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Sun sets on 2013; new year prepares to dawn



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San Diego's beach communities have been blessed recently with a string of stunning sunsets, due in large part to a low-pressure weather system and cleaner air-pollution conditions this time of year. Beach dwellers and visitors have been treated to some magnificent sunsets, as exemplified by this one at Sunset Cliffs recently. And like the sky, the sun is slowly dipping into the horizon on 2013 as we prepare for the dawn of a new year. *The Peninsula Beacon* will be on hiatus Christmas week but will return Friday, Jan. 3 to embrace 2014 and the hope it holds for the new year.

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OB Food and Toy Drive powers ahead as spirit of the season hits full tilt

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON



Volunteers sort food and toy donations as part of the Ocean Beach Town Council's annual Food and Toy Drive for disadvantaged families and individuals locally.

Photo by Mike McCarthy | The Beacon

This year's yuletide season brings warmth, good cheer and the true spirit of giving in the form of the 34th annual Ocean Beach Food and Toy Drive, benefiting disadvantaged families locally.

"It's really very rewarding," said Claudia Jack, who's spearheaded the Ocean Beach Town Council-sponsored event for the last 21 years. This year, the Town Council will serve about 80 families, seven seniors and a woman adopted from a local domestic-violence house.

"It's all local," she said. "We probably are the only community, the only private organization that is not a corporation, that does this in San Diego."

Ocean Beach Town Council president Gretchen Newsom agrees.

"It's a very powerful experience, very meaningful," said Newsom, one of about 40 community volunteers who helps Jack do the collec-

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Suspect nabbed after low-speed chase through OB

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Festive Christmas lights in the quiet Ocean Beach business district were overshadowed Dec. 13 by the flashing red and blue lights and screaming sirens of at least eight San Diego Police Department patrol cars and a helicopter overhead.

The officers had been pursuing a stolen car for nearly 20 minutes before the driver was captured after turning down a dead-end street on Narragansett Avenue.

Arrested was Allen Blount, age 33, according to Det. Gary Hassen of the police department's Western Division.

Driving at speeds not exceeding 30 miles per hour, the

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An officer pats down suspected stolen-car driver Allen Blount, 33, after Blount's arrest in the 5100 block of Narragansett Avenue. Blount led police on a low-speed chase on Ocean Beach streets for 20 minutes on Dec. 13. Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

Overdue facelift of PLHS baseball field to unfold after 2014 season

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Peninsula-area students will have to wait awhile to see their Christmas gifts from the San Diego Unified School District.

School district board members voted Dec. 3 to add Phase I of two local projects that will greatly increase safety at local sports venues to the first round of Proposition Z bond fund projects.

With support from District C Trustee Scott Barnett, both an upgrade of the Dana Middle School baseball field and the multiple-use fields project at Correia Middle School were added to a lengthy list of early bond projects.

The 3.5-acre field at Dana has been home to the PLHS varsity baseball program for many years. It was dedicated David Wells Field on Feb. 20, 2010 in honor of the Pointer

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Man pleads to mailing pot grown in Midway area

Christopher Gillen, 25, of Pacific Beach, pleaded guilty Dec. 11 to money-laundering charges as part of a scheme to mail packages of marijuana that were mailed to customers after the drug was cultivated in a Midway-area warehouse.

Gillen asked for immediate sentencing and received credit for 11 days in jail with three years probation from San Diego Superior Court Judge Dwayne Moring. Deputy District Attorney Shanish Aloor said Gillen played a minor role in the scheme, and the money-laundering count was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Awaiting sentencing is the defendant's brother, Kyle Thomas Gillen, 26, of Pacific Beach, who is believed to be the

ringleader. Kyle Gillen and three others have pleaded guilty to mailing packages of marijuana and money laundering and will be sentenced Jan. 14.

The marijuana was grown in a warehouse in the Midway area. It was raided May 29 by agents from the Southwest Border Anti-Money Laundering Unit. About 300 marijuana plants were discovered. All defendants have posted bond since their arrests and remain free.

— Neal Putnam

Woman carjacked during Internet rendezvous

Police are probing an alleged carjacking involving a 19-year-old woman who reportedly became friends with a male suspect.

Reportedly, the pair decided to meet in the Ocean Beach area in the 4200 block of Voltaire Street on Dec. 11, shortly after

3:30 a.m.

The woman apparently got into the man's car, where he produced a handgun and ordered the woman out, roving to the woman's car and driving away with it.

He was described as a white man, 20 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with a thin build.

Anyone with information is urged to call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

Man gets 34 years in Midway, other heists

A prison term of 34 years and four months was handed down Dec. 16 for an armed robber of three 7-Eleven stores on Midway Drive and in Torrey Pines and 13 other stores elsewhere.

The attorney for Luis Alonso Cruz, 25, asked for the sentence he received while the prosecutor sought an 89-year prison

term before San Diego Superior Court Judge Eugenia Eyherabide.

Deputy District Attorney Martin Doyle said Cruz pulled a gun on 13 people in small businesses in a robbery spree in 2012 and asked for consecutive terms. Three other victims were robbed without a gun pointed at them.

Eyherabide fined Cruz more than \$11,000. She specifically ordered Cruz to pay \$132 to the 7-Eleven store at 13835 Mango Drive in Torrey Pines and \$170 and \$100 each to the 7-Eleven stores on

Midway Drive that were robbed in August 2012. She ordered Cruz to pay nearly \$3,000 to the other stores that were held up.

Cruz pleaded guilty Aug. 27 to 16 counts of robbery and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Co-defendant, Alex Sanchez, 24, was sentenced Sept. 10 to 25 years in prison for 13 of the same robberies. The only gunfire was by Sanchez who shot into a wall in one 7-Eleven store in Clairemont.

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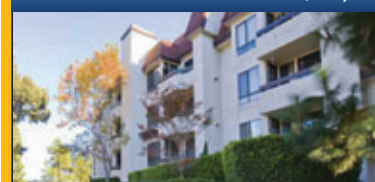
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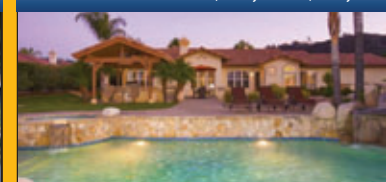
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tion and distribution of toys and food every year. "It's people in OB coming together in a grass-roots effort to take care of our community and those in need."

The food and toy drive helps locals in need through the help of numerous partners. Any necessary purchases are also made locally.

Local legislators also contributed to this year's toy and food drive.

"Congressman Scott Peters donated \$500, a portion of his paycheck when they had the federal shutdown to local organizations, including ours," Newsom said. "Assemblywoman Toni Atkins also donated 10 frozen turkeys."

Jack said people benefiting from the annual Christmas drive "get enough food for at least a week — a turkey, four or five cans of food, milk, bacon or sausage and bread rolls," adding toys

are given away to children "accordingly by their ages."

Regarding toys, Jack has one goal that she achieves every year.

"Everything is wrapped. Nothing leaves this place unless it's wrapped," she said, adding the reason for that is simple.

"A gift that's wrapped makes children feel special," Jack said. "There's nothing like seeing the twinkle in a child's eye receiving a gift that's wrapped."

The OB Food and Toy Drive for unwrapped donated goods began the week before Thanksgiving with collection box locations including Ocean Beach Elementary School, the Ocean Beach Farmers Market music area, Pruitt Realty, Remember to Breathe Health Center, Rowland Realty, Shades Oceanfront Bistro, To The Point Café and Union and US banks.

Those collection points this year have netted a veritable cornucopia of goodies.

"We've gotten enough to fill close to

90 boxes," said Jack.

She said volunteers now have their hands full sorting through donations for distribution, which is handled through local schools and churches. Needy individuals are identified in advance and recipients' names are kept confidential. Local banks were also major participants in the food and toy drive.

"People dropped off toys at Chase Bank," she said. "US Bank had teddy bear, book and angel Christmas trees at their two locations, where people could donate one of those, and they're brought in for the collection."

Jack said the significance of donating an unwrapped toy or food item is great every holiday season.

"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 lay-off," she said. "We just adopt families and people in need in Ocean Beach."

"Tis better to give than to receive,



The packaged goodies from the Ocean Beach Food and Toy Drive will be distributed to about 80 families, seven seniors and a woman adopted from a local domestic-violence house by volunteers on Saturday, Dec. 21.
Courtesy photo by Joe Ewing

especially this time of year, Jack said.

"I'm a little older and I have everything I need," she said. "People ask me

what I want for Christmas, and I tell them 10 cans of corn for the food and toy drive."

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a newbie on the board when work began on the current update.

"We were young, foolish and stupid," Gawronski said. "We thought we could get this done in a year. Wrong."

Work on the update had been in a period of dormancy for a few years. City offi-

cials cite budget constraints, though some board members charge a lack of interest during the tenure of former Mayor Jerry Sanders.

Progress was revived this year and the city presented a 166-page draft document that was released to the public in June. The document and accompanying environmental impact report can be viewed online at sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/oceanbeach or in hard copy form

at the Ocean Beach library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave.

Since the release of the draft, 138 comments or proposed changes — 60 from board members, 78 from other members of the public — have been collected. The OBPB's Precise Plan Update Subcommittee spent two meetings and seven hours scrutinizing the feedback, said Giovanni Ingolia, the subcommittee's co-chairman. The full board approved nearly 40 changes

Dec. 11.

"We're finally getting to the end of this process," Ingolia said. "This is probably the single-most important document that will affect us over the next 20 or 30 years."

In other OBPB news

Ingolia has been nominated to the Mission Bay Park Committee through the office of District 2 San Diego City Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

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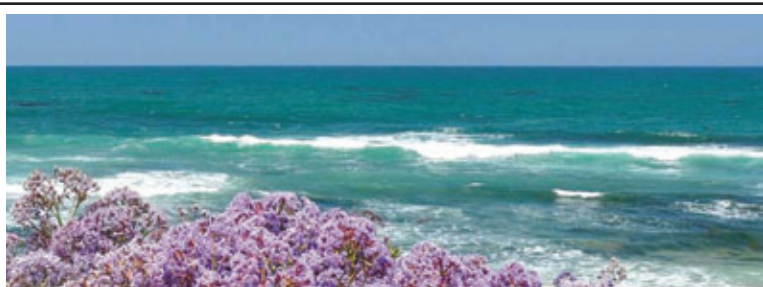
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Nine PLHS gridiron players named to All-League honors

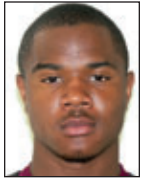
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Nine players, including three juniors, from Point Loma High School's football team were selected for All-League honors by Western League coaches.

First team (offense)

• Running back Dirk Lacy again earned the respect of opposing players and coaches. The 5-foot-10-inch, 185-pound senior gained 609 yards on 111 carries, a 5.5-yard average, also scoring six touchdowns. A second team selection as a junior, Lacy returned after an early-season injury to showcase his abilities and rise to the top at his position.

• Senior Mike Serrano, a 6-foot-4-inch, 290-pound lineman, was cited for his consistent, dependable and tenacious blocking and pass-protection abilities. His presence on the line will be missed by returning players next season. Serrano has since taken his talents to the mat, where he is a Pointers standout as a heavyweight wrestler.



DIRK LACY



MIKE SERRANO

First team (defense)

• Leading the list is senior tight end Jake Wambaugh, a 6-foot-4-inch, 245-pounder who was also named first team as a junior. Wambaugh once again spent a lot of time in opposing team's backfields, where he made 30 tackles and was credited with 10 assists and five tackles for loss. He led the Pointers with 11.5 sacks and 12 hurries of the opposing quarterback while causing one fumble.

• Teammate Tanner Manion, a 6-foot-2-inch, 215-pound senior, also drew the respect of opposing players and coaches from his linebacker position. Manion racked up 22 tackles and eight assists to go with two sacks to wrap up an excellent senior season.



JAKE WAMBAUGH



TANNER MANION

Second team (offense)

• Armando Smith was cited for his talents as a running back and occasional quarterback. The 6-foot, 180-pound senior gained 500 yards on 87 carries for the Pointers and hauled in nine passes for another 88 yards. He also played defense, making him a very busy player.

• The members of the Pointer offensive line are a very close-knit group, and two others joined Serrano by being named as second team All-Leaguers.

Senior Jared Polonitza, 6 feet 5 inches, 280 pounds, and junior Seth Irby, 6 feet 4 inches, 255 pounds, were singled out by league coaches for their effectiveness in the trenches, including run and pass blocking.



ARMANDO SMITH



JARED POLONITZA



SETH IRBY

Second team (defense)

The talents of two juniors with bright Pointer futures earned them All-League recognition.

• Defensive end Cole Kidd, 6 feet 1 inch, 195 pounds, transformed from a junior varsity player as a sophomore to a ferocious varsity pass rusher and tackler. He repeatedly created havoc for opposing linemen, recording 3.5 sacks, 21 solo tackles and four assists. He also defended five passes, caused one fumble and recovered another.

• Kidd's line partner, Tim O'Brien, a 6-foot-6-inch, 245 pounder, used his height to augment his defensive skills, making it difficult for opposing quarterbacks to throw over him. He was credited with 14 solo and five assisted tackles, 0.5 sacks and two passes defended.



COLE KIDD



TIM O'BRIEN

Broken down by schools, league champion Madison placed 15 players on the four teams, followed by runner-up Mission Bay with 12, the Pointers with nine, La Jolla with six and Kearny with two.

The Pointers finished the 2013 campaign with a 5-6 record and are already in preparations for their upcoming season.



Point Loma High defensive standout Tim O'Brien, who stands 6 feet 6 inches, dwarfs Santana High's quarterback (No. 14) in a game this season. O'Brien, a junior, will return next season after being named to the All-Western League second team by league coaches.

Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

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above to serve as a homework and after-school study center for area youth.

The field, currently home to the PLHS freshman AAU baseball team, is also home to many gophers, making awkward and dangerous falls by players possible. The surface is very uneven and it also has no outfield fence.

PLHS parents and coaches work to maintain this field. While Correia and PLHS students would have priority for field use during school hours and some after school events, the complex would largely be available for youth football, soccer, lacrosse and other

uses.

Lighting is also being considered. "With the Correia complex, Cleator Park, Robb Field and the Peninsula YMCA in close proximity, the Point Loma and Ocean Beach communities will have some of the best facilities for our youth available anywhere," said PLHS athletic director John Murphy.

At a meeting two years ago, a SDUSD planner shared a proposed diagram of the project and estimated costs at \$9 million.

Barnett, who attended that meeting, told the audience, "We want a facility that is safe and well-received by the community."

While the project was moved forward in the Prop. Z process, no start date or phase information was set.

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December Holidays and Events:

- 1 Advent begins
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12 Poinsettia Day
- 13 Friday the 13th
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 23 Festivus - for the rest of us!
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Boxing Day
- 26 Kwanzaa
- 27 National Fruitcake Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

December Notes:

Flower of the Month: Narcissus, Holly
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Astrological Signs: Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21; Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
The Moon this month is called the Yule Moon.

December Holiday Happenings!

It's hard to believe that December has arrived. Wow, where did the year go?! With all the hustle and bustle of Christmas, the month will pass by all too quickly. But, make sure to find a few minutes to enjoy and savor the many other holidays and events that occur in December. From the birth of Christ to Santa Claus and Frosty, we've got you covered for Christmas.

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The Angel Tree charity drive at Union Bank in Ocean Beach benefits disadvantaged children from Ocean Beach Elementary School and their families. Anyone can participate in the charity drive. A similar program — a Teddy Bear Tree — is set up at Wells Fargo Bank in Ocean Beach. Photo by Terrie Leigh Relf | The Beacon

Angel sightings at OB's Union Bank part of drive to aid local schoolchildren

By **TERRIE LEIGH RELF** | THE BEACON

If you've walked along Cable Street and peered through the glass walls at Ocean Beach's Union Bank, you may have glimpsed them. If you're a customer, then you've likely seen them while taking care of your banking needs.

Angels, angels everywhere, floating amid the glimmering lights that adorn a Christmas tree, where presents are all around. And it's all in the name of charity for local disadvantaged Ocean Beach Elementary school students and their families this holiday season.

While some of these angels may be paper cutouts with doily wings inscribed with the age and gender of an Ocean Beach Elementary School student, there are many other angels afoot. These include Union Bank, along with a host of

Ocean Beach and Point Loma residents, businesses and organizations.

And yes, The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association — complete with the always-visible OBMA representative Claudia Jack and her elves — are also at the heart of this community-honored tradition.

You may have wondered about the part OB Union Bank tradition plays in bringing this into being. According to branch manager Ernesto Hernandez, "When our customers walk in, they often want to know about the tree. The staff is more than happy to tell them about it. We're honored to have this charity in the office and consider ourselves lucky to be part of, and help out, the community."

How do you become an angel? It's simple, according to Donna Lamb,

Ocean Beach Elementary School's community outreach and volunteer coordinator.

"Just choose one or more angels, then purchase an age-appropriate gift to place by the tree," she said.

Gift-wrapping is optional, but appreciated, as the OBMA collects, wraps and then creates the gift boxes.

According to Lamb, this holiday outreach program has been a community tradition for at least 25 years. She has worked directly with Jack and her elves for 11 years now, and it's her job to know which Ocean Beach Elementary School families are in need of support around the holidays. Lamb collects the information and passes it on to the PTA, which makes the angels.

"The YMCA after-school program teachers make the boxes that go out into

the community," said Lamb. "We serve 38-40 OB Elementary School families per year. This year, we have 39 boys and 31 girls who come from families with anywhere from one to five children. Each family will receive a wonderful food basket that includes turkey with all the fixings, along with brand-new, age-appropriate wrapped gifts — even bikes. Each child in the family, 18 or younger, and regardless of whether or not they attend OB Elementary, will receive gifts. That's more than 100 children."

This year, according to Lamb, the outreach program added a Teddy Bear Tree in the neighborhood Wells Fargo Bank.

"It works the same way as the Angel Tree," said Lamb.

The OBMA and community volun-

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"The social-media contest gave a chance for everyone who visits, lives in or loves OB to be involved in recognizing four [winning] businesses for their dedication to making OB a holiday wonderland at the beach," said Denny Knox, executive director of OBMA.

The contest ran from Dec. 5-16, allowing Facebook users to vote for the merchants they felt best exemplified the use and spirit of holiday décor. Votes were tallied by the number of likes each photo received in OBMA's Holiday Decorating Contest photo album.

"We saw some of the highest participation ever this year, and so many of our merchants were deserving of awards. We appreciate each and every person who decorated, whether they entered the contest or not. It really helps make OB extra special this time of year," Knox said.

With 13 total contest entries, the Facebook voting drew more than 750 ballots.

This year's winners were (clockwise): Ocean Beach Thrift Trader (first place, \$200, 302 votes); Edward Jones (second place, \$150, 140 votes); South Coast Surf Shop (third place, \$100, 90 votes); and Lighthouse Ice Cream (fourth place, \$50, 61 votes).

Annual OB Home Decorating Contest

Winners were also announced for the Ocean Beach Town Council's annual OB Holiday Home Decorating Contest for 2013.

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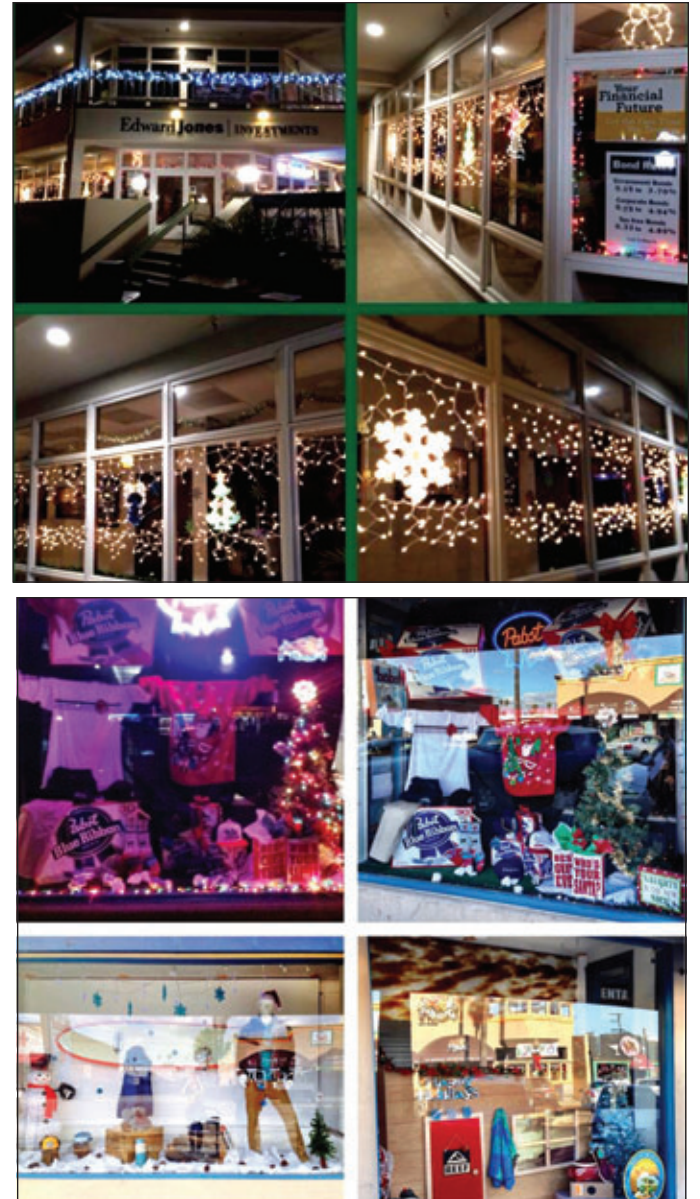
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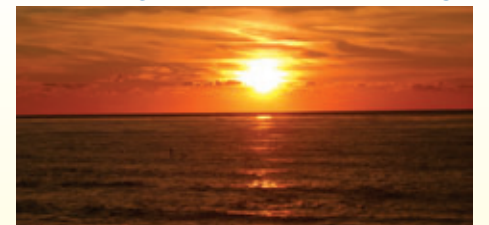
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teers get together the Saturday before Christmas at a local distribution site to create the baskets to meet the needs developed on Lamb's list. Each child receives four to five wrapped gifts. Diapers, formula or other infant needs would be appreciated in the case of expectant mothers.

"I couldn't do this without my administrative assistants Rebecka Garcia and Socorro Robles," said Lamb, "who assist me on multiple levels and with the Spanish-speaking families."

The holiday outreach program also ensures OB Elementary students whose families live outside the Peninsula area also receive toys and food baskets. According to Lamb, the police depart-

"I feel like the community hugs us. Not one of our community businesses has ever said 'no' to our requests [for holiday donations]. They have hugged our school, supported our students and parents. We are very fortunate to have the community we have, and are thankful for all of our community angels."

DONNA LAMB

Community outreach and volunteer coordinator, OB Elementary

this year, or at any time in the future, please contact me. Sometimes, we have last-minute families, too," said Lamb.

Since OB Elementary is "in the hub of the community," said Lamb, "I feel like the community hugs us. Not one of our community businesses has ever said, 'no' to our requests. They have hugged our school, supported our students and parents. We are very fortunate to have the community we have, and are thankful for all of our community angels."

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OB Elementary School students from teacher Karen Ritchey's first-grade class made the walk to the Ocean Beach Pier recently to meet individually with Santa. Photos by Mike McCarthy / The Beacon

Schoolchildren get early visit from Santa under OB's community Christmas tree

Students from elementary schools in Ocean Beach had a chance to visit with Santa at the Ocean Beach Pier on Dec. 5.

For the last 34 years, the Ocean Beach Town Council has been bringing Santa to town to meet with school groups at the pier. Santa will be available on Saturdays for the general public at the OB Community Tree until

Jan. 2. During the holiday season, the Ocean Beach Town Council also hosts the Ocean Beach Food and Toy Drive for disadvantaged families.

—Mike McCarthy



Lilly Rose and Alex Maynard, first-graders at Ocean Beach Elementary, get a special opportunity to meet with Santa.

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- 125th anniversary shot glass (\$5)
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- Commemorative OB hat (\$25)
- Ladies' crew neck 125th anniversary

sary T-shirt (\$20)

- Men's crew neck 125th anniversary T-shirt (\$20)
- OB 125th anniversary charcoal-gray hooded sweatshirt (\$36)
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- OB 125th anniversary window decal, 6" (\$8)
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WHAT'S AHEAD?

Peninsula-area events, Dec. 16-Jan. 8
Dec. 16, 17 and 19

The Ocean Beach Town Council will host its annual Food & Toy Drive for local disadvantaged families and children from 5 to 7:30 p.m. each night at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Union Bank will sponsor an Angel Tree for food and toy dropoffs; Chase Bank will host a Teddy Bear Tree dropoff; and US Bank will sponsor a Child or Teenage Book Tree dropoff. Residents can donate any canned or boxed items or a new, unwrapped toy. For more information, call (619) 846-6269 or (619) 515-4400. Alliance Group Real Estate Services has partnered with the Ocean Beach Town Council and Ocean Beach Community Foundation to collect toys and food for local families in need 7 in the 92106 or 92017 ZIP codes. For more information, visit www.mypointloma.com/FoodDrive.

- Santa pays a visit with youngsters at the foot of Newport Avenue. For more information, call (619) 846-6269 or (619) 515-4400.

SATURDAY, Dec. 21

- The Ocean Beach Craft Fair takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Veterans' Plaza at the foot of Newport Avenue. For more information, call (619) 846-6269 or (619) 515-4400.
- Ocean Beach Town Council members and community volunteers will begin delivering food and toy packages to disadvantaged families and children beginning at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call (619) 846-6269 or (619) 515-4400.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8

Free presentation by speaker C.E. Poverman, who will discuss his fifth novel, "Learning by Drowning." The work is an acutely intelligent, psychological thriller involving a volatile bond between two brothers and the mysterious woman who consumes their lives. The presentation takes place at 6:30 p.m. at the library, located at 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

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