La Jolla heads back to school

By MARIKO LAMB | VILLAGE NEWS

It’s that time of year again. The summer sun sets just a bit earlier each day. Students of all ages are stocking up on school supplies and parents are finally getting a bit of relief that the kids are out of the house for the day. Ready or not, school is back in session Sept. 4.

A few notable back-to-school developments and trends to look out for in this school year in the La Jolla Cluster schools include a few revitalized facilities, schools embracing the use of technology to connect students, teachers and parents, and endless amounts of fundraising efforts and creative methods of conquering the devastating cuts of budget cuts that continue to trouble the district.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

This school year, La Jolla schools are using the latest in technological advances to enhance the educational experience and learning environment in 21st-century classrooms.

• San Diego United School District (SDUSD) continues to roll out its Prop S-funded 21st Century Classroom Initiative, a program that employs modern technology — like interactive whiteboards, audio-visual cabinets and netbook computers for each student — in every classroom in the district to create an engaging learning environment for all students.

• Schools are able to facilitate information quickly and easily through the use of web-based tools, like Muirlands Middle’s LJRadioTV, complete with video links to student projects on trending topics and daily broadcasts of the latest campus news.

The Bishop’s School opens with a bang

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The Bishop’s School celebrated the first day of the 2012-2013 school year amid excitement from students, faculty and visitors. On Aug. 22, the school held a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting for the campus’s brand new Manchester Library & Learning Center — a $10 million, 22,000-square-foot facility that houses more than 27,000 books, group-study rooms, library offices, an information technology room and a two-story atrium that captures and sheds natural lighting throughout the entire facility.

UCSD alumna brings education to Honduras’ untamed wilderness

By KENDRA HARTMANN | VILLAGE NEWS

Katia Gomez traveled to Honduras in the spring of 2009 as part of a volunteer group monitoring water quality and sanitation. The group was tasked with digging trenches and constructing water storage structures in one of the most remote and poverty-stricken regions in the country — itself the third-poorest nation in Latin America. The trip was straight forward enough — help out some villagers for a week, then return home to the comfort of Southern California, where Gomez was about to graduate with a degree in international studies from UC San Diego.

But Gomez couldn’t get her experiences and the Honduran people out of her mind. She especially couldn’t get past the notion that the people in the small remote villages she visited were essentially without a way to get more than a sixth-grade education. Furthermore, the girls in the villages — because of a lack of education and few revitalized facilities, schools embracing the use of technology to connect students, teachers and parents, and endless amounts of fundraising efforts and creative methods of conquering the devastating cuts of budget cuts that continue to trouble the district.

The driver of a blue Ford Focus struck a pedestrian when she stepped off the center median and into traffic at Torrey Pines and Hidden Valley roads on Aug. 25. The suspect is described as a white male in his early 40s, 5 feet 6 inches tall with a heavy build and wearing a tan hat and tan jacket, then left out the west doors. No injuries were reported. The Robbery Unit is investigating.

Grocery store bank robbed

The Wells Fargo Bank inside Ralph’s Supermarket at 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive was robbed on Aug. 24. At about 10:30 a.m., a man entered Ralph’s, walked over to the Well Fargo Bank counter and handed the teller a demand note. No weapon was seen. The teller gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect, described as a black male in his early 40s, 5 feet 6 inches tall with a heavy build and wearing a tan hat and tan jacket, then left out the west doors. No injuries were reported. The Robbery Unit is investigating.

Police continue search for home-invasion suspect

Police continue to investigate a home-invasion robbery in La Jolla earlier this month.

Composite sketches of the suspect sought in a home-invasion robbery in La Jolla earlier this month.

Motorist injures pedestrian on Torrey Pines Road

A 61-year-old woman was struck by a motorist on Aug. 25 when she stepped off the center median at Torrey Pines and Hidden Valley roads and into the west-bound lane of traffic.

A 69-year-old man was driving west on Torrey Pines Road just after 1 p.m. when the woman stepped in front of his blue Ford Focus.

The woman suffered a serious head injury and was taken to a local hospital. It is not believed that alcohol was a factor in the accident, according to police. Traffic Division is investigating.

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Photo by BRIEF WEST

Photo by DAVE SCHMIDT

Composite sketches of the suspect sought in a home-invasion robbery in La Jolla earlier this month.

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People in the news

The UC San Diego Foundation has announced that 10 new community and business leaders, including La Jolla residents Carol Chang, Ernest Rady and Lynn Schenk, will join its Board of Trustees for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Carol Chang is returning to the board. She has supported the university in numerous ways, including holding chair positions for the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center Board and serving on the foundation’s Development Committee. She also chaired Celebrate50, which kicked off UC San Diego’s 50th anniversary and raised critical support for scholarships and fellowships at UCSD. Before dedicating herself to philanthropic and community work, Chang worked at UC San Francisco as associate dean for administration and clinical services.

Ernest Rady is also returning to the board, and has more than 40 years of experience in real-estate management and development. During his career, he founded American Assets Trust (NYSE: AAT), American Assets, Inc., Insurance Company of the West, Westcor and served as director of a number of companies, including La Jolla Bank and Trust Company and Diestaline Lumber Company. Rady has supported UC San Diego in many ways, including the establishment of the Rady School of Management. He continues to actively contribute to the university as an advisor and philanthropist.

Lynn Schenk is a former U.S. congresswoman and attorney. Some of her accomplishments include serving as the deputy attorney general in the California Attorney General’s Office and as the chief of staff to former Gov. Gray Davis. In 1993, she became the first woman to represent San Diego in the U.S. House of Representatives. Schenk serves as vice chair for the California High Speed Rail Authority. She is an E.W. Scripps Associate member, a Scripps Research Institute board member and a recipient of the Scripps Scientist’s Recognition Award.

It’s vacation time!

La Jolla Village News readers are heading out of town and taking their favorite hometown paper with them! Don’t pass up your chance to have your name and face published in the Village News. Take us with you to whatever corner of the world you may be visiting and share your trip with other readers. Tell us your name and/or the names of your family members in the photo and give us a brief description of where the shot was taken. Email the photo and the information to lynnsdnews.com. It’s that easy!

Happy hour on the cusp

La Jollans enjoyed Cusp restaurant, above, atop the newly renovated Hotel La Jolla for the Village News’ Cusp Happy Hour on Aug. 16. Right, the Village News’ Yana Shaye and Julie Hoisington take in the view.

Travel with the La Jolla Village News!

Eleanor Mosca took her Village News on a narwhal expedition at Tremblay Sound on North Baffin Island, Nunavut, Canada.

Going to ‘jail’ to support those living with muscular dystrophy

The Bishop’s School sophomore Jack Piega was named Junior Lifeguard by The San Diego Junior Lifeguard (SDJG) program for summer 2012. Piega was chosen as the Junior Lifeguard that best exemplifies the mission of the San Diego Junior Lifeguard program from the over 500 JGs participating in the month-long session. The SDJG program is regarded as one of the finest open water safety training programs for children and young adults in the nation.

Business and community leaders agreed to be “locked up” on Aug. 9 at Hotel La Jolla to raise funds and awareness for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Jailbirds had to solicit donations to bail themselves out. The Village News’ own Julia Hoisington spent some time behind bars before making bail. The event raised more than $27,000 to support those living with muscular dystrophy.

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Longtime San Diego boating and diving veterans Russell Moore and Ed Harris have recently made a remarkable breakthrough in a boating accident that left four dead when a 37-foot sailing yacht disappeared in the dark of night during the annual Newport-to-Ensenada Regatta in April, marking the first fatalities in the 65-year history of the race.

The fate of the boat, named the Aegean, and its occupants has been shrouded in mystery since the boat’s GPS tracking system made its last signal at 1:30 a.m. on April 28 near North Coronado Island, just 15 miles southwest of Point Loma and directly on the rum line to Ensenada. The disaster left in its wake the death of four highly skilled sailors, a debris field of lightweight surface material and many experts in the sailing community scratching their heads.

Initial reports about the accident indicated that a much larger vessel or tanker likely struck the Aegean, rendering the boat to a pulp.

When Moore — captain of a U.S. Coast Guard-certified commercial RIB (rigid inflatable boat) — heard the reports, however, he was dubious. “I didn’t believe the explanation that was put forth in the popular press, so I kept checking the blogs and researching the story as it was unfolding,” he said. “That’s kind of my backyard. I work right around there almost every day, and it just became something that haunted me.”

His urge to get to the bottom of the mystery led him to enlist the help of his friend and diving expert Ed Harris, a San Diego life-guard sergeant who has logged thousands of hours on underwater search-and-rescue dives along San Diego’s coastline.

“There were just certain things that struck us and we thought, ‘We have to figure this out.’ I was obsessed with it because this is something we could figure out,” said Moore. “There are a lot of experts with more letters or numbers after their names, but not people that see more ocean than me or Ed.”

The U.S. Coast Guard had nailed down a specific site where the boat was likely to have crashed, making an easy starting point.

“We took all of the topside information that Coast Guard and other people had speculated on, and we applied that to do the underwater search,” said Harris. “We didn’t search the globe. We had pretty good indicators where this thing was.”

In their first excursion to the suspected wreck site on May 2 — just days after the Aegean’s disappearance — the 3-foot sea swells were jolting Moore’s 6,000-pound RIB around like a wine cork and aerating the waters beneath the surface, making the visibility no more than 20 feet. Despite scouring

New gourmet-style food options incorporating more whole grains and fresh locally sourced organic fruits and vegetables are now on the menu for students at San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) schools.

Choices like an Asian salad with chicken or tofu, Baja fish sandwiches with chipotle mayonnaise, and vegetarian chili bread bowls will be dished out alongside locally sourced fruits and vegetables at schools’ salad bars to ensure students have choices in the cafeteria.

The implementation of healthier food standards is a nationwide initiative brought to fruition by the passing of the federal Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act in 2010. Although SDUSD has already been ahead of the curve by adding salad bars to schools before many other districts, the law enables the SDUSD to expand on its existing menu of healthy meal options and employ its “Farm to School program,” ensuring that students receive the highest-quality lunches, breakfasts and snacks to keep them energized.
San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants officially re-launched the eagerly anticipated Hotel La Jolla, bringing coastal-chic design to the landmark hotel.

A $4 million investment transformed this iconic property, with a significant emphasis on design at the root of the renovation. New public spaces were created in the lobby, pool deck and lounge, meeting space and fitness center, and guest rooms were updated while significant landscape alterations contribute to the contemporary vibe. Owned by Westport Capital Partners and Cove Equity Group, LLC, and designed by prominent designer Guilla Jourdodit (Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Red O restaurant) and La Jolla’s Claude-Anthony Marengo, the new Hotel La Jolla offers 110 guestrooms, each with a patio or balcony.

The new lobby was inspired by La Jolla’s natural landscape surroundings, while a new venue, the ground-floor Hiatus, provides more than 2,000 square feet of open-air relaxation, complete with fire pits, chaise lounges and an outdoor bar.

Also newly reinvented is the 11th-floor restaurant, Cusp Dining & Drinks, led by executive chef Donald Lockhart, as well as a fully equipped, 11th-floor event space measuring more than 950 square feet adjacent to the new restaurant.

“We are thrilled that the time is finally here for us to share this magnificent new hotel and all of its exceptional amenities with our guests and the local community,” said Caroline Dyal, the hotel’s general manager. “Our goal is to make our guests’ experience special and I know we have just the place and the team to make that happen.”

The hotel also added a brand-new fitness center complete with workout equipment, hiking loops and yoga mats, and a fully supported business center.

To help guests live “Like a Local” and to support the local community, Hotel La Jolla is partnering up with several La Jolla-based organizations including Birch Aquarium, La Jolla Playhouse and OEX Dive & Kayak to offer guests packages and create awareness around the organizations’ initiatives.

To celebrate the grand opening, Hotel La Jolla is offering its “Hang Ten” opening package, which offers deluxe accommodations at $10 off best available rate, $10 off parking, $10 credit to Cusp Dining & Drinks, $10 credit to Hiatus Lounge and 10 percent off any service at OEX Dive & Kayak.

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virtually no way of doing so — the nearest high school was a three-hour hike away.

When she returned stateside, she headed to the library and checked out books on how to start a nonprofit. She then gathered some friends and asked them to help her figure out how to do some fundraising. By the summer of 2010, Educate2Envision was born.

“It started just as an idea,” Gomez said. “But then I got in touch with the right person in the government, who said they would help us implement the program, and we started to get small donations. We were getting amounts of $20, $100 and so on. We would just budget accordingly, and we started building.”

What Gomez, now 24 and a graduate student at Boston University, started building was a future for the villagers. With the help of the Honduran secretary of education, she was able to build an education center where villagers could continue their studies — or return to them, as the case may be.

“Most students drop out by the third grade because they need to work to support their families,” she said. “Now, we have students getting educated for the first time. And for the first time in decades, there were no educated when they graduated.”

When she returned stateside, she was able to bring high school knowledge to the community for the first time in over 80 years. No one had recognized the core problem of why they were so poor. It was something they had wanted for so long, and I wanted to make sure they were in on it 100 percent.”

With the community’s full support, Gomez was able to bring high school education to the community for the first time in its history in early 2011. What proved to be almost harder than implementing the program, however, was finding enough students to attend. In order for the government to commit to supplying the high school curriculum, Gomez needed 10 students with a sixth-grade education. She ended up having to pull students from other nearby communities to make up that class of 10.

“It was a real eye-opener,” she said. “In a community of over 800 people, we couldn’t even find 10 students who had made it past sixth grade. These communities are just so on the periphery of society. The government does its best, but it focuses more on urban areas and leaves these rural areas alone.”

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“Surprisingly, no,” she said. “When I’ve asked [community members] why education is important to them, they say they see a need to be filled in the community. It’s not necessarily an individual desire to grow and leave. A lot of them want to stay in those communities and use their knowledge to help develop them.”

As for the ability to help that development along, Gomez won’t have to worry much about the financial side of running a nonprofit for quite some time. On Aug. 21, she won the grand prize of $100,000 toward Educate2Envision on VH1’s DO Something! Awards.

“Winning the $100,000 was mind-blowing,” Gomez said. “We’ve functioned off of $5,000 a year, and we’ve been able to accomplish so much with so little. We have no office and we’re all volunteers, but we love what we do and we’ve been able to make huge changes in these communities. It’s pretty incredible, because I know this will be a game changer.”

To learn more about Educate2Envision, visit www.educate2envision.org.

Above, Katia Gomez meets some of the schoolchildren in Pajarillos, Honduras for the first time. Before Gomez implemented high school in the community, no one had the chance to move past sixth grade, and most of the girls were likely to end up pregnant by the time they were 12 or 13. Because of her efforts, Gomez won $100,000 through VH1’s DO Something! Awards, and we’ve been able to accomplish so much with so little. We have no office and we’re all volunteers, but we love what we do.

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NOT FAR AWAY

The road to education wasn’t all smooth, however. The communities Gomez wanted to focus on are situated in the country’s wildest and most untouched wilderness, making traveling there a logistical nightmare.

Working with the government, too, wasn’t always easy because officials were more interested in helping communities that were easier to get to. That said, once she made it clear she wanted to bring education to those remote communities, Gomez said, the officials fell in line. Even with her organization’s meager finances, they were able to move the project along.

“There was some difficulty as far as finances, but that was something to be expected,” she said. “We were a tiny organization with no big donors, and we were working off of the bare minimum, though I was surprised at how far that money could go. We partnered with the government, and they really tried to make a concerted effort.”

Where Gomez said she encountered no resistance at all was from the villagers themselves. When it looked like her pet project might take off, Gomez immediately got the residents involved.

“We started having a lot of community meetings to gauge their commitment. I wanted them to tell us if they thought it could work,” she said. “The community was overjoyed. No one had ever tried to help them in this area. No one had recognized the core problem of why they were so poor. It was something they had wanted for so long, and I wanted to make sure they were in on it 100 percent.”

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I n July, Sutton Porter of Point Loma — producer of the “Rick Astorino Show” that can be heard on 1170 KCBQ radio — stood in front of the City Council during its open citizen forum and urged city officials for three minutes that August should be proclaimed “Heterosexual Pride Month” as a counterbalance to the council having declared July as “LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Pride Month.”

“Pride Month” in the city of San Diego.

“Heterosexual Pride Month.” Let’s not jump to conclusions in regard to “Heterosexual Pride Month” again? After some thought, I came to the conclusion that perhaps Ms. Porter’s notion for a “Heterosexual Pride Month” would be able to reach across the aisle of fairness and, with God’s blessing of fairness and equality in the future.

To prove my theory on this, I believe that the heterosexuality of our great city. We are going to have to make some assumptions of what we can expect to see heterosexuals, like myself, doing during the month of August in celebration of our heterosexuality. I am sure we will have some type of parade, (sponsored by Chick-fil-A?), but maybe not, because many heterosexuals are conservative about their sexuality and aren’t interested in parading it around.

Perhaps we would celebrate that the government is not mandating anything — especially when it comes to our choices and freedoms! Most importantly, we would finally be acknowledged as equals to our gay counterparts in society, with recognition of our own pride month.

And isn’t that the real issue? Heterosexuals just want to be recognized as equals to their homosexual friends and neighbors. But wait, when did same-sex marriage become legal throughout America? After some research on the Internet, I discovered that same-sex marriage is not legal throughout the United States. So, how real were our arguments about parading this with? Why do we need a “Heterosexual Pride Month” again?

Here is the reason. Ms. Porter says, “Let’s make it fair!”

I have pondered Ms. Porter’s words for weeks since I heard her speak to the City Council in regard to “Heterosexual Pride Month.” Let’s not jump to make any negative judgments of Ms. Porter because she is on the right track with the statement, “Let’s make it fair!”

How has LGBT Pride Month made it unfair to heterosexuals in San Diego? Ms. Porter’s argument is, “… the City Council should declare August as ‘Heterosexual Pride Month,’ she could be laying the groundwork for fairness and true equality in the future.

In order to live a new life. It is as if we have a second chance to become someone else. Divorce and singleness or marriage, no longer an option. We can review ourselves in different relationships or different environments. On the one hand, we always remain the same person, but on the other hand, we also adapt to our circumstances.

So it is what is the hubbub about marriage anyway? In the eyes of fairness and civil liberties, same-sex marriage and heterosexual marriage is treated in favor of “Heterosexual Pride Month” with Ms. Porter and her “fairness” fighters. By doing this, heterosexuals who support Ms. Porter’s notion for a “Heterosexual Pride Month” would be able to reach across the aisle of fairness and, with God’s blessing of treating your neighbor as if you would like to be treated, support same-sex marriage.

If, however, we have supportive people around us, we can allow ourselves to be trusting and grow — expanding our horizons. We should not need the proverbial mid-life crisis in order to take a sharp departure. When daily life is beginning to look like a rut, when we wake up in the morning and see discouragement at the day ahead — and this happens all the time after month after month — then it is time to take a look at what’s missing and what does sound appealing. The grass may indeed look greener on the other side of the fence. It is but important to check on that color, may be it is more to your liking.

Which of your friends or acquaintances do you envy! Whose life do you wish you had? What steps do you need to take to live that life? Are there new work- or relationship-related skills to acquire or spruce up? Are there risks to be taken, friends or professionals to consult?

I have changed directions several times in my life and have always felt that it gave me opportunities to live several lives: as wife and mother, as middle-aged student, as clinical social worker, as university professor, as author, to live in Europe with one husband and in the United States with another.

These life changes allowed me not only to move in totally different environments but to respond to these environments as a new person — learning and testing new skills and behaviors in ways unfamiliar to me. In other words, one’s repertoire is enlarged and one becomes richer in life experiences. Travel can do this too, but it’s more limited in time and scope unless, of course, one lives for a time period in a different culture.

Surprisingly, knowledge and skills are translated from one type of work to another. What we know and how we think are useful no matter what we do. And, the more we know and experience, the more we bring to the table the next time around.

This now sounds like I am advocating change for change’s sake. I am not. What I am advocating is fearlessness. If one’s situation is not satisfying, whether at home or work, and everything has been tried to ameliorate this situation, it is an option to look for something better.

Yes, there is risk involved. You may lose a lease or a job but find anything better. And yes, staying in a bad situation does afford you the comfort (and discomfort) of the experience of an unhappy marriage or a harmful friend. Obviously, embarking on a new adventure has no guarantees. But even so, meeting the unknown head on is a way to discover and help uncover new resources within you.

Most people regret what they have not done, not what they have mistimed or not taken, the risk avoided. Very few people are sorry that they tried something new, even if they didn’t succeed the way they expected to.

As a people, we seem to strive for competence in whatever we do. And once a high level of competence is achieved, we look for new opportunities to grow and learn. It’s OK to stay put if satisfied, and OK to move on if not.

So try your wings and fly away to unknown destinations, meeting new challenges that will need new skills and other ways, but more importantly, bring new delights.

— Natasha Josefowitz taught the first course in the U.S. on women in management and is the author of 19 books. She lives at White Sands La Jolla.
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rior of the building.

The Irving Gill-inspired building, designed by architect Michael Wilkes of Delawie Architects, was con-
structed with Craftsman-style details ingrained throughout the building’s lighting, furniture and design ele-
ments to honor the longstanding his-
tory of The Bishop’s School campus’ existing Irving Gill-designed archi-
tecture.

“Today, it is very gratifying to see this beautiful building behind us and to know that for generations to come, it will be a gathering place for all who love to learn, who want to share their learning, and to study together and to meet with their facul-
ty together,” said library benefactress, Betty Manchester at the dedication.

“I challenge the students here to take great care of it, to honor it, to make it a special place for you and those who will follow you here,”

Head of School Aimé Roche announced other news to students, parents and visitors at the ceremony.

“I am pleased to announce today the funding for two new endowed faculty chairs given through the benchmark funds of an anonymous Bishop’s family. Today, we are pleased to honor the first chair holders of these prestigious endowments,” Roche said.

To mark the dedication of the Bishop’s School’s new library facility, Roche made one final surprise announcement.

To mark the dedication of the Manchester Library & Learning Center and kick off the school year right, seven students and two members of the Bishop’s School staff and faculty received an iPad to take home with them to discover a new world of teaching and learning outside the classroom.

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and events.

• Bird Rock Elementary and La Jolla High School are also in tune with the latest in educational technology, offer-
ing live online references and homework help through chat sessions with experts at the San Diego Public Library, which are available on the schools’ websites.

• La Jolla and Torrey Pines elemen-
tary schools are embracing technolo-
gy through the schools’ classroom curriculums. La Jolla Elementary stu-
dents receive bi-weekly in-classroom technology lessons on Internet safety, server applications, desktop publish-
ing and more, and Torrey Pines Ele-
mentary offers a technology program that provides full technology training to enhance the learning experience for the modern day student.

• For parents to stay informed about all or a few of the schools in the La Jolla Cluster, sign up for the cluster’s e-blasts, which provide real-time infor-
mation about the goings on in the dis-


tric and in community schools.

FUNDRAISING TO COUNTER CUTS

When school funding has been reduced for six years in a row as it has in California, local schools learn to get creative in their fundraising efforts. From silent auctions and galas to grant applications and giving cam-

paigns, local schools, PTAs, founda-
tions and area businesses are finding new ways to fund classroom supplies, student amenities and programs to enrich students’ educational experi-

ences.

• For a hassle-free way to help raise funds for local schools, parents can sign up for the free eScrip program, a customer loyalty program where a portion of shoppers’ everyday pur-

chases at participating eScrip mer-
dants and restaurants will go direct-
ly to the school of their choice. To en-
roll, visit www.escrip.com. For a fundraising effort that is not only good for local schools but also for the global environment, several area schools, like La Jolla and Torrey Pines elementary schools, have launched recycling programs to raise funds or redeem for new school equipment and supplies.

DEVELOPMENT DESPITE BUDGET CUTS

Despite a shrinking district budget, a couple of newly constructed or revamped facilities have emerged at local schools this year because of the passage of Proposition S — a $2.1 bil-

lion bond measure program — in 2008. • La Jolla Elementary School recent-

ly completed construction on the cam-
pus’ roof and ceiling to rectify struc-
tural problems at the facility.

• La Jolla High School students will start the school year off with a new scoreboard, just in time for football season.

• A wood-beam upgrade at Torrey Pines Elementary is in the project design phase. A contract for the pro-

ject is expected to be awarded by spring 2013.

School offices are open and ready to enroll students. Classes in the dis-
tric start on Sept. 4. For more school district information, visit www.sandi-

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WRECK

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much of the island's northern tip and possessing reasonable confidence that they would uncover some clue attributed to the wreckage, the duo came up empty-handed.

After their initial defeat, it took three months before Moore and Harris went back to the site.

“Our second dive was the first day in the weather window that we had. It wasn’t that it took us three months to go back down there. It’s the first time that the ocean got still enough to allow access to this,” said Moore. “It takes very little swell to turn this into a wash-up machine.”

The area, known as “Pulky Point,” is set against sheer cliff faces, several underwater caves, and potential of shallow water that emit a violent energy.

“The sailors were there on a pitch black night with 6-foot swells,” said Moore of the night the Aegean went down. “It’s really hard with no lights, no echo sounder, enough yet to trace them out, basically.”

Debris, when scattered and settled along the ocean floor, settles into deep rockpiles, creating protected nooks and basins in the sand, said Harris.

“We’d find rollers and items like anchors. But in these areas, we’d find more and more, so we could find the trail and find where the bulk of the material was,” he said. “Even though we went by the place where it was later discovered, the boat hadn’t broken up enough yet to trace them out, basically.”

After sightings of big pieces of fiber-glass turned into the discovery of heart-shaped ribs, chains, the bulb, and the prop and other heavy pieces of metal, they knew how they found the missing Aegean.

“If you don’t find a keel and a motor, you haven’t found a boat wreck. All you’ve found is where debris ended up,” said Moore. “When we found heavy items like these, we knew this wasn’t debris that came from somewhere else and ended up here. This is the boat.”

The wreck sits behind large boulders that create a sort of catarina, hiding the larger pieces of the boat from view just a few feet below the surface. said Harris. The keel rests in just two to three feet of water and may even be visible from the water’s surface, depending on the tide.

“When we first found it, I felt a large degree of sadness,” said Harris. “This is an area where four people died, and when you see that destruction, it’s just really sad. There’s nobody to help you out there.”

Harris and Moore left the wreckage where it settled, but they were able to capture high-definition footage of their entire adventure and discovery using a waterproof GoPro camera. All evidence of their findings has been turned over to Coast Guard investigators.

“Our whole thing was to video document, not to recover anything,” said Harris.

Russell Moore left, and Ed Harris stand by Moore’s rigid inflatable boat, which they used to locate the missing sailing yacht Aegean.

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LA JOLLA’S LIVING ART

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

So get the scoop on all the local musical happenings

by BART MENDOZA

MUSTHEAR: THE HEROES

On Sept. 2, the 2012 La Jolla Concerts by the Sea Series features a performance by one of the area’s favorite cover band collections. The Heroes. A true crowd-pleasing band. The Heroes’ set list is massive, taking in hits from the 1930s to today. Whether it’s swing or disco, or country, there are few bands in the area that could play such an eclectic mix of hits and play them so well. With its combination of classic tunes and the most spectacular concert setting in San Diego, this family friendly Sunday afternoon concert will be hard to beat.

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“National Rally for Change,” 10 a.m. to noon, Scripps Hospital, 9888 Genesee Ave., awareness of unnecessary C-sections and labor inductions, (619) 452-6783, www.mprovingbirth.org, free

TUESDAY, Sept. 4

“$100 Startup: Reinvent the Way you Make a Living, Do What You Love and Create a New Future,” 7:30 p.m., Warwick’s, 7812 Girard Ave., discussion with Chris Guillebeau, (619) 454-0347, www.warwicks.com, free

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La Jolla Open Air Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., La Jolla Elementary School, 1111 Manutee St., (858) 454-1692, www.lajolamarket.com, free

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Mainly music — with something more

As most La Jollans know, Mainly Mozart has been bringing fine music to the San Diego area since its 1988 founding by Nancy Bojanic and David Atherton. The organization is known for its uncompromising commitment to quality performances and also for its extensive education programs, exposing young listeners on both sides of the US/Mexico border to the joys of the music of Mozart and the masters. MM’s redefinition in early 2012 tripled its chamber music programming, quadrupled the length of its annual festival and added famed classical pianist Anne-Marie McDermott as its first-ever curator of chamber music.

Such a prestigious organization attracts enthusiastic supporters, and MM’s elite support group — generous music lovers who make substantial annual donations — is called Club Amadeus. (In case you were wondering, the famed composer was actually born Wolfgang Theophilus Mozart. Preferring the Latin translation of his Greek middle name, he changed it to Amadeus.) In appreciation of their music aficionados, MM annually hosts Club Amadeus members and their friends at four Sunday afternoon concerts in private residences and exclusive locations.

The most recent such event was just four days ago, when well over 100 enthusiastic guests gathered at the stunning La Jolla Farms estate of William and Michelle Lerach. After a welcoming champagne reception, all were seated in the home’s grand hall to hear the Catalyst Quartet, comprised of top laureates and alumni of the internationally acclaimed Sphinx Competition for young black and Latino string players. The group was flown in from their Manhattan base, and will also perform in Arizona before returning home.

With violinists Karla Donehew-Perez and Jesse Montgomery, violin Christopher Jenkins and cellist Karlos Rodriguez, the superbly talented group first played a new selection dubbed “Strum.” It was written by Montgomery, who’s a composer and music educator, as well as a violinist. They followed with the four-movement String Quartet in C Minor by Johannes Brahms; then another in F by Maurice Ravel. Their expert play was recognized by the respectful and appreciative audience, and rewarded with a hearty standing ovation afterwards.

Kate Leonard and husband Richard Forsyth, both Club Amadeus members, sponsored the concert. Interestingly, she’s just been appointed Honorary Consul General of Japan in San Diego. They’ve both had a long association with the country, and were exchange students in Japan during college. Following the performance, guests enjoyed tasty appetizers and desserts donated, prepared and served by chef Ron McMillan and his company, Catering Solutions. Among the desserts were cupcakes immediately recognizable as the creations of host Michelle Lerach. Formerly a labor attorney, she’s now known as the owner of Cups, a popular organic cupcakery and teaching kitchen in La Jolla — and is on a mission to change the landscape for sustainable farming.

But the food wasn’t the only post-concert attraction. Guests were awed by the tremendously collection of African art that fills the sprawling seaside home. Pieces range from very...
small to really quite huge, and each sports a sign or label explaining its origin and meaning. Congenial host William Lerach (he prefers to go by “Bill”) conducts informal tours for guests, revealing the stories behind every exotic piece, often including surprising tales of how each was acquired. He began collecting almost 40 years ago.

“I bought a piece of African art, and then I bought another one, and the next thing I knew, I had the disease,” he said. “I really indentify with the indigenous people and what happened to them. It’s a way to preserve that culture, which was a good culture, and the art is important for artistic reasons. So it’s been very rewarding.”

It’s a truly fabulous collection, and visiting this home is like touring a lovely private museum with a knowledgeable and enthusiastic curator. As for the impressive botanical collection and aviary outside... well, they will have to wait for a future column.

Above: Ernie Ligen, Bebe and Marvin Zigman, Brita and Dr. Chuck Tesar

Left: Peter and Jane Polgar, Marsha Sewell, Yoko Sakaguchi, Peter Manes

Above: Ole Prahm, Daunon Bary, Chris and Pat Weil, Lary Chagares; Left: Je Ann Kig, Vern Aguine, Joe and Linda Salt, Gretchen VA

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Claire Melbo

Prudential California Realty is pleased to re-recognize Claire Melbo for her exceptional sales through the first two quarters of 2012. Melbo is the #1 ranked individual agent in the company's La Jolla office for the number of transactions and the #2 ranked individual for her sales production this year.

"Claire has an ability to help her buyers identify their needs and goals, match them with the perfect home to fit their current and future goals," says Nicki Melbo, President of Melbo Real Estate. "Her extensive community knowledge and passion for helping others is a benefit to both her buyers and sellers. 

A home-sitter since the age of 14, Melbo can also identify with the specific needs and goals of her sellers. To ensure her sellers receive the maximum possible return on their investments, she collaborates with her vast network of colleagues, hires professional photographers and advertisers in the most widely read print and online destinations.

With three decades of experience in the La Jolla real estate market, Melbo is a trusted advisor to an expansive base of clients. Over the years she has developed a complex understanding of multiple aspects of the industry from starter homes and investment properties to luxury condominiums and coastal estates.

Melbo is a four-time winner of San Diego Magazine's "Five Star Best in Client Satisfaction Real Estate Agents" award. She has consistently ranked at the top three percent of more than 50,000 Prudential agents nationwide for her sales achievements. Claire Melbo may be contacted through Prudential California Realty's La Jolla office at 858-351-5349 or via email at Claire@ClaireMelbo.com, or on the web at www.ClaireMelbo.com.
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