Local organization built on compassion spreads worldwide

By ETHAN ORENSTEIN

Dreams are coming true for one Pacific Beach woman, whose simple idea to inspire daily compassionate actions has become a global movement in just five years.

In 2008, founder Sara Schairer said she was going through the hardest time of her life. As she was watching an episode of “The Ellen DeGeneres Show,” author Wayne Dyer spoke about compassion being the most important thing to teach children. Schairer said the message stuck with her. She said she thought about it for the rest of the day.

“I couldn’t stop thinking about it, and the word compassionate turned into the two words — “Compassion It” — in my head,” Schairer said. “And I was like, ‘Wow, that makes sense, compassion is a verb now. It’s an action.’”

She trademarked “Compassion It,” but it wasn’t until 2011 that Schairer took action. She thought about putting the phrase on bumper stickers or T-shirts, but her friend suggested she needed something small and inexpensive if she wanted to start a global movement.

She settled on a two-sided, reversible bracelet that could be used to spur compassionate action. Each morning, the bracelet starts with the word “Compassion,” and as the day rolls on, the word changes to “It.”

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On June 8 with the opening of the 2013 San Diego County Fair, County Fair puts all the fun, music acts you can handle at your fingertips.

By KEVIN MCKAY

The annual mix of down-home agricultural exhibits, belly-busting food, eye-catching entertainment and powerhouse musical lineups is set to return to the Del Mar Fairgrounds for a month-long engagement on Saturday, June 8 with the opening of the 2013 San Diego County Fair.

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Also new this year is a “Star Trek Exhibition,” an interactive, museum-style experience involving one of the largest collections of authentic Star Trek artifacts and information ever put on public display, according to Fair officials.

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Food and Fun The Del Mar Fairgrounds will come alive during this year’s run of the fair from June 8 to July 4.

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Belmont Park Farmers Market ready to debut June 7

To add to the color and vibrancy of Belmont Park, Brian Beavers, owner and operator of Brian’s Farmers’ Markets, is debuting a certified farmers market experience at the beachfront amusement park every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting June 7.

Beavers, the successful founder of independent weekly farmers markets in Golden Hill, University Towne Center and Point Loma, decided to bring the food community together where the boardwalk meets the sea in Mission Beach.

“The Point Loma Nazarene University graduate and former Internet technical professional left his job to open his first farmers market in Mission Valley in the spring of 2009.

“I did a complete 180 [degrees] with my life when I left my job,” he said. “I respect and appreciate each of my vendors. Each new market confirms that my decision was wise.”

The Belmont Park Certified Farmers Market will bring together ranchers, growers, artisans and chefs to the base at the roller coaster each Friday morning, rain or shine, he said. Residents and tourists can enjoy live music and food and drink samples as they weave through 50 local vendors selling locally grown produce, fresh meats and artisan wares directly from the source.

“The Mission Beach residents have to travel down the
Local surfing legend joins Beach & Bay Press for all things surf-related

Hi all! This is Bird from Bird’s Surf Shed. Look for updates on all things surf in issues of this publication. I plan on touching on a wide variety of surf subjects ranging from extended surf reports and the latest in surf gear and technology to shaper interviews and some surf gossip. I’ll be glad to answer your questions if I can so feel free to sound off.

Let’s talk about the general state of surfing in California right now. In the near 50 years that I have been in the water, I have never seen a more creative and exciting time in surfing. No, the waters aren’t as clean as they used to be and yes, it’s more crowded than ever, but there are more acceptable waves to ride than there ever have been in the past.

At any given time at almost all breaks, you see a wide variety of people riding waves on all sorts of equipment. Some ride a traditional surfboard or boogie board, while others body surf or ride a Paipo type of board. Hand planes and surf mats are out in the lineup, and let’s not forget about the stand-up paddle surfers. To me, it makes no difference on what you ride, it’s still SURFING.

That being said, we must all share the waves and show respect for one another. Nobody likes a wave hog — no matter what you ride — so give a wave away here and there and show some restraint on your wave count, even if you have the largest surf craft in the water.

If you’re a beginner or new to an area, wait out the crowds or head to areas that are more user friendly until you get up to speed with local crowds and areas. The bottom line is we are all out in the water to have fun, so let’s concentrate on that. Ride what you want, how you want — and let others do the same.

— Bird Huffman, owner of Bird’s Surf Shed, has been surfing and serving the San Diego surf community since 1966.

Petals by the Beach is located at 1470 Garnet Ave., Suite A, in Pacific Beach and each one of her children graduated from Mission Bay High School. She and Cummings knew the previous owners and felt the shop had a special place in Pacific Beach history. Gillenberg said customers often share their memories about the shop, and she and her daughter wanted to continue the tradition of representing the beauty and uniqueness of the Pacific Beach community. Petals by the Beach is open seven days a week and offers flower-delivery service. For more information, visit www.sandiegopetals-bythebeach.com.

— Ethan Orenstein
their thirst with refreshing bacon-based and bacon-inspired cocktails and brews.

Running throughout the course of the Fair this year will also be a new addition called “The Courage to Remember,” a traveling Holocaust exhibit by the Museum of Tolerance, the educational arm of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The exhibit features 200 exclusive photographs that cannot be seen anywhere else in the world, offering unique insight into the Holocaust.

The Fair is again boasting a huge slate of musical entertainment at various venues across the fairgrounds, featuring nationally known entertainers belting out cool tunes ranging from classic rock to country. Latin flavor to modern-day draws. Most entertainment is free with Fair admission. For a complete roundup of artists, venues, dates, times and prices, visit www.sdfair.com/index.php/fasection=concerts.html.

Many of the familiar sights and sounds will greet fairgoers, including the popular AgriFair, the livestock barn and exhibits of animals large and small, put on by members of the 4-H Club who are winning the popular AgriFair, the live-action entertainment is free with Fair admission.

The market provides fresh fruits, vegetables and farm-fresh eggs; fresh-baked bread and pastries, fish, meat, cheese, fresh flowers, spices, olives and sauces.

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Schairer said any organization can use the bracelets as a fundraising tool, and her goal is for groups around the world to start their own “Compassion It” movements.

“What I’m envisioning is that we have little ‘Compassion It’ movements happening in schools, churches, synagogues, temples all over the world, and that they’re able to raise money for their own causes and create a community around this concept of compassion," Schairer said.

“Bracelets have the potential to create a movement, to create a platform where people can raise money for any cause they want. It’s not just about the bracelets; it’s about the movement.”

As the “Compassion It” movement has grown, it has provided outreach programs to teach compassion in local schools and the community and has partnered with similar programs in Nicaragua and Liberia.

Schairer said simple acts are important, and she likes to keep granola bars in her car to hand out to homeless people as she drives around.

Schairer is in the process of registering “Compassion It” as a nonprofit organization, which she hopes will allow the company to fund more outreach efforts and continue to spread compassion around the world.

For more information, visit www.compassionit.com.

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OBITUARIES

Bob Alcantara, 72, Pacific Beach Rec Center icon

Longtime Pacific Beach resident Bob Alcantara, 72, a mainstay at the Pacific Beach Recreation Center, passed away while on a camping trip at Yosemite National Park on May 24.

Alcantara was born in Brackenridge, Pa., and later moved to the West Coast, where he relocated to Napa before moving to San Diego in 1991.

He had been a stalwart at the Pacific Beach Recreation Center for the last two decades, serving on the Recreation Council and founding the Pee Wee sports program at the rec center in 1994.

“Bob was an institution in PB and became part of the whole PB culture,” said rec center co-worker Ruby Houck. “He was like an uncle to all the kids who participated in Pee Wee sports. They don’t know the rec center without Bob.”

Along with Houck’s late husband, Bernie, Alcantara was active in community events at the center; including the Easter egg hunt, Halloween carnival and Christmas events. Alcantara would dress up as Santa Claus for the community’s “Breakfast with Santa” event, served as a basketball coach and worked to put leagues together.

Alcantara began his time at the rec center as a volunteer in 1991 before he was hired full time a few years later.

“Even though we’re all employees at the recreation center, it felt like we were a family and as people moved on to other recreation centers, they would always come back for the special events,” Houck said. “Bob was not just our co-worker. He was our friend.”

He leaves behind five children: Lisa, Jenny, Rob, Bethany, Daniell; four grandchildren: Lily, Luna, Oliver, Lena; Lucille.

“He had a network of friends in Pacific Beach that has grown exponentially each year,” said son Rob. “He was a good guy and a loyal friend.” Bob Alcantara said.

A memorial is set in Napa on June 15 and in San Diego on June 29.

— Keith Antignavano

John Watson, longtime Pacific Beach resident, passes at 51

John Scott Watson passed away May 16 at the age of 51.

John was born in La Jolla, grew up in Pacific Beach, attended Katie Sessions Elementary School and Pacific Beach Junior High. He graduated from Mission Bay High School in 1979.

He owned his own hardwood-floor business with his wife of 22 years, Heidi, and raised two children, Emily and Charles John (CJ), in Clairemont.

He is also survived by his parents, Mary and Charlie; grandmother Virginia Chisholm; brother Tom (Kristina); nephews Sean and Kory; niece Addison; and many extended family members. He will be in our hearts always and deeply missed.

John will especially be missed at local surf spots, where he would surf the pier or at Black’s Beach, where many could hear his boisterous laugh as he caught waves. He would stop in at Cass Street Bar & Grill to get his workers lunch on many occasions. He is gone but not forgotten. John loved the ocean, surfing and fishing, and shared his love of baseball with son CJ and coached CJ’s Little League baseball teams over the years.

John loved his dogs and especially loved his family.
whole peninsula to get to Pacific Beach before they get to any kind of grocery store, so we’re having a nice, quaint farmers market for them,” said Beevers. “We’re not looking to have it huge. We’re going to keep it at an average of about 50 vendors at the most, so [residents] can come locally and get their produce.”

Some of the featured farmers, food purveyors and artisans include Els Farm, Hopkins Ag, Smith’s Farm, Papa’s Garden, Baba’s Foods, Poppa’s Fresh Fish Company and Bathing Bombshell.

“They’re all really unique, with really wonderful stuff,” said Beevers. “For the most part, we’re really looking to draw those residents that live there that want some local produce.”

In addition to shopping the weekly market, locals can take advantage of the farmers market’s unique community supported agriculture (CSA) program, which is designed to support the viability of small farmers, as well as the health of community members by offering a box of fresh, locally grown produce each week for pickup at the market.

“The way we do CSA is unique,” he said. “We have a farmers market CSA, so every farmer at my market contributes to the box. What that means is that they get a larger variety. They get a really great selection of fruits, vegetables, nuts, honey — all these different items that, with one farm, you wouldn’t be able to get that kind of variety.”

Although the Belmont Park Farmers Market CSA box is unlike others, Beevers urges everyone to find a CSA box that is right for them, no matter its source.

“I support all CSAs,” he said. “I think they’re all incredibly important. If someone finds a CSA that works better for them, then that’s awesome. Our main goal here is to support the farmers and make that the most viable situation for farmers.”

CSA boxes are $15 for boxes that feed two to three people or $25 for boxes that feed three to four people. Beevers said he hopes the CSA box and launch of the local farmers market will also help encourage healthier lifestyles among San Diegans for a win-win benefit for all.

“We’re trying to encourage people to cook more and really take advantage of the fact that we live in San Diego, and we have a farmers market and growing season year round,” he said. “We live in an incredible place. We really should be embracing farmers markets.”

On Friday, June 7, kids ages four to 11 will have the opportunity to take part in a fruit and vegetable scavenger hunt for a chance to win a VIP Belmont Park experience. The Belmont Park Certified Farmers’ Market accepts Visa, Mastercard and EBT Market Bucks. Stop by the management booth to swipe your card in exchange for Market Bucks that never expire. For more information, visit www.briansfarmersmarkets.com.

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Celtic-influenced jam, an Ozzy tribute and ‘Loudspeaker’ series

LIVE MUSIC

By BART MENDOZA

Anyone wanting to do a good deed while taking in the great music will want to check out the Rady Children’s Hospital fundraiser being held at the 710 Beach Club on Friday, June 7. On hand will be Celtic-influenced rock and folk band Lexington Field. Also performing will be Garbo, featuring songstress and KPDR DJ Cathryn Beeks and acclaimed producer, Jeff Berkley, as well as singer-songwriter Josh Damigo. Headliner Lexington Field will be playing tracks from its latest album, “No Man’s War,” but anyone who enjoys upbeat music with fiddle, a la the Pogues or Chieftains, will enjoy this group. Go for the tunes or just to pitch in for a worthy cause. All proceeds will go to buy neurosurgical equipment for the hospital.

• Rady Children Hospital Fundraiser: Friday, June 7 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. www.710bc.com

Brick by Brick continues to be the best spot to see tribute bands, with a special metal triple bill on Saturday, June 8 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 7 p.m. 21 and up. $10. www.brickbybrick.com

The Griffin has teamed up with radio station 91X’s local music show “Loudspeaker” for a new Tuesday-night music series. On June 10, 9 p.m., the venue along with DJ Michael Halloran will present The Paragraphs, Subsurfer and recordable covers. All three bands are well worth investigating, but the Paragraphs in particular have a great sound that seems to cross the Doors at their most tribal with a guitar attack that would make the Stooges proud. Music fans will love the night’s low, $5 cover, but if you RSVP in advance to the club’s website, you get in free.

• The Paragraphs: Tuesday, June 11 at The Griffin, 1310 Morena Blvd. 9 p.m. and up. $5. www.thegriffin sd.com

Named after a George Benson tune, eight-piece combo Breeze’n has been playing locally since 1995, building up a following through a great selection of dance tunes en route to becoming one of the area’s top dance bands. Appearing at Tio Leo’s on Friday, June 14, the band has an incredible selection of tunes in its repertoire, from swing to disco, Sade to the Beatles, offering up something for just about any musical taste. Anyone looking to hit the dance floor with a selection of well-played favorite tunes as their soundtrack will want to hear Breeze’n.

• Breeze’n: Friday, June 14 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com

Beetles fans won’t want to miss a special concert honoring Paul McCartney’s birthday on Saturday, June 15 at Dizzy’s. Featuring acclaimed guitarist Fred Benedetti, the night will also include vocals from his daughters, Regina and Julia, as well as multi-instrumentalist Jeff Pekarek. Benedetti is hands-down one of the top acoustic guitarist/qui tars in California and his interpretations of Beatles tunes are wonderfully inventive and refreshing. He’s recorded over a dozen Lennon-McCartney tunes on his various albums, so there is no shortage of material to choose from. But any way you look at it, the opportunity to hear one of the area’s best guitarists performing music from the world’s best songwriters, shouldn’t be passed up.

• Fred Benedetti: Saturday, June 15 at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. $10. www.dizzysjazz.com

MUSIC WITH A CAUSE

1980s-era rhythm and new wave group Bow Wow Wow makes an appearance at Brick by Brick on Friday, June 14. If you like tribal drumming combined with pop and surf, Bow Wow Wow is still the top at its game and making terrific recordings. Created by Malcolm McLaren of The Sex Pistols fame in 1980, the group never scored any U.S. chart hits, though songs like “I Want Candy” and “Do You Want To Hold Me?” still managed to permeate the public consciousness. The band still includes two original members: singer Annabella Lwin and bassist Leigh Gorman, so fans can rest assured this is more than just a glorified tribute band.

• Bow Wow Wow: Friday, June 14 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 7 p.m. 21 and up. $22. www.brickbybrick.com

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Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach, 4761 Cass Street, is hosting Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School July 15 to 19, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for children age 3 to grade 4. The program will feature music, Bible stories, craft time, snack time and more fun! The week will end with a closing program at noon on Friday, July 19th. For information and registration forms, please go to www.christpb.org or call the church office at 858-483-2300.
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With school bells about to fall silent for summer break, many families will be spending evenings together at “Summer Nights at SeaWorld.”

After the sun has set, the marine-life park is illuminated as SeaWorld’s family of killer whales star in their own rock ‘n’ roll concert, featuring hot lights and cool tunes. Laughter can be heard as silly sea lions and mischievous otters wreak havoc on stage. As the evening comes to a crescendo, SeaWorld’s “Into the Blue” fireworks display lights up the night sky; joined by orchestral music from SeaWorld show “Blue Horizons.”

The marine-life park’s summer-time extravaganza kicked into high gear May 25 and continues on the following dates: June 1-2, June 8-9, June 15-Aug. 18, Aug. 23-25 and Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

Guests can purchase a one-year membership, which allows repeat admission for an entire year, plus free parking and discounts on food and merchandise. The cost is $145 for all ages.

“SUMMER NIGHTS” LINEUP:
• “Madagascar Live! Operation: Vacation” — Beginning June 15, guests can sing, clap and dance along to the ultimate interactive show, “Madagascar Live! Operation: Vacation,” an original live musical show featuring the characters from DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc.’s beloved “Madagascar” franchise.
• “Shamu’s Rise and Shine Celebration” — Young children can dance the night away at SeaWorld’s Club Atlantis Presented by Coca-Cola, held nightly June 15 to Aug. 11. Channel 913’s DJ Marc Thrasher keeps the party going from 7 to 10 p.m., with dance-team performances and nightly Coca-Cola dance-offs and giveaways.
• “Sea Lions Tonite” — “Summer Nights” guests won’t want to miss “Sea Lions Tonite,” a hilarious adventure featuring famous California sea lions Clyde and Seamore.
• “Shamu Rocks” — The world-famous killer whale takes center stage during “Summer Nights” in this 20-minute musical journey that transports Shamu around the globe, through awe-inspiring settings. Shamu’s visual experience is enhanced by images on four LED screens that move and rotate.
• “Cirque de la Mer” — Returning for its 13th summer, this acrobatic odyssey is performed on land, water and in the air at SeaWorld’s bayside venue, Cirque Stadium. The daytime show features acrobats, hand balancers, aerialists, trapeze artists and comic performers. The show includes a 40x10 trampoline wall where the performers show off their acrobatic skills and dive 19 feet into Mission Bay.

For more information, visit www.SeaWorldSanDiego.com, or call (800) 257-4268.
As Mission Bay High School (MBHS) celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, its 59th annual graduating class is preparing for the time-honored pomp and circumstance ritual on Tuesday, June 11 at 5 p.m. at the Buccaneers’ football field.

The gates will open at 4 p.m., according to school officials.

There will be about 270 graduates in this year’s class of 2013, including four valedictorians: Derreck Pham, Kyanna Tambri, Schoettle lettered in the Academic League and was on the volleyball for Mission Bay Interact, Link Crew 9, served as a member of Interact and Link Crew 9, monitoring a mentoring club for freshman.

Tambri was also a member of Interact, Link Crew 9, served as a volunteer at the Birch Aquarium, played volleyball for Mission Bay High and was a member of the Art Club and St. Brigid’s Youth. Pham also participated in Academic League and was on the MBHS swim and water polo teams.

All four of the MBHS valedictorians will be moving on to college this fall. Schoettle will attend the University of Southern California Business School with a focus on finance. Linley will be up the road at UC Santa Barbara with a focus on pre-law, while Tambri will be traveling west to attend Hawaii Pacific University with an emphasis on marine biology. Pham will be at UCLA with a focus on pre-med and biology.

Here are some of the accomplishments of the Mission Bay High School class of 2013:

• 160 percent growth of students registered in the international baccalaureate (IB) program the last four years.
• 550 percent growth of full IB diploma candidates
• Listed in Newsweek and the Washington Post as one of America’s Best High Schools

This year’s graduation rate exceeds both the state and district average.

“• The dropout rate is lower than both the state and district average
• An increase in proficiency for English, math, science and social studies, as measured by the California Standards Test
• An increase in the “pass rate” for the California High School Exit Exam in math and English

MBHS principal Fred Hilgerson said he asked the class of 2013 as freshmen to reach its potential.

“I challenged this group of students four years ago to make the bold step to change this school,” said Hilgerson. “I believe their work is the beginning of the transformation of MBHS, I am very proud of each and every one of them. I wish them the joy and happiness in their future and look forward to seeing what they do in the future.”

Mission Bay Rotary Club slates family breakfast, bike ride June 15

The Mission Bay Rotary Club returns to the outdoor oasis area of the Wave House Bar & Grill in the heart of Belmont Park this year for an early Father’s Day breakfast on Saturday, June 15 from 7 to 10 a.m.

As a bonus to the popular breakfast event that raises money for local nonprofits and other programs, the day’s activities will also include a family bike ride along the boardwalk at 9:30 a.m., led by District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer and police department Assistant Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman.

“Without Kevin’s assistance, it would have been difficult to complete the recent renovation of the Crown Point Pavilion, which was originally donated by our club in 1983,” said Jerry Hall, president of the Mission Bay Rotary Club. “And ... Shelley Zimmerman is a great addition to the community. She has a hands-on approach to solving community issues and has already made a big impact. We wanted to show our appreciation of these two community superstars with a donation to the Challenged Athletes Foundation.”

Faulconer and Zimmerman will be making a 620-mile journey down the California coastline from San Francisco to San Diego to raise funds for the Challenged Athletes Foundation. The Rotary family bike ride they will lead June 15 will be less than three miles, but should help participants burn off the pancakes.

Proceeds of past breakfasts have supported the Rotary’s Third Grade Dictionary Program, the renovation of the Crown Point Pavilion, equipment donation of $10,000 for the Junior Lifeguard Program and funding for the Bridge to the Beach Program. This year’s breakfast will support the dictionary program for local third-graders in Clairemont and Mission Bay and the Crystal Pier Kids Classic Youth Fishing Derby on Aug. 10, as well as the Challenged Athletes Foundation.

Tickets are $8 per person or two for $15; tickets for children 12 and under are $5. Tickets may be purchased at the Wave House on the day of the event. Underwriting for the event will have been provided by the Bahia Hotel and the Wave House.

The Wave House is located at 31 1/2 Ocean Front Walk. For information about Rotary membership, call (858) 752-9544.

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MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL
- School campus tour from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Learn about the widely acclaimed international baccalaureate program while touring the school.
- MBHS senior graduation ceremony is set for Tuesday, June 11 at 5 p.m. at the school’s stadium.

PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL
- PBMS physical educator Karla Martinez was presented with a city proclamation from District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer after being named the 2013 California International Baccalaureate MYP Exemplary Educator of the Year. The proclamation declared that May 21, 2013 was Karla Martinez Day.

Fifteen Mission Bay High World international baccalaureate school students and their science teacher, Steve Walters, set off May 20 for three days of sailing aboard the tall ship Tole Mour as part of a science-based trip that started in Long Beach and continued on to Catalina Island.

During the trip, the students learned to work the sails, tie off lines, identify the names of the sails (24 in all) and participated in science lessons. They worked in the on-board laboratory studying invertebrates and interacting with a remotely-operated vehicle that sent real-time pictures back to the boat from 100 feet below the surface.

While sailing over to Catalina Island, the students saw Risso dolphins, sea lions and a giant fish called a mola mola. They slept on the deck, watched a movie during the sail and participated in a Polar Bear Plunge at 6:30 a.m.

Off the coast of Catalina Island, the students snorkeled to observe local fish species and plant life. A night dive provided a lesson in bioluminescence as the students dived into the dark ocean to view the bioluminescent plankton that surrounded them. Some students had never used a mask and snorkel before, and said they were delighted to experience a new adventure.

“It was an awesome trip,” said 10th-grader Colin Tandy. “The snorkeling was great and seeing the breeching Risso dolphins was so amazing. There was so much to learn about sailing a tall ship and we were exhausted all of the time, but it was one of the best experiences I have ever had.”

This was a unique experience for the Mission Bay students to learn about sailing in general, the ocean and its secrets — even themselves. The voyage was funded by the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) as part of a federal grant.

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HITTING THE HIGH SEAS
Students from Mission Bay High School got the experience of a lifetime during a scientific-based adventure aboard the tall ship Tole Mour in May.
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• Martinez, Dennis Gildehaus and Pat Hollis were honored for their dedication in leading the Pacific Beach Middle IB P.E. department to receive the 2013 Nancy Blackman Physical Education Program of the Year award from the county of San Diego. School officials thank the students and staff who helped put the PBMS IB P.E. program on the map.

• The eighth-grade promotion takes place Tuesday, June 11 at Mission Bay High Stadium at 9:30 a.m. Buses will be leaving PBMS at 8:45 a.m. to transport the promoting eighth-graders. Volunteers are needed to set up chairs that morning at 6:30 a.m.

KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY
The Kate Sessions spring open house was held May 23. Students painted food trucks, with dessert from Kona House was held May 23. Students and KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY Volunteers are needed to set up chairs for the promoting eighth-graders. who helped put the PBMS IB P.E. program on the map.

• The Mission Bay Cluster meeting of the year will be Thursday, June 6 at 6 p.m. at Mission Bay High School in the library. The meeting will recap another roller-coaster year and the group will discuss plans for next year. There will also be an opportunity to hear from a few graduating seniors from MBHS. The seniors will be a part of a moderated panel discussion about the successes and challenges of MBHS, followed by a Q&A afterward.

• The Mission Bay Cluster would like to thank everyone who took an active part in strengthening the cluster schools. This year brought the Pacific Beach public schools together to work toward shared commitment and a common cause of creating the highest-quality educational opportunity for the children in our schools.

MBHS ALUMNI ASSOC.
The Seaside Farmers Market takes place every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the student parking lot of Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Ave. All profits benefit educational, art, athletic programs and beautification at Mission Bay High.

AWARD-WINNING SOUNDS Pacific Beach Middle School music program brought home two trophies May 18 when music director John O’Donnell and the PBMS concert band and orchestra to travelled to Buena Park to compete in the Music in the Parks Festival. The concert band received a superior rating — the highest a group can achieve — and second place in the competition. The orchestra received a “good” rating and placed first in their division.

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REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP >>

MJD INTERACTIVE TO RELOCATE ON CASS — MJD Interactive is relocating to 4667 Cass St., just a few doors from its current location at 4502 Cass St., also known as The Dunaway Building. Clothing shop Chillers is relocating to 4903 Morena Blvd., Suite 1204.

Chillers’ founder Eric Blumenthal is establishing a significant online presence and is moving toward an online-based clothing store.

Founders and current owners of MJD Interactive Michael Maginnis and Jeremy Duimstra said the relocation to 4667 Cass St. will give the business room to grow, provide an open-floor-plan environment for its employees and will embrace the beach and creative atmosphere Pacific Beach provides.

MJD Interactive is a digital agency and interactive technology company that specializes in mobile-application development, enterprise website design and development, emerging technology solutions and online marketing strategies.

MJD Interactive has been in business since September 2007, doubling in size each year with an impressive client roster that includes Oakley, Titleist, DJO Global and Falken Tire.

The new lease begins in May. Income Property Investors, Inc. led by Tony Franco, was the only broker involved in the transaction.

This is the third major tenant that has moved out of The Dunaway Building in the last six months, leaving significant vacancies. The other tenants included Pacific Beach’s staple coffee shop Zanzibar and Geeky Clean Computer Repair.

— Tony Franco, is a commercial real-estate expert in Pacific Beach. He can be reached at (858) 717-1697.

Beach and bay-area events, June 12-July 14

WEDNESDAY, June 12
The Pacific Beach Town Council Sun- downer social mixer will be held at Typhoon Saloon, 1655 Garnet Ave., at 5:30 p.m. The event includes light appetizers and a drink special. Tickets are $5 at the door for Town Council general members are $5 and $10 at the door for non-PBTC members. Non-members who apply that evening for a general membership will be admitted free with the cost of membership. For more information, call (858) 483-6666, or visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.

WEDNESDAY, June 22
St. Andrew’s By-The-Sea Episcopal Church will host its second annual Summerfest from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., featuring live music, children’s activities, food, beverages, a silent auction, crafts, face painting and a beer garden. There is a $5 donation for entry, a $5 donation for food and a $5 donation for a drink. Tickets will be available for $20 for $25 worth of tickets to multiple activities if you bring in a copy of the event’s advertisement in this Beach & Bay Press edition. The event will take place at the church, located at 1050 Thomas Ave. For more information, call (858) 273-3022, or visit www.standrrewsp.org.

SUNDAY, July 14
The Pacific Beach Town Council’s annual Wine Tasting Event — the major yearly fundraiser for the council — is set to take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at Table 926, located at 926 Turquoise St. Tickets are $30 at the door. For more information, call (858) 483-6666, or visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.
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