State plugs hole in funding for beach water monitoring

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

The California Water Resources Control Board effectively restored a statewide beach water-monitoring program in November, giving county and state officials time to find money to keep the vital health program going.

The governor slashed funding for the water-monitoring program in late September with a line-item veto.

With county funds, environmental health officials were able to continue monitoring San Diego shores through October in anticipation of state funding, said San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox. Officials were able to share that data with local environmental groups working to keep local waterways clean.

The state’s water resources board voted unanimously to pour more than $900,000 of unused bond money slated for Proposition 13-related water-quality projects into the funding program into next year. The vote also gives the board’s director the power to extend $1.9 million in funding for another year, if needed, Cox said.

Cox said the funding is a stopgap measure and that state and local governments will still have to find ways to fund the program into the future.

Cox attended the Nov. 4 meeting where he said several people spoke on behalf of San Diego County.

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OB Christmas Parade poised to wow spectators Saturday

By JOSEPH GREENBERG | THE BEACON

The Ocean Beach Christmas Parade, now in its 29th year, returns to Newport Avenue at 5:05 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The holiday season has officially arrived in Ocean Beach.

The OB MainStreet Association kicked off the installation of the Ocean Beach Christmas tree, setting up the next big round of events highlighted by the traditional OB Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Practically the entire day will be devoted to seasonal activities to spread smiles, cheer and inspire the general holiday spirit.

The Fun Zone for kids opens at 7 a.m. at the OB Pier parking lot at the end of Newport Avenue. The event will include amateur wrestling with an element of comedy, said Ocean Beach Tree Committee chair Claudia Jack.

“Something new this year for the Fun Zone will be the art of David Linton, who will be selling and signing selections from his renowned artwork.

There will be “wonderfully reproduced lithographs of two of my works,” Linton said. “The two pieces are of the Ocean Beach Pier — one depicting a night scene, and the other depicting a day scene.”

The OB MainStreet Association will have a booth set up for Linton where for an affordable price neighbors can buy a print and have it signed by the artist.

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Surf Report

SATURDAY

H: 4 ft. High
Low: 2 ft.
Size: 3 ft.
Wind: 3 mph

SUNDAY

H: 4 ft. High
Low: 1 ft.
Size: 3 ft.
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Global cooperation

A Chilean submarine crew is hosted by Naval Base Point Loma, engaging in joint exercises with American counterparts.

School chief convicted

A suspect in the theft of copper wiring from several Ocean Beach and Point Loma schools enters a guilty plea.

Ready to shake things up

Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters bring their unique blend of belly dancing and Middle Eastern music to Portugalia.

Peters reflects on tenure as council president

By AYLISSA RAMOS | THE BEACON

San Diego City Council President Scott Peters recently sat down with the Peninsula Beacon to reflect on his past eight years in City Council before leaving his termed-out seat to newly elected Sherri Lightner.

Peters plans to move to the San Diego Port Commission — a seat he was elected to over Point Loma resident Robert McNeeley. McNeeley instead will continue to serve in his recently appointed role as a member of the Centre City Development Corporation.

As council president, Peters was a central figure, voting on major issues in La Jolla and University City (UC), from the Regents Road Bridge controversy to La Jolla’s parking battle. He disclosed opinions regarding several ongoing debates and talked about struggling to accomplish key projects.

“Over the past eight years in city council, looking back on the stuff we set about accomplishing when I was elected, we’ve done...
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La Jolla’s seals continue to whirl around the Children’s Pool drain as attorneys dragged feds into the controversy, fighting over whether to fray the marine mammals before moving forward with the city’s dredging process.

“Attorney Brian” Pease filed another lawsuit in federal court, said Paul Kennerman, attorney for Valerie O’Sullivan, who first sued the city for allowing La Jolla’s harbor seals to interfere with citizens swimming and diving.

“He sued the government to require them to get a permit to get rid of the seals. The city said they agreed with Pease but the government made a no motion to dismiss the case,” he said.

Pease, attorney for the Animal Protection and Rescue League (APRL) SealWatch, sued the federal government’s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for failing to enforce the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

The federal MMPA preempts enforcement of state law, Pease said. La Jolla’s harbor seal colony is protected under the federal MMPA.

A previous ruling said the city of San Diego must dredge the sand at La Jolla’s Children’s Pool beach — a natural harbor seal rookery — until the area is restored to its 1941 condition. But Kennerman said the city couldn’t dredge until the federal case is resolved.

“We said they need a permit to do that,” Pease said. “The city has a $43 million budget shortfall now and they would have to hire a full-time staff person to disperse the seals.”

San Diego Superior Court Judge Yvonne Holmann had previously ruled on submission that he would require the city to apply for a permit and no seals would be dispersed until the city gets that permit,” Pease said.

But the harbor seals’ pupping season lasts through May 30, according to Pease.

“I think even NOAA would have a serious problem with [removing seals during pupping season],” Pease said.

Hayes signed a temporary restraining order Oct. 22, protecting the seals until Nov. 25.

Hayes then opted to extend the temporary restraining order until Feb. 13 — the new court date for Pease and NOAA and the city.

“Ideally, we would agree that the city would apply for a permit and no seals would be dispersed until the city gets that permit,” Pease said.

Foreign sub crew completes drills with U.S.

Chilean submarine Simpson got underway from Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) on Nov. 18 after spending more than two months in the Southern California as a participant in several U.S. Navy Third Fleet joint exercises. According to Naval Surface Forces Lemoore (NSFL) Partnership with the U.S. Navy. The partnership allows the U.S. and other allied navies to work together to train and test underwater warfare capabilities through engagement tactics, weapon system tests and close encounter operations.

P.S. My priority is leading with a giving hand. Who is the next person you know that could benefit from this kind of service? Please give me a call and I’ll contact them. Thank you!
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“All of the proceeds will be donated to the families in need in OB,” Linton said. A resident of Ocean Beach for 25 years, Linton has been an active donor to charities in his home community and throughout greater San Diego. More examples of his art can be found at www.somersetcollecting.com.

Also for sale will be T-shirts commemorating this weekend’s main attraction, the 29th annual OB Christmas Parade. Printed and screened by James Gang Graphics, whose founder Pat James was part of the creation of the parade itself nearly three decades ago, the T-shirt will feature the theme of “A Peaceful Ocean Beach Christmas.” These activities and more will be featured in this year’s Fun Zone, including a skate demonstration by Ocean Beach Surf and Skate.

The Fun Zone will run until 3 p.m. and will break just prior to the parade — the crown jewel of Saturday’s activities.

The parade will start at 3:05 p.m. and will run along Newport Avenue from Sunset Cliffs Boulevard then along Abbott Street toward Santa Monica Avenue.

“We are hoping to have a lot of fun this parade this year,” said Touhill. “We all got together around the theme of ‘Sandy Claws’ at Dog Beach. Professional photographers will be there to take family photos with Santa on the beach. There will also be prizes for the best pet costume!”

For more information, visit www.obtowncouncil.org. For more information about the contest, call (619) 316-3403 before Dec. 22.

The theme of Saturday’s Ocean Beach Christmas Parade will be “A Peaceful Ocean Beach Christmas.”

Suspect in local copper wire thefts pleads guilty

BY HEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

A San Diego man pleaded guilty Nov. 25 to stealing copper wire from schools in Ocean Beach, the Midway area and elsewhere, and may join his brother in prison for the same crime.

Jason Warren Tait, 32, faces a maximum term of seven years and eight months in prison, said Deputy District Attorney Michael McCann.

Tait pleaded guilty to eight counts of grand theft. San Diego Superior Court Judge David Danielson set sentencing for Dec. 29.

“He’s gonna go to prison. No question,” said McCann.

Sibling Aaron Charles Tait, 31, had already pleaded guilty to grand theft on Sept. 9 in a copper wire theft case from La Mesa Middle School. He was also charged with taking copper from Correia Middle School on March 17. Tait pleaded guilty to stealing copper wire from Sil- ver Gate Elementary School on May 18.

The potential was there for some kid to walk along and get shocked and could get electrocuted,” said McCann.

Jason Tait was charged with stealing copper wire from Silver Gate Elementary School on May 18. He was also charged with taking copper from Correia Middle School on March 17.

McCann said the brothers tend to take it in turns.

Aaron Tait pleaded guilty to eight counts and eight other charges were dismissed. McCann said Tait pleaded guilty with a waiver that will allow the judge to order him to pay restitution to the other schools involved in the dismissed counts.

Jason Tait remains in custody in lieu of $50,000 bail.

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A La Jolla woman was sexually assaulted and then punched in the face Tuesday, Nov. 18 while walking on a popular bike path near Gramavilla and Draper streets. Community leaders issued warnings to residents who use the stretch of remote dirt pathway, recalling similar incidents occurring over the past year.

At about 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, a neighbor alerted San Diego fire-fighters at Station 13 that a woman was lying on the bike path injured, said San Diego Police Department Detective Gary Has-sen. Rescuers found the woman, who said she had been beaten and sexually assaulted while walking on the path, he said.

Although police found a man nearby who fit the woman’s description of her attacker and took him into custody, he was later released, Hassen said.

Firefighters took the La Jolla woman to a nearby hospital, where she was treated for injuries to her face.

“Regrettably, an incident Tues-day morning reminds us to be careful in using the path,” Bird Rock Community Council (BRCC) member said in an e-mail. “The bike path is a favorite trail for jog-gers, walking or just getting away from city streets and a very unique amenity for La Jollans. However, we need to be cognizant of the remoteness of the trail and what that entails.”

Meanwhile, BRCC members issued an e-mail warning resi-dents of the attack and remind-ing locals that similar incidents have occurred along that same stretch.

“It’s a good reminder to be aware and to remind people,” BRCC member Michelle Fulks said. “The e-mail was to make people aware and to remind people.”

By about 7 a.m., nearly 30 fire fighters at Station 13 that a woman was lying on the bike path injured, Fulks said.

Although the police are aware of the incidents, they can’t provide permanent patrol of the trail, BRCC said. Group members offered citizens tips to stay safer while using the trail.

Until the community and the police determine a larger strategy, we must be careful on how we use it. In twilight hours, don’t use it alone,” BRCC said. “Encourage school-age kids to travel with a buddy during all times of the day. Be aware of your surroundings.”

Community leaders said path users should be vigilant while entering and exiting the path. If you see suspicious behavior, report it to the police or the fire station where the bike path ends at Nautilus,” council members said.

The money would pay for the health of beaches and waterways. The program monitors about 55 sites from April through October and receives funding from the city. It was a result of Assembly Bill 411, which set aside $3.1 million of the state’s budget for the county’s water data and check it for indicators of the overall health of beaches and waterways.

Without it, coastal communities could have missed warning signs about potentially unhealthy beach water, said Bruce Roznik, execu-tive director of San Diego Coast-keeper. Roznik echoes concerns over finding a long-term funding source for the program. Coastkeeper primarily checks inland water ways and relies on county and city data to lead volunteers to possible contamination sources.

The problem started about a decade ago as a result of Assembly Bill 411, which was inspired by a wave of concern about public health and the beach es and waterways.

The program was the result of grassroots efforts began in San Diego, according to county health officials.
**At Christmas, green is the new white**

**By CRK COMMUNICATIONS**

When finalizing your holiday gift list, don’t forget to add Merch or Nature. By making some easy adjustments to your normal holiday routine, you can be on your way to purchasing energy-efficient gifts, you can save money on your yearly utility bills, and help promote sustainability into consumer lifestyles — bottle and can recycling, plant a tree each year to offset your carbon footprint, etc.

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• **Buy wrapping paper and holiday cards made from recycled paper, or, even better, get holiday cards made from recycled bottles during that time, California’s recycling rate has more than doubled over the past 30 years.**

• **For CFLs with the SDG&E “Pro-Drive.” Fixing your dimmable incandescent holiday lights. They pay for themselves within one year and save immediately. Another bonus: decreased potential fire hazard.**

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• **Join the Save the Planet, Plant a Tree Committee and the OB Town Council’s Tree Committee also is responsible for the fabulous OB Parade. Our Association happily assists with handling out parade advertisements and offering staff time to help with various projects. We are fortunate to have an office and staff and quite often people justifiably confuse the two organizations. I just wanted to make sure that the OB Town Council fulfills its role as the entity that pays those for their service.**

• **Buying local will provide successful changes over time. The United States government has ignored the effects of global warming for far too passive toward finding sources of new alternative energy and reducing our dependency on fossil fuels. It is time for the government to take a leadership role, especially when currently the U.S. emits the most greenhouse gases into the atmosphere per capita than any other nation.**

• **We need to know the same compassion for the gay community. We should amend Prop 8 to allow two men or two women to marry and they can have a child naturally and depend on it.**

• **Please recycle.**

**Environmental change needed by administration**

The following is an open letter to President-Elect Barack Obama.

We are writing on behalf of all UCSD and nationwide students, as well as all citizens and future generations of Americans concerning the fundamental need for environmental change. We understand the current environmental crisis that is producing a devastating plague of detrimental effects to the world. We urge you to go beyond where past presidential candidates have failed, especially since time is not on our side. The effects of global warming such as hurricanes, diseases and droughts cannot be reversed once they have taken place and their effects will be felt worldwide. Warm climate and warm ocean waters is the recipe for hurricanes and droughts. Today’s hurricanes, which have doubled over the past 30 years, in addition to hurricanes such as Katrina in 2005, is a recipe for many of the things we are facing in our future. In 2007, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), there is indication that “in the North Atlantic fierce hurricanes will be enhanced due to warming and have increased, producing a devastating plague of detrimental effects to the world. We urge you to go beyond where past presidential candidates have failed, especially since time is not on our side.”

In retrospect, maybe Prop 8 was wrong.

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Luck, timing rescue lost wedding ring from dump

By LARRY HARMON | THE BEACON

Talk about finding a needle in a haystack.

Mission Beach’s Debbie Roth was fixing dinner Sept. 29 when she took her wedding ring off to prepare some potatoes. When finished, she washed up, dried her hands with a paper towel and tossed it in the trash before returning to dinner.

She doesn’t know how, but somehow her ring wound up in the paper towel and was put outside her Ocean Front house near Zanzibar Court in a garbage bag later that evening for the morning trash pickup.

By the time Roth realized she had accidentally thrown out her wedding ring, the city trash truck had already made its regular 7 a.m. Tuesday pickup.

“My husband kept saying, ‘We’ll find it, honey. It’s around here somewhere,’” she said.

It isn’t hard to imagine the sinking feeling after realizing something with such sentimental value is probably gone forever, but Roth wasn’t about to give up. With the clock ticking, she knew her chances were slim of keeping her ring lying with the other 1.4 million tons of garbage dumped at the Miramar Landfill every year.

“Toss it in the trash,” she said.

Roth and her husband met Galvez at the landfill prepared to dig through a week’s worth of Mission Beach garbage if they had to, but her luck continued.

“As soon as she told me where she lived, I could tell her where her trash is going to be,” Galvez said. “I knew it would be within a couple of feet from the back.”

Galvez emptied about half of her truck, and after about 10 to 15 minutes of searching, they found the distinctive white trash compactor bags with the ring.

“We found out later that our neighbor put out some very large boxes — that Hortensia picked up three doors down from us. So she said, ‘I know exactly where your trash is. It’s in the back of the truck near those boxes.’”

Considering the odds of ever seeing her ring again, Roth said she never gave up.

“A neighbor a couple of houses down from Debbie owned a restaurant and he put his money on top of his trash and was thrown out, and we were able to find it,” she said. “If you can catch us, you can get your items back.”
Peters said. "So I said, Well, we're not going to do nothing. We're going to fix it." Although many residents gathered to reject Peters' plan, he said he knew locals wanted to upgrade the main thoroughfare and believed the project would help the community and improve businesses. So, he went door-to-door, and when people from each block, hired a consultant and formed a committee, asking them to create their own projects on the La Jolla Boulevard. The project included roundabouts to keep traffic flowing and new diagonal parking, while the city fixed sewage lines. He was largely because the people in the neighborhoods stepped up and said, "We complained about this, now let's make this better," Peters said.

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Bolts let another win slip through their hands

Playoff hopes for the San Diego Chargers dimmed further Sunday after a 22-16 loss to the Atlanta Falcons. The loss drops the Chargers to a dismal 4-8 record, trailing AFC West Division leader Denver by three games. San Diego might be able to keep its slim playoff hope alive with a win over the Oakland Raiders tonight at home. Above, Darren Sproles tracks a bouncing punt and before securing it for a runback against the Falcons.

Albion team advances to first Far West Regional

The Point Loma-based Albion BU14 soccer club clinched its first-ever berth in the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) Far West Regional Championship (FWRL) when the BU14 Premier Team defeated Arsenal 2-0 in Lancaster on Nov. 23 to win the Far West Regional League Championship.

The victory wrapped up a weekend sweep of three straight wins over Arsenal, Real So Cal and the Colorado Rush.

The USYSA Far West Regional Championship will be held next June and will bring out the champions from 14 Western states, including clubs from Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The BU14 club began FWRL competition in August with victories over the New Mexico Strikers and the Colorado Rush.

The team went on to win three more games the weekend of Nov. 15-16 when it defeated Surf, Del Sol and Sereno in Arizona.

“We (Albion) have 29 teams and roughly over 400 kids are involved with our club from all over San Diego,” said BU14 manager John Shackleford.

“We even have a couple of kids who come down from Los Angeles because of our technical director and director of coaching, Noah Gins,” he said.

The BU14 is a team of kids 14 years of age and has 17 players.

The Albion club has boys’ and girls’ teams from ages 8 to 17.

“Gins have been with us for about eight years and his other responsibilities include hiring coaches and developing our style of play,” Shackleford said.

The Albion club practices Mondays through Fridays at Robb Field.

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A Peaceful Ocean Beach Christmas

Nighttime OB Christmas Parade will brighten your holidays

Ocean Beach will kick off its annual Christmas parade Saturday, Dec. 6 at 5:05 p.m. This is one parade you won’t want to miss. This nighttime event is dripping with holiday lights and community spirit in a fun display that is uniquely Ocean Beach.

Come early and enjoy the charming shops that line Newport Avenue and beyond. You’ll find a wonderful assortment of art and antiques, beachwear and surf boards, custom jewelry, salons, pet supplies and more!

You’re sure to find the perfect gifts.

Relax at one of the many wonderful restaurants, pubs and eateries and partake in a delicious meal inside or out. Then get ready to enjoy this uplifting community parade that is sure to get you into the holiday spirit!

Clockwise from top, left:
Ocean Beach volunteers trim the town in holiday cheer! Local schoolchildren help decorate the OB Christmas tree.
One of the many lighted floats entered in the annual Ocean Beach Christmas parade.

Staff photos

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21 & Up - a “do not miss” event!

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OB CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
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OB CHRISTMAS TREE PARADE
Newport Avenue (from Sunset Cliffs Blvd. to the Beach)
All Day 9am - 10pm
OB CHRISTMAS FUN ZONE AT THE PIER!
Music, Skateboarding, Fun Wrestling, and more...
• Food & Toy Drive from 8am-1pm.
Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters perform at Portugalia, 4839 Newport Ave., Friday, Dec. 5.

Although Vaughn is also a virtuoso guitarist and teacher and musically skilled in numerous genres, he considers Middle Eastern music to be a natural progression from his early love of classic rock. “I was into The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and the soundtrack to Lawrence of Arabia,” he said. “That led me to Ravi Shankar and Middle Eastern music.”

While the origins of the group can be traced back three years, Vaughn has been inspired by belly dancing music for decades. “My spirit music has always been a gypsy,” Vaughn said. “I had a belly dancer logo on the cover of my 2001 pop album ‘Gypsy Girl.’” Indeed, some Danyavaad songs such as “My Serpent Kiss” were written years ago with belly dancing in mind. Vaughn’s inspiration for a show combining dance and music came when he saw the first Belly Dance Superstars tour in 2003.

While he enjoyed the performance, he was disappointed with the program’s use of pre-recorded music and instantly knew this was a void he could fill. “Having been a working performer for much of his life, Vaughn considers the exchange of energy between the group and crowd to be the most important thing at a show. “I love it when people get up to dance and play along with us at the end and participate,” Vaughn said. “It really means a lot when people say they feel like they have been a part of something very special. We want to take that vibe and experience to the world.”

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Dec. 6.

The Ocean Beach Christmas Parade is set to roll down Newport Avenue beginning at 5:05 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The annual event will feature a parade of floats and festive decorations, with music and entertainment by local bands and performers. Visitors can expect to see Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, a variety of costumed characters, and a host of festive activities.

The parade will begin at the intersection of Newport Avenue and Grand Avenue, continuing along Newport Avenue to 48th Street, where it will conclude.

Santa Claus will be present, and children will have the opportunity to take pictures with him. The event is free and open to the public, and there will be food trucks and vendors available along the parade route.

For more information, please visit www.oceanbeachchristmasparade.com or call (619) 549-0254.
Dec. 7-17 and 12-14

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Community Calendar
November Week Ahead

COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Today, Dec. 4, 9 a.m., children decorate Ocean Beach Christmas tree at foot of the OB Pier along Newport Avenue. For more information, visit www.oceanbeach-sandiego.com.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., “OB Fun Zone” with child-friendly games and activities precedes the Ocean Beach Christmas Parade along Newport Avenue near the OB Pier; 5:05 p.m., Ocean Beach Christmas Parade down Newport Avenue. For more information, visit www.oceanbeach-sandiego.com.

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m., Point Loma Garden Club hosts its monthly meeting. The featured speaker will be Noel Tribbey, an Academy Award designer known for his floral décor work at large resorts from Las Vegas to Maui. The event takes place at 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, visit www.plgc.org.

SCHOOLS

HIGH TECH HIGH

Today, Dec. 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Academic Internship Showcase.

LOMA PORTAL

Friday, Dec. 5, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., 1950s sock hop in auditorium featuring Dana Middle School jazz band, swing dance lessons, ice cream floats, Hula Hoop contests and other activities for the family.

Monday, Dec. 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Foundation meeting in library.

• Dec. 8-12, Holiday Gift Fair: • Friday, Dec. 12, 9:15 to 10 a.m., coffee talk with Principal Geri Elliott in library.

• Thursdays through December, 1:05 to 3:00 p.m., pizza and bake sales after school.

• Tuesdays through December, 5:30 to 4 p.m., popcorn sales after school.

OCEAN BEACH ELEMENTARY

• Friday, Dec. 5, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Family Craft Night and craft bazaar.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY

• Friday, Dec. 5, noon dismissal for staff meeting.

• Monday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m., Mass at Sacred Heart Church; 5 to 8 p.m., Jog-a-Thon Bowling Night at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot for grades K-4.

• Friday, Dec. 12, 3rd-graders to Natural History Museum.

• Monday, Dec. 15, 3:45 p.m., Jog-a-Thon Bowling Night at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot for grades K-5.

• Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2011 progress report online for grades 4-8.

• Wednesday, Dec. 17, 14th, 4 and 5 hosts Christmas program at ActivCare.

• Thursday, Dec. 18, 8 a.m., all-school Mass at Sacred Heart Church, grades 1, 2 and 3 hosts Christmas program at Wesley Palms.

• Friday, Dec. 19, noon dismissal.

• Dec. 22-Jan. 5, Christmas break.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Today, Dec. 3, 7 p.m., PTG meeting.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m., all-school Mass; 5th grade field trip to Natural History Museum.

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Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 23, 9:45 a.m., kindergarten tours in auditorium. This is an informational meeting for parents who have children turning 5 by Dec. 2009. The meeting is free and includes information on all aspects of early childhood education. Call (619) 223-7156 to reserve a spot.

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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

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**Thursday December 5, 2008**

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Saturday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 p.m., Soma, 3550 Sports Arena Blvd., (619) 225-0176.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., Reserved, Buck-O-Nine, Dallas Driving. Tickets are $20 in advance, $22 at the door.

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An F/A-18C Hornet assigned to Fleet Readiness Center Southwest (FRCSW) flies over Naval Air Station North Island (NASI) and the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis with downtown San Diego in the background to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first McDonnell Douglas/Boeing F/A-18 flight.

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Through Jan. 4, 2009, Quilt Visions presents a new exhibit, “Playing Vivaldi’s ‘Gloria.’” 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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Small Ways To Make a Significant Impact on Our Planet

Over the last two decades, much has changed with respect to how we live. Whereas cell phones and the Internet were merely a novelty in the mid-1990s, nowadays you’d be hard pressed to find someone, even a child, who doesn’t have their own cell phone and isn’t going online at least once a day.

Another significant change over that time period has been an attitudinal shift toward a more environmentally conscious society. Nearly every community across the country has new recycling programs and the “Go Green” mentality, in particular, has really taken off just in the last calendar year alone.

Despite such newfound environmental responsibility, many people are still uncertain as to what they can do and if anything they do actually has a significant impact. Fortunately, there are many things concerned citizens can do that are both easy and influential, particularly if practiced on a larger scale by concerned citizens across the country.

- Car pool to work: Car pooling has long been suggested and even encouraged by local governments as a way of reducing pollution. Many cities even provide rush hour car pooling lanes for vehicle with more than one person in them. Car pooling can help save gas, time, and is especially helpful for the environment, as auto emissions contribute greatly to the nation’s air pollution problem.

If you can’t find someone to car pool with, consider public transportation. Many cities have worked hard to upgrade their public transportation as a means to relieve traffic congestion and encourage people to use mass transit. As a result, public transportation has improved considerably over the years and, of course, it’s often far less expensive than driving yourself to work each day.

- Change your property’s landscape: Deciduous trees and shrubs, which are those that shed their leaves each fall, are excellent for the environment. That’s because they act as air filters, reducing smog while simultaneously cooling the air on hot days. While this may seem like minimal changes at best, think of all the plastic grocery bags and styrofoam cups you use in a given month, and you’ll gain a greater understanding as to how wasteful these disposable products truly are.

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**Happy Holidays!**

- Christmas Eve: 8am-6pm
- Christmas Day: Closed
- New Year’s Eve: 8am-9pm
- New Year’s Day: 8am-6pm

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**BARONS**

**The Marketplace**

**Texas**

**Pink Grapefruit**

3 for $1

**Red Seedless Grapes**

77¢ lb

**Broccoli Crowns**

Santa Maria

77¢ lb

**Bosc Pears**

Washington

2 $1 lbs

**Satsuma Tangerines**

Locally Grown in Fallbrook

88¢ lb

**Fuji Apples**

77¢ lb

**Chiquita Bananas**

49¢ lb

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**Alta Dena Egg Nog**

Honey Pumpkin Spice

Traditional Vanilla Spice

$3.99 qt

**Milano Panettone**

Italian Specialty Cake

Sweet & Moist Loaded with Dried Fruit & Butter

$5.99 2 lb

**Jumbo Shrimp**

Cooked & peeled & ready for your appetizer table

$10.99 2690

**Hill Meat**

1/2 Spiral Ham

Beautiful presentation for your holiday table

$5.69 lb

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**Julian Pies**

Delivered fresh from Julian

$11.99 each

**Gourmet Gift Baskets**

Incredible wines, cheeses, fantastic crackers, delicious cookies, imported chocolates, unique spreads, savory sauces & much more!

Free Gift with purchase over $25.95

$25.95 to $95.00

**Nuts & Dried Fruit**

Thompson Raisins.....$2.99 16 oz

Walnut Halves.......$6.99 14 oz

Pecans.............$6.99 14 oz

Filodaches...........$3.99 12 oz

Dried Cranberries....$2.99 8 oz

Dried Apricots........$2.99 14 oz

Deluxe Mixed Nuts.....$5.49 12 oz

**Gorgeous Orchids**

$13.99 each

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**Foxhollow Chardonnay 07**

Apple, fig, pear & butter flavors. Great with pasta or chicken.

$24.98 750 ml

**B.V. Coastal Estates Merlot 05**

Medium-bodied with ripe lush fruit & hints of dark chocolate.

$6.98 750 ml

**Michel Olivier Brut 06**

This Blanc de Blanc sparkling wine has a lovely floral character and is delicious as an aperitif or with multi-ethnic dishes.

$11.99 750 ml

**Mc Manis Cabernet Sauvignon 06**

Full of bright raspberry and chocolate oak flavors.

Your guests will love this!

$9.98 750 ml

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**Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut**

“A toast to life, rich and creamy with apricot, hazelnut & citrus notes weaving through the texture...” Wine Spectator

$29.98 750 ml

**Ferrari-Carano Fume Blanc 07**

Refined and elegant with aromas of tropical fruit. Crisp and fresh. Pairs well with spicy foods.

$12.96 750 ml

**Silver Oak “Alexander Valley” Cabernet Sauvignon 04**

Refined and complex with aromas of fresh blackberries, violets, nutmeg and licorice. Fruit driven finish.

$69.98 750 ml

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