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Seaside Farmers Market

The Seaside Farmer’s Market at Mission Bay High School (MBHS) wants the residents of Pacific Beach to know that it is open for business with a new voucher program to promote local schools and a couple of noteworthy events planned for this month.

Seaside Market launched a voucher program late last month, which involved the six public schools in Pacific Beach (Mission Bay High School, Pacific Beach Middle School, Crown Point, Kate Sessions, Pacific Beach and Barnard elementaries) by working with DonorNation. The voucher program offers “beach backs” that can be purchased online in the form of a voucher. Parents can purchase the vouchers from www.donornation.com with 15 percent of proceeds donated to the school of their choosing.

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The secret to success in love is the two Cs: commitment and compromise. That’s the key to surviving a long-term relationship, said Jill Weinberger Rigoli, who’s about to mark her 50th wedding anniversary this Valentine’s Day season with husband Daniel at a celebration brunch at Bali Hai Restaurant. The pair will be joined by more than 30 family and friends on Feb. 16.

“We depended on each other for everything, traveling around the world from base to base,” said Jill. She and Daniel were married Feb. 6, 1964 in San Antonio, Texas while Daniel was attending Air Force Officer Training School.

“I hate to use a cliché, but love conquers all,” said Jill. “There really has to be a strong bond. Hopefully, our children have seen that.”

Jill and Daniel’s relationship, the union of “two complete opposites,” is “love and respect,” she said. “There are always going to be rough times, which Jill said couples get through and pass beyond, becoming stronger because of it. Jill’s third “key” for love longevity was something a little more offbeat. She said it’s important for married couples to love each other enough to respect and give one another their own private space.

“He didn’t step into my little realm and I didn’t step into his,” she said. “He never once said, ‘You can’t have this, or you shouldn’t do that, or don’t go someplace without me.’”

The couple also respected one another’s space in their longtime business partnership, Danji Designs, a wholesale needlepoint design company now owned and operated by their daughter. I handled the design part, the trade shows,” she said. “He did the financial part. We set our own little parameters. Even today he pays all the bills and I spend the money,” joked Jill, noting Daniel always trusted her with not spending frivolously.

The couple have also done things apart at times, which contributed to their enjoyment — and appreciating — each other’s company more when they’ve been together. Jill, for example, went to Antarctica alone for her 60th birthday. Neither Jill nor Daniel are overly demonstrative of their affection for each other on Valentine’s Day.

Jill said the couple “always give each other cards but don’t usually go out to dinner.” When they do dine out, it’s often at La Jolla’s oceanfront Marine Room, which Jill referred to as “their place.”

Daniel doesn’t usually buy Jill stuff. He’s not a “shopper.” Jill allowed, while confiding that he’ll give her money, telling her to “buy something that you wouldn’t ordinarily.”

But Daniel can be romantic — and surprising — on occasion, like those times when he’s bought Jill a new car of her choosing. Though, even then, their personal styles diverge. Jill’s willingness to haggle with customizing the new car contrasts with Daniel, who, she said, is “not a bargainer.”

The Weinberger and Rigoli families both have deep roots in the local Pacific Beach and La Jolla communities. Jill is the granddaughter of Jacob Weinberger, the first resident federal district judge for San Diego for whom the restored San Diego Court House is named. Daniel, who graduated from La Jolla High School, is the son of Henry R. Rigoli, a prominent real estate broker in the 1940s and ’50s who built approximately 300 homes in La Jolla High School area. Daniel doesn’t usually buy Jill anything that she wouldn’t ordi

He recalled getting a speeding tick-

et once on Riviera Drive in PB on a stretch where the limit had just been changed and going to her grandfa-

ther to complain.

“I asked, ‘Was there a sign there?’” said Jill. I answered, ‘Yes.’ He said, ‘Well, ignorance of the law is no excuse.’ He shot me down right there.”

The Rigolis said they are looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary just after Valentine’s Day.

“Our three children and most of my nine grandchildren are coming, some from as far away as Montana and North Carolina,” Jill said, adding just all being together for the special occasion is what’s really important to her and Daniel.

“The little things are what mean a lot to us,” she said.

For local couple, lasting love comes from give-and-take attitude

By DAVE SCHWAB
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the voucher purchases directly deposited into their child’s school’s paypal account.

Events at the market this month include a rummage sale on Feb. 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., where families of Pacific Beach students can rent a space for $10 and bring items to sell. Then, on Feb. 22, the principal from the school that sells the most vouchers for the market will have the chance to step into a money-blowing box and grab money for their school.

There is a wide variety of vendors at the Seaside Farmers Market, including fresh produce, roasted coffee, roasted nuts (almonds, cashews, pecans and peanuts), freshly roasted kettle corn, honey, Mediterranean items, quesadillas, pet treats and more. One regular vendor at the market is retired Mis-

sion Bay High School basketball head coach and teacher Mike Seaman. Seaman, who spent more than 30 years at MBHS (1971-2008), sells his homemade cutting boards shaped in the form of small surfboards. All proceeds from the market go to MBHS to help fund a variety of extracurricular programs and equipment. Market organizer Cori Meara said the year the market has been in operation has been a rewarding one.

“We have thoroughly enjoyed the benefit of providing MBHS with another source of much-needed revenue,” she said.

To date, the market has given more than $12,000 to the school, helping to purchase items like ceiling fans for the weight room, tennis equipment and art classroom sup-

plies, as well as helping to finance things like the robotics program, the “Compassion It Club,” the home-

coming float, lacrosse program, basket-

ball and softball.

The farmers’ market is held every Saturday at the MBHS parking lot (2475 Grand Ave.) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Meara said that, despite the success of the market so far, the expenses associated with it mean organizers have tough choices to make. She put out a plea to the com-

munity for more support of the weekly event.

“Expensive permit and insurance fees are due for renewal and we need to make a realistic decision to continue with the market or not,” she said. “We have set the stage and we really need just one simple thing: more shoppers. Please stop by the market, invite friends and neighbors and talk it up.”

For more information, visit www.seasidefarmersmarket.org.
Planning group looks forward to next phase of improving PB

PBPG intends to take expert recommendations made to it last year about creating a proposed eco-district and run with it in 2014.

Brian Curry, PBPG chairman, made a pledge during the advisory group’s Jan. 22 monthly meeting.

In 2013, Pacific Beach hosted the Sustainable Assessment Design Team (SADT), a nationally accredited group of professionals in numerous areas of expertise, including urban design, planning, landscape architecture, renewable energy, and traffic and transportation. They were invited by local stakeholders to offer their expertise on how best to make beach communities greener, cleaner and more economically lean.

“This is a very exciting time for PB as different groups — Discover PB, PB Town Council, Beautiful PB and PBPG — are collaborating to implement the SADT’s recommendations,” Curry said.

Curry said implementing the SADT could involve an economic transformation in the beach economy.

“The idea is to increase the value of underlying land through a change in the economy using certain corridors to concentrate lower-end retail,” said Curry.

“Then we can begin to focus long-term planning to fit our commercial retail putting it on two or three blocks on Grand Avenue. That frees up other business (district) portions that could be used for mixed-use, residential or other things,” he said.

Upcoming infrastructure upgrades in PB are to include safety improvements, including crosswalk marking at neighborhood schools.

“We will start at PB Middle School, getting crosswalks at Haines Street on both sides of the school, and then we’ll be repainting crosswalks for all the elementary schools,” said Curry, adding future beautification is to include “a community garden on Pacific Beach Drive and also little community parklets in different areas, like the green belt at the (PB) library.”

Parklets could include benches for adults, children’s seating and play areas, said Curry.

“We’ll be taking existing public areas and making them more community friendly for public use, putting in greenways and bike lanes,” he said.

March 17 is the date that has been tentatively chosen to host the next public meeting for discussion of revising and adopting SADT eco-district recommendations.

“We can refine it, fine tune it, all be involved in re-envisioning the community going forward,” Curry said.

In other action

• Ian Clampett from District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer’s office told planners the district is aware that there are “eight to 10” medical marijuana dispensaries operating in Pacific Beach, contrary to city rules disallowing them. He said the councilman was diligently working to address the issue.

“Dispensaries are not allowed to exist within the city of San Diego” or within 600 feet of schools, daycare centers or places of worship,” Clampett said, adding interim Mayor Todd Gloria will be introducing a new ordinance soon to “create buffers between medical marijuana dispensary facilities and ‘sensi- tive receptors.’”

• El Clancy of BikeSD told planners about the next CycloSDias event to promote bicycling and other non-motorized modes of travel to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 30 in Pacific Beach on portions of Ingraham Street, Gar- net Avenue, Mission Boulevard, La Jolla Mesa and Cass, Turquoise and Duques streets.

• A representative from the Barnard School PTA pitched the PCPG board on a proposal to consider a number of traffic-calming improvements at Culver and Fogg Drive near the school, the most popular of which was a stop sign at the troublesome intersection.

“Did you consider speed bumps?” asked PBPG board member Baylor Tripplet, to which planner Paul Falcone answered, “Yes, it’s extremely hard to get speed bumps put in.”

The group voted 13-3 to endorse the traffic-calming measures in concept, which will now proceed for a city traffic study.

Town Council looks back on 2013, forward to 2014

The Pacific Beach Town Council held its 3rd installation of officers and directors on Jan. 19 at the Mission Bay Yacht Club.

Alan Harris was installed as president while Adam Meyer was installed as vice-president, both for a second term. William Marsh was installed as treasurer.

The following were installed as directors of the PBTC: Anita Gentry, Robert Citrano, Cathie Jolley, David Tollan, Desiree Herrera, Ed Reay, Joe Wilding, Keith Antigiovanni, Kristi Nelson, Matthew Winter and Michael F. McQuary.

Chris Olson was honored with the Pug and Jane Sanford Community Service Award for his commitment to community service. A lifelong Pacific Beach resident, Olson has participated in the PB Planning Group for 18 years, is co-founder of beautifullife.org and leads a monthly community collaboration meeting.

Joe Wilding was presented with the Silver Seashore Award for his outstanding service to the community and the Town Council. Wilding serves on the PB Planning Group, volunteers his time at events throughout the year, and organizes beach cleanups each month.

Cathie Jolley was presented with the President’s Award by past president Alan Harris. The award represents an individual member who had the greatest impact in the mission and achievements of the Town Council in 2013. Jolley serves on numerous committees and events throughout the year.

Jennifer Tandy, meanwhile, was named honorary mayor of Pacific Beach.

Harris reviewed successes of the Pacific Beach Town Council in 2013 and goals for 2014 during the meeting.

“Our one thing for 2014 will be membership,” he said. “We will increase membership with an additional 400 members. We also plan to update the Pacific Beach entryway and community service signs. The Town Council will also take the lead role in coordination of the utility-box artwork in Pacific Beach.”

“2013 was a fantastic year for the Town Council,” Harris continued. “We awarded $3,000 in grants to support our local schools and raised $4,000 to support the Fire Station 21 kitchen remodel.

“The Pug and Jane Sanford goals for our council in 2014, we will need everyone that calls Pacific Beach home to partner with us.”

Councilmembers thanked the Mission Bay Yacht Club for hosting the meeting.

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

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PLANNING GROUP LOOKS FORWARD TO NEXT PHASE OF IMPROVING PB BY DAVE SCHWAB

Daniel Rigoli and Jill Weinberger Rigoli will hold a 50th Anniversary Wedding Celebration at the Bali Hai Restaurant on February 16, 2014. More than 30 family members and close friends will join them in their celebration.

The couple were married in San Antonio, Texas on February 6, 1964 while Daniel was attending Air Force Officer Training School.

While completing a career in the Air Force, the couple raised three children and lived in different parts of the world. Assignments included West Berlin, Germany, The Pentagon, Vietnam, Los Angeles AFB and different Air Force units in Texas.

Legal Loophole Costs Local Homeowner $3,742 in the Sale of Their Home

SAN DIEGO, When you buying or selling a house they are many small but important legal issues that you may be unaware of that are, nevertheless, critical to understand. Residential real estate is not an uncomplicated process. When such a major investment is transferred from one party to another, there are subtle details to take care of that can turn into major problems if not handled correctly.

It is essential to understand the legal ins and outs that will properly protect you when buy or sell a home.

There are several issues that will certainly cost you if you are not properly informed. In a recent situation right here in the area, misinformation cost one local homeowner over three thousand dollars in the sale of their home.

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BY DAVE SCHWAB

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Q: Describe in detail what sets you apart from your political opponent and how you will challenge him.

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I will also enact new transparency initiatives to increase openness, honesty and communication between City Hall and the neighborhoods it serves.

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A: I'm the only candidate who understands the tourism economy is critical to creating jobs and generating revenue to improve our parks, roads and neighborhoods. David Alvarez opposed key tourism initiatives — financing the Convention Center and advertising San Diego — casting lone “no” votes against a bipartisan supermajority. Within my first term, I will strengthen our port and secure a long-term contract with Comic-Con to keep the convention in San Diego for years to come. And within my first year as mayor, I will create a Film and Creative Industry Commission to market San Diego and attract film and entertainment projects.

Q: In terms of maintaining/growing the presence of law enforcement in our beach communities and maintaining/bolstering budgetary support for the San Diego Fire/Rescue Department’s Lifeguard Services, what will you advocate as mayor?

A: I have consistently fought for increased funding for Fire Rescue and Lifeguard Services in the city budget. When I was elected to the City Council, my opponent and I both led a campaign to slash public-safety funding and resources.

This was a reckless way to balance the budget. I proposed and successfully restored funding for browned-out fire engines and lifeguard personnel. I found unnecessary expenses to cut without impacting public services. I’m proud to have the firefighters and lifeguards supporting my campaign and, as mayor, funding public safety services over nonessential budgetary expenses will be a top priority.

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**Live Music**

By BART MENDOZA

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**Gino Matteo**

Saturday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m., Sunday Feb. 9, 11 a.m. at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Island Drive, www.resortkona-kai.com

Anyone looking for a musical soundtrack to help pass the afternoon is directed to Café-Bar Europa on Feb. 10, 4 p.m. Appearing on the patio will be singer-songwriter David Hermsen, perhaps better known as a member of the band Locked Out of Eden. An adept guitarist, while he gets to rock out a bit with the band, here he’ll be performing a seated set, playing a mix of classic covers and originals on the venue’s outdoor patio. Hermsen’s music is the perfect way kick off the post-work Monday blues.

**David Hermsen**

Monday, Feb. 10 at Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise St. 4 p.m. 21 and up. www.theturquoise.com/wordpress

The Farmers are such a huge part of San Diego’s music community that sometimes it’s easy to take them for granted. If it seems like they’ve been around forever, you’re only slightly off. Guitarist Jerry Raney could be found playing local stages as far back as 1964, while bassist Chris Sullivan and drummer Joel Kmak are icons in their own right, with time spent in such groups as the Penetrators and the Hittmakers. It all culminates in The Farmers, mixing up country and rock into a sound that is the definition of a good time. It’s almost taken for granted that local legends the Farmers appear at Humphreys Backstage Lounge on Feb. 15, 9 p.m. The Farmers: Saturday, Feb. 15, at Humphreys Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, 9 p.m. $12. www.humphreysbackstage-live.com

With the 50th anniversary of The Beatles’ arrival in the U.S., creating a minor media blitz, fans of the group are spoiled for choices these days. It’s a trend likely to continue through the summer. Not only will there be a local Beatles fan this year (March 29 at Queen Bee), but the San Diego County Fair’s theme this year will also be a tribute The Beatles. Getting a jump on things will be the annual George Harrison Birthday Tribute concert by Fred Benedetti, set for Feb. 22 at Dizzy’s. He’ll be joined by his vocalist daughters Regina and Julia, along with special guest multi-instrumentalist Jeff Pekarek for a show that will include a mix of both Harrison’s solo and Beatles performances. Fans of either the Fab Four or virtuoso six-string performances will enjoy this show immensely.

**FRED BENDETTI**

Saturday, Feb. 22, at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive, 8 p.m. $15. www.dizzys-jazz.com

Music fans wanting a taste of something fresh should check out Krimson Blues, performing at the 710 Beach Club on Feb. 13, 9 p.m. Bluesy and psychedelic, the quintet is fronted by Karla Irish, topping its swirl of sound with world-weary vocals that perfectly suit the material. Not an easy band to pigeonhole, it also seamlessly incorporates elements of classic pop, from “White Album” Beatles to 1980s post-punk, guitar, and even shoe gauze shuffle, all highly melodic and with more than a touch of groove. A superb live act, particularly in the guitar department, Krimson Blues is definitely a band to watch in 2014.

**Krimson Blues**

Thursday, Feb. 13 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. $5. 21 and up. www.710bc.com

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A blooming tradition at The Patio

By Samantha Robinson, Asst. Marketing Director

When one thinks of Valentine’s Day, the next sequential thought is usually red roses, from or to that special someone. The Patio on Lamont Street, however, will be celebrating by incorporating the hibiscus flower into a special libation available from February 14-16.

This “love potion” features hibiscus syrup-infused sparkling wine with an actual hibiscus flower at the bottom.

Director of Operations, Lucas Reeve, is excited to be offering this unique item on the menu for lovebirds. “The flower opens on its own with the aid of the bubbles to create a cool effect. The flower itself is an interesting flavor and texture and the syrup adds both a scent and a touch of sweetness,” said Reeve.

Not stopping there, Executive Chef John Medall decided to start using this versatile flower in the kitchen. He has already created an amuse-bouche where he opens the flower and pits it, stuffs it with a blend of whipped chèvre and mascarpone cheeses, and tops it off with a garnish of fresh chives. The flavors and presentation have guests raving!

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Street musician finds inspiration in sprightly pup

You may have seen Sam Schildkraut and his sidekick "Gangsta," a Yorkie-Chihuahua mix, giving saxophone performances nightly outside Skechers shoes at 4475 Mission Blvd.

The unlikely pair, both transplants to Pacific Beach, Schildkraut from New York and Gangsta a stray from San Bernardino, have "adopted" one another.

Schildkraut refers to his diminutive friend, who resembles a furry Frankfurter, as a YoWNa.

"I tell people that’s British-Mexican and Jewish — like daddy," he said.

Schildkraut and Gangsta ran into one another nearly three years ago in San Bernardino in a hotel parking lot.

"He comes over to me and gives me a bunch of kisses," said Schildkraut who contacted a local animal shelter to see if his newfound friend was lost, then adopted him after no one came to claim him.

"His first meals were a 7-Eleven hot dog and a Carl’s Jr. hamburger," said Schildkraut.

To commemorate Gangsta’s third birthday recently, Schildkraut bought him a plastic hot dog and hamburger.

But Gangsta doesn’t get hot dogs on his birthday anymore. It’s strictly the Ritz these days.

"I went to Outback and bought him prime rib," Schildkraut said.

Lewis had Martin, Abbott had Costello and Schildkraut refers to his diminutive friend, who resembles a furry Frankfurter, as a YoWNa.

"I intended to write a children’s book about him," Schildkraut said, noting he’s also got a Gangsta calendar in the pipeline with the mutt mugging with famous folks like actor Sylvester Stallone, Cheech Marin, adult-film star Ron Jeremy and Barbara Eden of "I Dream of Jeannie" fame.

"One month has [a photo of] Gangsta dressed as Santa Claus, another with him stealing a sandwich, one with him stealing candy, another with him getting booked for disorderly; then he’s in jail," said Schildkraut.

Of his occupation, Schildkraut said, "My real love is acting, but to make ends meet I perform for the cost of $24.95 per couple.

"In the one year and seven months I’ve been here, I’ve had like two calendar days off," he said. "I was going 12. 14 hours a day there for awhile."

But he said he gave up performing during the day because the tips just weren’t there.

"Drunk or sober, people really tend to tip at night," he said.

The Schildkraut-Gangsta duo is beginning to get attention — and draw some rave reviews.

"We’ve been on TV a couple of times," said Schildkraut, noting he and Gangsta dressed in matching tuxedos were filmed performing on a street corner at a recent Oscar’s awards night.

Of Gangsta’s likes, Schildkraut said he fans "pit bull girls, steak, whipped cream, toys and getting his way."

Schildkraut said he’s got a title for his new Gangsta children’s book. He intends to call it, "Gangsta: The story of a three-pound puppy lost in the ‘hood."
Karl Strauss Brewing Company (KSBC) celebrates its silver anniversary of brewing liquid gold this month with a changing-of-the-barrels party and the kick-off to a series of Brewmaster dinners.

A pioneer of San Diego’s craft beer revolution, KSBC opened the doors of its downtown Core-Columbia brewery on Feb. 2, 1989. The empire has since grown to include eight brewery restaurants across on a trip to Australia, the two decided to reintroduce microbrewing to the San Diego scene.

Cramer’s cousin, master brewer Karl Strauss, was brought in as technical consultant and his image has been used in logos and labels for years. Strauss inspired to start a microbrewery by a trip to Australia. The founders Chris Cramer and Matt Rattner, above, worked with Pabst Brewing Co. for 44 years, as we celebrate with a special pre-fixe menu designed to surprise, delight, & tantalize you and your significant other.

The idea for KSBC started in the mid-1980s when Rattner and friend Chris Cramer, both recent college grads, were sharing an apartment in Mission Beach. “We had a vision to bring craft beer to adventurous and free-spirited San Diegans, but our biggest fear was always, ‘Will they come?’” said Matt Rattner, president and co-founder of KSBC. “When we saw the line around the block on opening day, we knew we were onto something.”

The original downtown brewery was a hit, and as business grew, the team began distributing to other establishments. In 1996, KSBC purchased a greenhouse on Santa Fe Street in Pacific Beach and converted it into its main brewery. Last year, the company completed a major expansion and remodel of the brewery, adding a tasting room and increasing brewing capacity. In 2013, KSBC brewed about 60,000 barrels.

As the company expanded, brewery restaurants were added in La Jolla, Sorrento Mesa, Carlsbad, Costa Mesa, Universal City Walk and the newest locations in 4S Ranch and Temecula. The company recently began distributing in Northern California. KSBC was instrumental in securing San Diego’s spot as a national craft-brewing mecca and has since been joined by dozens of local powerhouse craft brewers.

The names of the company’s beers and label designs highlight San Diego’s iconic landmarks like Windansea Wheat hefeweizen and Red Trolley Ale, one of its trade mark beers. Originally brewed as a holiday beer, Red Trolley Ale has won multiple awards, including gold medals at the World Beer Cup and Great American Beer Festivals, competitions largely considered to be the “Olympics” of brewing.

An organization with a conscience, KSBC has supported many causes over the years, including throwing “Beach to Brewery” beer and music festivals benefiting the Surfrider Foundation. More than $100,000 was raised at these events to advance the mission of the clean-water advocacy group.

In addition to hosting a series of Brewmaster dinners to be held in the coming months, KSBC is commemorating its birthday milestone with a 25th Anniversary Dinner and beer release.

BREWING UP HISTORY Karl Strauss Brewing Company founders Chris Cramer and Matt Rattner, above, were inspired to start a microbrewery by a trip to Australia. The company’s namesake was Cramer’s cousin, Karl Strauss (below), who worked with Pabst Brewing Co. for 44 years.

Karl Strauss celebrates a quarter-century of brewing up local favorites

By LORALEE OLEJNIK

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MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL
• Each year the California League of Schools honors a few outstanding educators who have been nominated by their principal as Educator of the Year. Tracey Borg, Mission Bay High School IB psychology teacher, was selected as one of four high school educators of the year for San Diego Region 9 and honored at the annual dinner and awards ceremony on Jan. 23.
• For those interested in attending MBHS in 2014-15, applications are being accepted online or at the district office. The enrollment period runs through Feb. 15. Visit the enrollment options webpage for the application and other materials.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK >>

MISSION BAY CLUSTER
The next Mission Bay Cluster meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Mission Bay High School in the library. Come for updates on the Common Calendar, Common Core implementation, MBHS stadium and PBMS/YMCA updates. We will also be discussing cluster goals in relation to the LCCF (Local Control Funding Formula).

MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
The Seaside Farmers Market will host a rummage sale on Saturday, Feb. 15. Clear out your garage and closets and bring your items to the sale. Spots to sell your items are $10 per spot, and 100 percent of the profits will benefit MBHS. To reserve your spot(s), email Cori Meara at cmeara@scbglobal.net.

PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL
• PBMS tour — Thursday, Feb. 6, 8 to 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs media center. Check in at the front office. Visit sandi.net/pbmiddle for more information.

FIGHTING FOR SAFETY Firefighters from Pacific Beach Fire Station 21 visited Pacific Beach Elementary to talk about fire safety and demonstrate firefighting equipment.

MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL RESTAURANT WALK is right around the corner, taking place on Wednesday, March 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for kids ($5-10 years) and can be purchased at PB, PBMS and MBHS. The walk features more than 18 restaurants, displays of artwork by local students and music by the MBHS Preservationists, PB musicians and local duet Mad Colony.
• Save the date: April 26 is the School Yard Dash 5K Run. Lend your time and expertise to organize the event. Your sponsorship or contribution will help to provide enriching programs and supplies to our schools and is 100 percent tax deductible. Contact Kim Schoettle at kimschoettle@usd.com for more information.

MORE THAN A STORE — IT’S A COMMUNITY OF EDUCATORS
New principal brings a hands-on approach to Kate Sessions Elementary

As a grade schooler, were you scared to get summoned to the principal’s office? I know I was. However, at Kate Sessions Elementary, the new principal is changing all that — and a lot of other things — to make the highly regarded school in Pacific Beach even better.

Margaret Joseph was on vacation in France last summer when she picked up the phone at 2 a.m. and learned she was chosen to take over Kate Sessions Elementary. (It is an International Baccalaureate school.) After 30 years in education, she was so excited she cut her trip short to start right away — and she’s been going strong from day one.

Every morning Joseph is in front of the school greeting kids and parents on their way in and wishing them well on their way home. During the day, she spends a lot of her time in classrooms. “The myth is a principal sits in an office all day and deals with student issues. The truth is, I spend most of the day away from my desk observing teaching and learning,” said Joseph.

One of the things the new principal discovered is the need to bring technology and teaching together in a bigger way. “Kate Sessions will soon have Promethean boards and video projectors in every classroom, and all students will have access to iPads and computers,” she said.

When asked what she would do if money were no object, Joseph said she has a long list of innovative ideas. However, as is the case with most public schools, funds are always in short supply. That’s why the parents of Kate Sessions Elementary put on an annual auction to raise money for art, music, Spanish and library programs, all of which wouldn’t exist without fundraising. This year, the fundraiser is being held March 21 at the Soledad Club in La Jolla.

It’s fitting the school is named after Kate Sessions, a former educator and local leader who became famous for her work beautifying Balboa Park and other neighborhoods. Today, the school has a strong leader in Joseph, who exemplifies what a good principal can do for a school and a community, and dedicated parents who support her and the school by volunteering their time to raise money to give the best possible education to area kids.

If you or your company wants to make a tax-deductible donation of goods, services or talent to the annual auction to raise money for programs, email sessionsfundraising@gmail.com.

— Lee Silber is the best selling author of 19 books and attending Kate Sessions Elementary School. He is volunteering his time as the emcee of this year’s annual auction and his band is providing the music. www.leesilber.com

PB Town Council helps firefighters get cooking

Last year, the firefighters of Station 21 began a much-needed renovation of the station’s kitchen. Due to their very small budget, they were doing all of the work themselves. So, last summer, the Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) stepped in to help, by naming Station 21 the beneficiary of PAESAN, the Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night.

The Pacific Beach Woman’s Club, Mission Beach Women’s Club, Old Mission Bay Athletic Club and Mission Bay Rotary Club all worked with the PBTC to make the event fun and successful. With the community’s support and a generous donation from The Bahia Hotel, the PBTC raised $4,000 to help firefighters get cooking.

The PBTC purchased new dishes, utensils, glasswear, steak knives and mixing bowls for the station’s kitchen. It bought a beautiful industrial barbeque for the station’s patio and paid for the final coats of finish to be applied to the new cabinets and drawers. To finish up, the PBTC commissioned a local artist to create two pieces of art to brighten up the office and hallway. Once the makeover was finished, the firefighters hosted a thank-you luncheon for everyone involved.

The PBTC and the firefighters greatly appreciate the organizations involved and the many residents of Pacific Beach and the surrounding area for supporting PAESAN. The PBTC would also like to give a special thanks to The Bahia Hotel for its donation.

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FEB: 15: LOVE YOUR WETLANDS DAY

WHERE: Kendall Frost Marsh, Mission Bay, noon to 4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT: The Kendall Frost Marsh at the north end of Mission Bay is managed by the University of California Natural Reserve System. It is a protected environment – only authorized personnel are allowed in the area. The Love Your Wetlands event brings volunteers into the marsh to help clean up the area, as well as giving them a close-up view of what is not usually available. No experience is required; volunteers will be trained before they begin. For more information, visit saversocreek.org.

FEB: 7: PUPPY LOVE VALENTINE’S PARTY

WHERE: Bar West, 959 Homblend St., 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
HOW MUCH: $10
WHAT: Local nonprofit Furry Foster, in partnership with Philanthro San Diego, is hosting the event for animal lovers 21 and older. 50% of proceeds will benefit Furry Foster and Philanthro San Diego, helping save the lives of adoptable pets through the Foster 2 Forever program that matches shelter dogs and cats with available foster families. Donations also provide resources like daycare, training, food, and supplies to rescue foster programs. $10 ticket includes dinner & live music. All ticket proceeds will benefit Furry Foster, visit www.FurryFoster.com. For more information about Furry Foster, visit www.FurryFoster.com.

NEWSBRIEF >>

PACIFIC BEACH BANK ROBBER GETS 2 YEARS, 2015 PAROLE – A Pacific Beach bank robber who stole only $100 will be paroled on Jan. 29, 2015 after being sentenced to two years in federal prison.

The parole date for Roo-sevelt Bracks, 33, was recently revealed on a federal inmate locator website after Bracks was transferred to a Victorville medium-security prison.

Bracks entered the Wells Fargo Bank at 1302 Garnet Ave. at 9:15 a.m. on May 4 last year and presented a demand note to a teller. The note demanded $500 in $5 bills, but the teller only gave him $100.

“You have 60 seconds. This is for the homeless,” the note read.

Bracks was homeless at the time, his attorney wrote in court records. Bracks admitted he paid a homeless woman whom he did not know to call a cab for him before he robbed the bank.

The prosecutor had asked U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Cathy Benciven-go for a 57-month term while Bracks’ attorney sought an 18-month sentence. Bracks, who formerly worked in the grocery industry, pleaded guilty to bank robbery.

The teller alerted a bank security guard who ran out and talked to the taxi driver before he drove off. The guard detained Bracks while waiting for police. The woman who called the cab was never identified. The same bank was robbed the day before by a suspect in his 60s who was never identified.

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WHERE: Belmont Park
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT: Did you get married, pop the question or have an unforgettable date at Belmont Park? If so, the park wants to hear from you. On Feb. 1, Belmont Park launched a photo contest via Facebook and Instagram. Participants can post their favorite picture of themselves and their sweetheart at Belmont Park on Facebook or Instagram, or both through Feb. 14 to enter the Belmont Park Sweetheart Package. Include captions to tell the love story. To enter the contest, tag @BelmontParkSD and #BPSweethearts in your posting. Be sure to make your account public. Grand prize winner will receive the Belmont Park Sweetheart Package, which includes unlimited rides and attractions, $100 gift certificate to any of Belmont Park’s oceanfront restaurants and a one-night stay at Tower 23. For more information, visit Belmont-park.com.
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