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POSEIDON WATER wants to build a seawater desalination plant next to the AES Huntington Beach Generating Station.

Poseidon's desalination plant plans are in choppy waters

BY BETTINA BOXALL

As Poseidon Water pursues the final government approvals needed to build one of the country's biggest seawater desalination plants, the company still cannot definitively say who will buy the 50 million gallons a day of drinking water it wants to produce on the Orange County coast.

That's one of several questions that continue to dog the \$1-billion Huntington Beach project as Poseidon tries to seal an iron-clad deal more than two decades after it first proposed the ocean desalter.

During two long days of online hearings last week, members of a regional board that is about to vote on a key Poseidon permit challenged proponents on a number of fronts.

They wondered whether Orange County needs the costly supply. They questioned the use of 17-year-old data in gauging the plant's potential harm to marine life. And they expressed doubts about whether Poseidon's wetland restoration plans meet state environmental requirements to offset that harm.

While it is doubtful that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board will deny the permit when it continues the hearing Friday at 9 a.m., the panel's skepticism could

Does Orange County really need all that expensive water from the proposed facility in Huntington Beach? A hearing resumes Friday.

further slow the much-delayed project. The private company faces still more hurdles at the California Coastal Commission, its next stop after the water board.

During its long quest for approval, Poseidon has cultivated political support with lobbying, campaign contributions and the lure of drought-proof water supplies. Its promise of several thousand construction jobs and new tax revenue has rallied labor support.

But environmental groups have consistently fought the company, arguing that it is privatizing a public resource and has failed to adapt an old proposal to new state ocean protections.

Backers have pitched ocean desalination as an inexhaustible, local supply for a region that imports much of its water from increasingly unreliable, distant sources. Yet the Huntington Beach project has been unable to shake criticisms that Poseidon is trying to fill a need that doesn't exist.

"How can you tell us you have an identified need for water when what you're going to do with it is entirely speculative?" regional water board member Daniel Selmi asked an official of the Orange County Water District, Poseidon's prospective customer.

Board vice-chair William von Blasingame previously raised similar concerns. "It looks like you guys kind of want to go out and see where you can find a home for this water. And it doesn't seem like you have a home," he said at a May workshop.

Need is one of the aspects that regional water boards are required under state law to consider when reviewing plans to construct desalination facilities on the California coast. It factors into the size and location of a project — and thus its impact on the marine environment.

During last week's hearing, von Blasingame expressed frustration that the Orange County agency has signed only a nonbinding term sheet to buy the plant's annual deliveries of 56,000 acre-feet of scrubbed seawater. (One acre-foot typically serves two to three Southern California households a year).

"This says you can walk away. ... It seems like you're giving yourself an out," he said.

District officials say they can't sign a final purchase agreement with Poseidon until they

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Semeta, Brenden choose not to run again

Huntington Beach will have a new City Council this fall as the two incumbents decide not to seek second terms.

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Huntington Beach voters will elect all fresh faces to the City Council this fall, as incumbents Lyn Semeta and Patrick Brenden have chosen not to seek second terms.

"I will have more to say in the coming months about what comes next, and am excited to pursue new opportunities where I can utilize the increased knowledge, experience, strength and resilience that this role has brought me," Semeta, this year's mayor, said in a Facebook announcement Thursday evening.

Semeta acknowledged that her year as mayor has been challenging with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Watching our residents and businesses suffer through devastating loss of income and empathizing with the collective fears and frustrations of the community has weighed on my shoulders because I care so deeply for this community," she wrote. "And yet, I am so honored to serve as Mayor during such a trying time. As I've said so many times this year, I would not have chosen this year and yet I feel my role is such an important one."

Semeta, a lawyer with a strong pro-business bend, has also served Huntington Beach as a member of the city Investment Advisory Board and the planning commission.

By day, Brenden is the chief executive of the Bolsa Chica Conservancy. He was also previously chair of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce. He did not immediately return a request for comment Thursday evening.

With Semeta and Brenden choosing to step down and Coun-

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Fountain Valley hospital union calls for a vote of no confidence in CEO

PROTESTERS

rally for better personal protective equipment outside Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center on Thursday.



BY SARA CARDINE

Frontline workers at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital — where one nurse who treated COVID-19 patients reportedly died and several employees have been infected by or exposed to the coronavirus — are calling for a vote of no confidence in CEO Kenneth McFarland.

Surveyors with the California Department of Public Health are investigating the 293-bed facility after the National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW) filed a July 1 complaint alleging unsafe working conditions and an im-

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Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

ONE MEDICAL, a primary care provider, opened an office at Pacific City in Huntington Beach. The company provides COVID-19 testing.

One Medical opens office in H.B. as O.C. reports record of 32 COVID-19 deaths

BY MATT SZABO

Orange County reported 32 new deaths from COVID-19 on Thursday, according to figures released by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

The 32 deaths, which includes five skilled nursing facility residents and three assisted living facility residents, represents a single-day high for the county during the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous one-day record was 31 deaths on Saturday.

Orange County's COVID-19-related death toll during the pandemic now stands at 697.

Another option in regard to testing was recently offered for local residents, as One Medical opened an office in Huntington Beach on July 29. The office is at 21034 Pacific Coast Highway, Level 2, Suite C230, in Pacific City.

The primary care provider, part of an emerging trend called concierge medicine, is doing both coronavirus PCR testing and antibody testing. Members pay a \$199 annual fee and gain greater access to primary care physicians in typically smaller

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YouTube stars charged in connection with 'bank robbery' prank in Irvine

BY HILLARY DAVIS

A pair of Irvine twin brothers with a popular YouTube channel showing them pranking friends and strangers are facing charges of false imprisonment and "swatting" after allegedly trying to convince bystanders — with more success than they anticipated — that they were bank robbers on the run.

The resulting video by Alan and Alex Stokes garnered close to 1.5 million views and probably a few laughs — but not from the Irvine police officers or Orange County prosecutors who investi-



Screenshot by Hillary Davis

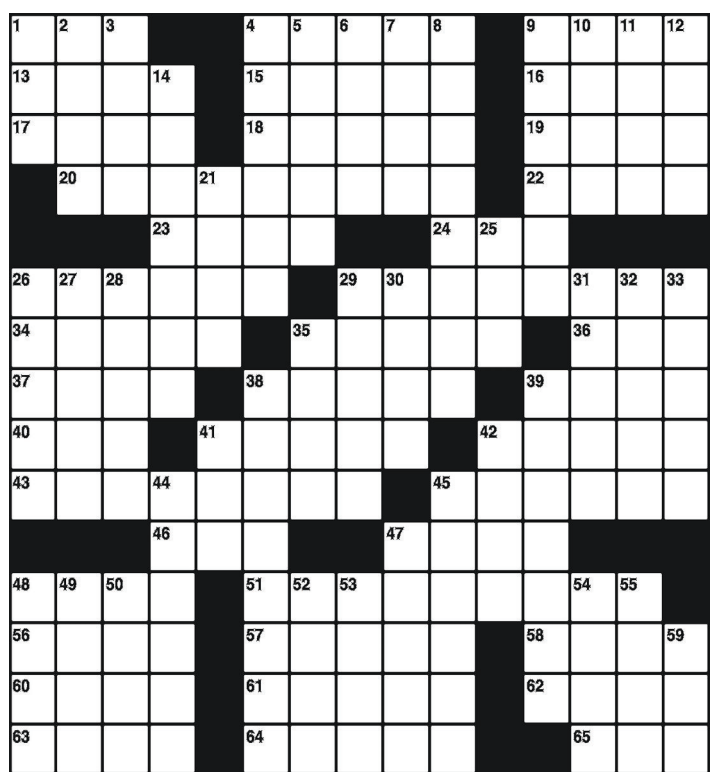
ALAN AND ALEX STOKES in their "bank robbery" video, filmed in Irvine and posted in October. The twin brothers each face charges.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

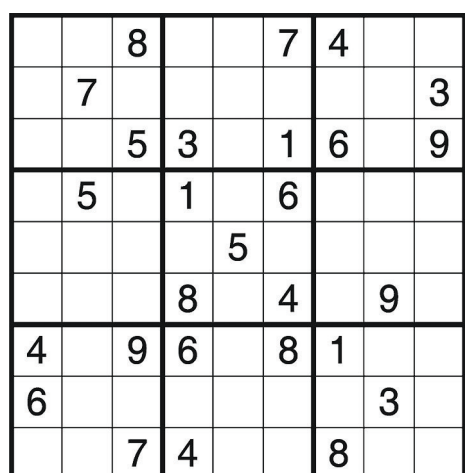
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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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 44 Pay hikes
 45 Actress Jacqueline
 47 Rate of speed, in music
 48 Household pests
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 50 Adhesive
 52 "Old King _"
 53 Chicken's home
 54 Have a strong odor
 55 Ivy League school
 59 Two _; like most toilet paper
- Tribune Media Services

55, 405 freeway connectors closing through the weekend

The 55 Freeway connectors to the 405 will be closed this weekend for pavement work, and the work will impact the drive time to John Wayne Airport, so travelers should plan accordingly. Caltrans announced both the southbound and north-

bound 55 connectors will close at 10 p.m. Friday and reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday. The northbound detour sends motorists to the MacArthur Boulevard exit, then southbound on MacArthur and left to the 405 south-

bound onramp. The southbound detour goes to the northbound 405 Bristol Street exit, left onto Bristol and then right onto the southbound 405 onramp. Keep up to date at twitter.com/caltransoc.
 —Hillary Davis

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proper response to concerns of employees' repeated exposure to the virus. "The hospital has failed to develop and implement effective infection control procedures and practices in order to reduce the risk of the transmission of [SARS-CoV-2], the virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19," the complaint stated. The document further alleges the facility violates portions of California Code that outline requirements for hospitals and states employees should receive appropriate training on infection control policies and procedures. In a demonstration Thursday outside the hospital's emergency department, NUHW representatives urged their 734 members to vote and voice their concerns about administrators they say aren't doing enough to protect patients and staff.

"We are asking Fountain Valley staff to vote no confidence in the administration because we believe they will not go above the bare minimum," operating room employee and union shop steward Ron Rosano said to a crowd of about 50. "They must work to earn the trust and the respect of the front-line caregivers." Employees say they have collectively and individually contacted hospital leadership about the lack of proper virus testing and

contact tracing following incidents of exposure. In a survey conducted by NUHW, 93% of employee respondents said they did not believe the hospital was doing enough to keep patients safe from infection, while 75% said they have been required to treat infected and uninfected patients while wearing the same personal protective equipment. On Thursday, Orange County reported 32 new coronavirus deaths, a single-day record that brings the countywide death total to 697. Employees at Thursday's demonstration said the hospital will not test employees who do not exhibit symptoms, even when

they've come into contact with patients and co-workers who soon after tested positive for the virus. Josh Jesus, a CT Tech in the radiology department, said a colleague was infected and hospitalized with COVID-19 in late June. When employees who'd worked with the man requested testing, they were sent home to self-quarantine and given a list of Orange County testing sites. "We asked for (onsite) testing, and they said, 'What if all 500 employees came in one day?'" Jesus said. "What about testing people who just got exposed? That's why we're heading down this path —

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PRANK

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gated, or the Uber driver who police reportedly held at gunpoint thinking he was involved in a real robbery. The Stokes brothers, 23, have each been charged with one felony count of false imprisonment and one misdemeanor count of falsely reporting an emergency in connection with the Oct. 15, 2019, pranks, the Orange County district attorney's office said Wednesday. They each face a maximum sentence of four years in state prison if convicted on all counts. In a since-hidden 10-minute video, the brothers, dressed in all black and their identical faces obscured with ski masks, dart around the UC Irvine campus and take stumbling pratfalls as "money" spills out of a duffel bag. With a videographer nearby capturing their performances, the pair also approach bystanders asking them for directions to the

closest bank "to make, like, a large withdrawal, if you know what I mean," to be decoys or offering to split their "spoils." One scene in the video showed the men getting into an Uber car. The driver was unaware of the prank but was immediately wary and told the men to get out of his vehicle. But according to the D.A., a bystander called the police thinking the brothers were real bank robbers and carjackers. Irvine police responded and ordered the driver out at gunpoint. He was released after police determined he was not involved in the hoax. "We've had the police called on us, like, all day," one twin said to a laughing group on the UCI campus. Then he recounted the Uber driver's predicament. "Poor guy." Police warned the brothers that the stunt was dangerous and let them go too. Then later that day, the pair resumed filming, leading to more calls to police, prosecutors said.

"These were not pranks," District Atty. Todd Spitzer said in a statement. "These are crimes that could have resulted in someone getting seriously injured or even killed. Law enforcement officers are sworn to protect the public and when someone calls 911 to report an active bank robbery they are going to respond to protect lives. Instead, what they found was some kind of twisted attempt to gain more popularity on the internet by unnecessarily putting members of the public and police officers in danger." The brothers have posted more than 80 videos on their Stokes Twins channel, which has 4.8 million followers. Their other exploits, captured alongside the reactions of strangers, include one dressing in an inmate's jumpsuit costume and pulling into drive-throughs with the other in the passenger seat dressed as a police officer with duct tape over his mouth, and passing gas and doing backflips in front of unsuspecting

shoppers at Target. The video that led to the criminal charges, titled "BANK ROBBER PRANK! (gone wrong)," shows the brothers' interactions with police. One twin said he didn't expect the police response and most people laugh at their antics. "Think about it," an officer responded. "You've gotta be smarter than that man, you know better.. What do you think people are gonna do?" Neither of the twins spent time in Orange County jail, according to sheriff's department records, and it was not immediately clear if they have hired an attorney. They could not immediately be reached for comment. In a prologue to the bank robber prank video, the twins asked viewers to give them "100,000 likes, because we're literally risking our lives doing this video." It got 70,000. hillary.davis@latimes.com Twitter: @dailypilot_hd

**CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
 NOTICE INVITING BIDS
 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF**

**ZONE 1A, 10A AND 11A STREET SLURRY SEAL AND REHABILITATION
 (CIP NO. 20-9856)**

N-1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids with online bid price submittal will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for furnishing all labor services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, utilities, and all other items and facilities necessary therefore, as provided in the contract documents for the **ZONE 1A, 10A AND 11A STREET SLURRY SEAL AND REHABILITATION (CIP NO. 20-9856)**, together with appendances thereto, in accordance with the specifications on file at the Office of the City Engineer of the City of Laguna Beach, located at 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California.

N-2 DATE OF OPENING BIDS: Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-12, B-15 through B-23) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system in accordance with the instructions beginning on page B-13 no later than **2:00 p.m. on August 20, 2020**, after which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Office of the City Engineer of the City of Laguna Beach, located at 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California, 92651. No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.

N-3 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: In general, the work comprises of mobilization, clearing & grubbing, sawcut, removal and reconstruction of A.C. pavement, grind and overlay, removal and replacement of A.C. berms and curbs, Caltrans traffic loop replacement, weed killing and crack sealing, application of Type I slurry seal, traffic control, storm water pollution prevention, pavement striping and markings, utility adjustments, and other miscellaneous improvements as required to complete the contemplated scope of work in the Woods Cove, Diamond-Crestview and Hobo Canyon neighborhoods in the City of Laguna Beach.

N-4 AWARD OF CONTRACT: (a) The City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and reject all other bids, as it may best serve the interest of the City. (b) As a condition of award, the successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

N-5 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: All work is to be completed in a total of **45 (forty-five)** working days, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be **September 24, 2020**. Slurry work is to be completed prior to **November 13, 2020**. Liquidated damages shall be \$2,000 per calendar day.

N-6 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: The Contractor shall possess a valid **Class A, General Engineering, or C-12, Earthwork and Paving** Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Profession's Code.

N-7 WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations are available on the Internet at the World Wide Web site of the State Department of Industrial Relations at www.dir.ca.gov under Statistics and Research. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

N-8 RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS: The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the Contract Documents from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payments by the City, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

N-9 OBTAINING OR INSPECTING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents, in digital Adobe Acrobat (.PDF) format, are available at the City of Laguna Beach's website at <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/bidinfo/default.htm>. Click on the "**Click here to access the City of Laguna Beach PlanetBids portal**". If you are not currently registered with the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the "New Vendor Registration" button and then complete the electronic supplier registration process, including selecting Category Code(s) describing the goods and/or services you provide, as well as entering your Contractors State License information. After registering your firm, click on the "Bid Opportunities" button to view and download the Bid Documents. Interested firms must be registered on the City's website and download the Bid Documents in order to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to download any and all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

N-10 REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 (with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)). No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH /s/ Mark Trestik, City Engineer
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HUNTINGTON BEACH MAYOR
Lyn Semeta parades down Main Street at the 2019 Light of Love event.



Photo by Spencer Grant

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cilwoman Jill Hardy terming out this year, the three available spots on the November ballot are open to the 12 challengers who have filed to run so far. The deadline for candidates to file paperwork is Aug. 12.

City Council members are chosen at large in Huntington Beach, and the mayoral position rotates annually. Hardy, Semeta and Brenden placed first, second

and third in the 2016 race.

As Semeta's tenure winds down, "I assure you my dedication and devotion to that task will remain as strong as ever. My gratitude to all of you who have expressed support, encouragement and appreciation is immense. It will take all of us working together to get through this and I am confident we will come out stronger on the other side."

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settings than traditional healthcare, as well as on-demand virtual care through a mobile app.

One Medical also opened its first Orange County office in Irvine on July 6 and has more than 85 offices in large markets across the United States. In Orange County, it is partnered with specialty care services through Providence/Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian.

The company is offering complimentary 30-day memberships to anyone with COVID-19 concerns during the pandemic using the code GETCARE30, said Dr. Natasha Bhuyan, West Coast regional medical director for One Medical.

Overall, Orange County reported 580 new positive tests for the coronavirus Thursday, bringing the county to 38,711 cumulative cases. There were 3,330 daily PCR tests received, and 448,087 total tests have now been issued.

There are currently 517 hospitalizations due to the virus, with 171 of those patients in intensive care units.

"Widespread testing is one of those key public health pillars in fighting and being able to control the pandemic in the long run," Bhuyan said.

"Certainly people who have active symptoms, we want to prioritize those people, but I think we are also aware that about 40% of cases might be spreading from people who are asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic. They might have a high risk of exposure; they might live with somebody who is positive for COVID. Those people need access to testing as well ... and the other people who are at high risk are essential workers. You think about people in grocery stores and food services, and they're continually potentially being exposed."

Bhuyan said that One Medical offers an advantage in that because it's also a primary care platform, it can offer guidance beyond the test.

"There's a lot of short-term and long-term effects," she said. "Some people, their symptoms are mild, but some people might have a fever for eight days, or a headache or diarrhea. I think it's not just important that we test, but it's important that we're able to manage the results of that test. The other piece, too, is there's some people who have symptoms, but they test negative. Now we can manage, maybe your symptoms are due to asthma or maybe your symptoms are due to something else, and let's manage that condition as well."

Dr. Michael Lee is the Orange County district medical director for One Medical.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities:

- Santa Ana: 7,390 cases; 188 deaths
- Anaheim: 6,615 cases; 167 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 1,740 cases; 49 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,266 cases; 12 deaths
- Irvine: 1,212 cases; 10 deaths
- Newport Beach: 902 cases; 11 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 370 cases; 10 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 138 cases; fewer than five deaths.

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we have zero confidence they're doing everything they can to protect employees and patients."

Staff say patients are not tested upon arrival if they do not present symptoms. Union members have requested all newly admitted patients and employees who have been exposed to the virus be tested onsite. They are also asking that all patients wear facial coverings.

Barbara Lewis, NUHW's Southern California hospital division director, who helped draft the July 1 complaint, said the state Department of Public Health opened an investigation

into Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center the following day.

Surveyors made multiple visits to the facility late last month and conducted closed-door interviews with employees and administrators, Lewis said. Before those visits, COVID-19 patients were being seen in several different units of the facility, potentially exposing uninfected patients. Now they are being treated in a unit cordoned off from the general population.

"That is major progress, and it happened because of the complaint our members filed," Lewis said. "We had been meeting with management since mid-March, and this was one of

our key issues, but management would not make the changes."

Lewis said one nurse who worked in a unit treating COVID-19 patients became infected and died on June 5. The complaint indicated "nearly a dozen" employees had tested positive so far, but exact numbers are unknown and are not being reported by administrators.

McFarland's office declined a request for an interview, responding instead with a statement in which it stated the facility is following guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We worked collaboratively with the surveyors

and quickly implemented some changes to address the issues they raised," the statement said. "While we value all of our employees who are represented by the NUHW, we are disappointed that the union is taking this action."

COVID-19-positive patients may be kept in the same unit as uninfected patients, the statement continued, but are placed in separate rooms with closed doors and posted signage. As a further precaution, infection control personnel are ensuring personal protective equipment is being worn and discarded in a safe manner.

Jennifer Carter, a telemetry nurse at Fountain Valley Regional for the past 25 years, came to Thursday's demonstration as a show of support, though she and

fellow nurses are not represented by NUHW but by the United Nurses Association of California.

She said she knows five employees from different units who've tested positive for the virus and described the COVID-19-unit nurse who died in June as an older individual at high risk of infection who was "on a ventilator for quite a while."

"There's a lot of fear — of getting COVID-19, bringing it home to family, giving it to patients," Carter said of employees' desire for more testing. "Every patient who comes into the emergency room should be tested. If they leave our ER, but they're asymptomatic, they're going to go out and spread it."

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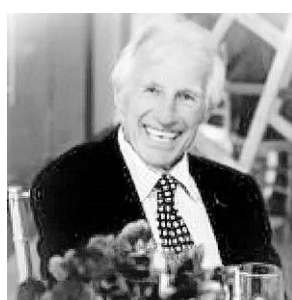
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Lawrence Erwin Klein

1933 - 2020

Lawrence Erwin Klein, aka Poppy, died peacefully on July 17, 2020 from COVID-19. He was 86 years old.

Larry was born in Brooklyn on July 24, 1933 and quickly moved to Texas where he acquired his signature southern drawl. Growing up in the hardscrabble Jewish section of South Dallas, Larry was determined to make something of himself after his father died before his thirteenth birthday.

Larry attended UT-Austin where he played on the football team. After setbacks and considering dropping out of college, Larry applied the work ethic he learned as an athlete to his academics and graduated in 1955. Soon after, he fell in love with Carla Jean Langert and they married in 1957.

Working as a physical therapist, Larry developed an interest in medicine. With three toddlers at home, he enrolled at UT-Southwestern Medical School and graduated at the top of his class in 1965. As a resident at Parkland Memorial Hospital, he was the first medical professional to take care of President John F. Kennedy after he was shot on November 22, 1963.

After medical school, Larry served as a naval officer in Long Beach, California. In 1969, he moved his family to Newport Beach and welcomed a fourth child. In private practice as an Ob/Gyn at Hoag Hospital, Larry delivered more than 5,000 babies during his 40-year career. He was admired for his intelligence, charm and easy-going bedside manner. After his retirement in 2004, Larry was often chased down by colleagues and adoring former patients.

Larry spent his free time at the gym, playing tennis, skiing and left his mark telling naughty jokes. He loved reading biographies, listening to Johnny Cash, and solving crossword puzzles. Larry relished gnawing on a juicy T-bone, drinking fine wine and espressos, and hollering at the TV when his Longhorns or Cowboys fumbled.

He visited his family in NYC and the Berkshires often and enjoyed taking his grandkids for ice cream, then trying to sneak a taste. These shenanigans inspired a story he co-wrote with his youngest grandchild, "Don't Let Poppy Hold Your Ice Cream."

Larry passed away peacefully with his daughter, Stacy, by his side. The family thanks the team at Hoag Hospital for his care, especially Larry's dear friend, Dr. Joe Riggio.

Larry was predeceased by his wife in 2012. He is survived by his children: Glenna Klein, Stacy Yeany, Scott Klein, and Kerri Bernstein; his son-in-law: Ron Bernstein; and his grandchildren: Austin Yeany, Hayden Yeany, Kelby Klein, McKenna Klein, Zachary Bernstein, and Sophie Bernstein.

A celebration of life event is currently unsafe, so please honor Larry by opening an elegant Pinot Noir or re-telling one of his jokes! He would want all of us to enjoy life to the fullest -- as he did.

In his memory, please consider a donation to CureJM (www.curejm.org), an organization searching for a cure to the rare autoimmune disease which has afflicted his youngest grandchild.

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