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Parent Marie Garner gives her son, Makahi, 4, some last-minute encouragement as he prepares for his first day of kindergarten at Cabrillo Elementary School on Tuesday. Local schools resumed session with changes in staffing, facilities and class offerings.

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### School bell tolls end of summer



Students, of course, were not the only "Nervous Nellies" on the first day of school. Some parents snapped digital photos of their little ones being whisked off to class while others watched with a little more trepidation.

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## More Smart Boards, language options usher in 2010 changes

By DEBBIE HATCH | THE BEACON

With the dawn of a new school year and a farewell to the summer whose warm weather never really emerged, area children are once again waking up early, preparing lunches and turning their thoughts to the classroom.

Local campuses renewed classes Tuesday, welcoming students with changes in staffing, facilities, activities and offerings. As a result, many students will not want to leave home this school year without their Smart Boards or Mandarin language homework.

Smart Boards, which are mini-laptop computers used to facilitate learning and efficiency in the classrooms, continue to be added within the Point Loma Cluster of schools — as is the Mandarin language offerings.

"Our principals are trying to work together so we offer similar experiences and academic offerings," said Christy Scadden, president of the Point Loma Cluster Foundation (PLCF).

Small to large, changes abound on local campuses this new school year. Here are some examples.

### **CORREIA MIDDLE**

Hailing from China, Xiaoning Yao is a new teacher at Correia Middle School. Yao will instruct language classes in beginning and



Not every student at Cabrillo Elementary appeared ready for change on the first day of the new school year. Cabrillo teacher Carmen Barrett tries to console student Diego Santana-Arreola, who was clearly not ready for summer to be over.

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advanced Mandarin.

The Armstrong family of Point Loma will host Yao for the duration of her year in San Diego.

"She's going to be here with her enthusiasm to help us build a program that we can sustain," said Correia Principal Patricia K. Ladd.

While Yao will be primarily teaching at Correia, she will also

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## Airport noise spurs plea for state audit

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Tired of watching planes from Lindbergh Field fly over areas of the Peninsula they previously didn't encroach upon, the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) has called for a state audit of the airport and its operations. The PCPB sent a request to the California State Auditor's Office last month and is currently working with Sen. Christine Kehoe to see the process through.

"This audit is way overdue," said Suhail Khalil, co-chair of PCPB's Airport Subcommittee. "It's time to open everyone's eyes up and make this transparent, and show them what they've been doing for the past 10 years, as operations increased to between 20,000 and 30,000 [flights] annually since the last time the state auditor audited in 2000."

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#### ALL JAZZED UP



Music enthusiasts will pack Ocean Beach for the fifth annual Jazz 88 Music & Arts Festival on Saturday, Sept. 11. Organizers said the event will feature 26 musical acts on seven stages.

## Jazz, art blockbuster event swings into OB after hiatus

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

Jazz fans in San Diego have many entertainment options on their annual calendar, but few come close to the excitement, location and sounds of the Jazz 88 Music & Arts Festival, taking place in Ocean Beach on Saturday, Sept. 11.

While this is the fifth annual event, the festival actually started six years ago.

"It's a whole reformulation," said Mark DeBoskey, Jazz 88 station manager and event executive producer. "We did four years and then hiatused last year. The economy was so tough we had to rethink what we wanted to do [to make it happen] the fifth year," DeBoskey said.

"Essentially, what we had before was an outdoor concert," he said. "It was a single-stage, five-act event, and it had limitations because of the location. But the limitations of the venue said we either had to move out of Ocean Beach — which we didn't want to do — or reformulate it into a format that could attract larger audiences and hence, hopefully larger financial support from the businesses in the community, because that's what it takes to make it successful."

Capacity at this year's event is 5,000. At previous festivals, it was 1.400.

Taking place on Newport Avenue between Cable Street and

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### **Tributes set to remember 9/11 victims**

### 9 years later, citywide events will keep patriotic flame alive

By DEBBIE HATCH | THE BEACON

Nine years after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, many veterans of war and emergency services personnel will honor those who lost their lives in the twin towers of the World Trade Center as well as the feats of heroism by Americans in related events there-

In Ocean Beach, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1392, will mark the day with a special tribute. Beyond the beach, into downtown and in Balboa Park, the day will be marked with

special events.

### VFW to pay tribute

Red, white and blue will accentuate the sidewalk along Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach on Saturday from morning until night.

Early in the morning, VFW Post 1392 will line the avenue with small American flags from the business district to the ocean in a quiet memorial for area residents as a tribute to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11 in New York City and to all service members who have given their lives protecting

At the beach, members will fly the

flags at half-mast.

For more information, call (619) 225-0921.

#### Freedom Walk 2010

The Veterans Memorial Garden at 2115 Park Blvd. in Balboa Park will be the site of Operation Freedom Walk 2010 on Saturday. Throughout the United States, participants will gather and walk to reflect on the lives lost on Sept. 11.

The walk is also a chance to unite, renew commitments to freedom and honor veterans, said Jae Marciano,

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### OB POLISHES ITS IMAGE



The faith-based community in Ocean Beach has sponsored two public forums to address the issue of homelessness and broader quality-of-life matters like polishing OB's image. The group conducted a pancake breakfast and community cleanup Aug. 21 to target nuisance alleys. The cleanup drew 35 people, half of whom were estimated to be homeless.

### Second forum tackles action plan on homelessness, overall cleanup

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

While the tension surrounding homelessness in Ocean Beach has subsided over the last month, community members are still searching for solutions. More than 50 people met at First Baptist Church of Ocean Beach on Aug. 24 for a second faith-based communi-

ty-led forum — this one geared to move things forward.

"It has cooled off so much I can't believe it," said Jack Hamlin, San Diego Restorative Justice Program board chair. "People are talking again. It's a completely different climate than it was

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### 2010 Tuna Challenge to 'hook' funds for Make-A-Wish Foundation

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The 21st annual Tuna Challenge will cast its lines at Shelter Island on Sept. 11-12 to again benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of San Diego, a charitable nonprofit organization

whose purpose is to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

The event is hosted by Silver Gate Yacht Club and presented by San Diego County Credit Union. Since it was founded in 1991, the Tuna Challenge has raised more than \$2 million and

is now the largest tuna-fishing tournament in the continental United States. The Make-A-Wish Tuna Challenge is also the largest fundraiser for the San Diego Chapter of Make-A-Wish, luring enough funding to grant 20 percent of the foundation children's wishes

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### **MAKE-A-WISH TUNA CHALLENGE 2010**

WHEN: 5 a.m., Sept. 11; 10 a.m., Sept. 12

WHERE: Silver Gate Yacht Club, 2091 Shelter Island Drive.

**CONTACT:** For more information, tournament entry fees and registration, visit www.tunachallenge.org. To learn more about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, call (858) 707-9474, or visit www.wishsandiego.org.

### **JAZZ**

the ocean, 26 musical acts will take part on seven stages. It's an impressive lineup that includes Bonerama, Maceo Parkers, Marcia Ball, the Charlie Hunter Trio and the Justo Almario Quintet.

Local all-stars on the bill include the Holly Hofmann & Mike Wofford Quartet; Gilbert Castellanos New Latin Jazz Quintet; The Four Queens of Boogie Woogie featuring Sue Palmer; Agua Dulce; The Styletones; and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

DeBoskey said the expanded stage setup allows for more national acts, but also more local artists.

"A lot of local bands have significant followings," DeBoskey said. "Plus, it adds to the eclecticism and the mix of the music. It's an opportunity to showcase local talent in an entirely new format."

Palmer, a pianist who performed at the first event and has attended several since, said she is looking forward to the chance to play before a large, appreciative audi-

"I grew up in Ocean Beach, and it's just great to be able to sit and play in the 'hood,'" Palmer said. "This one really sounds exciting with so much going on, but just the fact that you're listening to music in the open air, sunshine and can see and smell the ocean, makes it spe-

According to DeBoskey, the biggest change to the festival may not be in the additional stages and performers.

"It's always been a 21-and-over event," DeBoskey said. "But this year, all ages will be allowed into three of the stages, and children under 12 are admitted free. A lot of people in the past have told us they would like to expose their kids to this wonderful music and that's part of our mis-

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Marcia Ball is among the impressive lineup of entertainers for the Sept. 11 jazz festival in Ocean Beach.

sure kids have the opportunity to learn, play and practice their music," he said. 'It's very important to us."

Other additions this year include an

"We're closing off the street between Cable and Bacon [where we will have] 60 booths," DeBoskey said. "They are quality artists. We're not talking trinkets. When we say, 'Music and Arts Festival,' we mean it. There's a really significant

Meanwhile, the festival is teaming up with the Ocean Beach Restaurant and Entertainment Group, so that many restaurants throughout Ocean Beach will offer significant discounts for patrons wearing a festival wristband.

"This is a great event in a great loction," he said. "It's already got a regional reputation, and it's our hope that we can build it into something that has got a national reputation."

The Jazz 88 Ocean Beach Music & Art Festival begins at 10 a.m. General admission for ages 13 and over is \$30.

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### **OB Pier paddle to bolster clean-water efforts**

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Hundreds of clean-water enthusiasts will make a trip around the Ocean Beach Pier this weekend during the 2010 Paddle for Clean Water. Surfrider San Diego's 19th annual event will take place Sunday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

"It is a gathering of the tribes for Surfrider and people here in San Diego who care about clean water," said Bill Hickman, Surfrider spokesman. "This is a peaceful and happy rally to promote the need for clean water."

More than 1,000 people are expected to join the paddle-out that supports clean water initiatives. All types of paddlecraft are encouraged in the free, noncompetitive event. Last year, Paddle for Clean Water featured outrigger canoes and paddlecraft made from trash and recycled materials.

"If you don't paddle, we still welcome you to come down and participate in the event by being present on the beach and being a part of our group photo," Hick-

This year's event is a scaled-down version of the previous all-day festivals. Hickman estimates this year's program will be about a three-hour event.

"It got pretty expensive to have permits for the event in the afternoon, so we're just focusing on the morning," Hickman said.

Things get started at 9 a.m. with a light breakfast that includes Clif Bar products, bananas, bagels and cream cheese, and organic coffee from North Park's Caffé Calabria, Hickman said Surfrider's goal is to keep the paddle green-conscious

"We're encouraging people to bring their own reusable mugs for the coffee and water as we try to make it a zerowaste event," Hickman said.

Before the 10 a.m. paddle, District 2



Hundreds of participants will descend on the Ocean Beach Pier - both in and out of the water - for the 19th annual Paddle for Clean Water, hosted by Surfrider San Diego.

City Councilman Kevin Faulconer will address participants. Other speakers are scheduled after the paddle, along with a group photo, raffle and beach cleanup. Out in the water, paddlers will welcome ocean activist Margo Pellegrino as she completes a 1,500-mile West Coast trek to highlight coastal conservation and pollution prevention.

"We want to make it a fun event for the whole family and anyone who wants to protect our coastline," Hickman said.

Surfrider will feature its "Know Your H2O!" program during the event. The program educates people about the impact freshwater management can have on the coast.

"Right here off Point Loma, we pump over 150 million gallons a day of treated wastewater out into the ocean. We don't have to dump our treated wastewater out in the ocean. We can use it here in San Diego as part of our water supply," Hickman said. "We're in a semi-desert cli-



Surfers spring into action during a recent Paddle for Clean Water event at the Ocean PHOTO BY DON BALCH I THE REACON Beach Pier.

mate, so we really need to conserve water and maximize our resources."

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### Cold chases crowds from beaches over holiday

City officials estimated 716,600 people ventured out to city beaches during the long Labor Day weekend — about two-thirds fewer than last year. Officials said several factors kept people away from the surf and sand over the holiday.

"Weather and cool water temperatures continue to be the driving force for the reduction of beach attendance and related rescue activity," said Lifeguard Lt. Andy Lerum.

In the water, lifeguards made a total of 70 water rescues, 211 medical aids and 4,063 preventative acts at city beaches from Saturday through Monday — a significant decrease from last year. The average water temperature at city beaches during the weekend was below 60 degrees, nearly 15 degrees less than the same time period in 2009.

On the sand, the San Diego Police Department's Western Division had a special beach team assigned to Ocean Beach from Friday through Monday. That team made four felony arrests, 18 misdemeanor arrests, 64 misdemeanor citations and two detentions.

"This is just what our beach team folks did," said Western Division Sgt. Chris Sarot. "This is specifically the guys and gals that were assigned to work the beach areas proper for the weekend."

Sarot said Ocean Beach was not as busy as a normal summer weekend. He said the overall lack of activity was attributed to the weather, the beach alcohol ban and some area schools already being in session.

"There really weren't any incidents," Sarot said. "It was actually kind of quiet."

Western Division did not set up any DUI checkpoints in the area.



San Diego police investigators cuff an unidentified bank robbery suspect at the corner of Cable Street and Narragansett Avenue on Tuesday night. COURTESY PHOTO BY JOE EWING

### Police nab Poway bank robbery suspect in OB

San Diego police detectives captured a suspect linked to a Poway bank robbery after the man was tracked down in Ocean Beach on Aug. 31 near the intersection of Cable Street and Narragansett Avenue.

The arrest happened shortly before 9 p.m.

San Diego Sheriffs Department officials informed the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) that a man believed to have robbed a Poway bank earlier that same day might be in the San Diego area.

SDPD robbery detectives apparently spotted the getaway vehicle in Ocean Beach and pulled the unidentified driver over before arresting him.

The FBI and SDPD robbery detectives continue to probe the case to determine if the suspect was involved in other area bank robberies.

Anyone with information is urged to call the robbery division at (619) 531-2299.

### Airport Authority to host open house on options

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority will hold an open house next week to discuss airport alternatives within the county.

The open house and presentation of the Regional Aviation Strategic Plan will

be held Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Airport Authority's boardroom at 3225 N. Harbor Drive.

The regional plan was mandated by Senate Bill 10, authored by Sen. Christine Kehoe and passed in 2007. The bill asks the Airport Authority, along with the San Diego Association of Governments, to prepare a plan that will be a part of the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan in 2011 and assess long-range capabilities for all of the public-use airports within the county.

The Airport Authority boardroom is located in the commuter terminal of Lindbergh Field. For more information, visit www.sdrasp.com.



Officials from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency intercepted this boat carrying seven suspected illegal aliens off the coast of Point Loma on Sunday evening.

PHOTO COURTESY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AGENCY

### Federal agents intercept alien-smuggling boat

The federal Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agency thwarted an apparent attempt to smuggle seven illegal aliens into the U.S. on Aug. 29, three miles off the coast of Point Loma, according to a statement released by the

The crew of a CBP "marine interdiction vessel" stopped an 18-foot boat carrying seven individuals after federal officials took special interest in the boat.

Marine interdiction agents and CBP agents encountered the red and white Chris Craft Cavalier at about 5 p.m. during a routine patrol.

Aboard the small boat were five females and two males — none of whom were carrying identification, according to federal investigators. CBP agents seized the boat and took the seven occupants to the CBP dock on Shelter Island, where U.S. Border Patrol agents further investigated the citizenship of the suspected illegal aliens, said officials.

Agents discovered that all seven people aboard the Criss Craft Cavalier were from Mexico, ranging in age from 22 to 56.

An investigation continues to determine who was responsible for the smuggling attempt.

### Comedienne to headline for cat-rescue fundraiser

Comedienne Christina Pazsitzky — a regular at the roundtable on E! Network's "Chelsea Lately" and a writer for the same show — will headline a comedy benefit event tonight, Sept. 9.

The comedy show will help raise money for the not-for-profit, county-

approved Bone Appetit Cat and Kitten Rescue of Ocean Beach.

Wild and Tame Comedy hosts the fundraiser, "Cougars, Kittens and Lions," from 7 to 10 p.m. at Dream Street Live, located at 2228 Bacon St.

Pazsitzky will share the stage with local comedi-

ans Jiavani Linayao and Sarah Burford. Other entertainment includes the co-ed acappella quartet Balboa 4, featuring Carnegie Hall-bound Natalie Mann and the talented OB-based hoop and belly dancer Valentina (Unity) of Unity Hoops, as seen on the Showtime Network.

Christina Pasitzky

The program will also include a silent auction, raffle and door prizes. The show

is hosted by comedienne Sindi Somers, and live music follows at 10 p.m. by Heidi Nosam, LoveMason and other special guests.

All profits from the event will benefit the Bone Appétit Cat and Kitten Rescue of Ocean Beach.

Advance tickets are \$7 and \$8 at the door. The show is for those 21 and older.

#### Advance tickets are available at:

- Bone Appétit Ocean Beach Pet Supply, 4845 Newport Ave., (619) 226-6250
- Dream Street Live, 2228 Bacon St., (619) 222-8131

For more information and advance tickets, call Somers at (619) 384-0761, or visit wildandtame@gmail.com.

### Point Loma Library sets 7th anniversary event

With all the fanfare this summer surrounding plans for the new Central Library downtown, Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library officials are hosting a special event Wednesday, Sept. 15 to celebrate the local library's seventh anniversary.

Residents are invited to visit the Point Loma branch from 6 to 8 p.m. to learn more about the library system and all it has to offer, including guided tours of the print and digital resources that are available.

A panel presentation will include Matthew Hervey of the San Diego Library Board, along with Point Loma branch library architect Christina Bodenhamer, District 2 City Councilman Kevin Falconer, past librarian Pat Katka and present Point Loma branch manager Christine Gonzalez. A community discussion will follow.

The event will give residents an opportunity to learn about the building of the Point Loma branch library, resources the library offers and what a new Central Library downtown will mean for all residents.

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**OBITUARY** 

## Services set for Maggiora, decorated veteran, original 'Sunset Cliffs Surfer'

It all started in the spring of 1939. Three 6-year-old boys began a friend-ship that would last for more than 71 years. They were Jim "Mouse" Robb, Marsh Malcome and Bill "Sonny" Maggiora.

Mouse would become an Ocean Beach icon and member of the Surfing Hall of Fame, Marsh would become a celebrated San Diego County football coach, and Sonny would go on to become a highly-decorated combat pilot and 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Bill "Sonny" Maggiora passed away Aug. 13, 2010.

He was a fourth-generation Ocean Beach native, and an original "Sunset Cliffs Surfer." The beach originally did not have the pier or rock jetties we have today. To the north was a bridge that connected Ocean Beach to Mission Beach. Sonny spent much of his young life there, swimming, diving and paddling. His father, Primo, died when Sonny was 18. Sonny's mother, Evie, owned a popular café on Voltaire Street. Evie's Cafe was a classic coffee shop and an OB landmark.

Sonny and his friends Don Mellon, Lance Morton, Marsh Malcolm, "Mouse" Robb, along with Rod Luscolm, Bob "Woody" Woodall, Bruce Wesphal, Izzy and many others, surfed the beach break at south Ocean Beach, then ventured into the big surf at Sunset Cliffs.

When the surf was up, "the Ms" and friends would be missing from the Point Loma High School role call. Sonny would drive his Model A down the cliffs to "Ab," loaded with their boards made by Hoppy Swarts and Bud Caldwell —that is, the hollow kook box, a redwood or balsa plank, each weighing 80 pounds. They lived off the ocean by diving for abalone, lobster and fish. They would eat like kings, cooking up a banquet of local seafood on the beach.

Sonny enlisted in the Air Force in 1951. He married his high school sweetheart, Annette Adamson, when he was 18. Annette was 16 and still in high school. With a promise made to her parents that she would finish school, they married in 1952, with Mouse and Marsh as members of the wedding party. Annette kept that promise; she attained her masters degree in psychology and is retired from San Diego County Child Protective Services.

Sonny and Annette raised five sons; William D. II "Billy," Michael "Mick," Jon (named after Jon Kowal, one of Sonny's mentors and best friends), Steven and David.

After completing officer candidate school in San Antonio, Texas near the top of his class, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and was accepted for flight school. Sonny was a perfect fit. He had 20/10 vision and perfect coordination, and was exceptionally fit due to many years as a waterman growing up in OB.

Sonny mastered flight in the T-34 trainer, the T-37 and the T-33, and was selected for fighter pilot training in the F-84 and the F-86. The most talented few were selected for experimental flight testing, and Sonny was selected to be an instructor for this top-priority program. He was dispatched in 1961 to Northrop Aviation to take delivery of one of the first T-38's, and thus began a five-year assignment of training Air Force Academy and Reserve Officer Training Corps graduates, as well as young pilots from our foreign allies, including Israel, Germany and Iran.

Sonny also flew T-39s, the Air Force equivalent to the civilian Lear jet. In 1966, he was called upon to fill a leadership role in Vietnam. He commanded crews and flew Caribou, twin-engine transport planes that could carry large



**BILL "SONNY" MAGGIORA** 

loads of men, equipment and supplies
— including "Agent Orange" — which,
after 44 years, ultimately claimed his life.

He received the Air Medal with seven clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal and was nominated for the Bronze Star. He also received the Legion of Merit, one of our country's highest honors. Sonny spent three years in Panama, then chose to return to Williams AFB to finish his military service as a test pilot.

Once retired from the military, he lived out another lifelong dream of living and surfing in Hawaii. He became an air traffic controller in Kahalui, Maui, where the family lived for seven years. They returned to the mainland only after their

grandchildren began to arrive. While in Hawaii, he bought his own plane and was a major in the Civil Air Patrol, teaching many young people to fly.

Sonny lived out his remaining years in Ocean Beach, where he maintained his relationship with his OB surfing buddies to his last day. He was a member of the Sunset Surfers Club, a supporter of the Ocean Beach community, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Services will be held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on Sept. 10 at 8:30 a.m. and Bethany Lutheran Church in Ocean Beach on Sept. 11 at 11a.m. A paddle-out celebration will take place at the third lot on Sunset Cliffs on Sept. 11 at 3 p.m.

### TUNA

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each year in San Diego County.

Anglers will gather on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Silver Gate Yacht Club, located at 2091 Shelter Island Drive, to drop lines at 5 a.m. and compete for awards such as multi-day fishing trips to Alaska and Mexico, fishing gear, boat equipment and other prizes.

The 2010 Tuna Challenge will conclude Sept. 12 with a family-friendly banquet that is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the yacht club. Activities include raffles, auctions, entertainment, tournament awards and lunch.

Tickets for the banquet are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. All anglers and non-anglers are invited to participate in the Tuna Challenge Boat Raffle. This year's raffle features a super grand-prize package with a Defiance Admiral 220 NT Pilot House. The second-place prize is a 52-inch Sony KDL-TV (or comparable) and a Blu-ray DVD player valued at \$2,400. The third-place prize is a four-day, three-night Alaskan trip for two.



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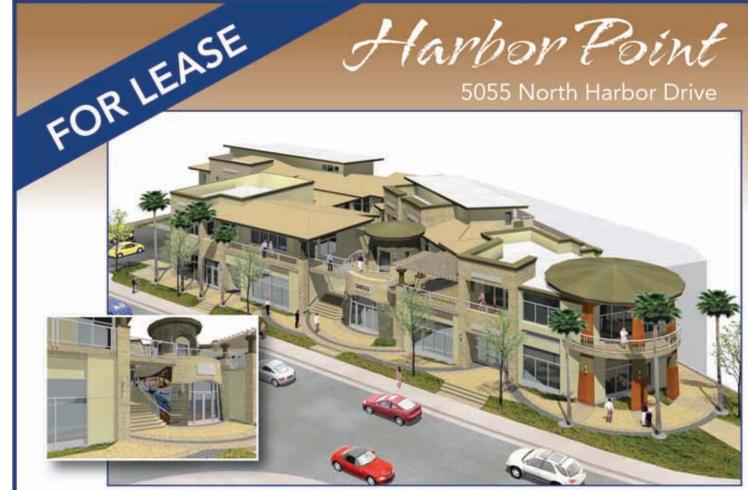


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Time for community recognition

Point Loma Rotary Club members sprung into action recently, spearheading a "clock raising" donation to Liberty Station. The Rotary Club purchased and installed the \$20,000, 16-foot solar-powered clock with the help of its members at the shoreline promenade by the childrens' playground at NTC Park, just north of the Cushing Road and Womble Road parking lot on Aug. 27. The clock was donated to commemorate the club's many years of service to the Point Loma community and residents. The clock, one of the first solar-powered models on the West Coast, will be dedicated later this fall in the memory of Jim Davis, a local businessman, educator and Point Loma Rotarian. Funding was provided by the Davis family, the Point Loma Rotarian Club, individual Rotarians and the The Hervey Fund at the San Diego Foundation as a gift to the community. The clock was built by the Fancy Street Clock and Light Co of Rock Island, III.

### AIRPORT

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The PCPB's request involves the contentious issue of planes flying outside Lindbergh Field's standard departure headings of 290 and 275 degrees. Khalil said air traffic controllers at the airport are initiating a majority of the non-standard flights.

"We want to set the boundaries as they are written for noise mitigation that are clearly identified by FAA [the Federal Aviation Administration]," Khalil said.

Originally used as a response to construction on Taxiway C last summer, Khalil said the temporary 250-degree heading — which takes flight paths over Dana Middle, Silvergate Elementary and Warren Walker schools — is still being used regularly. He said this presents a safety issue for Peninsula residents.

"The threshold on the arrival has gotten to be so contentious that we've documented over a dozen missedapproach flights that are dangerously coming in and having to be diverted quickly to vectors south of the 250, and flying at very low levels that literally skim 1,000 to 2,000 feet above the rooftops of our homes," Khalil said. That's not acceptable."

In the past year, PCPB Airport Subcommittee members have met with pcpb.net/airport.html.

Kehoe, Congresswoman Susan Davis, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority and the FAA to discuss the issue. Seeing no improvements during that time, Khalil and the board decided to go to the state level.

"It's time to figure out if these operations are to the point where the airport influence area cannot be compatible to the point where it's unsafe and it's adversely affecting everything around it environmentally," Khalil

With the request in place, Khalil said the next step is for Kehoe to bring it before the state Audit Committee, which would then engage the state auditor. He said he has been in contact with Kehoe's office and hopes a representative will be at the Airport Subcommittee meeting at Liberty Station on Sept. 13 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at 2495 Truxtun Road, Suite 206.

Airport Authority officials said they plan to cooperate with the state.

"We are aware that the PCPB is making this request," said Airport Authority public relations specialist Katie Jones. "As a transparent agency, the Airport Authority would of course fully cooperate with the state should an audit occur."

Khalil said the airport subcommittee plans to address the state audit at the Sept. 16 PCPB meeting.

For more information, visit www.-

### BRIEFS

### Pancake breakfast to benefit area's popular Junior Lifeguard Foundation

The San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation — which oversees the lifeguard-in-training program in Ocean Beach - will host its second annual Pancake Breakfast at the Santa Clara Recreation Center on Mission Bay on Saturday, Sept.

The event will give locals a chance to chow down to help fund the program.

The event takes place from 8 to 11 a.m. at 1008 Santa Clara Place.

"The Junior Lifeguard program teaches kids skills that are lifelong skills," said Belinda Bencomo, a foundation volunteer. "With our close proximity here to the ocean and other bodies of water — that is just such an important skill for kids to learn.'

All of the proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the foundation, which supports the junior lifeguards. Bencomo said she hopes to see between 200 and 300 people at the event.

"The more, the better," Bencomo said. "It's going to be a great time and a beautiful morning out on the bay."

In addition to hotcakes, the breakfast will feature a raffle and outdoor games for kids. Last year's pancake breakfast was



A pancake breakfast fundraiser will take place Saturday to benefit the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation, which oversees the local program. The program includes an annual ritual where participants jump from the Ocean Beach Pier, like this event in July.

held around Halloween and featured face painting and cos-

'They get things from the local surf shops and they've had lots of restaurant gift certificates and that type of thing," Bencomo said. "There are pretty good prizes."

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5 per person or five tickets for \$20. The foundation's programs include "Learn to Swim For Free" and "Bridge to the Beach," along with a Junior Lifeguard scholarship fund.

For more information, visit www.sdjgfoundation.org.

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in June."

The goal of the first forum held in July was more about discussing issues and talking about cleaning up the image of the Ocean Beach community. The most recent forum aimed to lay out a plan for action. At the forum, participants were split into "peace circles" to discuss four categories that were identified as significant during the first forum. Those categories were public facilities, community, government and activities.

"Participants identified everything they found that needed to be done in Ocean Beach," Hamlin said. "We put it in a report and then the inter-faith community got together. We discussed it and we distilled down four basic areas that we thought could be addressed. Some are going to take some very difficult work and others can be done within the community quite easily."

based community stayed active in Ocean Beach. In addition to publishing a 16-page report that detailed the first forum, the group addressed the issue of community cleanliness identified at the first forum with a community cleanup and pancake breakfast on Aug. 21. The cleanup drew 35 people, half of whom Hamlin estimated were home-

"We worked hard to address that with our alley cleanup," Hamlin said.

In addition to cleanliness, the report listed bathroom facilities in Ocean Beach as a major area of concern. Hamlin said there needs to be a reasonable bathroom facility in the area, envisioning something similar to the facility at the boat launch near Sea World Drive.

"Why can't one of the communities have something like that with showers and sinks and private bathrooms?" Hamlin said. "Right now, you either use the cave at the foot of Santa Monica, the Porta-Potties at the foot of Brighton [Street], you can walk all the way out to

Between the two forums, the faith- Robb Field, or you can walk out on the pier and use the restroom there."

Hamlin is part of the program that has provided mediators for each of the forums, but also has a very strong personal interest in Ocean Beach. Although not currently a resident, Hamlin is a third-generation Ocean Beach denizen. He still surfs here and has family in the area.

"We are very capable of taking care of ourselves down here," Hamlin said. "We've been around for a long time and we're going to be around for a lot longer. But we have to work together."

Hamlin said he would like to see another community forum in four to six weeks. In the meantime, Hamlin said he is hoping for community action from those who attended the most recent forum.

"My hope for this evening is that we form some sort of committees that are going to take what we have now and move it forward," Hamlin said. "We're going to provide the impetus for them to get going and have a spark to keep things going when things settle down.'

### TRIBUTES

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Southern California chapter president of Operation Homefront and organizer of the free event.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. A memorial ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. The walk will follow at 10 a.m. The first 500 registrants will receive a free T-shirt.

To pre-register, visit www.operationhomefront.net/-socal.

### Vet's cross-country walk

The Veterans Museum will send off Tony LoBue at 2 p.m. Saturday as he begins his walkathon across the country He will end at Ground Zero in New York on Sept. 11, 2011.

LoBue, known as "Tony the Vet," is a 68-year-old disabled war veteran. He is setting out on this journey as a way to empower and help veterans and their families.

The ceremony will include entertainment, a skydiving ceremony and an invocation. There will also be a prisoners of war remembrance ceremony. Congressman Bob Filner will speak at the event, as will LoBue.

The first day of his yearlong trek will take him to Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery before heading toward Tucson. Ariz.

LoBue will be updating a blog along the way and footage of his journey will be uploaded to Youtube.

To learn more about LoBue, visit www.tonythevet.org. The Veterans Museum is located at 2115 Park Blvd.

For more information, call (619) 239-2300.

### Midway to host memorial

The USS Midway will hold a tribute to honor the fallen heroes on Sept. 11

at 2:30 p.m., which will take place on the flight deck of the ship.

The services will include a presentation of colors and music from bagpipes and drums. Honor guards from the San Diego Fire Department, Orange County Fire Department and the U.S. Marine Corps will all be on hand to honor their fallen colleagues with those aboard the ship.

The "Star Spangled Banner" will be sung and the names of those who perished will be read aloud, followed by a 21-gun salute.

The ceremony is open to the public with paid admission to the museum.

Immediately following the memorial. New York Fire Department Retirees of San Diego will host a dinner reception at the Old Firehouse Museum, 1572 Columbia St.

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### **SCHOOL**

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serve as an ambassador throughout the region, speaking to students and parents on topics of culture and language.

"What we are trying really hard to do is strengthen the K-12 Mandarin for the cluster," Ladd said.

Yao's time here is the result of a grant awarded by the U.S. State Department. Only two California schools were the recipients this year. She has taught English in China for 11 years.

The growing emphasis on the Mandarin Chinese language — spurred in part because of China's dominant eco $nomic\ influence\ internationally\ -- \ is\ not$ limited to the lower grades.

#### **POINT LOMA HIGH**

"We are only one of three high schools in the San Diego Unified School District that teaches Mandarin Chinese, said Point Loma High School (PLHS) Principal Barbara Samilson.

But shifting language offerings are not the only changes in store for PLHS.

"The major changes are in the facilities," Samilson said.

Sports medicine classes will be offered this winter once the second story addition of a new athletic training facility is completed at the end of the



Eduardo Delacruz, 5, gets one last hug from his mother, Martha, before heading off to start kindergarten. PHOTO BY PAUL HANSEN I THE BEACON

first semester.

The high school will also offer multimedia video production classes in a new music center, which will most likely be open in the spring.

PLHS is expected to boast a student population of 2,000 — and some pupils remain on a waiting list.

"We are just taking students who live in our geographic region," Samilson

#### CABRILLO ELEMENTARY

Cabrillo Elementary School Principal Nestor Suarez said he wants the community to take a closer look at his campus and the potential it offers to new students, despite being situated so close to two very strong elementary schools.

"We are asking them to consider the small school," said Suarez.

Cabrillo will continue to be competitive by adding the use of Smart Boards to the fourth grade repertoire, in addition to their continued use at the third-grade School, having raised standardized test

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Among the other unique program offerings at Cabrillo is one that was started last spring.

"We implemented a tutorial service by the Navy," said Suarez. "We have them deployed into our classrooms."

Navy servicemembers tutor children in math, reading and even stay and support the school during recess.

What does Suarez enjoy most about the beginning of the school year?

"It's just the smiles on the kids' faces," said Suarez.

### **LOMA PORTAL ELEMENTARY**

Glenda Gerde, principal of Loma Portal Elementary School, said the school will continue making strides among students for whom English is a second language.

She noted that her school recently became a California Distinguished scores among all learners.

"We are working very hard to close the achievement gap so all students can be achievers," Gerde said.

The school attracts students from all over the district and Gerde boasts that school pride is high.

Loma Portal also uses the Smart Boards and will continue with the next grade level of implementation as well. Educators said Smart Boards facilitate stronger and more efficient learning in the classroom.

Teachers are able to immediately see on their Smart Board which student answers correctly or incorrectly.

Loma Portal, along with other schools from the cluster, will also be working more closely with art offerings in Liberty Station.

"The main thing this year is that our budget has been severely cut and we are looking forward to creatively working with community partners," Gerde said.



Jamie Huffman teaches her son, Hunter, 4, how to pay for breakfast by punching in an account number at Cabrillo Elementary before sending him off to his first day at PHOTO BY PAUL HANSEN I THE BEACON school Monday.



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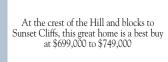


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### **SPORTS**

The San Diego Canoe and Kayak Team, which boasts four members from Point Loma, made an impressive showing at the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint Nationals held Aug. 26-29 in Oklahoma City.

### SD Canoe and Kayak Team charting new, impressive course

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

As the San Diego Canoe and Kayak Team transitions away from city financial support, it continues to earn national acclaim. A group of 33 junior members — including four from Point Loma captured 67 medals at the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint Nationals held Aug. 26-29 in Oklahoma City.

"We took our largest team and we came back with definitely our best results

national team and junior national team," said Chris Barlow, founder and coach of the team.

In addition to the medal haul that included 31 gold, 18 silver and 18 bronze medals, the 14-and-Under Team brought home a national championship. Including 16-and-Under and 18-and Under age divisions, the team placed high enough for an overall trophy.

"Not only did we have kids winning medals, but we also had other kids that were finishing fifth and sixth [overall] to give us points," Barlow said.

An Olympian kayaker in the 1992 Olympics, Barlow started the San Diego Canoe and Kayak Team in 1997 to develop local talent in the sport that was little known in America. At that time, he was an instructor in the city's Junior Lifeguard Program and created the team as an offshoot of the program.

"In 1996 at the Atlanta Olympics, on our own soil, we didn't have a single boat make the final," Barlow said. "I realized that a big part of the problem was we just didn't have that much development going on in the United States in the sport."

Since the summer of 1997, the local team has had annual representation on the junior national team. They have also had members competing in both the 2004 and 2008 Olympics.

"San Diego is perfectly suited as a location for canoeing and kayaking," Barlow said. "We can train all year round, whereas other teams might have months where they can't get on the water because it's too cold."

Sprint canoe and kayak has been in the Olympics since 1936. Comparing it to rowing, Barlow said the biggest differences are that competitors face forward and race on shorter courses of 200 and 1,000 meters.

"It's much faster. It's a shorter duration with higher stroke rates." Barlow said.

Based out of Fiesta Island, the team also has a distinct Point Loma flavor. Last month, Barlow was named fire captain at Fire Station 22 on Catalina Boulevard.

"I'm pretty excited. It's a great district and great community," Barlow said.

Point Loma High junior Lexie Bohlman is currently on the junior national team. The 30 members of the junior national team are training in Lake Placid and Barlow said most of them will train for the 2012 and 2016 Olympics.

While the team enjoys national and international success, it is currently trying to stay afloat on its own after the city decided to cut its funding in February. Efforts are now being made to make the team a self- and sponsor-funded nonprofit group, which involves obtaining a permit from the city to keep its Fiesta Island facility - a request the group recently submitted to the city.

"Just getting everything worked out was tough, and it has been a stressful transition," Barlow said. "I think what it has done [the lack of city funding] has made the team and the whole community stronger. We'll definitely be a stronger team for it in the future."

The San Diego Canoe and Kayak team will hold an open house on Saturday, Sept. 25 and welcomes children ages 14 to 18 to try out.

For more information, visit www.-bdhcompany.com/sdckt or e-mail info@kayakfast.com.



Among the members of the San Diego Canoe and Kayak Team are four young women from Point Loma. They are, from left, Sydney Bohlman, Gabriella Garcia, Gina Barba and Lexie Bohlman.



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### Pointers start slow in opener, dominate in second half romp

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Point Loma High School's (PLHS) 2010 varsity football team put the exclamation mark on a season-opening tripleheader Sept. 4 with a decisive 41-24 drubbing of Escondido's Orange Glen High School at home on Bennie Edens Field.

On this, the first Saturday of the new prep football season on the Peninsula, the Pointers responded with three PLHS victories between the varsity, junior varsity (40-0) and the freshman (32-10)

Cheerleaders in new uniforms urged on a large crowd that savored the aroma of barbecued burgers during the sunshine-splashed opener.

The varsity Pointers sputtered to a 14-10 halftime advantage over the pesky Patriots on the strength of a 19-yard scoring pass from senior quarterback Sean McKaveney to junior Aaron Watkins, followed by McKaveney's oneyard dive with 38 seconds left before the break.

After halftime, a different breed of Dogs took the field.

"In the first half, we had our assignments down but we just weren't playing with fire," said senior center Martin "Big Red" Gelenter, a 6'4," 275-pound

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Young surfers competed Aug. 28 in the 2010 Gromfest surf contest. COURTESY PHOTO BY JOE EWING

### Young surfers make mark in OB

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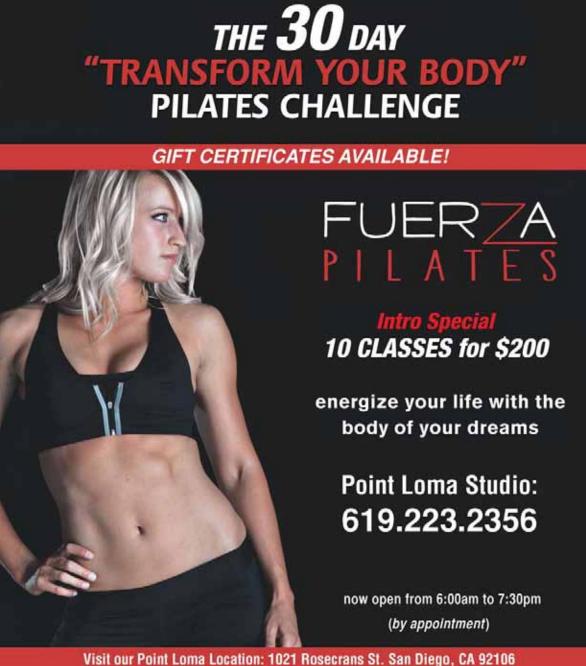
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leader in the Pointer trenches. "We came out in the third quarter and took it to them, sticking to our blocks."

Pointer head coach Mike Hastings agreed.

"We made some great adjustments and just took the game over physically and really finished them off in the third quarter," Hastings said. "We worked on tackling better on defense and holding onto the ball offensively."

The 14-10 halftime edge became a 41-10 Pointer lead after three quarters, the hosts scoring 27 unanswered points in just 12 minutes of play.

Junior Jaivon Griffin's churning legs accounted for two touchdowns in the period with runs of 20 and four yards.

Eric Bueno also blasted ahead one yard for a score and sophomore Zach Eischen ran an interception back 42 yards for a touchdown in his varsity debut.

Eischen had a second interception in the final quarter that he ran back to the Patriots' four-yard line. He likely has secured a varsity position, making a successful leap from last year's freshman squad.

The Pointers amassed 223 yards on the ground, averaging 6.4 yards on 35 plays. Griffin, at 5'5" and 145 pounds, totaled 141 yards on 14 carries to pace the Pointers.

Other totals included McKaveney (34 yards), Bueno (22) and junior Morris Mathews (21).

Through the air, McKaveney completed four of nine throws for 52 yards. Besides Watkins' touchdown, other passes were caught by Mathews and seniors Thomas Mize and Johnny Casternals.

On defense, sacks were credited to brothers Christian (senior) and Tevin (junior) Heyward, junior Jon Denae Bailey and senior Hunter Hirsch.



Point Loma's Iontez Wright (26) races upfield on a first quarter kickoff return during the Pointers' 41-24 season-opening victory against Orange Glen. Escorting him are Johnny Castaneda (19) and Hunter Hirsch (6)

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Junior kicking specialists Ruben Diaz and Felipe Soares each tacked on points, with Diaz connecting on three of four PATs and Soares drilling each of his two attempts.

"We're young, we have talent and we have to come together as a team," said Gelenter. "We lost nearly all of our starters from last year."

While pleased, Hastings agreed there is still room for improvement.

"We're happy to get the win," said

Hastings. "It was our first game with a lot of kids who haven't played varsity football. There are a lot of things we can do better."

The Patriots relied on the pass, picking up 243 yards through the air. Halfback Chris Locher (a burly 6'2," 225 pounder) caught seven balls for 110 yards including one 51-yard jaunt in which several Pointers missed tackles.

"We put that ball in the endzone with great field position set up by our defense," Hastings said. "Our defense scored and we won the battle of turnovers. When you do that, you're going to win most games."

The Pointers now travel to face another set of Patriots, this time from Patrick Henry High School in Del Cerro. In next Saturday's triple-header, the varsity play begins at 6 p.m. preceded by the freshmen squad at noon and the junior varsity team at 3 p.m.

On Sept. 17, the Dogs head east for a showdown with El Capitan High School in Lakeside starting at 7 p.m.



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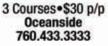




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### Pointer QB leads locker-room renovation

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

assigns a beginning-of-the-year essay on "What I Did During My Summer Vacation," McKaveney will have a story to tell. The Point Loma High School (PLHS) senior quarterback spent last year's football season enduring the decrepit conditions of the school's varsity football locker room and decided it was time for a change.

During a two-week lull in preseason drills recently, McKaveney, with mom Kathleen as co-contractor, gave the locker room a reality show-style makeover that stunned his teammates and coaches when they returned Aug. 11.

"Sean really wanted to do this for his team," said Kathleen.

Sean couldn't suppress a wide grin as his teammates gathered that morning to receive helmets and pads. He guarded the room's closed door until shortly after

Then it was time for the unveiling.

As the quarterback opened the door, his varsity buddies crowded in to see their new home. What they saw shocked the normally-talkative teens into silence.

"It was really quiet," Sean recalls, "but after about 30 seconds, people started taking pictures of their lockers with their cell phones. Even now, every time (player) Chris Schoenherr comes in, he says,

'I still can't believe you did this.'"

New florescent light tubes in cleaned If Sean McKaveney's English teacher fixtures cast a bright, white light throughout, replacing a dingy yellow glow. Walls had been cleaned, textured and painted a shiny white. There were bold stripes in school colors of maroon and gold encircling the room, and motivational words were added along one wall. Wooden benches in front of the lockers had been sanded and repainted.

> Three huge mirrors were mounted around the room surrounding several new black couches and a black carpet in the center area. Even the room's flooring was new.

> Each of the 40 lockers, which dated back decades, had multiple layers of old paint ground off and were replaced by a fresh coat of maroon paint. In addition, gold plastic plates, engraved with each player's last name and jersey number, were magnetically affixed to each locker.

> The McKaveney team also cut, painted and installed first-ever shelves in every player's locker. And, for added effect, each player's jersey hung neatly inside.

> When he first conceived of the project. Sean consulted his mom, who owns Pacific Drapery in North Park and has extensive design experience. Using a three-dimensional program on his computer, he created his idea to scale, showing the finished project.



"We wanted to improve the lighting in the room and create an environment that was both positive and motivating," Sean said.

A \$1,200 budget was granted for the work by the football Boosters Club. Kathleen agreed to cover any overage.

Sean said Pointer head coach Mike Hastings trusted him with the room and PLHS Athletic Director John Murphy was a key factor, visiting every day and night during the work phase to open and lock the facility.

The McKaveneys worked three different days from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. after a four-day period during which several Pointer players helped.

"To see the love and care Sean put into that room really shows what our program is all about by giving back," Hastings said.

The mirrors and florescent lights in the room were free through Craigslist and Bayside Paint came up with the



These photos show the before and after condition of the Point Loma High School varsity football locker room, which took on a fresh, clean look after senior quarterback Sean McKaveney and his mother gave it a complete makeover. The completed varsity football locker room renovation shows newly painted walls and lockers, along with new couches and flooring. Shelves were also added in each locker. PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS I THE BEACON.

needed paint. North Park Trophy created the nameplates and Kathleen donated items through her drapery business.

Kathleen was seated one day next to Tom Bell, parent of returning senior Thomas Bell, lamenting her lack of a solution for the room's new floor.

"I'll take care of the floor," Bell said

immediately. As it turns out, he owns Bell Tile in Point Loma and floors are a specialty.

"Coming out of a clean environment should make our play on the field cleaner and crisper," Sean said of the upcoming season. "I think it will have a nice psychological effect on the whole team."



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#### By LORALEE OLEJNIK | THE BEACON

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\$40, depending on the restaurant.

"It's a great community event, and it's supporting local restaurants," said Jenna Thompson, a spokeswoman for SDRW.

The bi-annual event has proved to be a boon for the local dining industry during lean times, bringing in more than 100,000 diners to participating restaurants the last time it was held in January. According to Thompson, not only do locals participate, but some out-

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### **OB/Point Loma performers may** score huge in SD Music Awards

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

The local music community's biggest annual party — the San Diego Music Awards (SDMA) — will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year on Sunday, Sept. 12. Honoring the area's top local acts in 27 categories, ranging from best tribute band to song of the year, the awards cover the time period of July 1, 2009 to June 30 of this year.

The awards ceremony covers a lot of territory, making for a good barometer of the state of the local music scene and creating a fun night out. The event returns to Humphreys by the Bay after a fouryear run at Vieja's Concerts in the Park, with performers set to include The Night Marchers, Erika Davies, Maren Parusel, The Nervous Wreckords, New Mexico and Transfer.

Meanwhile, the evening's lifetime achievement award will be presented to the iconic 1960s group Iron Butterfly. Proceeds from the San Diego Music Awards go to support Taylor Guitars in Schools programs, with a total of 1,424 "Baby" Taylor guitars donated to date.

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Ocean Beach-based Dazed and Confused - a Led Zeppelin cover group - is again up for "Best Tribute Band" at the San Diego Music Awards on Sunday, Sept. 12. The awards take place at Humphreys by the Bay on Shelter Island.

With Ocean Beach and Point Loma being category with the Sublime tribute act of well known as centers for the arts, it's only natural that several area residents are among the 2010 nominees. Jason Ott, frontman with Led Zeppelin cover group Dazed and Confused, snagged the "Best Tribute Band" category in 2009 and the group finds itself nominated once

"Our win was totally unexpected, but it was awesome," Ott said.

For his band, the award was a major boon.

"We definitely saw an increase in fans right away and we moved up to headliner status at some of the bigger clubs in town," Ott said. "This is all stuff that was like a dream to me and I think winning [at] the San Diego Music Awards was one of the things that helped us achieve it."

Bassist Sol Turpin has now been nominated twice in the "Best Tribute Band"

40 Oz. To Freedom and the Cure tribute combo The Cured, though he recently left both to concentrate on his own band, Safety Orange. Turpin also performed at the awards ceremony in 2002, backing his younger sisters, Anna and Lindsey

"The [San Diego] Music Awards? They're a good thing," Turpin said. "It lets people know that some of the bigger bands out there are from here, and helps newer groups get noticed. It adds hype to the scene — in a good way — putting extra focus on the musicians from the area. It can't hurt.'

Al Howard, frontman for The Heavy Guilt, nominated in the category of "Best Pop Album" for the disc "Let Us Up From This," has won several SDMA trophies

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### Chargers' QB talks the talk, walks the walk

San Diego Chargers' quarterback Philip Rivers chats with Cathy and Larry Richman, founders of the nonprofit "I Believe in Angels" organization on Sept. 4 at NTC Park in Point Loma during the Philip Rivers Celebrity 5K Walk and Fun Run. The event was designed to raise money for the Rivers of Hope Foundation, a nonprofit Rivers and his wife, Tiffany, founded to find homes for unwanted, abandoned and orphaned children in San Diego County. The foundation contributed \$25,000 to the "I Believe in Angels" foster-PHOTO BY JIM GRANT I THE BEACON family network organization.

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with his previous group, the K23 Orchestra.

From 2003 to 2005, the band took home three awards in the "Best Hip Hop" category, while he's also previously been nominated in the "World Music Category.'

His songs are best described as a mix of traditional folk and blues, crossed with psychedelia, rock influences and strong melodic hooks.

the past, but I'm good with the 'pop' category," Howard said. "The Beatles were pop, that works for me."

As for the fate of his previous tro-

"I think they're at our drummer's house," Howard said. "He had the most place to store things, so he's got all the band memorabilia."

For Howard, the best part of the show is the live performances.

"It's cool to acknowledge things that are happening in the music community," Howard said. "But what I enjoy most

 $\hbox{``I have been in different categories in } \quad \hbox{is the live performances. There is always}$ such an interesting mix of performers. This year, I'm looking forward to the sets from Transfer and Erika Davies."

Howard also notes the value of a large part of the music community coming together in one place.

"I've always been an anti-social person," Howard said. "I don't really like large crowds of people, but this is great. Whether it's a band or promoter or music-business people in general, they're all there. You have a chance to meet or share ideas with so many people in different aspects of the business."

### RESTAURANT

of-town guests plan their visits to San Diego around SDRW to take advantage of the deals offered during this time and dine out multiple times during the week.

Now in its seventh year, SDRW is sponsored by the California Restaurant Association San Diego Chapter, an organization created to promote restaurants across the state.

No special tickets or passes are necessary to participate in SDRW, though diners are strongly encouraged to make reservations with their desired restaurants in advance, as tables fill up quickly. Walk-ins are welcome, however there is no guarantee they can be accommodated.

During SDRW, a special menu is prepared by each restaurant where diners select their desired appetizer, main course and dessert. In most cases, the arrangement gives the opportunity to try a new restaurant at a greatlyreduced price.

"There is not a better time to try and get the most for your money during these tough times," said Ken Mills, coowner of Proper Gastropub and Wine Steals East Village, a newcomer to Restaurant Week. "We are literally offering a meal at cost."

Proper Gastropub (a traditional British pub with a gourmet menu) opened earlier this year, and is located in the historic Simon Levi building in Petco Park. It is combined with local chain Wine Steals, and patrons can select their own bottles of wine to pair with dinner in the restaurant or on the viewing deck overlooking the Padres' stadi-

Chef Sean Erik Magee of Proper, whose résumé includes stints at Urban 233-5008 for more information.

Solace, Croce's and Grant Grill, has created a four-course meal for SDRW, including main dish selections of braised short rib with creamy parmesan polenta and Guinness reduction, grilled citrus-pineapple brined chicken with Moroccan couscous and pomegranate molasses, and grilled vegetable quinoa with warmed chevre and tomato nectar, among others.

"It is the busiest week in my restaurants," said executive chef Bernard Guillas of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis

Guillas observed that, in general, the local dining scene has taken a turn for the better as of late, including upticks in business at his restaurants The Marine Room and the Shores.

"The tide has definitely turned," he said. "But only if you have a product of good value, have a good promotion going on and make sure to provide an experience."

The SDRW menu at the Marine Room includes wild Alaskan salmon, filet mignon and Guillas' signature dessert trilogy.

After paying a visit to the event website, www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com, diners can search by location, cuisine, price or specific restaurant.

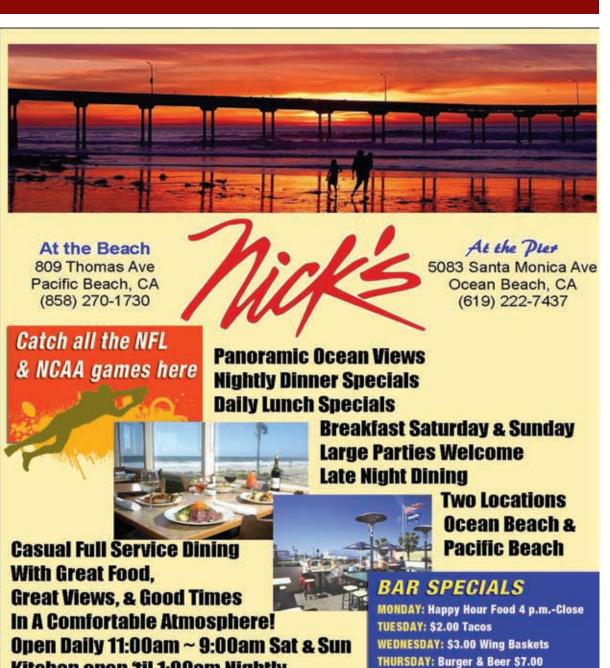
Links to participating restaurants are available from the site, as are features such as conducting a search for places with vegetarian options.

Participating restaurants in La Jolla include The Marine Room, Whisknladle and George's at the Cove, and in the beach areas, JRDN Restaurant, The French Gourmet and the Atoll at the Catamaran.

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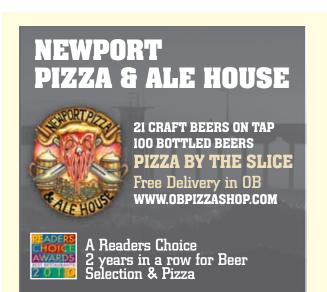
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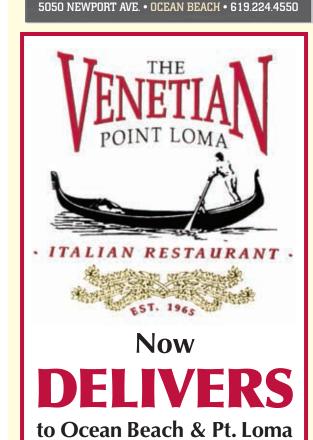
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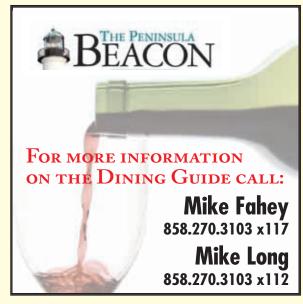
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Sunday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m., San Diego Music Awards, featuring several nominees from the Ocean Beach area. The awards take place at Humphreys by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. Tickets are \$30-\$75. For more information, visit www.humphreysbythebay.com.

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Through Oct. 3, Quilt Visions Art Quilt Gallery opens a new exhibit "Transformations/Reflections" as part of a juried exhibition. The gallery is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (619) 546-4872, or visit www.quiltvisions.org.

### COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Sept. 11-12, Make-A-Wish Tuna Challenge 2010 fundraiser benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation aiding children with life-threatening conditions. The event features a tuna-fishing competition, awards, prizes, lunch and other activities. The event takes place at the Silver Gate Yacht Club, 2091 Shelter Island Drive. For information, entry fees and registration, call (858) 707-9474, or visit www.wishsandiego.org.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. to noon, Friends of Famosa Slough seeks volunteers for a work party to care for native California plants, remove invasive species and remove litter. Participants are urged to wear work clothes, a hat and sturdy shoes, and bring work gloves and gardening/weeding tools or clippers. Refreshments will be provided. Meet at the southeast corner of W. Point Loma and Famosa boulevards. For more information, call (619) 224-4591, or visit www.famosaslough.org.

Sunday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m. to noon, Surfrider San Diego hosts its 19th annual Paddle for Clean Water event to raise awareness for environmental issues affecting the ocean. The event includes a free, noncompetitive paddle around the Ocean Beach Pier, speakers and a beach cleanup, among other activities. For more information, visit www.surfridersd.org.

Monday, Sept. 13, 6 p.m., the Ocean Beach Woman's Club convenes for its first meeting of the year at 2160 Bacon St. New members welcome. For more information, call (619) 222-1008.

Monday, Sept. 13, 6:45 p.m., regular meeting of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council. The meeting takes place at the Cabrillo Recreation Center, 3051 Cañon St., and visitors are welcome. For more information, call (619) 228-1854.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority hosts an open house to discuss airport alternatives within the county. The meeting takes place at the Airport Authority's boardroom at 3225 N. Harbor Drive. For more information, visit www.-

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6 to 8 p.m, the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts its seventh anniversary event, combining a historical review of the local branch and an overview of the San Diego library system, along with an explanation of efforts to build the Central Library downtown and how the sytem will benefit residents. The event takes place at the Point Loma site, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1537.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m., regular meeting of the Ocean Beach Historical Society featuring



Hundreds of surfers will turn out for the 19th annual Paddle for Clean Water at the Ocean Beach Pier beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12. PHOTO BY DON BALCH I THE REACON

Richard Carrico, who will speak on "Archaeology at Presidio de San Diego: Who is buried at Presidio Park?" Carrico teaches at the San Diego State University Department of American Indian Studies and Recuerdos Research. Carrico is expected to speak on his extensive research and writing about local history and Indian cultures, mixing intrigue with historical events. The event takes place at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, For more information, visit www.obhistory.wordpress.com.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 1 to 3 p.m., Friends of Famosa Slough host a free nature walk with good views of a variety of birds and salt marsh habitat.

Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars and meet at the first bench on Famosa Boulevard south of the intersection with W. Point Loma Boulevard. For more information, call (619) 224-4591, or visit www.famosaslough.org.

Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m., the nonprofit group Photocharity hosts its annual 5K Walk to Save Homeless San Diego Youth with proceeds going to fund programs and services at The Storefront, a shelter for homeless teens ages 12-17 in Hillcrest. The event takes place at NTC Park at Liberty Station. Registration is \$18 and begins at 8 a.m. For more information, visit www.savehomelessyouth.org.



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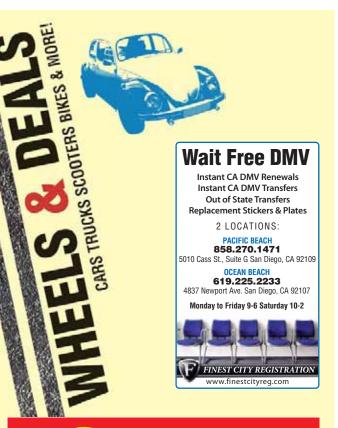
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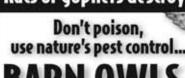
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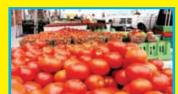


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