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The San Salvador replica fires its canon as it and the Star of India sail back into San Diego Bay on Saturday.

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Star of India set sail from its berth at Maritime Museum of San Diego last weekend to cruise out to sea for the first time in five years. Hundreds of onlookers lined Shelter Island, Harbor Island and Cabrillo National Monument to watch the world’s oldest active sailing ship maneuver through the Bay.
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A Star is reborn in San Diego

Star of India, built in 1863, has circumnavigated the globe 21 times, but last weekend, it set sail for the first time in five years.

Last Saturday and Sunday, with cooperating winds, San Diegans and visitors gathered on the shorelines of Shelter and Harbor islands to watch Star of India move into San Diego Bay until reaching a position two to three miles west of Point Loma. At that juncture, Star of India proceeded under sail and performed maneuvers.

To add to the onlooker’s excitement (and photo opportunities), the Californian, America, and San Salvador sailed in close company with Star of India as it cruised back into San Diego Bay both days.

Star of India first came to the City of San Diego in 1927. It was not until 1951 when Maritime Museum of San Diego made long-awaited historical renovations to the vessel, originally named Euterpe, after the Greek goddess of music and poetry. Star of India relies on Maritime Museum of San Diego volunteers and staff for her upkeep.

Star of India is the oldest iron-hulled merchant ship still afloat. She was launched as the fully-rigged ship Euterpe at Ramsey Shipyard on the Isle of Man in 1863.

Euterpe began her working life with two near-disastrous voyages to India. On her first trip, she suffered a collision and a mutiny. On her second, a cyclone caught Euterpe in the Bay of Bengal, and with her topmasts cut away, she barely made port. Shortly afterward, her first captain died on board and was buried at sea.

The Star of India heads back into San Diego Bay on Saturday afternoon after sailing around the Point. PHOTO BY CHRIS MANNERINO

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Campbell defeats Zapf in hotly contested District 2 Council race

Democrat Dr. Jennifer Campbell defeated Republican incumbent Lori Zapf by a wide margin in the Nov. 6 election for City Council District 2, which encompasses the Peninsula as well as Pacific and Mission beaches, Midwest-Pacific Highway, Bay Ho, Bay Park and Moreno.

With 100 percent of District 2 precincts tallied, Campbell had 22,191 votes (56.5 percent), while Zapf had 16,980 votes (43.5 percent).

With District 2 being flipped from Republican to Democrat, it gave the nine-member San Diego City Council a veto-proof 6-3 majority for Democrats on the City Council.

“I was optimistic I would win, but was really heartened by the mandate the large win gave me,” Campbell said. “I’m honored to have been elected, and I’m very grateful to everyone who helped with the campaign. I will be responsive to the needs of the district and its communities.”

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Campbell is to be sworn into office as the next District 2 Councilmember on Dec. 10. Regarding her agenda, Campbell said: “One of the main parts of my platform was to help resolve the homeless situation, and to help make housing more available for all income levels. Those are my two priorities at this point.”

Added Campbell: “We have to keep our beaches and bays clean and make them even better. We have to abide by our Climate Action Plan. We have to fix our crumbling infrastructure.”

A purview of the District 2 precinct map shows a clear division of political patronage. Zapf handily carried Point Loma, the northern portions of North Clairemont and some precincts in northern Pacific Beach bordering Bird Rock.

Campbell’s support, however, was strong in the core of the beach district, as she overwhelming carried most of Pacific and Mission beaches, as well as much of Bay Ho, Bay Park and the PB-La Jolla border.

It was a hard fought — and costly — political campaign. Estimates are both candidates spent a combined $2.4 million on the no-holds-barred District 2 race.

Both women did extensive campaign advertising and mailers sent out to beach-area residents.

At first, community leaders wanted to go all out when they stepped forward with a plan to install exercise equipment for an adult fitness area and playground fixtures for tots at Ruth Varney Held Park, the grassy area north of the lifeguard station parking lot at the foot of Saratoga Avenue in Ocean Beach.

Under that first draft, which can still be viewed at obcdc.org, the website of the Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation (OB CDC), development would have swallowed up 35,000 square feet of the park, including large areas of the park, but once we started having community meet- ings, we got pushback on that,” said Jane Gawronski, who presented a dramatically scaled-back update at the Nov. 7 monthly meeting of the Ocean Beach Planning Board.

Under the new layout, developed by L&G Landscape Architects, less than 20 percent of the area is designated for the adult fitness area, the children’s playground and flood control. The improvements are largely placed along the park’s eastern edge, and the rest remains in its current grassy state, with no other structures except six picnic tables.

“I like the way it opens up the space,” said Kevin Hartings, the board’s vice chairman. The board voted 10-0 to put its full weight in support of the park’s latest rendering.

“The original plan seemed like a takeover, and I was a bit offended by it I guess,” he said.

Ocean Beach activist Geoff Page, a former chair of the Peninsula Community Planning Board, agreed. “I think this is a big improvement over what you folks had before. It looks much better,” he said.

The City-owned park, also known as Saratoga Park or, on google maps, “Ocean Beach Park,” is being developed by Pacific Beach resident Jane Gawronski, who serves on both the OBPP and OB CDC boards. The OB CDC will take on construction and long-term maintenance responsibilities, she said.

The OB CDC has so far raised $10,000 of the estimated $200,000 for the project. The budget includes installation of some sort of artwork — a feature strongly supported during community meetings, Gawronski said.

In other OBPP-related news:

- OB Green Center moving in with Jills Bell: The Ocean Beach Green Center, a fixture for nearly three decades, is moving across the street from its current location in the 4800 block of Voltaire Street to the Jim Bell building, said Coleen Dietzel, a Green Center co-founder who retired this month. Bell, an environmental engineer and frequent candidate for elected office, has been in declining health recently, placing the fate of his property — a one-time site of Hoddah’s — in question. “We just can’t afford our rent, and we also thought it’s better to give Jim our money,” Dietzel said during the nonagenda portion of the meeting.

- Two vacated seats were appointed by the OBTC for new Ruth Varney Held Park

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OB Community Development Corporation

On Wednesday, Nov. 7 the Ocean Beach Town Council president, Marcur Turner, and the OBTC corre- sponding secretary, Priscilla Turner, tendered their resignations as Turn- er had accepted employment in Long Grove, Illinois; and Turner will continue as president of the OBTC board of directors.

In addition, Nicole Uemo resigned her position on the board and as chair of public relations.

Two individuals devoted countless hours of their time and energy volunteering with the coun- cil, which included chairing numerous local events, and acting as liaison to the coalition of town councils in the San Diego region. The board of directors wishes them well in their new endeavors and extends appreciation for their service.

In accordance with the OBTC bylaws, vice president, Mark Winkie, was elected president. Jill Kent was elected to fill Winkie’s seat, and Jon Carr was elected to fill the seat of correspondence secretary.

Two vacated seats were appointed by a quorum of the remaining board of directors. Those two seats are being filled by existing residential OBTC members Daniel Grofer and Stacie Wohler. All three board positions are up for election by the membership in January/February 2019.

This year, eight seats are up for election. If you would like to be con- sidered for candidacy, submit your candidate statement to: info@obtowncouncil.org. Eligible candidates must be over 18 years of age, already be a paid-in-full OBTC member, and either live, work, own property, or operate a business in Ocean Beach (92107). Voting for this election will take place from Jan. 28 to Feb. 8.
Rep. Peters requests mayor investigate North Chapel plans

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Congressman Scott Peters (D-52) and historic preservationists Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), have joined the battle to preserve North Chapel in Liberty Station, formally requesting an investigation by the City Attorney into a commercial lease for the historic church.

“Several members of the community, including SOHO, have contacted my office to express their concerns regarding the leasing by the McMillin Co. of the North Chapel to a commercial tenant, which they claim violates the guidelines for the treatment of historic properties at the Naval Training Center,” Peters wrote in a Nov. 5 letter to Mayor Kevin Faulconer and District 2 Councilmember Lorie Zapf. “North Chapel was built in 1942 as a place for worship for Naval Training recruiting and service members. Since then, the U.S. Department of the Interior has designated North Chapel as a National Historic Place... Of concern is the protection of the historical significance of this chapel, which for many sailors was their last place of worship before they deployed for World War II,” the letter reads.

Anna Vacchi, City public information officer, confirmed City staff is reviewing a request from McMillin to consider the sale of all or part of its 66-year master lease at Liberty Station, including the North Chapel.

“I cannot comment on anything related to what is currently being reviewed, because the review is in progress,” Vacchi said.

In the 1990s, McMillin Cos., Liberty Station’s developer, acquired a long-term lease for redevelopment of the former 361-acre former Naval Training Center, which had been turned over to the city by the Navy. North Chapel has been used in recent years by two Catholic congregations. Arguing that the chapel site has been “underutilized” as justification for leasing out its space, McMillin originally told both congregations they would continue to be allowed to use the chapel until June of this year. But McMillin extended that deadline until Dec. 31 to allow more time to find a suitable alternate tenant.

SOHO, the oldest countywide historic preservation organization in California, is voicing its own concerns regarding proposed restaurant reuse for North Chapel at 2881 Roosevelt Road in Liberty Station.

“It now appears that McMillin Co. has sold the ground lease for the retail component of Liberty Station, which includes the North Chapel,” said SOHO in its letter. “We are requesting that North Chapel remain open and accessible to the public well beyond December 2018, and that the City Council request an investigation as to if McMillin followed the correct process in selling their retail ground lease at Liberty Station.”

Ron Slayen, an artist in the Arts District who has been lobbying to preserve the status quo of North Chapel, told the Council: “It will only take one of you to make this happen: formally ask the City Attorney’s Office to investigate the leasing of the historic North Chapel.”

Shelter Island Boat Launch expected to reopen in December

The Shelter Island Boat Launch Facility Improvement Project has made significant progress and the heavy construction work is now entering its final weeks. The Port of San Diego anticipates that public access to the boat ramp will be restored in December; an announcement will be made once the ramp is safe for use.

The entire project, which includes associated site work, is expected to be completed in January.

The project has made progress with the completion of the breakwater wall, which entailed installation of 92 piles and 53 concrete wall panels; completion of both platforms that will connect to the floating docks; completion of the new concrete ramp and connecting apron; and installation of floating docks on the east side of the boat launch basin.

The contractor is currently installing the west side guide piers for the west floating docks, and building up the new roadway connecting the new boat ramp to the adjacent parking lots. The public will be able to access the ramp once the connecting roadway is finished.
Hodad’s, one of the most popular burger joints in San Diego, is delving into craft-beer brewing.

The iconic Ocean Beach restaurant at 5010 Newport Ave., whose name is derived from the 1950’s beach term for surfer wannabes and claims to have the “world’s best burger,” announced on Nov. 11 its latest venture into craft brewing. Those new brews are now available at all Hodad’s locations including Ocean Beach, downtown at 945 Broadway Ave., and in its locations in Petco Park during Padres games.

Jeremy Diem, Hodad’s president/CEO, said the crafting concept has been brewing for a couple of years. He said Hodad’s hopes is the brainchild of an employee, cook Marlow Myrmo, who had been home-brewing.

“Myrmo came up to me and owner Shane Hardin and asked if we wanted to try some of his beer. Diem said: “We said, ‘You bet.’ Once we’d had some we said, ‘Damn, this is good.’”

Diem quipped that after toasting back a couple more of Myrmo’s best, the idea of creating their own brewski became even more attractive. “Who doesn’t love a burger and a beer?” he asked.

Then came a search for a proper brewing venue. Hodad’s existing locations are way too small to house the huge vats required, but a perfect spot was finally found on Aero Drive off Ruffin Road in Kearny Mesa.

“The landlord gave us a great deal,” said Diem, adding Hodad’s has also successfully negotiated a deal with the Sycuan Indian Reservation, to have brewery outlets incorporated into the tribe’s planned $230 million expansion of its existing East County hotel and casino.

Begun in 1969, Hodad’s, originally located on the beach at the end of Santa Monica Avenue, was purchased, both business and name, by Byron and Virginia Hardin. In 1991, after several moves, Hodad’s opened at its present location on Newport Avenue in the heart of Ocean Beach.

Two other locations, at 10th and Broadway in downtown San Diego and seasonally inside Petco Park, were opened later by burger legend Mike (Bossman) Hardin, who was known for having his moniker tattooed on his knuckles.

Hodad’s new brewery is located on Aero Drive off Ruffin Road in Kearny Mesa.
Family remembers Kristan Wagner 10 years after tragedy at Sunset Cliffs

Dr. JUDY CARR | THE BEACON

Sometimes horrible things happen to the nicest people and there is no known reason for those happenings. We call them “accidents” and Marie and Bob Wagner have had more than their share. Yet they remain positive, helpful, and a joy to be with.

Many years ago the couple lost a 3-year-old son in a fire in Navy Housing in San Diego. And 10 years ago this month, they lost a beautiful daughter who fell at Sunset Cliffs.

Kristan Wagner was a well-known, well liked, resident of the beach area. She graduated from Mission Bay High School and went to school to become a hairdresser. She started her career in Bay Park working at Salon by the Bay, but later moved to Ocean Beach. She “knew” everyone, and “never met a person she did not like.”

She frequently walked at Sunset Cliffs. But on Nov. 30, 2008, Kristan was found dead at the bottom of the cliffs near Carmelito Street, only a half mile from her home on Orchard.

When trying to piece together the reason for her fall, the consensus was that the day she went walking was a wet, misty day.

There was a pole at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Carmelo Street that was supposed to keep walkers on the street side. The thought was that Kristan reached out to the pole to swing herself onto the cliff side and she lost her grip because the pole was wet.

No one saw her fall, but this scenario was what the medical examiner could come up with.

The Wagners were devastated by their loss and a call from Michael Aguirre made them realize that the City needed to erect a permanent barrier at that site— and many others— so that other loved ones would not have to go through what they were going through. Aguirre was the friend who told the Wagners how to go about getting that life-saving barrier.

They did not want any money for their loss. What they did want was a barrier put up along Sunset Cliffs to save other’s lives. They realized that it might cost money to file a lawsuit against the City, but three attorneys stepped up and said that they would handle the case pro bono.

(Boo Wallach, an attorney from the Bay area, Robert Dyer and Richard Rice, from San Diego, were the three attorneys who were instrumental in finally getting the City of San Diego to install the current wooden protective barrier.)

I talked to Wallach, and about the Wagners, he said: “The Wagner family was so marveled that they seemed unlike to be successful.”

And they tried. It took six years for that barrier to be erected. The case even went to the Court of Appeals with the argument that barriers are needed to prevent other deaths.

Finally, after years of discussion, the City agreed to place the barrier along the street to the specifications of Bob Wagner, and the attorneys agreed that they would not take any pay for their effort.

Marie told me that everyone that she met in all of the offices were very kind; very helpful; and wanted to do “what was right.”

The Wagners remember Kristan at every holiday, every possible occasion that she would have celebrated if she were here.

What a shame it couldn’t have been erected before Kristan’s fall and saved her life. Their tragedy has aided the rest of us.

RIP, Kristan. You have not been forgotten by your parents, or the entire Ocean Beach community.

Local family starts ‘Alaina’s Voice’ after niece killed at Thousand Oaks shooting

Dr. DAVE SCHWARTZ | THE BEACON

Point Loma teacher Theresa Punzalan-Makis, who lost her niece, Alaina Maria Housley, in the Borderline Bar mass shooting in Thousand Oaks, Calif., is participating along with her extended family in a strikingly simple grassroots movement that “just asks people to be kind.”

Alaina Housley died on Nov. 7 when a Marine veteran clad in black and armed with a .45-caliber Glock handgun entered the Borderline Bar in Thousand Oaks while Housley was line dancing and shot her and 11 others.

“She have just returned from celebrating [Housley’s] life in Napa,” said Punzalan-Makis. “As one way to cope with their loss, my sister and her family have started a grassroots movement at Alaina’s Voice.”

The daughter of Punzalan-Makis, Moorea Makis, a Point Loma High School alumna who is a sophomore in college studying English and elementary education, wrote a recent letter in her school newspaper about Alaina.

“I remember us reading our fairy books,” said Moorea in excerpts from her letter. “I hated books and I absolu-

lately loathed reading. I asked you, ‘Alaina, why are we doing this?’ . . . You looked at me, with your straight, no-nonsense face, and said, ‘Rea, how do you expect to become a better speaker than me?’ ”

“I was becoming a stronger reader and we grew, reading became our thing,” Makis continued. “Every Christmas together we would rip through books like it was nobody’s business. . . . But the book I’ll remember we reading forever will stay in my mind and memories. It was our last Christmas together and the last book we would ever read together. The book was ‘Wonder’ by R.J. Palacio. . . . Now, after everything, I remember a quote by Dr. Wayne Dyer in the book. ‘When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.’ ”

Added Moorea Makis, “I’m wondering what would have happened if someone was kind to your killer. What if someone had looked him in the face that day and smiled? Would you be here now? Would we still read together on Christmas day?”

Concluded Makis, “Let your story serve as a reminder to the dark world we live in, and to the simply human people who live in it, to be kind, to be generous, to be loving and to never give up on one another . . . With my broken heart and tears covering my face, I urge the people reading this to be more kind. To love people even when they are unlovable. The society we live in will never change if we do not choose kindness and love over our selves . . . Watch over our family from heaven and I will love them and everyone in this world with kindness.”
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Art, music and shopping in Ocean Beach this Small Business Saturday

Ocean Beach MainStreet Association is urging community residents to shop small and patronize local businesses while observing Small Business Saturday on Nov. 24.

“This is our annual event and it’s been really successful in years past,” said Nicole Ueno, programs director for OBMA. “It’s held to support and promote our local businesses.”

Ueno said 2018 is a milestone year. “We’re celebrating our 100th year of neighborhood shopping here in OB,” she said. “We’re going to be celebrating it with a very Ocean Beach-themed day with a lot of art and music celebrating our artistic culture here in OB.”

Small Business Saturday is an American shopping holiday. Part of a national campaign sponsored by American Express, the event takes place every year the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

The special day was first observed in the United States on Nov. 27, 2010. It is a counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, which are national campaigns sponsored by American Express, the event takes place every year the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

According to the federal Small Business Administration, small businesses, so-called “mom and pops” defined in the United States as having fewer than 25 full-time employees, employ more than half of the country’s working class.

Activities in OB

- Greetings from Ocean Beach Giant Postcard (Veterans Plaza lawn, Newport Avenue and Abbott Street): Take a holiday photo that’s larger than life with a giant postcard from Ocean Beach muralist Collete Byers on the Veteran’s Park lawn. A professional photographer will be taking free portraits throughout the day. Don’t forget to stop by the Small Business Saturday booth on the lawn and pick up a goodie bag and your “Passport to OB” card for a chance to win great prizes from local businesses.

- Clean Oceans Art Installation (OB Surf Lodge Patio, Abbott Street and Santa Monica Avenue): Get a first look at a new public art concept coming to San Diego. Local artist Miki Iwasaki has been commissioned by the Port of San Diego to create a series of unique sculptures that are sure to become an iconic part of the San Diego landscape.

Today’s piece is an exploration of spatial experiences that intend to provoke wonder and contemplation of our personal connection to the world and to the ocean, and to honor the surf culture of our community. Be sure to stop by and learn about the sustainable process behind creating functional and beautiful public art pieces.

- Art-O-Mobile Collective Art Place (OB Tire and Auto Repair, Newport Avenue and Cable Street): Come create a collective art piece with the Art-O-Mobile, a classic 1967 Checker Cab that is also a mobile chalkboard. Watch a local chalk artist work their magic, or jump in and create your own masterpiece.

- Mural Scavenger Hunt (throughout the community): Participate in a mural scavenger hunt and see how many you can find … you may even happen across a new mural in the works. Check ShopLocalOB.com for a map and more information. Share your finds on social media with #OBMurals.

- Musicians (throughout the community): Stop by Tiki Port (2201 Cable St.), Noodle House 1502 (4993 Niagara Ave.) and Jungle Java (5047 Newport Ave.) to hear musicians performing music from around the globe.

- Magic show at Lighthouse Ice Cream (5059 Newport Ave): Stop by Lighthouse Ice Cream between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., grab an ice cream, and prepare to be amazed, with fun for kids of all ages.

Ocean Beach is known for its public artwork and colorful murals. Participate in a mural scavenger hunt and see how many you can find … you may even happen across a new mural in the works. Check ShopLocalOB.com for a map and more information. Share your finds on social media with #OBMurals.

- Inspirational chalk art and live music at The Coffee Method (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) – 4993 Niagara Ave.

- Tiny canvas painting at OB Business Center: (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) – 4876 Santa Monica Ave.

- Discounts, face painting and the Typewriter Troubadour at Run for Cover Bookstore (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) – 4912 Voltaire St.

- Surprise pop-ups at Saltwater Supply & Current Collective (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) – 5032 Niagara Ave.

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SD Internal Medicine Associates opens office in Liberty Station

By LUCIA VITI | The Beacon

San Diego Internal Medicine Associates (SDIMA) recently announced the opening of its Liberty Station office. Dedicated to “delivering the highest quality of care to patients,” an impressive team of caregivers includes physicians, nurse practitioners, medical and physician assistants along with a support staff.

Touting a 30-year track record through its satellite offices located in Kearny Mesa, SDIMA promises to continue to “work diligently to create highly coordinated, professional patient-centered, medical care.”

San Diego Internal Medicine Associates agree that they “work in an orchestrated fashion to deliver excellent care that consistently exceeds expectations.”

Primary caregivers include Rolf Ehlers, M.D., Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Laura Williams Wayne, M.D., Board Certified in Internal Medicine, and Jennifer Obaña, FNP, Board Certified in American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Williams Wayne is noted to have "served the needs of the Point Loma community in providing expertise in Internal Medicine" for the past several years.

“We love our medical community and are proud to serve Point Loma with cutting edge medical care,” while providing a comfortable medical home for all of our patients,” said Williams Wayne. “As a team, we work to create trusting relationships to promote the health and happiness of our patients. Every day we look forward to this goal and are excited to grow our practice.”

Williams Wayne is the recipient of numerous awards for academic and clinical performance including the Excellence in Research Award (2007); the Queen Emma Clinics Excellence in Ambulatory Medicine Award (2006); and the Honors Award in Internal Medicine.

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Liberty Station will celebrate holiday shopping with its returning—and ever-so-popular—Local Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pop-up market and artisan event, curated by co-founders Jodie Alonso and Jade Spalding, will showcase 100 local artisan, retail and specialty businesses.

Touting “local” as their mantra, artisans and specialty boutiques will feature an eclectic mix of handmade and vintage jewelry, art, everything gardening, foods, desserts, hand-poured candles, home décor, fashion—both vintage and hand-crafted designer wear—fashion accessories, photography, and vintage goods and accessories “not handmade.”

This jam-packed, shopper’s paradise will be hosted in Moniker General’s newly refurbished Building 177, also known as The Corky McMillan Event Center. Holiday festivities, designed to “entertain the entire family,” will include a DJ spinning classic Christmas and holiday favorites—Christmas Carolers—and a free, children’s Do-It-Yourself craft table. The first 100 attendees will be awarded an impressive swag bag.

“The Liberty Station’s Local Holiday Bazaar is a market filled with everything local—and simply just fabulous—under the umbrella of all things handmade and vintage,” said Alonso. “We love supporting the local artisans and boutiques by giving them a platform, under one roof, to promote their crafts and wears. And customers enjoy holiday shopping made easy.”

The seasoned event/marketing director handpick each vendor to present “stylish, fun and creative” products from artisans “boasting of impressive talents.” Variety is key for satisfying the whims and fancies of shoppers. “We’re not half full of anything the same,” said Spalding. “We offer a collection and a variety of merchandise sold in artisan and retail shops not only in Liberty Station, but in all of San Diego County.”

“We work endlessly to hand-pick, support and promote local vendors to build awareness of local brands,” added Alonso.

The Tap Truck will once again offer its finest beer to the first 160 adult shoppers and showcase JuneShine—Hard Kombucha making its splash through San Diego. Incredible edibles—sweets and treats—will be offered on the Monster Trucks along with Paru Tea, Meka Coffee, Hey Sugar Cookies, hot chocolate and Italian sodas.

“We just love the vibrancy of Liberty Station,” said Alonso. “We support the local economy by feeding the local companies.”

Cindy Fletcher, jewelry designer and owner of Kai and Skye, will be among Point Loma’s array of artisans. Her “quality, trendy, bo-ho chic and seasonal pieces sold at affordable price points” promise to make “great stocking stuffers.”

“The Liberty Station Local Holiday Bazaar is by far the number one shopping event in San Diego,” said Fletcher.

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The Liberty Station tree lighting and holiday festivities will take place in the North Promenade on Friday, Nov. 30, from 5 to 9 p.m. The community is invited to enjoy the iconic 88-foot Norfolk pine tree lighting, live entertainment, a viewing of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and more.

Salute the Season continues through January with more seasonal celebrations, including Rady Children's Ice Rink at Liberty Station through Sunday, Jan. 6.

“Our annual Liberty Station tree lighting and holiday festivities is the perfect way for families to kick off the holidays, offering all of the timeless holiday traditions that make this time of year so special,” said Rick Wilson, executive director of Liberty Station Community Association. “After the tree lighting, Salute the Season will continue on with more holiday celebrations for loved ones to create memories and partake in the joy of the season.”

Live entertainment will kick off the Nov. 30 event at 5 p.m., with the tree lighting starting at 6:15 p.m. Watch the ceremony as a patient family of Rady Children’s Hospital lights the towering Christmas tree from top to bottom.

Following the tree lighting, peruse the neighborhood and grab a bite from the neighborhood eateries before the outdoor viewing of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," which will be projected onto a custom-made sail by a local craftsman. Ice skating will be open the whole evening for families and the community to enjoy.

Also happening throughout Salute the Season:
- Rady Children’s Ice Rink will stay open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except on Thanksgiving and Christmas, through Sunday, Jan. 6. Net proceeds benefit psychosocial services in the Rady Children’s Hospital’s Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. Throughout the season, tickets are $15 for adults and $13 for children. Punch cards for five visits are available for $50.
- Salute the Season celebration with Santa and friends will take place Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22. Every Saturday of the month before Dec. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m., friends and family are invited to celebrate the holidays and take photos with Santa. In addition to a visit from Saint Nick, the Salute the Season celebration with Santa and friends will provide live entertainment including bands and carolers.
- The Hanukkah celebration and Menorah lighting will take place Monday, Dec. 3. In partnership with the Chabad Centers of Pacific Beach and downtown, Liberty Station invites the community to celebrate the beginning of Hanukkah with an early evening Menorah lighting in the Central Promenade from 5 to 9 p.m. The Hanukkah celebration will encompass music, photo opportunities, and more.
- Friday Night Liberty’s holiday extravaganza will take place Friday, Dec. 7. Connect with working artists, enjoy dance, theatre and musical performances as well as engage with museums and galleries during this holiday-themed version of Liberty Station’s free monthly art open-house event. While you’re there, be on the lookout for unique holiday gifts for your loved ones.
- The Nutcracker Tea Party with Santa is set for Sunday, Dec. 16. Liberty Station Community Association presents the magical story of the Nutcracker at an afternoon of tea from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. near the Central Promenade. Families are invited to celebrate the spirit of Christmas at The Nutcracker Tea Party with tea, hot cocoa, cookies, an interactive performance of the Nutcracker and a visit from a special guest from the North Pole, Santa.

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Pointers water polo falls two goals short in title match

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

Two goals.

That was the difference for Point Loma boys water polo between their second championship in the past three years and a frustrating second place finish.

The team’s last title, in 2015, was the school’s first and came in Div. III. Since then, the Pointers have been elevated to Div. I, placing them among the county’s elite teams.

“It was definitely an eye-opener,” said head coach Ken Toma of his team’s upward move. “There was an adjustment period, but (the players) knew what was coming and after last year’s loss in the quarterfinals they knew what it would take to be ready.”

Playing against the Canyon Crest Academy’s Ravens, the Pointers came back from an early 4-1 first period. Raven lead to scratch back to tie, 5-5, by halftime. But after the Pointers scored twice to reassert control of the game, the final score: 13-11.

In that game, Loewer scored five goals. Ball added three and Wood Rodi had two.

LaRocco’s seventh save of the game, on a final Carlsbad shot with 15 seconds remaining, sealed the win and sent the Pointers to the finals.

“All 10 of our seniors have worked super hard,” said Toma. “They’re dedicated, never miss practice, are very accountable and they’ve been very key in the leadership aspect to make the season what it was.”

Ball is the only remaining member of the 2015 team that last won a CIF championship. He has accepted an offer to play for Cal Berkeley.

Point Loma football, girls volleyball lose in CIF playoffs

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

The Point Loma Pointer football team’s season ended on a bitterly cold Oct. 21 when they were eliminated in the quarterfinal round by Western League foe Lincoln 35-21 in a CIF quarterfinal round game that also marked the first night playoff game the Pointers hosted in the school’s 3-year history.

Making the loss a difficult pill to swallow was the Pointers’ 33-20 defeat of the Hornets on Oct. 12 in which the Pointers scored 21 unanswered points in the second half to spoil the Hornets’ Homecoming.

Going into playoffs, the No. 4 Pointers earned a bye while No. 5 Lincoln took on No. 12 Westview, dealing them a no-doubt 54-14 beating.

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game’s opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and then recovered a first-down Pointer fumble that set up a second touchdown for a 14-0 lead after less than four minutes of play.

By halftime the Hornets held a 28-0 lead on the strength of three touchdowns; and, the Pointers weren’t able to repeat their second half magic from October. The Pointers turned the ball over on four times and two interceptions.

The game marked the final appearance of Pointer standout JL Skinner, who is weighing multiple offers from Div I universities. He caught five passes for 111 yards, one of them a 26-yard scoring pass from quarterback Tre Cobb.

The Pointers started 3-1 in league but went on to defeat No. 1 seed Granite Hills last week to earn a spot in the Div II finals when they ousted No. 1 Granite Hills 34-20. They will face No. 7 Mira Mesa Friday Nov. 23.

Other seniors, besides Skinner, whose prep careers have ended include Christian Terzoli, Cameron Avuza, Zac Makis, Ricardo Borjon, Melanie Matuza, Davogcel, Josh Rodriguez, Myles DeWitt, Eddie Sproles, Lily Silva, Moses Montano, Canyon Nutting, Wes Windmiller and Patrick Johnson.

Girls volleyball loses in semifinals

The No. 5 seeded Point Loma girls volleyball team came oh-so-close to a CIF championship before losing in the Div I semifinals to eventual champion and No. 1 seed Santa Fe Christian.

In a test of endurance, the local girls took the second and third sets before losing the fourth and fifth to be eliminated by a 3-2 score.

Santa Fe Christian went on to defeat No. 3 Southwest 3-1 in the Div I championship. Based on their performance, the Pointers were selected to play in the state CIF tournament where they were a No. 13 seed in Div II. They lost their opening match 3-0 at Culver City with scores of 25-13, 25-22 and 25-19. Even in the final set, the Pointers came within points of victory.

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Point Loma’s cross country runners have achieved great success in winning both the men’s and women’s league championships before two members placed highly at the CIF Div. II championship meet and qualified for the state meet.

The Pointer men scored a meet-low 40 points to win the Eastern League title on a 3.11 mile course at Morley Field in Balboa Park.

They were followed by Mira Mesa (48), Crawford (56), Patrick Henry (81), Our Lady of Peace (118) and Hoover (128).

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Additionally, Bauer qualified for the men’s state meet to be held Nov. 24 at Woodward Park in Fresno. He ran a time of 15:41.6 for 12th place where the top 16 qualify.

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