find in San Diego County.

These were displayed recently during a news conference at the museum. Shown were a mammoth skull with tusks, lower jaw, molar teeth, vertebrae and limb bones. Also produced were a gray whale's 8-foot lower jaw, rostrum, vertebrae and ribs plus smaller mammals.

Demere expressed the feeling that many more fossils might be beneath the city.

"The dig depends on location," he said. "Torrey Pines State Park's erosion by the ocean has brought beautiful exposures ... rocks in the sea cliffs that are 48 million years old that could contain fossils. Another would be Mission Valley's erosion from the rock quarry. Heavy equipment has excavated into the slopes back 43 million years."

Paleontologists here lack the funds to explore and must rely upon building sites to come up with surprise finds. Demere encourages them with his motto: "No hole is too deep."

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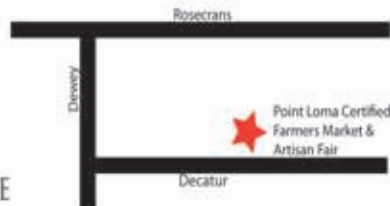
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# Grooming young leaders through volunteerism

By MICHELLE HACKNEY | THE BEACON

In Point Loma, there is a group of dedicated elementary- and middle school-age children trying to embody and heighten awareness of community service and volunteerism. They are part of the Kids Korps Liberty Station chapter.

Group members focus on environmental and social issues of the day. They look at how life is impacted by and can be enhanced by lending a hand. They initiate park/garden cleanups and volunteer their time serving elders and the underprivileged on weekends when their peers are at play.

To further children's self awareness, Kelly Moore, Liberty Station Kids Korps chapter leader, realized it is equally important that children are taught to give back. She established the Explorer Elementary School Kids Korps chapter in 2007 and this year, with the help of chapter leader Jana Fortune, Moore has created a Liberty Station Kids Korps chapter to promote membership throughout the Point Loma/Liberty Station community.

"My family were active Kids Korps members from the time my daughter was seven but were not affiliated with any particular chapter," Moore said. "So when my daughter was attending Explorer Elementary, I realized that it was the perfect place to establish one."

"I approached Kids Korps USA and our school principal for support at school where we had a strong community but no ongoing community outreach. Bringing in an established youth service organization was a perfect fit and we had an overwhelming response our first year," she said.

The Liberty Station chapter falls under the umbrella of Kids Korps USA, a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit youth volunteer organization that engages young people ages five through 25, in community ser-



Members of the Kids Korps Liberty Station chapter participate in a cleanup in 2009. The program helps foster community service and volunteerism in children. COURTESY PHOTO

vice. The mission is to instill in America's youth the spirit of giving, while providing valuable education in leadership and responsibility.

Kids Korps USA partners with more than 250 national and local non-profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Head Start Preschools, children's hospitals, homeless shelters, senior centers, animal shelters and environmental agencies.

The Liberty Station Kids Korps chapter has more than 50 members. Some of the agencies and projects they have supported are: the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Three-Day Walk, San Diego Food Bank, San Diego Downtown Senior Center, San Diego River Foundation, UC San Diego Medical Center Bannister House, San Diego Humane Society and the Helen Woodward Animal Center.

In addition, the chapter has also created its own projects by establishing Liberty Station Clean Up Day, garden preservation at Explorer Elementary, Souls 4 Soles with Point Loma Sports Chalet, and Toiletries for Troops with Pacific Beach Middle School ROTC.

"It is truly amazing to watch kids serve meals to seniors, clean up local nature areas and collect needed items for disaster

victims," Moore said. "Kids can do so much more than we often give them credit for. Our parent members join in and supervise efforts when needed, but truly, it is the children that do the work."

While the chapter receives administrative/project support from Kids Korps USA, the goal is to work in a grassroots way with more local, less-supported agencies in central and downtown San Diego that understand just how much children can contribute, according to organizers.

"To me, Kids Korps means helping the environment and making it better," said Liberty Station Kid's Korps member Emma Moore. "It means working together to put smiles on seniors' faces. It means helping out around town to make it the best it can be. It's writing letters to the soldiers and putting together toiletries so they can have the typical things that we have every day. It is going to a river and pitching in to clean it for visitors. Kids Korps is friends helping others out. It's things most people don't think of doing on their weekend, but we do."

For more information, visit [www-KidsKorps.org](http://www-KidsKorps.org). To join the Liberty Station Chapter or to discuss how they can help your group or organization, e-mail [KidsKorpsLibertyStation@gmail.com](mailto:KidsKorpsLibertyStation@gmail.com).

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“My goal is to bring my aviation experience to issues concerning Lindbergh Field and the community. Lindbergh is obviously too small for an international airport, and both the region and the community need a solution to find an alternative site for an international airport,” MacCulloch said. “The current plans for build out at Lindbergh aren’t realistic and as it is it’s an inadequate airport.”

Meanwhile, March 18 candidate Jim Kleyweg has scratched his name from the next ballot.

Here is a quick recap of the six remain-

ing candidates fighting for those final three slots (more complete profiles are available in the March 12 *Peninsula Beacon*):

## • NORMAN ALLENBY

Allenby has owned property in Point Loma since 1980 and has lived in the area for the last six years. He is currently a lawyer and a mediator, and owner of Onsite Water Treatment. He is an environmentalist who said he is focused on water and energy conservation.

## • PATRICIA CLARK

Clark has lived in Point Loma for five years and is a retired accountant and edu-

cator. She currently participates in the Neighborhood Watch program, and is a member of the Point Loma People for Progress and the Liberty Station Tenants Association. In her application, Clark said it is her priority to consider the needs and concerns of the average resident or business within the community.

## • SUHAIL KHALIL

Khalil is an incumbent of the PCPB and has served as chair of the board’s Airport Committee for the last three years. Khalil is a commercial real estate broker and has a background in finance and investment capital ventures. His work involving the airport can be seen at

[www.pcpb.net/airport.html](http://www.pcpb.net/airport.html).

## • KIRK MATHER

Mather is a 12-year Point Loma resident and works as a substitute teacher. He has volunteered as a member of the Point Loma Little League board for the more than three years. Prior to becoming a substitute teacher, Mather worked for 17 years in local and state government in the offices of former Mayor Susan Golding and former City Councilman Byron Wear.

## • GEOFF PAGE

Page has lived in Point Loma since 1980 and has owned and operated

OBcean Builders, Inc for the past eight years. He previously served on the PCPB for two years, including spending six months as chair. According to his application, Page is concerned with overdevelopment in the Peninsula.

## • JAY SHUMAKER

Shumaker is an incumbent and has been a local architect for the last 40 years. During his time on the board, Shumaker said he has been involved with numerous projects around the community and is a supporter of form-based code heading into the future. His ideas for airport relocation can be found at [www.moveairport.com](http://www.moveairport.com).

# DISTRICT

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She said the foundation is focusing on what can be improved if local schools had more power.

“The temperature of the community is that nobody is content with the way things are happening now,” Scadden said. “It’s kind of a one size fits all. We’re looking for more relevant, meaningful capacity in the community and hope that the budget and governance structure would support that.”

De Beck’s presentation includes three options for a proposed district, all of which include schools in Point Loma, La Jolla and Pacific Beach. One scenario included just those three areas, one included schools in the Kearny Mesa area and another included schools in the Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch area.

“It’s not like we’re rebelling against the school district,” de Beck said. “It’s like we’re creating a positive and well thought out subset of the district.”

Other ideas for increased autonomy among Point Loma cluster schools are creating charter schools and simply gaining more of a voice within SDUSD. Scadden said any solution the PLCSF came up with would need to be beneficial in the short and long term.

“Nothing is off the table at this point,” Scadden said. “We’re in the middle of our work, so I don’t know where we’ll be at the end of this.”

Signatures from 25 percent of the registered voters in the proposed district would be required in order to put the measure on the city ballot, de Beck said. For more information, e-mail de Beck at [jdebeck1@san.rr.com](mailto:jdebeck1@san.rr.com).



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Students from Sunset View Elementary School in Point Loma had the distinction of being the top fundraising school during the recent Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market's "Shop for Schools" program, raising nearly \$6,000. COURTESY PHOTO

## NEWSbriefs

### Sunset View tops schools in fundraising drive

Officials from the Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market chain said 70 schools in San Diego — including those in Ocean Beach and Point Loma — raised more than \$121,400 through the market's recently-concluded "Shop for Schools" program.

In fact, according to Fresh & Easy officials, Point Loma's Sunset View Elementary School raised nearly \$6,000, making it the top fundraising school and earning an additional \$5,000 bonus for doing so.

Schools participated in the fundraiser through the local San Diego Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Markets, with a total of 643 schools actively participating throughout California.

Kindergarten through eighth-grade schools located within a three-mile radius of any Fresh & Easy store were eligible to participate in the program. Shop for Schools allowed schools that registered to receive a \$1 cash donation for every \$20

spent at a local Fresh & Easy store from Sept. 15 through Dec. 31. Fresh & Easy officials said the schools are now free to use the money they raised for whatever they need most.

"At a time when school districts across the state are faced with difficult budget choices, it is important for companies like Fresh & Easy to step in and help," said Bonnie Reiss, California Secretary of Education. "We are ecstatic that Fresh & Easy is contributing more than \$450,000 to California schools as part of their Shop for Schools program this year."

Fresh & Easy officials say they plan to bring the program back again this fall 2010 and will soon start accepting registration forms from local schools. For more information, visit [www.fresh-andeasy.com/shopforschools](http://www.fresh-andeasy.com/shopforschools).

### Tourist dies hours after being hit by bus

A 29-year-old woman visiting San Diego with her family died March 18 hours after being hit by a commercial bus near the intersection of W. Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway in Point Loma.

According to police reports, Virginia Ortega of Glendale, Ariz. stepped into the street where there was no pedestrian crossing and into the path of the bus. She was struck at about 4:40 p.m.

According to the county's Office of the Medical Examiner, Ortega was taken to the University of California, San Diego Medical Center for treatment, where she died hours later despite medical intervention.

### Rock 'n' roll academy opens doors in OB

Electric Music Studios has opened for business inside Ocean Beach's famed Electric Chair Salon. The new rock 'n' roll academy, designed for children ages 6-18, will be performance-based with private lessons and weekend band rehearsals with students who will also perform live concerts.

"With the economy the way it is, our massage, facial and waxing business is not what it used to be, so we decided to convert our Suite D into an affordable rock music academy for kids," said owner Paul Bolton. "We're also very fortunate to have some extremely talented teachers on board."

The list of teachers includes Ocean Beach resident Mike Handforth, music director from High Tech High International. When not teaching, Handforth plays bass in The Queen's Guard, Ocean Jazz Ensemble, the Brothers Gundersson and Barefoot Hockey Goalie.

Another teacher is Omar Lopez, who is currently studying music at San Diego State University and is a member of the B-Side Players.

Ocean Beach resident Israel Maldonado is also an SDSU graduate who volunteers his time teaching music at Ocean Beach Elementary School. Maldonado is also a 2009 Point Loma Association Banner recipient, and former guitarist with Sol E Mar and Aqua Dulce. He now fronts his own band, The Israel Maldonado band.

Teaching keyboards is Kris Korsgaden,

another SDSU student who is in the SDSU jazz studies program. Korsgaden is a pianist who has been playing piano since the age of 3.

The vocal teacher for the new rock 'n' roll academy is Esjay Jones, who has just returned from the national touring band Stealing Love Jones. Jones has toured and worked with Evanescence, 3 Doors Down, Hoobastank, Fall Out Boy, The Violent Femmes and Jimmy Eat World.

For more information, call (619) 222-0836, or visit [electricmusicstudios.com](http://electricmusicstudios.com).

### Rose garden dedicated to tireless volunteer

On March 19, Mayor Jerry Sanders, District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer and San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox joined community and family members to celebrate the dedication of the Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden.

Known as "Point Loma's Johnny Appleseed," Story worked tirelessly to bring trees and flowers to the Point Loma community. Through the Point Loma Association's Beautification Committee and "Mean Green Team," which he created, Hugh took city properties that were often trash-filled and weedy, and planted more than 700 trees.

Story spent hundreds of hours meeting with officials and community members to get the permits and funds required for a variety of projects. A true "submariner," Story secured the submarine periscope for the Point Loma Branch Library, volunteered his time with the Maritime Museum and contributed memorabilia to the local submarine base.

Story passed away Aug. 17, 2006. Since then, the Point Loma Association's Hugh Story Memorial Committee has worked to honor him with a memorial in the community. The committee found the perfect site — the grounds of the World War II Submarine Memorial at NTC Park, located along the channel. The memorial commemorates the 52 submarines lost during WWII.

Dennis Otsuji of ONA Landscape Archi-



District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, top row, second from left, participated with residents and family members of Hugh Story in a dedication of a memorial rose garden in Story's name at NTC Park at Liberty Station recently. COURTESY PHOTO

ecture developed the rose garden plan to flow into the overall landscape design on the NTC Phase II site, which was then constructed by Corky McMillin Cos. with oversight by the city's Park and Recreation Department.

### PLNU commuters help Haiti, environment

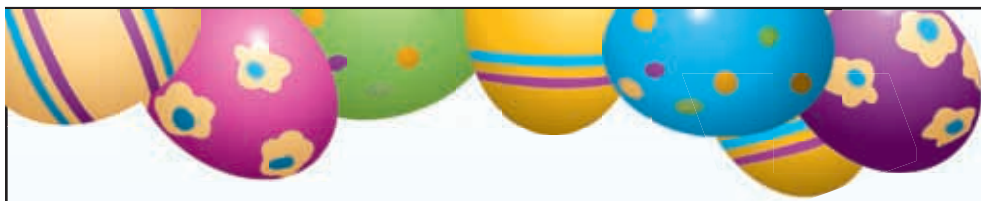
Point Loma Nazarene University's (PLNU) bicycle commuters put their physically and environmentally healthy habit to philanthropic use March 19.

As a result of on-campus supporters and event sponsor Moment Cycle Sport, every mile ridden by a PLNU commuter student, faculty or staff person drew 50 cents that will now be donated to Plant With Purpose's Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

The event, dubbed Bike 4 Haiti, ended with riders arriving to a banquet of vitamin water, bagels, fair trade coffee, tea and energy bars.

"Plant With Purpose was so established in Haiti that their current relief efforts are managed completely by local Haitian staff," said PLNU sustainability coordinator Alexandria Bennett. "Initially after the earthquake, they were focused specifically on emergency food, but now through

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# San Diego sailors win NOOD Regatta on hometown waters

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More than 1,000 sailors from throughout the United States set sail last weekend to race in the Sperry Top-Sider National Offshore One Design (NOOD) Regatta series in San Diego. As it turns out, however, the overall winner didn't have to travel far to win the regatta along San Diego Bay.

After taking first place in the J/105 fleet — the largest boat class of the event with 18 vessels — Doug and Pam Werner were named the overall winners. The San Diego couple co-skippered the Javelin to four first-place finishes and a second-place finish to end the regatta with six points — a 14-point differential from the next-closest competitors, Dennis and Sharon Case, who were the 2009 San Diego NOOD champions.

As the overall winners in San Diego, the Werners are invited to participate in the NOOD Championship Regatta in the British Virgin Islands in November to compete aboard Sunsail 39s against the overall winners from each of the eight other stops along the

Sperry Top-Sider NOOD regatta series.

In addition to the Werners, the San Diego NOOD regatta crowned 19 other fleet champions this weekend, including six other San Diego sailors. All fleet winners were awarded with trophies.

The Sperry Top-Sider NOOD regatta will now sail on to its next stop in the series at Annapolis, Md., from April 29-May 2. Other venues for 2010 include St. Petersburg, Fla., Seattle, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco, Marblehead, Mass. and Larchmont, N.Y.

Created by Sailing World in 1988, the NOODs attract nearly 2,000 boats and more than 30,000 competitors and spectators annually. Each event in the series features multiple days of sailboat racing for one-design models from 20 to 70 feet in length. In addition to local sailors, sailing's top stars — including America's Cup and Olympic champions — are well-represented at the NOODs. Competitive sailors rate the NOODs as the top national event in each region of the country.

For more information, visit [www.sailingworld.com](http://www.sailingworld.com).



The Javelin, sailed by Doug and Pam Werner of San Diego (No. 394) speeds to the finish line en route to the overall winner status in last weekend's Sperry Top-Sider National Offshore One Design Regatta competition on San Diego Bay.

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their short-term employment and soil conservation project, they are providing 70,000 pounds of seed for the 2,700 farmers just west of the earthquake epicenter. As the seeds grow, it is estimated to provide food supply for 20,000 individuals."

Each month, PLNU's sustainability department hosts a "Bike the (Traffic) Jam" event for which commuters are encouraged to make their way to campus by bicycle, rather than car. University officials said the Bike the (Traffic) Jam was inspired by San Diego's Bike to Work Day, which is held each May.

Bike 4 Haiti marked the first time the event was used to support a nonprofit

organization, in addition to promoting environmentally friendly commuting and better health, officials said.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters seek volunteers

Operation Bigs, a program of Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County, is currently looking for civilian and military adult volunteers to serve military children who have a deployable parent.

"Big" volunteers meet with their "Littles" at sites in Coronado and Point Loma to play sports, board games or share mutual interests.

Volunteers meet at the same time each week at a partnering school or community center. Organizers say one hour, once a week can make a difference.

For more information, call the Opera-

tion Bigs Hotline at (619) 218-3532.

### Library supporters honor student essay winners

Ocean Beach Friends of the Library recently honored student essay contest winners during awards assemblies at three area schools.

Ocean Beach Elementary School winners were honored Feb. 19. First place went to Skylar Kurth, second place to Aislyn Ramirez and third place to Isabel Clark. The students are fourth-graders in Mrs. Quinn's class.

Sacred Heart Academy winners were honored on Feb. 26. The fourth-graders from Mr. Cohick's class were: Reese Turner (first place), Irwin Lam (second place) and Nicolas Fithen (third). Eighth-grade winners from Ms. Valenti-Turskey's class



Winners of the Ocean Beach Library Essay Contest from Sunset View Elementary School were, front row, from left, Devon Donlon, Sophia Danly, Olive Latham, Celestina Rogers and Julian Roel. Second row, Principal Jackie McCabe, Suzi More, Becky Reid and Judy Collier.

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were: Meghan McKenzie (first place), Karlie Burford (second place) and Veronica Wilson (third).

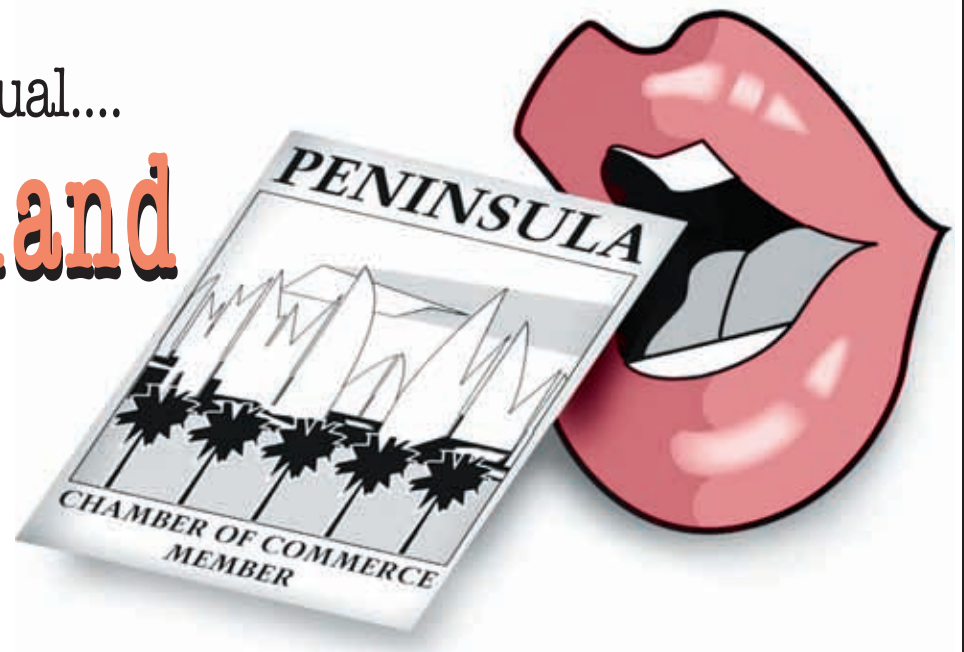
At Sunset View, the fourth-grade winners from Ms. Reid's class were: Devon

Donlon (first place), Julian Roel (second place) and Jonathan Omens (third). Donlon and McKenzie will now advance to the citywide contest with other winners announced in April.

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# Pointers wrap up winter sports with accolades

By **SCOTT HOPKINS** | THE BEACON

Nearly every winter sports team at Point Loma High School (PLHS) advanced to post-season play as local prep athletes completed another successful season with both team and individual honors.

"Once again we fielded very competitive teams and are very proud of the performances and efforts of our PLHS student/athletes," said athletic director John Murphy.

Most successful was the girls' water polo team under coach Jerry Rich. While finishing 18-13 overall (3-5, fourth place in the Eastern League) the ladies advanced to the CIF quarterfinals, defeating El Capitan 6-3 before being ousted by local power The Bishop's School in a 16-2 mismatch.

Earning post-season honors were Carly Stiverson (First Team All-League and Division II All-Senior Team) and Sydney Imlay (Second Team All-League, Third Team All-CIF).

Also advancing in CIF play was boys' soccer. Coach Manuel Diaz's side finished 5-6-4 overall (2-2-2, third place in the Eastern League) and defeated West Hills 5-0 in CIF playoffs before being eliminated by Mt. Carmel in a 2-0 match. Pointer Francisco Contreras (First Team All-League) was recognized for his play.

Girls' basketball, with Eric Brown coaching, ended

with a 10-14 overall record (6-6, fourth place in the Central League). The Lady Pointers made a first-round exit in CIF playoffs as West Hills muzzled the Dogs in a 69-23 victory. Nicole Tartre (First Team All-League) was the lone Pointer honored.

Girls' soccer, guided by coach John Murphy, entered CIF playoffs with an 8-11-3 overall record (7-4-1, fourth place in the Eastern League). While the team was the defending CIF Division III champion, it was defeated 1-0 this year in the first round by Valhalla.

Several players received honors, including Brianna Tumbiolo (First Team All-League, First Team All-CIF Div. III), Shelby Murphy (First Team All-League, Second Team All-CIF Div. III), Jaana Kalber and Megan O'Beirne (both Second Team, All-League).

Boys' wrestling under coach Phil Moore finished as the fourth place team in the Eastern League and advanced to the CIF Masters meet. Brian McMahan shone on the mat (First Team All-League).

Boys' basketball completed the campaign with a 9-14 record (6-6, fourth place in the Central League). Several players had good seasons.

We would like to thank the seniors and their families for representing the school and community over the years," Murphy said. "We are very blessed to have had the opportunity to work with them."



Bryce Truver (17) of Point Loma High School goes airborne to head the soccer ball away from a San Diego High opponent during a 3-0 Pointer victory during the just-concluded season. Watching is teammate Cory Husted (12).

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## For PLHS baseball squad, slow and steady might win the race

By **JOEL RACICOT** | THE BEACON

During the 2009 regular season, the Point Loma High School varsity baseball team played the role of the hare.

An electric 17-3 start had a confident and senior-laden bunch on the fast track to a top seed in the

Division II playoffs. But the Pointers' 2-9 finish, while not exactly the fabled nap taken by history's most intrepid rabbit, was darn close to it.

A slow start this season isn't by design. But for all intents and purposes, head coach Jon Posternack doesn't mind if his team plays the

**"We'd rather start slow than end slow."**

**JON POSTERNACK**

PLHS baseball head coach

role of the tortoise in 2010.

"We'd rather start slow than end

slow," Posternack said after an early season home win against Murrieta Valley that brought his team to 2-3 overall. "That's one thing that we've been preaching. We're running a marathon, rather than a sprint."

A young and talented group leads the Pointers, with pitching

and defense being Point Loma's foremost assets. The staff's top three consists of junior Kellen Urban, sophomore Connor Baits and junior Campbell Wear. Wear, a team captain, echoes Posternack's urgency for consistency in all aspects of the game.

"Our hitting has been a challenge," Wear said. "Our pitching is really strong this year. The defense always comes around. We just have to keep that consistent. But if we hit well this year, we'll go far."

Fellow captain, senior Zach Skarbic, is a returning all-Western League second-team player at shortstop. Skarbic and senior catcher Sean Stepina are the only two senior starters on the squad. Both would like to end their high school careers with the Pointers taking their first CIF title since 1982.

"Our goals are winning the Western League and winning a CIF championship," Skarbic said. "We have a lot of confidence in each other. Like I said, we have a lot of young guys but we trust each other and pick each other up."

That type of attitude is what Posternack wants from his baseball team. In his sixth season at the helm, "Coach P" is fostering a hungry, energized and competitive program. Early season impacts from sophomore Jackson Leslie and freshman Tyler Majofis showcase Point Loma's ability to produce top talent.

In the coming weeks, Point Loma will compete in the City Tournament — culminating tomorrow, March 26, against Saint Augustine — and the Lions Tournament. Both tournaments will get the Pointers ready for the grind of the Western League schedule.

"Our message has been consistency and focus," Posternack said. "Ultimately, our kids put in a lot of time and energy in practice. When it comes time to play in the games, we want them to be loose, relaxed and confident. Just trust in their skills and enjoy the game."

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# OB's Magers aims for U.S. team win in Mexico City

By STAFF AND CONTRIBUTION | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach women's tennis stand-out Gretchen Magers has been tapped by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to join the 2010 Margaret Court Cup team (women's 45s) that will compete next week in the Senior World Team Championships in Mexico City, Mexico.

Magers, who returns to last year's defending championship Margaret Court Cup team, holds the No. 1 spot going into the competition. She will have shared duties in both singles and doubles play and said she relishes the opportunity to compete.

"I'm 46, and that's kind of old," Magers said. "But I get to keep playing tennis and that's pretty special. I'm going to Mexico City and that is something that has been on my list of things to do. This is an honor to compete for the U.S. team and I feel fortunate to still be playing."

The championship competition will be played from Monday, March 31

through the first week in April on hard courts at an elevation of 7,300 feet and is an International Tennis Federation event associated with the Federation and Davis Cups.

This is the fifth year Magers has been chosen to represent the United States at the prestigious international competition. She was a member of the Young Cup team (women's 40s) that won in Australia in 2005 and again in 2006 in South Africa and played in Turkey in 2007. In 2009, she led the Margaret Court Cup team to a U.S. victory in Spain.

Magers made her debut at the U.S. Open at age 17. She played Junior Wimbledon at 18 in 1984. In 2002, Magers held the trophy aloft with Mimi Jausovec of Slovenia as the Wimbledon 35 doubles winners.

Magers graduated from Trinity University where she was a four-time All American and the National Collegiate Athletic Association champion in 1983. At the Pan American Games, she won a

gold medal and was an Olympic Team member in 1984. Trinity honored her in 2001 by inducting her into its Athletic Hall of Fame.

Her national tennis titles include the 2009 USTA 45 Indoor singles, the USTA Open Hard Court doubles title four years in a row (2005-08); the USTA 40 Hard Court singles titles in 2005, '06 and '08; the USTA 40 Hard Court doubles titles in 2005, '06 and '07. She is the tennis coach at San Diego Community College and is president of the San Diego Beach Tennis Association, volunteering time frequently at the Barnes Tennis Center in Point Loma.

Magers is a versatile tennis competitor. As one of the four players selected from the United States' most talented women's senior players, she adds valuable singles and doubles tournament experience to the team. The other members of the team are Frances Chandler (Jackson, Tenn.), Mariana Hollman (Winston-Salem, N.C.), and Renata Marcinkowska (Rock Hill, S.C.).



Ocean Beach women's tennis champion Gretchen Magers heads to Mexico City next week to compete with the U.S. Margaret Court Cup team.

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## Crew Classic rows into town

Athletes will flock to Mission Bay for 37th year

By AMBERLY DRESSLER | THE BEACON

The 37th annual San Diego Crew Classic (SDCC) rows into Mission Bay March 27 and 28, and organizers say the two-day event offers as much appeal to locals as it does to the top rowers in the country.

On water, the SDCC holds three categories of competition. There's the junior level for high school-age athletes; the collegiate level, which boasts local competitors from the University of San Diego, University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University, as well as national powerhouses such as Stanford, Boston University and others; and the masters level for rowers age 21 and older.

Martha Shumaker, the regatta's executive director, has been involved with the SDCC since its inception in 1973. Shumaker has witnessed SDCC grow from a dozen events in its first year to more than 90 in 2010.

"The consistent thing throughout has been the quality of the competition, particularly at the collegiate level," Shumaker said. "It was envisioned as an event for the top collegiate programs in the country to come and meet each other for the first time in the early spring season."

Crew offers a fall and spring season while the SDCC serves as a jump-start to the year.

"This is really among the first regattas of the season," Shumaker said. "There may be some small, two-team meets, where two colleges will get together and race each other, but there is nothing like this."

On land, Shumaker said the SDCC is a real spring festival for the community, as well as for those interested in the sport. Not only do patrons have the opportunity to sample local beers at the beer garden, but they can also bring in their own picnics or sample the various concession stands. Shumaker believes the atmosphere is unparalleled.

"It's the opportunity to enjoy a sport practiced at the highest level at a well-run event with lots of amenities for the public to enjoy," Shumaker said. "You can stand in the water and watch the boats racing 10 feet away. We are going to have microphones on a couple of the coxswain ... which is very special and very unusu-

al. It's an introduction to the sport for those who have never seen it; to sit on the shore, to mingle with the athletes, to enjoy a day at the bay."

The main gate opens at 6 a.m. both days. Tickets are \$7 for adults. Children under 13 and active military personnel with identification are admitted free. For more information, visit [www.crewclassic.org](http://www.crewclassic.org).

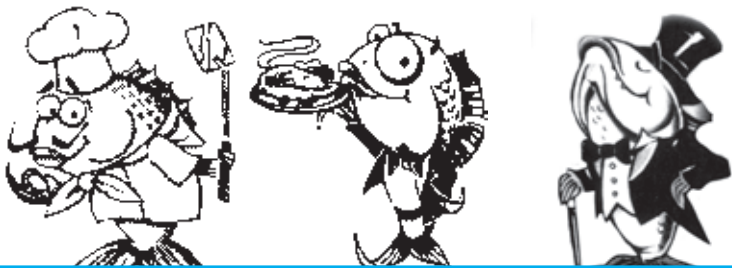


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# Land rekindles his musical career after hiatus

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

While there have been many changes in the musical landscape over the past 20 years, possibly the most important shift hasn't been in the way music is delivered to a listener. Instead, the shift has been that age is no longer a barrier to getting music heard or to building an all-ages fan base.

For a growing number of artists, it's never too late to get on stage. Such is the case with guitarist Alan Land, who performs at Winston's on April 1.

A long-time resident of the Bay Area, Land arrived in San Diego circa 1998. Though he now considers music to be a major part of his life, his introduction to performing was less than serious.

"I played in a talent show at 10 years old, mostly as a joke," Land said of his 1961 public debut. "My only 'repertoire' was two Kingston Trio songs, but I was hooked on the stage."

His first instrument wasn't guitar, but he switched quickly at age 10.

"My first instrument was symphonic bass," Land said. "The guitar was down to portability and individuality. I had been singing from a very early age, so it was a natural accompaniment to my voice."

His reason for playing solo was just as pragmatic.

"Bands take more organization than I normally have the patience for," he said. "That said, I really enjoy collaboration with other players who can improvise."

Land played music at venues

## ALAN LAND

Thursday, April 1  
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throughout the Western States, but only released a pair of tracks, "Tent City" and "Calif. I.O.U." on a 1983 compilation album. "They are political folk songs, which, interestingly enough, are appropriate once again today," he said. "I am playing them again."

Meanwhile, Land gave up performing until a road trip to Arizona last year.

"I went to Phoenix for Major League Baseball spring training last season," Land explained. "My host, a long time friend, had digitized an old demo tape of mine from my days entertaining in Lake Tahoe 25 years ago. He asked if I was still playing."

Land replied no, having not performed in nearly a decade.

"My friend responded something about 'retirement being the last chance to do something you really love,'" Land said.

The offhand remark sparked Land back into action.

"I took that recording home, taught myself how to record and edit with computer software, found some open mics and have been playing every day since," Land said. "My friend will remain nameless, but is singularly responsible for my deciding to sing again."

He also credits "the great

young people I have met at those open mics who have also inspired me to 'keep going.'"

Though Land performs his own material, he's become known for a large and eclectic set of hundreds of cover tunes. He said the songs of the '60s and '70s in particular still resonate heavily with area music fans.

"The purity of the message, as in the '60s, combined with stronger musicianship, is a good combination for durability," Land said.

His repertoire actually goes back to the 1940s for folk standards, with touches of jazz and country. But it's the singer-songwriters who get the biggest play.

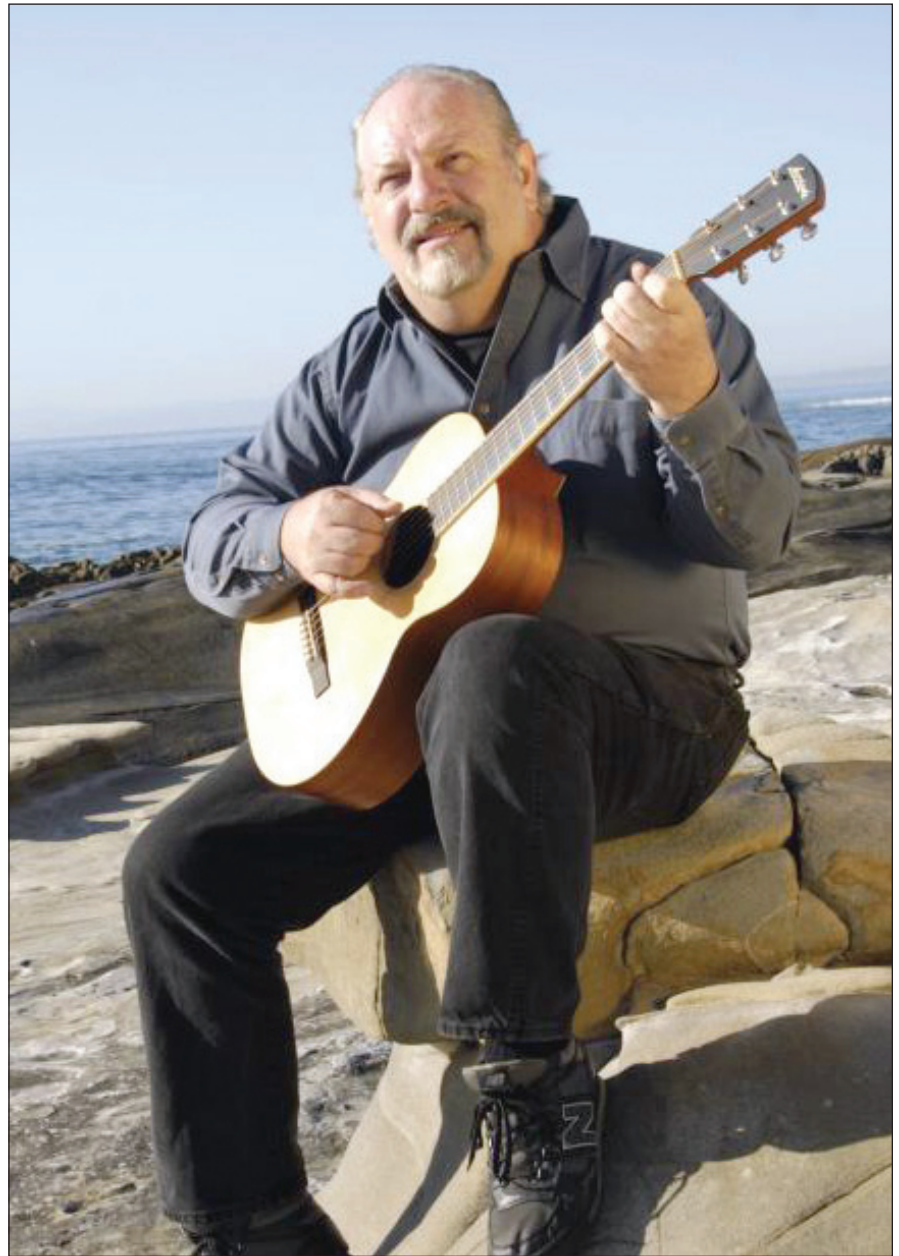
"I know about half of Jim Croce's portfolio and about three dozen Paul Simon tunes, but what I play depends on the crowd," Land said. "I usually mix it up pretty well unless an audience steers me into a certain genre."

While Land said he enjoys all aspects of the local music scene, he "likes open mics, but I think there are just too many of them run by people who do not understand sound engineering. They're starting to be like Karaoke bars and the level of quality is suffering from that."

He prefers showcase events like this event, featuring six artists playing short sets.

"Two or three songs is just not enough for a really good player," Land said. "They need to take some time to develop the audience's imagination."

For more information, visit [www.listenlocalsd.com](http://www.listenlocalsd.com)



Alan Land, who took a lengthy hiatus from his music until just recently, brings his dose of talent to Winston's on April 1.  
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• **Saturday, March 27**, 7:30 p.m., Coronado lyric soprano Diane Alexander performs a rare recital at Point Loma Nazarene University's Crill Performance Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Alexander has performed with the Washington National Opera, the Houston Grand Opera and the San Francisco and New York City operas. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students, seniors and military. For tickets or information, call (619) 849-2325, or visit [www.pointloma.edu/musicalendar](http://www.pointloma.edu/musicalendar).

• **Through March 27**, the San Diego Watercolor Society hosts a month-long exhibit called "At Face Value." About 75 original water-media paintings will be on display Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the gallery, 2825 Dewey Road #105 at Liberty Station. Admission is free. For more information, call (619) 876-4550, or visit [www.sdws.org](http://www.sdws.org).

• **March 29-April 2**, 1 to 4 p.m., the Point Loma Actors Junior Theatre presents a week-long Spring Theatre Camp. Children will explore and learn singing and dancing, stage vocabulary, audition preparation, teamwork, discipline and other skills. The camp takes place at the Point Loma Assembly, 3035 Talbot St. Memberships are \$160 per child; daily campers pay \$35 per day, based on space availability. Early registration encouraged. To register or for more information, call (619) 721-2439.

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**Community/Civic**

• **Sunday, March 28**, 3:30 p.m., regular meeting of the Point Loma Democratic Club. The featured speaker will be former City Councilwoman Toni Atkins, who is running unopposed as the primary candidate for the 76th California Assembly District. The event takes place at the Point Loma Assembly Building, 3035 Talbot St. For more information, call (619) 222-9344, or e-mail [pldcpres@gmail.com](mailto:pldcpres@gmail.com).

• **Tuesday, March 30**, 2 to 3 p.m., regular meeting of the Point Loma Garden Club features Karan Cooper Greenwald, a UCCE master gardener. Greenwald will speak on "Starting a Vegetable Garden," including site selection, soil, raised beds, what to plant, water, feeding, insect control and harvesting times. The event takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, visit [www.plgc.org](http://www.plgc.org).

• **Wednesday, April 7**, 6 p.m., monthly meeting of the Ocean Beach Women's Club. New members welcome. The event takes place at the clubhouse at the corner of Bacon and Muir Streets, which is available for half- or full-day rental to groups. For more information, call (619) 501-7711.

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• **Thursday, April 1 (Maundy Thursday)**, 7:30 p.m., service featuring readings and reflections on Jesus' last hours with music, dance and communion.

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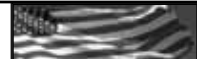
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Sat 3-7pm	5470 La Jolla Blvd. #303
Sat 1-4pm	475 Marine St.
Sun 1-4pm	5313 Renaissance Ave.
Sun 1-4pm	2458 Azure Coast
Sun 12-5pm	4253 Caminito Terviso
Sun 1-4pm	553 Rosemont
Sun 1-4pm	7863 Caminito El Rosario
Sun 1-4pm	328 Gravilla St.
Sun 3-5pm	4981 Armin Way
Sun 1-4pm	350 Fern Glen
Sun 1-4pm	8931 Nottingham Pl.
Sun 3-7pm	5470 La Jolla Blvd. #303
Sun 1-4pm	2810 Hidden Valley
Sun 1-4pm	2143 Via Don Benito
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Sat 11-4pm	430 Tavera Pl.
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Sun 1-4pm	3443 Sterne St.
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3BR/2BA	\$1,425,000
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3BR/2.5BA	\$725,000-\$800,876
3BR/2.5BA	\$849,000
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3BR/2.5BA	\$1,198,000
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3BR/2BA	\$1,425,000
5BR/4BA	\$1,498,000
2BR/2BA	\$1,880,000
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