When people consider the prospect of a bronze statue of a lifeguard to be placed south of the lifeguard tower on Abbott Street, former District 2 City Councilman Byron Wear knows what some people are thinking: here comes the Cardiff Kook, Ocean Beach style.

A lot of people said the Kook looked dorky for its flailing arms and lots of other reasons when it was erected off Highway 101 in 2007 with the title “Magic Carpet Ride,” and the San Diego Architectural Foundation subsequently dinged it with its dubious Onion award. There’s even an entire website that celebrates the pranksters who regularly depict the defenseless statue as Zorro, Uncle Sam or even a shark’s meal.

No biggie. Let OB be OB, said Wear, who served two terms on the San Diego City Council from 1995 to 2002, and served the city as a lifeguard lieutenant before that.

“If someone wants to put a hat or Hawaiian lei on him, whatever. That’s OB,” said Wear, who addressed the Ocean Beach Planning Board in support of the project at the board’s Dec. 5 meeting.

The statue, now nearly halfway toward reaching its goal, is being created by Richard Arnold, who designed the Pointer mascot for Point Loma High School, has been commissioned to create a bronze lifeguard statue and memorial that backers hope will one day be placed in front of the Ocean Beach lifeguard station. Half of the needed funds have been raised for the $38,000 art creation.

Ed Wesley, 93, speaks during a Kiwanis Club-hosted Easter Sunrise Service. Perhaps one of the oldest volunteers engaged in the community in Point Loma, Wesley built the podium used for the service.

At 93, Kiwanis volunteer still has the fire and spirit of giving

Pull back the curtain on the multitude of service organizations serving the Peninsula community and you’ll find a stage crew of caring volunteers. Backstage at the Kiwanis Club of Point Loma is Ed Wesley who, at the age of 93, may well be Point Loma’s oldest volunteer.

When he retired in 1991 from full-time employment as an engineer at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific, Wesley was recruited to the ranks of the Kiwanis by a neighbor. Since then, Wesley, who still works part-time as a consultant, has built props, flipped pancakes, sold tickets and handed out pamphlets in support of the Kiwanis purpose: changing the world, one community and one child at a time.

At his home in Point Loma, Wesley’s face breaks into a megawatt-smile as he shows off mementos from years of helping children. There’s a “thank you” note from 2008 in pristine condition that he received from students at Ocean Beach Elementary after the Kiwanis sponsored their sea camp.

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City, public frustrated by Robb Field restroom disrepair

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The daily struggle with upkeep at the public restroom facilities at Robb Field Park is a point of frustration for the city and the public.

City officials with the city’s Park and Recreation Department are confronted with vandalism issues at Robb Field — a popular, versatile public park offering a wealth of recreational opportunities.

The property is also the very first thing one sees as an introduction to Ocean Beach when entering via Sunset Cliffs Boulevard.

The park, built in 1954, offers tennis, racquetball, a gym, a skate park, a play-ground and picnic tables, as well as grassy areas for soccer and other ball-games. Some park users, however, are critical of the condition of the restrooms, which they believe to be in desperate need of a makeover.

At issue for many users is the lack of cleanliness at the facility, located to the right side of the main south entrance off West Point Loma Boulevard. The rest-rooms are adjacent to the parking lot in front of one of the many ballfields.

Becky Springfield, a teenager from Pacific Beach, plays soccer there.

“It’s bad,” she said. “If you have to ‘go’ during games, we go in groups of three or two. Most stalls won’t lock, so one of us waits outside to make sure nobody walks in on the person using the toilet.”

Some stall doors hang from broken hinges, while others that are intact lack locks for privacy.

The concrete flooring, particularly around the toilet fixtures, is disintegrating, harboring puddles of water, urine and fecal matter from overflowing toi-

The health and safety factors of the restroom facilities at Robb Field Park remain a source of frustration not only for visitors but for city officials struggling with daily upkeep.

The handwashing station frequently has no soap or paper-towel dispensers, and cold-air hand dryers are oftentimes out of order.

Of the two drinking water stations mounted to the wall outside, one fixture appears to have been removed, and the existing fountain barely flows.

“Creepily, the restrooms have taken on a certain OB shabbiness,” said Ocean Beach resident Susan Pierce. “I’m sure the Park and Rec workers undoubtedly do their best to keep them clean, but that does not fix the nauseating, sad shape those restrooms are in.”

Rck Myers, who drives from Torrey Pines to watch his grandson play soccer at Robb Field, echoed the sentiment.

“Yes, it’s a great park,” Myers said, questioning the condition of the rest-

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The season of giving is a good time to remember that not all gifts come wrapped with a bow. Year-round volunteers in the Peninsula community give of their time and talent to bring programs, parades and parties to life.

Behind the scenes at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, elves of sorts are always in motion making their magic to help provide a long list of services that keep the library at the heartbeat of the community.

“Keeping the library going is so important because so many people are reading online,” said Ken Knoll, 56, a volunteer who has been processing books at the library for the last year. “Librarians aren’t as popular as they used to be, but that doesn’t seem to be the case here in Point Loma.”

The popularity of the Point Loma branch library extends beyond books to a plethora of programs like arts and crafts, the annual End of Summer Reading Program Carnival, Halloween Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School Year Spooktacular Parade, Gingerbread Decorating Program and End of School 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The Historic North Chapel: a place of worship for thousands

The historic North Chapel located at Liberty Station in Point Loma, was built in 1942 by the United States Navy on the Naval Training Center, San Diego, as a place of worship for thousands of recruits and servicemen. The building was used for more than 50 years as the place for religious services, weddings, funerals and gatherings. Hundreds of weddings took place in the Chapel and today, couples come back to visit and reminisce about their tour of duty at the former training center and its impact on their careers and lives.

The North Chapel was restored in 2007. The chapel rings in a new era today after its exquisite restoration that retained the original structure and historical components. Not only does it play host to brides and grooms throughout the year and serve as a very special venue for memorial services, it is also becoming a sought-after destination for plays, memorial services, concerts and choir performances. In the past, the two-story non-denominational chapel served thousands of military personnel stationed at the Naval Training Center between 1942 and 1997. It was the venue for a variety of causes and celebrations, from worship to weddings, by recruits and other Navy personnel as well as for Navy ships stationed here or visiting the San Diego Port.

The restoration of the North Chapel, a Spanish Colonial Revival-style architecture, brought fresh white stucco paint to the exterior and re-roofing of the red tile building. The beautiful stained glass windows depicting religious and naval scenes for more than 50 years as the place for religious services, weddings, funerals and gatherings. Hundreds of weddings took place in the Chapel and today, couples come back to visit and reminisce about their tour of duty at the former training center and its impact on their careers and lives.

The windows at The North Chapel were installed in 1942, when the Department of the Navy at the Naval Training Center was built. These windows are designed to tell the stories of the Old Testament and the New Testament. Some windows have an emblem of Moses' Ten Commandments placed at the top of the window. These scenes are from the Old Testament. Other windows have a cross on the top and depict scenes from the New Testament. Each window has been carefully designed to match a story from the Bible to a job that an enlisted Navy sailor would assume on a ship. When walking into the Chapel and looking at the south side of the building you will see the first window, which depicts the aviation ordinance job. The second window on the left is the globe/compass or navigator for the ship. The third window depicts the signal man. The fourth window is a tribute to the USN sailor, the words "For God and Country" are written on the bottom of the window. The model for this window was Henry Fonda. The fifth window on the left is the communications/cryptologist technician. Walking from the altar to the entrance of the church you will find the first window depicting the job of a repairman. The second window on the north side of the Chapel is depicting the machinist. The third window is the quartermaster who steers the ship on the deck. The next window is the boatswain’s mate. The fifth window is the yeoman, secretary to the commander and the sailor who writes the journal of the ship. The sixth window is the radio man, responsible for communicating with land-based operations. The last window on the north side is the aviation ordnance job. The second window on the left is the globe/compass or navigator for the ship. The third window depicts the signal man. The fourth window is a tribute to the USN sailor, the words "For God and Country" are written on the bottom of the window. The model for this window was Henry Fonda. The fifth window on the left is the communications/cryptologist technician. Walking from the altar to the entrance of the church you will find the first window depicting the job of a repairman. The second window on the north side of the Chapel is depicting the machinist. The third window is the quartermaster who steers the ship on the deck. The next window is the boatswain’s mate. The fifth window is the yeoman, secretary to the commander and the sailor who writes the journal of the ship. The sixth window is the radio man, responsible for communicating with land-based operations. The last window on the north side is the aviation ordnance job.
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Bingham said Park and Rec officials promptly went to inspect all comfort stations at Robb Field after viewing pictures of the unflattering condition of some of the restrooms.

“Our frustration grew with every find of a disarrayed restroom,” Bingham said. “I happen to have an excellent, hardworking maintenance staff at this location. It takes major housekeeping around the clock to keep these facilities attractive and presentable for the public.

“I’m tired of being confronted with the words ‘neglect’ and ‘ignorance’ when my staff is doing their very best to keep up with reoccurring problems day after day. Unfortunately, we’re dealing with a certain clientele at Robb Field.”

Bingham’s reference was to groups of transients who appear to live at Robb Field Park. Dealing with this issue requires “major fine-tuning,” he said.

“We do the best we can to work with everybody and address all issues,” said Bingham. “For safety, we lock the restrooms overnight. We used to find damaged and extremely dirty stalls with piles of toilet paper on the floors — apparently used for padding — indicating that people have slept there. Upon our return to unlock the doors in the morning, we found those same individuals left poop on the floors or smeared feces all over the wall out of protest.”

He also pointed to recent vandalism to three mature trees near the skate park as another source of frustration and anger for Park and Rec officials.

“Believe this was a direct payback in response to the locked restrooms and to the skirting [trimming] we did on the surrounding bushes, which were also being used as night-camps by individuals,” he said.

Despite the frustrations, Bingham said he is determined to bring about solutions.

“As part of an immediate solution for the discouraged public, I will pull in extra, temporary staff for Robb Field to address urgent issues,” he said. “Furthermore, we will steamclean doors, walls and floors of the restrooms in need, take care of paint issues, as well as the condition of some floors as quickly as possible. We will definitely repair all doors with broken hinges. There is no excuse for the problems.”

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**WESLEY**

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orange jacket from Ginny’s Kids, a reminder from the year the Kiwanis Club sponsored a trip to San Diego for a group of children from Colorado with cancer. He remembers in detail countless fundraisers he worked on and scholarships he has presented throughout the years.

“I give it a way of life,” he said.

The Kiwanis Club of Point Loma is part of Kiwanis International. Annual events hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Point Loma include an Easter Sunrise Service, for which Wesley has built a podium, and an annual pancake and egg breakfast, where he has flipped many a pancake. He assists a youngster with her coloring skills during a fall festival event. Wesley says what inspires him is the hardworking maintenance staff at this location. It takes major housekeeping around the clock to keep these facilities attractive and presentable for the public.

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**Career criminal gets 93-years-to-life term**

**Home-invasion, store robbery puts Duson away**

Br. NEAL PUTNAM | The Beacon

The man who committed a home-invasion robbery against former City Councilman Harry Mathis was handed a 93-years-to-life prison sentence Dec. 12, but 15 years of that sentence was for an armed robbery at a Sprint store in Point Loma.

Because Harvey Henry Duson, 46, has a long criminal record, San Diego Superior Court Judge Eugenia Eyherabide said, “This is why the legislature made the three-strike law.”

Duson received 25 years consecutively for several crimes against Mathis and his wife, who were held against their will in their University City home on Jan. 11. Mathis, now 79, was beaten in the face and Duson set the home on fire before he and another unidentified suspect fled.

But Duson also received 2.5 years to life for the Nov. 9, 2011 armed robbery at the Sprint store on Rosecrans Street and 10 years consecutively for using a gun during the crime. Eyherabide ordered Duson to pay $8,000 to the Sprint store and $40 to an employee who was also robbed.

On that day, two Sprint workers were ordered to the ground and were tied up with nylon while Duson and another man stole cell phones and money. The workers eventually freed themselves with scissors and called 9-1-1.

Duson pleaded guilty to all charges Sept. 10. He was on parole when he committed the Sprint store robbery and the crimes against Mathis, who is the chairman of the Metropolitan Transit System board.

Sheriff’s Det. Peter Carrillo, who shot Duson after Duson pulled a gun on Carrillo when Duson was an employee at a Pizza Hut in 1993, appeared at the sentencing to urge the judge to impose the maximum sentence for Duson, whom he called “a career criminal.”

“I’m angry this man was released into society [after the 1993 incident] to harm people again,” said Carrillo.

Eyherabide fined Duson nearly $11,000.

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Let’s not mention this to Mrs. Claus.
The Ocean Beach Town Council and OB MainStreet Association revealed the winners this week of the annual Ocean Beach Holiday Home Decoration Contest held Dec. 16.

Best Use of Lighting — Tim Johnson, 4610 Newport Ave.

Judges Choice — Terry Beddoes, 4603 Lotus St.

Most Original Decoration — Dave Graulich, 4644 Osprey St.

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Barons offers taste of the holidays with all-natural products

Point Loma’s neighborhood Barons Market is stocking up on unique, all-natural products this season to satisfy even the most discerning holiday shopper. From festive candy canes colored with beet juice to “tree-free” gift bags made from sustainable fiber, Barons prides itself in carrying the best quality products and specialty-food items around this season at low prices.

How do they know they house the best of the best? Barons’ managers try every product that is put on their shelves through weekly taste testings to ensure they offer their customers products of the utmost quality.

And for Point Lomans looking for quick and delicious holiday entertaining ideas, Barons has you covered with easy-to-make seasonal recipes like fig jam over brie, Temecula raspberry sparkling wine with frozen berries, or locally baked garlic bread that everyone around the table is sure to enjoy.

Barons Market is located at 4001 W. Point Loma Blvd. For more information, visit www.baronsmarket.com or call (619) 223-4397.

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Soccer players reap first-ever PLNU NCCAA Div.1 All-America honors

**PLNU ATHLETICS DEPT. COMMUNICATIONS**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Leah Porter and Tiffany Kracy of the Point Loma women’s soccer team have been selected to the 2012 NSCAA/Continental Tire National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division I All-America First Team.

Kallie Caldwell also picked up an honorable mention.

Porter, a junior from Yorba Linda, started 18 matches as a defender for Point Loma Nazarene University to help anchor the Sea Lions’ backline. PLNU’s defense led the Pacific West Conference in goals allowed and goals against average.

The Sea Lions gave up just 12 goals in 19 matches for 0.60 goals against average. As a team, Point Loma also led the league in shutouts by blanking its opponent in 11 of 19 matches. Kracy was credited with nine of those shutouts to pace the PacWest. The senior from Yucaipa led the conference with just 0.53 goals allowed per match. Kracy had a .863 save percentage and 63 saves on the year. This is the second time Kracy has been selected as an All-American. She was also named to the NSCAA All-American team as a freshman and was the only repeat winner on the 2012 squad.

Porter joins Kracy and Breanna Nelson (2005 and 2007) as the only Sea Lions to ever receive NSCAA/Continental Tire All-America honors. PLNU played in the NAIA at the time.

**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

The honors continue to roll in for Kelli LeClair, who capped off a fantastic freshman season by being named a National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) second team All-American on Dec. 13.

LeClair led the Point Loma volleyball team and placed sixth in the PacWest with 3.71 kills per set. The outside hitter from Yucaipa recorded double-figure kills in 22 of the Sea Lions’ 27 matches. She also registered 12 double-doubles and finished the season with 2.51 digs per set.

LeClair was also named to the All-PacWest team and a San Diego Hall of Champions Athlete of the Month during the season.

**LIBRARY**

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Joyce Vesikerna, left in red sweater, and Shelby Goad, help with the weekly arts and crafts program for preschoolers.

According to Gonzalez, the estimated value of volunteer time for 2011 is $21.79 per hour, she said.

Giving at the library also extends to local business whose donations support the volunteer appreciation events, according to Aida Welch, library clerk. Recognition events are supported by The Venetian Restaurant, EC Gallery, Little Caesars Pizza, Stamps Market, Sprouts Farmers Market, Nati’s Mexican Restaurant and Cupcakes Squared.

And, of course, the tone of giving for the branch library on Voltaire Street was set by James Edgar and Jeanne Jessop Hervey. Their personal contribution of $5 million helped remodel the library that opened in 2003 at five times the size of the previous building.

Garcia invites people interested in volunteering as part of a “dynamic, hard working and fun loving library team” to contact Brandes-Miesner at (619) 531-1539.
Therapy for Alzheimer’s Patients

Even though at this time there is no cure for Alzheimer’s disease, researchers have been looking into therapies that can improve a person’s quality of life, possibly lessen some of their symptoms and help them function better.

- Notepad Computers – These same lightweight touchscreen computers, with puzzles, games and apps, are being used to exercise the person’s mind, help them improve their dexterity and even help remind them of things. The games help the person feel that they’ve accomplished a task and are successful.

- Bright Lights – A study that was published in the Journal of the ALHA found that either intensive light therapy or UV light therapy has helped a person with memory issues have better cognition and helps improve their dexterity. It may be especially helpful with sun-downing behavior.

- Tell-a-Story – Having the Alzheimer’s patient in a group, looking at pictures and making up a story about that picture is helpful. This can cause them to need less medication.

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No therapy at this time can reverse Alzheimer’s but many people are working to help improve the quality of life of these people.

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C-Money set to engage music lovers at Winston’s on Dec. 29

Dr. BART MENDOZA | The Beacon

San Diego has seen a number of major-label hitmakers emerge from the area over the last two decades. Among them as diverse as Nickel Creek and Cattle Decapitation show the incredible range of music to be found within San Diego County.

One of the most popular acts hails from the Ocean Beach area — Slightly Stoopid. The band, which has Top 20 Billboard chart placings, including their most recent album “Top of the World” at No. 13, the band remains understated.

As busy as the band is, its members are truly passionate about music, taking part in side and solo projects. Such is the case with trumpeter C-Money who joined the band in 2006 and will be performing with his own band on Saturday, Dec. 29 at Winston’s Beach Club.

Originally from North Carolina, C-Money was an eight-year veteran in the band John Brown’s Body when he made the switch in bands and locale.

“John Brown’s Body was opening up for other bands and things I knew I wanted to be part of when we jammed together,” said C-Money. “I was closer to Miles Doughty and Kyle McDonald in age, so it just felt like a natural place.”

Since then, he’s been around the world with the band “just playing music for a living and traveling.”

“Kyle and Miles are cool people to be around,” he said.

His inspiration as a younger to play trumpet came from one of the greats, Louis Armstrong.

“I’m not really sure why I guess I was drawn to the sound and the shininess of it. It’s all I knew,” he said.

His first performance in front of a crowd took place in the Liutus Middle School where he was directed under the direction of Stan Law.

“I played the nursery rhyme ‘Hot Cross Buns,’” he laughed. “The crowd went totally wild.”

He pointed out the differences in the music of his main band and his solo work.

“The biggest thing is the freedom in the music,” said C-Money. “In Snoop, we have to play more structured and we tend to leave the space open, more the nature of the style.”

To date, C-Money has released two albums — “Family Business” and “The Rebirth of Hip-Hop” — with work on new music for 2013 already underway. In the meantime, his work with Cannon, Fisher and other professional musicians. The students played with Cannon, Fisher and other professionals.

“I have been a professional touring musician for 14 years now. The road can wear you out and it is also a place where you get to understand who you are and what you want from life. The perspective is unique.”

He said that even in the best of times, life on the road can be hard.

“I slipped on a beer puddle in Japan and messed up my foot bad,” he said. “I was on crutches for eight weeks with ligament damage. Luckily, they had an awesome emergency room in Japan.”

Though he is a fairly recent transplant to the area, C-Money said he has nothing but affection and enthusiasm for his adopted hometown of Ocean Beach.

“Yes, I love OB, he said. “I’ve been coming here since the John Brown’s band days and it has always been a big support to all music, local and touring. I’m very proud to live here. 92107!”

After nearly two decades making music, C-Money is clear about what he likes most about his chosen profession.

“Like making people feel good,” he said.

“Through life as a key member of Slightly Stoopid would be enough for most. C-Money’s plans are succinct for the new year.

“I want to crush it,” he said. “I want to make more music, release more music, and have a part of the art in general and more of a part of the beautiful community of San Diego.”

• C-Money performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29 at Winston’s Beach Club, 1921 Bacon St. 21 and up. www.winstonsoh.com

‘Artist in Residency’ brings pro musician Derek Cannon to Correia

Professional trumpeter and educator Derek Cannon visited the Correia Middle School Jazz Band at the end of November for a three-day workshop with the aspiring young students.

Correia’s pupils were benefitting from the “Artist in Residency” program, which brings professional musicians to the school to teach, inspire and perform with them.

The Correia Instrumental Music Association (CIMA) and Glen Fisher’s First Friday Music Club partner to raise funds to bring professional local musicians to Correia.

Marc Dwyer, the school’s band director and Glen Fisher collaborate to choose musicians and organize the workshops and performances. Delfeyo Marsalis, Bill Watrous and the Dallas Brass are among the list of musicians the “Artist in Residency” program has brought to Correia.

In addition to being a member of the music faculty at Grossmont College, Cannon is a professor of music at the San Diego State University. He teaches music theory, jazz improvisation, elements of jazz, and he is the founder/director of the Afro-Cuban Association at Grossmont College.

He has performed with such musical greats as Natalie Cole, The Four Tops, Clark Terry and The Temptations and at The Montreal Jazz Festival in the Switzerland, The Umbria Jazz in Italy and the Montreal Jazz Festival in Canada.

Cannon found the Correia students to be attentive and appreciated their ability to remember what he taught them.

“They are sponges, just absorbing everything,” Cannon said.

Cannon is familiar with the Correia program, having worked and performed with Cannon, Fisher and other professional musicians. The students said they found their sessions with Cannons “challenging.”

Seventh-grader Andrew Johnson said Cannon taught students “to listen to each other better when we play.” He said the young musicians also liked performing solos and “getting better.”

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Looking ahead

Peninsula-area events, Dec. 20 through Jan. 27

THURSDAY, Dec. 20
Ocean Beach Town Council hosts its annual Food and Toy Drive in earnest, calling on volunteers to package up food and toys for delivery to disadvantaged families. The volunteer drive takes place at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Volunteer or bring a donation. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6249, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SATURDAY, Dec. 22
Delivery of food and toy packages for the Ocean Beach Town Council Food and Toy Drive to aid disadvantaged families. Distribution begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6249, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SUNDAY, Jan. 27
The United Portuguese S.E.S. annual meeting, also known as “the Contas,” will be held at the United Portuguese Hall, located at 2818 Avenida De Portualgal in Point Loma on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. For more information, visit www.upsees.com, or email upsees.Manager@gmail.com.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Ocean Beach Rip Current claimed the lives of 13 Army servicemen.

“The Lifeguards” by Robert Baxley, an Ocean Beach surfer and lifeguard in the 1950s who went on to practice law and serve as a judge on the San Diego Superior Court. The book explains how San Diego’s Lifeguard Services began in the wake of a 1918 incident in which an Ocean Beach rip current claimed the lives of 13 Army servicemen.

“One of his (Baxley’s) visions was to honor the lifeguards and memorialize this tragedy,” Wear said.

Richard Arnold, who grew up in Ocean Beach and designed the Pointer mascot for Point Loma High School, has been commissioned to create the artwork. The San Diego Arts and Cultural Commission will meet next month to consider the final design. The inspiration for the sculpture, Wear said, is the late Raymond “Shafter” Malcolm, a lifeguard, diver and junior high school principal.

Other OBPC Notes

• The ship that serves coffee is sailing away. Pirate Cote Coffee, a long-time fixture in the Apple Tree supermarket parking lot on Bacon Street, has to pull up its anchor when Apple Tree closes at the end of the year, owner Robert Domczyk told the board. The new location will be a parking lot in the 4900 block of Santa Monica Avenue on the east side of James Gang Prenting, he said. It’ll be a new cart — the iconic ship won’t make the voyage because it lacks the number of required permits, Domczyk said.

• Presidential campaigning may have ended last month, but preparations are underway for community elections on March 12. As usual, seven positions for two-year terms on the OBPC will appear on the ballot, but there may be a little more at stake this time around. To make elections more accessible and relevant, the board is considering the addition of advisory propositions or community referendums, as well as ways to increase voter turnout, like Internet and absentee balloting. The board will hash out these ideas when it next meets Jan. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4726 Santa Monica Ave.

• Kevin Faulconer, who represents Ocean Beach and the rest of District 2 on the City Council, agrees with the OBPC that no more variances should be granted that allow property owners to build homes that exceed square-footage limits called for in city code. The board had appealed a city decision to allow a property owner in the 5100 block of West Point Loma Boulevard to build a three-story home larger than would have been allowed without the variance. The OBPC had unsuccessfully appealed three other projects in the block, which is dominated by a string of one-story duplexes. Faulconer was prepared to make a motion in support of the appeal, which was heard by the council Dec. 4, but allowed the applicant to withdraw the application.

The zoning requirements... are what gives us the unique character of Ocean Beach,” Faulconer said in a statement read by his aide, Mike Patton. “The elected members of the Ocean Beach Planning Board oppose this development, and I stand behind them to preserve the unique character of OB.”

Said Jane Gawronski, OBPC chairwoman who presented the appeal before the City Council: “I think it’s the first time they’ve ever listened to us (on the issue).”