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.

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

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 collection.

Suspect nabbed after low-speed chase through OB

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

Overdue facelift of PLHS baseball field to unfold after 2014 season

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. 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.

Superior Court Judge Eugenia Eyherabide fined Cruz more than
$11,000. She specifically ordered Cruz to pay $132 to the 7-Eleven store at 13835
Midway 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 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.

— Neal Putnam
Community plan guiding OB’s future growth gets unanimous thumbs-up

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

There was a hint of a feeling that history was in the making Dec. 11 at a special meeting of the Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB).

At exactly 7:50 p.m., board members voted 8-0 to finalize a document designed to guide growth in Ocean Beach over the next few decades, wrapping up a process that began in 2002.

The document, known officially as the Ocean Beach Community Plan and Local Coastal Program, must be reviewed by several agencies and approved by the City Council and California Coastal Commission before going into effect.

But for the OBPB, which is made up of elected citizens in the community who make recommendations to the City Council and members of a subcommittee that oversaw development of the plan, the heavy lifting is, at long last, finished.

A community plan is intended to be a blueprint for the future and contains specific proposals for land uses and public improvements. Elements within the plan address things like zoning, transportation and urban design, as well as public facilities like libraries, parks, fire stations and recreation centers.

Ocean Beach, which is often credited as the birthplace of community planning in San Diego, currently operates under its 1975 precise plan. It’s the oldest planning document in the city and hasn’t been amended since 1991.

OBPB chairman Tom Gawronski was the heavy lifting is, at long last, finished.

Wells has discussed helping to fund improvements at the site, one of which was to bring in groundkeepers from the San Diego Padres’ crew at Petco Park to level the surface and plant grass similar to that used there.

That will now be unnecessary, as the bond project will take care of surface leveling and installation of artificial turf, greatly reducing maintenance labor and eliminating watering costs.

“This will create a safer, upgraded facility with no more gopher holes,” Barnett said in an email to district officials.

This project is targeted to begin following the 2014 prep baseball season that ends in early June and be completed in three to four months.

The next phase of improvements will be augmented by PLHS Baseball Booster funds and community contributions. Mentioned are increased seating, a batting cage structure, score-booth and press box. All would be subject to approval by the district.

Another major hurdle in the process was cleared Dec. 9 when the City Council voted 4-0 to remove the Dana baseball field from a joint-use agreement with the city’s Park and Recreation Department.

Under the previous agreement, adult teams using the field under city permit inflicted costly damage, including broken fences and driving vehicles on to the field, leaving deep ruts.

Control of the field now rests solely with SDUSD, and field maintenance will be done by PLHS Baseball Boosters. The groundskeeper assigned by the city will divide time at other Peninsula city fields.

This was previously a major roadblock for potential contributors like Wells, and had to first be approved by the city’s Natural Resources and Culture Committee on Sept. 25 before going to full City Council.

Correia fields project funded

PLHS officials and community leaders have campaigned for the Correia project for several years. It would convert a very large and underused piece of campus land into three multi-purpose fields, all artifi
cially turred and permanently lined for several sports.

A baseball field already located there would be upgraded as well.

Also part of the project is a proposed two-story, 4,200-square-foot building on Valeta Street that would feature public restrooms and office space on the lower floor and a computer-equipped room for team

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**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 Cafe 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, 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.”
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 officials 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 City Hall.

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Nine PLHS gridiron players named to All-League honors

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

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-11, 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 tenacity on the gridiron and rise to the top at his position.
• Senior Mike Serrano, a 6-foot-4, 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.

Second team (defense)
• Leading the list is senior tight end Jake Wambaugh, a 6-foot-6, 245-pounder, who was also named first team at 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, 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.

First team (defense)
• Armando Smith was cited for his talents as a running back and occasional quarterback. The 6-foot-1, 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-League guards.

Senior Jared Polonita, 6 feet 5 inches, 250 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.

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 35 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.

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 five.

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.

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- 1 Advent begins
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- 12 Poinsettia Day
- 13 Friday the 13th
- 21 Winter Solstice
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- 25 Christmas
- 26 Ronting Day
- 26 Kwanzaa
- 27 National Fruitcake Day
- 31 New Year’s Eve

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- Astrological Signs: Saggitarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21; Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
- The Moon this month is called the Yule Moon.

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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 glittering 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 more 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 18-40 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 300 children.”

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HOLIDAY SPIRIT IN OB

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Ocean Beach is lit up for the holidays since merchants began decorating their storefronts in early December in hopes of winning the title for the best holiday décor in the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association’s (OBMA) annual OB Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest. Votes were cast by the public, via Facebook, for the first time.

“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.

The winners were:

- Best Use of Lighting: Colleen and Brian Clune, 4551 Narragansett Ave.
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Making a difference at holiday time

Auctioneer New York Mike and assistant and Borgia get top dollar for a banner celebrating the 125th anniversary of Ocean Beach during an auction held Dec. 5 at the Sunshine Saloon Company. The auction is sponsored annually by the OB Town Council to raise funds for the community Food & Toy Drive held for disadvantaged families locally. To contribute, contact Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6269.

ANGELS

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“Together we are doing good,” said Laurie Lamb of OB Elementary. For the last two years, Lamb has been working with the OB Town Council’s Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator to create a Christmas Angels Program for Ocean Beach Elementary School students. The program involves local businesses and organizations purchasing gift items for children in the school’s lower-income families.

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association is offering up a sleigh load of gift ideas perfect for your loved one this holiday. The theme of the items reflects the 125th anniversary of Ocean Beach.

Come on down to the office at 1868 Bacon St. and choose from a wide variety of fun presents for the entire family. Here are some of the fun items ready for you to choose from:

• Beach Town: Early Days in Ocean Beach: the audiobook ($20)
• OB 125th anniversary coffee mug ($5)
• OB 125th anniversary Farmers Market tote bag ($15)
• OB 125th anniversary shot glass ($5)
• Celebrate Ocean Beach Anniversary poster ($20)
• Commemorative OB hat ($25)
• Ladies’ crew neck 125th anniversary T-shirt ($20)
• Men’s crew neck 125th anniversary T-shirt ($20)
• OB 125th anniversary charcoal-gray hooded sweatshirt ($36)

“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

According to Lamb, the police department’s Western Division, the Peninsula Family YMCA and the OB One Church Family receive 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 Rebecia 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 department’s Western Division, the Peninsula Family YMCA and the OB One Church Family are involved with this part of the program.

HM If you would like to be an OB Angel 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.”

Union Bank is located at 1858 Cable St. You don’t need to be a regular customer to step inside, choose an angel and return with a gift. The same applies to Wells Fargo Bank, which is located at 4994 Newport Ave.

For more information, contact Lamb at (619) 225-1631, or visit www.obelem-entary.com.
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
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- 125th anniversary coffee mug ($5)
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- Ocean Beach 125th anniversary ornament ($25)
- Ocean Beach 125th anniversary pint glass ($5)
- OB 125th anniversary charcoal-gray hooded sweatshirt ($36)
- OB 125th anniversary light-gray hooded sweatshirt ($36)
- OB 125th anniversary window decal, 3" ($5)
- OB 125th anniversary window decal, 6" ($8)
- Ocean Beach 125th anniversary poster ($20)
- Commemorative OB hat ($25)
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- OB 125th anniversary window decal, 6" ($8)
- Ocean Beach 125th anniversary ornament ($25)
- Ocean Beach 125th anniversary ornament ($25)
- Ocean Beach 125th anniversary pint glass ($5)
- OB 125th anniversary Ocean Beach T-shirt, gray ($20)
- Team Ocean Beach T-shirt, navy ($20)
- Wonderland Ocean Beach cold-drink tumbler ($10)

For more information, visit www.oceanbeachsandiego.com.