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Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday

Partly Sunny

75°



Saturday

Partly Sunny

72°



Sunday

Partly Cloudy

72°



Mustangs Win Bay League Match



Bryce Miller threads the ball through Peninsula defense for the score. Miller was the high scorer for the game with three goals. Photo by Shelley Kemp, www.kemp.photorelect.com

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City to Host Global Warming Event

By Evan Ortega

Hundreds of people will form a waving human tide line on the strand Tuesday as part of an international campaign to prod world leaders into adopting serious measures to fight global warming. Manhattan Beach will be just one of roughly 1,900 locations across the world where people will participate in the International Day of Climate Action by holding various "350" events. The number refers to 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Some scientists say it's the maximum ratio allowable in the atmosphere for the earth to avoid permanent damage from global warming.

Joe Galliani, Chairman of the South Bay 350 Climate Action Group, said participants will form a human chain on the beach where it meets the strand. "We have recruited pilots of helicopters and planes and we anticipate getting news coverage," Galliani said. "When the moment comes at 3:50 in the afternoon, we will do the wave to demonstrate where the waves will be crashing if we don't take action."

Video of the event will eventually be displayed in New York City's Times Square. City Environmental Programs Manager Sona Kalapura noted that the demonstration is a great way to show the potential local impact of a global problem. "I think a lot of people have some trouble connecting global warming or climate change with how it might impact us here," she said. "But Manhattan Beach is a coastal community and residents are concerned about protecting the environment and the ocean...if people can connect climate change with sea level rise and you show them the impact that this is having on losing our beach, that sends a really powerful message."

Last month, the Manhattan Beach City Council unanimously approved a resolution to support the event. "The City of Manhattan Beach is getting involved in this event and is really actively participating," said Kalapura. "We are one of several cities that want to take this problem on and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, and this really highlights some

of the same goals that we're really after."

Galliani has been organizing the event since summer. He has been able to slowly grow the event, bringing together dozens of organizations from environmental non-profits like Heal the Bay and Greenpeace to schools, churches, businesses, and political organizations across Southern California. "In addition to rounding up the vast majority of the environmental community, we have a broad-based, diverse coalition of many organizations, groups and elected officials who have never worked together before," Galliani said.

Congresswoman Jane Harman has endorsed the event and the County Board of Supervisors declared Tuesday the International Day of Climate Action in the county. Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas, a Democrat, and Don Knabe, a Republican, have offered their

support. "It's across all spectrums; it doesn't seem to matter what party someone's in," Galliani said.

Kalapura explained the timing of the event was designed as a way to send a message to world leaders who will be traveling to Copenhagen, Denmark in December to craft a global climate change treaty. "We're really pushing this event as a way to make sure that our voice is heard and show that our community is supportive of really taking a supportive step toward climate action," Kalapura said.

Jenny Binstock, Southern California Field Organizer for Greenpeace, which is supporting the event, said the world has yet to take any significant action to solve the climate crisis. "It's a huge opportunity for leadership and America has largely been absent on this

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School District Hosts Press Luncheon

By Ryan Doolittle

On October 9, the Manhattan Beach Unified School District held a press luncheon in the District boardroom to familiarize local reporters with current staff, recent academic progress and growth, budgetary challenges, and expectations for the future. The luncheon was moderated by District Executive Director Educational Services and press liaison Carolyn Seaton and School Board President Nancy Hersman.

After running through a list of current Board members and administrative staff, Seaton reviewed the District's vision statement, which states: "The Vision of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District is to prepare our students to become good citizens, parents, workers, and leaders in the complex, rapidly changing world they

will inherit. They will develop strong self-discipline, interpersonal communication skills, personal values, social and civic responsibilities, and respect for nature and for others. They will be able to move beyond us, each prepared to earn a living, cultivate a dream, and make a difference." Seaton went on to share the District mission statement and to point out that the jigsaw puzzle of academic success can only fit together with the help of all the pieces - students, parents, staff, and the community.

The Manhattan Beach Unified School District is comprised of one high school, one middle school, five elementary schools, and one preschool. Mira Costa High has an enrollment of 2,418. Not

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