

CHARTER SCHOOL, MBHS CAMPUS-SHARING DEAL OFF TABLE



A plan to incorporate Magnolia Science Academy into the Mission Bay High School campus – a move that raised the ire of some local parents – is now a dead deal after the charter school withdrew its application to the school district.

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Athletes in the men's competition dig deep during the final race for the Copley Cup. The team from Harvard (foreground) would ultimately end up capturing the trophy last year.

40th Annual San Diego Crew Classic and Family Festival set for April 6-7

By STAFF AND CONTRIBUTION

The 40th annual San Diego Crew Classic and Family Festival will explode into action April 6-7 on Crown Point Shores on Mission Bay. The annual rowing powerhouse event will feature many elite collegiate crews as the premier regatta celebrates four decades of rowing excellence.

Last year's winning crews for the two cov-

eted collegiate trophies were Harvard in the Jessop Whittier Cup field: Duke, Purdue, Uni-Copley Cup (men's division) with its first title here since 1994 and their ninth overall win, and USC in the Jessop-Whittier Cup (women's Washington State. division) which has won back-to-back titles and its fourth victory since 2007.

ga, Oregon State, Stanford, University of California (Berkeley), University of Pennsylvania and University of British Columbia. The

versity of California (Berkeley), UCLA, USC, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and

About 4,400 athletes from more than 125 universities, clubs and high schools from The 2013 Copley Cup field includes Gonza-across the United States, as well as the world, participate in this legendary, premier spring

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Volunteers, merchants on call for world-class triathlon event in April

By MARIKO LAMB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Volunteers are needed for the 2013 Omegawave World Triathlon from April 17-20 in Mission Bay. The world-class sports event will draw in 150 elite athletes and nearly 3,000 athletes to Mission Bay for the three-day competition. More than 1,000 volunteers will be needed before and during the event for a number of behind-the-scenes tasks, including professional athlete support, media support, transportation, packet pick-up staffing and more.

Volunteers at the event will have the opportunity to join in on the action to support the world's top professional triathletes and more than 2.000 aspiring amateur athletes from across the country. Additionally, volunteers will be rewarded with a memorable experience, a T-shirt, meals and an invitation to a post-race celebration with the athletes.

Interested volunteers can sign up at www.sandiego.triathlon.org/volunteer, or email Deborah Jones at volunteer@sandiego.triathlon.org.

Local merchants are also urged to get involved with the event through the Mission Beach Deals program, which invites local businesses to offer special deals on their goods or services during the competition, which will be advertised free by event organizers. Deals will be posted online at sandiego.triathlon.org, on social media, at the information desk at the event headquarters hotel and in a virtual race bag, which is sent to all participants the week before the event

"One of the main goals of the Mission Beach Deals program is to build on the interaction and cooperation with local businesses established in 2012," said USA Triathlon spokesman John Martin. "Specifically, the aim is to involve local businesses in the event and connect them with our group of more than 2,000 participants and

"Through the Mission Beach Deals program, the Omegawave World Triathlon San Diego will continue to be accessible to the local community, making it successful for everyone, including local business," he said.

Deadline for inclusion in the virtual race bag is March 28. For more information, visit community@sandiego.triathlon.org.

Overcoming the fear of water and finding a new passion; it's never too late to learn to swim

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | BEACH & BAY

Many people who swim only by keeping their faces above the water have a problematical relationship with the water, swim instructor Kim Shults discovered.

Some, like me, have had traumatic water-related incidents that affect their ability to feel comfortable swimming.

That, plus her concern for drowning prevention and water safety, is one reain Water Project to mark her 40th birth-

schools when she received her annual layoff notice last year. She decided that was one too many layoff notices, and opted not to return to public education - at least now — but to refocus on her first love, teaching swimming. She was determined to use her birthday as a catalyst to examine what she wanted to do in next in life.

"I felt I was supposed to have a greater effect on people than I was and son Shults started her "40 for 40" Face make a noticeable difference in people's lives," she said.

The former Ocean Beach resident was hood and a swim instructor for 22 The Plunge is maintained at about a 12-year veteran ESL (English as a sec-years, Shults is happiest in the water.

ond language) instructor in San Diego She resolved to honor her birthday by giving 40 people of varied ages and backgrounds a one-hour swimming lesson, teaching breathing techniques and helping them overcome any reluctance to put their faces in the water.

> "My intention was to change people's relationship with the water. It's a challenge for me to do it in an hour," she

> For her project, Shults is using The Plunge, Mission Beach's historic, heated indoor pool, part of the Wave House Athletic Club, now being upgraded under new management. The pool at

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Writer Nicole Sours Larson. left, and swim instructor Kim Shults in the water at The Plunge

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Charter school withdraws bid to share Mission Bay High School campus next year

By ETHAN ORENSTEIN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Magnolia Science Academy, a charter school that many local parents felt undermined the Mission Bay Cluster's progress, withdrew its Proposition 39 application to share Mission Bay High School as a location for the 2013-14 school year.

Proposition 39 requires California school districts to provide unused district facilities to charter schools that apply for space to educate at least 80 in-district students. The district offers locations based on the charter's projected enrollment. Once offered and accepted, the charter school enters into a one-year agreement with the district.

Principal of the Magnolia Science Academy's San Carlos campus, Hakki Karaman, said although the Prop. 39 agreement is year-to-year, Magnolia ideally wants to find a site where it could stay for at least five years. When the charter learned MBHS would start construction on its new stadium, and various portable classrooms were to be removed, it became clear that MBHS was a short-term option for Magnolia, said Karaman.

"When we were assigned facilities at Mission Bay High [by the school district], we felt it was a promising placement as it is a spacious campus," Karaman said. "Since the possibility of moving only after the first year of operation is not an ideal situation, we decided to withdraw our acceptance of the Prop. 39 assignment at Mission Bay High.'

The news came as relief to some local parents, who felt the charter would draw students away from Pacific Beach Middle School, which has nearly 40 fewer students now than in 2010-11, after recent transportation cuts. In the last five years, enrollment has dropped by more than 160

Mission Bay High School parent Kim Schoettle said while charter schools in general are not bad, the Magnolia Science Academy was not a good fit for the Mission

"The charter school was another threat to our programs and the students that we draw," Schoettle said. "We want to build our community schools and make them as successful as they can be and provide all the programs we can. To do that, we need to keep our enrollment high to offer programs and have the funding."

SDUSD public information officer Jack Brandais said charter schools are not the reason local schools face funding threats, however.

"Charter schools are a part of the landscape in California," Brandais said. "The constant underfunding of education by the state legislature is what has been the real threat to public schools — both to district schools and charters."

With a projected enrollment of 107 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders and access to six portable units on the west side of MBHS, it's unclear if Magnolia would have drawn a significant number of students away from PB Middle.

Mission Bay cluster chairwoman Jennifer Tandy said another concern was that the charter proceeded quickly without regard for the local community, schools and families.

"This is, unfortunately, a situation of a corporate charter which, I think, is taking advantage of the Prop. 39 law," Tandy

The law creates a three-month process for charter schools to establish a location. Preliminary locations are offered in February, and the charter accepts or rejects the location by May.

On Feb. 18, Tandy said the charter



Portable classrooms located at Mission Bay High School at the end of Lee Street will not be occupied by Magnolia Science Academy after the charter schoool withdrew its application to share the MBHS property.

began distributing fliers that confirmed MBHS would be its location for 2013-14. She said it was premature. The final offer and agreement were still two months

"That was one red flag right off the bat," Tandy said.

Karaman said Magnolia's goal was to expand school choices in San Diego, but the MBHS location was chosen by the school district itself.

"The location wasn't a targeted or specific choice on our part," Karaman said.

The Magnolia Educational and Research Foundation, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit, is the foundation behind the charter and has 12 schools throughout California. In the 2010 fiscal year ending June 2011, the foundation operated on a

\$20.9 million budget. Its goal is to prepare students for college with an emphasis in science, technology, engineering and math.

Karaman said the charter also offers free tutoring, athletics and band programs.

Tandy said there is no lack of that in the community. She said both PB Middle and MBHS are able to provide every student access to computers and technology. She said MBHS has great robotics and engineering programs, and PB Middle even has a fully-equipped television stu-

"From the get-go, it was just very unsettling that it was motivated more purely by a business model than by a need of something missing in the community," Tandy said. "And the community, they knew it

would be detrimental to have a charter cohabitate on a high school campus. A sixth-through-eighth charter school on a high school campus, that's just ludicrous to begin with."

MBHS Principal Fred Hilgers said the situation would have been difficult. It would have created security, time management and space sharing challenges, all of which would have been amplified as construction on the new stadium begins.

"I wouldn't want my students down there working in all that construction mess and noise," Hilgers said.

Hilgers said sharing the campus with a charter is very different than having a sixth-through-12th-grade district school.

"That dynamic is very different than

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Andrew Hutchison Kiwanis Student of the Month

Andrew Hutchison is March "Kiwanis Student of the Month". He is a fourth grader at Kate Sessions Elementary and was chosen because he most represented his school through his participation in school as ASB 4th grade President and ASB Vice Pres. Of the school. Andrew is always ready to learn and is an excellent student. He was honored by the Kiwanis Club of Pacific Beach and Brian McMullen of Allstate P.B. with breakfast at the Broken Yolk, a certificate and movie tickets. Pictured left to right is: Andrew, Charlie, Margo and Neil Hutchison.

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this dynamic with the charter," Hilgers said. "In the case of a district 6-12 school, the district creates and supports the system to make sure the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are really participating in a really controlled environment. But having an outside entity rent, basically, your facility, I have no stake in Magnolia."

Parent Cindy Heffington was looking into Magnolia as another middle-school option for her child. She said there are a lot of schools to choose from, but there aren't many close to home.

"We were all excited because there was another option," Heffington said. "Now, there's not."

In the future, Karaman said Magnolia does have plans for a second San Diego

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Kim Shults is teaching 40 individuals of diverse backgrounds how to breathe while swimming, enabling them to put their faces in the water.

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84 degrees, ideal for swimming.

I was Shults' sixth project participant and her first adult. I had long wanted to learn to swim properly, since I had never learned how to breathe while swimming. I had met Shults at The Plunge while I was "water-walking" with friends and she was teaching charming 3-year-old twins. I was impressed with her easy manner and encouraging approach toward teaching.

Afterward, in the locker room, I asked if she taught adults, too. She explained her project. It was only when I explained that I didn't submerge my

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face because I didn't know how to breathe that I realized I had had three separate near-drowning incidents by age 6. The last of these was during my final swimming class. None of these affected my love of the water, but they left me a poor swimmer.

I went for my lesson with Shults with great excitement, but minimal expectations. Could she really teach me how to breathe and swim properly in just an hour? Yes, indeed, she could — and did.

For me, it was the most liberating experience. I flew through the pool, especially when she fitted me with fins. I felt as if she had given me back the joy and exhilaration I experienced in the water as a child, but had lost as an adult

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sessions, I return to the pool to practice my breathing and swimming techniques, each time increasing my number of laps. I've continued lessons, learning backstroke and refining my freestyle. Most important, I feel more confident and safer in the water.

My experience is not unique. Through her project, Shults has already taught infants and mature adults, including several who had never swam before, the basics of swimming and breathing.

"I decided to do this project for myself. It's very selfish. I love seeing the looks on people's faces when they do something they didn't think they could ever do. I look at them and know they can do it. I get to spend that time with them pushing them to a level they never thought was possible," she said.

Shults is looking for a few more people, particularly adults, who want to change their relationship with the water and learn or improve their swimming. If you would like to participate, visit www.faceinwater.org, or email kim@faceinwater.org, explaining your story and interest in swimming.

It's never too early or late to learn how to swim.



Women from the University of California, San Diego put their backs into the competition during a previous San Diego Crew Classic.

Photo by Paul Hansen I Beach & Bay Press

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regatta. Athletes, ranging in age from 14 to 84 years, compete in more than 100 races in various divisions.

From its modest beginnings in 1973, the Crew Classic has matured into one of the largest regattas held primarily for eight-oared rowing shells. Today, it is a two-day, nationally acclaimed regatta for juniors, collegiate, masters and even Olympic-level competitors, set in the picturesque waters, sandy shores and green lawns of Mission Bay Park. More than 25,000 spectators watch the races from the shoreline and the popular Jumbotron on site. San Diegans can be proud of the strong influence the regatta has had on the sport.

Against the backdrop of the San Diego skyline, spectators at the Crew Classic can enjoy music, food, art exhibit, alumni and corporate tents and the Karl Strauss Beer Garden and Brew Classic for that "feet in the sand" or "beer in the hand" experience. The San Diego Zoo and Safari Park Family Festi-

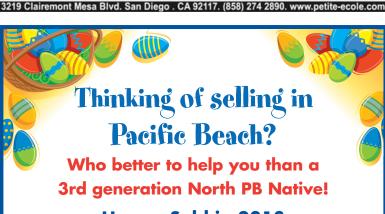
val offers activities for children, like inflatables and rock climbing.

The massive Jumbotron provides spectators with the perfect view of the start of the races and is located just south of the Championship Stage, sponsored by American Specialty Health.

With the explosive power of eight athletes, races start near the SeaWorld towers and pass the Ingraham Street bridge, head north along Mission Bay for 2,000 meters, and finish at Crown Point Shores — all while being cheered on by fans, families, coaches and college pep bands.

Racing is tentatively scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. each day. The racing action continues until about 6 p.m. on April 6 and until about 3:30 p.m. on April 7. The Jessop-Whittier Cup heats begin early in the morning on April 6, followed by the Copley Cup heats. The Jessop-Whittier Cup final is set for April 7, followed by the Copley Cup final. Ticket prices for the 2013 San Diego Crew Classic and Family Festival are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission is free for active military with ID and for children under 12 years of age.

Parking is \$15 per car at Crown Point Shores. There is free parking at Ski Beach, off of Ingraham Street and across from the entrance to Paradise Point Resort, with free shuttle service to the regatta. For more information about the 40th annual San Diego Crew Classic and Family Festival, visit crewclassic.org. The site includes information for competitors and spectators, as well as the race schedule and results.



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Band members from the University of Southern California blast out some tunes to root on their rowing team during the Crew Classic.

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Fire breaks out aboard boat on Mission Bay

Three boaters were rescued by neighboring vessels after flames broke out on a craft on Mission Bay on March 23.

Smoke began erupting from the 22-foot runabout about 2:30 p.m., according to lifeguard officials.

The three people aboard the boat were plucked to safety by the time the vessel became engulfed in flames.

Officials suspect an overheated motor, but an investigation is ongoing.

Solar open house slated for March 30

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This year, United Ways will offer these services through April 15. In San Diego,

these services are available at over 100 sites around the region. Residents can visit www.uwsd.org/content/-eitcinformation-0 for a list of sites that offer both free tax preparation services, as well as benefits screening.

Although more than 5,440 people received over \$10 million in EITC in the 2012 tax year, thousands of qualified workers in San Diego County still did not claim their tax credit, according to Internal Revenue Service data.

With one in three local families struggling to make ends meet, the EITC is a financial boost to working people in a recovering economy. Since becoming a leader in the EITC coalition, United Way has helped bring back more than \$55 million in EITC dollars to the local economy.

To learn more about the United Way, visit http://www.uwsd.org, Facebook and Twitter.

DUI checkpoint nets 8 arrests

Eight reportedly impaired drivers were arrested during a DUI checkpoint set up by police on March 15 in the 4200 block of Mission Bay Drive.

The checkpoint was conducted from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m. According to officials, 1,651 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, 969 of which were screened by officers. Eighteen motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety.

Eight arrests were made for DUI in the checkpoint, and nine vehicles were impounded. One citation was issued for having an open alcohol container in a vehicle, and one citation was issued for marijuana possession.

Yacht club seeks fireworks donations

The Mission Bay Yacht Club is seeking

donations to keep alive the Fourth of July fireworks tradition.

With the withdrawl of Paradise Point from the 4th festivities last year, the MBYC and SeaWorld San Diego are now the only remaining fireworks shows in the Mission Bay area.

The MBYC is now actively involved in raising funds for the Fourth of July fireworks show in Sail Bay.

The costs of running a show like this are close to \$24,000. The big items include the barge (\$10,000), the fireworks (10,000) and permits (\$2,000).

The members of the club donate their time to handle the logistics of the show, all the coordination leading up to the event and then manage the safety perimeter during and the show itself can be enjoyed by all members of the community from the shore of Misson Bay and throughout.

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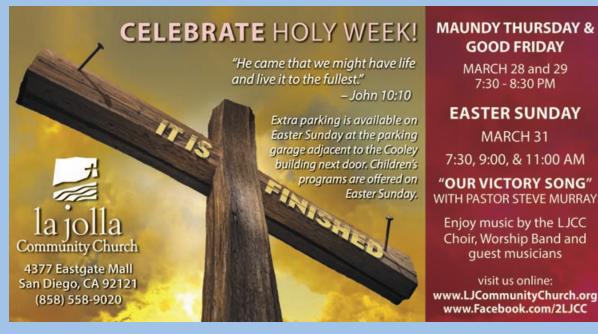














Joni Mitchell tribute band, Social Club and Serious Guise



Robin Adler, Dave Blackburn and the Mutts will perform a tribute to Joni Mitchell on Satur-

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By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Fans of bossa nova, jazz, soul and blues will want to hear Pan Am, which has a residency at Café-Bar Europa each Monday and Thursday in April. Based around the nylon-stringed acoustic guitar of Rodney Hubbard, the band includes saxophonist Shannon Bates, percussionist Kimo Shim and guitarist David Harris for what is a terrific soundtrack to an early evening out — engaging, but low key, varied and beautifully played. Though fronted by Hubbard, the other band members are not just backing musicians, with Bates' lengthy solos and Harris' tasteful guitar work among Pan Am's highlights.

• Pan Am: Mondays and Thursdays in April combo. Social Club has a batch of good at Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turqouise St. 6 p.m. videos you can check out on YouTube. 21 and up. www.theturquoise.com/wordpress

Tribute bands are all the rage these days, but perhaps a more interesting option is artists honoring their chosen performer by playing a classic album all the way through. Such is the case with Joni Mitchell specialists Robin Adler and The Mutts, which performs at Dizzv's on April 6. Featuring vocalist Robin Adler, guitarist Dave Blackburn and pianist Barnaby Finch, as well as Peggy Watson on backup vocals and guitar, Danny Campbell on percussion, plus Barry Cahill on backup vocals, saxophone and flute, the combo will perform Mitchell's "For the Roses" album in its entirety, capping the performance with a few tunes from her first two albums. For fans of Mitchell, who rarely, if ever tours, this is the next-best thing to seeing a musical icon, but anyone who enjoys singer-songwriters will love every second of this show.

• A Tribute To Joni Mitchell: Saturday, April 6 at **Dizzy's,** 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. \$20. www.dizzysjazz.com

The best modern pop-rock band in San Diego at the moment just might be Social Club, which appears at the 710 Beach Club on April 6. Comprised of frontman John Levan, keyboardist Thea Tochihara, bassist James Spratley and drummer Jeff Litzman, the band's secret weapon is great songwriting. With shared vocals from Levan and Tochihara, the band has a slew of hook-filled, should-be hit singles like the R&B-tinged "Slow Motion." In a perfect world, radio would be all over this

However, this is a group you should catch live for full effect.

• Social Club: Saturday, April 6 at the **710 Beach Club,** 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.710bc.com

Classic rock is alive and well in the hands of Serious Guise, which performs at Tio Leo's on April 6. The quartet has an impressive set list, with tunes from AC/DC to ZZ Top, but unlike most cover bands of this type. Serious Guise also includes more modern hits like songs from Kings of Leon, Fountains of Wayne and Creed. Nothing too challenging here, but if you're looking for an excellent jukebox of rock 'n' roll favorites ranging from the 1960s to today, Serious Guise is the perfect

• Serious Guise: Saturday, April 6 at Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com

With a sound that incorporates punk, new wave, garage and rock 'n' roll, The New Kinetics' music just about bursts from the speakers. Appearing at The Griffin on April 9, the sheer manic energy of the group's tunes is exhilarating, with songs like anthemic stop-start rocker "Riffle Raff," as good as anything on the radio today. Live, The New Kinetics are known to include the occasional cover of artists ranging from T. Rex to Chuck Berry, but the band has built a solid following through its excellent originals.

• The New Kinetics: Tuesday, April 9 at The Griffin, 1310 Morena Blvd. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.thegriffinsd.com



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FIESTA DE REYES SPRING ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE SET

This spring, Fiesta de Reyes offers live, free dance to music featuring horns and guitars. The entertainment every day of the week. The stage, located in the Fiesta de Reyes courtyard, will host a variety of authentic folk-culture performances for the pleasure of diners, shoppers and passers-by. All performances are free and open to the public.

Folklórico dancing will be performed on the Fiesta de Reyes stage Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. The term folklórico means "folk dance" in Spanish and is a collective term for traditional Latin American dances that celebrate local tumes reflecting traditional Spanish influence and musical tastes.

dancing groups at Fiesta de Reyes consist of professional dancers, students and young children.

On Wednesdays, Mariachi Divinas, the only allfemale mariachi group in San Diego, will occupy the Fiesta de Reyes stage from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.

On Fridays, the Fiesta de Reyes stage will welcome Luis Max & Blue Moon from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The band features music straight from the permanent party ambiance. It is located at Juan heart and was influenced by growing up in Mexiand Calhoun streets, a one-block stroll from the co. Its sounds are a fusion of Latin, rock and pop Old Town Trolley Station. For more information music. Rich in Latin percussion with a hint of call (619) 297-3100 or visit www.Fiesfolk culture. Dancers wear brightly colored cos- jazz, it will satisfy even the most sophisticated of taDeReyes.com.

Last and surely not least, Fiesta de Reyes also has a roving house Mariachi band. Los Rios performs every Monday, Thursdays, and Fridays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Los Rios sings traditional mariachi songs, Santana, Kool and the Gang and even Pink Floyd tunes.

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MUSTHEAR

SDMusic TV will host a battle of the bands at Brick by Brick on April 4. While most such contests are usually loaded with bottom-of-the-barrel bands or up-and-comers trying to make a name for themselves, this time out, the folks at SDMusic have put together a solid bill, including terrific guitarist Roni Lee best known as writer for the Runaways' classic, "I Wanna Be Where The Boys Are;" indie rockers Special Delivery and alt-rock quintet Mad Traffic. The latter is particularly worth catching. Led by songwriter and charismatic frontman Blaisé Guld, the group has a slew of great tunes, like its latest single, "Open



Door." Come on down and cheer on your favorites or find a new group to champion, but this is one contest that may just deserve to have more than one winner.

• Mad Traffic: Thursday, April 4 at Brick **by Brick,** 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. www.brickbybrick.com

— Bart Mendoza



REMEMBER WHEN?

REMEMBER WHEN Waibel's Cafe was famous for its lemon meringue pies? Larry Waibel opened his first place on Cass Street, where Which Wich is today, then moved to the location at 1341 Garnet Ave. pictured above. Howard Rozelle took this

photo around 1948. I believe the old Garnet Avenue location is now occupied by The Buff. He eventually built his own restaurant at 877 Hornblend St. It was taken over by the Copper Skillet sometime in the 1970s. A whole bunch of folks have only known that corner as the site of China Inn.

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Crew Classic again on tap for April 6-7

ON**THE**WATERFRONT

By JOHNNY McDONALD | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Harvard's crew won't be back to defend it's Copley Cup title at the San Diego Crew Classic, but there's plenty of others to make competition interesting off Crown Point shores from April 6-7.

Over four decades, the premier regatta has attracted many of the elite collegiate crews. This year is no exception.

When Harvard won convincingly last year, it marked its first appearance here since 1994 and its ninth overall win. While the Crimsons' visits might be described as a rarity, that's not the case with the University of California. The Bears were victors in 2010 and 2011.

"Harvard doesn't come that often," said Crew Classic executive director Martha Schumacker. "So, it's not unusual.'

The University of California is, of course, the perennial favorite to hold off the likes of Syracuse, Stanford, Oregon State, Pennsylvania, Gonzaga and British Columbia.

In addition, UCSD, USD and San Diego State University will have shells in the water.

Schumacker said the Crew Classic basically likes to focus invitations on the teams that finished in the top 25 nationally last.

Jessop-Whittier Cup defender USC will return in a role that has spread to two straight victories and a fourth since 2007 in women's com-

USC will be challenged by Duke, Purdue, Cal Berkeley, UCLA, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Washington State.

About 4,400 athletes from more than 125 universities, clubs and

high schools from across the U.S. participate in this spring regatta. Athletes, ranging in age from 14 to 84 years, compete in more than 100 races in various divisions.

From a modest start in 1973, the Crew Classic has matured into one of the largest regattas held primarily for eight-oared rowing shells. Today, it is a two-day, nationally acclaimed regatta for juniors, collegiate, masters and even Olympiclevel competitors.

An estimated 25,000 spectators watched the races from the shoreline, as well as on the popular Jumbotron TV-screen onsite.

Spectators also can enjoy music, food, art exhibit and a beer garden. The San Diego Zoo and Safari Park Family Festival will provide activities for the children.

Races start near the SeaWorld towers and pass the Ingraham Street Bridge, head north along Mission Bay for 2,000 meters, and finish at Crown Point Shores.

Racing is tentatively scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. each day and action continues until about 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 and until about 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Jessop-Whittier Cup heats begin early in the morning on Saturday, followed by the Copley Cup heats. The Jessop-Whittier Cup final is set for Sunday morning, followed by the Copley Cup final.

Ticket prices are \$12 in advance (crewclassic.org) and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission is free for active military with ID and for children under 12.

Parking is \$15 per car at Crown Point Shores. There is free parking at Ski Beach, (off Ingraham Street and across from the entrance to Paradise Point Resort), with free shuttle service to the regatta.

- Johnny McDonald is a longtime writer and columnist for the San Diego Community Newspaper Group



Far-reaching lens on seals warrants increased security presence at Children's Pool

By MARIKO LAMB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Since the installation of a camera at Children's Pool beach, the world has gotten a unique glimpse of La Jolla's much-debated seal haven through live video streaming of the area on the Western Alliance for Nature's website.

www.wanconservancy.org.

As the number of watchful eyes on the beach increases, so do the number of calls to police about alleged wrongdoings or Marine Mammal Protection Act violations there, prompting Northern Division police Capt. Brian Ahearn to station watch at the beach 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to get a firsthand look at reported criminal activity and bring a sense of calm to the temperamental

"The installation of the camera has generated a lot of complaints that we weren't getting before," said Ahearn. "People from all over the world have the ability to monitor that camera, so what they perceive to be a problem is now being reported to police."

Ahearn dismisses any allegations from those who say his department is serving as a pawn in someone else's political game.

"The order came from me," he said. "What I wanted to accomplish was to see if what was being reported to us by citizens is what my officers are seeing as well, or if is it being interpreted differently by different people.'

The video camera at the beach does not record the footage it streams, so the only way of knowing whether reported criminal activity is, in fact, taking place is by having an officer keep watch on the area in person.

For the most part, the reports are not elevated to the status of criminal violations, he said, but it is important to have an officer there to confirm the

"For example, we recently got a call of somebody on the beach with a flashlight disturbing the seals," he said. "It turned out it was a father and son who were actually at the top of the stairs walking around and they had a flashlight because it was dark, so they were not remotely close to being involved in any type of criminal activity."

There are, however, instances that require more scrutiny, like the wellpublicized incident just after midnight on Feb. 15, during which two young women were caught blatantly harassing the seals by pulling at the seals' flippers, flashing bright camera lights in their faces and even attempting to sit on a seal.

What began as a 7 a.m.-to-11 p.m. watch on Feb. 12 lengthened to a 24hour watch on Feb. 15 after the video of the potentially criminal act sur-

'That video was captured at about 12:15 after midnight, so we expanded it to 24/7, and we began a criminal investigation on that," said Ahearn.

"If that's the case, that there's people out there late at night trying to do that, let's make sure we have a presence out there.'

Another benefit of having officers on duty at the Children's Pool is to deter crime and restore peace at the site, he said

"For some reason the Children's Pool is back on the map, and there's been an increase in the amount of criticism going back and forth," he said. "I just don't want it to escalate into any kind of physical confrontation, so now is a good time to have a uniform presence and try to get people to just calm down and get back to some degree of civil conversation."

He said criminal violations can and have — occurred when people are heated by passion for a particular

"Pick and choose which side you want to be on. I just don't want things to escalate into what are typically reasonable people who get involved in some sort of criminal act. It has happened before. People who are passionate about an issue let their emotions get the best of them, and they've committed crime," he said. "I just don't want it to get to that level."

Ahearn said the police presence at the Children's Pool is not permanent.

"It's a temporary presence to try to bring a little sense of calm back to the pool so the city can get back to the business at hand," he said. "So far, I think it has worked out well."

OBITUARY

Longtime PB resident, business owner Jim Leonard, 63

Jim Leonard, owner of Leonard Appraisals, passed away March 21 at the age of 63.

He was a longtime resident of Pacific Beach.

When he first arrived in San Diego in the 1970s, he was a regular at Santa Rita Beach. Later, much later, he settled down to the business of real-



JIM LEONARD

estate appraisal. He could still be found at Hennessy's and Nicks as time sidered Pacific Beach home.

The last three years of his life were spent in Dallas. It was there he married his longtime friend and companion, Melanie. He loved life, laughing, poker with friends, golf, Tombstone and hanging out.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie Leonard, of Denver: brothers Mark Leonard and Kerry Leonard of Dallas; and sister, Laurie Leonard of Pacific Beach. His ashes will be interred at Fort Rosecrans in late April or early May.

To those of you that knew him, toast him next time you are out. To those of you who didn't know him, you missed out on some great times. I love you allowed. He had many friends and con- $\;$ Jim. You were a good big brother and I will miss you.





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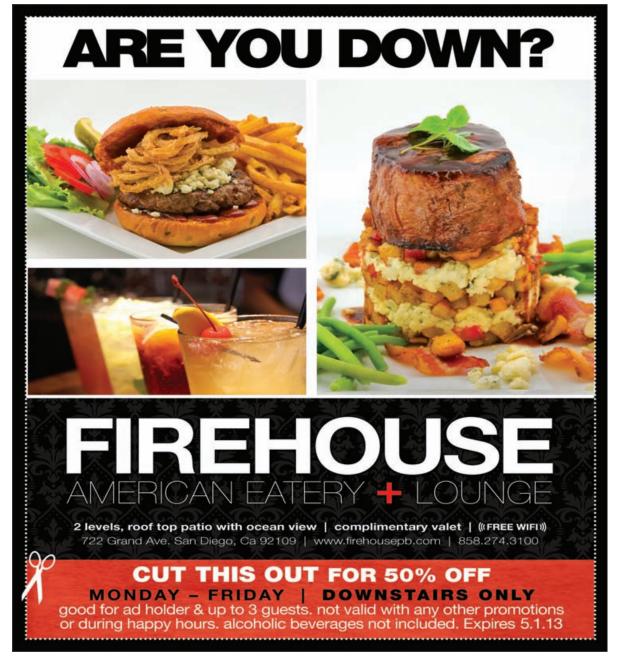
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Jeffrey Linton, owner of the new Chop Shop Teriyaki restaurant, is continually mixing it up to please customers at the eatery, located at 3852 Mission Blvd. Photo by Ethan Orenstein I Beach & Bay Press

Northwest transplant offers up **Asian-fusion eats at the beach**

By ETHAN ORENSTEIN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Jeffrey Linton opened Chop Shop Teriyaki, located at 3852 Mission Blvd., with a vision to bring the Asian-fusion style of Seattle to the beach.

Linton had the idea soon after he graduated from San Diego State University. Browsing reviews on Yelp, it became clear that there was a lack of quality teriyaki restaurants in San Diego, he said.

"I'm a picky eater myself, and so is one of my business partners, and you guys have burrito shacks down here [in Pacific Beach] on almost every corner."

Chop Shop's large menu includes everything from traditional teriyaki and yakisoba to fusion-style cilantro lime chicken tacos and bacon jalapeño fried rice. Linton plans to offer seasonal dishes and specials, which will continue to expand what Chop Shop has to offer.

'People like choices and people like healthy options," Linton said. "Down at the beach, if there's a guy and his girlfriend, she can have the option to get a vegetarian bowl or a quinoa tofu bowl and he can get the teriyaki chicken. We wanted to expand it so it's a little more broad.

In addition to its unique dishes, Chop Shop's sauces are all home-made and prepared fresh. Linton said it takes a lot of prep work, but the result is worth it.

Linton said he is excited about his first restaurant, and he plans to continue to learn and grow to offer a new dining

"Like my dad always said, the minute people stop critiquing is the minute they stop caring. I want nothing besides to give people the chance to try authentic teriyaki, something they really haven't had in their diet growing up, and I want a chance to bring it to the community and do it right. I'm here to stay and I'm here to provide people with good food and good times."

JEFFREY LINTON Owner, Chop Shop Teriyaki

experience by the beach. He appreciates feedback and hopes to work with customers to bring them the perfect teriya-

Shortly after it opened in February, some customers said the drinks were a little too expensive and the portions were small, so Linton lowered drink prices by 50 cents and increased portion sizes.

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Mission Bay High School alumni fete opening of Seaside Farmers Market

Association celebrated the grand opening of its Seaside Farmers Market on March 16. The weekly Saturday event is open to the public and will be held in the west student parking lot at Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Ave., with 100 percent of the profits to benefit Mission Bay High School.

In addition to artisans, food and organic produce, the Seaside Farmers Market will be unique in that a community section will be featured for all local Pacific Beach cluster schools to fundraise, perform and spread awareness.

The Seaside Farmers Market was cre-

The Mission Bay High School Alumni ated by MBHS alumni Cori (Smith) Meara, who also is the MBHS Alumni Association vice president. Meara has been active in the Pacific Beach public schools for more than 13 years, with two children currently enrolled.

> "I have been fundraising for so many years for our schools," Meara said. "It has always been a dream of mine to develop a consistent, substantial revenue-generating source for MBHS, so we can really make a difference."

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PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

Due to the efforts of PBE parent garden volunteer Vanessa Lovett, PBE is the recipient of two garden grants — \$100 from UC Master Gardeners and \$500 from SD Agriculture in the Classroom. Students are planting, caring for and harvesting vegetables for snack time.

KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY

Tickets are now available for the Kate Sessions' "Passport to the South Pacific," which will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Mission Bay Yacht Club. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. This year's event will be featuring silent and live auctions, no-host bar, live music, hors d'oeuvres and more than 150 items up for auction. To purchase tickets or for more information, email katesessionselementary@gmail.com. Special thanks to Pacific Beach Fish Shop, Duck Dive and Pacific Beach Shore Club.

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MBHS ALUMNI ASSOC.

The Seaside Farmers



The March 16 Pacific Beach Middle School Music Department's pancake breakfast was a success, raising over \$1,000 for the talented middle-school musicians. Hundreds of pancakes, Irish tunes by Mr. O'Donnell and family and friends made for a morning supporting music at Pacific Beach Middle School. Thanks to the volunteers and guests.

Market takes place every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mission Bay High School in the Grand Avenue student parking lot. Food, artisans, produce. music and more. 100 percent of the profits benefit MBHS.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER

The next Mission Bay Cluster meeting will be Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. in the Pacific Beach Middle School library. All are welcome to attend to hear the latest news about all of the public schools in Pacific Beach.



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PB artists earn honors in art festival showing

Ocean Beach artists Mae Crauder-Davis and Drew Brandish and Pacific Beach artist Pasha Turley had works accepted into the 50th annual Religious Art Festival of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 3502 Clairemont Drive.

Pacific Beach artist Tanya Bishton received an honorable mention award. Just over half of the submitted works were accepted by juror Eugene Harris of Point Loma Nazarene University.

He chose 51 works by 35 artists for the show, which has the theme "Creation Continues."

The show, which runs through March 31, is open for free public viewing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. To see the show outside these hours, call the church office at (858) 273-1480.

The awards were presented Feb. 23.

— Staff and contribution



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Spring has officially sprung and that means it's no further than the feature on a revolutionary new by one of our own locals.

If it's major renovations you're planning for, check hauls to your home and property, now's the time to out our section on landscape architects, interior designers and construction.

> Perhaps you don't need to tear down walls or build new ones to upgrade your space, but you're looking for that little something special that will freshen your home. Check out our section on home décor and gifts for accents that can make a room or garden seem

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This year's tour will take place on Saturday, May 18 and it promises to be another memorable event with not only enjoy beautiful gardens, but also artists at work

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