



Sgt. Paul Connelly is head of the San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) Airborne Law Enforcement (ABLE) unit.

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SDPD choppers traverse complex airspace

By DEBBIE HATCH | THE BEACON

When beach residents hear a helicopter flying overhead, chances are it's a police helicopter.

"We are considered to be one of the best aviation law enforcements in the country," said Sgt. Paul Connelly, head of the San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) Airborne Law Enforcement (ABLE) unit.

The ABLE unit flies inside one of the busiest and most complicated airspaces in the country, said ABLE's Sgt. Robert Gassmann.

The pilots share airspace with the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, sight-seeing flights and news choppers, as well as other public and private pilots.

"You happen to be in a corridor that gets a lot of air traffic," Connelly said of the beach community air space.

In addition, the unit contends with ocean and mountain range boundaries, an international border, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Gillespie Airport and crossing the flights paths of Lindbergh Field.

"Not every jurisdiction has borders," Gassmann said.

He said their job is to protect the public and apprehend suspects.

"You've got to be all things to all people as the need requires," Gassmann said.

The unit maintains a tally of statistics called BASIC, which is an



Connelly and Sgt. Robert Gassmann are two of the key law enforcement officers with ABLE.

acronym for "because of ABLE suspect in custody." ABLE has responded to 8,569 radio calls in the past year and it was solely responsible for 663 arrests while responding to those calls.

"These are usually dangerous suspects who would have otherwise evaded capture had the helicopter not been present," Connelly said.

SDPD Special Operations Assistant Chief Robert Kanaski recounted one such incident in Pacific Beach in April. An armed man robbed the Radio Shack located at 1603 Garnet Ave., and fled on foot to a shopping center on Sports Arena Boulevard. A police officer pursued the suspect on foot. Kanaski recounted that the

officer was about to turn a corner, but he stopped short because ABLE was overhead and saw that the suspect was around the corner of the building with his gun drawn. Kanaski was certain that had ABLE not been there, the officer would have been shot.

"The patrol officers rely on us," Connelly said. "We make it a much safer environment."

The department has four helicopters and one Cessna plane, used for surveillance, transportation and extradition.

"The helicopter is a great crook-catching machine," Connelly said.

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CALIFORNIA'S NEW LAWS

Property sales, divorces, cyberbullying, parental liability get legal revamp

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Hundreds of new California laws effectively went on the books Jan. 1, targeting everything from loss-driven property sales to property fix-it breaks, and from delayed divorce proceedings to stricter policing on Internet cyberbullying.

Among the new laws with wide-ranging impact is one affecting the real estate industry.

In certain cases, if a borrower — with the consent of a lender — sells a property for less than the remaining debt on the loan, the lender must accept the sale as full payment.

However, according to real estate lawyer and consultant Herman Thompson, "the bar is still on the hook" since the forgiven debt — that is, money the borrower would have had to pay — could be considered income.

"It's taxable income but they can get it excused if they file for bankruptcy or they can prove they were financially insolvent at the time of the foreclosure," Thompson said.

Thompson said some homeowners who find themselves in the middle of a



New California laws may make it easier for property owners to sell off interests for less than the remaining debt without being penalized by borrowers.

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bad situation might be better off to just walk away.

"Yeah, your credit is going to go bad,

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Publisher keeps course steady for community newspapers

By MARIKO LAMB | THE BEACON

Julie Hoisington, owner and publisher of San Diego Community Newspaper Group (SDCNG), is breaking down barriers in more ways than one. Not only is she the only female publisher and owner of an independent newspaper company in San Diego, her company is succeeding at a time when the novelty of print publications is diminishing and small businesses continue to struggle in an economy on the rebound.

From an early age, Hoisington knew what she wanted, and the determined young woman worked hard to achieve it. In high school, Hoisington served as yearbook editor and took classes in photography and journalism. She continued her passion in college, where she pursued a major in graphic arts. In 1979, Hoisington was hired at the *Idahonian* in Moscow, Idaho, a daily newspaper where she acted as the creative designer for ads, special sections and covers, and dummied layouts of the publication.

"Julie was the best graphic artist that



our little newspaper had ever seen," said Randy Frisch, former advertising manager at the *Idahonian*.

"When somebody needed something done right and done with style, they'd go

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Pender, 52, longtime OB resident

William Pender passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on Dec. 17, 2010.

Pender was born June 5, 1958.

He was 52. "Still Bill" earned his wings today. He had an infectious personality with a very strong work ethic.

He was the type of friend who could always be count on to be there when

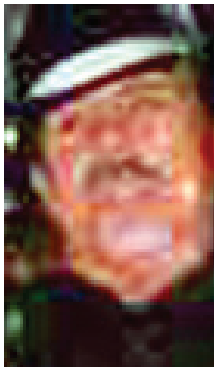
someone needed his help or when someone wanted to play a game of horse shoes.

There are no words that explain how much "Still Bill" will be missed, or how many lives he has affected. He maintained his trademark sense of humor and feistiness all of his life — right to the end.

He was the life of any party and one of the coolest friends anyone could ever have. "Still Bill" called Ocean Beach his home for many years and all of his friends will miss him dearly.

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News

Suspect in PL 'Dapper Bandit' bank heist nabbed

By KEVIN MCKAY | THE BEACON

Dressing for success, it seems, can apply to armed bank robbers. But even the best-dressed thief can hit a proverbial snag and find his best-laid plans unravel when it comes to making off with a bag of booty.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and San Diego police announced the arrest Friday of the so-called "Dapper Bandit," a 41-year-old Fresno man linked to an armed heist at the US Bank branch at 2150 Chatsworth Blvd. in Point Loma on Dec. 27.

The suspect, identified as John Richard Martinez, was nabbed around 6 p.m. while trying to cross the border from San Ysidro into the U.S., authorities said.

In addition to the armed robbery in Point Loma, Martinez is also linked to similar holdups in Fresno, Thousand Oaks, Tulare and Lemoore.

The man believed to be Martinez entered the Point Loma bank around 9:40 a.m. on Dec. 27, approached a teller and produced a black semi-automatic handgun as he verbally demanded cash, according to FBI Special Agent Darrell Foxworth.

Wearing a black golf hat, dark gray or black sports jacket, a black high-collared shirt and dark-colored pants, the "Dapper Bandit" took an undisclosed amount



A digital bank surveillance camera captures an image believed to be that of John Richard Martinez, the suspected armed robber whom authorities have dubbed the "Dapper Bandit." FBI officials believe Martinez is shown here holding up the US Bank branch on Chatsworth Boulevard on Dec. 27.
FBI COURTESY PHOTO

of money and fled, Foxworth said.

After the FBI and CrimeStoppers each offered rewards of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the "Dapper Bandit," tips began to trickle in from the public. The information obtained led to the identification of Martinez, according to FBI officials.

Once identified, Martinez's name was entered into a national law enforcement

database that red-flagged officers from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency.

Martinez was expected to be arraigned in San Diego court on Wednesday.

He is also believed to have robbed a Rabobank branch in Tulare on Dec. 7 and a Bank of America branch in Fresno on Nov. 17.

City extends left-turn lane to ease Rosecrans traffic snarl

A new extended left-turn lane from Rosecrans Street onto Midway Drive is expected to provide a slight break for motorists coming into the Peninsula. The city recently completed installation of the project at a price tag of more than \$242,000.

"The improvement to the Rosecrans Street/Midway Drive intersection is

part of an overall effort to make it easier to get in and out of the Midway business district," said District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

Faulconer has pursued this traffic project since 2006. His staff representatives said the previous configuration of the left-turn lane created a vehicular backup during rush hour. The

funding for the project came from money the state gave the city when it decommissioned State Route 209 in May 2001.

"It will reduce traffic backup and improve the quality of life for Peninsula residents, businesses and visitors," Faulconer said.

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City finally settles lawsuit with De Anza mobile home residents for \$3.6 million

By MANNY LOPEZ | THE BEACON

After seven long years, the city of San Diego has reached a \$3.6 million settlement agreement on one of three lawsuits involving current and former residents of the De Anza Cove Resort's mobile home park located west of Interstate 5 on the northern boundary of Mission Bay Park.

The city started the process of trying to remove residents from the park in 2003.

The settled dispute stems from the treatment residents said they received by Hawkeye Asset Management of Laguna Beach — a company retained by the city to run the day-to-day operations of the park after the prime bayfront real estate was taken over by the city in November 2003.

"It was a long time coming and very satisfying for the residents who felt vindicated for holding true to their position that just because the city wanted their land back didn't mean that they could violate people's rights to get it," said Tim Tatro of Tatro & Zamoyski LLP, which represents individual plaintiffs, homeowners and residents, along with the De Anza Cove Homeowners Association.

A resident since 1998, Ernie Abbit, 81, a retired business manager, founded the De Anza Cove Homeowners Association and has been its president for the last 11 years. Abbit, whose mother and father lost their entire families during the Nazi Holocaust, described the environment created by Hawkeye as that of a "concentration camp."

Abbit said the harsh tactics employed

by Hawkeye occurred despite a court injunction issued by a judge in November 2003, prohibiting the city from attempting to evict any residents of the mobile home park who were in good standing, and prohibiting it from making any non-emergency changes to the property until the outcome of the case could be decided.

Chief among the complaints Abbit listed was the hiring of an armed private security company, which he said intimidated and harassed residents. Abbit described a guard house installed at the entrance to the mobile home park where every person was required to show a valid driver's license upon entering or re-entering the area.

Abbit said so many speed bumps were installed at the park's entrance that drivers of vehicles used to transport disabled residents refused to enter the property, forcing residents to make their way to the perimeter of the park to be picked up.

In June 2005, a temporary restraining order was issued against Timothy David Higley, the supervisor who oversaw the De Anza Cove property on behalf of the security company. In two separate and non-related cases, Higley was charged with felony counts of attempting to pass himself off as a police officer to stop a motorist, who turned out to be an off-duty police officer. Higley was also charged with bringing a firearm into a courtroom while serving as a witness. He was ordered to stay 500 feet away from the De Anza Cove property and to surrender all guns and firearms.

Abbit also said Hawkeye installed



After a protracted legal dispute with residents of the De Anza Cove Resort mobile home park, city officials recently settled one of three lawsuits with De Anza residents, who city officials wanted to remove to make way for future projects. PHOTO BY PAUL HANSEN / THE BEACON

high-intensity Klieg lights and barbed-wire fencing throughout the property. Storage areas, restroom facilities, play areas for children, a general store and common areas were destroyed and their debris left scattered behind, leaving the property looking like a "bombed out territory," Abbit said.

Residents' trailers were towed, more than 200 trees were cut down, services to the park were greatly reduced and residents' utilities were shut off, Abbit said.

"The city was determined to get us out of here and they intended to make

our lives absolutely miserable beyond comprehension," Abbit said. "It was just deplorable that this could happen in America's Finest City."

San Diego City Attorney Jan Goldsmith issued the following statement regarding the settlement: "This insurance-funded settlement makes sense for all the parties as a compromise. The De Anza litigation has been ongoing for too long and needs to be brought to a conclusion."

When asked for details regarding the behavior of city officials regarding the De Anza Cove case and why the city

decided to settle, Gina Coburn, a spokeswoman for the City Attorney's Office, issued the following written statement: "These events occurred many years ago and the questions ask for reasons for other people's actions. We're trying to resolve the problems looking forward. The benefit of a settlement is to reduce further litigation costs and work toward bringing this litigation to completion. The next step is to figure out moving expenses for residents with the court's assistance. There remains litigation pending and we're not able to comment further."



Mother Nature begins new year with colorful display

The first sunset of 2011 at the Ocean Beach Pier was picture-perfect on Saturday. The beautiful setting contrasted with the series of winter storms that pummeled San Diego's beach communities Christmas week, leading city crews to engage in widespread damage assessments. According to city officials, damage from the prolonged and sometimes-intense winter storms range between \$3 million and \$6 million. The City Council and county Board of Supervisors approved a state of emergency Tuesday, setting in motion disaster relief funding from the state and federal governments. A look at local storm coverage in photos, page 16. PHOTO BY JIM GRANT / THE BEACON

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State Fish and Game Commission expands local protected marine areas

Conservationists call south La Jolla reserve a 'huge victory'

By KENDRA HARTMANN | VILLAGE NEWS

In a historic decision, the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC) voted Dec. 15 to adopt a network of 36 new marine protected areas (MPAs) in Southern California, stretching from Santa Barbara to the Mexican border.

The new plan increases protection for marine life along the San Diego coast from about 1 percent to slightly more than 7 percent, said Meagan Wylie, San Diego Coastkeeper's marine conservation manager.

"In San Diego, what we ended up with was a huge victory," she said.

"And the biggest victory was the marine reserve that was put in place in south La Jolla."

The reserve's boundaries were increased by two city blocks, extending from Palomar Avenue to Missouri Street in Pacific Beach, bringing it to slightly more than seven square miles.

"The reason the reserve is so important is because La Jolla is one of the top biological hot spots in all of Southern California," Wylie said. "It's a kind of underwater powerhouse."

Advocates for expanding protected areas say the final plan was a compromise between environmentalists and the fishing industry, but not everyone

agrees with that assessment. Bob Fletcher, former president of the Sport-fishing Association of California, said he believes the process has been tilted toward advocates for protection from the beginning.

"The final product is not something [the fishing industry] would ever have recommended and it will have a devastating effect on both recreational and commercial fishermen," he said. "Frankly, it's a corrupt process. It was touted as a wonderful, public-private partnership and an open and transparent process, and it was anything but that."

Fletcher, who represents a coalition of fishing and boating organizations under the banner of the Partnership for Sustainable Oceans (PSO), argues that closing more areas to anglers will only serve to concentrate fishing in other zones, possibly causing over-harvesting in the areas that remain open.

The final plan leaves areas in northern La Jolla open for fishing, while protecting the areas of the reef that, according to Wylie, are "less important to consumptive interests but provide a lot of benefits to the marine life that lives there."

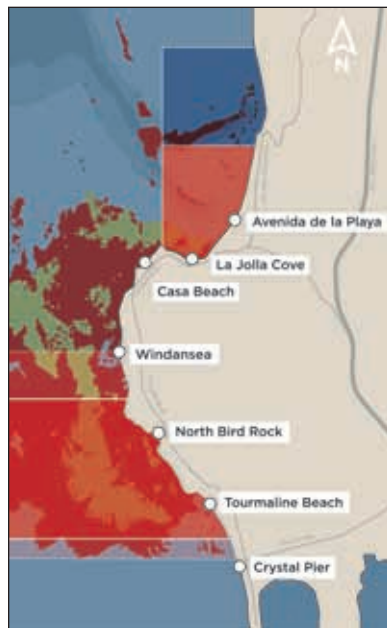
Advocates for protection also say that by protecting these particular areas, the ecosystems within them will thrive. Eventually, the species in those ecosystems will venture outside of the protected areas, potentially replenishing the depleted biodiversity everywhere.

Wylie said that though she was thrilled with the decision, some amendments to the original plan left coastal protection advocates slightly discouraged. At Swami's in Encinitas, for example, the size of the protected area was increased to 10.5 square feet, but the level of protection was reduced. The region was designated a State Marine Conservation Area, instead of a State Marine Reserve, so spearfishing and coastal fishing will be allowed.

"[The Swami's decision] was a little bit disappointing, but it's something we can live with," she said.



Taken in October during an aerial tour by Lighthawk and Coastkeeper, a stakeholder in the process of drawing marine reserve boundaries, this photo shows La Jolla's southern coastline, bordered by the seven-square-mile reserve that took effect Dec. 15. PHOTO BY CLAIRE HARLIN / THE BEACON



After a long dispute between fishers and conservationists, marine conservation areas (outlined in red) and marine reserves (outlined in blue) were put into place Dec. 15 by the Fish and Game Commission. MAP COURTESY OF SAN DIEGO COASTKEEPER

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Impending new classroom space highlights PLHS construction

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Seven teachers at Point Loma High School (PLHS) are receiving perhaps the greatest gift of their careers next month — new classrooms.

The teachers, who are members of the school's history/social sciences department, have been working in outdated portable classrooms for several years.

The new building, being located at the southwest corner of the campus, is due to open with the beginning of the second semester in February, according to PLHS officials.

The opening of this structure will trigger the beginning of two new building projects on campus. These include the conversion of a former wood shop to music studios and the construction of a motion picture/video production lab — both planned as state-of-the-art facilities for students.

Visible from the intersection of Chatsworth Boulevard and Voltaire Street, the new building is a two-story, eight-classroom facility built with Proposition S funds. Boasting more than

15,300 square feet, the structure comes with a price tag of more than \$3.9 million, according to the San Diego Unified School District's website.

The eighth classroom will house a unique program offered to PLHS students who wish to explore careers in sports medicine and athletic training. Classes will be led by students from Point Loma Nazarene University as part of a partnership between the schools.

Each new classroom will provide a full complement of technological components, including an interactive whiteboard, audio/visual cabinet, teacher presentation station, wireless voice amplification system, an advanced model document camera and DVD player.

Other features of the new building include restrooms for students and staff, an elevator, a bridge to the school's athletic field and a reconstructed ramp to the main gym.

Among other Prop. S projects in the works:

- The school's long-awaited weight room appears to be nearing start of construction. After receiving a significant

grant from the Jimmy Johnson (NASCAR driver) Foundation, the project has been stalled by architectural issues and conflicts.

- A project to improve athletic fields at Correia Middle School to add critical practice and game space for PLHS athletes is moving ahead. New school board member Scott Barnett, representing the Point Loma area, has expressed enthusiasm for the plan, according to PLHS Athletic Director John Murphy.

- Construction of a new restroom/ticket booth/concession facility at the stadium entrance on Voltaire Street is scheduled to begin in January 2012. The former restroom structure on the site was condemned and demolished, leaving the school with a bank of portable bathrooms ever since.

- Additional construction projects at the school include replacement and upgrades of electrical and plumbing systems.

PLHS opened in 1925 on a campus spread over 13 acres. Current state guidelines suggest 52 acres for a school of Point Loma's current enrollment.

NEWSbriefs



Locals pack The Harp in Ocean Beach on Sept. 8 to watch the debut episode of the FX Network original series "Terriers" — filmed almost exclusively in OB. Network officials have announced the cancellation of the show. PHOTO BY JIM GRANT / THE BEACON

OB-based 'Terriers' series runs out of leash

"Terriers," the gritty Ocean Beach-filmed comedic drama that's had locals on a leash since its debut Sept. 8 has apparently lost its bite for FX Network executives.

The network announced the cancellation of the original series after 13 episodes, citing an average viewership of about 500,000 per episode.

With many locals remaining loyal to the series that stars Donal Logue and Michael Raymond-James, a rabid electronic petition campaign was launched to bring the series back — so far to no avail.

The series centered on the two stars, who become unlicensed private investigators. The producers enlisted the help of dozens of local crewmembers and extras each episode, shooting largely in Ocean Beach but also all over San Diego's most scenic and iconic locations.

Officials with the Ocean Beach Main-Street Association lamented the cancellation in an e-blast to local merchants and residents Dec. 22, urging

neighbors to keep the petition campaign going and to press FX Network decisionmakers for a return of the series.

To participate in the show's blog, visit www.fxnetworks.com/shows/originals/terriers. To make your views known to the network, e-mail user@fxnetworks.com.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest winner circle

The Ocean Beach Town Council's Tree Committee recently announced the winners of the annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest held Dec. 19.

Categories and winners were:

- **Best use of lighting** — Rob and April Wozniak, 4420 Brighton Ave.
- **Judges' choice** — Kira Joyce, 3811 Wildwood St.
- **Most original decoration** — Stille Silvera, 5174 Brighton Ave. (alley)
- **Honorable mentions** — 4060 Bernice St. and 4944 Muir Ave.

Holy Trinity Parish set to change locations

The Holy Trinity Parish (Worldwide Anglican Communion) in Ocean Beach has a new home as of Friday, Dec. 31.

The parish, driven by a decision four years ago to disaffiliate from the Episcopal Church to "retain and pass on the faith and practice of historic Anglicanism as an expression of catholic Christianity," will take the congregation from its current building at 2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. to Bethany Lutheran Church at 2051 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

The parish has been led by Father Lawrence D. Bausch since 1979.

As of Sunday, Jan. 2, Holy Trinity will offer Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. at the new site. Holy Trinity will also offer midweek Masses at Bethany Lutheran on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

A service of hope and healing, open to the entire community, will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9.

In 1979, the parish invited the Ecu-menical Food Bank "Loaves and Fishes" to use its facilities and it has continued ever since. Around 1987, parish members began hosting a free dinner for the needy once a month, the first such opportunity in Ocean Beach. Since that time, it has expanded to a weekly meal every Wednesday; one of the early guests has been inspired to "give back" with a weekly Monday meal at the beach; and members of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church have begun serving a free meal two Tuesdays a month.

Holy Trinity also began offering a series of Celtic Music Concerts in 1997, and for the last 13 years, has hosted many of the finest performers from Ireland and Scotland when they have toured the United States.

Parish offices and meeting rooms have also relocated to 3725 Talbot St. in Point Loma.

For more information, call (619) 222-0365. Normal office hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.

City continues tree recycling drive

The city continues to operate its annual tree-recycling program through Jan. 23.

There are 16 drop-off locations, including Ocean Beach Robb Athletic Field, 2525 Bacon St.; Kate Sessions Memorial Park, at Soledad Road and Loring Street; Mission Bay at SeaWorld Drive and Pacific Highway; University City at Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Drive. The sites are open daily during daylight hours.

For more sites, visit www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/.

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but you can make it good again in about three to five years and you save," Thompson said.

Hundreds of provisions affecting the mortgage industry have come into play partly because of the housing crisis that started in 2008 — a meltdown situation that brought a flood of foreclosures in recent years. The housing crisis is yet to even out despite a slowly recovering market.

Thompson said he expects even more foreclosures in coming years because some mortgage payments are set to balloon in 2012.

The good news is that San Diego is just about No. 1 in the U.S. in terms of recovery, according to Patrick Park, president and CEO of Prudential Dunn Realtors in Pacific Beach.

"[But] I think the people working for the Internal Revenue Service are going to be really busy for the next few years," Park said.

Another significant change in California law pertains to divorce proceedings — legal changes which are expected to delay the process and likely increase costs, according to several family-law experts.

The new law requires oral testimony in court — something previously dealt with primarily through written declarations of the divorce-seeking couples. The extra steps could well increase the cost to the parties involved because of additional work required by attorneys, according to experts.

Because of court backlogs, requests for the oral testimony hearings are expected to take longer.

Here are some other notable new laws or changes to existing laws that took effect Jan. 1:

• **Tuancy:** Parents of students who miss too much school and, by default,



One new California law that took effect on Jan. 1 restricts medical marijuana collective dispensaries from operating within 600 feet of a school. COURTESY PHOTO BY DAVID OLENDER

violate truancy laws could be held criminally liable.

• **Property:** local governments must now give owners of vacant, foreclosed properties a chance to fix possible maintenance violations before imposing a fine or penalty — except in health emergencies.

• **Cyberbullying:** It will now be a misdemeanor to impersonate another person on the Internet with the intent to harm the victim.

• **Child sex abuse:** A new law allows for quicker identification of sex offenders in child-abduction cases; investigators must provide a list of sex offenders in a given area within two hours of a reported abduction.

• **Drug possession:** Possessing less than 28.5 grams of marijuana will now be an infraction instead of a misdemeanor.

• **Medical marijuana:** collective dispensaries cannot be located within 600 feet of a school.

To view the full 55-page list of new California laws, visit the state's website at www.leginfo.ca.gov/.

— Kevin McKay contributed to this report.



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NFPA offers reminders for keeping fire-safe as holidays end

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) offers reminders to keep neighbors fire-safe as they wind down the holiday season. Roughly one-third of home fires and home fire deaths occur in December, January and February, according to statistics compiled by the NFPA. Although Christmas tree fires are uncommon, when they do occur, they are often serious. One of every 21 reported Christmas tree fires results in a fatality. One-third of Christmas tree fires occurred in January.

As you unplug and store electric holiday decorations, remember practicing safety now can keep decorations in working condition and prevent potential hazards from occurring next year. The following are safety tips that can be used when putting away seasonal decorations:

- To unplug electric decorations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical outlets. Doing so can harm the cord's wire and insulation and even lead to an electrical shock or fire.

- Do not place a damaged set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use.

- Store electrical decorations in a dry place where they cannot be damaged by water or dampness. Also, keep them away from children and pets.

More than half of U.S. home-heating fires happen in December, January and February, according to the NFPA. Heating equipment was involved in an estimated 66,100 reported home structure fires in 2008, causing 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Building skills: improving the youth sports experience

By STEVE CARPOWICH | SCRIPPS HEALTH

Youth sports is hitting a growth spurt, with 44 million kids in the U.S. now playing in at least one organized activity, according to the National Council of Youth Sports.

Getting into the game can bring many benefits: improved fitness, better social skills and less down time for potential trouble. But pressure to succeed at a young age has set the stage for physical overuse injuries, emotional stress and burnout. Even if well-intentioned, too much pressing can create problems.

These pitfalls can often be averted if parents and coaches understand how kids develop their athletic abilities.

"Children build sports skills in a progressive sequence that we can't dramatically speed up," said Dr. Paul Stricker, a Scripps Clinic sports medicine pediatrician, Olympic physician and author of "Sports Success Rx!"

"When we understand how a child's sports skills develop, and then allow those skills to progress with patience and support, we provide the best opportunity to maximize performance and minimize pressure," he said.

To help kids effectively learn sports skills, Stricker said parents and coaches need to understand all three core developmental processes — physical, intellectual and emotional. To start, Stricker offers a

sampling of physical sports-skill milestones that are important to keep in mind:

- Ages two to five: Most kids can't yet effectively throw and catch (due to incomplete development of the brain's vision centers); basic skills like running and hopping are acquired mostly through unstructured play

- Ages six to nine: The body's nerve connections start doing a better job of communicating the brain's messages to the muscles. As a result, a basic toss may progress to a more accurate throw

- Preadolescence (ages 10 to puberty): Control of body motions becomes more automatic; kids can refine skills like pivoting, turning and spinning; eye-to-brain pathways mature, allowing for better visual judgment of speed and location

- Puberty (usually ages 11-13 for girls; 13-15 for boys): Due to rapid physical growth, there may be a temporary decline in balance skills and body control, as the body's center of gravity changes

- Mid- to late teens: More aerobic gains are achievable with training. Strength gains can be achieved, but heavy weights should be avoided until the skeleton fully matures

— *Scripps Clinic has been the official health-care provider of the San Diego Padres for the last 30 seasons. For more information on sports medicine news, visit scripps.org/padres.*



Glyn Franks, right, president of Second Chances Bread of Life, gives volunteers last-minute instructions before a Christmas morning pancake breakfast in Ocean Beach for local homeless and hungry. COURTESY PHOTO

A special Christmas in OB; it's great to be part of it

For us, it was an exciting December. As always, the "town" of Ocean Beach and its residents have managed to make it special for everyone.

Aside from the beautiful [community Christmas] tree, street decorations, storefront decor and the [annual OB holiday] parade, local businesses and many volunteers made it very special for our "less fortunate Obecians" this year.

Glyn Franks, president of Second Chances Bread of Life and his team (I enjoy working with them!), hosted a

delicious Christmas morning pancake and bacon feast to which we gladly contributed our help and cases of bottled spring water for everyone to enjoy.

Many thanks to Glyn, the numerous volunteers (6 a.m. Christmas morning!!!) and the local businesses such as Newport Farms Market/Liquor, Jungle Java, The Black, Newport Pizza, Ocean Gifts and Shells and Supermax for their generous donations of candy bars, cookies, clothing, gift certificates and wrapping paper.

Everybody enjoyed this welcome spe-

cial treat and we enjoyed seeing eyes and faces light up with appreciation.

Thanks again to everybody who participated. Let's keep working as a team. Thanks for your support.

Wishing everybody a successful new year!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Governor's eleventh-hour commutation is slap in face

Esteban Núñez — son of former California Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez — is a criminal who was sentenced by an experienced and well-respected Superior Court Judge. Gov. Arnold Schwarzeneg-

ger reduced the sentence [Monday] by more than half to help his political crony's son. In doing so, he undermined the judicial system and has jeopardized public safety.

This homicide occurred in the city of San Diego. I speak for the overwhelming majority of San Diegans in stating

that we are appalled and angry over Mr. Schwarzenegger's conduct. It reflects poorly on him, personally, and on his legacy as governor.

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Pointers wrap up 2010 fall sports with peaks, valleys

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The recently concluded fall sports season at Point Loma High School (PLHS) produced a CIF champion, three All-CIF team members and a trio of league Players of the Year, while two sports made runs to the CIF semifinals.

Leading the way was girls' tennis star Carley Cooke, the No. 1 singles player on the Pointer team, who was undefeated (33-0) in match play this year and was named Eastern League Player of the Year and earned All-CIF First Team honors.

In girls' cross country, it was Megan Breadmore's time to shine, as she captured the Eastern League championship and was named Runner of the Year. Later, she added a CIF championship title and was named to the Second Team All-CIF list.

Football player Christian Heyward made his mark, earning First Team All-Western League defensive team honors. He was selected Defensive Player of the Year and also named to the First Team All-CIF roster.

The following is a summary of each fall sport's season:

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Record: 15-16 overall (3-7, fifth place in Western League)

CIF matches: Defeated Hilltop (3-0), Steele Canyon (3-0) in quarterfinals, lost to eventual champion Scripps Ranch (3-1) in semifinals.

All-League: Second team — Sierra Brown, senior.

While the overall record might not seem impressive, the team made great gains by winning nearly three times as many matches as its 2009 counterparts. The team captured the hearts of Pointer students and its late-season run to the CIF semifinals was testimony to improvements made through the season under first-year coach Davis Ransom.

BOYS' WATER POLO

Record: 14-17 overall (0-8, fifth place in Eastern League).

CIF matches: Defeated Valhalla 10-9, lost to Serra 17-13.

All-League: First team — Bryan Valone, senior; Second team: Graham Scribner, senior.

A young Pointer team found rough going in league matches, but fared well against non-league foes. Under head coaches Jerry Rich and Jeff Hunt, the team carried a number of underclassmen and looks to improve next season. Top scorer: Valone with 113 goals, 26 assists; Scribner with 57 goals, 31 assists. Goaltender Thomas Penney recorded a 10.6 goals against average.

GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

Record: Western League, N/A

CIF matches: Did not qualify.

All-League: none.

Field hockey also finds itself on the rise at PLHS. Coach Mary Ellen Brancheau and her squad learned from Rheannin Sherrick, a former Australian national team member with professional experience. With 43 girls (19 of them freshmen) playing varsity and junior varsity, Brancheau plans to start a program at Correia Middle School to give future players experience.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Record: 10-2 overall, (5-1, second place in Eastern League).

All-League: Tom Witkowski, senior; Angel Saucedo, junior.

CIF finals: Placed fourth overall as a team, a very strong showing. Top runners: Seniors Witkowski, Duncan Swain, Hector Ramirez-Ramos, Hector Lopez; Juniors Saucedo, Taylor Boswell and Sophomore Ricky Sweet.

Long-distance runners made coach Keith Delong proud with their strong team showing. Top six runners were only 47 seconds apart at CIF Division II finals, led by Witkowski

ki with time of 17:01 for the 3.04-mile course.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Record: 10-2 overall (5-1, second place in Eastern League).

All-League: Meghan Breadmore, Ella Verhees, Ashley Brady.

League Runner of the Year: Meghan Breadmore.

All-CIF: Second team — Meghan Breadmore.

CIF finals: Placed ninth overall as a team, a strong showing by seniors Meghan Breadmore, Ashley Brady; junior Laurel Haas; sophomores Ella Verhees, Katherine Hardisty; freshmen Johana Walker, Kiara Breadmore.

While Meghan Breadmore ran away with numerous honors and awards (ninth at the state finals and twelfth at the western regional Foot Locker meet), this is a team with great potential, listing five underclassmen among its top seven runners. Delong said he looks forward to the 2011 season.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Record: 6-9 overall, (6-4, fourth place in Eastern League).

League champion: singles — Carley Cooke, senior.

League Player of the Year: Cooke.

All-CIF: First team — Cooke.

The Pointers were hoping for a higher league finish. When Cooke, who missed some matches, needed a replacement as the No. 1 singles player, that role was taken by Kate Schabarum, who had an outstanding freshman season, compiling an 18-14 overall record. Coaches Shannon Collins and Mark Truver will count on returning players next season such as doubles partners Jasmin Zepeda and Lindsey McKay, who won two-thirds of their 38 matches.

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PLHS sailing team dominates at latest Anteater Regatta

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The national champion Point Loma High School (PLHS) sailing team launched a new season with a dominating victory in the recent Anteater Regatta held in Newport Harbor.

The Pointers entered three boats in the competition, held in mid-December under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association (PCISA). The winning "PLHS Varsity" boat swept to a commanding 10-race score of 27 points, which is the total of all 10 finish orders.

So dominant was the team's performance that second place in the annual event also went to a Pointer boat labeled "PLHS Junior Varsity 2," which accumulated 61 points. The third boat, "PLHS Junior Varsity 1," took ninth place overall with a score of 120.

Hosted by the University of California, Irvine ("Anteaters") and Newport Harbor Yacht Club, the regatta drew a field of 25 boats.

A total of 15 Pointer students sailed in the event, which was made up of two five-race divisions.


The "PLHS Varsity" boat, captained in the Division B races by Jake Reynolds (class of 2012) and crewed by Maddy Brownsea (class of 2014) and Kyle Sutter (class of 2012), turned in a near-perfect five-race result of first-second-second-first-first, for seven points to lead the victory.

The "Varsity" boat's 20-point score in the Division A races gave the Pointers their winning total of 27 points. The Division A races were skippered by Jake LaDow (class of 2011) and crew member Will Herrin (class of 2012).

The second-place overall boat, "PLHS Junior Varsity 2," led by Division B skipper Will LaDow and crew Storm Brown (class of 2014) and Max Daubner (class of 2013) scored 21 points. This combined with a score of 40 points from Division A skipper Scott Sinks (class of 2014) with crew Grant Rickon (class of 2012) and Eric Cibit (class of 2011).

Skipper Matt Morris (class of 2012) and crew Duncan Swain (2011) recorded a score of 54, which, when added to a 66-point score from skipper Olin Paine (class of 2012) and crew Trevor Hecht (class of 2014), gave the "PLHS Junior Varsity 1" boat its ninth-place total of 120 points.

In last year's Anteater Regatta, the "Pointer Varsity" boat turned in a fourth-place finish, while a single "Junior Varsity" boat placed seventh.



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to Julie," he said, calling her a quiet, go-to leader in the small advertising department.

In 1988, Hoisington took her talents to San Diego, where she and her former husband, David Mannis, established SDCNG with the publication of a single paper, *Beach & Bay Press*, serving the Pacific Beach and Mission Beach communities.

The company continued to expand, with publications to include communities in Point Loma, Ocean Beach, La Jolla and downtown.

After the couple's divorce, the duo continued to work as co-publishers at SDCNG for eight years.

Hoisington has been operating SDCNG solo for two years now — and despite a downturn in the economy, the emergence of competing businesses, and new technology to contend with — she is thriving at the helm.

Today, SDCNG publishes *Beach & Bay Press*, *The Peninsula Beacon*, *La Jolla Village News*, *San Diego Downtown News* and *San Diego Pets* magazine.

"The secret to success through economic challenges is that we're able to think of it as a grassroots approach," Hoisington said.

Larger dailies find it difficult to fulfill their subscription quotas because they compete with an increasingly over-saturated marketplace of media sources from the Internet and television. This, in turn, lessens the influx of advertising dollars

and altogether diminishes the existence of daily papers, she explained.

Advertising in community newspapers is ideal for small businesses trying to target a specific audience because the papers are seen by more than a subscription-based fraction of the market.

In the case of SDCNG, Hoisington's papers hit a vast portion of the community, delivering niche publications to 56,000 doorsteps every week, she said.

"Having an independently-owned format, we're not competing with the dailies and broadcast. We're isolated to the niche of community news," she said, calling SDCNG's business model "hyper-local from day one."

"We can be creative and not only bring the news, but be creative from the marketing standpoint and come up with the most effective campaign," she said.

SDCNG executive editor John Gregory, who has worked with Hoisington for 15 years, called Hoisington a "determined and clever business owner."

"She is not afraid of making decisions and sparking immediate action," Gregory said. "She has seen changes in this business, knows how things work and she is pushing for progressive improvements. This is something you rarely see — even today — in the newspaper industry."

One such decisive action that the business-savvy leader undertook was to embrace the latest trends in technology instead of blaming it as the culprit of print's demise. SDCNG launched www.sdnews.com in the mid-1990s. It has since become a comprehensive online

"I enjoy the fact that it's real people with real lives, and we bring them news that will affect and touch their lives."

JULIE HOISINGTON
Publisher, San Diego
Community Newspaper Group

website for Hoisington's network of publications. The home page now features daily news updates and the news team has adopted a web-first strategy.

News space used to be really tight in print, and a lot would get cut or held out, Hoisington said. Introducing fresh news online each day provides readers up-to-date and more in-depth information about their community on a regular basis — like an electronic daily newspaper.

In addition, Hoisington mandated an ambitious social media program which was launched this year.

"I enjoy the fact that it's real people with real lives, and we bring them news that will affect and touch their lives," she said.

Despite difficult times for print, Hoisington has succeeded by pushing forward with new, progressive ideas in the industry to keep niche publications alive in San Diego. She has been an instrumental figure in building commerce in local communities and presenting news that often gets overlooked by larger daily papers and broadcast.

"It's an interesting industry to be in," she said. "There's never a dull moment."

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Each helicopter is staffed with two police officers who spend two hours at a time on patrol in the air.

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The helicopters have a light, referred to as "the night sun," a FLIR (forward looking infrared radar) and a television screen for surveillance purposes. Each helicopter is in direct contact with SDPD units on the ground and is able to send images to them from the air.

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The pilot sits on the right and the tactical officer sits on the left. Both must have extensive experience as police officers on the ground prior to joining ABLE.

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"The nature of our business is that we really don't know how serious it is until we get there," Gassmann said.

"The presence of the police helicopter increases probability of capturing suspects, reduces liability and ultimately makes a safer environment for the responding officers and for the citizens that we are here to protect and serve," Connelly said.

FALL SPORTS

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FOOTBALL

Record: 9-4 overall, (4-1, second place in Western League)

CIF: Defeated Mar Vista 21-7, Mt. Miguel 34-10 (quarterfinals), lost to Cathedral Catholic 51-14 (semifinals).

All-League: First team offense — seniors Sean McKaveney, Martin Gelenter; junior Jaivon Griffin. Second Team offense — Johnny Castaneda, senior; juniors Matt Magers, Eric

Bueno. First team defense — Seniors Christian Heyward, Thomas Bell. Second Team defense: Josh Sakover, senior; Tevin Heyward, junior.

Defensive Player of the Year: Christian Heyward.

First Team All-CIF defense: Christian Heyward.

Once again, head coach Mike Hastings took his team deep into the playoffs before being derailed by eventual champion and perennial PLHS nemesis Cathedral Catholic. This year's Pointer squad was young, and Hastings praised his regular staff, including Dave Aros ("the best defensive mind in all San

Diego County"), Tommy Kamfonik, Manuel Diaz and Joe Radovich. He also credited a number of young coaches who have returned as Pointer graduates to lead Pointer JV and freshman teams to frequent league titles, preparing players to assume varsity roles.

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Scott Wilson & The Contradictions set to rock Winston's tonight

By **BART MENDOZA** | THE BEACON

Having one career in the entertainment business is hard enough. But having two — in unrelated fields — would seem rather unlikely. Yet that's the case with guitarist Scott Wilson, who performs with his band, The Contradictions, at Winston's tonight. The full-time musician is also an Emmy Award-winning video editor who has worked behind the scenes on such television programs as "American Idol," "Behind the Music" and "America's Got Talent."

The Emmy came in 2002 for his work on the documentary/concert film "Sting ... All This Time." Wilson and his current electric rock band rose from the ashes of his previous acoustic-based group, The Complications. The name change came about through a happy accident.

"We were shooting a video for a song called 'Divided,'" Wilson said. "And a guy came up who had seen us before and asked us if our name was Scott Wilson and The Contradictions. I liked that so much better than The Complications that, when I formed the electric version, the name stuck."

The band now includes Wilson (vocals, guitar), Don DeOliveira (lead guitar), Jay Lauterwasser (bass) and Brent Corsetto (drums).

Wilson arrived in San Diego as a 10-year-old, relocating with his recently divorced mother to the city she grew up in.

"We got in a car and headed across the country and ended up in an apartment near 52nd Street and University," Wilson said.

After graduating high school, he moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, majoring in motion picture/TV, as well as studying music. It was on his post-school return to San Diego that he said he got heavily involved in music.

"I started going to Wendy's Open Mike at Java Joe's in Ocean Beach and met Carlos Olmeda and Gregory Page, who were playing there at the time," Wilson said. "This was the Java Joe's at Newport and Bacon, where the Starbucks now is. It used to be a church."

Wilson's tune, "Coffeehouse 101," celebrated in a video featuring dozens of local performers singing a line from the song, was written for that Open Mike night "because one thing I noticed about San Diego songwriters is that the writing was deeper. So I dug a little deeper for chord changes and topic."

Recently, Wilson has performed primarily solo, although he has played in bands previously.

"The first real project that I worked on was The Gandhi Method with Sven-Erik Seaholm and Chuck Schiele, and it took off pretty fast," Wilson said.

Unfortunately, Wilson said, that didn't last. "The bottom line is that I was a rock guy in a folk band," Wilson said. "I left the band and was replaced by Cathryn Beeks, who I met in Ocean Beach when she was passing out flyers at the Ocean Beach Street Fair."

Ironically, Wilson would soon play bass for a short spell in Beeks' own band.

Wilson considers The Contradictions, taking in electric and occasional acoustic music, to be the best of both worlds.

"I have had situations in the past where the electric players didn't want to play acoustic and the acoustic players didn't like all the racket," Wilson said. "So I'm really glad that now we can have both. It puts off the going-deaf process a little longer."

He said anyone who has seen him in acoustic mode will find his sets with The Contradictions to be a bit different.

"The sound is very loud rock," he said. "It's a four-piece. Some of the music is more mellow, but we gravitate to the large and bombastic tunes. Right now, we're trying to pull off a song called 'She Don't Even Know,' which has a slight Jellyfish vibe and a whole bunch of overlapping harmonies. It's slightly eccentric music that incorporates rock, soul, blues and pop."

While his television work often takes him away from town for weeks at a time, Wilson said he is hoping to change that soon to concentrate more effort on his music locally.

"I am looking for a way to do what I do in San Diego since I've become incredibly bored with reality shows and the editing techniques of that genre," Wilson said. "A lot of it is a glorified slide show with terrible flag edits and I consider it really bad technique. I prefer classical film technique as far as editing is concerned, and I don't want to work on something that someone will be able to tell was cut in 2010."

Scott Wilson & The Contradictions appear at 7 p.m. at Winston's Beach Club, located at 1921 Bacon St., tonight, Jan. 6. The event is free for those 21 and up.



Scott Wilson and The Contradictions perform a blend of "slightly eccentric music that incorporates rock, soul, blues and pop" at Winston's Beach Club in Ocean Beach today, Jan. 6. COURTESY PHOTO

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Jan. 7 through Jan. 30, Sophie's Gallery & Gift Shop NTC premieres "Ladies First," celebrating the career of artist John Agostini in his first one-man show of acrylics on paper, featuring fashionable women and Hollywood stars. An artists' reception takes place Friday, Jan. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. with wine, hors d'oeuvres and live music. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays at 2960 Historic Decatur Road. For more information, call (619) 578-2207.

Monday, Jan. 10, 7 to 11 p.m., Robin Henkel Band with Horns! brings the groove for the swing dance crowd at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. The event is free for those 21 and up. For more information, call (619) 224-3577.

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Wednesday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m., the Point Loma Garden Club hosts guest speaker Mo Price, whose lecture will focus on drought-tolerant Australian plants suitable for the climate locally. The event takes place at the United Portuguese S.E.S. Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, visit www.plgc.org.

Thursday, Jan. 20, 5 p.m., Point Loma High School hosts its annual informational meeting for prospective students and their parents. The event offers an opportunity to meet administrators, coaches, counselors, teachers and current students and parents of PLHS. The meeting also offers course selection and "how tos" of ninth-grade course enrollment. For more information, call (619) 223-3121, ext. 1129, or e-mail mtolpen@sandi.net.

Thursday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m., the Ocean Beach Historical Society features local photographer Joe Ewing in a presentation on capturing the essence of OB in photos. Ewing has won the "OB Exposed!" photo contest with his work. The free event takes place at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For more information, visit obhistory.wordpress.com.

Sunday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m., annual "Contas" meeting of the United Portuguese S.E.S., Inc. The event, which is open to all members and prospective members, takes place at the United Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal in Point Loma. For more information, call (619) 223-5880, or www.upses.com.

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Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1 to 3 p.m., Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free presentation on "How to Talk to Your Doctor" at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 4425 Valeta St. Reservations are required by calling (800) 827-4277.

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2010 Christmas storms saturate beach communities



Good Samaritans come to the aid of a stranded motorist caught in the rising water along Midway Drive at Rosecrans Boulevard on Dec. 21. The flooding along Midway Drive extended for four blocks and was two-feet-deep in some areas – stranding at least six motorists. PHOTO BY JIM GRANT / THE BEACON



No, it's not snow on the ocean. Big surf, high tides, a sewage spill and the forever-flooding Mission Valley combined to create these white-brown suds that drew playful children all along the beach. The sud drifts were 50 to 60 yards long in some places and roughly two feet high. The contaminants caused a closure of the beach from Dog Beach to the Ocean Beach Pier. PHOTO BY JIM GRANT / THE BEACON

The San Diego City Council and San Diego County Board of Supervisors declared a local state of emergency Tuesday after assessing widespread damage from a series of sometimes-intense storms that funneled merciless rain and punishing winds across the Peninsula between Dec. 18 and Dec. 22. The city and county declarations make California and federal disaster-relief money available to offset an estimated \$3 million to \$6 million in cleanup costs for the city and possibly another \$4 million for the county. Here is a look at the punch delivered by the storms, as captured by photographers around the Peninsula.



Even residents on foot were taken by surprise and felt the wrath of the storm's flooding, shown in this sequence of shots taken on Voltaire Street at an overpass with a low-lying spot. PHOTOS BY JIM GRANT / THE BEACON

San Diego police officers were kept busy not only with accidents and flooding responses, but hands-on cleanup work to keep streets clear for motorists. Fierce winds littered streets with debris from palm trees and knocked down a handful of trees around the Peninsula, causing major damage at least one vehicle.

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One woman drove her vehicle into the water at Rosecrans Boulevard and Midway Drive, causing her car to stall. The woman called for help and was able to climb into the cab of a tow truck, where she emptied the water from her boots. PHOTO BY JIM GRANT / THE BEACON



Some Peninsula residents took the storms a little less seriously, finding humor in the moment. Garrett Rice and Joe Diamond don wet suits and diving masks along Nimitz Boulevard in Point Loma, relaxing with a couple magazines and enjoying the spray from passing motorists. COURTESY PHOTO BY ALEX RICE



Despite the damage and inconveniences created by the Christmas week storms, a moment of beauty was captured in this late-afternoon rainbow atop Point Loma at the Cabrillo National Monument. PHOTO BY JIM GRANT / THE BEACON