Uniting for a cure against breast cancer

Thousands of men and women crisscrossed San Diego over the weekend during the Walk for the Cure Breast Cancer 3-Day event that wound its way through Point Loma and Ocean Beach. The walk, which started at 5:14 a.m. Saturday and ended at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, is part of a national movement to raise $43 million and raise awareness about breast cancer this year. The event’s fundraising goal was to keep the city’s estimated $43 million budget shortfall this year.

Council voted to tap hotel transient occupancy taxes, library capital improvement funds and infrastructure money to keep the much-loved community buildings and services from current budget cuts, but increases the Junior Lifeguard program fee to about $500 a student. The council also voted to close restrooms at Mission Beach and Mission Bay will stay open for now, but funding for beach-area fire rings has been snuffed out.

Decked out for the holidays

Rosecroft and the Clifton family will play host to a toy drive to benefit Voices for Children on Dec. 1. The family has again gone all out with decorations at the elegantly decorated Point home on Silvergate Avenue. Story, page 4. Also see our holiday section with a calendar of events and spotlight on the arrival of the Ocean Beach Christmas tree, parade and other seasonal events, pages 8 through 13.

Surf’s up, dude

Point Loma Nazarene is ranked in the top 10 surfing colleges in the country. 7

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM ALL OF US AT THE PENINSULA BEACON!
City’s pipe replacement runoff irks PL neighbors

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | The Beacon

City contractors working on routine water main replacements have emptied hundreds of gallons of water into the street near the Point Loma community of Fleetridge over the past few weeks. The contractors have flushed the water through the new pipes to clean and test them for bacteria.

“The reason you’ve been seeing so much water is because the water pipes failed the [bacteria] test,” said Jericho Gallardo, a city project manager.

Residents questioned city representatives about the runoff at a Point Loma Community Planning Board meeting on Nov. 20, asking why city contractors waste water during a time when city officials are asking residents to conserve.

Gallardo, who was not present at the meeting, said the dumping is part of a routine procedure and that the city currently has no program to recapture the water.

The water is measured and charged to the contractor, Gallardo said.

The current project is about 90 percent complete, according to Gallardo. He said residents should not be seeing any more water flowing down the streets as a result of the pipe replacement.

City officials attending Point Loma planning board meetings informed residents of a separate water main replacement project expected to start in 2010.

That project would replace old cast-iron water mains along sections of Silvergate Avenue, Concord Street, Talbot Street and surrounding areas.

Luis Scharf, project manager for the upcoming replacements, said service would be slightly interrupted while the city replaces the pipes sections at a time. Residents would be informed by mail about the date and time the services will be interrupted.

City officials have begun informing the public to clear up potential conflicts and to warn residents ahead of time, he said.
MB Aquatic Center plugs into solar-powered plan

By DAVE KENDLER | THE BEACON

The sun is going to shine brightly on the Mission Bay Aquatic Center (MBAC) when it begins to receive its monthly electric bills. Just a few weeks ago the center completed a three-month conversion project to solar power.

“The goal from the beginning was to be 100 percent self-sustaining,” said center director Glen Brandenburg. “In other words, we produce through solar power all the electricity we need for the year.”

According to Brandenburg, the conversion to solar power for the aquatic center, which mistakenly is often viewed as a separate company but instead is a joint venture between San Diego State University (SDSU) and University of California San Diego (UCSD), is a natural progression.

“We have been going green long before such a phrase was popular,” he said. “For example, our restrooms are lit by skylights. A number of years ago we started using super high reflectors for our lights and thus went from needing four light bulbs down to two per fixture. We purchased a high-efficiency washing machine.”

The effort to install the solar electricity system began a few years ago and involved navigating through state and local rules and regulations. While the process has been more complicated due to nature of the center’s connection to the two universities compared to a small business owner or resident interested in the same conversion, it has made Brandenburg very knowledgeable on the subject, and he is quick to note a few key issues which apply to everyone.

“Before you can install a solar system there needs to be an energy audit done to make sure you are already operating at a reasonably high efficiency level,” he said. “Otherwise then all you will do is waste solar power energy.”

The cost comparison of conserving versus producing is also a factor.

“It costs five times less to conserve one watt of electricity than it does to make it,” Brandenburg said. “This is another reason for having an energy audit done first so you can make sure you are not producing more electricity than you need during the summer months, as well as in the winter months. Also, remember, you do not produce energy when it is dark or as much in the winter months.”

What if you produce more electricity than you need for the year even after all appropriate credits are applied? Then the utility company simply uses it elsewhere. You do not receive any money or rebate.

Another benefit might be in your electric bill. You have been overcharged so far because each solar panel and then literally sit back and earn money while selling electricity generated from those panels to utility companies. There are other benefits to solar power, some not visible and others quite clear.

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Incoming storm clouds
A storm system that was poised to douse San Diego this week helped provide a stunning canvas for photographer Jim Grant, who captured this brilliant sunset image at the Ocean Beach Pier.

配音：为了保护儿童，我们正在寻找各种帮助。今年，我们将再次举办一个玩具捐赠活动，为Voices for Children的孩子们提供支持。

配音：为了进一步扩大我们的影响力，我们正在寻找更多的志愿者来帮助分发和接收玩具。如果您对此感兴趣，请联系Rosecroft的Clifton家庭。

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**Seniors help spread some holiday cheer**

Seniors from the LiveWell Seniors Congregant Lunch Program lift a pre-Thanksgiving toast to neighbors during a recent gathering at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4726 Santa Monica St. As part of the lunch program, participants are served a hot meal Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the rec center for $3.50. Program organizers are always welcoming new participants and developing activities and programs. For more information, contact program director Tammy Schmitt at (619) 746-2830.

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**Guitar donations needed to bolster PLHS music**

The Friends of Peninsula Arts is issuing a plea for help to aid the Point Loma High School (PLHS) music programs. The organization is currently requesting the donation of new or gently used full-size acoustic guitars to help PLHS launch a new guitar class at the school in the fall.

Organizers with the Friends of Peninsula Arts said they are willing to pick up the guitars from donors in the Point Loma and Ocean Beach areas. Donations are tax deductible.

For information, call vice principal Julie Nydam at (619) 223-3121, ext. 1110, or e-mail jnydam@sandi.net.

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**A Different Kind of Investment**

With the market’s volatile state making the headlines regularly, it’s time we make a change and invest in some-thing entirely different. How about investing in ourselves? I think we could all use to turn our focus to our own health and fitness and relieve our minds from thoughts of the wavering stock market.

There are no questions about this kind of investment. It’s a certain thing that when you take time to exercise consistently your body will respond in invigorating ways. After all, you are your own most important stock. And exercise is a proven stress reliever besides doing wonders to sculpt your body and awaken your senses. So why not give your physical and mental wellbeing some much needed attention? Turn off the headlines. Make a long term investment in yourself and see the rewards.

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COUNCIL CORNER

Budget cuts bring pain to community

BY SCOTT PETERS

Just a few weeks ago, the City’s Chief Operating Officer, Jay Goldstone, reported the budget and Finance Committee that revenues were significantly less than projected and that the City must take corrective action immediately to close a $43 million deficit. We need to reduce our expenses quickly to prevent a bad situation from getting worse.

San Diego is one of a legion of municipalities across the nation and around the world facing daunting fiscal shortfalls. Economies across the board agree that the economy is not going to recover quickly from its current malaise. In our case, less than projected property, tourist and sales tax revenues constitute the majority of the shortfall. Though our projected $43 million budget deficit pales in comparison to the California and national deficits, $11 billion and $455 billion, respectively, our situation is similar enough that we’re all going to feel the pain as we close the gap between revenues and expenses.

Individual city employees and their families will be affected, since job losses will have to be eliminated, and residents will lose access to valuable programs and services citywide.

The mayor’s office proposes to reduce the Fiscal Year 2009 budget by 10 percent with a plan that eliminates 217 jobs (102 of which are to be laid off by July 1). The mayor has contacted my office with a request to meet with him to discuss potential cuts. I didn’t run for office to close libraries, or cut services, but I did take this job, that I would have to make tough decisions. If we don’t act quickly and decisively, the deficit will mushroom and the choices before us will only be worse, and we won’t be one step closer to solving the problem.

The Independent Budget Analyst has raised questions about the mayor’s plan and outlined some possible options; we’re analyzing the data to ensure our choices are as well thought out as possible. For example, if we do need to close libraries for a period of time, we want to define the time frame and make sure we’ve first explored other options, such as this challenge, and thank you for your support.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted my office with ideas and comments. We’re all in this together. Here at City Hall, the council, mayor and staff are working hard to find the least painful, most effective solutions to this challenge. Thank you for your support.

— City Council President

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The planned closure of city libraries is the start of the tax increase campaign. Notice that no projects that impact developers were cut — development re-development, new downtown library, bridge to bay, et cetera. The cuts always involve services that are funded by property, tourist and sales tax revenues, which directly impact the public. We taxpayers need a plan of action.

For example, we need a process to contribute to a recall for each elected public official who is involved in putting a tax increase on the ballot so the city can continue to pay for gold-plated pensions and health care for city retirees and continue to spend millions annually on city projects to support developers.

We need a plan to simply close ALL libraries just 7½ hours each week the same amount ($1.7 million) can be saved.

This solution is a no-brainer to me. Let’s close all of them a few hours each week and keep all of them open. It seems to me that the cost of bringing them back on line, in a few years, when the budget would allow, would be far less costly, and they would still have to maintain the properties. As things are now, you have personnel in place who know each library and are trained for their positions, and more of our citizens have access to a library in their neighborhoods. Many users have to walk to the library.

Please, let’s do this smart thing in this situation and provide as much of the public as possible with library service. Hopefully the City Council has the power and the foresight to keep all of our libraries open and available.

— De French

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PLNU ranked 5th best surf college in country

Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) and University of California, San Diego (UCSD) have made the cut in Transworld Surf magazine’s top 10 surfing colleges in the U.S.

The rankings were based on several criteria, including academic standards, life experience, quality of surf, cost and even partying.

According to Transworld Surf’s website, UCSD appears to be ranked No. 3, with PLNU ranked No. 5 in the country.

More than 160 surfers belong to the UCSD Surf Club, which was founded more than 30 years ago. The club hosts surf-movie nights, concerts, beach cleanups and other social events.

UCSD has also been ranked a top surfing school by Surfer magazine and Sports Illustrated.

PLNU, with its picturesque setting atop Sunset Cliffs in Point Loma, also consistently ranks high in the standings in the National Scholaristic Surfing Association’s southwest college division.

The Christian university is also home to a group called Surf ’n’ Serve — a program that allows students to enjoy the wave action and help feed the local homeless population.

— Staff report

Surfers take advantage of the wave action below the cliffs at Point Loma Nazarene University.
OB holiday season begins with music and outreach

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CHUCK SHIELE
EVENT ORGANIZER

Another win slips away from Bolts

The Chargers missed another golden opportunity to pick up ground on AFC West divisional leader Denver on Sunday, dropping a heartbreaking 23-20 loss to the Indianapolis Colts. Left, LaDainian Tomlinson tries to find a hole. Tomlinson ran for 84 yards on 21 rushing attempts. Above, centerbox Quentin Jammer puts a hit on the Colts’ Dallas Clark. The Chargers are now 4-7 with five games to play.

PHOTOS BY DON BALCH | THE BEACON

With the nation in an economic downturn, Christmas this year might be a bleak proposition for many families across San Diego. Luckily for Ocean Beach residents, who both want to give or find themselves in need of a little friendly help, a music event has been put together to fill that role by local activist Chuck Schiele.

For three consecutive Wednesday afternoons beginning Dec. 3, the Ocean Beach Farmers Market will be the scene of the Fourth Annual Holiday Magic Food and Toy Drive. Each week will feature nine of the area’s top acoustic musicians playing roughly 20-minute sets in a drive to collect nonperishable food items and new unopened toys.

“This event is more or less appended to the efforts of the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA),” Schiele said. “When I heard about their efforts to help local families, I just wanted to be involved and help in any way I can.”

Schiele traces his social consciousness to a sign he saw as a youth, which hung in his uncle’s New York restaurant: “If everybody did half of what they expect everybody else to do, this team would be the best.”

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“‘That sentiment really inspired me,’ said Schiele. He and all the musicians connected with the event are donating their time and services. ‘With economic times the way they are, these sorts of events have become even more important,’ said Schiele. Donations will be given directly to area residents.

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“We always end up with more than enough volunteers to fill the slots,” Schiele said. “The only thing that limits us is the fact that we only have so many hours to fill.”

Opening day will feature performances from Megan Combs, Alyssa Jacey, Stevens Lane, Jeff Berkley, Jason Drummer, The Bass Clef Experiment and Elen Brooks. Following weeks will feature Joey Harris, Anna Troy, John Miller and Danielle Lo Presi.

“This is something I really look forward to each year,” said Berkley. “Playing music in OB is always fun. There is such a cool vibe to the place. But this is special. It’s the time of year when we’re thinking of those who don’t have much to look forward to, and it feels good to be able to help someone out.” Troy agrees. “What might seem like a small effort can have such a big effect on people’s lives,” Troy said. “I think it’s important that people know someone cares — especially this year.” Schiele said he is thrilled with the response from the artists involved. “I’m always impressed by how many people want to be involved each year,” Schiele said. “After all, the artists have to find parking and lug their gear — all for a few minutes of stage time. It just goes to show what a giving music community we have here.”

The Holiday Magic Food and Toy Drive takes place at the OB Farmers Market, Newport Avenue, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. The event is open to all ages. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/beachmusicmafia.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT WILL BLANKET OCEAN BEACH FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING DEC. 3 AT THE OB FARMERS MARKET DURING THE FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MAGIC AND TOY DRIVE.

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Make way for this year’s Christmas tree in Ocean Beach on Tuesday, Dec. 2. The tree-decorating routine has become steeped in tradition, as this year marks the 29th anniversary of the much-anticipated holiday event that helps unite the community.

“The only tree on the beach” will be installed at its usual location at the foot of Newport Avenue, joining the iconic OB Pier to create a stunning visual backdrop.

This year’s tree is estimated at 50 feet tall and will be made available for decoration first to local Ocean Beach students and children from 9 to 11 a.m. on the morning of Dec. 4.

The kids flex some of their creative muscle by making their own ornaments, which range from Santa faces rendered from paper plates to festive holiday peace signs. “A Peaceful Ocean Beach Christmas” is this year’s theme, so ornaments are likely to have a New Age feel. After the children get their shot at decorating, the rest of the community is invited to join in and adorn the tree.

Claudia Jack, chair of the Ocean Beach Town Council’s Tree Committee, feels the event captures the charm of the holiday. Seeing the whole community unite in its involvement with tree decoration “sort of adds the twinkle in your eye to see what people are doing, and it makes for a special feeling,” Jack said.

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doing,” she said.

What makes this event so special, in part, is the degree to which it unites volunteers and businesses alike, said Jack.

“It’s a great project because it involves so many people — the city of San Diego, local homeowners, merchants, the town council and all of the volunteers,” said Jack. She added that the volunteerism is the most important thing.

The process of obtaining and installing the tree begins early in the morning of Dec. 2 using the volunteer services of some local businesses.

“Max Tree Service will cut it down and Hawthorn will [transport] it down, both free of charge,” Jack said, “Then we finally use Bob’s Crane Service to install the tree.”

The tree was donated by a private resident in the San Diego area. It will be hoisted over palm trees — which themselves can reach heights of 40 to 50 feet — and installed into a slot in the ground that the OB Merchants Association installed a few years back. The process requires the help of 15 to 20 volunteers, without whom the event would not be possible, said Jack.

The tree will be put in place, cleaned, decorated and beautified more than three weeks in advance of Christmas.

“We just want to give ample time to really take advantage of it,” Jack said.

The beautiful beach backdrop involving the pier, a fully decorated 50-foot Christmas tree and Santa can create quite the photo opportunity, according to Jack.

“We install the tree so early because of the sheer number of photographers who come to shoot the scenic tree backlit by the pier,” said Jack. (They) in turn send their photos to different parts of the country,” Jack said.

For event organizers and residents, the OB Christmas tree represents the celebration of a holiday of giving and compassion. For more information on the Ocean Beach tree, decoration opportunities and events, call (619) 224-4906 or visit oceanbeachsandiego.com.

The Ocean Beach Christmas Parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 6 beginning at 5:05 p.m., although the kickoff of the holiday season will be marked by the arrival of the Ocean Beach Christmas tree at the foot of Newport Avenue on Tuesday, Dec. 2.
COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Thursday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m., children decorate Ocean Beach Christmas tree at foot of 08 Pier along Newport Avenue. For more information, visit oceanbeachsandiego.com.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to noon, San Diego River Park Foundation hosts open house and garden tour of the Point Loma Native Plant Garden. For more information, call (619) 297-7380 or visit www.sandiegogov.org.

Sunday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ocean Beach Town Council Dog Beach Committee hosts the return of the Sandy Claws Holiday Beach Party to Dog Beach. Photographers will be available for family shots and there will be a costume contest, games, vendors, food and family activities. For more information, visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, Point Loma Garden Club hosts annual Holiday Tea and Bazaar at the Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. There is no admission cost. For more information, call (619) 564-7036 or visit www.plgc.org.

SCHOOLS

Correia
• Wednesday, Dec. 3, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Correia Association meeting.

HIGH TECH HIGH
• Thursday, Dec. 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Academic Internship Showcase.

LOMA PORTAL
• Friday, Dec. 5, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., PTG meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., PTG meeting.

Friday, Dec. 5, 8 a.m., all-school Mass; sixth-grade bake sale fundraiser; 12:15 p.m. dismissal.

OCEAN BEACH ELEMENTARY
• Friday, Dec. 5, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Family Craft Night and craft fair.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
• Thursday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., PTG meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 4 to 7 p.m., Voices for Children Toy Drive at Rosecroft, 530 Silvergate Ave. in Point Loma. Participants are asked to bring a $25-$30 unwrapped gift for a boy or girl or a $25 or $50 gift card for a teenager. Pictures with Santa will also be taken and cookies and cider will be served. For more information, e-mail mpl07@hotmail.com or visit www.voices4children.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, Ocean Beach Christmas tree arrives at the foot of 08 Pier along Newport Avenue. For more information, visit oceanbeachsandiego.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., the historic North Chapel at Liberty Station presents “A Christmas Festival in December” highlighting the Westwind Brass Holiday Concert. Tickets are available for $15 and $25 at the door. The event takes place at the chapel, 2801 Roosevelt Road. For more information, call (619) 573-5056, or visit www.thenorthchapel.com.

Dec. 3 through Dec. 26, the San Diego Watercolor Society opens a new exhibition themed “Holiday Lights.” The exhibit will feature displays and sales of original watercolors by local artists. A public reception is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5 from 3 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 2825 Dewey Road, #105 at the NTC Promenade of Liberty Station. The gallery’s hours are Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (619) 876-4550 or visit www.sdws.org.

Friday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., the historic North Chapel at Liberty Station presents “A Christmas Festival in December” featuring the Cabrillo Singers, directed by Myron at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1145 Evergreen St. For more information, call (619) 221-3779.

SENIORS

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Sharp Cabrillo Senior Resource Center hosts a free support group for families with a loved one dealing with Alzheimer’s Disease. The event takes place at the resource center, 3475 Kenyon St. For more information, call (619) 221-3779.
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Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m., the historic North Chapel at Liberty Station presents “A Christmas Festival in December” featuring the San Diego School for the Creative & Performing Arts choir. The free event takes place at the chapel, 2801 Roosevelt Road. For more information, call (619) 573-9306, or visit www.thenorthchapel.com.

Saturday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., the historic North Chapel at Liberty Station presents “A Christmas Festival in December” featuring the Explorer Elementary School choir. The free event takes place at the chapel, 2801 Roosevelt Road. For more information, call (619) 573-9306, or visit www.thenorthchapel.com.

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Through Dec. 20, varying dates, 8 p.m., Point Loma Actors Workshop presents “Romantic Fools,” a comedy examining love, lust, dating and romance. Show dates are Friday, Nov. 28; Saturday, Nov. 29; Friday, Dec. 5; Saturday, Dec. 6; Friday, Dec. 12; Saturday, Dec. 13; Friday, Dec. 19 and Saturday, Dec. 20. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for students and military and reservations are recommended. The shows take place at the Point Loma Assembly, 3035 Talbot St. For information or reservations, call (619) 225-0044 or visit www.pointlomactors.com.

Through Jan. 4, Quilt Visions presents a new exhibit, “Playing with a Full Deck, Art Quilts from the Warren and Nancy Brankoski Kline International Art Collectors, Visions Art Quilt Gallery at the NTC Promenade of Liberty Station. The exhibition was originally organized by Sue Pearce and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and features 54 quilts by renowned quilt artists. The exhibit is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100. For more information, call (619) 546-4872, or visit www.quiltvisions.org.

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Saturday, Nov. 29, 9 p.m., Cash’d Out (Johnny Cash tribute band) performs with Graceolland. The exhibit is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100. For more information, call (619) 546-4872, or visit www.quiltvisions.org.

Sailing into the history books

Sailing legend Dennis Conner, orange cap, presents the Dennis Connor Perpetual Trophy to David Larson, center left, a 9th-grade who sails for Francis Parker School and the San Diego Yacht Club. Earlier this year, Larson won the North Series, which is the premiere junior sailing trophy of the year for 29 races over a 9-month period.

CALENDAR

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