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THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON: PEACE AND GOODWILL TOWARD MEN



COMMUNITY TREE HERALDS TIME OF HEALING, HOPE

The Ocean Beach community Christmas tree arrived safely to the foot of Newport Avenue on Tuesday as part of the annual tradition spearheaded by the OB Town Council's Tree Committee. The 50-foot star pine was transported from its former home on Long Branch Avenue. Above, Emmet Bartlet, left, and Cody Sherman get a bird's-eye view of Newport Avenue from a cherry picker. The teens are Point Loma High School (PLHS) students and members of the PLHS surf team. Right, the teens watch longtime volunteer Gerry Boehmke position the star atop the tree. Below, a view of the OB Pier from the tree's perch. Lights and beachball decorations were affixed Wednesday, with dozens of local schoolchildren set to make and add their own decorations today. The youngsters' spirits were also buoyed by a visit from Santa. PHOTOS BY PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON



Parade ready to spread holiday light, cheer down streets of Ocean Beach

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

The Ocean Beach Holiday Parade will ring in the holiday season on the Peninsula this weekend, lighting up the faces of young and old alike. An estimated 7,000 people will line Newport Avenue for the annual parade, which starts Saturday, Dec. 4 at 5:05 p.m. OB time.

"It definitely is a kickoff and it gets everybody in the spirit," said parade organizer Claudia Jack. "We welcome anybody. We don't care how old or young you are."

The theme for the 31st annual parade — which is hosted by the Ocean Beach Town Council's Tree Committee — is "OB, Older and Better."

Don't let the theme fool you, Jack said. A number of the floats already signed up will feature the youthful segment of Ocean Beach.

"We're a family-friendly parade and I think that a lot of neighborhood groups are coming in," Jack said. "We are featuring a lot of children."

Sporting everything from musical bands to elaborate floats and silly costumes to geriatric



The 2010 Ocean Beach Holiday Parade is expected to boast at least 80 entries Saturday and draw an estimated 7,000 spectators to the streets of OB.

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surfers doing precision drills, the parade runs along Newport Avenue from Sunset Cliffs Boulevard to Abbott Street, culminating at the Ocean Beach Christmas Tree, which will be lit just prior to the parade at the foot of the pier.

"A lot of people don't realize that the tree at the end of the street — some families don't even have a tree — that's their tree," Jack said.

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Food/toy drive dishes up gift of joy to OB's less-fortunate neighbors

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

For the next week and a half, Ocean Beach residents can experience the season of giving by donating to the 31st annual Ocean Beach Food and Toy Drive. The drive — put on by the Ocean Beach Town Council's Tree Committee — began Nov. 23 and runs through Monday, Dec. 13.

"It's all about giving back," said Claudia Jack, who heads up the event. "People don't realize that you don't have to always receive. It's all about adopting and helping another individual."

Jack said the significance of donating an unwrapped toy or food item is greater this holiday season because of the current economic climate. Last year, the drive provided food for 55 local families, nine local seniors and 12 women living in a local domestic-violence house.



Volunteers sort toys and fill boxes during a previous Ocean Beach Food and Toy Drive for neighbors in need.

COURTESY PHOTO

"It could be somebody out of a job, somebody just having hardship, somebody that has had an operation and can't work anymore. It could be a layoff," Jack said. "We just adopt families and people in need in Ocean Beach."

The food and toy drive helps locals in need

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Resident files lawsuit against McMillin Company

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Bonnie Mann, a Liberty Station resident who said she has been negatively impacted by the presence of The Rock Church on Rosecrans Street, has taken legal action against the Corky McMillin Cos.

Mann claims McMillin failed to disclose to prospective homeowners at Lib-

Woman says developer failed to tell homeowners of projected impacts from megachurch; class-action ruling set for Dec. 3

erty Station that the megachurch was moving to that location in 2003. On Friday, Dec. 3, a San Diego Superior Court judge will decide whether to now hear the case, Mann v. McMillin, as a class-

action lawsuit.

"We're not suing The Rock Church," said Stephen Morris, Mann's attorney. "Our point is that purchasers should have been informed so that they could

make a choice [in 2003], an informed decision to live in a community that has The Rock Church in it or not. That's what never happened."

The judge will rule on class-action

certification at 9 a.m. Friday at the downtown courthouse, located at 330 West Broadway St. The hearing, originally scheduled to take place Nov. 19, is open to the public, but residents will not be invited to speak, said Morris.

"If the judge decides the case should go forward as a class action on Dec. 3,

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Tour shines spotlight on treasures

The 58th annual St. Nicholas Home Tour — reputed to be the oldest of its kind west of the Mississippi — returns to showcase more gems of the Peninsula. **2**

Sifting through the sands of time

University of California, Santa Barbara researchers are studying 30 years' worth of data to gauge the changing health of coastline from Morro Bay to OB. **3**



PLHS squad pulls off gridiron stunner

The Point Loma High football team upends second-seeded Mount Miguel in the CIF quarterfinals to advance to the semifinals against a familiar foe — Cathedral Catholic. **6**

'GRAND DAME' OF HOME TOURS



The Frankie Laine home in La Playa is one of the homes showcased in this year's Saint Nicholas Home Tour, held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. Point Loma's All Souls Episcopal Church returned to the helm of the tour this year, said to be the oldest of its kind west of the Mississippi.

COURTESY PHOTO

Home tour to showcase Peninsula's treasures

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

After taking a year off, All Souls Episcopal Church has returned to the helm of a Point Loma tradition that showcases some of the finest homes on the Peninsula.

The 58th annual Saint Nicholas Home Tour — said to be the oldest home tour west of the Mississippi — will be held Sunday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"People are really excited about it coming back and working on it and we've had a wonderful response from the community and the parish," said Sandi May, tour coordinator. "They missed it."

All Souls has headed up the tour since 1951, but handed last year's event off to local Cordelia Mendoza, who put it on to benefit Best Friends Animal Society. In May, Mendoza turned the event back over to the church, which accepted it with open arms.

"I think it took that year to kind of energize folks and bring them back and realize we could do things a little bit differently," May said. "People were volunteering and wanted to come back and help."

The biggest change to this year's event is the redesigned marketplace. Previously made up of only arts and crafts, the marketplace, held inside the church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature a variety of arts and vendors, and host tea time from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Our marketplace is going to be patterned more like a market rather than what we called Christmas arts for years and years," May said. "There will be a mixture of vendors and handmade crafts."

The highlight of the marketplace is the church mice, the annual collectible tradition that has been part of the home tour since the 1970s. A couple hundred of the handmade felt mice will be for sale, and vintage mice from previous years will also be on display.

"Every year we come out with a new edition and we have our micemakers who make them all by hand," May said.

"Usually, that is what everybody lines up and grabs first."

The featured walking tour will spotlight four distinct Point Loma homes, ranging from modern to Spanish Colonial Revival. A special home on this year's tour is the La Playa residence of famed local western singer Frankie Laine.

"It is filled with memorabilia and there are framed gold records and paintings that Frankie Laine and his wife painted," May said. "There are photographs and memorabilia everywhere."

Dubbed the "Prince of Point Loma," Laine cranked out hits that included "Rawhide" and "Ghost Riders in the Sky." His house rests on a hillside above La Playa and has views of both downtown and the San Diego Bay.

Other homes on the tour include a modern home by architect Homer Delawie, the historically-designated Casa Marrero built in 1927, and the Wertz home built into a canyon near Loma Portal Elementary School. Each of the homes will have a speaker or live music, and some of the homes will have baked buns and St. Nicholas cookies.

"We don't ever tell where they are. People have to go to all the houses and figure out what it is," May said.

This year's home tour benefits the Peninsula Shepherd Center housed at All Souls. May said the center provides shopping trips, luncheons and other services for local seniors.

"Many people in the area love the home tour and it truly is a tradition here in Point Loma," May said. "People really look forward to it starting off their holiday season."

Tickets for the Saint Nicholas Home Tour are \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the tour, and can be purchased at the following locations: All Souls Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd.; Cottage Antiques, 4873 Newport Ave.; or Walter Andersen Nursery, 3642 Enterprise St.

For more information, visit www.all-soulshometour.org or call (619) 223-6394.



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PCPB REPORT

Airport expansion dominates discussion at planners' meeting

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Airport matters dominated the agenda at the November Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) meeting at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library.

During the new business portion of the meeting, representatives from the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority presented a draft supplemental environmental impact report for Lindbergh Field's planned northside improvements. The presentation included the proposed land-use plan and a map of what the airport is expected to look like after the improvements.

The public can comment on the report, which is available online at http://www.san.org/sdcraa/airport_initiatives/environmental/ceqa.aspx. Comments are due Jan. 4 and can be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or delivered in person to the Airport Authority offices.

Discussion over the proposed improvements ran so long the board decided to push back the Airport Authority's second planned presentation — an update on the airport's air quality management plan. Instead, the update will be heard at the Dec. 16 PCPB meeting.

The board also approved a letter created by its Airport Subcommittee to send to state Sen. Christine Kehoe, requesting a state audit of Lindbergh Field. The letter requests the audit to look at departures on nonstandard headings and future operating capacities at the airport.

The letter completes a process started in August and will be given to Kehoe this month. Once Kehoe receives the letter, she is expected to bring it before the state Audit Committee, which would then engage the state auditor.

BOARD REVISES BYLAWS

In other matters, the revised bylaws that the board approved in August were expected to go before the full City Council on Nov. 29. The changes in the new bylaws include making general elections a plurality vote, having the PCPB board fill sudden vacancies itself — instead of having continuous runoff elections — and various changes to language within the document.

The next PCPB meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St.

For more information, visit www.pcpb.net.

WHAT THE SANDS OF TIME WILL TELL



A team of research biologists from the University of California, Santa Barbara spread out across the sands of Ocean Beach near the pier Oct. 25, conducting beach-sand sampling to determine changes in the water, sand and beach ecology since members of the team last visited to take samples in the 1970s. Sand coring samples were placed in a fine mesh bag and taken out to the surf to wash out the sand and expose sea life and other items that remained.

PHOTO BY JIM GRANT / THE BEACON

Long-term UCSB study examines beach health

By KEVIN McKAY | THE BEACON

An interdisciplinary team of scientists from the Marine Science Institute of the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) paid a visit to Ocean Beach recently to sample, catalog and compare historical datasets of Southern California's beach health.

The long-term study is assessing changes in the water, sand and beach ecology since members of the UCSB team last visited to take samples in the 1970s, according to researchers at the university.

From these new efforts and previous research sources, the scientists and grad-

uate students are evaluating changes in sandy beach ecosystems over more than 30 years for beaches located between Morro Bay and San Diego — including Ocean Beach.

After taking sand cores, the samples were placed in a fine mesh bag by the researchers and taken out to the surf to wash out the sand and expose the sea life and other elements that remained.

The research project is made possible by California Sea Grant, the California Coastal Commission, UCSB's Coastal Fund and the National Science Foundation's Santa Barbara Coastal Long Term Ecological Research program.

"They are integrating the ecological

and physical information obtained in the study to assess status and trends in sand supply, beach width, biological diversity and community structure and function," according to a written statement by officials at UCSB's Marine Science Institute.

"Historical records are being analyzed to identify potentially rare, declining or even locally extinct intertidal species that may be important to ecosystem function or prey for birds, fish and marine mammals," continues the statement. "The findings will be the subject of a master's thesis and will be shared with coastal regulators and managers to inform and improve beach management and conservation."

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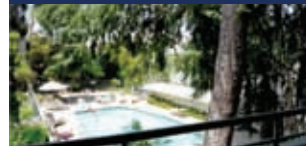
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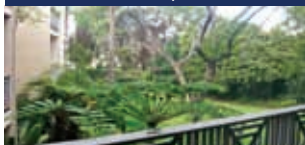


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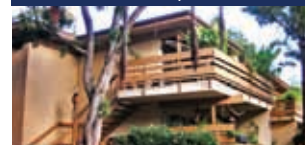
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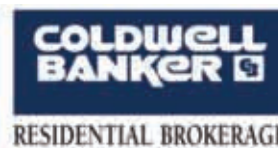
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NEWS**briefs****Sexual assault reported in Midway area**

San Diego police investigators are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect in a sexual assault Saturday afternoon, after the man reportedly attacked a 36-year-old woman carrying groceries home on Kemper Street in the Midway area.

Investigators said the attacker pulled the woman into the bushes as she walked near the Point Loma Shopping Center west of Kenyon Street around 3:45 p.m.

The victim described her attacker as a black man around 30 years old, about 5-feet-10-inches tall with short to medium-length hair and a thin, muscular build. Investigators said the man sported a stubby beard and was last seen wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is urged to call the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210.

SD Superior Court seeks grand jury applicants

The San Diego Superior Court is actively seeking applications from residents throughout the area to serve on the 2011-12 San Diego County Grand Jury.

Court officials said they are searching for "dedicated individuals with sound judgment" to sit on the grand jury, which investigates citizen complaints and performs the traditional function as a "watchdog" over government agencies.

The county grand jury does not conduct criminal investigations. The 19-member panel will work four days a week for about six hours a day between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012 at the Hall of Justice in downtown San Diego.

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per day — along with mileage — and downtown parking is provided, according to court officials.

All application forms must be received by Jan. 14. Qualified candidates will be nominated for a random drawing tentatively scheduled to take place June 3. The drawing gives each supervisorial district equal representation by population.

Applications may be obtained by calling (619) 450-7272, or in person at the San Diego Superior Court civil business offices and in the central (downtown), northern, southern and eastern branches of the court.

Potential jurors may also download an application from the San Diego Superior Court's website at www.sdcourts.ca.gov, or the San Diego County Grand Jury's website at www.sdcourts.ca.gov/grand-jury.

Robber wearing Halloween mask hits OB gas station

San Diego police are probing a gas station robbery in Ocean Beach on Sunday afternoon, during which the suspect reportedly sported a Halloween mask.

The suspect struck the Shell station at 4794 Voltaire St. around 4:15 p.m. and indicated he had a handgun, police said. The man demanded cash and fled on foot, according to investigators.

The robber is described as a black male, about 5-feet-8-inches-tall with a husky build and a goatee. He was last seen wearing a dark shirt and dark-colored pants.

Anyone with information is urged to call the San Diego Police Department's Robbery Division at (619) 531-2299.

Silver Gate to host fundraising tree sale

Silver Gate Elementary School will host its inaugural Holiday Tree Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 to raise money for the Silver Gate Foundation.

The sale will feature both grand fir and noble fir trees, ranging between four-feet- and nine-feet-high. Proceeds from the sale benefit the foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides financial support to the school's enrichment programs.

School officials said trees are available for pre-order or on the day of the sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Silver Gate field. The school is located at 1499 Venice St. in Point Loma.

For more information, call (619) 954-4242, or visit www.silvergateschool.com.

Loma Portal residents set to Deck the Poles

Residents of Loma Portal will again join in an annual neighborhood-wide holiday tradition of decorating local lamp posts.

The Deck the Poles event takes place Sunday, Dec. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Neighbors are encouraged to pick a pole, bring family and friends and get creative with decorations. The lamp poles are the centerpiece of Loma Portal's unique residential experience. For more information, contact Patricia Walsh at ProPointLoma@gmail.com.

SDFD warns of carbon monoxide poisoning signs

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) is reminding the public of the warning signs of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning after fire officials responded to a call Nov. 24 in which a resident's carbon monoxide alarm had gone off.

The resident had used the oven as a heater, according to fire officials.

The SDFD reminds the public during the cold-weather season that CO poisoning is a threat because it is odorless and can kill a person in minutes.

Symptoms include severe headaches, confusion, shortness of breath and mild nausea.

Often the symptoms are similar to the flu, so victims do not necessarily realize they are being poisoned.

The fire department said those affected by possible CO poisoning should get fresh air and open windows and doors immediately.

Those affected should go to an emergency room, where poisoning can be diagnosed with a blood test.

The SDFD warns not use a gas oven as a heater and or use a charcoal grill indoors.

For more information, call (619) 533-4300.

Cabrillo Clubs of Calif. to offer scholarships

Graduating high school seniors of Portuguese descent who qualify may begin applying for \$500 scholarships to be given June 2011. Applications have been distributed to all of the city and county schools to find candidates.

To qualify, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or better and have been involved in school and community service.

The deadline for applications is March 15.

For information, call (760) 305-8021, e-mail breckandjacqui@cox.net, or visit www.cabrillocivicclubs.org.

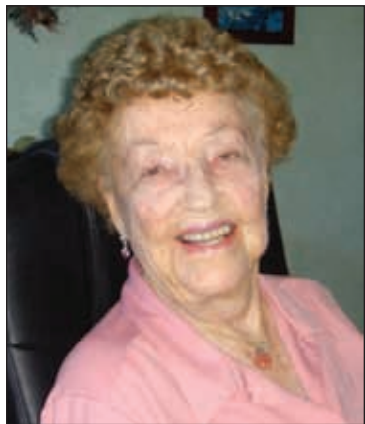
OB surf shop to hold Holiday Skate Jam

Ocean Beach Surf & Skate will host its sixth annual Holiday Skate Jam in the OB Pier parking lot Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Entry for the all-day event is free. Open skate takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with skate contests from 1 to 4 p.m. and open skating from 7 to 9 p.m. Entry forms are available at the shop, 4976 Newport Ave.

For information, call (619) 225-0674, or visit www.obsurfandskate.com.

OBITUARY



ADA MAE POWERS

Jan. 29, 1919-Oct. 5, 2010

Ada M. Powers, 91, longtime Point Loman

Ada Mae Powers was born Jan. 29, 1919 in New Jersey. She passed away Oct. 5, 2010 at the age of 91.

She was married to Cecil "Butch" Powers and they built their home in Point Loma in 1949, where she lived out her life. She had a love for traveling to foreign countries and writing about her experiences. She also wrote a book of "Poems from the Heart," and gave it out freely to people she met to brighten their lives.

On occasion, she voiced her opinions in *The Peninsula Beacon*. She had worked for the Internal Revenue Service in San Diego for 24 years and enjoyed many years in retirement.

Ada is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life was held Nov. 28 at Ada's home for family and friends to remember the wonderful journey she had.

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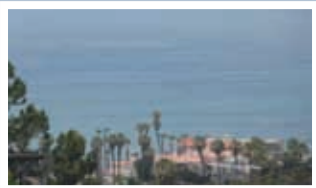


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DECEMBER HOLIDAY TREAT

Fabulous Thunderbirds frontman sets holiday gala at Humphrey's

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

Though the annual Kim Wilson Holiday Show has become an institution in the local beach communities over the past dozen years, the seeds of the event go back to the late 1950s. That's when, in fifth grade, the lead vocalist and frontman for The Fabulous Thunderbirds met lifelong friend and organizer of the holiday concerts, Johnny Holmes.

The pair were close through college, splitting up in 1975, with Holmes landing in Ocean Beach and Wilson heading to Austin, Texas. Wilson would make his mark as a singer and for his harmonica virtuoso with the Fabulous Thunderbirds, racking up hits such as "Tuff Enough" and "Wrap It Up."

Wilson brings his local ties full circle with another Kim Wilson's Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 3 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge.

Wilson has been a regular visitor to the area since 1980, but it was a little more than 12 years ago when Wilson and Holmes happened to be in Pacific Beach. That's when the idea for the show struck.

"We were walking by Blind Melon's," Holmes said. "And he [Wilson] just said, 'I want you to book me a show.' So I did. He did ask if I wanted him to tell me how to do it."

Though Holmes didn't have any experience booking, he was up to the challenge and soon booked what became the first Kim Wilson Holiday Show at Blind Melon's in 1998. The show then took place at Winston's in Ocean Beach for nine years before moving to Humphrey's Backstage Lounge in 2009.

Wilson has released six albums to date, most recently "My Blues Sessions: Kim's Mix Volume 1" in 2006, and continues to tour with The Fabulous Thun-



Kim Wilson, frontman and vocalist for The Fabulous Thunderbirds, returns to Humphrey's Backstage Lounge on Friday, Dec. 3 with the annual Kim Wilson Holiday Show. COURTESY PHOTO

derbirds, though he is now the sole original band member. For the Dec. 3 show, Wilson's band will be the aptly named Blues All-Stars, featuring pianist Barrelhouse Chuck, drummer Richard Innes and guitarist Billy Flynn, who has recorded with many artists like Big Bill Morganfield and Billy Boy Arnold. Rounding out the band will be bassist Larry Taylor, best known as a member of Canned Heat during that group's Woodstock-era heyday.

Taylor is one of the unsung heroes of rock and blues, appearing on numerous sessions — notably with the Monkees. That's him on such classics as "I'm Not Your Stepping Stone," "Last Train to Clarksville" and even "(Theme From) The Monkees."

Other credits include JJ Cale, John Mayall and Tom Waits, who he's worked with on numerous projects.

While the show is a holiday event, Holmes notes it's not a night of holiday music, per se.

"We mean it as in: everybody should come and have a good time for Christmas," Holmes said.

Opening the show at 5 p.m. will be beach-area mainstays The Hip Replacements, who have had the honor for nine

straight years, as well as having opened for Wilson once on the USS Midway. "The great success of this event has a lot to do with The Hip Replacements," Holmes said. "They're a really good band, who really get an audience going and they are a big part of why this show is always a lot of fun."

The Hip Replacements' bassist Donald Emley said, "We don't really change our set list for the holiday gig, but it does bring everyone we know together. They are all in a festive mood and we see all our friends together in one spot. Our goal is to have fun and make people dance."

Holmes said "Tuff Enough" is his favorite Wilson-related song, and he counts a personalized platinum album featuring the tune among his prize possessions.

Holmes said he is proud to be connected with Wilson's annual blues tradition.

"I've been all over the world with Kim," Holmes said. "Even sold CDs at shows for him. We've known each other since 1959. I've been blessed to know Kim."

The Kim Wilson Holiday Show takes place at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. Tickets are \$19. For more information, visit www.humphreysbackstagelive.com.

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UPSET MOVES PLHS TO WITHIN STEP OF THE 'Q'

Pointers stun No. 2-seeded Mt. Miguel in quarterfinals

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Two local football league champions have found the words of Point Loma High School (PLHS) football coach Mike Hastings true: "We are a very good play-off football team."

The Mar Vista Mariners (Metro/South Bay League) and Mount Miguel Matadors (Grossmont/Valley League) will be hanging league championship banners in their gyms soon — but they've turned in their football gear for the season after losing to the potent Pointers squad.

PLHS is now hoping to keep its road streak alive tonight when the team travels to Cathedral Catholic High School to take on the Dons in a 7 p.m. kickoff.

"We're excited for the challenge," said Hastings. "They're a strong program and so are we."

Pointer players said they feel ready and motivated.

"It's revenge," said senior lineman Gio Munguia of the Pointers-Dons rivalry. "We've got to take it to them hard."

POINTERS 34, MT. MIGUEL 10

The Dogs rode the hot arm of quarterback Sean McKaveny to a resounding victory over the turnover-prone No. 2-seeded Matadors on Nov. 26 in Spring Valley.

The Pointers (9-3) were not satisfied with their No. 10 seed in the CIF Division III playoffs and served notice on the Matadors, who won the Grossmont/Valley League with a record of 8-2-1.

"Everyone stepped it up in practice and we took this playoff game seriously," said Munguia, "and it showed on the



"It's revenge. We've got to take it to them hard."

GIO MUNGUIA
PLHS LINEMAN, SENIOR

scoreboard."

After receiving a first-round playoff bye because of their seeding, the Matadors came out hot on a bone-chilling night and drove to a score with their first possession, ending with a 25-yard touchdown pass for a 7-0 lead.

"When they scored that first touchdown, we didn't blink," said Hastings.

A highly questionable call by game officials, in fact, seemed to ignite the Dogs.

After holding the Matadors deep in their own territory, the long snap on an attempted punt sailed over the kicker's head. He picked it up, but a weak boot sailed only about 15 yards, where the Pointers pounced on the ball for an apparent first-down possession. Blaming an "inadvertent whistle," the referees instead allowed Mount Miguel to make a second punt attempt, costing PLHS 25 yards in field position.

Following the blown call, McKaveny connected with Morris Mathews for a 63-yard catch-and-run that put the ball in the Matador red zone. From there, Jaivon Griffin swept left for the final 10 yards to make it 7-7.

The Matadors then turned the ball over on four consecutive possessions, three by fumbles and one on an interception by Thomas Bell. The Matadors escaped without damage after the first



The tenth-seeded Point Loma High School football squad put the hurt on No. 2 seed Mount Miguel on Friday to advance to the semifinals tonight against Cathedral Catholic — moving to within one game of the CIF Championship game at Qualcomm Stadium on Monday.

PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

two turnovers, but the Pointers took advantage of the second pair to tack on two second-quarter touchdowns.

On the first, Gio Martinez (a 6'4", 220-lb. senior) delivered a bruising hit on a Matador ball carrier, who coughed up the pigskin and allowed teammate Christian Heyward to cover the ball at the Mount Miguel 27-yard line.

Martinez has been a surprising recent addition to the Pointer defense from his end position, creating havoc on a regular basis in opponents' backfields.

Four plays later, McKaveny scored on the first of his two consecutive one-yard dives for a 14-7 lead.

Next, a fumble recovery sent the visiting Pointers on an 86-yard drive that featured a McKaveny-to-Heyward pass reception in which the big tight end fell at the one-yard line. McKaveny's sec-

ond score and missed point-after kick gave the Pointers a 20-7 lead at half-time.

Another "inadvertent whistle" on this drive cost Griffin 40 yards. After gaining 15 yards, an attempted tackle caused Griffin to roll over the Matador player. Griffin landed on his feet, running another 40 yards before the officials revealed their "phantom whistle."

An onside kick to open the second half, which they recovered, led to a 35-yard field goal by the Matadors — the only scoring of the third quarter.

In the fourth, though, the Pointers struck quickly to dash the Matadors' hopes.

Following an interception by Eric Bueno, McKaveny hit Josh Sakover

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SPORTS**briefs**

Lady Pointers fall short in CIF volleyball playoffs

The resurgent Point Loma High School (PLHS) girls' volleyball team's Cinderella season ended with a CIF semifinal playoff loss at Scripps Ranch on Nov. 16. Scores were 25-21, 25-21, 24-26 and 25-19 for a set score of 3-1.

The Falcons (Division II) and Cathedral Catholic (Division III), both members of the Pointers' Eastern League, each won CIF Division titles, proving first-year coach Davis Ransom's contention PLHS plays in the toughest league in San Diego County.

Before being eliminated, the Lady Pointers chased out Hilltop High in the first round (25-15, 27-25 and 25-9) and Steele Canyon (25-23, 25-19 and 25-17) in the quarterfinals, dominating both by scores of 3-0.

Under Ransom's leadership, PLHS won three times as many matches in 2010 and improved markedly as the season progressed.

Wear accepts baseball offer from UCSB

Pointer baseball standout Campbell Wear has signed a national letter of intent to continue his career next year at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Wear, who will begin his senior season at PLHS in several months, said he is looking forward to his collegiate years.

"As a Little Leaguer, my dream was always to make a living playing baseball. I cannot begin to describe what it feels like to know I will play for Santa Barbara," Wear said.

The Gauchos offer a Division I program and compete in the Big West Conference.

"UCSB is a great university that has sent many players on to the major leagues like Michael Young and Barry Zito. Santa Barbara meets all the needs. It's a great academic school with a contending baseball program. I really was drawn to it because it reminds me of San Diego. It allows me to get away but still feel comfortable," Wear said.

"Campbell reminds us so much of (all-Big West choice) Jesse Meaux (a current UCSB star)," said UCSB head coach Bob Brontsema. "Campbell has two 'plus' pitches that he commands very well. He's another young pitcher that throws strikes."

Wear is the son of Byron and Bridget Wear of Point Loma.



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with a 34-yard over-the-shoulder scoring pass with 3:54 remaining.

Less than a minute later, following the Pointer kickoff, Tommy Bell stepped in front of another Matador pass, sprinting 35 yards for the game's final points.

"We've always had a good running game at Point Loma," said Hastings, "but tonight I think we showed we can throw the ball with great success. We were opportunistic, took advantage of the turnovers, and our defense played their butts off."

PLHS 21, MAR VISTA 7

Before Friday's upset of Mount Miguel, the tenth-seeded Pointers paid a visit Nov. 20 to Imperial Beach, where they ousted the No. 7 seed Mar Vista, the Metro South Bay League champion, by a 21-7 margin.

The CIF Division III first-round game, played on a rainy evening, proved a good setting for McKaveney, who completed seven passes for 170 yards (24.3 yards per catch) and two touchdowns. He scored the third touchdown on a one-yard dive.

The chief beneficiary of McKaveney's passes was Matt Magers, who caught five for 106 yards and the two scores.

With 106 yards on the ground, the Dogs ran up 276 yards in offense. Defensively, Christian Heyward recovered a fumble and shared the lead in tackles (nine) with Gio Gonzalez. Aaron Watkins added seven and Tevin Heyward had six.



Point Loma High wide receiver Matt Magers (7) makes a spectacular one-handed catch of a 35-yard pass from quarterback Sean McKaveney during the Pointers' 34-10 playoff win at Mount Miguel on Friday.
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Pointer placekicker Ruben Diaz (32) shows his form as he converts a point-after kick against Mount Miguel during Friday's quarterfinal playoff victory. Thomas Mize (8) holds while Hunter Hirsch (6) protects Diaz.

Semifinal matchup pits PLHS against familiar foe

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Those road warriors, also known as the Point Loma High School (PLHS) football team, hit the interstate again tonight (Dec. 2) as they travel north for a CIF Division III semifinal match to meet an all-too-familiar foe.

The Pointers, 9-3 overall and 5-1 away from home, face off against nemesis Cathedral Catholic High School at 7 p.m. in a third-consecutive playoff road game that has seen the Pointers eliminate two league champions en route to tonight's semifinal showdown.

On the line tonight will be the Pointers' record of four appearances at Qualcomm Stadium in the past five years. The only break in that string was when the Dons defeated the Pointers in a semifinal game in 2008 at Cathedral.

The Pointers' frustration with the Dons dates to 2007 when the Dogs were beaten 41-3 by Cathedral. This followed losses in 2005 (46-14) and 2006 (17-7) to St. Augustine.

Some observers speculate CIF officials are hopeful of a Cathedral-St. Augustine matchup in the finals that would likely draw a larger crowd than other possible pairings.

The Pointers' task is formidable, as the Dons, now 6-5, will be shooting for their fourth consecutive CIF Division III title after a blowout 69-10 win Friday over Southwest (El Centro).

Tonight's unusual Thursday game is a result of scheduling by local CIF officials that has tonight's semifinal winners playing in Qualcomm Stadium on Monday, Dec. 6.

A similar schedule several years ago drew the ire of parents, coaches and

health professionals concerned about players concealing minor injuries that could become serious, among other issues.



Point Loma's Sean McKaveney (15) and Jaivon Griffin (21) celebrate after Griffin's 13-yard touchdown run got the Pointers on the scoreboard in their 34-10 playoff victory over Mount Miguel on Friday.
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PLHS CIF FOOTBALL:
THE LAST FIVE YEARS

- **2005 finals:** St. Augustine 46, PLHS 14
- **2006 finals:** St. Augustine 17, PLHS 7
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GUEST COMMENTARY

A strange early-morning encounter;
a life continued

By DIANA C. CHAMBERS

Today, Nov. 21, I witnessed a set of events that were so bizarre that I had to write them down. Some time around 2:20 a. m., I peered through very sleepy eyes at a female figure standing in my living room as she removed her shoes and gently nuzzled herself between the two bodies of my son and granddaughter on our sofa and went into dreamland.

Upon awaking, none of us knew who she was — or she us! She asked, “Why am I here? Who are you? Where am I?” My son and I answered, almost in unison, “We don’t know why you’re here or who you are — and you’re in Point Loma.” We all just stared at each other in amazement. I asked her if she knew my grandson, and she said, “no.” This was confirmed with a call to him on his cell phone. I asked her where she lived and it turned out that she lived at least 20 miles north of our location.

She had lost her purse with all of her precious possessions — identification, debit cards, car keys, apartment keys, cell phone and jewelry. She was with friends in Mission Beach before heading into Ocean Beach to Newport Avenue. Her car stayed parked on the Belmont Park parking lot. They went to The Sandbar before driving to Ocean Beach to Gallagher’s and to Pacific Shores. She remembered that the bar had booths against the wall. Her purse was nowhere to be found.

Our guest put her hands up to her face and realized that they smelled like Mexican food. She and her friend had stopped at “Rodrigo’s” — or was it “Ocean Beach Burrito?” It turned out to be Roberto’s on Voltaire Street, which had a special called “Ocean Beach Burrito!” Our guest had apparently been “ruffled” [sometime before this with a date-rape drug].

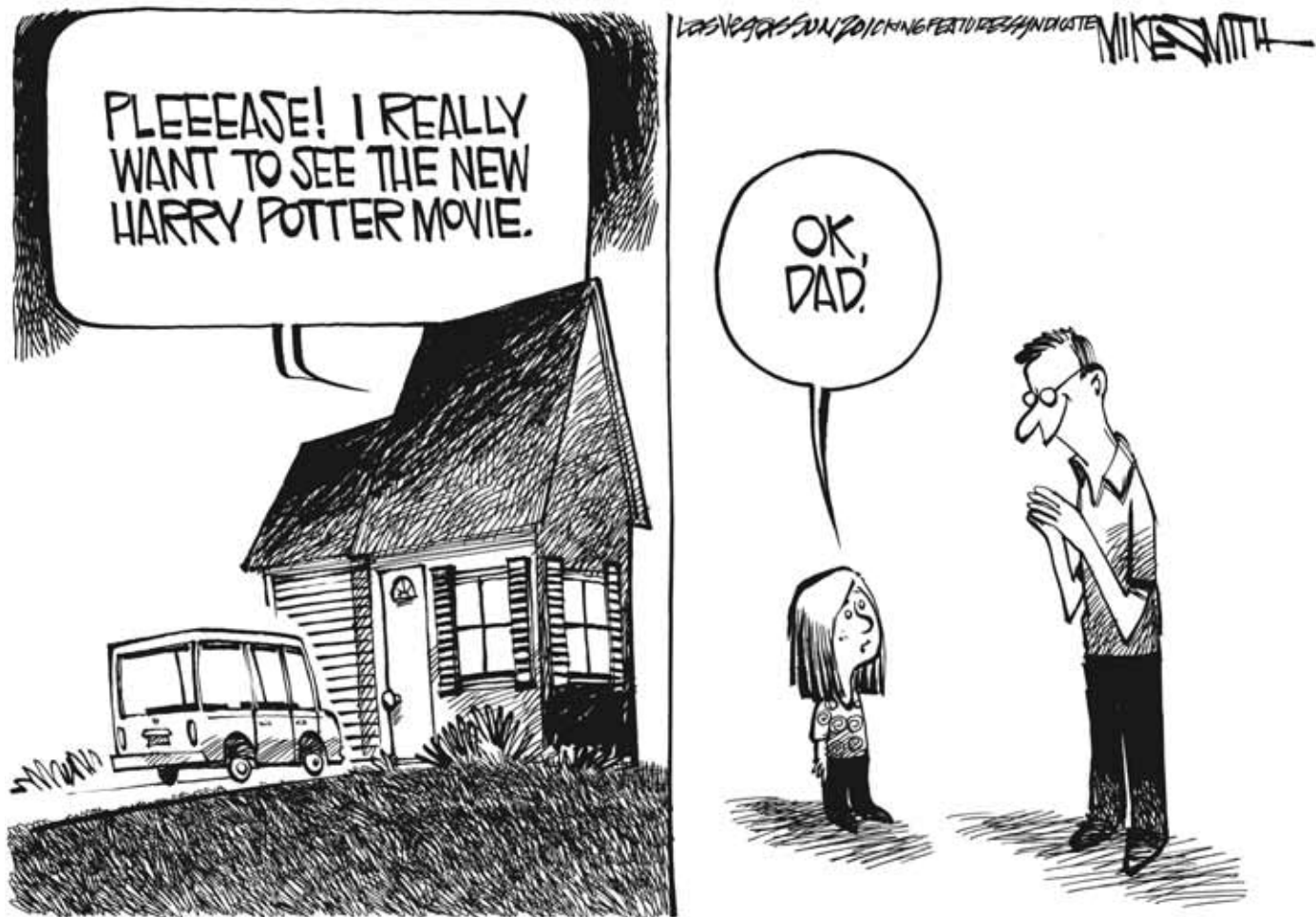
We drove to her car only to discover that Western Towing had it and quoted \$330 [to get it out of impound]. We decided it was time to make a police report. [It turns out] female “sensitivity” training would be a great idea for our San Diego police force and a reminder to treat each assault victim as one’s own daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother or mother (because one day it could be).

This woman calls her own cell phone and another woman announces our guest’s purse has been found. She bursts into tears and lays her head over in relief. Her purse was found earlier across the street from my apartment leaning against the telephone pole!

We decide that our guest was followed and that she ran down the hill, dropped her purse, was grabbed, forced to the upper parking lot between two cars, had her shirt pulled over her head — knocking off her beanie — and the attacker, hearing my grandson’s footsteps and the sound of our door closing, took off. Our guest, disoriented, wandered down the walkway toward my apartment, stopped to steady herself on the mailboxes, returned to the walkway, felt her way along the wall, opened the screen door, opened the front door, walked inside, took off her shoes and fell asleep on our sofa.

I drove her to Western Towing. She thanked my 4-year-old granddaughter for helping her get through the worst day of her young life and walked over to her friend who met us there. I handed her the beloved beanie and watched them walk up to the window to retrieve her car.

It’s 2 a. m. (again) and I’m finishing this whirling turn of events for your reading pleasure! I hope you enjoyed it without getting too dizzy! By the way, this is all true!

Diana C. Chambers
Point Loma

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Resolving PLHS stadium
issues requires compromise

In response to the guest commentary in the Nov. 4 edition (“PLHS neighbors should be more open to the ‘stadium experience,’” *Peninsula Beacon*, page 6), about how Point Loma High School neighbors should be more open to the “stadium experience,” I am one of those neighbors.

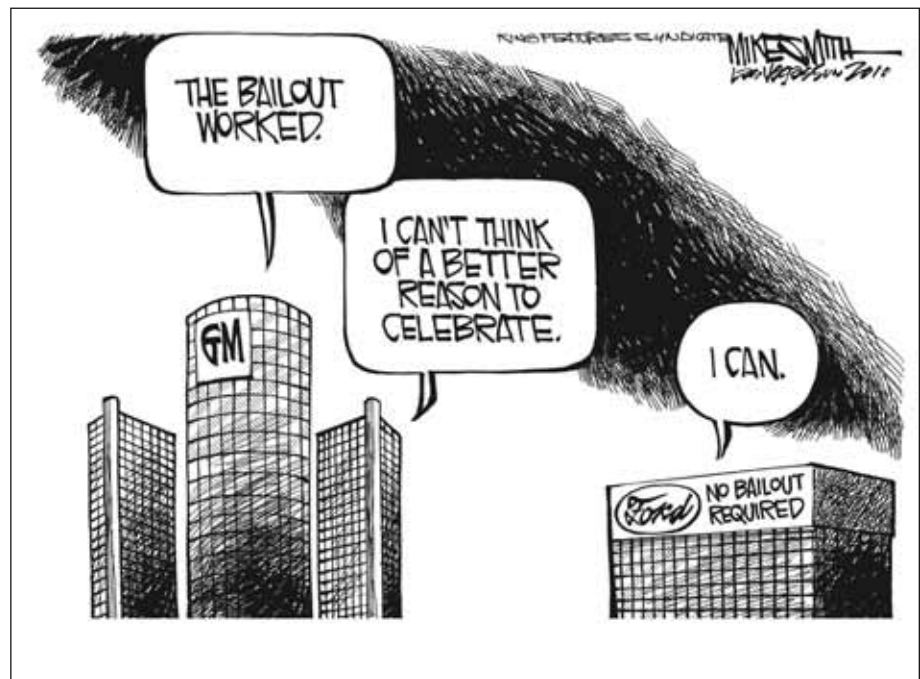
I am also an alumna (1973) and my two daughters attend PLHS now. I live in the house my parents built in 1950, around the corner from the stadium entrance to the school. My mother was an alumna (1942) and I am one of seven children who all attended PLHS.

I am not totally against improving the stadium at Point Loma High, but I believe there are compromises needed.

The problem is the location in the middle of a residential neighborhood. There isn’t adequate parking and the stadium entrance is not located next to a parking lot. I have attended the last four Homecoming games and have enjoyed the experience. In fact, I’m pictured with the alumni on the front page of the Nov. 4 *Peninsula Beacon*.

I do believe that more stadium seating and parking is needed. I do support the school but I also want a peaceful, safe neighborhood.

I think we should compromise; stadium lights [are used] once a year on Homecoming. The streets are narrow and dark at night. Night games create a traffic hazard, noise and trash problems. On the weekends, we’ve



had problems with an increased use by out-of-state leagues renting the stadium, creating parking, trash and loudspeaker noise problems, and the school has worked with the neighbors to resolve this.

For 85 years, students, parents and alumni have had the “stadium experience” without night lights and night games. When I attended Point Loma High, the Homecoming game was in the afternoon after school and the dance was in the evening. We had a lot of

fun back then, and I think it could still work out today. It’s only been in the last few years that Point Loma High has rented night lights for the Homecoming game.

I am lucky to live in Loma Portal. I do enjoy hearing crowds cheering and bands playing for local teams. Night games are not necessary to complete the experience.

Angela Holmes Shaw,
Point Loma

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Nearly 100 floats rolled through Ocean Beach during last year's parade and Jack said she expects about 80 entrants this year. The Tree Committee asks for a \$30 donation for entrants to help offset permitting costs from the city.

"It really puts the sparkle in the eyes of everybody," Jack said. "We're one of the only night parades of San Diego."

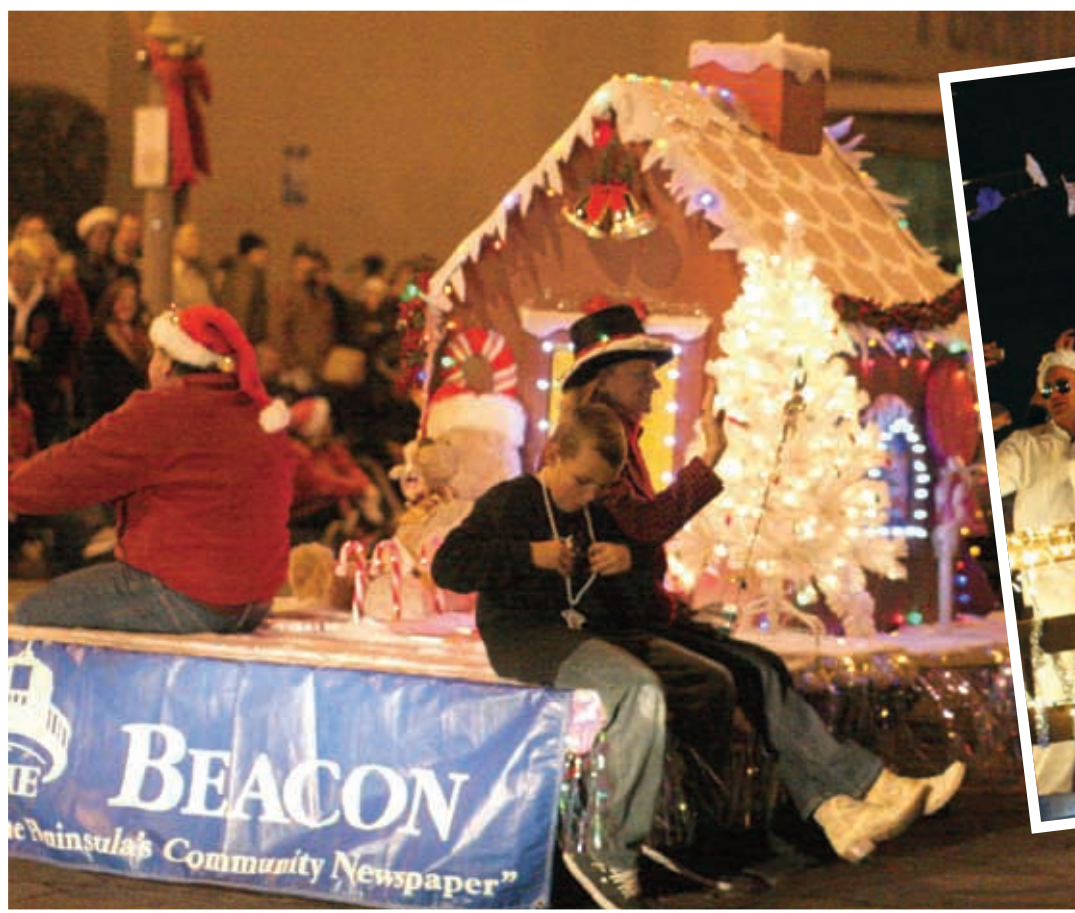
MORE FAMILY FUN

Before and after the parade, those looking for a good time can head to the Fun Zone, which will feature a whole day of carnival games, music and events. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Veterans Lawn area will host the OB Craft Fair for those looking to sneak in some holiday shopping.

Also before the parade, Ocean Beach Surf & Skate will hold its sixth annual Holiday Skate Jam from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with an open contest from 1 to 4 p.m. When the parade wraps up, music and games will continue until 9:30 p.m., with a Photon night skateboarding demonstration lighting up the holiday.

"That's going to be fun, fun and more fun," Jack said.

For more information, call (619) 224-4906, or visit www.oceanbeachsandiego.com.



The Peninsula Beacon is a proud participant in the annual Ocean Beach Holiday Parade.

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The 2010 Ocean Beach Holiday Parade is expected to boast at least 80 entries Saturday and draw an estimated 7,000 spectators to the streets of OB.

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Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Point Loma Artists Association Holiday Art Show, featuring 20 artists from the Peninsula. The free event features exceptional art and refreshments and plenty of holiday gift-giving ideas. The show takes place at 3636 Curtiss St. For more information, call (619) 223-6326, or visit www.pointlomaartists.com.

Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m., "The Messiah," featuring the Point Loma Nazarene University Choral Union and Orchestra. The free event takes place at Brown Chapel, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For more information, visit www.pointloma.edu/music/events.

Friday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., the seventh season of the Peninsula Singers Holiday Concert, featuring holiday classics, an original piece by John Rutter ("Gloria") and other offerings by the 70-plus member performance group. Tickets are \$10 at the door. The concert takes place at the North Chapel of Liberty Station, 2881 Roosevelt Road. For information, call (619) 804-6079, or e-mail sarahsuhonen@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Point Loma High School Winter Concert, featuring many seasonal favorites. Tickets are \$5. The event takes place at the Dana Middle School auditorium, 1775 Chatsworth Blvd. For tickets or information, visit www.plhsmusic.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m., the Hervey/Point Loma Library hosts a free holiday concert by the Peninsula Singers, who will perform seasonal music, including a medley of traditional British carols and "Twas the Night Before Christmas," as sung by Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians, and an original piece by John Rutter. The event takes



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Thursday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., Dana Middle School Winter Concert. The free event takes place in the school auditorium, 1775 Chatsworth Blvd. For more information, call (619) 225-3897.

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Today, Dec. 2, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Ocean Beach Christmas tree auction at the Sunshine Co. Saloon, 5080 Newport Ave. The event features the Temptress Fashions, Keith Miller from KPRI Radio and more. Proceeds go to benefit the Ocean Beach Town Council Tree Committee's Holiday Food and Toy Drive. The event is for 21 years of age and up. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Silver Gate Elementary School hosts its inaugural Holiday Tree Sale, featuring grand fir and noble trees ranging in height from 4-foot- to 9-foot-tall. Proceeds benefit The Friends of Silver Gate Foundation, a nonprofit organization that financially supports the school's enrichment programs. For more information, call (619) 954-4242, or visit www.silvergate-school.com.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fun Zone in the Ocean Beach Pier parking lot,

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Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Ocean Beach Surf & Skate hosts the sixth annual Holiday Skate Jam, with free entry at the Ocean Beach Pier parking lot. Open skate takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with skate contests from 1 to 4 p.m. and open skate from 7 to 9 p.m. Entry forms are available at the shop, 4976 Newport Ave. For more information, call (619) 225-0674, or visit www.obsurfandskate.com.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 5:05 p.m., Ocean Beach Town Council Tree Committee's 31st annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade down Newport Avenue in OB. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

Saturdays, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ocean Beach Craft Fair on the Veterans Lawn at Newport Avenue and Abbott Street. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, or visit www.oceanbeachsandiego.com.

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through the help of 10 community partners. In addition, any necessary purchases are made locally.

"It's very rewarding to be able to adopt a family or a senior in our local community," Jack said. "The whole thing is done local."

After donating, locals can share their time by helping sort goods and wrap packages on Monday, Dec. 13 at Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. The assembling will take place from 5 to 8 p.m.

"All they have to do is come that night and they can help sort and wrap. We do the whole bit," Jack said.

Once assembled, the food and gift packages will be

distributed to local families and neighbors beginning Saturday, Dec. 18 — another avenue where locals can help. Jack said local schools, churches and individuals identify the persons in need in advance and the recipients' names are kept confidential.

"We basically give them enough food for a week's worth of meals," Jack said. "It's not just a dinner. We give them household goods and toys, too."

Jack has been working with the food and toy drive for the last 18 years. Jack said she would much rather receive a donation these days than a gift under the tree.

"I'm a little older and I have everything I need," Jack said. "People ask me what I want for Christmas and I tell them 10 cans of corn for the food and toy drive. It's all about giving back. It's not all about receiving."

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Workers prepare to distribute holiday goods and goodies during a previous food and toy drive in Ocean Beach. COURTESY PHOTO BY JOE EWING

McMILLIN

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we'll move it forward in that way, and if he decides it should not go forward as a class action, we'll probably be filing many, many, many lawsuits," Morris said.

McMillin attorneys have filed paperwork in opposition to the current motion. John Simpson, lead trial attorney for McMillin, said there was nothing secret about the company's contract with The Rock Church.

"We'll let the court decide whether they think class-action certification is appropriate, but there was nothing secret about the contract between McMillin and The Rock," Simpson said. "There was certainly a lot of information about it."

Simpson said The Rock Church applied for a public permit in June 2003. He also pointed out that Mann purchased her property in 2004, when the church was already in place.

"McMillin complied with all the requirements of the California Department of Real Estate and has been very public about the contract with The Rock," Simpson said.

Mann said she approached Morris about a potential lawsuit over her concern about the continued growth of The Rock Church. She said when she purchased her home on Farragut Road from McMillin, she was not informed the megachurch would be moving in.

"We bought into the community and paid high prices because we wanted the location. The location was so close to downtown, so close to the water, so close to shopping and a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood," Mann said. "People bought into that without any idea that a megachurch was coming in."

Morris said Mann is seeking the estimated reduced property value or rescission, which would allow those who purchased homes from McMillin without the disclosure about the church to give their residences back to the developer. He said about 248 households in Liberty Station would be eligible to make a claim.

"There's not a specific dollar amount," Morris said. "Clearly, there is some reduced value. People can dispute what that value is, but there is a number that these places have been affected by because of The Rock Church."

An estimated 7,000 people attend weekend services at the church on Rosecrans Street, according to The Rock Church website.

Mann said she feels McMillin has treated her unfairly. She said the presence of The Rock Church consistently puts a strain on her as a homeowner.

"Everybody in our community is impacted, in terms of when they are going to come in and out from our community and shop at the merchants," Mann said.

"We're hoping that it will be a class action so the whole community could benefit in some way because the whole community has been really negatively impacted," she added.

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There will also be a chance to sled in real snow. Santa Claus will be making an appearance along with other North Pole residents and free photos of children with Santa will be provided courtesy of Liberty Station.

The event culminates at 4:45 p.m. with a tree-lighting ceremony with carolers singing holiday favorites while the majestic tree in the South Promenade is lit.

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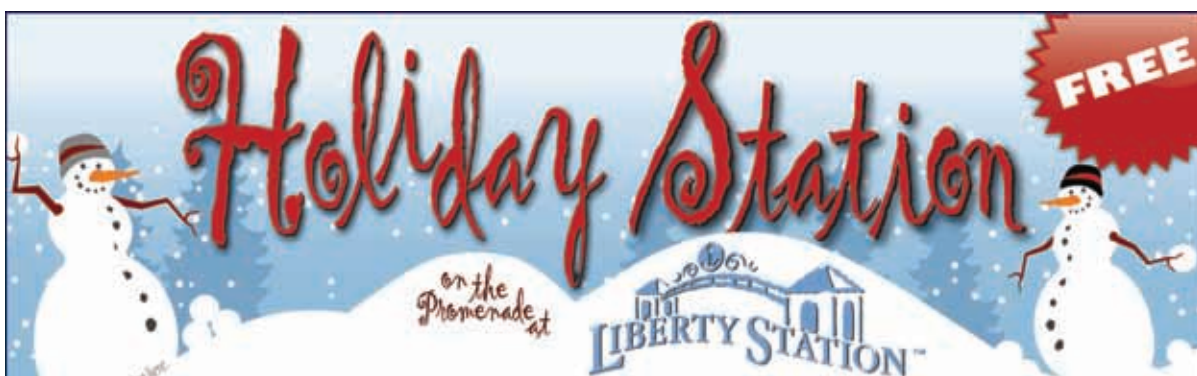
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About Liberty Station

Liberty Station, located at Lytton and Rosecrans streets in the Point Loma neighborhood of San Diego, includes a myriad of shops such as, Moment Cycle & Sport, Point Loma Outfitting, Sail Ho Golf Club, So Cal Fly Fishing Outfitters, Studio 12.20, Ace Hardware, Trader Joe's, and Vons. Several restaurants call Liberty Station home, including Chi Chocolat, Con Pane, Coldstone Creamery, Corvette Diner, Da Kine's, Ikiru Sushi, Five Guys, Harbor Greek Café, Los Primos, Oggi's, Panera, Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub, Sail Ho Bar & Grill, Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, Solare, Spices Bay Thai, Sushiya, Starbucks, Tender Greens, Tin Fish, Tropical Smoothie Café and Wine Steals.

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Price will be a primary influence for 60% of consumers, while special prices came in second at 58%, followed by convenient location at 47%.

The National Retail Federation recently said it expects sales for the key holiday season to rise 2.3% from last year, the biggest increase in three years, but forecasters say retailers will have to lure shoppers with increased discounting, which could eat into profits.

So with the "official" holiday season nearly upon us, are you feeling the pressure? Some of us felt the squeeze as early as the day after Christmas last year, when stores had their 75%-off sales and we felt compelled to buy gifts a year in advance. Keep on reading to avoid the familiar "holiday gaffes" — and tips on how keep your wallet in check.

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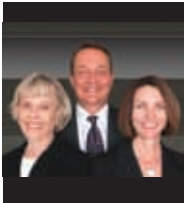


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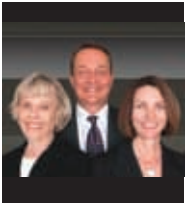
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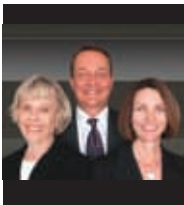


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Sea Colony Townhome 2292 Caminito Pescado #52. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath Sea Colony condominium. Light and bright southerly end unit with decks and balconies. The kitchen was remodeled in 2010 with granite counters, marble and glass tile backsplash, tile floor and all new Frigidaire appliances (refrigerator, dishwasher, stove and microwave). The upstairs bathroom was remodeled in 2007. There are newer dual-paned windows throughout. 2 car garage with laundry, storage and a workbench.

\$369,000



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Lagoon View 3098 Rue D'Orleans #203. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Westview condominium with beautiful views of Famosa lagoon & bird sanctuary. The living room/dining room combo has a fireplace and opens to a covered balcony. The master suite has two closets (one is a walk-in) and a bath with oversized step-up tub. 2 secure parking spaces. The complex has a pool, sauna, and spa. \$299,000



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