San Diego Tenants United protest for rent control

**By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon**

The battle over rent control with the ongoing countywide housing crisis has come to the Peninsula. In a groundswell of discontent over rapidly escalating rents, a rent-control group known as San Diego Tenants United held a march late last month in Point Loma. The march was a show of force advocating for affordable rent and against so-called “slum-lords.” That protest march was conducted against a Linda Vista apartment complex owned by a landlord living in Point Loma.

SDTU is a group fighting for affordable and safe housing promoting implementation of rent control. The group’s spokesperson RAFAEL BAUTISTA says, “This is the 13th year of the housing crisis.”

Point Loma girls volleyball wins state championship

**By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon**

They’ve done it! The girls volleyball team from Point Loma High has won a California state CIF title, believed to be the first such accomplishment of any sport at the school in three decades.

Going into the state tournament ranked as the No. 1 seed in Division III (based on schools of similar enrollment) the Pointers stormed to victory, winning their final match at Orange County’s Santiago Community College last Saturday after previously winning the Southern California crown on their home court. The local girls faced Lincoln High’s Musicians and won.

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Some of the year’s highest tides, known as “king tides,” hit the California shoreline this week, providing a glimpse of what the state can expect as sea levels rise in the coming years. This winter, the largest tides took place on Dec. 3, 4, and 5, and will take place again Jan. 1 and 2. The California King Tides Project is asking the public to go outside and photograph these ultra-high tides to illustrate how homes, harbors, beaches, wetlands, seawalls, and public access to the coast will be affected by future sea level rise. During king tides, nearly all of the Kendall Frost Marsh Reserve in Mission Bay is flooded with water, giving researchers insight into what happens.
‘To the Colors’ every day, patriotism a bit too loud for Naval Base neighbors

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

A recent tiff over the playing of “To the Colors” over the loudspeaker system at Naval Base Point Loma turned out to be, well, colorful.

“I have nothing against patriotism, but this is noise pollution, pure and simple,” posted Kenny Weissberg, a National Point Loma Naval Base civilian employee and retired Point Loma Naval Base association member, on the website of the Point Loma Association, a nonprofit working for the community’s improvement.

“It’s as obtrusive as a blaring alarm clock and an intrusion on our quality of life. We don’t need an amplified recorded music of life. We don’t need an alarm clock and a neighbor living a half-mile from the base, incurred that the amplified music was over-the-top. “It was definitely an order of magnitude louder than it has been,” said Anderson. “As a result, more is more than was, it was like... whoa. It was much louder here (his home) than it was on the base when I worked there (’90s).”

Added Anderson: “I was in my house with the windows closed, and [‘To the Colors’] was louder than the national anthem played at Petco Park. It was beyond reasonable-ness.”

Point Lomans, for years, have had “To the Colors” from Naval Base Point Loma at 8 a.m. and sunset each day. But in October, on a trial basis, the Naval sub base decided to feed the audio through their giant voice emergen- cy speaker system.

In announcing their first broadcasts Oct. 30, the Navy said, “If all goes well, this will be con- tinuing daily and nightly.”

By popular demand, Sharon Stephen- son Pino, public affairs officer for Naval Point Loma, said, “We have had many positive comments regarding the playing of ‘To the Colors,’ however, we have had some negative comments pertaining to volume.

“We have listened to the issues and concerns and are currently responding by making adjustments to the speakers, and then continuing to ensure they stay at the compliant level,” Stephenson Pino said. “At this time the test phases are over and our schedule is planned for ‘To the Colors’ to be played daily at sunrise and sunset. Our goal is to always be good neighbors and we always appreciate the community’s input.”

Each day at 0800, the flag of the United States is raised. At sunset, it is lowered. The ceremony is performed at Naval Base Point Loma and at other com- mands ashore and on U.S. ships around the world. In the morning, “To the Col- ors,” the national anthem and “Carry On” are played. The evening playlist is “To the Colors,” “Retreat” and “Carry On.”

Peninsula planners hear short-term rental proposals prior to council ‘showdown’

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Short term vacation rentals and the upcoming Dec. 12 “showdown” at City Council over competing plans for reigining them in was the hot topic at Peninsula Community Planning Board’s Nov. 16 meeting.

District 2 Councilmember Lorie Zapf staffer Conrad Weur, in his monthly report to the citizen’s advisory group, reiterated that Zapf has joined with District 1 Councilmember Barbara Bry to present the strictest of competing proposals to curb short-term rentals in single-family neighbor- hoods. Wear noted the Bry/Zapf proposal especially targets outside commercial interests.

“Councilmember Zapf’s position is that STVRs should not be in neighbor- hoods, and that commercial, out-of-town absentee rental owners and investors should not be allowed to own them in neighborhoods,” said Wear adding the Zapf/Bry proposal, “allows people to homeshare their primary residence, renting out their home for as much as 90 days a year (with proper permitting).”

Wear argued that STVRs are tak- ing even more of San Diego’s dwin- ding housing supply off market, making it easier for tourists, but harder and more expensive for Peninsula- laus, to find affordable housing.

“Legalizing these whole-house rentals would be disastrous for our housing stock,” Wear said.

After lengthy debate, PCPB board voted 8-1-2 in favor of a motion sup- porting the view that the problematic STVR issue “needs to be addressed comprehensively.”

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Mission Bay’s wetlands supply habitat for hundreds of local wildlife species, protect San Diego from climate change impacts such as flooding, and improve water quality. In addition to using the high tides as a chance to document the number of Ridgway’s Rails in Mission Bay, San Diego Audubon encourages residents to use this as a visual opportunity to understand why the region must ensure protection and restoration of its wetlands so that they can continue to create cleaner water, buffer communities from sea level rise, provide habitat for wildlife, and get people into nature.

State and local officials and climate change researchers use the images taken during the king tides season to validate sea level rise models and better assess local flood vulnerabilities for planning purposes.

Recent advances in the science of sea level rise and climate modeling have brought increased attention to the importance of these planning efforts. This includes the California Ocean Protection Council’s updated Sea Level Rise Guidance, which is open for public comment through Dec. 15.

Ocean Beach resident Maddie Drinkward looks on as a huge wave heads toward her during the king tide on Tuesday morning.

Photo by Thomas Melville
Ron Schoors

A boating-accident victim will be the recipient this year of a yuletide hot cocoa charity fundraiser begun nearly 20 years ago by a Point Loma family benefiting needy neighbors. The 18th annual charity fundraiser Hot Cocoa for a Cure will take place 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Freitas residence, 3616 Garrison St.

More than 1,000 cups of hot chocolates and scrumptious baked goodies will be sold and dispensed.

“This year’s event is to help Ron Schoors, who lost his arm in a boating accident this summer, and is now in need of a prosthetic,” said Kyle Ybarra who, along with wife Carrie, are continuing their family’s annual giving tradition begun by their now-grown daughter almost 20 years ago.

After several surgeries, Schoors continues to recover from his boating accident. He was out in San Diego Bay when a wave rocked his boat and knocked him into the water. The empty boat started to spin out of control and ran over him while he was underwater. The boat’s propeller caught his arm, leaving it seriously injured. He also broke his leg. The Coast Guard rescued Schoors out of the water. They got the boat under control after Schoors’ friend hit it with his own boat to stop its momentum.

The Schoors’ family has set up a Go Fund Me page to help defray Ron’s medical expenses. Past hot chocolate fundraiser recipients have included a victim of domestic violence, a child with brain cancer, a boy who was shot and survived, a juvenile diabetes sufferer and many others in need.

Kyle Ybarra noted Schoors is unquestionably deserving of being this year’s fundraiser recipient. “His leg was severely broken in multiple places, and his right arm was so damaged, he ended up losing it,” Ybarra said. noting it’s hoped proceeds from the annual charitable fundraiser “will be enough to get him his prosthetic arm.”

Of the origin of the hot cocoa fundraiser, Kyle Ybarra said: “When my daughter, now 24, was 6 years old, she and her three best friends stood to benefit a young girl in Tijuana they knew who was going to have surgery. They raised about $80 and took that money and bought a girl a Barbie doll and took it to her hospital room. It’s (fundraiser’s) grown larger and larger ever since.”

Carrie Ybarra said her family’s charity fundraiser started out small with her two daughters setting up a card table in front of their house, adding, “Now it’s turned into a community event where people not only donate, but help run it. It’s amazing.”

Carrie Ybarra noted there will be something else special, too, about this year’s chocolate fundraiser. “This year, the San Diego Padres have generously offered to help support this cause,” she said. Kyle Ybarra added there have now been 18 different fundraiser recipients over the years, as an institution, Rady Children’s Hospital, was a recipient one year. He added some recipients have benefited more than once.

The public is encouraged to come out for hot cocoa, delicious treats, music and an appearance by Santa, as well as the San Diego Padres Pad Squad and Friar.

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Nazaré added, “The Freitas’ generosity is an example for families to come to and feel the holiday spirit without having to spend any money.”

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**Garrison Street holiday light show gets ‘major league’ sponsor**

It is not surprising that the traditional dazzling annual Point Loma Garrison Street year-end holiday lights display has drawn a “major league” sponsor.

“The San Diego Padres are going to be decorating our house this year in a Padres’ theme,” said Kyle Ybarra, who, along with wife Carrie, participate every year in the holiday neighborhood block-party tradition.

The Ybarras host another homeowner-organized Yuletide event during December, their hot-chocolate fundraiser benefiting a needy neighbor, on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Noting that a good friend who does marketing for the Padres expressed interest in participating in this year’s Garrison Street display, Kyle Ybarra, said: “We brainstormed what they (team) could do within the community during the holidays. Somebody from the team mentioned they might be able to do something ‘leveraging’ the team as part of the display.”

Concerning the team ‘pitching in’ for Garrison Street’s light display, Kyle Ybarra, said: “We thought it would be pretty cool — and help generate traffic — if we could decorate one house with blue and likenesses of Trevor Hoffman (famed Padres relief pitcher), the Friar and a baseball glove. They (Padres) asked us if they could do it and we said, ‘Sure.’”

Kyle Ybarra noted the Padres “Do a big holiday marketing campaign every year. We felt, with their outreach, that this would be a great opportunity (for them) to intersect with the community, leveraging both the Garrison Light event, and at the same time, promote our chocolate charity.”

Kyle Ybarra added, “There is a lot of synergy (between both events).”

“The Garrison Street Christmas lights tradition was born as a friendly competition nearly 30 years ago between the Judd family’s mother and daughter trying to outdo one another with their holiday displays on the block between Chatsworth Boulevard and Garrison Place. The display began humble, with just a small nativity scene. In subsequent years, a Santa was added, then angels and Mickey Mouse characters in windows. It has since morphed into something more like Disneyland.”

“The Garrison Street lights was started by John and Carolynne Freitas (3616 Garrison St.) as a friendly competition with the neighbors,” said Nazare Freitas Judd. “Every year more and more decorations were added, and every year new neighbors joined the fun. They try to represent many beliefs, not just Christmas, so everyone feels the love and is welcomed. Now it has continued to grow. The neighborhood has been in a transition with a few homes selling, but we look forward to another amazing year.”

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Benjamin DuBois is a successful, orthopedic thoracic surgeon. The 46-year-old loves his family, medicine and craft beer. Greg Anderson is a successful, established restauranteur. The 60-year-old owns Mission Valley’s McGregory’s Grill and The Ale House. Anderson also loves his family, his work and craft beer.

Both grew up in the Pacific Northwest, an area famous for its designer brews. Fueled by an “entrepreneurial spirit,” the duo turned their passion for craft beer into an enterprise—giving rise to Bay City Brewing Co., a hot spot for high-quality—and delicious—designer brews.

Located in the Midway District, Bay City Brewing is accessible to its coastal communities and downtown San Diego. Espousing an “urban” vibe, the brewery, tasting room, spacious outdoor patio and Suite C, a private event space, lies north of the Sports Arena.

DuBois knew that he wanted a brewery “right smack dab in the middle of everything—the beach, the bays and the city.” The Peninsula’s Hancock/Kurtz Street location pays homage to its tag line, “Brewed between the bays.”

Although happily nestled in San Diego, both nod to the Pacific Northwest as the pioneer for cultivating the craft beer culture. Anderson and DuBois purchase their hops from the Pacific Northwest. All other ingredients are purchased locally.

Anderson grew up in Yakima, Wash., a locale he refers to as “God’s country” and “America’s hops capital.” He’s “honored” to return to his roots to “support local hop farming families.”

DuBois once called Seattle home.

During his six-year orthopedic residency and shoulder surgery fellowship at the University of Washington, the emerging surgeon developed his taste buds for quality brews.

“I’ve had an interest in designer beers and micro brews ever since I tasted my first craft beer,” he said. “During my residency and internship, I thought that if medicine didn’t work out, maybe craft beer could.”

But medicine has “worked out really well” and DuBois has “no plans of stopping anytime soon.”

“I reached a point—personally and professionally—that enabled me to take a risk beyond medicine,” he continued. “Four years ago, Bay City Brewing was all chatter and ideas. Today I balance family, medicine and a brewery that just celebrated its second anniversary.”

“Touting the “best of both worlds,” the shoulder surgeon by day, brewery owner by night is “fortunate to be using both sides of my brain.”

“It’s interesting, fun and challenging to deal with different businesses and people,” he said. “I interface with doctors, nurses, physical therapists and patients during the day and the brewery at night. I have the skill sets to deal with both, but they’re truly so very different. Greg and I started Bay City despite never before owning a brewery. We learn more every day.”

And learning has been key to their success as they have no issue in “deferring to those who know what we don’t.”

“I’m not the brewer, I’m the taste tester,” continued DuBois. “Chris West is our head brewer. Brewing requires an interesting blend of skills. Like Chris, one needs to be scientific, creative, and instinctual. Chris was even involved in our planning process. Working collaboratively—Chris, Greg and myself—with the architect, Bay City Brewing was turn-key for a 20-barrel system.”

DuBois described Anderson as the person people, “the businessman who’s been around the restaurant and beverage industry block,” and his employees as “hired to be all-in.”

“Our employees appreciate that this isn’t just a job,” he continued. “We’ve built a business from scratch that employees can be proud of, a business that they can grow with.”

Community outreach is tightly stitched into the fabric of Point Loma’s popular brewery. The roony, 3,300-square-foot warehouse is perfect for hosting fundraisers, community events, art shows, meetings and “all kinds of parties.” Once a month, the brewery hosts “Crafts and Drafts” showcasing upon selection, the work of local artisans. Dog rescue parties the likes of Pints and Paws and It’s the Pits are also quite popular.

“Dog rescue events host a lot of people, with a lot of dogs, having a whole lot of fun,” said DuBois.

The annual Jingle Bell Run, a 5K sprint held in Balboa Park on Dec. 9 that supports the Arthritis Foundation, reigns supreme to DuBois’ fundraising fame. Serving tirelessly as a board member of the organization dubbed the “Champion of Yes,” DuBois is “thrilled and honored” to earmark Bay City Brewing as the 2017 corporate honoree—a designation he describes as “nothing short of special.”

Beer consumption dates back to 4,000 BC, making the bubbly one of the oldest—and most popular—alcoholic beverages. The drink, and its ingredients—water, barley, yeast, and hops—is relatively simple to brew. But while the ingredients and process may be simple, taste standards are set high. Bay City Brewing has truly hit its bullseye.

Grab a dog and a view at The Surf Check

How does enjoying a cup of Bird Rock Coffee and an acut bowl sound while taking in the morning view at Sunset Cliffs? Maybe a hot dog and an orange Fanta to go along with watching the sun set at the cliffs? Driving down Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, south from the crowds on Newport and at the intersection with Point Loma Avenue, you will see a blue-and-white trailer with yellow surfboard on top and a couple turquoise tables out front. You’ve arrived at The Surf Check, a shack-shack serving the Sunset Cliffs neighborhood, surfers and sightseers.

The menu is scrawled in bright colors on a fish surfboard that leans against the trailer. Bird Rock Coffee, smoothies, hot dogs and Coke, or a grilled cheese special are available.

The Surf Check is owned by Richard Aguirre, a well-known local who is also the president of “Save Sunset Cliffs.” Aguirre has lived in Sunset Cliffs for many years and is dedicated to the area.

“I wanted to give people a place to go at the end of the day to get food because there wasn’t anything here except the gas station. I wanted to make something for the community who lives here,” said Aguirre.

Aguirre opened The Surf Check in November 2016 and it fits in perfectly with the laid-back surfer vibe, but also complements the morning and evening walkers and tourists who visit Sunset Cliffs.

“We are going to make it a lot nicer because the goal was not really to make a coffee shop, but more to make a small restaurant down here because we really need some good food in this end of the Sunset Cliffs,” Aguirre said.

Aguirre plans to expand The Surf Check with a bigger trailer and make the area around it more welcoming and cozy for people to hang around, have conversations while sipping a hot cup of coffee or cool refreshing smoothie.

“So far, it’s proven to be a popular place for people to stop,” he said. “I think it has way more potential.”

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(Left) The ‘No Target in OB’ float makes its way down Newport Avenue during the
OB Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2. (Above) This year’s Miss Emerson (cen-
ter) with her court. Miss Emerson is a symbol of the Over The Line tournament and
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Nati’s Mexican Restaurant is the perfect spot to hold your holiday luncheon. Whether dining indoors or on their patio, they can accommodate up to 50 people and their reasonably priced menu fits everyone’s budget. Margaritas, cocktails, and beers available. Ask about their party menu designed specifically for larger groups. Take-out is also available for your party at home or at your office. They also have gift certificates and t-shirts. Established in 1960 and located at 1852 Bacon St., they are only one block from the OB pier. (619) 224-3369. Ample parking available. Nati’s has been voted #1 in OB for 9 years in a row. Isn’t it time to make them part of your holiday tradition?
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Holiday Musical Magic
Point Loma Playhouse will present the national award-winning Sun Harbor Chorus for an evening of “Holiday Musical Magic” 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec 9. The 20 members of the Sun Harbor Chorus will perform family favorites in four-part a cappella harmony.

Founded in 1946, the Sun Harbor Chorus has entertained thousands around the world for the past 70 years. The Point Loma Playhouse is located at 3035 Talbot St. Visit pointlomaplayhouse.com for information.

Santa Claus to visit Point Loma Village
Point Loma Village boutiques, See/Saw and Good Dog Pet Outfitters, and event space, Wee Gather, teamed up to throw a family-friendly party at 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec 9 on the corner of Cañon and Rosecrans streets. Attendees that arrive early may catch Santa Claus arriving from the North Pole and entering Wee Gather with a “Ho, Ho, Ho!”

Tickets will be available to purchase for photos with Santa. The Holiday Stroll on Cañon Street presents an alternative shopping option to big-box chains and retail giants. Nothing says “Happy Holidays,” like supporting local businesses while mingling with neighbors.

Book drive
After finding out that Cabrillo Elementary School needed basic school supplies, Point Loma Assembly, 3035 Talbot St., provided funding for items on teachers’ wish lists. Now, the organization is soliciting the help of the community to support the school’s reading program. The school is accepting donations of new and gently used books for the library, and as gifts for the students. You can find a list of authors and subject matter at pointlomaassembly.org.

While you are welcome to bring books from your own collection or shop at any retailer, you can also shop at bookdrive partner La Playa Books, 1026 Rosecrans St., which has created a special display from the school’s wish list. The books will be presented to Cabrillo Elementary school librarian Virginia Stokely on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

Pet adoptions
OB Surf Lodge, at 5083 Santa Monica Blvd., will hold a pet adoption event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec 16.

Peninsula Singers holiday show set for Dec. 8
Peninsula Singers will present “Glad Tidings, A Holiday Concert” 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 at All Souls Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. Repertoire will include a blend of old-style carols, newer selections and classical holiday favorites. Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors, $10 for students. Tickets may be purchased at allsoulspointloma.org.

All Souls’ to present ‘A Christmas Carol’
All Souls’ Episcopal Church, at 1475 Catalina Blvd., will present an adaptation of Charles Dickens’s “A Christmas Carol” on Dec. 9 and 10. The two-man play has been adapted for the stage and is directed by Patricia Lynch. It features W. William Cobb as Ebenezer Scrooge and Raymond Lynch as a dozen other characters.

Performances of “A Christmas Carol” will be in Gooden Hall on the All Souls’ campus, located at the corner of Catalina and Chatsworth, in Point Loma. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Dec. 9, and 2 p.m. on Dec. 10. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. Tickets may be purchased at allsoulspointloma.org.

Santa Run and PB Holiday Parade
Pacific Beach will be very merry indeed on Dec. 9, as more than 3,000 Santas take over Garnet Avenue for the fifth annual San Diego Santa Run, starting at 10 a.m. Hosted by High Performance Movement, the event consists of a series of waves, including a 5K Fun Run and one-mile runs that feature the Santa’s Little Helper Mile, the Santa’s Elves Mile (for kids) and the Speedy Mile (for competitive Santas). Following the Santa Run, the Pacific Beach Holiday Parade begins at 1 p.m. on Garnet Avenue.
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**Holiday Parade**

1 p.m. Following the Santa Run, participants are invited to stick around for the 38th annual Pacific Beach Holiday Parade, down Garnet Avenue. The parade is funded, in part, by revenue generated through the Santa Run.

**Holiday Stroll**

1 to 4 p.m Point Loma Village boulevard, Canon and Rosecrans streets. Ticket will be available to purchase for photos with Santa.

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**Photo with Santa!**

Bring your kids for FREE photos with Santa and FREE toy! Outfitters, and event space, Wee Gather, teamed up to throw a family-friendly holiday stroll on the corner of Cañon and Rosecrans streets. Ticket will be available to purchase for photos with Santa.

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**December 8**

Elf Jr. The Musical at OB Playhouse - Check web page for dates and times Elf The Musical JR. Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa’s bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa’s permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York and helps New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. [Ticket Link](https://app.artspeople.com/index.php?show=8091) Pricing: Kids General Admission: $19 General Admission: $24 Point Loma Playhouse is located at 3035 Talbot St. Visit pointomplayhouse.com for information.

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General Admission: $24 Pricing: Kids General Admission: $19 Ticket Link: [https://app.artspeople.com/index.php?show=8091](https://app.artspeople.com/index.php?show=8091) OB Town Council presents their 2017 Craft Fairs at the foot of Newport Avenue and Abbott Street. All fairs are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise specified. For more information on the fairs, call 619-846-6269.

**December 10**

**A Christmas Carol**

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**December 12**

3 Course Prix Fixe Dinner

5 to 9 p.m. at 3rd Corner - Join The 3rd Corner this and every Sunday from 1st Chef Juan’s Sunday 3-Course Prix-Fixe Dinner. Enjoy your choice of starter, choice of entrees, and a dessert for $22.99. Add a flight of wines for $12. Hand-picked by Wine Manager Todd that pairs perfectly with all three courses. The 3rd Corner is located at 2285 Bacon Street in Ocean Beach. For reservations, call 619-223-2700.

**December 13**

Menorah Lighting

5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of Hanukkah with an early evening Menorah Lighting, music throughout the evening and much more in the Central Promenade between the ice rink and The Lot at Liberty Station.

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**December 26**

Free Day of Dance

The Arts District’s Dance Place in Liberty Station will offer a free day of classes for dance enthusiasts of all levels and abilities. Meet the instructors and take sample classes.

**December 31**

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**Ocean Beach December 2017 Events**

#### Christmas Events

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**Christmas Eve Worship – Sunday, December 24 @ 7:00 PM**
A candlelight service taking joy in the wonder of Christmas Eve. This is a tradition enjoyed by Point Loma families for years.

**Holiday Show**

7 p.m. Poinsettia Singers will present “Glad Tidings, A Holiday Concert,” at All Souls Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. Repertoire will include a blend of old-style carols, new selections and classical holiday favorites.

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A number of girls at Point Loma High recently competed in a California state meet in Fresno after earning qualifying times at the San Diego CIF finals. Their sport? Cross country, one of the most grueling offered at the prep level.

That alone would be impressive, however this was the first time in school history, according to veteran head coach Keith DeLong, that Pointer girls have qualified for the state meet.

Ending a season that began with practices in August, seven Pointer runners competed in the San Diego CIF Div. II meet Nov. 18 at Morley Field in Balboa Park, helping the school to a second place overall finish. DeLong was proud of the efforts of juniors Brooke Rodi (fourth overall), Olivia Wade (seventh), Megan Rodi (15th), freshman Adelka Hancova (22nd), and juniors Sage Simms (25th), Sara Luedke (40th) and Veronika Divis (63rd) on a 2.96 mile course out of 118 finishers.

DeLong's roster of girls includes three seniors, 15 juniors and seven sophomores. The boys' list includes 18 seniors, 17 juniors and 14 sophomores making cross country one of the largest teams on campus.

Boys and girls began their conditioning program in June, the week after the 2016-17 school year ended. They met Mondays through Fridays at 8:30 a.m. in the school stadium for group workouts except for a "no contact" period mandated by local prep rules.
Point Loma Pop Warner team to play this week for national title

A group of young Point Loma Pop Warner Pee Wee-level football players are in Florida playing their hearts out in pursuit of a second consecutive Super Bowl national championship.

Many of the players were members of last year’s Pee Wee Div. 2 group who brought home a national championship.

And yes, they are once again coached by Pete Balistreri. Twenty-four boys who have trained all year a person wrote us a $1,000 check. It was pretty cool.”

For his part, despite the hard work of organizing the event, Head is happy to be able to help the community. “I like the change of pace of the holiday songs at the farmers market,” he said. “The quiet stillness and wintery feel is always nice. We get a lot of families at the market with young kids; it’s always nice for them to enjoy it. We rock out every other week; this week is kind of for them.” He notes it’s also special to be able to give back to OB.

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OB Farmers Market Food & Toy Drive set for Dec. 13

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

On any typical Wednesday, the OB Farmers Market is a wonderful mix of food, sounds and crafts, but on Dec. 13 its music stage will take on special importance, when it hosts its annual Food & Toy Drive.

Located at the intersection of Newport Avenue and Bacon Street, the evening will feature acoustic music from a host of local performers including Dave Gilbert, Alicia Previn, Travis Oliver and bluesman, Chickenbone Slim, performing both originals and seasonal favorites. More than just an opportunity to hear great music, the event will also be set up to accept unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items and money; to help out those less fortunate than us this holiday season.

“We do mostly acoustic performers just to stick to a theme and time frame,” explained event organizer Michael Head, who has produced the event for the past seven years. “But artists can be creative. Plus, the acoustic music just really works for holiday-style tunes.” Performers, who donate their time, can play what they like, but the focus is on Christmas music. “People are into it this time of year,” Head remarked. “Performers have gotten creative though - Joey Harris always did ‘Rudolph the Red Nosed Wino.’ ”

This year Travis Oliver will do a few hilly Christmas tunes that aren’t standard and a little different. It’s still wide open in that regard - it’s OB!”

All donations from the event go directly to needy OB families. “It all stays right here,” Head said. “Different charitable entities handle the distribution, which they do annually at the OB Masonic temple. One year a person wrote us a $1,000 check. It was pretty cool.”

For the event Head is focusing on talent from the immediate area. “I try to find OB and other San Diego performers who have played at the Farmers market and kind of get the vibe of the event in the first place,” he said. “They usually want to give back the most and are there to help out. We’re lucky to have Chicken Bone Slim this year - he’s a market regular and I’m sure he’ll bring some bluesy holiday themed numbers. Also, Kris Wott and myself will do a Tom Petty Christmas song in honor of him passing this year. Newcomer Andrew Parker Davis will perform - he’s done the market a couple of times, is an outstanding musician and was the first to sign on. Dave Gilbert has given his time for at least five years in a row - he’s a great asset to the OB community.”

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FOOD & TOY DRIVE
Where: OB Farmers Market at the intersection of Newport and Bacon.
When: 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 13.

See playing outdoors as a challenge, Previn considers it a plus. “Being outside as the night gets chilly livens up the music,” she continued. “Playing outside events like this is always thrilling. There are new listeners, shoppers out for a stroll, being introduced to our music - it’s communi-
cation at its finest.”

“To me the out of doors has a more festive feel. You just need to be a bit more on your game from a per-
formance standpoint because there’s no ‘room’ ambiance to forgive any vocal or chordal transgressions. It’s just a man and his guitar,” she said.

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Safety Tips for healthy, safe grilling

If you are like most people, your grill had a good work out this summer. Taking basic safety are the keys to successful grilling. So before you bust out the spatulas and tongs for holiday grilling, take some time to learn about grill safety with these tips.

1. Know Your Grill
You should always keep the instructions for your grill handy. Even if it’s not your first barbecue, occasionally reviewing the manual will remind you of how to operate your grill correctly.

2. Clean Your Grill
A clean grill is a safe grill for a couple of reasons. First, there have been reports that metal bristles from some scouring brushes can break off and get left behind on the grill and ultimately end up in the food. Some people who have ingested these bristles have ended up in the hospital. Second, there is some medical evidence that the charred particles left on the grill rack contain cancer causing agents. Having your grill cleaned is absolutely worth it in the long run.

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4. Control grease fires by tossing baking soda on them.
A bucket of sand can be used to put out errant fires.

5. Prepare for the Worst
Always be prepared for grilling mishaps so you can keep them from becoming grilling tragedies. There are several ways to keep a bad situation from becoming worse:
• Keep a fire extinguisher close by when you’re grilling.
• Control grease fires by tossing baking soda on them.
• Have a water source, such as a garden hose, nearby. Any one or more of these will help to keep a fire under control or extinguish it entirely. Always have the fire department number on hand, as well.

6. Place all grills on a non-flammable surface, such as a concrete patio.
Grill safety really comes down to using common sense. Making sure your grill is in good working condition and cleaning up after your cookout only takes a few minutes—about the same amount of time it takes a fire to get out of control.

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RENT
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spokesperson, Rafael Bautista, explained why rent control is needed now in the Peninsula — and throughout San Diego.
“We’re a tenants-rights organization that becomes a tenant’s union in force,” said Bautista. “We’re fighting to establish rent control in San Diego, having gathered 10,400 signatures on a petition.”
The rent-control petition SDTU is promoting is on Change.org at bit.ly/2abGppN.
Bautista said protest marches are just the start of rent-control protest citywide.
“Our initial push is for the City Council to do something about this 13-year housing crisis in San Diego,” he said. “We want the city to implement some form of rent control — there’s no other way to game the system.”
Bautista of SDTU claims San Diego is the second-worst city for renters in California’s largest city without rent control, considered the second-worst city for renters in the country. He also claimed San Diego is California’s largest city without rent control, saying rents are presently increasing four times faster than incomes.
Of the status of the San Diego rent-control battle, Bautista, said: “[Next year] is the year of rent control — there’s no other way around it. We can’t build ourselves out of this hole. This is the 13th year of the housing crisis, and we have a 170,000-plus shortage in housing.”
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