Bill could endanger SeaWorld’s orca shows  

By DAVE SCHWAB

The heat is being turned up on SeaWorld San Diego to change its business model — the centerpiece of which is its killer-whale shows and trainers.

State Assemblyman Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) has introduced legislation that would ban SeaWorld from using orcas in tandem with trainers in those popular shows at the marine-mammal park.

The assemblyman said the recent documentary “Blackfish,” which aired multiple times on CNN recently, points to animal abuse of orcas at marine parks — the inspiration behind his bill.

“There is no justification for the continued captive display of orcas for entertainment purposes,” Bloom said. “These beautiful creatures are much too large and far too intelligent to be confined in small, concrete tanks for their entire lives.”

SeaWorld quickly responded to Bloom’s bill.

“The premise behind this proposed legislation is severely flawed on multiple levels, and its validity is highly questionable under the United States and California Constitutions,” said SeaWorld San Diego spokesman Dave Koontz. “We trust that our leaders who are responsible for voting on this proposal will recognize the clear bias of those behind the bill.”

SeaWorld claims Bloom’s backers have it wrong. They’re familiar with “well-known extreme animal-rights activists, many of whom regularly campaign against SeaWorld and other accredited marine-mammal parks and institutions.”

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Ports of PB streets to be car-free for March 30 cycling promotion  

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Portions of Pacific Beach streets will be car-free on Sunday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to showcase the significance, benefits and joys of non-motorized transportation and to support and promote local merchants.

It is the second such CicloSDias event — a free celebration open to anyone biking, walking, strolling or skating — to be held in San Diego. This will be the first to happen in Pacific Beach. The first-ever car-free day was held in August 2013 in North Park and South Park in mid-city San Diego.

Its purpose is to connect local communities and encourage mobility, according to organizers.

Discover Pacific Beach (DPB) has made new strides in its mission to improve the community by adding 50 new street banners along sections of Garnet Avenue, Mission Boulevard, Mission Bay Drive and around Crown Point to highlight the various activities the area has to offer.

DPB is also letting its member businesses know they have access to the public right-of-way program for such usages as “A” frame signs, displays or sidewalk cafe seating.

Details from the DPB meeting

Discover PB continues to enhance community interests  

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI

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2014 MBHS seniors won’t graduate on home turf

By DAVE SCHWAB

The good news is construction on the much-anticipated $13 million sports complex would impact this spring’s senior graduation ceremony. Hilgers said an all-out effort was made to find viable alternative graduation venues.

He said he and a group of parents have sought alternatives for an alternative graduation venue. All possibilities proved to be either too expensive or inconvenient.

“We could have gone in with a couple of other schools and rented the Civic Center downtown, but PB parents decided they didn’t want that,” Hilgers said. “Viejas (amphitheater) at San Diego State was too expensive, as was the Jenny Craig Pavilion at University of San Diego. The costs were very prohibitive — in the tens of thousands of dollars.”

Hilgers said MBHS typically spends $8,000 to $10,000 on its graduation ceremony, adding the San Diego Unified School District at present provides a $2,000 graduation subsidy to the school’s senior class.

Hilgers said Clairemont High’s field is a beautiful venue, the price was right and that the school’s field was available on Friday, June 13 — the last day of this school year.

Pam Dietz of the MBHS Alumni Association, who joined the graduation venue search, agreed Clairemont is the best available alternative.

“We tried to get Liberty Station, but it was just so much money that the kids would have had to do fundraisers to get it,” Dietz said. “They’d rather spend that money on the prom and other things for the graduating class.”

Jerrilyn Goldberg, Mission Bay High’s 2014 senior class president, said Clairemont High School “is a perfectly acceptable location for us. It’s close enough to our school that we can easily transport decorations and students … The stadium seats significantly more people than our old bleachers, so we can allow students to purchase as many tickets as they need. … This location will allow graduation to be a community celebration available to more who may want to attend.”

Goldberg said, “After the initial confusion over where we would be graduating, everyone I’ve spoken to has agreed that spending on our other senior activities — prom and brunch specifically — is much more valuable than an expensive graduation ceremony location.”

“Even so, we will be decorating the field to better represent our school,” Goldberg added.

Hilgers said he and others are still open to other viable alternatives.

“Hey, if somebody can come up with an affordable money package, we’ll do the logistics to move it,” he said. “But it will have to happen soon, as parents will be sending out announcements for their kids’ graduations.”

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“Clairemont is not our rival,” said Mike Norsten, the parent of a graduating senior, “We don’t play them in our sports.”

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OBITUARIES

Alfred Stroehlein, 80; veteran, SDCNG newsman

Alfred Cramer Stroehlein — a passionatenewsmen with the San Diego Community Newspaper Group during its early days — was born with parkinson’s in New Jersey near Adolph Stroehlein and Ethel Cramer Stroehlein on March 21, 1934.

He passed away at home in Pacific Beach on March 8, just shy of his 80th birthday. He grew up in New Jersey with sister Flornann and brother John, spending many summers at the shore in Wildwood.

He enjoyed working at Groff’s restaurant, his “best job ever,” where he learned to recognize integrity, honesty, hard work and a marvelous sense of humor. After graduating from Camden Catholic High School, Al attended Drexel Institute of Technology for a year, where he joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps marching band.

From there, he attended La Salle College in Philadelphia. It was at LaSalle he met Francis Sterling, whom he would introduce Al to his future wife, Catherine.

Al fulfilled his military obligation by joining the Navy after college in 1956. He attended Officer’s Candid-ate School at the Naval Academy in Newport, R.I., then was assigned to the Pentagon for intelligence training. From there he was sta- tioned in Coronado, which cemented his love for San Diego. His naval service took him on a trans-Pacific cruise to the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong and Hawaii.

After he was discharged from the Navy in 1959, Al attended Johns Hopkins University, where he obtained a degree in biology. He was very active in local politics and was known for his raucous and infectious laugh and wicked sense of humor. He was an accomplished pianist and painter beautifully. He fought for what he believed in and was known for his prolific let-ters to the editor and speeches to the City Council.

He and Catherine were very active in local politics and were instrumental in slowing growth in Pacific Beach.

He was an accomplished author, musician, artist, chef and perfectionist. Al and Catherine were members of St. Brigid Catholic Church for more than 40 years and were active in the choir. Al often played the pipe organ at Masses throughout the year.

He is survived by father A. Douglas Irwin, Sr.; mother Barbara Irwin McCauley (Edward); sister Colleen Irwin (Martin Linder); brothers Michael, Christopher (Diana); Shaun (Cindy); nieces and nephews Jesse and Micaela Linder, Caroline, Connor and Campbell Irwin, Christopher Welsh, Patrick and Colleen Irwin.

Doug graduated from Lenape High School and Rutgers University before finding San Diego and Pacific Beach.

For the next 34 years, he was involved in many businesses, including the PB. Christmas Tree Patch, Pumpkin Patch and Hot Dog Stand.

A special thank you from his family for the loving care shown him throughout his illness. Frankie will forever be a brother for his ded-ication and friendship. He will be missed.

A celebration was held at Hobo-ken Pizza on March 15.
David or Goliath? Who really has your community’s best interest at heart?

There’s a battle for freedom and independence going on. But this time, it isn’t a British invasion. It’s real-estate baron vs. “Papa” Doug Manchester, the owner/publisher of the U-T San Diego.

Manchester has embarked on a grand plan to bolster his flagging metropolitan daily’s readership by gobbling up local, independent publications.

Is it “Papa” Doug’s intent to improve the local print product? Or are his acquisitions a thinly veiled attempt to buy out his competition so he can claim circulation increases and enhanced market penetration?

What does this consolidation bode for the future of San Diego’s independent newspaper voices and our local readers who hunger for community news and insight about our neighbors and families? Is this a positive change benefitting the print newspaper industry as a whole or a harbinger of “land grabs” yet to come?

Examine the track record. A case in point is the sale of the North County Times, which “Papa” Doug purchased in September 2012, claiming he would maintain the publication’s integrity and independence.

The end result: one-third of the North County Times was folded into the U-T. Barely six months after the Times’ acquisition by Manchester, the supposedly independent North County Times name was dropped all together and a U-T North County Edition was produced, essentially wiping out community autonomy.

These are disturbing times in the local journalism industry, said Julie Main, publisher of the San Diego Community Newspaper Group, which publishes The Peninsula Beacon, covering Point Loma and Ocean Beach; Beach & Bay Press, covering Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and Mission Bay; and La Jolla Village News, which serves La Jolla, University City and the Golden Triangle area.

“The media industry has changed drastically over the last 30 years,” said Main. “Daily sales failed to heed the warning signs from competition. Little by little, they lost insert business to direct mail, Shopper-type publications and local community weeklies gained momentum through direct delivery and market saturation, luring retail-advertising business away from the dwindling subscription numbers of the dailies.

“More recently, Craigslist devastated classified revenues,” she said. “Plus, countless print, online, TV and radio outlets have vied for regional ad dollars. It does not come as a surprise that the U-T would try its hand in gaining back market share by buying out the competition as they did in North County, and now through the Main Street Media acquisition (the La Jolla Light and sister publications). We will continue to do business as usual, providing our readers with an independent voice. We will continue to publish fair and balanced local news coverage to these neighborhoods in print and online, as we’ve always done. We have a solid reputation for providing businesses with cost-effective advertising solutions that work. It’s a natural win-win.”

Noting the U-T “has deeper pockets than any of us,” Jim Kydd, publisher of Coast News and Rancho Santa Fe News, emphasized these are, indeed, uncertain times for print journalism as a whole.

“We’re going to keep doing what we’ve been doing, for 28 years. We’re still here, stronger than ever, with a very good reputation.”

Perhaps more readers should begin asking the question: Will the U-T’s purchase of the La Jolla Light and La Jolla Village News & Views help replace the lost farmers market proceeds.

“Friends is having its first 5K run on April 26,” she said, adding that a “School Yard Dash” will include a one-mile fun run, a walk, a vendor village, a YMCA rock-climbing wall, giveaways, medals, T-shirts and a delicious brunch along beautiful De Anza Cove/Mission Bay, beginning at 9 a.m.

“This is our largest fundraiser and so far we have exceeded our expectations for registrations and local business support,” Schoettle said. “We have an amazing team of organizers, including High Performance Movement’s Eric Marenburg and Pete Hess, who are true professionals at organizing these sorts of events.”

Anyone interested in supporting the 5K event can visit www.schoolyarddash.org.

Pan Dietz, director of the MBHS Alumni Association, said it was regrettable the farmers market didn’t work out in the end, but “we didn’t want to gamble on holding it another year and not making any money.”

“We want to sell memorial bricks for the new stadium,” she said. “With that on the horizon, we really feel it is an opportunity to make a big impact.”

“As one door closes, another opens,” said Dietz.

“MBHS principal Fred Hilgers said the farmers market will be missed. ‘They funded some things within our art and science departments and for our lacrosse team that we couldn’t fund with the normal San Diego Unified School District allocation,’” Hilgers said.

He even adopted his dog there.

“The real upside of the market was that people — parents, faculty, kids — would meet informally, hang out,” Hilgers said. “It was a nice gathering place for the community.”

Change is good — Bill Luther resigns from realty business

After 40 years in the real estate business, Bill Luther — owner and founder of Bill Luther Realty, Inc. — has resigned as chairman and CEO. His new title is chairman emeritus. Assuming the title of chairwoman and CEO is Loretta Luther. The new chairwoman and CEO is no other than his wife and partner of more than 40 years. Loretta, in addition to becoming the new chairwoman and CEO, will continue as director of the vacation rental division, which she has headed for the last 15 years.

When asked about his retirement and changes, Bill said, “The truth is that Loretta has been doing that job for a number of years and I have been receiving the credit. It’s time for the truth to finally come out.”

In addition to naming Loretta as chairwoman and CEO, Deena Stoeff has been promoted to chief operating officer. Stoeff has been an integral part of Bill Luther Realty, Inc. for more than a decade and has been the director of the property management division for the last 5 years.

“As the director of the management division, she has done more than demonstrated her outstanding management skills. Bill said, “Under her guidance, the property management division has tripled in size over the last five years,” he said.

Stoeff holds the designation of certified property manager (CPM) from the Institute of Real Estate Management, in addition to membership in the National Association of Realtors and California association of Realtors.

When asked about her new role as COO and director of the property management division, Stoeff said, “I will miss Bill being the boss. I started with Bill almost 15 years ago and his receptionist. He told me if I wanted to make a career in real estate he would teach me everything he knows and someday I would be running the business. He kept his word.”

The brokerage division has been renamed California Listing Services. Damien Lyon has been promoted to manager and will assume the responsibilities of the brokerage for Bill Luther Realty, Inc. under the newly named division.

There will be a brand-new look and feel of the brokerage division with the launch of the California Listing Services website this coming month.

When asking about retiring, Bill said, “I would like to thank all of my clients, friends and colleagues who have made the last 40 years a rewarding and enjoyable career. I will be hanging around the neighborhood just in case the new bosses or my clients want to ask me a question or maybe seek some advice. However, my operational and brokerage duties are completed. I’m looking forward to spending more time spoiling my grandchildren, playing a little more golf and maybe lowering my handicap.”

For more information, call (858) 488-1580, or stop by their office at 3685 Ocean Front Walk, CA ID# 01357686
Blondies is a barbecue joint with a sense of humor. Named for the blonde tresses of its owner, Wendy Dohner, the new Pacific Beach eatery is sandwiched in between a Thai restaurant and Subway sandwiches at 2015 Garnet Ave.

“This is a fun place,” assured Dohner, who referred to her eclectic establishment as “my little barbecue place.”

The décor of Blondies is as novel as its owner, who previously had a barbecue place up in the Sequoias, five hours drive away. But she opted to trade the rain, cold and snow of Northern California for San Diego’s sun, surf and laid-back beaches.

“This hole-in-the-wall place became available in this little shopping center and I decided to take it,” said Dohner, who’s brought the woodsy décor with her to the beachfront with its faux wood walls and handmade wooden tables and chairs.

“This is me,” Dohner said, pointing to her busy walls that are covered with personal photographs, saucy sayings, Mickey Mouse memorabilia, license plates and publicity shots of heyday Hollywood stars Marilyn Monroe and James Dean.

“I’m a country girl with a little bit of New York flair,” said Dohner, noting her decorations are participatory in that people are always contributing items to add to it.

Dohner said hers is the only barbecue restaurant now in the Pacific Beach area. Some people expressed doubt that her outdoorsy décor would fit in with the beach, but Dohner disagrees.

“This is something people will talk about,” she said.

The slogan for Blondies barbecue is “best butt at the beach.”

“It’s because my specialty is pulled pork,” Dohner said of her slogan, noting her special is exactly that.

“I smoke it for 10 hours and stick it in the oven for another 10 hours so it’s very tender, very juicy, with a very smoky flavor,” she said.

She also offers a beef brisket marinated in honey barbecue sauce.

Blondies’ menu also includes a full line of steaks including rib eye, tri-tip, New York and filet mignon, as well as a full selection of half-pound burgers and a one-pound, Western Bliss burger with bacon, cheese, onion ring and jalapeno peppers smothered in barbecue sauce. Rounding out the menu is barbecued chicken and baby-back ribs.

Dohner said she’s only been open a couple of weeks but is surprised by at least one thing about her Pacific Beach clientele.

“It’s all been take-out, not a lot of dining in,” she said. “PBeans are used to having things delivered.”

With a flaming pig as her logo, Blondies already is catching fire in PB.

“It’s downhome, very casual, warm, friendly, family oriented,” Dohner said.

For more information, call (858) 274-4211.

Blondies owner Wendy Dohner brings a little sass and a lot of humor to her new barbecue establishment on Garnet Avenue.
Crosswalk project targets safety to enhance neighborhood

Mural, stop signs planned for intersection at Diamond and Haines streets

A crosswalk, which will be located at the intersection of Diamond and Haines streets in front of Pacific Beach Middle School, is in the final stages of approval from the city. The project, which has been spearheaded by the community group beautifulPB, will implement a three-way stop at the cross section and feature artwork from a local student.

The group held a design contest for 7th- and 8th-grade students to submit pieces for consideration. Once the artwork is selected, local artists will help transform the design concept into a practical mural to be painted by the community on the street in the center of the intersection.

The mural will be a creative interpretation of the vibrant Pacific Beach community, with an emphasis on culture, arts, food and music. Sustainable, weather-proof materials will be used to construct the piece.

“This is literally the first step for a network of safer routes we have planned to connect all the schools in our community,” said Chris Olson, co-founder of beautifulPB. “It’s about community building and encouraging our students to walk, bike or skate to school.”

Work is set to begin on the crosswalk and intersection mural in April. The pedestrian-oriented intersections and safer routes to school are two of many initiatives that will be discussed at a community Eco-district workshop at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 at Pacific Beach Middle School, located at 4676 Ingraham St.

BeautifulPB is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization consisting of active Pacific Beach residents, business and property owners working collaboratively to improve the environment of the Southern California beach community.

For more information, call Samantha Robinson at (716) 946-7319, or email samantha@luv-sdsurf.com.

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BY SAMANTHA ROBINSON

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A monument-plaque dedication, the symbolic launch in a months-long series of events to commemorate Mission Beach’s centennial, will be held Saturday, March 22 starting at 10 a.m. with a neighborhood walk followed by an 11 a.m. formal presentation.

The community is invited to join the procession-al by walking to Oceanfront Walk from their courts, then join speakers at the dedication site during a presentation of a city proclamation. Speeches will be given by Mayor Kevin Faulconer; Nancy Geller, president of the Mission Beach Women’s Club; and Scott Morrison, president of the Mission Beach Town Council. There will also be an appearance by Sea-World’s Shamu Mascot.

“A boulder monument with an embedded, oxidized bronze plaque with sponsors’ names will be placed in the southwest corner of Belmont Park between the bathrooms and the new restaurant (under construction),” said Wendy Crain, centennial celebration co-chairwoman with Debbie Watkins for the event. “Residents will meet at the boardwalk, to include centennial committee members, who will walk to the monument for the mayoral proclamation. After that, we’ll have refreshments with music from Mission Bay High School jazz band.”

Refreshments for the free centennial celebration event are being supplied by Olive and Firehouse School jazz band.”

For more information about Mission Beach’s centennial, visit www.missionbeachcentennial.org.
**LIVE MUSIC**

By BART MENDOZA

One of the area’s best-loved performers, Candye Kane appears at Tio Leo’s on March 21. The bawdy blues singer’s latest album, “The Power in You,” contains plenty of Kane’s signature sounds, but the cancer survivor has put together this inspirational album for a special reason. “Despite health problems over the past decade, Kane continues to be a live powerhouse, is on the road somewhere around the globe more often than not, and is one of the greatest ambassadors this city has ever had.”

**+ CANDYE KANE** performs at 9 p.m. on Friday, March 21 at **TIO LEOS**, 5302 Napa St. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com.

A good cover band should have a repertoire that appeals to a broad range of listeners. Night Shift, appearing at the Kona Kai Resort on March 22, certainly fits the bill.

**+ NIGHT SHIFT** performs at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 at the **KONA KAI RESORT**, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. www.resortkonakai.com.

Local quintet Random Radio does, indeed, sound like its name. Listening to one of its sets is like listening to a very good radio station. The key is that its set list includes modern hits by the likes of Lady Gaga, Foo Fighters and Bruno Mars, while also turning in great versions of classics by the likes of Badfinger, The Kinks (“Lola”) and Chuck Berry. The band puts on an excellent live show. This band includes singer Jo-Z Williams, front person for San Diego Music Award nominees 321 Stereo, while drummer Ted Reed was a member of Tommy Shaw’s (Styx) band for eight years.

**+ RANDOM RADIO** performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 at **BEAUMONT’S**, 5662 La Jolla Blvd. 21 and up. www.beaumonts-eatery.com.

Contemporary jazz fans won’t want to miss Patrick Yandall, appearing at Humphreys Backstage Live on March 30. Yandall’s smooth, lyrical guitar playing has been heard release 16 albums since his 1992 debut, with songs appearing in such films as “Fruitvale Station” and “War, Inc.” Meanwhile, his music continues to be used as a soundtrack on the Weather Channel, easily making Yandall one of the most-heard musicians in the area. His most recent album, “Soul Grind,” is a worthy listen, adding funk and more dance rhythms, perfect for a performance like this.

**+ PATRICK YANDALL** performs at 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 30 at HUMPHREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. $12. www.humphreysbackstagelive.com.

Dizzy’s continues to be the place to go in San Diego for jazz. Among this month’s highlights will be a performance from pianist Joshua White on March 15, backed by bassist Dean Hulett and drummer Danny Campbell. One of the brightest new talents to emerge from the local jazz community in the last few years, White has won major awards and acclaim from his musical heroes. He often plays as an accompanist to other notable musicians, but it’s his own intense performances that have cemented his reputation as an artist on the rise.

**+ JOSHUA WHITE** performs at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 27 at **DIZZY’S**, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. $15. www.dizzysjazz.com.

Mission Bay High School’s acclaimed eleven-piece student group The Preservationists will be going to New Orleans from April 17-20 to perform, learn and soak in the culture. To raise money for the trip, the band is holding a fundraising concert at Tango Del Rey on March 26. Featuring pianist Sue Palmer alongside the Preservationists, the night will showcase the music of the Crescent City and selections from their most recent album, “New Orleans Preserves.” The trip will see the Preservationists perform on historic stages. “We have already set up shows at Preservation Hall, WWOZ New Orleans Radio and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Museum,” said the school’s musical director, JP Balmat. “We are also setting up special workshops/master classes with professional musicians in the city. We are hoping to give students the trip of a lifetime, learning traditional jazz from its birthplace.”

**+ MBHS NEW ORLEANS FUNDRAISER:** Wednesday, March 26 at **TANGO DEL REY**, 3567 Del Rey St. $10. 7 p.m. All ages. www.tangodelrey.com.

San Diego’s elder statesman of blues, Tomcat Courtney has a new Monday-night residency at The Patio, beginning at 6 p.m. For these shows, he performs solo, but Courtney has been an inspiration to generations of the area’s players. A who’s who of great musicians have passed through the ranks of Courtney’s bands since he first arrived in San Diego in the early 1970’s. Now in his 80’s, Courtney remains one of the busiest performers in town, a music icon every San Diegan should make a point to see in concert at least once.

**+ TOMCAT COURTNEY** performs at 6 p.m. on Mondays at **THE PATIO**. 4445 Lamont St. www.thepatioandlamont.com.

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**MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL**

MBHS IB Music Program is in the middle of our March fundraising campaign. The goal this year is to take our top music ensemble, The Preservationists, on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to New Orleans — the birthplace of jazz. With your help, the only traditional youth jazz band in Southern California can make history. For more details or to donate, visit missionbaymusic-donate.crowdtilt.com/send-the-preservationists-to-new-orleans.

**PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- “May Peace Prevail on Earth” is the theme of this year’s community open house on March 27 at PBMS IB World School. Join leaders from local government, the San Diego Unified School District and Rotary International as PBMS and their Partner in Education (Mission Bay Rotary), unveil and dedicate an international peace pole in the PBMS Waves of Green student garden. The dedication is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. For more information, or visit www.sandi.net/pbmiddle.
  - The Builders Club will don their pajamas to take over the Mission Bay Kiwanis meeting on March 20 at the Broken Yolk. Student president Taylor K. and board members Juan T., Jones T. and Sydney J. from PBMS will lead the meeting.

**CROWN POINT JMA**

Crown Point Junior Music Academy will host an auction on Saturday, March 22 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Mission Bay Yacht Club, 1215 El Carmel Place. Tickets are on sale now; in the school office at $15 per person or $25 per couple. Dinner and entertainment is included.

**PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY**

- Thank you to Big Kahuna’s for hosting a wonderful Family Fun Night Fundraiser on Feb. 27. We enjoyed a great night out!
  - Buy your tickets now for our Mardi Gras Gala & Auction on April 25. The event will be held at the Soledad Club. The Euphoria Brass Band will be performing its 2nd Line Parade, along with traditional and contemporary New Orleans-style music. Tickets can be purchased in the front office.
  - The school garden has just received Garden To Cafe (G2C) certification. Our students are germinating seeds in our new greenhouse, planting starts in our beautiful raised beds and harvesting the edibles for lunch in the cafeteria. Each class has dedicated space in our nearly 5,000-square-foot “outdoor classroom.”

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

- March 26: FOPBSS meeting at 6 p.m. at Pacific Beach Middle School.
- Register for the School Yard Dash 5K Run on April 26. Our largest fundraiser is the School Yard Dash 5K Run on April 26 and now is the time to set up your teams. The event features a kids’ fun run, a walk, a 5K run, a delicious brunch and a vendor village. All proceeds benefit MBHS and PBMS enrichment programs. Register now at www.schoolyarddash.org.

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