Pointers look to avenge 2010 CIF loss to Cathedral

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The Point Loma High School (PLHS) Pointers will be out to earn their fifth trip to Qualcomm Stadium tonight, Dec. 1, when they square off at 7 p.m. with Cathedral Catholic High School at the Dons’ Carmel Valley campus.

The two schools have a lengthy history. After defeating El Capitan High on Nov. 25 in CIF quarterfinal play, the Dogs (8-2-1) would like nothing better than to end Cathedral’s 10-1, top-seeded run of four consecutive Division III championships. The titles have come, many times in CIF matches, with the Dons prevailing 25-21 to earn their first finals loss to the Pointers.

The current Pointer squad should also be fired up when they get to play Cathedral.

“Our scrimmage with them (Cathedral) was a very physical one and we’re looking forward to another great game with those guys,” said Hastings. “Our kids are always fired up when we get to play Cathedral.”

Tonight is one of those opportunities.

OB’s Christmas Parade set for 32nd installment

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

Of all the Christmas events in San Diego, none capture the feel of the neighborhood quite like the Ocean Beach Christmas Parade. Now in its 32nd year, the event takes place Saturday, Dec. 3 at 5:05 p.m. The theme for 2011 is “Surfer’s Paradise,” with participants once again heading out from Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and stretching west down Newport Avenue to Abbot Street, ending surfside at Veteran’s Plaza.

The parade kicks off with the lighting of the Ocean Beach community Christmas tree at 5:04 p.m., culminating of several days of activities celebrating the holidays in Ocean Beach. All of the Ocean Beach Town Council’s Tree Committee events benefit Ocean Beach families and seniors in need by way of the annual OB Food and Toy Drive.

This year’s tree was donated by San Diego Safari Park (formerly the Wild Animal Park) and was cut Nov. 28, making its way the following morning to Veteran’s Plaza to be decorated by local schoolchildren and remain on display for the remainder of the holiday season. Today, Dec. 1, Santa arrives at the tree, where local students will decorate it from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

At 6:30 p.m., the Stammbaum Co. Saloon will host an auction fundraiser for the OB Food and Toy Drive, with prizes provided by local businesses and sports teams. The community spirit extends to local merchants like the South Coast Surf Shop, which has incorporated the food and toy drive into its holiday windows display.

The season highlight, of course, will be the Dec. 3 holiday parade, which is expected to draw about 10,000 people. Kids of all ages will witness nearly 100 entries, including floats, the now-familiar surfer gang, marching bands and antique cars, as well as the traditional parade wrap-up with Santa Claus riding on a fire truck.

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The Ocean Beach Farmers Market Food and Toy Drive kicks off Wednesday, Dec. 7 to augment the greater Ocean Beach Town Council’s annual food and toy drive that benefits local disadvantaged families.

“Musicians, like myself, who contribute their music, are here to motivate everyone to be part of a great moment where we take care of our own,” said Gilbert. The event truly shows what a special place Ocean Beach is.

“Ocean Beach has been a wonderful place to live and the majority of people here have a great sense of what makes a good neighbor. I really look forward to being a part of the festivities and know that everyone involved will reap the great reward of giving back to these less fortunate,” he said.

“Obviously, the holiday season and the idea that all of these great musicians get together for a great cause is such a cool thing,” he said. “The fact that we might help some people’s lives with music really appeals to most musicians. It’s usually even better than getting paid.”

The Ocean Beach Farmers Market Food and Toy Drive takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Newport Avenue and Bacon Street. The event is free and open to all ages.

For more information, visit www.myspace.com/johnmillermusic.
In what is billed as the longest-run-
ing holiday home tour west of the Mis-
sissippi, All-Souls’ Episcopal Church will
celebrate its 60th Diamond Jubilee on Sa-
turday, Dec. 3 with its offering of six Point Loma homes.
A Saint Nicholas Marketplace, after-
noon tea and featured musicians at All
Souls’ church are also included in the
day’s festivities, which run from 10 a.m.
to 4 p.m.

On the tour is a newly-built water-
front “organic contemporary” home,
featuring hand-painted canvases depict-
ing the outdoors and hung as wallpaper
in the children’s wing, along with a carved
curved-sun bench. Banisters were created by casting individual
bronze leaves and fastening them to one
another. Upstairs is a master suite and
an expansive outdoor living room with a
corner fireplace surrounded.

As a bonus this year, a newly com-
pleted “dome home,” dubbed “The
greenhouse in San Diego,” will be
open during the tour. The owner spent
the better part of a decade developing
the re-conceived dwelling and said he is
proud of the fact that decades from now
his grandchildren will be using the same
green house that light the home today.
From its sky-painted ceiling to its radiant
floor heating, the home evokes an emo-
tional response from almost everyone
who walks through the front door.

Advance tickets for the home tour are
$25 and are available online at
www.allsohshometour.net, or by visit-
ing Southern Antiques Antiques on New-
port Avenue, Walter Anderson Nursery
on Enterprise Street or at the Mission
Hills Nursery on Fort Stockton Drive.
Tickets are $30 on the day of the event
and can be purchased at All Souls’ Epi-
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The funds raised by the event go to
support a variety of compassionate mini-

testries locally and overseas.

For tickets or information, visit All
Souls Episcopal Church at 1475 Catala-

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The large gray warships navigating through the thick marine layer at the city’s coastline are a constant reminder of San Diego’s longstanding association with the U.S. Navy. To spotlight the fleet — literally — Naval Base San Diego (NBSD) will hold a Navy holiday lights event on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., opening the event to the general public for the first time.

Located off of Harbor Drive and 32nd Street downtown, the base will establish a driving route for motorists to navigate along the waterfront to view ships moored at the various piers, lighting up the night with their holiday embellishments. At the tour’s end, guests will have the option to park their car and take a walking tour of a ship.

“We are truly delighted to invite the public to see their Navy,” said Capt. Wiston Smith, NBSD’s commanding officer. “The deployable units stationed here are the same units that keep our shipping lanes open by combating pirates off the coast of Africa, serve as ambassadors of goodwill in developing countries and provide humanitarian assistance to those impacted in Japan [by the recent earthquake and tsunami].”

San Diego is the principal home port of the U.S. Navy’s Pacific Fleet, with more than 50 ships calling this city home — and pre-commissioned units (PCU) San Diego and Coronado among the next to join its ranks.

“We look forward to showing off our great ship and crew to the waterfront, as well as the local community,” said command Master Chief Sean Snyder, the senior enlisted person aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold. “Benfold’s crew is planning on a red, white and blue holiday lighting theme that captures how deeply proud we are to serve this great nation.”

Navy Band Southwest will provide entertainment and guests can enjoy hot cocoa and cookies during the event. “This is a fantastic opportunity for us to give back just a little to our families, friends and the local community here in San Diego who support us throughout the year,” said Snyder.

Admission is free and guests can enter NBSD at gate two, located on Harbor Drive at Belt Street. All adults are required to show a valid form of ID to enter the base. To drive a vehicle onto base, a driver’s license, current registration and proof of insurance must be presented.

For more information, visit www.navyregionalsw.com.
Ex-surf shop worker charged with thefts

A former employee of the South Court Surf Shop in Ocean Beach has been charged with grand theft, embezzlement and theft of merchandise.

Derek Jacob Patterson, 22, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and agreed to stand trial on all charges. A trial date was set for Jan. 9.

Deputy District Attorney Luis Mendez said Wednesday the stolen surfboards were not recovered during the investigation. Court documents say the theft was discovered May 18.

The business has two locations in Ocean Beach, but the prosecutor said he did not know which one Patterson had worked for. Patterson remains in custody at $170,000 bail.

Patterson has a second unrelated case pending that involves a robbery of Zales Jewelry store in La Mesa on June 14. Patterson allegedly stole 19 rings from a display case that was estimated at a value of nearly $77,000, according to La Mesa Police. They arrested him June 27 at the Motel 6 in La Mesa where he was living at the time. Mendez said some of the jewelry was recovered.

Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges. The case involving the embezzlement and thefts may be consolidated for trial as both cases have a trial date set for Jan. 9 in El Cajon Superior Court.

— Neal Putnam

Correia is this year’s beneficiary at BookStar

Students at a local middle school are hoping area shoppers will remember them when holiday giltuitiveg at the BookStar store in Point Loma.

Correia Middle School was selected by the bookseller as the beneficiary of its annual Holiday Book Drive, and the school’s library is hoping for a big increase in the number of titles offered, according to Correia librarian Julie McKay.

From now until Jan. 1, customers at BookStar may purchase a book and designate it for the Correia school library. These gifts of literacy will be matched by City National Bank through its “Reading is the Way Up®” program.

The BookStar store is located in the historic former Loma Theater at 3150 Rosecrans St., next door to The BookStar, which is part of the Barnes & Noble chain (www.bn.com), can be reached at (619) 225-0465 for holiday store hours.

For further information, contact McKay at (619) 222-0047, ext. 2902.

— Scott Hopkins

Thrift shop to host major shopping events

The American Cancer Society’s Discovery Shop will host two major events in December. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society for research and the quest for a cure.

A designer-label sale is slated for Dec. 1 and 2, with a semi-annual 50percent-off-everything-in-the-store sale on Dec. 16 and 17.

Shop officials said high fashion can be found for low prices at the Discovery Shop’s designer-label clothing sale on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the store’s location, 3609 C Midway Drive.

For information, email Breck Austin at breck@bookstar.com or call (760) 305-8023 or by visit www.bookstar.com.

Media work set to spruce up intersection

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The project calls for nearly 4,000 square feet of landscaping, using drought-tolerant plants that will be maintained by the Point Loma Association. The project cost is more than $20,000 and all money was raised as the result of community donations.

According to Robert Tripp Jackson, a director of the PLA, he envisioned the improvements while shopping at Fresh & Easy last spring.

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Point Loma Bayfront Living

This two-story custom built home enjoys the perfect La Playa waterfront cul-de-sac setting! The sweeping views create a living museum as you stroll down the San Diego City, Bay and Yaqui Beach. The gated courtyard leads to a unique residence full of many special features and possibilities.

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Tax dollars should help grow jobs, not red tape

Our tax dollars must be used to support our neighborhoods, businesses and local jobs, not block the way to progress with unnecessary red tape.

Here is an example. You may have noticed the restrooms on one of our local beaches have been closed for more than two years, replaced with unsightly portable toilets on the sand. Why has it taken the city so long to fix a facility used by countless beachgoers?

It’s because the city’s contract with the construction company was ultimately selected and the restrooms are scheduled to open in time for the summer season. As for the city contracting department, I asked for a full performance audit of their operations and there is currently an opportunity for new management at the department.

So what about the Ocean Beach restrooms? A local construction company was selected and the restrooms will be releasing an action plan to reform the process." (Significance of the Plan, Ocean Beach Precise Plan).

We are having elections to the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) in March. One of the requirements to qualify is to have attended one regular board meeting (go to www.pcbp.net for details).

Unfortunately, many people have become cynical regarding the political arena and the people involved. The PCPB is comprised of intelligent, reasonable and concerned community members whose expertise spans the areas of architecture, planning, law, historic preservation and communication. The diversity of backgrounds lends itself to intelligent, reasoned and sometimes lively discussions.

If you have not attended a meeting, please come to our Jan. 19 or Feb. 16 board meeting. You will leave with a positive view of the PCPB and hopefully consider putting your name in for the March election.

Hele Kimmir PCPB Chairman

Appealing for change in thinking of tip planners

I would like to thank [Beacon reporter] Tony De Gant to jump into the waters surrounding a propos-

Robert "Bob" Yost, PCPB Chairman

PCPB seeking qualified board members

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Rock Academy Warriors host robotics scrimmage

By AVERY BERCHEK | SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

On Nov 19, teams from all over San Diego attended workshops, mentored one another in robot-building and worked to build the playing field. Students guided their robots through the field, which consisted of PVC pipes, bowling balls and bar carts.

The Point Loma-based Rock Academy’s robotics program called FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is comprised of high school competitors. All students who choose to participate in FIRST are asked to practice “gracious professionalism.”

“Gracious professionalism” is used by everybody in FIRST. It encourages students to help other team members, even if it might mean giving one’s own team a disadvantage. Whether it is lending an opponent a battery or helping an older gentleman cross the street, every team is involved with “gracious professionalism.”

To help the Rock Academy’s Warriors team reach its goal of participating in the world championships, the team participated in “gracious professionalism” by hosting a scrimmage at the Rock Academy on Rosecrans Street.

The highlight of the scrimmage was when teams participating within the blue alliance won the scrimmage and demonstrated “gracious professionalism” by congratulating the red alliance. The over-all event was designed to encourage other teams to build robots, while promoting unity among the high school student community.

The Warriors FTC Team 4112 is a Christian team from the Rock Academy and considered a veteran group in San Diego since it has been an established for more than a year. Last year, as a rookie team, the Warriors went to the San Diego championships, got fourth out of 40 teams, and won the Judges’ Award.

This year, Team 4112 aims to compete in the world championships with a full team comprised of eight students. Many improvements have been integrated within the team’s curriculum, including: establishing a field for practice, building more efficient parts for the team’s robot, utilizing a six-wheel drive, incorporating more intricate sensing abilities and establishing a better team morale through teambuilding events. The Warriors will compete in the San Diego championships on Jan. 14 at Madison High School.

For more information, visit www.usfirst.org.

Forum scheduled Dec. 6 on low-impact development concepts

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Ever wonder what environmentally sensitive urban planning would look like in the future? Students of the NewSchool of Architecture and Design will present their concepts featuring low-impact development (LID) for the public and city planners during a presentation of “Signs of the Tide: Putting a LID on Pollution,” scheduled to take place Tuesday, Dec. 6 in Ocean Beach.

From 6 to 8 p.m. NewSchool students, along with local city planners and developers, will gather at Electric Ladyland Art and Music center, 4944 Newport Ave., to discuss low-impact development and urban development designs aimed at curbing one of the city’s biggest threats to local waterways: urban runoff.

According to a statement released by San Diego Coastkeeper, speakers and a city official who are prepared to field questions that day include: • U.S. Green Building Council Board member Edward Reidenwyl; • NewSchool Landscape Architecture Department chairwoman Leslie Ryan; and • City supervising public information officer Bill Harris.

San Diego Coastkeeper and the NewSchool of Architecture and Design are also partnering with the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association to host the student presentation and forum. Many community planters in Ocean Beach have lauded community efforts toward environmental stewardship.

Citywide volunteers often partner with San Diego Coastkeeper and other groups aimed at protecting the region’s waterways and bays. For more information, visit www.sdcostkeeper.org.

Crafts by Leslie

A consignment shop owned and operated by Leslie Koons is now open in ocean beach. Filled with various handmade goods made by creative local crafters, the wide selection of items for sale include wreaths, jewelry, clothing, scarves, cards, seasonal crafts and much more.

The store is located at: 4812 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach

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Spithill leads U.S. to victory in America’s Cup World Series tour on SD Bay

There’s something to be said for a “home port” advantage. Jimmy Spithill, who spent his younger years charging San Diego’s waters, skippered a U.S.A 45-foot Oracle catamaran to victory over the French team in the America’s Cup team in the America’s Cup World Series tour this month on San Diego Bay.

It had figured to be a sail-off final with the internationally-experienced New Zealanders. Instead, the kiwis settled for third place after beating Sweden.

Then, Spithill closed the final weekend by taking the full-force Fleet race. The Oracle team might be remembered, too, for snapping New Zealand’s string of three wins with a breakthrough triumph in the America’s Cup for 72-footers in 2010. It appears they’re still on a roll.

The World Cup was a spectacle, unlike other weekends when billowing white sails are prevalent in varied competitions on the waters of San Diego Bay.

For the average shoreline spectator witnessing this event for the first time, a rule book and assistance from a learned observer might have been necessary.

Tactical turns, errors and penalties imposed along the course might have been beyond novice comprehension. The seamanship of those scrambling, acrobatic, helmeted sailors keeping things in balance was entertaining the crew.

The AC45 boat was designed by the Oracle racing design and engineering team. At task was designing a boat that would not only meet the racing criteria, but could also fit inside a 50-foot container, which is the shipping vessel for the racing world series.

Although dangerous, promoters of the AC World Series and the America’s Cup could not have orchestrated a more effective promotional stunt. The AC45s would compete in locations around the globe.

“I think this series is critical to the future of the major (America’s Cup),” said Australian Iain Murray, regatta director and CEO of America’s Cup race management.

“Sailing in the best of times is not an easy sport to understand,” he said, “for us to succeed, we must present an understandable and exciting sport on TV. We’ve got to look at how we bring the race courses into the public arena.”

The nine days of time trials, eliminations and fleet maneuvers were pleasing to the eye as a capsuled introduction to what it will be like when the 72-foot boats compete on San Francisco’s bay for the major-league America’s Cup in 2011.

The curious came to Broadway pier to get a close-up view of all the activity, watching these skeleton-like boats drift close by. Decisions will be made this month whether the World Series will return to San Diego next year, according to a racing spokesperson.

Organizers said there is a need for more international racing interest, possibly from Australia and Italy, Korea, China and Spain remain in a learning curve.

Even winning a preliminary race was a step in the right direction for a Chinese team that had no Chinese nationals aboard. They plan to compete in the America’s Cup in the future with “Chinese sailors on a Chinese-built boat.”

The hard-wing catamarans being sailed in the world series tour are high tech, high-performance beasts to handle. By the time the actual America’s Cup comes around, the event will be sailed in even more demanding 72-foot catamarans.

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About 130 hungry guests enjoyed a Thanksgiving Day meal, hosted and organized by the main local outreach and food distribution group, Second Chance Bread of Life. The event, held at the Sacred Heart Parish on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, included several turkeys, honey-glazed ham, slow pork loin and a variety of traditional fixings, rounded up with hot and cold beverages, cake, fruit and ice creams. The dinner was overflowed and blessed by the church’s pastor, Barth Hudiburgh, along with fellow pastors Brian Compton, Rich Possanza, Joe Grayson and church assistant Tom Petersen for The Way Church OB. Other local churches that joined the effort were OB1 Baptist Church, Newbreak Church, All Souls Episcopal Church and the Harbor Presbyterian Church. About 170 adult volunteers from Ocean Beach and other San Diego church communities prepared, served and cleaned up on site from early morning until 3 p.m.

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Experts Say: Start planning for it 60 to 90 days before you sell. Point Loma (CA) – A recent interview with Jeffrey Middaugh of Coldwell Banker, revealed several helpful tips for anyone who is thinking of selling their Point Loma or Ocean Beach home.

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Nighttime parades are rare, and this is the only such event in San Diego.

Claudia Jack, of the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, has played a key role in the organization and leadership of the OB Christmas Tree Festival since 1991. She said the logistics are more involved than for a daytime event, but added that the effort is worth it.

“We have to have lighted barricades, security, plus our team of close to 100 volunteers,” Jack said. “You can’t do something like this without volunteers.”

She said some of the volunteers have been involved for decades.

“It’s like cooking. Volunteers are the secret ingredient. You have a recipe and if you don’t have all the ingredients, you can’t put it together,” Jack said.

On the big day of Dec. 3, everything gets under way at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Ocean Beach pier at the foot of Newport Avenue, where an action-sports fun zone area at the pier, but also has the experience of previously riding on a parade float. He said participating musicians donate their time.

“Not everyone I would like to perform is always available, but I try to have a mix of performers that appeals to all ages,” he said. “It’s not quite as big as the annual street fair, but it is a chance to play in front of good crowds down there in a really neat setting.”

Even after two decades of involvement with the parade, food and toy drive, and the other holiday events in Ocean Beach, Jack said her favorite thing about the parade is that it never wavers.

“It’s such a rewarding event,” Jack said. “Some of the kids who come to this event have very little. To see the sparkle in their eye is the greatest gift anyone could have.”

Ocean Beach Holiday Parade takes place at 5:05 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 along Newport Avenue. All ages. Free. For more information on activities and holiday events, visit http://www.obtowncouncil.org/event/1 2nd-annual-ob-holiday-parade.
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‘Holidazed and Confused’ concert to benefit food, toy drive

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

The second annual “Holidazed and Confused” concert takes place on Saturday, Dec. 3 at Winston’s, immediately following the Ocean Beach Holiday Parade.

The night is devoted to the music of Led Zeppelin, with local tribute band Dazed and Confused and friends on stage for a special five-hour marathon of classic rock.

Meanwhile, in the spirit of the season guests are asked to bring canned food or an unwrapped toy for a discount on admission at the door. Proceeds this year benefit the Ocean Beach Christmas Tree Festival Food & Toy Drive.

“We actually took a few months off before this gig and used it to add 11 new songs to our set list,” Ott said. Zeppelin has so many great songs and we want to make sure we keep things as fresh as possible for our fans.”

“The band thought having some of those string players sit in on this acoustic set would be a nice change from our typical show and that an acoustic set would appeal to a wider audience,” Ott said. “So we decided to start it right after the Ocean Beach Holiday Parade.”

The show quickly became a Christmas event for this show. Dazed and Confused will be augmented by several star players, including the band’s former keyboardist Mike Davenport, who is coming in from Arizona to join the band for the gig. Also on hand will be cellist Marc Sander, mandolin player Kenny James and violinist Alicia Previn.

The Zeppelin influence will extend to the between-set interludes, with choice Jimmy Page and Robert Plant tracks as well as Yardbirds material played. However, the live sets will only include Led Zeppelin tracks, though there is a little wiggle room because the band occasionally has so many great songs and we want to make sure we keep things as fresh as possible for our fans.”

“The band has had to learn new material together. We actually took a few months off before this gig and used it to add 11 new songs to our set list,” Ott said. “Zeppelin has so many great songs and we want to make sure we keep things as fresh as possible for our fans.”

Ott said it’s always fun to play rock ‘n roll, but a show like this is especially rewarding.

“People are still talking about last year’s Christmas show,” he said. “We put a lot of work into it and the success of the show was truly rewarding. This year, we get to put on an even better show and help some kids while we’re at it.”

Holidazed and Confused takes place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 at Winston’s, 1921 Bacon St. $7 ($5 with food item or unwrapped toy). 21 and up.

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PLHS downs El Capitan to advance in CIF postseason

Point Loma High School's (PLHS) CIF quarterfinal football victory over El Capitan on Nov. 23 was anything but a walk in the park for more than three quarters.

The Pointer home game, played in historic Balboa Stadium on the perimeter of Balboa Park, was up for grabs in the fourth quarter's first minute, with the locals holding a slim 24-21 margin over the upstart Vaqueros.

But the fourth-seeded Dogs, using their size and speed, eventually tired their East County foes, scoring 21 points in a decisive fourth quarter to advance to the semifinal round with a 45-21 victory that ended the Vaqueros' season at 4-8. PLHS improved to 8-2-1.

By game's end, it had become a romp in the park.

Bits 'n' Bites:

- Hastings achieved a career milestone, overlooked during playoff excitement. The Pointers 61-13 rout of Serra on Nov. 10 was the 14-year veteran head coach's 100th career victory. Hastings has been on the football staff at PLHS for 18 total years.
- Local CIF officials require all playoff games to begin at 7 p.m., running total yards on his other eight rushing attempts.
- Aaron Watkins snared a second-half interception, increasing his team-leading total.
- “Our defense played pretty well and the offense really started to click in the second half. Once our wheels started to spin on offense, we were hard to stop,” Hastings said.

Johnny Maes (No. 26) heads for the end zone to score the final Point Loma touchdown as the Pointers defeated El Capitan 45-21 to earn a CIF semifinal berth.

Following a 35-yard pass completion from quarterback Branden Martin to Bueno swept to the left and out-ran defenders for his second six-pointer, building the lead to 18-21 and icing the game for the Pointers with 6:22 to play.

Finally, with 1:21 remaining, Pointer reserves drove for a final touchdown, Johnny Maes carrying it in to provide the final margin.

Over the course of the game, the Dogs’ relentless defense wore down the Vaqueros. Murphy managed only 10 total yards on his other eight rushing attempts.

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BITS 'N' BITES:

Hastings said. "We came out kind of feeling our way," said Pointer head coach Mike Hastings. "But we found our stride in the middle of the second quarter."

Receiving the second-half kickoff, the Pointers drove to score, with Eric Bueno’s first touchdown providing a 17-7 lead in a march that consumed nearly four minutes.

In the waning moments of the third period, Griffin lobbed a hailmary option pass downhill to swift receiver Matt Magers, who had to slow up before the ball arrived. Defenders ran Magers down at the five-yard line but the Dogs scored their third touchdown to go up 24-14.

El Capitan, however, came right back with a long pass play and advanced to the Pointers’ one yard line as the third quarter ended, scoring in the first seconds of the fourth quarter to get within three at 24-21.

Following the kickoff, the Pointers scored again, Morris Mathews reaching the end zone with 10:25 left in the game, stretching the lead to 31-24.

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SPORTS

FALL ROUNDUP

PLHS scores big with numerous CIF playoff appearances

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Hundreds of student-athletes helped Point Loma High School (PLHS) reach CIF playoffs in every fall sport. Athletic Director John Murphy praised the team members and coaches, calling the school’s showing “a remarkable feat.”

With football season still under way, here is a brief look at all other teams’ performances.

Cross country (boys)

Under third-year coach Keith DeLong, the distance runners were unbeaten (5-0) in all meets and Eastern League (4-0). They finished second, however, to Patrick Henry at the league championship meet and were declared co-champions with the Patriot League (4-0). They finished second in all meets and Eastern League (4-0).

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Inaugural ‘URT Lob Off’ event is one unique lobster-snaring competition

BY DREW MCGILL | SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

San Diego played host to a one-of-a-kind event dubbed the “URT Lob Off” in an inaugural event near Sunset Cliffs Boulevard in October.

The event, named after the waterman’s clothing company URT (www.urturt.com), also centered on a “competitive lobster diving” theme. URT had been promoting the event for nearly two months in advance at local hangouts and surf shops.

The day came and the surf had been flat for three days prior, leaving the water plenty clear. It made for perfect conditions for divers to swim down and find tasty lobsters.

Among the seven contestants were Navy SEALs, the son of a Department of Fish and Game warden and a Coronado Beach lifeguard.

Prizes were given for the number of legal-size lobster and the biggest lobster caught and the state Department of Fish and Game monitored the contest.

The rules of the “Lob Off” were simple. To participate, one needed a fishing license, along with a lobster card. All the contestants had two hours to troll for lobsters, starting and ending at the top of the stairs at so-called “Garbage Beach.”

When there was 15 minutes remaining, a big white-and-blue umbrella was deployed and placed atop the cliff for all the contestants to see, signaling the end of the competition.

Contestant Al Hansen was the first to head to the judging area because he had caught his legal limit for the day—seven lobsters. He actually had been waiting at the staging area since the umbrella was deployed.

When all was said and done, Hansen claimed first place for both the number of legal-size lobsters and the biggest at three pounds.

Less than half of the seven contestants returned with legal-size lobsters. Second place went to Spencer Summers with two catches and third place was awarded to Bobby Wurnellbach with one legal-size catch.

The other competitors in the inaugural “Lob Off” were Troy McCasland, James Lindell, Michael O’Dowd and Mike Saulnier.

The awards ceremony turned into a throwback to perhaps a 1950s-era surf contest. The trophies were wood blocks with lobsters painted on them.

The second annual event is planned for around the same time next year.

— Drew McGill is a photojournalist and ocean enthusiast from San Diego.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEC. 5th
Write Out Loud presents: “The Giving Season”
Inspired and heartwarming stories are read out loud by talented actors for a live audience. Attendees can enjoy holiday songs by Pearle S. Back, Robert Foist, Christopher Miceli and E.B. White. At the Cyprus Theatre. Call 619-297-9855

DEC. 10th & Dec. 26th to 30th
Bonfire Nights
Enjoy an old-fashioned gathering around the fire pit with live music, carolers and free S’mores for all. Every night from Dec. 26th to the 30th, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Old Town State Historic Park Plaza. Call 619-220-5422 for information (Free)

DEC. 16th
Holiday in the Park
Historically interpreted merchants in the Old Town State Park offer up music, wine and beautifully decorated shops starting at 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. Featuring horse drawn wagon rides, festive music and living history activities. Call 619-220-5422 for information (Free)

DEC. 10th & 17th
Breakfast with Santa
Kids enjoy a delicious breakfast with Santa along with face painting, photo op and a free gift at the Cafe Coyote. Every table even gets a plate of Holiday Scones for $5 for kids and $12.50 for adults. From 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Make your reservations by calling 619-291-4605

DECEMBER 9-11 & 16-23
Christmas Spirit Tour
Hop on the Old Town Trolley at 7:00 pm for a unique local look at the holidays. Experience the sights, lights and sounds of Christmas along with storytelling, sharing traditions and bearing fun facts of the season. Call 619-296-0677 for reservations

DEC. 11th
61st Annual Las Posadas
Reinactment of Mary & Joseph’s search for Christ’s birthplace. Activities begin at 10:00 pm. Join the carollers procession starting at 4:30 pm, singing songs as actors move “from inn to inn, asking for lodging.” Concludes with a palms party. In the State His- toric Park Plaza. Call 619-297-3100 (Free)

THROUGH DECEMBER • Cygnet Theater Presents It’s A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
In this staged version of the movie, you see the inside workings of a 1947 radio studio: announcers, actors reading lines, flashing applause signs and even a commercial for Lax soap. The story’s still a grabber: “What would life be like without George, whose selfless generosity abandoned his dreams for others?” Call 619-397-1525 for dates, times and tickets.

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FRIDAY, Dec. 2
Shoppe on Fir is hosting “Holiday Gifts With a Creative Twist” at the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station from 5 to 8 p.m. during “Friday Night Liberty.” The event will also feature free, open-art studios, galleries and performances every first Friday at NTC in historic Liberty Station. Throughout December shoppers can stop by any of the 20 art and design studios and galleries for hand-made jewelry and clothing, original paintings and photographs, international artisan crafts, vintage items, children’s books, handmade chocolates, art and dance class gift certificates. Parking is free. For more information, visit www.NTCPromenade.com or call (619) 979-9260.

SATURDAY, Dec. 3
• The Ocean Beach Town Council hosts its annual OB Christmas Parade in the heart of OB along Newport Avenue at 5:05 p.m. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.
• The Point Loma Artists host their annual free Holiday Art Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3636 Girard St., between Chabolla Boulevard and Pointsettia Street. The event includes original oil and watercolor paintings, photography, woodwork, glass, waxworks, metal and ceramics. For more information, visit www.pointlomartists.com or call (619) 223-6329.
• Silver Gate Elementary School will host its Holiday Tree Sale and Holiday Boutique featuring items from local, home-based crafters from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school’s playground, 1499 Venice St. Tree pickups take place this day. At the boutique, 20 percent of the retail price of the tree sales will be donated back to Friends of Silver Gate. Crafters can reserve tables by emailing zoefeher32@gmail.com. For tree prices and more information, visit www.sandiego.edu/silvergate.

SATURDAYS, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24
• The Ocean Beach Town Council hosts weekly OB Craft Fairs at Veterans Plaza for all your holiday shopping. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

MONDAY, Dec. 5
Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner with the Ocean Beach Woman’s Club at 6:30 p.m. Turkey provided, but side dishes and desserts welcome. The dinner takes place at the club, 2160 Bacon St. For more information, call (619) 222-1008.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7
Friends of Famous Slough will hold a general meeting and a presentation entitled “Three Restoration Success Stories” by three speakers: Mal Hinton, David Kimmell and Jim Peugh on the progress at San Diego Audubon Society’s Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve near Vista, the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park in Point Loma and the Famous Slough, respectively. The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at the Loma Rivera Clubhouse, 3115 Loma Rivera Drive. For more information, call (619) 224-4591 or visit www.FamousSlough.org.

THURSDAY, Dec. 8
The Rock Academy’s elementary students will present a Christmas program, “Bethlehem Rock Rock,” about a camel and his friends as they discover the true meaning of Christmas. The program takes place Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. and again on Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. at the Rock Church and Academy Sanctuary, located at 2277 Rosecrans St. Admission is free. For more information, email autumn.cropp@therock-academy.org.

FRIDAY, Dec. 9
The Peninsula Singers will present their annual Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. at The North Chapel at Liberty Station in Point Loma, located at 2861 Roosevelt Road. The pop-

Dec. 13, 15 and 16
The Ocean Beach Beach Club brings its home for the holidays with its annual community food and Toy Drive for local disadvantaged families. Volunteers are needed to help with wrapping and sorting of donated items (be sure to look for the Christmas donation cans around Ocean Beach) during this three-day period from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SUNDAY, Dec. 11
Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner with the Ocean Beach Town Council and Ocean Beach Schoolchildren hosting from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SUNDAY, Dec. 18
Annual Holiday Tea and Bazaar at 10 a.m. Available will be specialty holiday fresh and dried decorations, crafts, and home made delectables, all created by Point Loma Garden Club members, as well as vintage books and a large selection of baked goods. The “Tea party” theme of this year’s event will feature familiar holiday favorites and selections and solos from Handel’s Messiah. Tickets are $10 and are available at the door. For more information, call (619) 922-9823.

Thursday - December 1, 2011
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