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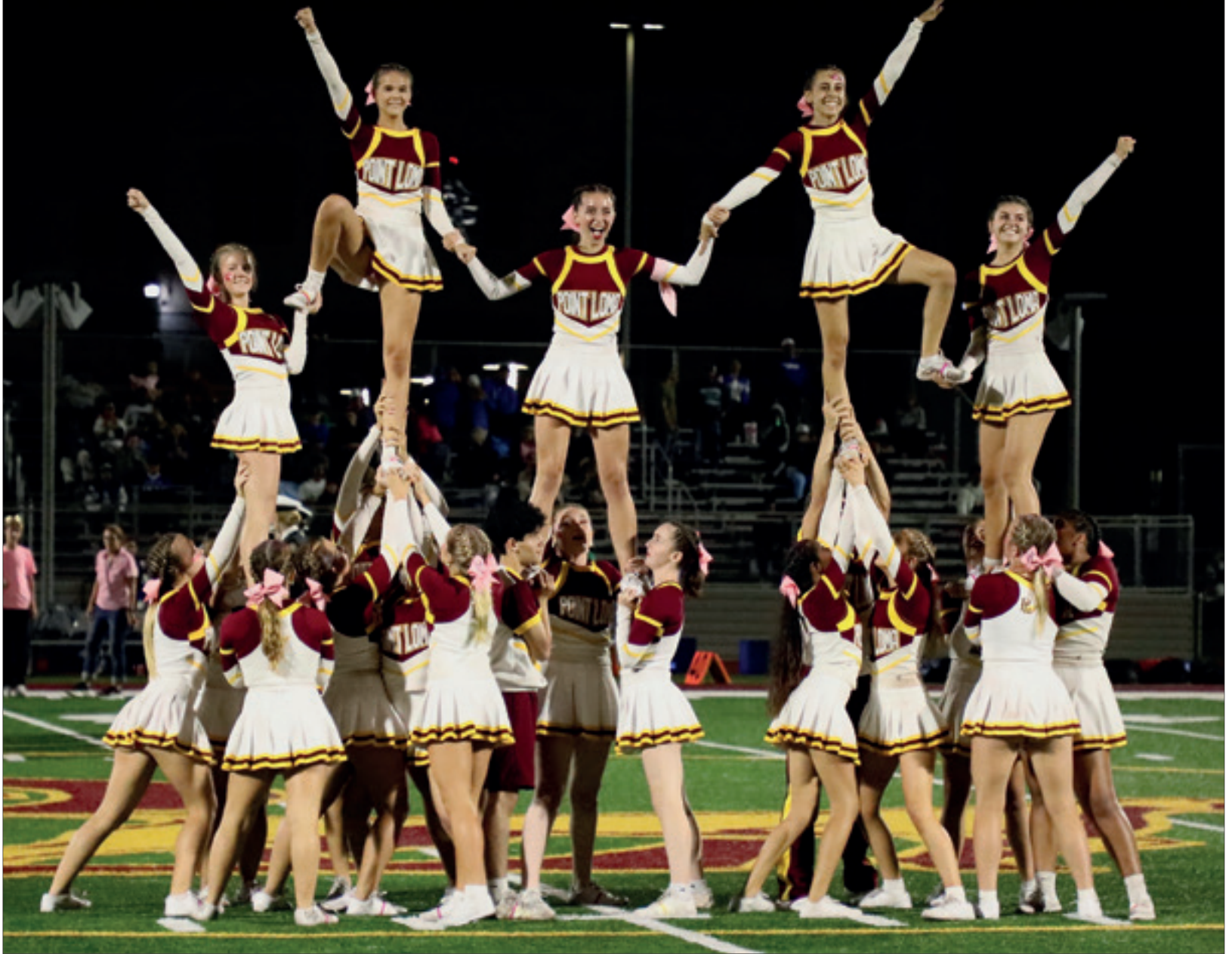
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Point Loma High football
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THREE CHEERS FOR POINT LOMA HIGH



Students and alumni had many reasons to cheer on Point Loma High School recently. Along with the school's Homecoming celebration last month, the Pointers rolled to yet another gridiron win. See more coverage starting on page 11.
(Photo by Scott Hopkins)

Take a trip down memory lane with the Yacht Rock Festival on Oct. 11

By DAVE SCHWAB

Now you can sail back to the '70s and '80s with retro flair at the first-ever San Diego Yacht Rock Festival on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 4-10 p.m. at Ingram Plaza in Liberty Station, 2751 Dewey Rd.

Flashback with unforgettable sets from "Monsters of Yacht," "Harbor Party," and "Yachty By Nature," with each band bringing their strongest material to the stage. It will be a day and night of silky harmonies and timeless classics powered by a full-size concert stage, line array sound, and full festival

lighting.

Promoters are thrilled to welcome Elliot Lurie, the original voice of the yacht rock anthem "Brandy (You're a Fine Girl)." Fans will have the rare opportunity to meet Elliot and grab a photo. Enjoy America's best Yacht Rock bands while sampling select wines, bubbly craft cocktails, and gourmet eats. The cost is \$60 for general admission, with VIP options available.

A subgenre of soft rock popular in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Yacht rock is characterized by smooth, polished production, jazz-influenced melodies, R&B, soul, and disco elements, as well as



Elliot Lurie is best known for the 1972 hit song "Brandy (You're a Fine Girl)".
(Photo courtesy of Elliot Lurie)

a laid-back, "breezy" vibe.

The term was coined in 2005

by creators of the online comedy series Yacht Rock, which humorously connected the music with Southern California boating culture. Common artists associated with the genre include Steely Dan, Michael McDonald, Kenny Loggins, and The Doobie Brothers.

Michael Esposito, co-founder of San Diego's inaugural Yacht Rock Festival, is promoting the event. Esposito joined forces with two mixologist partners in 2010 to form Snake Oil Cocktail Company, a business created to help elevate the cocktail craft.

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Point Loma High students and alumni have much to cheer about at school's Homecoming



Dozens of Pointer alumni prepare to parade in front of packed stands as they lead off the Homecoming celebration with the Alumni Walk. (Photo by Scott Hopkins)

By SCOTT HOPKINS

A large crowd gathered for Point Loma High School's 99th annual Homecoming on Sept. 19. Themed "Centennial Celebration," they saw a blowout

football win and cheered loudly for a halftime show featuring both current and former students. The festivities began with an annual event, the Alumni Walk, in which all alumni at the game paraded along the school's track

to the cheers of current students. After the school's cheerleading squad performed, featuring well-practiced lifts by its members, the Homecoming Court was introduced, and they walked beneath a formation of gleaming silver swords held by the PLHS NJROTC Honor Guard. The court included: Freshmen: Morgan Heider and Tavin Goetting. Sophomores: Addison Hughes and Rocco Pourhamaidi Juniors: Jonah Bierman and Shirley Hollister Seniors: Renee Bettencourt and Peter DeSalvo. The school's large marching band was flawless in its show before the class floats concluded the ceremonies. Each class selected a decade from the school's 100-year history for their float theme. Decades chosen were: Freshmen, 1920s; sophomores, 1990s; juniors, 2020s and seniors, 1970s. The award for best float went to the seniors after strong competition from the juniors.



Members of the junior class perform dances and the spirit of the 2020s decade as they strive for recognition by staff judges. (Photo by Scott Hopkins)



Once again, it was the senior class that captured first place in the float competition with their energetic and cheerful salute to the 1970s. (Photo by Scott Hopkins)

PCPB STUDENT LIAISONS

The Peninsula Community Planning Board has two high school student liaison positions available and would like to let students know of this amazing opportunity to gain experience in civil leadership and learn more about the planning board and its role within the Peninsula community. Applications are located on the website at pcpb.net and must be submitted to pcpbsd@gmail.com by the end of the day on Oct. 10.

NATIONAL TACO DAY

City Tacos' OB Playground at 4896 Voltaire St. is celebrating National Taco Day on Tuesday, Oct. 7 with a combo for two for \$30 that includes any four tacos and two Mexican bottled beers. For \$2 more, guests may order two beers on draft and add an order of churros. All paying guests on this day, regardless of their order, can spin a promotional wheel to earn prizes for their next visit to the taqueria. City Tacos offers more than 20 tacos on its menu, including options for vegetarians and vegans. City Tacos is open 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. on National Taco Day.

CORK & BREW

Join UPSES Hall for an evening of delicious flavors and community spirit at Cork & Brew on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 6-10 p.m. This signature fundraiser brings together the best local vendors for a night of food, wine, and craft beer samplings. COST: \$55/ \$75 for VIP Seating (Presale Pricing Until This Friday). Don't wait to get your tickets. VIP seating and sponsorships are available now.

For more information email Jeanette Finete at jfinete@gmail.com.

Public Notice

Opening of McGrath Outpatient Pavilion and Expansion of Specialized Services

Hillcrest Medical Campus at UC San Diego Health will be opening McGrath Outpatient Pavilion in summer 2025. This action is being taken to address the region's growing demand for specialized services. The six-floor, 250,000-square-foot advanced medical facility, located at 4250 1st Ave, San Diego, CA 92103, will house key clinical programs that will either relocate or expand from their current locations. Outpatient clinical staff will also be relocated to the new pavilion.

Services at McGrath Outpatient Pavilion will include audiology, the Breast Center, digestive diseases (colorectal), neurology, neurosurgery, otolaryngology, plastic, burn, and trauma surgery, vascular clinic, radiology and advanced imaging, infusion clinic, multi-specialty cancer clinic, orthopedics, outpatient surgery, perinatology, endoscopy, radiation therapy, and urology.

The closest comparable facilities, who are also contracted with Medicare/Medi-Cal, are:

Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego (0.4 miles)
4077 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103

Sharp Memorial Hospital (4.7 miles)
7901 Frost St., San Diego, CA 92123

Jacobs Medical Center at UC San Diego Health (14.1 miles)
9300 Campus Point Drive, San Diego, CA 92037

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For additional information, please contact UC San Diego Health at **858-657-7000** or visit health.ucsd.edu/about-us/hillcrest-redevelopment.

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