Ob resident breathes life back into the soil

By JAN D. WELLIN | THE BEACON

One of the great “green” minds behind organic farming and college gardens in San Diego is Paul Maschka, a longtime resident of Ocean Beach. Maschka’s hands-on ability to grow healthy soil plays a crucial role in the development of the San Diego City College Urban Farm this last summer, as well as Mesa College’s new Organic Culinary Garden.

His areas of expertise include intensive gardening, sustainable landscaping, beekeeping and permaculture, which he will be teaching about in the next few months for the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Maschka was excited about working on the City College farm because funding was built into the program. “I’ve been working on school gardens for years, but without funding they slowly fade,” he said. The college pays for part-time farm helpers and student interns who manage the farm.

The college garden is located in a high-traffic zone on campus where lush rose bushes once grew. “Jaws drop,” he said. “This is a farm in the middle of skyscrapers.” By transforming the heavily watered rose bush landscape, the school now uses less than an eighth of the water it used before, he said.

The farm is not a monoculture crop of rows of corn, like many others. Rather, the farm is an example of polyculture with meandering pathways of different shapes and sizes of plant beds growing both edible and ornamental plants. The large patch of uma-rainth, in its bold swaths of purplish red, is often the big color draw of passersby.

“I wanted to have them (students and faculty) walk by and stop them in their tracks,” he said of the farm design. The creative design has been a success, and students and faculty have praised the farm.

Overcoming challenges

The Challenged Athletes Foundation hosted a special event at Campland on the Bay at Mission Bay on Saturday to promote pride, growth and personal accomplishment. The participants had the chance to try several different paddle sports. The Challenged Athletes Foundation created the Operation Rebound fund to provide sports opportunities and support for troops, veterans and first responders who have suffered permanent physical injuries in the line of duty. Clockwise top, Ariel Rigney (rear), Greg Crouse (center) and Amy Bronn (foreground) cast off for a paddle; right, Brice Brokow paddles a stand-up paddleboard; below, Jaques Kaplan-Abrahams paddles a surfboard.

Local campuses brace for funding hit from SDUSD

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Board of Education members met for budget and administrative workshops this week to address an estimated $33 million midyear budget shortfall. School district staff reports project a possible $81 million SDUSD deficit going into next year.

The board convened Monday and Tuesday to discuss the budget and other districtwide decisions regarding school program funding.

SDUSD board member John de Beck — who represents schools in Point Loma, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach, Mission Bay, Bird Rock and La Jolla — said the board didn’t solve the massive budget problem.

“Although they (board) chipped away at the edges by coming up with minor cuts, the real solutions they have not addressed,” de Beck said.

He said the district could end up dipping into budget reserves, worsening the budget shortfall going into next year. The board is also behind schedule in addressing the 2009-10 budget.

Last week, de Beck proposed the board take a two-month pay cut and that the district impose a 9-day districtwide furlough to save an estimated $70 million over two years. The board basically ignored his proposal, de Beck said.

During the two-day workshop, de Beck said the board also decided to move state funds to schools in areas where poorer families live. These are families located predominantly in the southern part of the school district.

However, this funding shift would leave some beach-area schools without much-needed money, said board member Katharine Nakamura.

Schools in the beach area would lose tens of thousands of dollars because of a change in the formula on how state funds are channeled, she said. Schools now need a little under two-thirds of their students on a free or reduced-cost school lunch to qualify for state money.

San Diego Unified School District School Board member John de Beck, who represents Ocean Beach and Point Loma schools, unsuccessfully pitched a plan this week to save the district $70 million over two years, according to de Beck.

Surf’s up, dude

Point Loma High School boasts the only surf PE class in the entire SDUSD, and its teacher is extolling its student benefits.

Wordsmiths to host event

Point Loma Nazarene University will be the site of another Writer’s Symposium by the Sea, with an exciting slate of speakers.

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Lava Fitness

Looking for the ultimate New Year’s resolution this year you can lose weight, burn over 700 calories per hour, decrease stress and have access to over 50 personalized group classes a month at no extra cost! Luckily, the newest location of Lava Sport and Fitness located at Liberty Station in Point Loma is here to provide individuals with just that.

Members belonging to this all-inclusive, high-energy fitness chain have free access to all five San Diego locations, high-end amenities like state-of-the-art strength and cardio equipment, fully stocked locker rooms with sauna, digital lockers, complimentary towel service, a member’s lounge with WiFi and complimentary top quality personal training.

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The amended agenda with the Rock Church item was posted on the Hervey Point Loma Library.

San Diego Deputy City Attorney Kathy Bradley conceded the action item may not have been noticed properly for the public comment and feedback.

“Things need to be on that agenda. There’s an exception if there’s some kind of urgency,” Bradley said. “But there’s never a planning emergency.”

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yields a bounty of vegetables each season. Currently growing are broccoli, Asian greens, rutabagas, baby greens and “a tapestry of colors and textures,” according to Maschka.

Luckily, Southern California has basically two seasons — warm and cool — so harvesting produce is possible year-round, he said. In the summer, the farm grows much of the standard fare, including tomatoes, squash, corn and cucumbers.

During the school year, the college recently started a weekly farmers market on campus that sells the farm’s produce to mostly students, with long lines forming for the fresh, organic produce.

Maschka is passionate about healthy soil and growing organically. He is a prominent member of the San Diego Food Not Lawns organization and president of the Mycological Society (study of mushrooms).

“We’re not told how our food is produced, and if most people knew how our food is factory farmed, they would be horrified,” he said.

He works to educate students and adults about the need to grow food organically rather than use the high tides of petroleum-based fertilizers used in conventional agriculture.

As a San Diego native who grew up in Escondido, Maschka was raised on his family’s farm in an area that was once rural and full of dairy farms. Not anymore, he said.

“They have slowly disappeared by strip malls,” he said.

Although he grew up gardening with his parents, he hated it, he said, until later in life. Now he can’t get enough of digging in the soil, planting and enjoying the seeds of his labor.

After owning a landscaping business for 12 years, he began his career as a horticulturist in the Wild Animal Park and later at the San Diego Zoo, he learned that he enjoyed educating people about the need to grow food organically rather than use the high tides of petroleum-based fertilizers used in conventional agriculture.

He teaches about organic being good for more than food — even alternative methods.

“San Diego Superior Court Judge David Danielson set sentencing for March 19. Legerrette wrote in a court document that he “did unlawfully commit assault with a deadly weapon by means likely to cause great bodily injury.”

“The motive for the assault is unknown, according to a prosecutor.”

Legerrette was also accused of being under the influence of Vicodin, codeine and morphine at the time.

Those charges and an attempted murder count were dropped in a plea agreement.

Part of the reason Legerrette’s sentence is lengthy is because of his criminal record.

He was convicted of robbery in 1971, as well as attempted theft in 1997 and burglary in 2000, according to records.

Legerrette fled the ship after the assault, forcing San Diego Harbor Police to distribute fliers with his picture. Later that day, paramedics were trying to deal with an “unruly drunk” and arrested him on the ship as Legerrette. Harbor Police responded and arrested him.

Legerrette remains in jail without bail.
Two weeks ago, the city of San Diego achieved a signifi- cant milestone which we were promised would result in savings for taxpayers and more tax dollars to use for neighborhood improvements.

After two years of chairing the city’s Audit Committee and working with the mayor, city staff, and San Diego voters on financial reform, our hard work bore fruit with the city’s first public bond sale in five years. This bond sale will save taxpayers over $8 million.

Until recently, past-due annual financial audits had cast a long shadow of doubt over the city’s fiscal fitness and left the city with a credit rating that was next to the lowest possible. Since public leaders were not willing to take a chance on San Diego, only the private market — with its much higher interest rates — was available to lend San Diego the funds to make infrastructural improvements that include replacing and fix- ing aging pipes to help prevent leaks and spills, more can be invested in our roads and streets to help reduce traffic, and tax dollars can be invested in our public safety infrastructure so that San Diego is better equipped for the next firestorm.

Refunding the 1998 bonds saves the city more than $8.7 million over the next 12 years. This represents 5.9 percent in net present value savings — well above the sav- ings target of 3 percent — and makes even more funds available for investment in our infrastructure. Even though the economic climate has taken a downturn recently and we face many challenges, the city of San Diego has new ideas that will help to provide more neighborhood services at less cost.

Now we are entering the annual budget formation pro- cess. The city’s budget deficit was caused by decades of mismanagement and added to the impact of the nation’s overall economic recession. As we begin to review options on how to balance the budget, I look forward to your creative ideas and input. Our neighborhoods are built on the faith of each of you, and I believe we can find the best solutions for our city. I encourage you to contact your neighborhood association to start the conversation on how to best help keep our neighborhoods safe and functioning.

In 2007, when the Audit Committee was established, the city was rendered nearly immobile financially. For the last two years I have chaired the Audit Committee and worked with Mayor Jerry Sanders and the Audit Committee. These safeguards will help ensure that city government and politicians are more transpar- ent and accountable, and tax dollars are used properly.

In response to these reforms, the rating agencies have upgraded San Diego’s credit rating. The credit rating is the door for the city to re-enter the public bond market. What does this mean for us and our families? It means that any tax dollars can be used for services and projects we need, instead of paying the interest charges held by private lenders. It means more can be invested in existing sewer infrastructure to help reduce leaks and spills, more can be invested in our roads and streets to help reduce traffic, and tax dollars can be invested in our public safety infrastruc- ture so that San Diego is better equipped for the next firestorm.

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Letters to the Editor

Submit a local musician’s name for street banners

We have a wonderful opportu- nity to recognize local musicians by nominating them to be fea- tured on street banners that will hang along Harbor Drive. As you can see, some of these banners are in place on Rosecrans Street in May and June 2009. The banner project is a promotion for the 2009 San Diego County Fair. The theme of the 2009 Fair is “Music Mania.” These street banners will feature individuals involved in music within your community.

Fair staff will photograph indi- viduals you nominate to repre- sent your community. Runners will be designed, produced and hung in your community on existing banner poles. The pro- gram gives us the opportunity to highlight musical talent in the Peninsula area.

The banner project defines a musician as: “A person of signifi- cance who has made significant contributions to the field of music or music education. If you have a musician who please complete a form that can be downloaded from www.sdpaproducts.com and return it to me for selection by Feb. 15. Please share the information with your friends or direct them to the website.

— District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer represents Point Loma and Point Loma communities. He can be reached at (619) 236-6622 or by e-mail at kevinfaulconer er@sandiego.gov.

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City, environmental groups reach accord on wastewater plans

San Diego environmental groups and the City Council agreed Jan. 27 to take on a "comprehensive assessment" of the city’s wastewater treatment system in Point Loma. The study would move the city toward a water reuse and recycling program. There are a couple of facilities in the region that could handle more water recycling, according to a 2005 water reuse report to the city.

San Diego Coastkeeper and the Surfrider Foundation had threatened to oppose the city’s application for a waiver to apply for a 2005 water reuse report to the city. San Diego Coastkeeper and the Surfrider Foundation had threatened to oppose the city’s choice to apply for a waiver exempting it from having to upgrade its wastewater treatment process for the Point Loma wastewater treatment facility.

The city took the waiver application before the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval on Jan. 21, according to a statement released by San Diego Coastkeeper.

The agencies tentatively approved the 5-year waiver with a final approval expected in March. It could be the last time the waiver is approved, according to the statement. San Diego is one of the largest cities that does not use upgraded treatment process for wastewater dumped just miles out into the ocean, according to the statement.

The agreement is a move from opposition to cooperation between environmental groups and the city. — Sebastian Ruiz

SCHOOLS

Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) will stage its annual Writer’s Symposium by the Sea from Feb. 2-6 at its cliffside campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Political satirist Christopher Buckley, Pulitzer Prize finalist Luis Alberto Urrea and rock 'n' roll singer and writer Richie Furay will headline the conference.

Surgeon/author Pauline W. Chen, Bridge to Terabithia screenwriter Brian D. McLaren, science and religious scholar Karl Giberson and alternative singer/songwriter Greg Laswell — a PLNU alum — round out the list of featured speakers at the symposium.

Unlike most other writing conferences, which bring editors, agents and agents together to meet with aspiring authors, PLNU brings in only writers and musicians/writers as speakers.

Organizers continue to use the interview format requested by local crime writer Joseph Wambaugh, the first symposium speaker 14 years ago, who agreed to participate if he were interviewed in a one-on-one setting.

"We started the symposium as we were trying to find ways to encourage, instill and inspire good thinking in our students," said Dr. Dean Nelson, director of PLNU’s journalism program.

"We started out thinking it would be for the students but it also resonated so well with the public. It proved a resounding success."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Chargers have off-season to ponder lost dream, future moves

By DAVE THOMAS | THE BEACON

When the Arizona Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers hook up in Tampa this weekend for Super Bowl XLIII, there will be millions of viewers worldwide tuning in. Among them will be the San Diego Chargers.

To hear the pre-season prognosticators, the Chargers were destined to lose to Tampa and the season was over. But now the most important task is to make sure the Bolts are in the playoffs. Losing a championship at home is not a result we can accepts. And with the Steelers hooking up, it will be another tough battle.

Injuries to LT, Antonio Gates, and Michael Turner (Chargers running back) could have the Bolts on the back foot for the entire season. The offensive line has been inconsistent during the season, and the Bolts will be able to move LT, who is the back side of his contract is being a record sixth title, which would push it one ahead of San Francisco and Dallas, both of which have won five Super Bowls. While the Steelers are around a touchdown favorite this Sunday, expect the unexpected, which is what this NFL season has shown in.

For the Chargers, meantime, it is an opportunity to look to next year and think back to what might have been this year.

Chargers 2009 opponents

Home: Denver, Kansas City, Oakland, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Miami, Philadelphia, Washington
Away: Denver, Kansas City, Oakland, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Tennessee, Dallas, N.Y. Giants

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"We tried to get it started for years, but it all came together when our principal, Bobby Sanfil- lon, went out on a limb and made it happen. Props to her," said surf P.E. teacher John Murphy.

The class started at 6:45 a.m. Mondays through Fridays and meets at Tower 2 in Ocean Beach. It runs until 7:45 p.m., which allows the students enough time to get to period 2 on campus by the 8:27 a.m. start time.

The current class has about 40 students in all grades. Many of the kids are also part of the after-school program with the Ocean Beach/Point Loma. The team is a high school club sport that competes against other school surf clubs in the area.

According to Murphy, the biggest obstacles in getting the surf P.E. program established were liability issues and the logistics of students getting to the beach at the early start and returning to campus on time for the next class. "At first the kids were very tired … but after a while they got used to it and now they are going to sleep at earlier times to get here by 6:45. They are also on time to the next class because we allow extra time to shower and get ready for the next class," Murphy said.

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The OBMA business office is located at 1868 Bacon St., Suite A. For more information visit www.oceanbeachandsandiego.com.

**Scholarships available to local students**

The Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California are currently seeking applicants for the scholarship program in the Point Loma and Ocean Beach areas for 150 scholarships to those of Portuguese descent who have never had,” said Knox. For more information, visit www.oceanbeachandsandiego.com.

The completed application and supporting documentation must be sent to State Scholarship Chairperson Alda Lawrence, 12823 Kent Ave., Alpine, CA 91901.

For more information, call local scholarship chairperson Mary Warren at 619-490-6668.

Applications may also be obtained online at the Cabrillo Civic Clubs website, at www.cabrillocivicclubs.org.

People’s Market set to open gallery exhibit

The Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market — San Diego’s only customer-owned grocer — is poised to launch its first gallery exhibition of 2009 beginning Friday, Jan. 30.

The show, which will feature local artists Bhavna Mehta, Jana Sanchez and Greg Shed, will run through June 1.

An artists’ reception is slated for Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with music, food and, of course, art on display.

The public is welcome and there is no charge for the event.

The market is located at 4765 Voltaire St. and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call (619) 224-1387, or visit www.obpeoplefoodcoop.com.

The market specializes in organic produce and groceries, bulk foods and herbs, cruelty-free body care and a full-service vegetarian deli.

**SPORTS**

PLHS surf P.E. class puts students in elite company

By KEITH ANTIOGHIOVANNI | THE BEACON

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan./Feb. A Look Ahead

COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., monthly meeting of the Point Loma Garden Club with master gardener and Point Loma Association member Jodi Bruhn. The event takes place at the Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, visit www.plgc.org.

Sunday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., inaugural Doggie Street Festival to promote pet adoption, featuring pet demonstrations, contests, vendors and services, live music and food. The free event takes place at NTU Park on Cashin Road at Liberty Station. For more information, visit www.doggiestreetfestival.org.

MONDAYS, 3 to 3:45 p.m., baby signing storytime for infants and caregivers at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Tuesdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., Preschool Storytime at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

SCHOOLS

CORREIA

Saturday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m., Correia Association hosts its annual fundraising dinner and auction to raise proceeds for the middle school. This year’s goal is $25,000 and the support foundation is seeking items for donation to the auction. The event is open to the public. For information, call (619) 224-2921.

LOMA PORTAL

• Today, Jan. 29 and Thursday, Feb. 5, 1:15 to 1:30 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.
• Monday, Feb. 9, 9 to 10 a.m., Foundation meeting in library.
• January through Feb. 14, turn in boxtops for a drawing and chance to win a Webkinz Pet. For more information, call (619) 233-1683.

OB ELEMENTARY

• Today, Jan. 29, Bank Day; ArtSpace, Dance, Spanish and yoga after-school clubs.
• Monday, Feb. 2, 4th-graders visit Dana Middle School.
• Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8:30 to 10 a.m., kindergarten meet and greet; 2:30 p.m., after-school yoga.
• Wednesday, Feb. 4, spring picture day; 2:30 p.m., Chess Club meets.
• Thursday, Feb. 5, Bank Day; ArtSpace, Dance, Spanish and yoga after-school clubs.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY

• Today, Jan. 29, grade 2 to San Diego Zoo.
• Friday, Jan. 30, Family Picnic Day.
• Saturday, Jan. 31, book fair at Bookstar.
• Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m., PA board meeting in art lab.
• Wednesday, Feb. 4, 3rd-graders to Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
• Thursday, Feb. 5, flower friends presentation to 2nd-graders.
• Friday, Feb. 6, noon dismissal.
• Monday, Feb. 16, Presidents Day, no classes.
• Tuesday, Feb. 17, progress reports online for grades 4-8.
• Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m., Mardi Gras parade down Newport Avenue followed by Mardi Gras party at school.
• Wednesday Feb. 25, 10 a.m., Ash Wednesday Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

SDCCD

• Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon, San Diego Community College’s Continuing Education Department offers free Qigong class, an ancient Chinese path to health. Classes take place at 3250 Fordham St., “A” building conference center. Walk-ins welcomed. For more information, call (619) 221-6973.

SILVER GATE

• Today, Jan. 29, jog-a-thon; 12:30 p.m., Student Council family lunch.
• Friday, Jan. 30, 7:45 a.m., prin.
SUNSET VIEW's Principal's chat with parents of students, schedules and prices, call Drive. For information on speaking at Crill Hall, 3900 Lomaland are scheduled and prices varyaries. Various times and speakers themed “Writing Beyond Boundaries.” University hosts the 14th annual event. The event is free and registration is not required. St. The Catholic Church, 1145 Evergreen pressure screening at St. Agnes Resource Center hosts a free blood pressure screening at the Peninsula YMCA, 4390 Valeta St. The event is free and registration is not required.

CALENDAR

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO • Through Jan. 30, Catholic Schools Week. • Friday, Jan. 30, Grandparents Day, no after-school daycare.

SUNSET VIEW • Today, Jan. 29, 1:45 p.m., SSC meeting.

SENIORS Tuesday, Feb. 6, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Sharp Cabrillo Senior Resource Center hosts a free blood pressure screening at the Peninsula YMCA, 4390 Valeta St. The event is free and registration is not required.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT Feb. 2-6, Point Loma Nazarene University hosts the 14th annual Writer’s Symposium by the Sea themed “Writing Beyond Boundaries.” Various times and speakers are scheduled and prices vary depending on topic and speaker. Most all of the symposium takes place at Grill Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For information on speakers, schedules and prices, call (619) 849-2297 or visit www.pointloma.edu/writers.

Feb. 4-27, the San Diego Watercolor Society (SDWS) presents an exhibition of original watercolor paintings entitled “Valentine Visions.” A First Friday public reception with the artists is slated for Feb. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will feature about 100 paintings by 50 members. All works are for display and sale. The gallery is located at the NTC Promenade, 2000 Discovery Road, #105. Gallery hours are Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no admission cost. For more information, call (619) 876-4550, or visit www.sdws.org.

VENUES Cane’s Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. (858) 488-4458 • Today, Jan. 29, 8 p.m., KCR/SDSU kickoff party with The Tiger Sharks and Groove Theory. Tickets are $8.

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