New flight path proposals upset Peninsula residents

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

A riled crowd of about 1,000 concerned citizens turned out at a special meeting Oct. 4 in Liberty Station to give the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) an earful about proposed flight path changes at San Diego International Airport. A formal, technical slideshow presentation by the FAA detailing proposed flight path changes was cut short by crowd hecklers. Opponents questioned the federal department’s integrity, accusing it outright of being dishonest. They claimed proposed flight changes outlined in a draft environmental document recently released for public review are a fait accompli.

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Point Loma resident

Point Lomans hope to ground FAA’s plans

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Local museum highlights women forgotten to history

By JULIE STALMER | THE BEACON

Ashley Gardner, executive director of the Women’s Museum of California, led a private tour of the museum on Oct. 5 and spoke passionately of the museum’s past, present and future.

Gardner, who discovered the museum in 2002 during the inaugural Women’s Hall of Fame Awards, pointed to a wall display listing past inductees.

“Some names everyone has heard of, and others not many will recognize, but that is the point,” Gardner said, “to recognize women that may have been forgotten to history.”

OBES parents protest school district policy

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

A controversy has arisen at Ocean Beach Elementary School as declining enrollment at the K-4 school has shrunk, prompting authorities to pink slip two least-tenured kindergarten teachers, one of whom is on pregnancy leave.

Some 50-plus parents and students protested outside the school at 4741 Santa Monica Ave. early in the morning of Oct. 5. Carrying signs, handing out leaflets and chanting “Keep Our Teachers,” they decried the decision to lay off two kindergarten teachers due to an unforeseen decrease in enrollment.

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of the meeting for public comment. The meeting, however, was not apparently being recorded, a fact mentioned repeatedly by attendees who insisted it was a clear sign the FAA wasn’t taking their concerns seriously and had already begun implementing flight changes. Those changes, many fear, will cause more noise and other pollution and declining property values over the Peninsula.

Many Peninsulans want the FAA to consider retaining the LOWMA Waypoint latitude-longitude navigational guide, which for more than 20 years has limited aircraft flying over Point Loma. They argue that deviating from that Waypoint will bring more flights, more noise and more pollution over more areas heretofore unaffected.

Addressing the FAA, Casey Schnoor, a Point Loman who’s launched an online petition drive against proposed FAA flight changes that topped 3,000 signatures in less than three weeks, said “this wasn’t on anybody’s radar. We’re disappointed with the (review) process.”

Schnoor pointed out the immense turnout was a clear indication that the public’s comments on proposed FAA flight changes were “falling on reasonably deaf ears.” Schnoor noted the FAA’s draft environmental document on the SoCal Metroplex Project is 135 pages and covers 180,000 square miles and 21 airports, including Los Angeles. “This will impact millions of people, with San Diego and 10 other cities fighting you (FAA) vehemently over this project,” Schnoor said, adding, “That’s bogus.”

Julia Quinn, chair of the Peninsula Community Planning Board, noted Metroplex “is a very complex project.” She pointed out the draft environmental document for proposed airport flight changes is presently not available for public review at the Point Loma Hervey Library, as it should be.

“The bottom line is we’re opposed to the proposed elimination of the LOWMA Waypoint and concerned about the possibility of additional noise,” Quinn said.

Numerous Peninsulans paraded to the microphone, complaining of hearing airplane noise recently when they hadn’t before while expressing fear that proposed FAA flight changes, if implemented, will cause a decline in their property values while disrupting activities at Point Loma Nazarene University and other local schools as well as increasing pollution from soot and other residue filtering from the sky from jet airplane exhaust.

For more information, or to comment on proposed air flight changes, visit the website noplanenoise.com as well as a corresponding Facebook page titled Point Loma Air Route Forum.

The FAA said the SoCal Metroplex project would improve the efficiency of airspace in Southern California by optimizing aircraft arrival and departure procedures at more than 20 regional airports, including San Diego’s. The project may involve changes in aircraft flight paths and altitudes in certain areas. But the FAA claims it would not result in any ground disturbance or increase the number of aircraft operations within Southern California airspace.

The draft EA for the SoCal Metroplex project with proposed flight changes for regional airports was released June 10. The public comment period on it, unless it was extended, was scheduled to end Oct. 8. The full text of the Airport Authority’s FAA letter on the Metroplex can be viewed at san.org/metroplex.
Bike for Boobs fundraiser on Shelter Island

The Wine Pub is hosting its third annual Bike for Boobs anti-breast cancer fundraising Bike Ride and Wine Celebration on Shelter Island Sunday, Oct. 18, starting at 1 p.m. at The Wine Pub, 2907 Shelter Island Drive.

A $25 donation is suggested, and all proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Fund. The donation includes a glass of wine or craft beer, hosted appetizers and a silent auction full of bike wag, wine and more.

The event includes a casual bike ride around Shelter Island followed by a wine reception at The Wine Pub. The event will be held at the restaurant. Community members come out decked in head-to-toe pink, including their bikes, to support the cause.

Last year, Bike for Boobs raised $9,000 for the Breast Cancer Fund.

The event itself is an awesome story about Point Loma rallying behind a great cause. But the backstory is even more inspiring.

Sandy Hanshaw, The Wine Pub’s owner, survived her own battle with stage-three breast cancer. She created Bike for Boobs with her husband, Andy Hanshaw, executive director of the San Diego County Bike Coalition, to combine their forces and truly make a difference.

Hanshaw said the Breast Cancer Fund was selected as the beneficiary of their cycling fundraiser because “we wanted a smaller organization, one that really targets the environmental factors that impact humans causing cancer.”

The Wine Pub owner pointed out carcinogenic chemicals exist all around us. “They’re everywhere from the cosmetics women use to dry cleaning to the air we breathe,” Sandy Hanshaw said, adding, “Unfortunately, we put them on our bodies and it does a lot of bad stuff to ourselves.”

That’s how her family’s involvement started and where the inspiration for Bike for Boobs came from. Popularizing the anti-breast cancer cause was aided by the fact that Andy Hanshaw, being executive director of the San Diego Bike Coalition, an advocacy organization that helps make biking safer and more accessible, is well connected in the cycling community.

“It was my husband who decided to start the bike ride to raise money for a cancer beneficiary,” Sandy said. “It started out two years ago, and now we’re in our third year.”

The Hanshaws said their intent is to grow the fundraising cancer bike ride beyond its current boundaries. “We had about 60 people last year, and we’re hoping to get to 80 to 100 this year,” Sandy said, promising “it’s a casual ride, not too strenuous, and a fun event.”

She added the after-party is also a “hoot. We have beer and wine, food and a silent auction out on the Wine Pub patio,” Sandy said, adding, “I want us to outgrow the patio this year, and have to use the parking lot behind us next year.”

The Wine Pub and restaurant in Point Loma, Sandy said The Wine Pub has evolved during its six years in existence. “We started out truly as a wine bar with a small food menu,” Sandy said. “We turned that into offering much more homemade, American comfort food made from scratch in part of the business has grown a lot.”

Hanshaw added The Wine Pub specializes in New World and domestic food made from scratch. “We started out truly as a wine bar with a small food menu,” Sandy said. “But by adding wine or craft beer, hosted appetizers and a silent auction full of bike wag, wine and more, that part of the business has grown a lot.”

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All funds will benefit the school’s enrichment programs, including busses for field trips, music programs, computer labs and many more activities, according to Principal Brian Davis.

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City’s CPC votes against short-term vacation rentals in residential zones

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Local leaders on both sides of the short-term vacation rental debate are weighing in on a recent decision by the city’s Community Planners Committee to reject a city proposal to allow rentals, as well as a few market vendors. The CPC is an umbrella organization representing more than 40 community planning groups that make land-use recommendations to the city.

The committee recently voted overwhelmingly to support the contention that the city’s municipal code already prohibits short-term rentals in single-family zones.

“The CPC supports home sharing in concept,” noted Brian Curry, Pacific Beach Planning Group chair. Curry pointed out the committee determined that whole-house rentals for less than 30 days are considered visitor accommodations.

“We are happy with the CPC vote, which was to be open to regulated ‘hosted’ short-term vacation rentals but not whole-house vacation rentals for less than 30 days,” Curry said. “The CPC insists the current municipal code is clear that vacation rentals are transient occupancy visitor accommodations, which are a prohibited use in residential zones.”

“The latest ordinance revision proposed by the city’s Development Services Department, which answers directly to the mayor, is unacceptable,” Curry continued. “It would allow free reign for short-term vacation rentals (both hosted and whole house) in all residential zones. This misguided policy would legitimize having commercial hospitality uses in all residential neighborhoods. Apparently, the city envisions the benefits of transient occupancy taxes to outweigh the considerable negative impacts to residents.”

Hopefully, the city will listen to the CPC and residents and revisit their STVR policy,” Curry said.

Longtime PB resident and activist Marcie Beckett concurred that the committee’s recommendation on short-term vacation rentals are a step in the right direction.

“The CPC recognizes that whole-house STVRs damage communities by displacing long-term residents and by diminishing housing supply,” Beckett said. “They want the city to do its job to protect our residential neighborhoods for the citizens who want to live in San Diego.”

Short-term vacation rental industry spokesman Jonah Mechanic has defended the proponents’ position that STVRs bring money to homeowners, residents, travelers, neighborhoods and local businesses as well as economic health to cities in which they are allowed to thrive.

“Recent studies have shown that visitors who stay in STVR accommodations spend far more money on goods and services and are more likely to be return guests to the market as a result of their experience,” Mechanic said.

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Owens guilty of DUI in Fiesta Island crash

By NeAL PUTNAM | The Beacon

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Liberty Public Market filling out, should open in November

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The latest crop of new tenants in Liberty Public Market, as well as a broader vision for the future of Liberty Station, were revealed during a “hardhat tour” Oct. 7.

The tour was conducted by Corona del Mar restaurant owner David Spatafore of Smuggler, Mama Made Thai, Crafted Stout, Smoked Provisions, Beer Bar/Bottlecraft, Wine Bar/Grape and more.

“Another thing we’re really trying to re-create and to customize one here in Canada, Seattle and the East Coast to what we want.”

Spatafore said the market he’s creating in Liberty Station was once a military mess hall, adding they’re “pushing our vendors to improve upon is wayfinding,” in the words of Nathan Cadieux.

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Seaside Pho & Grill is bringing something new – Asian fusion – to Point Loma.

The Vietnamese bistro celebrated its one-month anniversary at 1005 Rosecrans St. on Oct. 13.

It is the first restaurant venture for proprietor Thuy Nguyen, previous owner of a French bakery years ago.

Nguyen wanted to introduce people to the “synthesis” that is Vietnamese cuisine.

“Vietnamese cuisine is influenced by China, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos as well as French,” Nguyen said, noting the French influence is expressed in “dishes served on a baguette, so there’s lots of bread and butter as well as potatoes, which we got from the French.”

Vietnamese cuisine, being a blend of numerous culinary influences, is a reflection of them all, with a Southeast-Asian twist.

“Think of Vietnamese cuisine as something you like that is crunchy, fresh and crispy, a combination of tastes and textures,” said Nguyen.

One example, she said, is her crispy spring rolls that are wrapped inside fresh lettuce seasoned with pepper to which a spicy dipping sauce is added.

Nguyen said it is traditional for Vietnamese dishes to be served with many of the ingredients and garnishes on the side so that patrons can season them to their taste.

“You put them (ingredients) in yourself,” she said.

A staple of Vietnamese cuisine is pho, which loosely translates as “hot noodle soup.”

“Pho is popular because it’s very flavorful,” said Nguyen. “It’s hearty, and the price is right.”

Nguyen said pho is a quick, hot, dietarily balanced meal that can be consumed in 30 or 40 minutes.

“It’s a healthy, satisfying meal,” she said, adding the broth is a big part of what makes pho so unique.

“The broth is very fragrant and has lots of different spices and is slowly cooked, simmering for a long period of time,” she said, adding that technique really brings the flavor out from the soup’s ingredients.

Her garlic chicken wings, from her father’s recipe, are to die for,” said Nguyen.

“They’re crispy and light and very flavorful being marinated overnight, then lightly fried then glazed with garlic butter,” she said, promising, “I guarantee they’re going to be the best wings you’ve ever tasted — or your money back.”

Nguyen said she picked the perfect spot to be in, a corner lot space that previously was the Gabardine restaurant featuring California cuisine.

“I really like the neighborhood, the building, the location – everything about it,” she said, adding her outdoor patio is pet friendly.

The Nguyens spent about six months remodeling their new corner retail space, including the outdoor patio space. There are colorful murals inside depicting the Vietnamese lifestyle.

Seaside Pho & Grill is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends for lunch and dinner.

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On the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

San Diego Unified School District Superintendent Cindy Marten has unveiled the results of new online assessments administered to about 53,000 San Diego students last spring, with results exceeding the state average.

“The Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced assessments represent a comprehensive approach for measuring students’ success in demonstrating the critical thinking skills essential to success in college and career pursuits,” said Marten. “The world of work is changing, and these measures adjust the exam to give students more-difficult questions based on their performance cannot be determined by a single measure.”

The only scenario where a currently enrolled pupil would receive a letter would be if they moved out of the attendance area in the prior school year or if they moved out of district and then applied via CHOICE to remain at the school per district enrollment policy,” Drapeau said.

As to why children who attended preschool at OBE were turned away from enrolling in OBE kindergarten, Drapeau said, “Out of 25 preschool students, 16 enrolled at OBE. The other nine chose to attend different schools. No preschool families who applied to attend OBE were turned away.”

Holcomb pointed out a new apartment complex with mostly three-bedroom units, “perfect for tons of families to move into,” will open soon near the school. "If we have to excess two teachers and have classes at full capacity, we will not be able to accommodate the new students moving into our area," Holcomb argued. "OBE is an excellent academic school, with a thriving community. Give us a chance to allow our choice kids the option to come. This will save a lot of heartache and protest.”

Holcomb contended that a higher-grade teacher now will have to leave an entire class that has been established and teach kindergarten.

“Then their class will have to be split up, all other classes will too,” she argued, asking, “Do we really want combo classes in every grade?”

Drapeau noted the new apartment complex referenced by Holcomb is within in the Loma Portal, not the OBE boundary. As such, he said, “residents of the new apartment building may apply to attend OBE through CHOICE but aren't guaranteed placement.”

The principal said there is a plan in place to add classes to the new OBE buildings. READ MORE ONLINE AT sdnnews.com
Pointers rout Cardinals for homecoming win

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

When scheduling an opponent for Homecoming games, it is common to seek a school that will put up a good fight but fall rather easily, leaving returning alumni and fans departing with smiles on their faces.

For local hockey fans, the announcement in January that the Anaheim Ducks were bringing their highest-level American Hockey League affiliate to San Diego was like a giant countdown clock ticking down the days until I could once again see a professional hockey team we could call our own. That moment of truth arrived last Saturday night at the Valley View Casino Center on Sports Arena Boulevard, when 11,934 fans crowded into the arena to see the newest edition of the San Diego Gulls take the ice and racing 6.5 yards for the 7-0 lead.

Griffin’s second score came three minutes later on a 30-yard dash up the middle. The Cardinals then struck, as quarterback Daevon Bazzo, a former Pointer who transferred to Hoover, unleashed a beautifully thrown pass, hitting his receiver in stride on a play that covered 85 yards to draw within eight at 14-6.

But the Pointer onslaught continued, quarterback Brenden Torrence taking a keeper up the middle and Tshombré Carter scoring on a short dive sandwiched by sophomore Nashom Carter, the Pointers scored quickly and added another score on their next drive before an interception and long return by sophomore Keenan Bariza Sunday Kennedy ended at the Cardinals’ 1-yard line. The Dogs scored on the next play for the 56-13 advantage at the half.

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On this year’s Pointer schedule, Hoover filled the Homecoming slot, and the Cardinals would appear, at first glance, to be a school who might spoil the PLHS festivities. After all, the Cardinals compiled a 10-3 record last year, stunning five teams along the way. They even fought all the way to the CIF Div. III finals before losing a 21-9 heartbreaker to La Costa Canyon after leading 9-7 during the fourth quarter.

How quickly fortunes can change. Hoover lost a remarkable 12 all-league players to graduation, and the 2015 squad is struggling, entering the contest with a 2-3 mark.

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The Pointers scored on their first play from scrimmage and on every first-half possession, scoring 56 points in the first half and devastating the Cardinals with a crushing 56-27 knockout punch to the reeling Cardinals before an overflow crowd at Pete Ross Stadium.

The Pointers’ record moves to 4-2, entering Western League play. With the hosts holding a 9-3 point lead at intermission, the second half was played with a running clock, stopped only for timeouts or injuries. As backup players saw significant action, the Cardinals scored twice more, making the final result look somewhat respectable.

Only 11 seconds elapsed in the game before the Pointers scored, Jaylen Griffin taking the handoff on his team’s first play and racing 6.5 yards for the 7-0 lead. Griffin’s second score came three minutes later on a 30-yard dash up the middle. The Cardinals then struck, as quarterback Daevon Bazzo, a former Pointer who transferred to Hoover, unleashed a beautifully thrown pass, hitting his receiver in stride on a play that covered 85 yards to draw within eight at 14-6.

But the Pointer onslaught continued, quarterback Brenden Torrence taking a keeper up the middle and Tshombré Carter scoring on a short dive sandwiched around an 80-yard touchdown scamper by the Cardinals, upping the Pointer lead to 28-13.

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The Pointers are up against a major test tomorrow afternoon, Oct. 16, as powerful Madison visits Bennie Edwards Field. The Warhawks have been in the Pointers’ crosshairs since they inflicted two losses on the Dogs in a three-week span last year.

The first (36-14) was for the Western League title, and the second (49-28) eliminated the Pointers from CIF Div. I playoffs. Both games were played at Madison. The Warhawks went on to win the Div. I championship game before losing a hard-fought 49-42 decision to St. Augustine.

Madison comes into this year’s game with a 4-2 record, averaging 44.5 points scored per game. Kickoff is at 3 p.m. in a game honoring Point Loma cluster school students and youth football players.
**WOMEN**

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Gardner said that museum founder Mary Maschal, born in 1924, “was told she couldn’t be a preacher like her father because she was a girl. At 55, Mary moved here from Indiana, where she met women from the country’s first women’s studies program (at San Diego State University, circa 1970). From them, she learned about Victoria Woodhull, Alice Park and other women trailblazers. This inspired Maschal to gather evidence of women in history. Her home in Golden Hill (now a historic landmark) was overflowing with historic artifacts before her death in 1998. Her final wish to keep her mission alive after she died was honored by friends and family, who moved her collection to a nearby storefront shortly before her death.

The museum moved into its current home in August of 2012 after five years seeking an empty space in Balboa Park. “It’s hard to know the reason why it didn’t happen,” Gardner said, “but we hope that someday a museum focused on women’s history can be represented in our city park. After all, it was a woman who made it possible. Kate Sessions was one of those early women who helped to build San Diego.”

Annually, the museum welcomes 10,000 visitors. Approximately 250 members and 300 volunteers help keep the museum running every year along with donors and a dedicated board of directors.

“Large endowments are ultimately necessary for the museum’s future,” said Gardner. “We haven’t achieved our full potential in reaching schools. We are working on funding for that now. We would like to have all of our exhibits installed at different schools accompanied by a speaker, films and conversations.”

Gardner is dedicated to honoring the founder’s dying wish of growing the museum into the best women’s museum in the world.

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Historic military convoy at Cabrillo National Monument

A historic military convoy will be at Cabrillo National Monument Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVP A) is conducting a 95th anniversary convoy with as many as 65 historic military vehicles (HMVs) that will retrace the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route along the Bankhead Highway. In 1920, the U.S. Army executed a motor convoy of various military vehicles across the country on then newly formed Bankhead Highway. The Army was determined to further its understanding of the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the U.S. Army. That convoy was commanded by Col. John F. Franklin. The MVP A’s 2015 Bankhead Convoy (“BH-15”), which launched from Washington, D.C. Sept. 19, will arrive in San Diego some 29 days later on Oct. 17. Vehicles on the convoy will range from WWI-era to those just released from the U.S. Armed Forces inventories. The convoy will include other, privately owned MMVs including motorcycles, jeeps and large cargo trucks.

For more information, visit www.mvpa.org.

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Gale Force Productions supports local music scene with its concert promotions

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

It’s no secret that Ocean Beach has a thriving musical community, so it should come as no surprise that businesses have sprung up in support of local artists, such as promotion company Gale Force Productions.

Founded by Gale Hopping, the company is music-oriented and multifaceted, specializing in concert promotions, with dozens of shows a year, but also offering everything from party buses to major events to seminars on social media.

Upcoming calendar highlights include a party bus to the Chargers-Dolphins game Dec. 20 and a co-promoted local reggae showcase at the Belly Up Tavern on Nov. 7 featuring Fortunate Son, Stranger and Sensamotion.

Hopping arrived in San Diego in April of 2004, fresh from Southerland, Neb. His arrival in Ocean Beach was perhaps inevitable. “I was born in California, when my dad was in Vietnam, in Port Hueneme, near Ventura,” he said. “Growing up, as a kid, I always thought I got ripped off by my parents. I should be in the arts, not the military, as is typical around there.”

Hopping has a contagious enthusiasm for local music: “I think we have something akin to Austin here, but there just hasn’t been enough done to support it,” he enthused. “One of the things I’ve learned over the past five years is that there are lots of others on this road,” he mused. “It’s important to find the good ones that will do what they say they will. Right now, in addition to my own things, I work with a half dozen co-promoters.”

Gale Force Productions was created in 2010 to help bring together different aspects of the San Diego arts community. “There’s a massive live music scene here in San Diego,” Hopping stated. “But most people don’t know it. I think if a lot of people knew the ‘where,’ with accuracy, that would change.” To that end, he’s recently added an Events section to the website and the Facebook page, featuring a constantly updated listing. Perhaps unique for such a listing, the criteria for inclusion are not based on geography or which of the arts is favored but instead on “entertainment,” with a mix of music, sporting events and theater as well as food- and craft beer-related events.

Hopping notes OB has been the perfect location for a home base, for more reasons than just the area’s venues. “Personally, it reminds me of my small town where I grew up,” he said. “But on another level, I love that it’s people from all over the country, all over the world. They settle here, they work here and all get along. It’s just amazing. I couldn’t ask for a better place to start.”

Hopping now also co-promotes events outside of Ocean Beach and is extending his reach throughout San Diego County. “If they do take it,” he said. “I’m not so much surprised as I am flattered that they’re actually responding to the message that we’re putting out there.”

Also taking note are the area’s performers. One who has worked with Gale Force numerous times is Chris Leyva of indie rockers Falling Doves. “It’s great to have someone like this who knows the music business and takes care of things,” he said. “It allows musicians to concentrate on the music. Anytime I work with Gale Force, I know it’s going to be a well-run happening and a good time.”

Now halfway through his first decade as a music promoter, Hopping is pleased with Gale Force Productions’ progress. “It’s important that we do things right, offering consistently good entertainment,” he said, “so people know that when we say there’s a good show or a good place to go to, they know they can trust that.”

See more on Gale Force Productions at useagelforceres.com.

Gale Hopping (center) with the Homesick Hitchers.
Is Voujo for you? Local man creates unique new dating app

Pacific Beach is a great place to meet new people, especially if you’re single. Now, thanks to the latest dating app, there’s an even easier way to connect with your fellow singles.

Voujo is the creation of PB resident Kyle Gernhofer and his business partner, Matthew Wiles. Promising “dating without the guesswork,” the app is San Diego-based, with national ambitions.

By day, Gernhofer is a dentist in PB, while Wiles practices law in Columbus, Ohio. This is their first business venture together, which launched in the App Store and Google Play on July 14. As for the number of San Diegans who have joined so far, they claim they receive new members every day, so their numbers are constantly changing.

“Because we launched recently, we’re especially focused on doing everything in our power to make Voujo an enjoyable experience for them,” Gernhofer said.

They have members from 21 years of age to 60 but say that most are between the ages of 25 and 39. Because it’s a San Diego-based company, many of their members are in San Diego County, but they’ve garnered a following in the Orange County and Los Angeles areas.

So what makes Voujo different from the rest? Their tagline is that they are the “First and only crowd-sourcing app.” What does this mean? Basically, once members interact with each other, they have the opportunity to provide what the owners strongly describe as “feedback.”

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