Runners turned out in the hundreds on April 22 at De Anza Cove to support the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings with a “Boston Strong San Diego” memorial race. The event, one of several that took place around the country one week after the bombings, started with a moment of silence, pictured above.

Other events are in the works to support victims. A fundraiser to benefit The One Fund Boston will take place at Thrusters Lounge in Pacific Beach from 6 to 9 p.m. today, April 25. The event will feature free samples from Bite of Boston, along with a raffle of items donated by local businesses. There will be a suggested $5 donation at the door and raffle tickets and T-shirts will be available for sale. Prizes include Padres tickets, memberships to Bird Rock Fit and gift cards to area businesses. Thrusters Lounge is located at 4633 Mission Blvd. For more information or to donate a raffle prize, email Karyn Houde at bostonfundraiser@gmail.com.

— Staff and contribution

Award-winning author Lois Joy Hofmann, a Pacific Beach local, has been making the rounds of bookstores and coffee shops promoting the latest book in her nautical trilogy. Hofmann and her husband, Günter, escaped the corporate world — where Hoffmann sat at the top of the corporate ladder as the CEO of a publicly traded biomedical company — for a life on the high seas after they turned 60 years old, embarking on a sailing trip that would change their lives.

After sailing around the world during an eight-year adventure, Hofmann began to write her nautical trilogy, “In Search of Adventure and Moments of Bliss.” Her first two books, “Maiden Voyage” and “Sailing the South Pacific,” are available on Amazon and locally at Seabreeze Books, Traveler’s Depot and locally at Seabreeze Books, Traveler’s Depot. “The Long Way Back,” the third book in the trilogy, will be covered in the third book, to be titled “The Long Way Back.”

A LIFE’S JOURNEY
Lois Joy and Günter Hoffmann sailed around the world over the course of eight years and 62 countries. The graphic shows the couple’s path, starting with the pink line, denoting the first voyage from France to San Diego (covered in the first book, “Maiden Voyage”). The green line shows voyages two and three, sailing from San Diego to the Marquesas Islands, through all the rest of the South Sea islands to Australia, (covered in “Sailing the South Pacific”), and the blue line follows the final trips from Australia back to the same dock in Canet, France where it all began (which will be covered in the third book, to be titled “The Long Way Back.”

QuickHits >>

PB TOWN COUNCIL BEGINS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE — The all-volunteer Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC), a key driver in the community since 1951, is launching its annual May membership drive to encourage community involvement and input.

According to PBTC officials, the organization’s member who brings in the most new members in the month of May will win a $100 gift certificate to The Patio restaurant on Lamont Street. Potential new members need only to sign up on the PBTC website at www.pbtowncouncil.org and write in the PBTC member’s name as the referral member.

Benefits for new members include:
• voting on community issues
• meeting elected officials
• interaction with representatives of city services like police, fire, lifeguards and other entities
• getting community questions answered
• engaging with active community members
• monthly newsletter detailing activities in the community
• monthly Sundowner and Dineout mixers at great Pacific Beach restaurants

The annual membership cost to join the Pacific Beach Town Council is $30 for an individual or family; $50 for businesses.

For more information, call (858) 483-6666, or visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.

WORLD WATER DAY COMES TO MISSION BAY — To acknowledge the UN-sanctioned World Water Day and raise awareness about the global water crisis, PCI (Project Concern International) is leading the fifth annual San Diego Walk for Water. The 5k walk will be held at Tecolote Shores in Mission Bay on Sunday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During the walk, participants can carry buckets of water to simulate the journey that women and children make every day in developing countries to obtain water. Registration is open to the public and is $20 per person. Donations and proceeds from the event will go toward funding water systems for remote water-deprived regions and PCI’s lifesaving programs around the world. To register or for more information, visit www.pci-global.org/w4w-2013.
The San Diego Surf Film Festival (SDSFF) will soon host its much-anticipated list of films for 2013. The films, chosen by a six-member screening panel, will represent a wide variety of cultures and surf destinations on nearly every continent.

SDSFF organizers have expanded the number of films to be shown from 35 to 42. Fourteen features and 28 short films will be shown during the festival from May 8-12, which will be held at Bird’s Surf Shed in Pacific Beach, a world-famous restored quonset hut filled with an impressive collection of historically significant surfboards and artifacts.

“This year, we received over 75 submissions from around the globe, which raised the bar quite high for filmmakers,” said Pierce Kavanagh, who, along with his wife, Petra, created the San Diego Surf Film Festival. “Pure and simple, a lot of really good films did not make it in the festival, and I applaud all the filmmakers’ efforts.”

In its second year, the SDSFF has become one of the largest and most celebrated festivals of its kind around the globe. Living up to its instant success and international reputation, organizers said the SDSFF promises to give 2013 attendees access to stellar international surf cinema and full immersion into the iconic surf culture. Besides killer waves and breathtaking scenery, some of the films also incorporate a social responsibility theme.

For more information on the San Diego Surf Film Festival, visit sandiegosurffilmfestival.com.

Bird’s Surf Shed is located at 1091 W Morena Blvd.

For more information on the San Diego Surf Film Festival and the full list of showings, visit sandiegosurffilmfestival.com.

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PB local seeks crowd-funding for rescue gear

By ETHAN ORENSTEIN

In a small garage workshop in North Pacific Beach, Kenney Pierce, owner of Life 1 Rescue, develops rescue gear designed to quickly and efficiently save lives. His products are used by lifeguards in San Diego, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Encinitas, the Border Patrol Search and the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department.

On April 18 at Turquoise Coffee, Pierce kicked off a crowd-funding campaign to help get his newest piece of equipment — the Quick Collar, to the New York Fire Department. Within the first few hours, Quick Collar earned nearly $1,000 toward the campaign’s goal of about $28,000, which will cover production costs, travel expenses and Quick Collar donations.

The Quick Collar, designed for swift-water rescue, is already used by the sheriff’s department’s aerial support units. After New York, Pierce hopes to get the Quick Collar on “every fire truck in the world.”

Pierce said the FDNY is a good fit for the Quick Collar because of its many search and rescue missions. The design allows rescue personnel to stay out of the water, making rescues much safer for rescue personnel.

“It weighs] four pounds. Without the rope, it’s like two pounds, and it throws like a charm,” Pierce said. “I’m probably going to guarantee it for life. I don’t think you can break it.”

As a testament to the design’s durability, one of the first Quick Collars hangs on the wall of Pierce’s workshop. It remains in pristine condition and working order after lifting a 3,000-pound block of concrete during a test run.

His inspiration for the Quick Collar came after 10 children drowned during the Guadalupe River flood in Comfort, Texas in 1987. He believed they could have been saved if the rescuers had been deployed to help save someone from drowning.

The Quick Collar is packed in a compact, yellow throw-bag with a durable rope that can be tossed to a victim. It consists of a cinching, auto-inflating floatation tube that secures and protects the victim as he or she is pulled to safety. It can be thrown from riverbanks, helicopters and boats and can be the difference between life and death in water-rescue emergencies, said Pierce.

Unlike similar water rescue gear, the Quick Collar is light, small and comfortable for the victim. It can be stored on fire trucks, helicopters or even in the trunk of a police car. The design allows rescue personnel to stay out of the water, making rescues much safer for rescue personnel.

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The state of our district is strong," said District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer at his State of the District address this month. "We're delivering real results to protect our beaches and bay, guard taxpayer dollars and create a brighter future for our families and our children."

In his address, Faulconer emphasized the importance of fiscal responsibility and unity among city leaders to achieve neighborhood goals such as infrastructure repair, environmental protection and public safety.

"I vividly remember when I was first sworn in seven years ago, the depths of the problems at City Hall were becoming more and more apparent—the debts, the lawsuits, the pension scandals, the delayed audit reports, the mismanagement of tax dollars, and the lack of accountability and transparency," he said. "In a bipartisan manner, we have eliminated the culture of 'spend today, save tomorrow,' which has now given way to budgetary realism and fiscal reform."

He said collaborative efforts by city leadership has gotten the city through tough financial chaos and city leadership has gotten the city to reaffirm their commitment to voter-approved managed competition.

"Unfortunately, the administration is ignoring an opportunity to cut government waste by stalling managed competition, which is costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars each year that would be saved through streamlining," he said. "Using estimates about what the city could gain through accountability and competitive bidding, we could save $20 million additionally every single year. That would reduce our budget deficit by half right now just if we were moving forward on managed competition."

He said in the next 30 days, he will ask his fellow councilmembers to reaffirm their commitment to voter-approved managed competition.

"I believe it is central that we have a healthy and dynamic city and these principles will help ensure that," he said. "If we follow the will of the voters, particularly on managed competition, San Diego can and will continue to lead on fiscal reform."

He said although the city has united to resolve the front-page financial scandals of the past, "the day-to-day neighborhood challenges remain. Those challenges, he said, must be met head-on during the next year.

"Delivering the results we've covered tonight did not require divi- sive rhetoric. Partisan politics doesn't pave streets. It doesn't protect our ocean or dispatch our police or firefighters to our homes any faster," he said. "Collaboration and respect get things done, and it's the path I intend to follow as long as I am your elected leader."

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**Rose Creek cleanup volunteer in spotlight**

For more than 40 years, Billy Paul has been an environmental activist involved with many environmental projects in San Diego. He also rescues animals.

He works tirelessly to protect the natural environment and the unique animals that call San Diego home, particularly in the areas around Ocean Beach and along Rose Creek.

A Vietnam veteran and former Marine, Paul has been involved in everything from cleanups at Dog Beach to saving Famosa Slough from being drained by developers back in the 1970s. When he first got involved in cleanups, areas like Famosa Slough were being used by locals as dumping grounds for everything from shopping carts and even cars. Working with other dedicated citizens, Paul helped revitalize the area and started to notice a trend: the cleaner the area was, the less trash people would dump there over the course of a year.

"I've come to realize that if people don't see trash there, they won't dump stuff there," Paul said. Several years ago, Paul started volunteering at Rose Creek, an often-overlooked waterway that runs along the eastern boundary of Pacific Beach and behind Mission Bay High School. He became a site captain for that site, alongside his friend, Karin Zirk, who is also a member of the Friends of Rose Creek.

Not only has the duo removed tons of trash from the creek, they convinced Camp Pendleton by the Bay to host an ice- cream social after cleanups, providing volunteers with a small token of appreciation after a long morning of work. Paul, a former resident of Pacific Beach, now lives in Clairemont.

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and Upstart Crow Bookstore and Coffee House.

Earlier this month, Hofmann spoke at the Pacific Beach/Tay- lor Branch Library. She continues her spring author tour with a presentation and book signing at Upstart Crow Bookstore and Coffee House in Seaport Village on Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m., and at the Point Loma West Marine store at 1250 Rosecrans St. on Friday, May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Hofmann's presentation, "Come Away with us to the Islands," is a South Pacific-themed multimedia presentation that contains dancing, lifestyle on board a cruising catamaran, and beautiful slides of the South Pacific. Hofmann recently released her second book, "Sailing the Pacific City," the captivating follow-up to the award-winning "Maine Voyage," recipient of a 2011 San Diego Book Award. The books portray Hofmann's eight-year, 62-country sailing circumnavigation that Hofmann and her husband undertook after turning 60 years old. For more information or to order signed copies of the books, visit www.loisjoyhof- mann.com.

**REMEMBER WHEN? >>**

DON'T HAVE THE EXACT DATE, but the processor stamped March 1979 on the back of this photo. I took the picture because Mount Cuyamaca, which you probably can't see, was completely covered in snow. Miller's West Department Store was closed, but still extant on the right, and an older version of Denny's was on the left. Beyond the Art Litch Real Estate sign Al Jones' Casa Aljones Mexican Restaurant was still in business.

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Sidewalk café application denied by planners for 710 Beach Club

By MARIKO LAMB

The city Planning Commission denied a proposed 200-square-foot sidewalk café at 710 Beach Club, citing that the extension of the beach bar into the sidewalk could be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, particularly for residents living in nearby condos.

“The one hand, we do have an area that is mixed use,” said commission chairman Eric Naslund. “This particular property is in a commercial zone and it does have permits for an entertainment venue. I think anytime you have situations where people are trying to live in a residential setting in the evening, there’s going to be a natural conflict there.”

Public testimony on the topic suggested that conflict already exists, because of what residents deem as excessive noise emanating from within and around the beach bar across the street from their condos.

In a press conference this month, Pacific Beach Planning Group member Scott Chipman called attention across the street from their condos. He said the expansion of the sidewalk café would increase the alcohol-related problems and pedestrian traffic congestion and noise in the area.

“Pacific Beach, on a six-year average, has been the most violent community in the region. It’s time to send a message that we’re done with the violence. We’re done with the crime and IDs,” Chipman said. “The encroachment on the sidewalk is bad for the neighborhood. It’s bad for our walkability and it’s bad for handicapped access.”

This is an area that is already seriously congested and has more alcohol problems than most of the city.

710 Beach Club owner Scott Slaga, however, assured the Planning Commission that his intent for the sidewalk café would be for food service only — no alcohol — and the café would close at 10 p.m. along with the closure of the roll-up garage doors on the front façade.

“I my roll-ups close at 10,” Slaga said. “My sidewalk café would have to close at 10.70 per cent of the bar and that café will be commensurate with each other. They would open at the same time, and when live music occurs, the sidewalk café shuts down.”

Some commissioners emphasized the distinction between land use and alcohol licensing, urging their fellow colleagues not to step into the jurisdiction of the state Alcohol Beverage Control.

“A lot of testimony took place about the distribution of alcohol permits and how many are already there. There’s a fine line between what we do and what ABC does, and I don’t want to get over into ABC’s business,” said commissioner Michael Smiley, who voted against the motion favoring the project’s appeal.

“There was a preponderance of testimony talking about noise, urination, climbing over the fences — all sorts of bad things — and the sidewalk café isn’t there yet. They’re talking about existing conditions.”

Some commissioners argued that — from a land-use perspective — the café would bottleneck already dense pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk.

“It’s not the 12 people sitting outside on the sidewalk café,” said commissioner Tim Golba. “It’s what it is going to potentially happen after hours. I’m not looking at it as the number; I’m looking at it more in the global sense of its setting. There are just packs of people walking there. This is the main thoroughfare to the beach. I’m afraid once that sidewalk café gets in there, it’s going to throttle the ability to move quickly and not congest that.”

Golba said passersby might gather around the beach bar to listen to the borrowed music from inside, creating more nuisance noise, blocking pedestrian access and thereby affecting residents’ quality of life and visitors’ safety.

“Although the commissioners claimed to be in full support of sidewalk cafés in general, they voted in favor of the appeal because of the unique conditions in this particular situation,” said resident Susan Peerson. “I’m concerned that that cannot happen in this situation with the proposal of the sidewalk café.”

How to sell your home without an agent

SUN. Diego. If you’ve tried to sell your home yourself, you know that the minute you put the “For Sale by Owner” sign up, the phone will start ringing off the hook. Unfortunately, most calls aren’t from prospective buyers, but rather from every real estate agent in town who will start hounding you for your listing.

After all, with the proper information, selling a home isn’t easy. Perhaps, you’ve had your home on the market for several months with no offers from qualified buyers. This can be a very frustrating time, and many homeowners have given up their dreams of selling their homes themselves. But don’t give up until you’ve read a new report entitled “How to sell your home without an agent” by Charlayne Golba. It has been prepared especially for home sellers like you. You’ll find that selling your home by yourself is entirely possible once you understand the process.

Inside the report, you’ll find 10 tips to selling your home by yourself which will help you sell your property for the best price in the shortest amount of time. You’ll find out what real estate agents don’t want you to know.

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Wesley Palms: a half-century of caring

Wesley Palms in Pacific Beach recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, hosting a gala and classic-car show. Wesley Palms is a full-service retirement community of lush acreage and ocean views. Wesley Palms operators said its staff is always there for residents and stressed the facility’s services and amenities as first-class. There is an art gallery, life-long learning classes, fine-dining services, performance auditorium and newly remodeled common areas at the 35-plus acre campus. Coming soon is Summer House, a memory-care support neighborhood featuring 22 cottages within a beautiful, protected, sun-filled private courtyard. For more information, visit www.wesleypalms.org, or call (858) 274-4110.

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- Preliminary Rounds Hit the Stage on April 27 and 28; Finale on May 4.
- Dance groups from throughout Southern California will meet and compete during the Fiesta de Reyes Folklórico Competition at the annual three-day event during the last weekend of April and the first Saturday in May. Folklórico is a traditional Latin American dance that celebrates local folk culture with ballet characteristics.

In addition to the folklórico entertainment, all three days of the competition will be hosted by Olivasipo’s Gabriel Sotelo.

“This is one of our favorite events of the entire year to produce and support,” said Chuck Ross, the owner and operator of Fiesta de Reyes. “The energy that the dancers bring to the stage will be sure to impress the entire family and will feature the vibrant color and culture of the traditional dance.”

On Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the children and adult groups will each have 25 minutes to perform their best dances, representing different regional styles of ballet folklórico. One finalist from the children’s groups and two finalists from the adult groups will be selected to advance to the finals.

A week later, on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to noon, the six finalists will return to the state park during the Cinco de Mayo celebration weekend to compete for the folklórico competition title and cash prizes. The competition is free for the public to attend and will take place in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. There is free parking available all day on the weekends in the Calvani parking lot on Taylor Street, just two blocks from Fiesta de Reyes. For more information, visit www.fiestadereyes.com.

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Bocce Tournament set to roll April 27

Discover Pacific Beach will host the fifth annual Bocce Tournament on Saturday, April 27 at the west end of Vacation Isle.

Two-time defending champions Brett Venito, Steven Baker and Chris Doody will try to make it three bocce tournament championships in a row.

“When I moved here from the East Coast three years ago, I bought my own bocce set and played at the beach after work, but not many people here knew what bocce was,” Venito said, describing the game as a very “portable” type of game.

Bocce ball is an ancient game, whose modern adaptation most closely resembles bowling. It requires skill, strategy and a little luck. Bocce is highly popular among seniors, but today’s youth have begun catching on to the craze.

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Exactly what is the secret behind the success of Venito-Baker-Doody team in the last two bocce tournaments?

“It is all about knowing the weight of the ball, being good at judging distance and being able to get the ball to stop by using a good backspin on it,” Venito added.

Most of Venito’s time playing bocce has been spent playing at the beach in the sand, which is a different animal from playing on the grass at Vacation Isle.

“It is much harder to play on grass than on sand because grass is a faster surface and very uneven,” he said.

In the past tournaments each team has a unique team name including the “Law-De-Dunes,” the 2012 Bocce Tournament winner for best team name.

The game of bocce originated as far back as the Roman Empire and involves rolling a white ball while each player tries to roll their balls as close as possible to the white ball. The winner is the player or team that gets closest to the white ball. For those unfamiliar with the game, a bocce tutorial will be held at Vacation Isle a half hour before the tournament.

The event takes place from noon to 5 p.m. The cost of registration is $45 per player, and each team consists of four players. Registration for a team is $160. Registration includes “Best of Beach” fish tacos from The Sandbar, located at 718 Ventura Place in Mission Beach and a hosted beer garden sponsored by Miller Lite. The Sandbar will also host the after-party, featuring drink specials.

For information about the tournament, contact Discover Pacific Beach at (858) 273-3303, email info@pacificbeach.org or visit www.pacificbeach.org.

If you know your local history, you know the late, great Kate Sessions was an educator who became famous for her work beautifying Balboa Park and other neighborhoods as a world-renowned horticulturist and tireless philanthropist. It’s fitting the elementary school named in her honor is also very active in raising funds to provide educational opportunities for area children.

On April 13, the parents of Kate Sessions Elementary School children held their annual auction to raise money to fund art, music, Spanish and library programs. Held at the Mission Bay Yacht Club, nearly 200 people attended the event.

“Parents here are much more involved than in Miami, where my daughter attended school last year,” said Levin. “We didn’t have the extra programs the money from this auction provides our kids ... I had a blast dancing side by side with the other moms who are not only a lot of fun, but you can tell they truly care about our school.”

Those who helped make the auction possible included parents Jennifer Henehan, Julia Seiders and Susan Levin, as well as area businesses like PB Shore Club, Duck Dive, The Fish Shop and Fortune Builders. Donors of others also gave their time and talent.

“The auction plays a key role in funding particular programs, but people can always donate to the school. And not just money — we also need services such as printing, as well as office supplies, computer equipment and health supplies for the nurses’ office,” said Levin, who was responsible for gathering donations.

Donations can be sent to Friends of Kate Sessions at 2150 Beryl St., 92109 or by calling (858) 273-3111.

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PLAYING FOR EDUCATION Lee Silber drums with gusto for the Kate Sessions Elementary School auction.

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BASEBALL
The Mission Bay High School (MBHS) varsity baseball team has struggled to a 6-13 record thus far this season after coming off a 3-2 loss to the archival La Jolla Vikings on April 22. Prior to the La Jolla game, Mission Bay had rebounded by winning one-run games in two of its previous three matchups.

Sophomore pitcher Erick Lopez scattered five base hits in a 5-4 win over the University City Centurions to help the Bucs record their first Western League victory of the season. Senior Jesse Sullivan leads Mission Bay in hitting with a .317 average and 12 runs batted in. While fellow senior Connor Vaughs leads the team in RBIs with 13 and is also hitting .308, it has not been enough to offset the shaky Bucs' pitching staff.

Senior hurlers Lorenzo Pamaran (2-1, 7.28) and Luis Osuna (2-7, 5.62) have collectively allowed 56 base on balls alone. As a whole, Mission Bay High pitchers have issued opponents a free pass to the base paths with 82 walks through the first 18 games, an average of 4.5 per game. Mission Bay has been outscored 127-74 overall.

The Buccaneers’ next home will be Monday, May 6 at 3:30 p.m. against Western League rival Point Loma.

SOFTBALL
Mission softball squad has had slightly better success at 7-8, despite allowing run totals of 12, 14 and 10 in three of its previous five contests, and has given up 10 or more runs in five of the eight losses.

The softball squad topped the Hoover Cardinals on April 22 by a score of 14-1, pushing their league record to 2-5.

Coming into that game, junior Micela Ross was leading the team in pitching with a 2.57 ERA, while sophomore Teresa Jackson has the Bucs’ top batting average (.394) with 30 or more at-bats. Junior Cassidy Clough has the top batting average overall (.727) with 16 hits in 22 at-bats and the top on-base percentage at .793.

The Bucs’ were scheduled to play Mount Miguel on the road April 23 and their next home game will be April 25 at 3:30 when the team hosts the Madison Warhawks.

BOYS’ VOLLEYBALL
The Mission Bay boys’ volleyball team seeks its first win of the year after dropping its first six matches and is striving to improve after losing four of the matches in straight sets (1-0).

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MBHS baseball team struggling to overcome pitching lapses By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI
Petunia and The Vipers; Yellow Red Sparks and Killing Joke

By BART MENDOZA

**LIVE MUSIC >>**

Petunia and The Vipers are coming to San Diego and roots music will never be the same. Appearing at Tio Leo’s on April 26, the band is as comfortable with a Spanish bull-lad, New Orleans shuffle or French love songs as it is with its rockabilly sounds. This five-piece band sets a new standard when it comes to intensity and passion. Fans of Tom Waits or Danny Elfman will find much to admire in this band’s songs, but anyone who enjoys good Americana will love this band. The night’s bill also includes the superb Roy Rapid and his Rhythm Rock Trio, making this a great night of vintage sounds in modern settings. **Petunia and The Vipers** perform at 9 p.m. on Friday, April 26 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com

The worlds of jazz, soul and rock ‘n’ roll come together at Dizzy’s on May 2 with a special concert by jazz pianist Jarryng Lee, who will present an evening of music dubbed the “Evil-Stive Smackdown.” Performing jazzy versions of songs by Presley and Stevie Wonder, Lee will be backed by bassist Danny Weller, drummer Kevin Koch and vocalist Matt Falkner. A unique interactive aspect of the show is that audience members will be encouraged to vote on who wins the competition — the Tupelo Flash or the Motown Wonder. If you’re a fan of either artist or jazz in general, this is a show that promises to be fun.

**Jaeryoung Lee** performs at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 2 at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. $15. www.dizzysjazz.com

Fans of jangly guitars, pop tunes and wistful harmonies won’t want to miss Yellow Red Sparks, performing at the Griffin on May 2. The show is a kickoff for a two-week, nationwide tour. Currently supporting its new self-titled album, the three-piece group’s songs are basic, but its shared male and female vocals adds a rustic charm. A recent highlight is its version of Bob Dylan’s “Positively Fourth Street,” and that may be the closest touchstone on this group’s sound. Anyone who enjoyed Dylan’s bass-driven “I Wanna Be Where the Boys Are.” The night’s lineup also includes Get Rockin’ and Stone Temple Pilots tribute band Core. The group’s expansive sound has been influenced, and that is true to a point. The group’s expansive sound also includes elements of folk, classical and pop. Between the wonder of musicianship and having a tap dancer as percussionist, this is a combination that’s a feast for the eyes, as well as the ears. **Bosco de Coco** performs at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 21 and up. $22. www.brickbybrick.com

The Pacific Beach Library continues its monthly, free music series with a performance by Besos de Coco. The trio features guitarist Loraine Castellanos, contrabassist Evona Wascinski and tap dancer Claudia Gomez Vorce, playing a mix of originals and classic tunes like “September in the Rain.” The trio’s sound is described as Latin influenced, and that is true to a point. The group’s expansive sound also includes elements of folk, classical and pop. Between the wonder of musicianship and having a tap dancer as percussionist, this is a combination that’s a feast for the eyes, as well as the ears. **Killing Joke** performs at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 21 and up. $22. www.brickbybrick.com

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FRIDAY, April 26

ROCK AND ROLL SAN DIEGO (R5RS) School of Music will present renowned flamenco guitarist Max Herzoq and his trio at R5RS’s Hendrix Hall, located at 3360 Sports Arena Blvd, Suite A. Herzoq has traveled the world demonstrating his craft skills and has flown from Europe just to perform.

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SUNDAY, April 28

WEST COAST PADDLE SPORTS will host an “SUP Chicks Standup for the Cure” event, featuring beginner lessons and an advanced paddle clinic from 9 a.m. to noon. The proceeds go to benefit the fight against breast cancer, and every $125 raised buys a mammogram through the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The event also includes traditional Russian music. A reception follows. The concert takes place at 6 p.m. at 4761 Cass St. There is a free-will donation requested. For more information, call (858) 483-2300, or visit www.christsp.org.

MAY 11-19

THE SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK Foundation’s San Diego River Days takes place across local communities with free events like bikes, bike rides, gardens, tours, children’s activities and more. For full event listing, call (619) 297-7380, or visit www.sdriverdays.org.

WEDNESDAY, May 8

THE PACIFIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL will host a Sundowner mixer event event at 5:30 p.m. to promote interaction between merchants and residents. There is a $10 charge for non-members. Members will be charged $5.

The event, however, is free for those becoming a member that night. The mixer takes place at Turquoise Cafe, located at 873 Turquoise St. (between Mission Blvd. and Bayard St.). For more information, contact the Pacific Beach Town Council at (858) 483-6666, or visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.

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Divas Dash augments Oakley San Diego Ambassador search

A San Diego Ambassador hopeful interviewed during a search sponsored by Oakley at Mission Bay on March 22. A Diva Dash, an all-women’s obstacle course 5K run, augmented the San Diego Ambassador search in a two-day celebration of the female persuasion. More than 200 women lined up to participate on March 22 and participate in breakout sessions for the San Diego search to be Oakley’s next ambassador for a one-year ambassadorship that includes social media cross-promotion and Oakley athletic women’s wear. The Diva Dash then took place on March 23 at Bonita Cove. For more information, visit www.oakley.com or divadash.com/san-diego.

Collar

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access to better equipment. Pierce worked on designs, and struggled to figure out how he could make something better. “I sat there and physically looked at this thing for months trying to figure out what was wrong with it,” Pierce said. It finally clicked when he saw children’s pool floats being manufactured. He realized by combining a flotation device and a secureable strap, drowning victims could be kept above water while efforts are made to safely pull them out.

Pierce got a patent for the Quick Collar in 2005 and began marketing it to a number of fire departments. He started working with the FDNY research and development unit, but when the economic recession began, there was no money in department budgets to test new gear, and trips to New York were too expensive. All the progress he had made was hobbled.

Broke and out of options, Pierce took a job managing an apartment complex in Crown Point and worked as a cook.

Residents and merchants interested in participating in raising funds for the community and local schools can visit www.pbtowncouncil.org and become a member or a business member. The Town Council’s next biggest fund raiser is the WineTasting Silent Auction and Raffle on July 14 at Table 926 on Turquoise from 4 to 7 p.m.

Town Councilmembers said they are in need of donations for the silent auction and items to be raffled. Donors who have a second home and were like to contribute a weekend for the silent auction or a basket of items from a business or maybe a gift certificate are urged to contact Cathie Jolley at cathiejolley@hotmail.com.

- Staff and contribution

GIVING HELP

PB TOWN COUNCIL HELPS BUCK-CANBEES UP — Pacific Beach Town Council directors Greg Daunoras and Cathie Jolley attended a Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools meeting recently and presented Pacific Beach Town Council Director Jorge Palacios with a check for $570 to help pay for new spring sports uniforms.

The PB Town Council and Palacios were brought together by the Mission Bay High School alumni Association.

The Pacific Beach Town Council raises funds throughout different events throughout the year to give back to the community and to the schools.

FUNDING THE TEAM

Pacific Beach Town Council directors Greg Daunoras, center, and Cathie Jolley recently presented a $570 check on behalf of the organization to Mission Bay High School athletic director Jorge Palacios to help offset the school's cost of new spring uniforms.
EDUCATION

APRIL DESIGNATED CHILDREN, YOUTH MONTH – The American Legion Auxiliary is observing Children and Youth Month during April, said Victoria Seamon, president of Pacific Beach Unit 552. The observance in Pacific Beach was one of many throughout the nation, as some 15,000 legion posts and nearly 14,000 auxiliary units planned events to emphasize the legion’s continuing concern for the well-being of children and youth.

For more than 75 years, The American Legion and its affiliated organizations have donated countless hours of volunteer effort and millions of dollars in support of programs and activities for the benefit of children and youth. Since the beginning of these programs in 1926, the American Legion and its affiliates have reported expenditures of over one half billion dollars, said Seamon.

The American Legion Auxiliary is focusing its attention on child health, child safety and family preservation. Locally, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have made contributions to the children and youth of Pacific Beach and its surrounding areas through such programs and endeavors as Girls State, MICRY Family Resource Fair, Operation Military Kids, Center for Community Solutions, ACT Today (Autism Care and Treatment) for Military Children, Child Welfare Foundation and Stand Up For Kids.

— Staff and contribution

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL

• College Apps Academy takes place April 25 at 6 p.m. in the school’s Little Theatre. Is your student a junior? Are you nervous about the increasingly competitive college-application process and the cost to fund your child’s education? Wondering how to get the best merit and or need-based aid? At College Apps Academy, expert college counselors support students through every step of the application process. College Apps Academy has helped students gain admission to schools like Harvard, Columbia, Duke, UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UCSD and helped students earn more than $2.5 million in scholarships. Students enjoy a interactive and work-focused program as school officials build a culture of motivated college-ready students. For more information, contact Mary Taylor at mary@collegeappssacademy.org, or call (619) 516-2229.

• The MBHS Academic League varsity team is a semi-finalist in the league championships. The Academic League team will be on the televised championship rounds in the next few weeks. Good luck, Bucs.

• English teacher Barry Dunschcher has led the team for several years and the well-rounded team was undefeated last year.

PB MIDDLE SCHOOL

• Saturday, April 27 — Beach cleanup at PBMS’s adopted beach, Tournaline Beach, from 9 to 11 a.m.

• PBMS Mathletes will compete on April 27 at the Math Field Day competitions. Each year, our students receive top honors in the competition. The group is led by math department and Laura Daly, parent volunteer.

• PBMS tour on Thursday, May 2, from 8 to 10:30 a.m., starting at the PBMS library. Check in at the front office. Learn about the widely-acclaimed international baccalaurate programme and all that PBMS has to offer. For more information, contact jsims@sandi.net.

CROWN POINT JMA

• Join Crown Point Junior Music Academy at its third annual rummage sale event on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Secure a 10-by-10 space for $10. For more information, call (858) 273-9830. There will be raffles, food and a variety of vendors. Open to the public and anyone is welcome to reserve a space.

• Second annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Friday, May 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be food, games, mariachi band, ballet folklórico and many activities for all. Free and open to the public.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER

Mission Bay Cluster meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 6 p.m. at Kate Sessions Elementary. New officers for chair-elect, secretary and district liaison will be nominated and elected. There will be a budget update from San Diego Unified School District trustee Scott Barnett and a MB Cluster marketing presentation from the San Diego State University marketing students. The meeting is an opportunity to reflect on the past school year and set goals for the fall.

FOPBSS

Friends of PB Secondary Schools Auction Fundraiser “Blues by the Bay”. Auction is set for Sunday, May 5 at the Mission Beach Women’s Club from 5 to 9 p.m. Join friends and teachers and enjoy the evening with live music from Big Daddy Blues, dinner and a silent auction with a great selection of donated items from local merchants and community supporters. Everyone is welcome. The cost is $20 at the door. All proceeds benefit Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High School programs.

MBHS ALUMNI ASSOC.

The Seaside Farmers Market, every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mission Bay High School in the Grand Avenue student parking lot. Food, artisans, produce, music and more. All profits benefit MBHS.
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