

## NEW ERA BEGINS FOR SAN DIEGO

After convincingly outmuscling Democratic rival David Alvarez in the Feb. 11 special election to replace disgraced Mayor Bob Filner, Mayor-elect Kevin Faulconer is preparing to be sworn in for his new role sometime in early March. **Page 2**



## WINGING IT



**THE RAPTURE OF RAPTORS** Audience members are riveted during a session on raptors at a previous San Diego Bird Festival. The birdfest is scheduled to take place this year at the conference center and marina at 1936 Quivira Way at Mission Bay from Feb. 27 through March 2.

Courtesy photo by Karen Straus

## SD Bird Festival: the Super Bowl of ornithology

By DAVE SCHWAB



**FEATHERED FIELD TRIP** A bird enthusiast gets a close-up view during an ornithology workshop during a previous San Diego Bird Festival.

Courtesy photo by Frances Welling

**B**irders of every feather will flock together to the San Diego Bird Festival from Feb. 27 to March 2 at Marina Village on Mission Bay.

"This is our 18th year for the festival, which is our biggest annual event," said Jen Hajj, festival coordinator for the San Diego Audubon Society (SDAS), which hosts the event at the conference center and marina at 1936 Quivira Way. "It's an opportunity for people from all over the world to come to San Diego and enjoy our magnificent wildlife and our unique habitats and the wonderful diversity of birds we have here."

Every year hundreds of birders worldwide migrate to the San Diego Bird Festival for four days of field trips, birding, exhibitions and speakers.

The San Diego Audubon Society's four-day

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## Discover PB racks up a biking bonus

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI

Discover Pacific Beach installed its first bike corrals in Pacific Beach in early February on the north side of 1000 Garnet Avenue and on Ocean Boulevard just west of the Pacific Beach Shore Club at the foot of Grand Avenue.

According to Discover Pacific Beach executive director Sara Berns, each new bike space replaced an existing motor-vehicle parking space, but can store up to 12 to 15 bikes in one corral.

There are currently five bike corrals in San Diego, but Discover Pacific



**WHEELS OF PROGRESS** Five bike corrals have been installed along Garnet Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, paid for by Discover Pacific Beach. More are planned.

Photo by KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI

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## A (killer) whale of a controversy divides students, SeaWorld

By DAVE SCHWAB

Point Loma High School (PLHS) students continued their crusade to convince SeaWorld to stop using marine animals for entertainment, cutting another public-service announcement to invite the local theme park to provide its side of the story regarding the treatment of killer whales portrayed in the documentary "Blackfish," a controversial documentary that aired recently on CNN.

Point Loma Cinematic Arts Program teacher Anthony Palmiotto and his students invited "Blackfish" director Gabriela Cowperthwaite to answer student questions Feb. 3 during a panel discussion in the school's cinematic theater, which included student activist Max Guinn,

**SeaWorld officials have issued a strong pushback over the captivity controversy. See their open letter on Page 4.**

founder of Kids Eco Club, and marine biologist Dr. Toni Frohoff.

Although SeaWorld San Diego officials have strongly decried the accuracy of the documentary and defended their animal-care practices in a pushback to the "Blackfish" program, they were invited — but did not participate — in the panel discussion.

"Blackfish" explores the 2010 accidental death of SeaWorld's Dawn Brancheau, trainer of the orca Tilikum, and is critical of keeping killer whales in captivity

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## 'Friends' pour hearts, souls into watershed's restoration

By DAVE SCHWAB

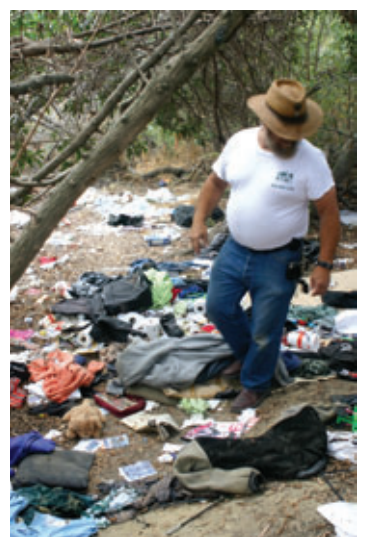
Renewed commitment and dedicated hard work is what it takes to clean coastal watersheds and keep them that way.

That's the message being delivered by Friends of Rose Creek, a grass-roots environmental group overseeing the lower Rose Creek area between Interstate 5 and Mission Bay.

Named for San Diego Pioneer Louis Rose, Rose Creek is an urban stream that drains through Rose and San Clemente canyons south through Pacific Beach, emptying into Mission Bay.

One of 18 member groups of a larger umbrella organization, The Rose Creek Watershed Alliance, Friends of Rose Creek has a plan for how it would like to see lower Rose Creek evolve.

"Our vision is for lower Rose Creek to be an open-space park, providing recreational and learning opportunities and a clean, healthy, aesthetically pleasing environment for residents, visitors, businesses and native plants and animals, while serving as an accessible link for bicyclists and pedestrians to move between



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** Friends of Rose Creek volunteer Billy Paul walks through trash near where the creek crosses under Santa Fe Street during a previous cleanup campaign.

Courtesy photo

Rose Canyon Park, Marian Bear Park, Mission Bay Park and surrounding communities," according to the mission statement for Friends of Rose Creek at [saverosecreek.org](http://saverosecreek.org).

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# Faulconer outmuscles Alvarez in hard-fought mayoral runoff

By DAVE SCHWAB

Swearing-in ceremony likely to be slated for date in early March

In a hotly contested special election for mayor with lower-than-expected voter turnout, Republican City Councilman Kevin Faulconer (District 2) outpolled rival Democratic City Councilman David Alvarez (District 8) by a 6-point margin.

With 100 percent of the ballots counted in all 582 precincts, Faulconer collected 152,464 votes (53 percent) to Alvarez's 132,761 (47 percent).

"The people of San Diego have sent a message tonight," said Faulconer, 47, of Point Loma during his election-night speech to cheering supporters. "And it is loud and clear. You want an independent voice."

"You want a mayor that will bring San Diego together," he continued. "You want a mayor that will continue the reforms that you voted for, to



**NEW ERA IN SAN DIEGO** Mayor-elect Kevin Faulconer is expected to be sworn in sometime early in March. Courtesy photo

create the city that you deserve. I will be that mayor."

Alvarez, 33, was gracious on election night as he conceded the contest.

"I want to congratulate Kevin Faulconer," tweeted Alvarez. "It's clear that he will be the next mayor of San Diego. I am looking forward to working with him and interim Mayor

Todd Gloria to move our city forward. Once again, thank you to the fantastic volunteers and supporters. I am truly proud of you."

Cynthia Paes, assistant registrar for San Diego County, said election officials have 28 days to certify the results. She added voter turnout was nearly 38 percent.

"We were expecting at least 45 percent," Paes said, who adding the actual turnout number was "pretty average" compared with other counties in similar circumstances statewide.

City Clerk Liz Maland said Faulconer's swearing in is tentatively set for March 3 or March 10.

The City Council will need to appoint an interim councilmember to fill Faulconer's seat because Faulconer is termed out after two four-year stints, said Maland. The appointed replacement will serve until Faulconer's term officially expires in December, even though a primary election for District 2 is set for June 3. If none of the candidates

in the primary election garner 51 percent of the vote, a runoff election will be scheduled for Nov. 4, Maland said.

Meanwhile, Faulconer will serve out the remaining nearly three years of disgraced former Mayor Bob Filner. Filner resigned Aug. 30 — just nine months into his term — after numerous women came forward to allege he sexually harassed them.

Faulconer's departure to serve as mayor decreases the Republican City Council minority from 5-4 to 5-3, although the City Council is technically a nonpartisan political body. If a Democrat were to be appointed to fill the remainder of Faulconer's term through December, that would give Democrats a 6-3 majority advantage, with the prospect of veto power to reject the new mayor's agenda.

"What happens is there will be 30 business days, once the seat is vacant, to apply for a special appointment to fill out the term of [Faulconer's] seat," Maland said. "It's a major process requiring the gathering of at least 50

**BATTLE AT THE BALLOT BOX**

With all 582 precincts reporting, the San Diego County Registrar of Voters Office reports the following election results in the Feb. 11 mayoral runoff election. Results are semi-official and 2,500 absentee/mail-in ballots are yet to be counted.

**KEVIN FAULCONER**  
VOTES: 152,464 (53%)

**DAVID ALVAREZ**  
VOTES: 132,761 (47%)

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## MBHS breaks ground on \$13M athletics facilities

By KEITH ANTIVIOVANNI

The long-awaited groundbreaking of the new \$13 million Mission Bay High School (MBHS) athletic facilities took place Feb. 12 on the football field with about 50 people in attendance, including a mix of MBHS students, athletes, alumni and other Pacific Beach locals.

The guest speakers on hand were MBHS principal Fred Hilgers; San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Deputy Superintendent Phil Stover; Pam Dietz, president of the MBHS Alumni Association; executive director of SDUSD's Facilities Planning and Construction, Lee Dulgeroff; MBHS senior Devante Kinder, a member of the football team; and MBHS freshman Kylie Kroger, a member of the girls' soccer team; and included recognition to Tim Penick of T.B. Penick and Sons, Inc.

Dulgeroff said the process to renovate the MBHS athletic facilities for him began in 2009 when he toured



**THEY'RE DIGGIN' IT** Mission Bay High students and officials participated in the ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony Feb. 12 to usher in construction of the school's new \$13 million athletic-facilities project that is expected to be completed by the spring of 2015. Courtesy photo

# Nextdoor.com links Pacific Beach neighbors on crime, quality-of-life issues

By DAVE SCHWAB

Nextdoor.com is like having a communitywide party line.

An increasingly popular social networking service, Nextdoor connects neighbors who act as a community bulletin board while facilitating local exchanges of goods and services.

Residents in Pacific Beach's Crown Point North neighborhood who've joined Nextdoor were asked about their experiences and gave it mostly a thumbs-up.

"I've received forwarded items that were really helpful: car break-ins in the neighborhood, suspicious folks to look out for," said Eve Anderson. "It's sort of an electronic town crier."

Malea Sandstrom said Nextdoor helped her find a job.

"The day after I joined Nextdoor.com, there was a post from a family looking for a babysitter for that coming weekend and mentioning they were looking for help during the school year too," Sandstrom said. "I was looking for extra work, so I replied. It turned out they lived right across the street from me and I have been caring for their boys ever since."

Others agreed.

"Nextdoor.com is a great site and

I use it for many things: finding out about crime in the area, asking if anyone can refer a certain type of professional or finding out trends and events in the neighborhood," said Gary Kent. "Being a Realtor, I do occasional real estate-related posts only if they're relevant to Nextdoor users, but I don't actually advertise on it, as I feel it's not appropriate."

Holly Harris said she is thrilled with Nextdoor and the purpose it serves in the community.

"I'm a long-time homeowner at 1130 Beryl St., and have truly appreciated and benefited from this neighborhood site," Harris said. "As you peruse the postings, you'll see how neighbors use the site; returning fearful lost pets (dogs, cats, birds and tortises) to their loving owners (so much easier and faster than posting flyers on trees and utility

poles), preventing/stopping thefts/burglaries and catching such perpetrators by tracking/photographing/sharing door-to-door solicitors, etc."

Harris touted Nextdoor for its "less critical posts," which she said inform residents about garage/rummage sales, benefits/activities of local schools, the Pacific Beach Town Council, the PB Woman's Club and the like.

"There is so much more, like the recent 'Urgent' notices of bees swarming/moving down streets," Harris said. "We've met neighbors who we have lived near for decades — but never knew — and made lots

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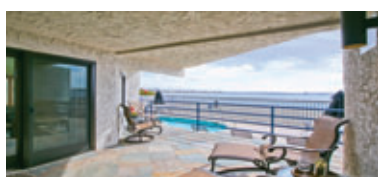
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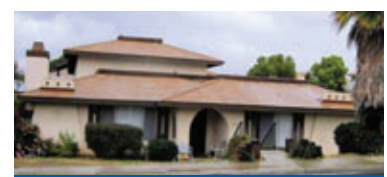
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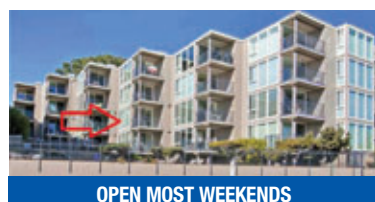
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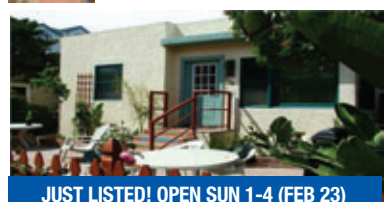


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**PLANTING THE SEEDS** Students from Mission Bay High School tend to the Rose Creek Native Plant Garden in 2010. Courtesy photo

## CREEK >>

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“We decided to adopt the orphan stretch of Rose Creek, [which is] not considered parkland, from Mission Bay Park to Rose Canyon Open Space Park and the southern end of Marian Bear Park north of Highway 52,” said Karen Zirk, who spearheaded the Friends of Rose Creek organization in 2004. “We decided to take that on since nobody else would, linking the communities of University City, Clairemont and Pacific Beach, which the creek flows through.”

Zirk said the organization’s tagline is “connecting our communities.”

How Zirk came to create the Friends of Rose Creek organization is an interesting tale. She said she “inherited” the task of starting a creek environmental support group from a colleague.

“He handed me this creek and I said, ‘I’m not sure what to do,’ ” Zirk said. “I’d taken in stray dogs before — but never a stray creek.”

The idea behind the organiza-

tion, said Zirk, is to have a working group that not only safeguards and enhances Rose Creek watershed, but also strives to further the interests of recreationalists and other user groups.

“This is a major bicycling corridor and we’re concerned about bicyclists being able to ride safely and legally,” said Zirk. “We’re also involved in environmental issues like preserving native plants, and in protecting the salt-marsh estuary in the lower portion of Rose Creek, which is a very critical fish-spawning area for Mission Bay.”

Friends’ sponsors a native-plant garden near Rose Creek Cottage and recently unveiled an environmental mural painted by community members near the Mike Gotch Memorial bike and pedestrian bridge that spans Rose Creek and connects with North Mission Bay Drive and Pacific Beach Drive.

“We decided early on that we needed to have some regular events to ground us and keep us focused on what we’re doing within the watershed,” said Zirk. “So we have our monthly meetings every first Wednesday at 6 p.m. at La Jolla Rec Center, where we discuss upcoming events and planning efforts and review environmental documents.”

The organization also sponsors regular cleanups of Rose Creek. The next cleanup is scheduled Saturday, April 26 at 9 a.m. at Mission Bay High School.

One of the organization’s small core group, Billy Paul of Clairemont, is a lifelong canyon hiker who became environmentally active after discovering wildlife was being killed by motor oil released illegally into storm drains.

“I became interested in trying to save our canyons from being destroyed by people who would dump stuff in them trying to get rid of it,” he said.

He said he adopted Rose Creek because “it’s a nice little canyon creek that’s been ignored and considered a flood-control channel.”

Concerning best practices in watersheds, Paul said that “by not littering and throwing things away in it, you’re making it not only a really nice place for us, but for other animals ... a place where you can really get away from the urban environment.”

The task of managing and helping to plan the future of the 23,427-acre, 36-square-mile Rose Creek watershed, which includes the 467-acre Marion Bear Park, falls to the Rose Creek Watershed Alliance.

In 2005, the alliance was established to help create a plan to help improve the watershed. After nearly five years of consideration and public input, the San Diego City Council accepted the “Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment” plan.

“We’re dedicated to planning the future of the Rose Creek watershed,” said alliance coordinator Kelly Makley, who said the group was created to allow public participation in creation of a master planning document for managing the watershed.

Armed with grant funding, Makley said the alliance is involved in practical projects, like replacing non-native species with those that are native, to restore the wetlands environment of Rose Creek.

“We try to raise awareness that what people are doing upstream in the watershed is flowing all the way down and impacting Mission Bay, one of the most valuable parts of San Diego’s economy, drawing more than five million visitors a year,” Makley said.

For more information, visit [www.rosecreekwatershed.org](http://www.rosecreekwatershed.org).

## NEXTDOOR >>

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of new friends (through experiences like finding old home/then new home for an on-the-move tortoise). We look forward to our site growing and getting stronger.”

Harris conceded there is a “gray area” connected with some posts on Nextdoor, which she believes should include “not promoting one’s business or using the site for advertising.”

San Diego Community Newspaper Group freelance writer Nicole Sours Larson agreed with Harris that there are some drawbacks to Nextdoor, and some subject matter that’s inappropriate for posting.

“A few times there have been heated discussions about politics,” she said. “I feel strongly that Nextdoor is an inappropriate spot for promoting candidates, since that quickly becomes divisive, and there can be some real unpleasantness and dumping on the homeless.”

Mike Spangler, president of Spangler Event Productions Inc. credits Nextdoor with helping him successfully launch his “The Slippy” product, which helps wetsuit owners get into them comfortably.

“The feedback and sales I received from posting on Nextdoor were great, better than my online sales,” Spangler said.

“I was hand-delivering 3-4 per day to just PB residents for a couple

“Nextdoor has opened up many doors for me and my family, and I’m now very in tune with my community — the good and the bad.”

**MIKE SPANGLER**  
Pacific Beach resident, business owner

weeks, which gave me the opportunity to meet my neighbors, chat and tell them The Slippy story,” he added.

Spangler said Nextdoor is also a great way to promote community involvement.

“I now attend several town council, planning and DiscoverPB meetings because someone is always posting when/where these meetings take place,” he said.

“Nextdoor has opened up many doors for me and my family, and I’m now very in tune with my community — the good and the bad,” said Spangler. “Starting with telling my story about The Slippy to producing a hyperlocal street fair and more community involvement, who knows what else Nextdoor will inspire me and neighbors alike to do?”

## CORRALS >>

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Beach hopes to add at least two more bike corrals in Pacific Beach, including one near the Tuesday Farmers Market on Bayard and Hornblend streets.

The bike corrals were paid for by Discover PB through funds generated from the farmers market.

Phil Simon, who is running for the 52nd Congressional District seat, and Terri Wyatt, a candidate for San Diego district attorney, introduced themselves to the board.

City Councilwoman Lori Zapf, who is reportedly in the hunt to replace mayor-elect City Councilman Kevin Faulconer in District 2, also introduced herself to the board.

In its continuing effort to raise money for various community projects like the bike corrals, Discover Pacific Beach is promoting Casino Night, its annual business-awards dinner and fundraiser held on the William Evans sternwheeler at Mission Bay on March 27.

The three business-award categories are Newbie (best new business), Design and Improvement (business that aesthetically improves the community) and Heart of PB (business that reflects the spirit of PB). To vote,

visit DPB online at [pacificbeach.org](http://pacificbeach.org).

In keeping with the bicycle theme, DPB will sponsor the first “CicloDias” event in Pacific Beach on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“We want to promote more bike use to show why it is good for business and allow people to be able to walk around Garnet and visit our local businesses to experience what it is like without vehicles,” Berns said. “CicloDias” is an event that promotes bicycle use and will close main streets to motor vehicles for people to experience walking around areas that are normally filled by motor vehicles traffic.”

Planned street closures on that date would be on Garnet Avenue between Mission Boulevard and Ingraham Street, on Cass Street from Garnet to Turquoise Street and on Mission Boulevard between Turquoise and Cass.

Any schools or civic groups interested in participating can set up their own “hub” for the event.

Discover Pacific Beach is also seeking to fill one position on its board of directors.

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## SeaWorld: The truth about animal treatment is in our parks and people

## SeaWorld San Diego

An open letter from SeaWorld's animal advocates:

Inaccurate reports recently have generated questions about SeaWorld and the animals in our care. The truth is in our parks and people, and it's time to set the record straight.

The men and women of SeaWorld are true animal advocates. We are the 1,500 scientists, researchers, veterinarians, trainers, marine biologists, aquarists, aviculturists, educators and conservationists who have dedicated our lives to the animals in our care, as well as those in the wild that are injured, ill or orphaned. Whether it's a sea lion, manatee, sea turtle or whale, we are on call 24/7.

Here are some important facts about SeaWorld and our work:

- SeaWorld does not capture killer whales in the wild. Due to the groundbreaking success of our research in marine-mammal reproduction, we haven't collected a killer whale from the wild in 35 years. In fact, only two of the whales in our

care were collected by SeaWorld and they continue to be in our care today. In addition, our research has led to a much greater understanding of whales in the wild, giving researchers important scientific insights surrounding marine-mammal reproduction.

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Naturalist Baba Dioum put it best when he said, "In the end we will

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For more information, visit [www.seaworldcares.com](http://www.seaworldcares.com).

## BLACKFISH &gt;&gt;

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and using them to perform in shows. The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2013, then went mainstream in October when it was featured on CNN and became the subject of several CNN news features.

Though they declined to participate in the PLHS panel discussion, SeaWorld officials issued the following statement: "As we responded a few weeks ago to the filmmaker's debate challenge, we have no interest in helping promote a film this dishonest and manipulative," said SeaWorld San Diego spokesman Dave Koontz.

"Our position has not changed," continued the statement. "We did not receive any specific invitation from the school regarding today's screenings. We would like to thank Kearny High School for inviting us to provide a SeaWorld presentation to their students last week. We applaud the school's desire to provide its students information on both sides of the issue to help them make a more informed decision. It's unfortunate that we did not receive invitations from the other schools to provide a SeaWorld presentation to their students."

During the Feb. 3 panel discussion, Cowperthwaite described herself as a "mom who'd taken her children to visit Sea World," saying she didn't set out with any preconceived notions or to do an expose on the marine park.

"I was making a documentary about trainers and their relationships

with apex [top] predators, almost a philosophical film," Cowperthwaite said. "It wasn't going to be controversial."

But as she delved deeper into the story, "I began peeling back the onion and started to realize, shockingly, the truth," Cowperthwaite said.

Marine biologist Dr. Toni Frohoff said scientists "have an obligation when we find dolphins and whales we're studying are dying and languishing in captivity to speak out. It's not a matter of being animal-rights activists. It's a matter of scientists being responsible to populations of animals and the habitats they live in."

Asked if "Blackfish" has caused SeaWorld to make any changes in its business model, Cowperthwaite replied, "We sometimes hear rumblings that they might be changing the environment of the sea lion pool or making nicer waterfalls. [But] so far, they're standing their ground, saying they're proud of their history and to look at all the good things they do [animal rescues, conservation, public education]."

Cowperthwaite likened challenging SeaWorld's business model to "poking the dragon."

"Nobody's talked about any of these things [orca treatment] for 40 years," Cowperthwaite said.

She added that she and others challenging Sea World's methods are being branded by some as "crazy activist scientists."

"The Kids Eco Club teaches environmentalism and this is a really big issue, and we thought it was important for kids to hear both sides of the argument so they can decide who's right or wrong," said Guinn, when asked why he organized the "Black-



**CAPTIVITY CONTROVERSY** Gabriela Cowperthwaite, left, director of the controversial documentary "Blackfish," told Point Loma High students to draw their own conclusions about the treatment of killer whales in captivity. SeaWorld officials have issued a strong pushback about the accuracy of the documentary.

Photo by DAVE SCHWAB

fish" panel discussion.

Frohoff said orcas in the wild are "some of the most peaceful of all social species," adding she felt captivity may cause some of them to become stressed and "pathological."

Frohoff said it's impractical to try and take orcas that have lived their entire lives in captivity and unleash them into the wild where they wouldn't know how to take care of themselves without human care. But there might be a middle ground, she suggested, through the creation of "sanctuaries," fenced-off, more natural habitats where people could observe them, but where orcas and other marine mammals wouldn't be forced to perform like circus animals for human entertainment.

A student asked Cowperthwaite who they should believe in the orca debate — SeaWorld or their critics.

"Don't trust either of us," she said. "Go and do your own research. I want to encourage you all to do your own critical thinking."

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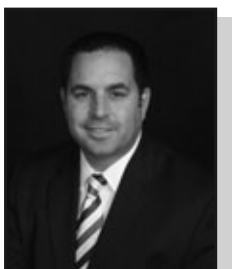
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birdfest is the equivalent of the Super Bowl in bird watching, said Hajj.

“Senior birders around the nation say there are three bird festivals that you need to go to, and this is one of them,” she said.

San Diego, with its more than 500 bird species and its diverse array of habitats from ocean to wetlands to mountains and desert, makes San Diego the ideal place for a bird festival to nest.

“There’s just a lot of magic here with all the different kinds of birds and so many habitats that makes it a very rich area for seeing birds,” Hajj said.

She added the Audubon Society festival brings out the “really interesting people, our guides, special speakers, etc. We have a lot of events that are interesting for birders and non-birders alike.”

On Friday, Feb. 28, the festival’s banquet keynote speaker at the conference center and marina will be James Currie, host of “Nikon’s Birding Adventures” on NBC Sports Network. A birding expert and an adventurer whose passion has taken him to explore remote cultures, Currie has been featured as a special guest and consultant in film, television, radio and print.

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**A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE** One of the exciting ways to discover birds in their natural habitats is by way of kayak excursions. Courtesy photo by Karen Straus

tionally known for its binoculars and optical products, will host the San Diego Bird Festival Nibble and Nosh Mixer on Saturday, March 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. The mixer offers guests the opportunity to meet with birding travel specialists and Kowa representatives, who can then give them an additional chance to check out Kowa’s line of sporting optics.

The 2014 bird festival’s special guest is Denver Holt, founder and president of the Owl Research Institute. Holt has researched owls since 1978, publishing about 90 papers and technical documents, and has been featured in National Geo-

graphic magazine and on television. He will be leading two owling trips and present a luncheon talk at the convention center and marina.

An annual highlight of the birding extravaganza is a free family fun day sponsored by SDG&E. This will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

Family fun day events include a visit from Holt, art activities, a storytime room for children, demonstrations by Hobie kayaks, a bird-calling workshop, live exhibition of birds, field trips to local birding areas, guided walks, games, workshops and a prize raffle.



**JUST HANGING AROUND** A black-and-white female warbler holds on to a snack as it clings upside-down to a tree limb. Courtesy photo by Karen Straus

On family fun day, bird enthusiasts can also enjoy the “Big Sit,” with professional birders on hand to point out birds in the nearby San Diego Estuary and the Quivira Basin.

All of the family day events are free and no pre-registration is needed, though some field trips and workshops have limited availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

The mission of the San Diego Audubon Society is to foster the protection and appreciation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats through education and study, and advocates for a cleaner, healthier

environment.

Originally founded in 1948, SDAS has served the region for more than 60 years. Its accomplishments include the establishment of two wildlife sanctuaries, which it owns and operates. This fiscal year, SDAS will host 25 habitat maintenance/restoration volunteer events, engaging several hundred volunteers in restoration efforts, and generate more than 3,000 hours of volunteer labor toward improving habitat for wildlife in San Diego County.

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## The Patio Unveils New and Improved Children's Menu

BY SAMANTHA ROBINSON ASST. MARKETING DIRECTOR

The Patio on Lamont Street has been a little childish lately, when it comes to the food that is!

A few weeks ago, the popular neighborhood eatery rolled out its new and improved kids menu, featuring perfectly portioned classic dishes for that picky eater.

The menu features chicken tenders, grilled cheese, a cheeseburger (all of which are offered up with a side of fries), small cheese pizza, and finally, pasta with either marinara or butter sauce. All of the items range in price from \$5 - \$8.

A coloring activity sheet for children will be available in the coming weeks.

According to management, the addition of this new menu aims to accommodate local families dining at the restaurant earlier in the evening, usually from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Parents are in luck, as happy hour runs daily from 3 - 6 p.m. and features more "adult" items like cool cocktails and worldly wines.

Since opening in late 2012, The Patio on Lamont Street has remained dedicated to providing outstanding service in an environment where you can relax, enjoy and share great food and memories. The whole family is welcome!

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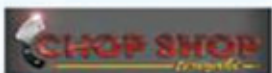
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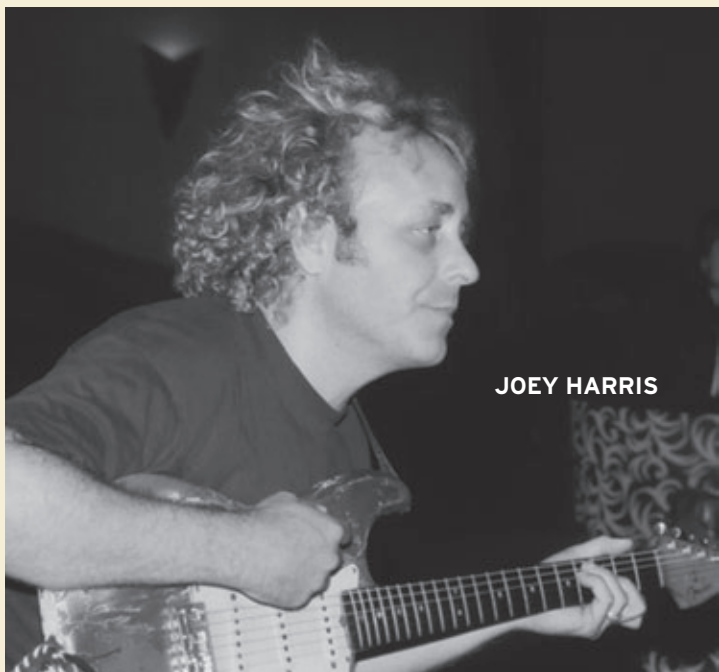


## MUST HEAR &gt;&gt;

Featuring Joey Harris and Paul Kamanski — two of the area's best-ever songwriters — it would be just about impossible to catch a set from the acoustic trio of Joey, Caren & Paul without being thoroughly entertained. Performing at the Kona Kai Resort on Shelter Island on March 1, Harris and Kamanski are joined by singer Caren Campbell, who excels at a mix of pop, folk, rock and Americana, with choice cov-

ers and excellent originals, including some of their own hit tunes like "The Girl I Almost Married" and "Hollywood Hills." The intimate Kona Kai Lounge, set right off the venue's own beach, is a great place to catch a set from these two San Diego music legends.

• **JOEY, CAREN & PAUL** perform at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the **KONA KAI RESORT**, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. 7 p.m. Free. [www.resortkonakai.com](http://www.resortkonakai.com).



JOEY HARRIS

## LIVE MUSIC &gt;&gt;

By BART MENDOZA

Against all odds, Sprung Monkey — formed in 1991 — is still going full strength. Following a successful run that saw the band appear in an episode of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," as well as landing tunes in everything from TV's "Smallville" to the film "Dude, Where's My Car?," the band split in 2002, re-emerging three years later. Currently playing behind its latest album "Dead is Dead," the band appears at The Griffin on Feb. 21. The band doesn't play as often as it used to, but longtime fans can rest assured Sprung Monkey's hard-hitting sound remains intact.

• **SPRUNG MONKEY** plays at 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 at **THE GRIFFIN**, 1310 Morena Blvd. 21 and up. \$15. [www.thegriffinsd.com](http://www.thegriffinsd.com).



HANK EASTON

Pairing tribute bands to two of the best-loved bands of the 1970s — Cheap Trick and Journey — the 710 Beach Club will be a virtual jukebox of hits on Friday, Feb. 21. On hand will be the cover acts, Cheapest Trick and Open Arms. While the latter has its following, there are few bands as fun and exciting as Cheap Trick live, so their doppelgangers get the nod.

It's hard to argue with timeless songs like "Surrender," or "Dream Police," and Cheapest Trick delivers. The quartet not only turns in worthy renditions but goes the extra mile. Band members not only dress the part, but the two performing as guitarist Rick Nielsen and drummer Bun E. Carlos are pretty much near-perfect replicas of the originals. There will

be no surprises in the set list this night, but for sing-a-long fun, this show will be hard to beat.

• **CHEAPEST TRICK** performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 at the **710 BEACH CLUB**, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. \$5 [www.710-bc.com](http://www.710-bc.com).

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## MUSIC &gt;&gt;

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Jazz and rock guitar fans will want to catch a set from Hank Easton at the Kona Kai Resort on Feb. 22. Easton is perhaps best known as the incendiary lead guitarist in the Steely Damned, also having released three solo albums to date — most recently, “Snapshots.” Easton is a solid performer with a nice voice, as well as tasteful pop rock originals and a slew of great covers in his set, with a particularly melodic playing style that truly accents the music. Easton’s sets include many highlights, but his medley of Steely Dan solos is hard to top.

• **HANK EASTON** performs at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the **KONA KAI RESORT**, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. Free. [www.resortkonakai.com](http://www.resortkonakai.com).

Though considered by some to be a blues combo, the Christian Hastings Band also includes a lot of soul. Appearing at Humphrey’s Backstage Live on Feb. 25, the group is led by guitarist Christian Hastings, featuring a mix of original songs and covers that can range from Bill Withers to Marvin Gaye. Hayes is a wonderfully expressive player, eschewing histrionics and overly busy fretwork for solid playing that enhances his

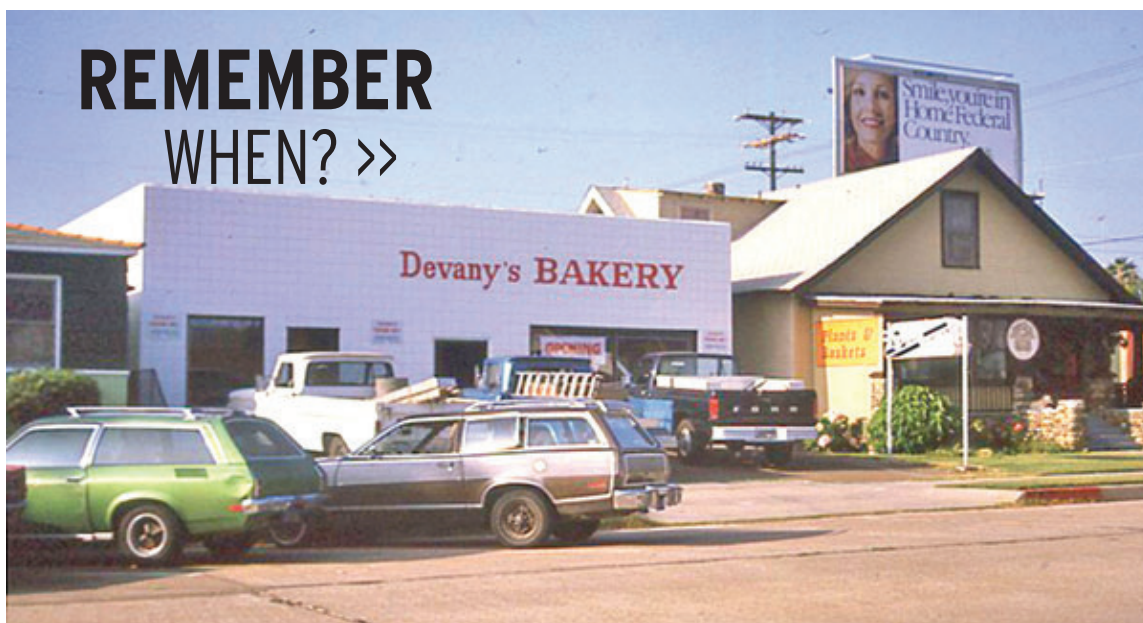
music’s hooks. In addition to sideman work, Hastings has released two albums on his own. But this is a group that really cooks live, making this Wednesday-night gig the perfect midweek pick-me-up.

• **THE CHRISTIAN HASTINGS BAND** performs at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at **HUMPHREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE**, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. \$5. [www.humphreys-backstagelive.com](http://www.humphreys-backstagelive.com).

For jazz fans there are few tenor saxophonists in the league of the late Dexter Gordon. He passed away in 1990, having issued dozens of albums, starting with “Dexter Rides Again” in 1945 and continuing through to his biggest crossover project, the 1986 film, “Round Midnight.” Perhaps more importantly, Gordon inspired a legion of young performers in his wake. Evidence of this takes place at Dizzy’s on March 2, when the venue will host a special tribute concert to Gordon, featuring saxophonist Gerard Nolan with bassist Bob Magnusson, pianist John Opferkuch and drummer Duncan Moore. If you’re a fan of the saxophone or a lover of jazz in general, this is one of the month’s calendar highlights.

• **DEXTER GORDON TRIBUTE** takes place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 at **DIZZY’S**, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. \$15. [www.dizzys-jazz.com](http://www.dizzys-jazz.com).

## REMEMBER WHEN? &gt;&gt;



**REMEMBER WHEN** Devany’s Bakery was next door to Too Pooped to Plant? I took this photo in September 1983. Isabel’s Cantina has taken over Devany’s Bakery, and Cafe 976 long ago replaced Too Pooped to Plant.

— John Fry may be reached at (858) 272-6655 or [mail@johnfry.com](mailto:mail@johnfry.com).

## America’s Schooner Cup gears up

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the Atlantic by Gloucester fishermen.

Appreciated for their beauty and speed under sail, they flourish today with the same enthusiasm that sent the “America” into history in 1851. Each year on San Diego Bay, the horizon fills with topsails, gollywobblers, gaff rigs and flying jibs.

On March 29, San Diego Bay will play host to the 26th running of America’s Schooner Cup. And they’ll be joined on the starting line by San Diego’s own “America,” a replica of the original.

View the event from Shelter Island on Saturday, March 29 at 11:30 a.m. A concert will then be held at the Silver Gate Yacht Club, located at 2091 Shelter Island Drive, on Sunday, March 30 to



## BATTLE FOR RACING SUPREMACY

The America’s Schooner Cup race sails into action on San Diego Bay on March 29. Sailing enthusiasts can catch the race action at the Silver Gate Yacht Club on Shelter Island, among other vantage points.

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## MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL

• Mission Bay High School's annual Talent Show will be held Friday, Feb. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the MBHS auditorium. There will be cash prizes and celebrity judges, including Jen Smith, national longboard champion; Nicki Carano, jazz dance instructor and vocalist/drummer for several local bands; Dan O'Hara, owner of Solid Surf Boards and shaper for South Coast; and Jack "Mr. Frostie" Conca. These judges will cast their votes for the most original, polished and entertaining acts. Come and see the crazy talented students of Mission Bay High. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in advance in the school office or at the door on the night of the event. Join your neighbors and friends and be entertained by the amazing talent at the MBHS annual Talent Show!

• Friday, Feb. 28, 7:30 a.m., coffee with the principal.

• Broad Prize Scholarship: \$5,000 to \$20,000 for students of the San Diego Unified School District with a 2.75 grade-point average. Visit [www.scholarshipamerica.org/broadprize](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/broadprize) to apply. The deadline is March 3.

• A trip to China for MBHS students takes place from July 15 to Aug. 1. Spend up to two weeks in China living, studying and exploring a culture different from your own. Activities will include learning Chinese in a Mandarin classroom, exposure into Chinese lifestyle and touring renowned local tourist attractions. The 2014 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp Program will take you on a journey to Beijing and other parts of China you'll never forget. Participants must be American citizens, grades 8-12, and have less than three years of Mandarin Chinese language knowledge. Responsibilities include paying for international airfare, purchasing international travel insurance and paying the Chinese visa application fee. For more information, visit [confucius.sdsu.edu](http://confucius.sdsu.edu), or email Anne Chu at [chuanneci@gmail.com](mailto:chuanneci@gmail.com). This program is sponsored by Hanban (Headquarters of Confucius Institute), 2014 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp Program.

## PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL

• It is never too early to plan for college, even at the middle-school level. Come join other parents and



**MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER** On Feb. 7, Crown Point Junior Music Academy (CPJMA) celebrated the school's new look on Ingraham Street. Matthew Cavanagh, a local Pacific Beach mural artist, created an amazing "Music Opens Minds" mural for the school and its community. Courtesy photo

students who will learn about admissions for universities and colleges and how to prepare now for the college process. We will also review the new high school graduation requirements. The Pacific Beach Middle School counseling department will host "The Road to College, College: Making It Happen" on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the media center. If you have any questions, contact

Mrs. Blankenbeckler or Mrs. McDearmon.

• Top musicians and artists from China performed for a packed house at Pacific Beach Middle International Baccalaureate on Feb. 13. In the U.S. for the Huain Cup Chinese International Instrument Competition — and through the sponsorship and coordination from Hanban Organization in China — these talented artists in

all aspects of the musical fields arrived in San Diego after their competition for the only show in the U.S. "I can't tell you how honored and excited we at Pacific Beach Middle International Baccalaureate feel about this special engagement brought to us by the Confucius Institute at San Diego State University, our San Diego Unified School District partner in education," said Ernie Remillard, principal at the award-winning middle school. "We are so proud to offer cultural events to our staff and students as we continue to grow our new Mandarin Chinese course." Welcoming and recognizing the visiting artists, as well as dignitaries and officials from China, were San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts and San Diego Unified School District board member Scott Barnett, who presented the guests with proclamations from the city and district.

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## FACILITY >> CONT. FROM PG. 2

the football field with Hilgers and Mission Bay Cluster president Jennifer Tandy.

"There have been many advocates over the years who have struggled to make sure Mission Bay High has safe, equitable sports facilities," said Tandy. "We have walked the MBHS field so many times with SDUSD personnel, presented at Board of Education meetings, sent hundreds of emails and had dozens of district meetings. Finally, MBHS will get its long-awaited, much-deserved sports facility renovations."

The renovations were supposed to begin a few years back with the passage of Proposition S funding but, according to Tandy and Dulgeroff, the project came to a halt when the bottom fell out of the real-estate market. But the project took on new life when voters passed Proposition Z in 2012.

The final go-ahead for the project took place when the California Coastal Commission officially approved the project on Jan. 10. The project includes a complete renovation of the football field and running track.

Other features include:

- the existing football field and track replaced with new synthetic turf field and all-weather track;

- new handicap-accessible bleachers (1,600-seat capacity on the home side, 800 seating capacity on the visiting side);

- a new press box with an elevator to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility;

- new athletic facilities (3,648 square feet, handicap-accessible ticket booth, restrooms and concession stand for home and visitors; storage area for athletic equipment);

- new football stadium lighting and sound system;

- new scoreboard and goal posts;
- new home and visitor entrance gates;

- the existing softball field relocated and reconstructed with new synthetic turf; and

- new ADA-accessible dugouts, bleachers, concession stand and announcer's booth.

Due to the renovations, MBHS will join the ranks of "Friday Night Lights" to host football games at night for the first time in its 60-year history. Dietz also announced that for the first time since 1953, the Homecoming football game will be played under the lights. "The new stadium, track and softball field will be an asset not only to the school but to the community itself," Tandy added.

The demolition of the old facilities will begin this month with renovations set to be completed by the spring of 2015.

## NOTEBOOK >> CONT. FROM PG. 10

### KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As an International Baccalaureate school, the mission of Kate Sessions Elementary School is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. It makes sense that students at Kate Sessions participated in the national Great Kindness Challenge from Jan. 27 through Feb. 1. Teachers submitted the names of students who demonstrated exceptional kindness. As a result, third-grader Quinn Seminoff and first-grader Lucia Fowler and their parents will attend a celebration at the Children's Museum. We know that any action that is repeated over and over and over becomes a habit. So join Kate Sessions Elementary in spreading kindness.

- On Saturday, Feb. 22, the Seaside Farmers Market and DonorNation.org will put the principal of the school selling the highest amount of Seaside Farmers Market Beach Bucks vouchers on DonorNation.org into the money-blowing machine, where they will have the potential to grab \$1,000 for their school. Support Kate Sessions Elementary, the Seaside Farmers Market and DonorNation.org and buy your Beach Bucks today.

### CROWN POINT JUNIOR MUSIC ACADEMY

- On Feb. 7, Crown Point Junior Music Academy (CPJMA) celebrated the school's new look on Ingraham Street. Matthew Cavanagh, a local Pacific Beach mural artist, created an amazing "Music Opens Minds" mural for the school and its community. To CPJMA, this mural represents the hard work and dedication parents, staff and the community have put forth in not only fighting to keep the school open, but also in supporting the various music programs CPJMA has to offer. Pacific Beach Middle School string students, Pacific Beach Middle School music director John O'Donnell and PBMS principal Ernest Remillard,



**AND ON THAT NOTE** From left are Crown Point Junior Music Academy students Joshua Nguyen, Luna Wiederkehr and Lily Adaska, who were selected to the 2014 SDUSD Elementary Honor Orchestra. Courtesy photo

partnered with CPJMA's Steve Luch and his string students in this important celebration as both schools put on a performance for all students and families. Also in attendance was VAPA director Mark Nicholson and Deputy Superintendent of Business Support Services Phillip Stover. "This was such a great event to be a part of. I enjoyed all the great compliments parents, staff and students had to say about my work," said Cavanagh. "During the time I was painting the mural, a lot of cars honked. Pedestrians passing by gave me the thumbs-up and told me what a great job I was doing. I enjoyed helping Crown Point."

- Congratulations to CPJMA's string students Luna Wiederkehr, Lily Adaska and Joshua Nguyen for being selected to the 2014 SDUSD Elementary Honor Orchestra. They will perform with the SDUSD Elementary Honor Orchestra on Friday, March 21. Luna and Lily are the youngest students to perform and all three students will represent CPJMA for the second consecutive year. Great work, Luna, Lily and Joshua!

### MISSION BAY CLUSTER

Vision 20/20 meeting for District C is set to take place Feb. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MBHS auditorium. Hosted by Superintendent Cindy Marten, the meeting will involve providing input regarding what the Mission Bay Cluster of schools need to support its goals.

Other clusters will be in attendance, including La Jolla, Kearny and Point Loma, so come and share your priorities to keep the Mission Bay Cluster of schools strong.

### FRIENDS OF PACIFIC BEACH SECONDARY SCHOOLS (FOPBSS)

- The Taste of North PB Art & Restaurant Walk is right around the corner on Wednesday, March 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids (5-10 years) and can be purchased at Pacific Beach Elementary School, Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High School. The walk features more than 18 restaurants, displays of artwork by local students and music by the MBHS Preservationists, PBE musicians and local duet Mad Colony.

• This year's largest fundraiser for Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High is the School Yard Dash 5K Run on April 26. Join friends and family for a healthy morning of fun along beautiful Mission Bay at De Anza Cove. Race time is 9 a.m. for the Kids' One-Mile Dash, followed by the 5K Run and the 5K Walk. There will be a vendor village, delicious brunch, prizes, music and more. Registration is only \$30 until April 1 and proceeds raised will bring academic enrichment to our community schools. Register/Sponsor/Learn more at [www.schoolyarddash.org](http://www.schoolyarddash.org).

- FOPBSS monthly meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. Mission Bay High School library.

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# Four alternatives emerge to pave way for linked, multi-city hiking/biking trail

By DAVE SCHWAB

Four alternative routes for the proposed Coastal Rail Trail (CRT) bike-and-hike pathway project were unveiled Feb. 5 at a public workshop at Nobel Recreation Center.

The Coastal Rail Trail (CRT) is a regional project that will establish a multi-use trail, including bike paths, to better connect the coastal cities of Oceanside, Del Mar, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach and San Diego.

The city project consists of 10 miles of multi-use trails extending from Carmel Valley Road at the northern point to Gilman Drive on the southern end. This segment of the trail will provide important connections between regional employment centers in Sorrento Valley, UCSD and University City, residential communities to the north and south, and Coaster train stations and future trolley stations in the project area.

For months, the city has worked with the Coastal Rail Trail Project Working Group and the public to

The next step is to seek the City Council's OK this summer to proceed with environmental review. Construction could start in 2017.

seek input on evaluation criteria and route segments for the Coastal Rail Trail project. This input, combined with a top-level technical analysis, resulted in the development of a number of potential alternatives for consideration.

Abi Palaseyed, a senior civil engineer for the city, the lead organization on the San Diego portion of the CRT, said the field of route alternatives is now whittled down to four — alternative numbers 2, 5, 7 and 4. These will ultimately move forward into the CEQA/NEPA environmental review process.

"We (city) don't make the selection," said Palasayed. "What we're supposed to do is identify the ones (routes) that score higher than the others and recommend those be taken through the environmental process."

Palasayed said the environmental review will determine "the preferred alternative with the least amount of impacts."

The next step in the CRT process is to seek City Council authorization this summer to proceed with environmental review of the four final alternative routes selected. That review is likely to take a year or longer, said Palasayed.

In early 2016, the CRT project is expected to receive certification of its environmental impact report/-environmental impact statement with approval of a final route alternative.

Construction on that preferred route is then expected to commence sometime in 2017 after funding sources have been secured.



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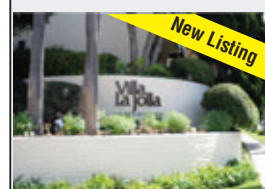
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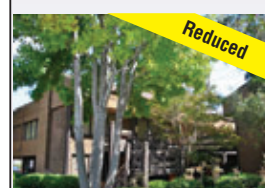
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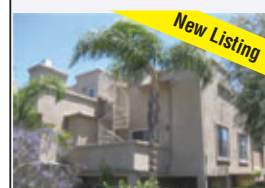
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Tandy is active in many projects involving Pacific Beach schools. She helped to bring and implement plans for a Pacific Beach YMCA. The new Y will be located on part of the Pacific Beach Middle School campus and will be jointly used by its students.

Tandy is also committed to seeing that the stadium at Mission Bay

High School receives its much-needed and long-promised upgrades.

She advocates for local schools through her hard work with parent-teacher organizations for Pacific Beach Elementary and the Friends of PB Secondary Schools.

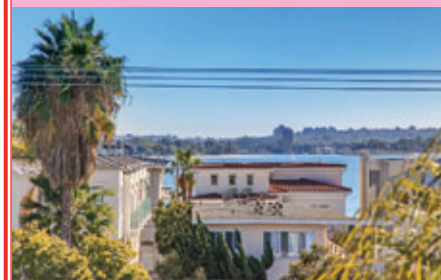
Pacific Beach Town Council members said they are looking forward to working closely with Tandy and the schools this year. The Town Council's first outreach was a search for a new webmaster for its website and social media.

The new webmaster from Mission Bay High is Colin Tandy.

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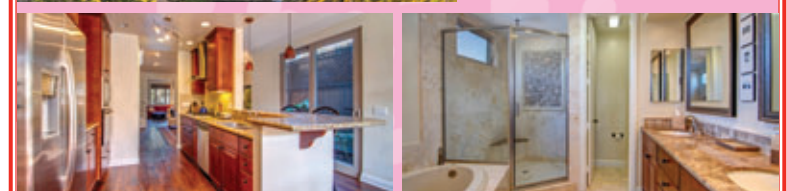
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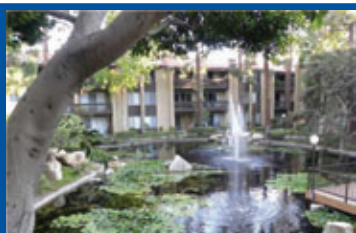
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