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Organizers look ahead to next year's O.C. Fair

BY DAILY PILOT STAFF

As locals make plans for ringing in the new year, organizers of the Orange County Fair have already begun preparations for the 2024 annual spectacular, which will be themed "Always a Good Time."

The new theme and dates — mark your 2024 calendars for July 19 through Aug. 18 — were recently released on the OC Fair & Event Center's website.

Executive Director Michele Richards is expected to share more details on the upcoming festivities during a Jan. 25 board meeting, including this year's competition deadlines and details on daily hours of operation as well as parking and admission

rates.

Last year, the event brought 1,048,181 visitors to the Costa Mesa fairgrounds, where more than 3,700 exhibitors submitted 18,725 competition entries, and fairgoers enjoyed a whopping 2.3 million carnival rides.

As in recent years, advance ticket purchase will be required as organizers will limit daily attendance. Last year, 12 days of the fair's 23-day run were completely sold out.

Tickets will be available for purchase in early 2024. For more information, visit ocfair.com.

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PEOPLE ENJOY a Sunday at the Orange County Fair in 2021. Organizers recently announced the 2024 fair, themed "Always a Good Time," will take place July 14 through Aug. 13.

Jason Armond
Los Angeles Times

DJ Jim 'Poorman' Trenton and fans to ring in 2024

Listeners can hear the radio icon and guests mark the New Year on KOCI or watch their marathon on Facebook.

BY SARA CARDINE

While Orange County denizens make plans to count down the final seconds of 2023, one local disc jockey and his band of followers will take over the airwaves in a 28-hour marathon fast becoming its own New Year's Eve tradition.

Jim "Poorman" Trenton — whose daily radio show "Poorman's Morning Rush" encourages listeners to call in to Newport Beach-based KOCI (101.5 FM) with song requests from practically any era or musical genre — will go live at 9 a.m. Sunday and broadcast straight through to 1:30 p.m. on New Year's Day.

The Newport Beach resident developed the concept in 2020, when COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns precluded most holiday plans and parties. The effort quickly amassed interest as sponsors and listeners signed up to guest host one-hour time slots.

"Back in the old days, you'd hear stories of a deejay locking himself inside a control room and taking over the station because no one could get to the controls to take him off the air," Trenton said of the concept.

"I thought it would be great to do a marathon shift, sort of an Iron Man Ultimate New Year's party. Every year [since] it's been about 28 hours, and every year I wonder if I'm able to do it again."

Now in its fourth year, the marathon broadcast will not only air on the radio but will also be livestreamed on Trenton's Facebook page, at facebook.com/jim.p.trenton, for those who would like to see all the "guests,



Courtesy of Jim Trenton

NEWPORT BEACH resident and radio host Jim "Poorman" Trenton hosts a morning show on KOCI that will feature a 28-hour marathon with local guest hosts and sponsors to ring in the new year.

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File Photo

A DISCARDED Christmas tree awaits pick-up along Columbia Drive in Costa Mesa last December.

Coast cities set up plans for tree recycling

Each waste collection agency has different dates and options for local residents to discard their Christmas trees.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

With Christmas in the rearview mirror, locals may be wondering how and where to get rid of their natural trees this year as the New Year and official end of the holiday season approach. Some, though not all, waste agencies have already begun to collect and recycle them.

For tree disposal, agencies are asking for them to be stripped of all ornaments, lights and stands. Trees should not be put into plastic bags, and most trees taller than 6 feet will be asked to be cut down to half their height.

Flocked trees cannot be recycled.

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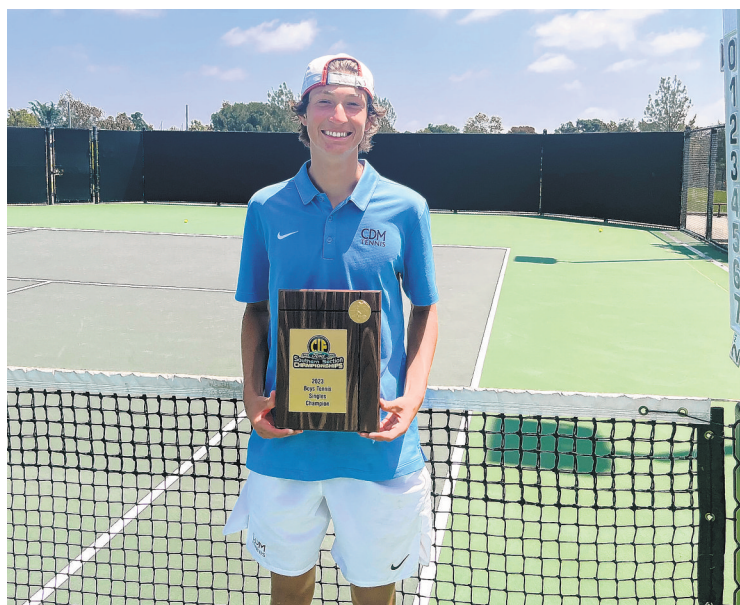
The Costa Mesa Sanitary District will begin collecting trees after the New Year, beginning on Jan. 2. Residents will have until Jan. 16 to dispose of their trees, which will be collected as part of regular weekly trash collection. The agency is asking that trees be placed next to trash carts.

The trees will be recycled into

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YEAR IN REVIEW

The Daily Pilot's Top 10 sports stories of 2023



Matt Szabo

CDM JUNIOR Niels Hoffmann won the CIF Individuals boys' tennis singles title without dropping a set.

BY ANDREW TURNER AND MATT SZABO

Local schools competed to the best of their abilities and against top-tier competition across all sports in the past year.

The Daily Pilot thanks the athletes, coaches, parents and school communities for allowing us to chronicle the accomplishments of these area programs.

It is time to look back on some of the memorable moments in sports of 2023:

CDM'S NIELS HOFFMANN REIGNS SUPREME IN BOYS' TENNIS

Corona del Mar's Niels Hoffmann capped a junior season to remember by winning the CIF Southern Section Individuals boys' tennis title, not dropping a set in the process.

Hoffmann, a USC commit, joined his older brother, Bjorn,

as CIF Individuals champions, becoming the first brothers to accomplish the feat since Rick and Jon Leach of Laguna Beach in the 1980s.

Hoffmann and fellow junior Jack Cross, a Cal Poly San Luis Obispo commit, were key in helping the Sea Kings advance to the CIF Southern Section Open Division and CIF/USTA Southern California Regional title matches.

The Sea Kings graduated no senior starters and are expected to field another strong team in 2024.

NEWPORT HARBOR BOYS' VOLLEYBALL REPEATS AS CIF CHAMPIONS

Newport Harbor won its sixth section championship overall, a remarkable feat on its own.

Dig a little deeper to find out

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ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



Matt Gush

THE CROWD: GALA EVENTS CELEBRATE SEGERSTROM CENTER, SOUTH COAST REP
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Courtesy of Jim Trenton

LOCAL RADIO LISTENER Zorawar "Captain Z" Clark, 6, center, with host Jim "Poorman" Trenton, left, and dad Jack Clark.

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theorizing and catastrophes" live.

Thursday afternoon found the deejay resting his vocal chords at the recommendation of a "voice doctor" he visited after emceeding a loud KOCI Christmas party the week before. He and wife Amie McRory Trenton were pinning down the details of the final run-down, which, it turns out, is no small task.

"He works on this so hard, it's mind blowing," McRory Trenton said of the marathon. "But it's absolutely worth it, because it makes a great show. My only concern is his health and the voice issues."

While most of Poorman's New Year's Eve cohorts have taken up the mike for previous marathons — including interviews and songs from local nonprofit Tilly's Life Center (Sunday, from 10 to 11 a.m.) and on-the-spot legal advice from traffic ticket attorney Alan Bayliss (7 to 8 p.m.) — others are new to radio, so may require a little assistance.

"Every hour, someone comes in who's never done a radio show before, so I have to stay focused the entire time," Trenton said, adding that the threat of steep Federal Communications Commission fines can be a bracing wind when eyelids start to droop.

"You have to stay laser focused."

Poorman's day-into-night-into-morning watch may be further complicated by the celebrating some may do during segments such as "Liz and Reb's Wined Down Hours Show" and "Lushline," a show hosted by Costa Mesa's Hi-Time Wine Cellars (11 p.m.) that welcomes calls from "the drunkiest partiers in America" and takes its name from the call-in show "Loveline" Trenton co-founded in the '80s while at Los Angeles-based KROQ-FM.

By and large, however, most hosts stick to their scripts, helping the marathon run like clockwork, from Captain NASCAR and Racer Tate's racing-related "Anti-Drive Hour" at 2 a.m. to Big Al Who Does Not Live in His Car at 5 a.m.

On Sunday, two back-to-back shows will take listeners from one of Poorman's youngest fans—6-year-old Zorawar "Captain Z" Clark, who takes over at 1 p.m. — to Huntington Beach resident Geroge "Woody" Woodruff who, at 92, is planning a multigenerational lineup of songs to play with son-in-law Ken Sanford, 75, and grandson McAnn Sanford, 32.

"Ken, of course, is a big fan. He got me started and I can't stop," Woodruff said Thursday. "Basically, I'm blind. Why watch TV? So, I listen to the radio."

Maybe it's the esoteric mix of young and old, serious and silly that makes the New Year's show so popular. Whatever it is, it's radio gold.

"It's going to be a fascinating listen," Trenton assured. "You're going to hear radio like you've never heard before."

The broadcast can be heard on the radio station itself or at kociradio.com. It can also be streamed live on Trenton's Facebook page, on Alexa or via the Smart Radio app.

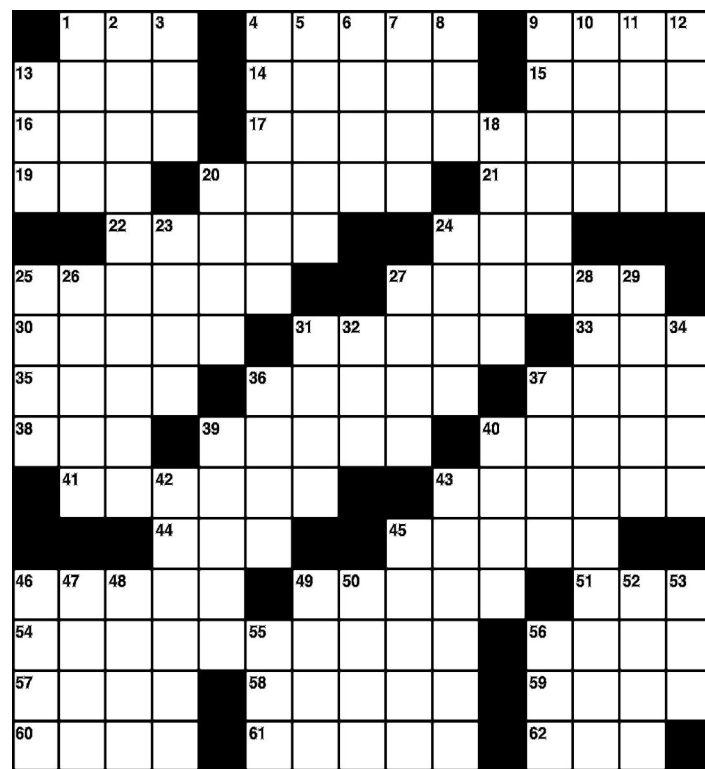
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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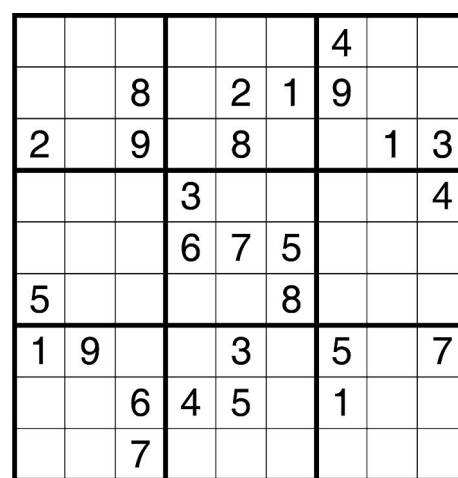
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- 56 Locked box
- 57 Mom's sister
- 58 Tango or twist
- 59 Shoelace problem
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- 61 Playful swimmer
- 62 Common contraction



SUDOKU

By the Mephram 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.

DOWN

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- 8 Use a lever
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- 13 Calendar page
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- 23 Curtain holders
- 24 Bucket
- 25 Now and _; occasionally
- 26 Refuge
- 27 Precious metal
- 28 Resident
- 29 Diagram
- 31 Filled with wonder
- 32 By way of
- 34 Can tops
- 36 Get rid of
- 37 Sightseeing trip
- 39 Alter to make fit
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- 42 Royal decrees
- 43 Peril
- 45 _ pie
- 46 Unwanted email
- 47 Factual
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California State Parks seasonal lifeguard Sierra Fockler discovered a 14-inch Pacific football fish around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, near the lifeguard station located at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. It's the second such case of the fish washing ashore over the last three years. (Courtesy of California State Parks)

Good morning. It's Wednesday, Oct. 25. I'm Carol Cormaci, bringing you this week's [TimesOC newsletter](#) with a look at the latest local news and events.

Watch where you're stepping on O.C.'s famed sands, because you may encounter a rare specimen of marine life. One, in fact, that has very sharp teeth.

That's what happened on a recent afternoon to lifeguard Sierra Fockler, who found a spooky-looking black angler fish, specifically a Pacific football fish, while she was walking near the lifeguard headquarters building on Moro Beach, located within Crystal Cove State Park.

THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

Gala events celebrate Segerstrom Center for the Arts, South Coast Repertory Theatre

The year closes with the coverage of two stellar events representing the core culture of the O.C.

As tradition dictates, the first Friday in December beckoned the crowd in support of Segerstrom Center for the Arts to the 49th annual Candlelight Concert. Referred to as the "signature" event of the year for the performing arts center, the evening featuring headliner Michael Bubl  in concert raised \$5.3 million in support of nonprofit artistic, educational and broad cultural community initiatives.



The Bubl  performance embodied the philosophical outreach to community culture. For the first time in the venue's history, Bubl  held a vocal masterclass prior to the show, inviting talented aspiring high school youth to participate in the very special and intimate concert via video.

"This extraordinary opportunity brought together the brilliance of Bubl 's performance and his dedication to nurturing the next generation, aligning with Center initiatives," stated Carla Cruz, senior director of communications for Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

The glamorous party, co-chaired by Sam Tang and Molly Jolly with major support from the chairwoman of the center's board of directors, Jane Fujishige Yada and Center president Casey Reitz, began with a grand welcome reception followed by the Bubl  performance. A formal seated dinner followed served on the Segerstrom stage, with



CENTER PRESIDENT Casey Reitz joins Molly Jolly, Jane Fujishige Yoda and Sam Tang at the Candlelight Concert raising \$5.3 million for Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

tributes, nostalgia and toasts galore.

Designer Tom Bercu created a jaw-dropping and sophisticated nightclub setting for guests to enjoy a four-course dining experience curated by Chef Alfonso Ramirez of the Patina Restaurant Group. With dessert served, band VIVA had guests dancing.

As the Cinderella hour approached, the party moved to the plaza lobby level for coffee, conversation and congratulations for a spectacular holiday celebration. VIP guests in attendance included Elizabeth Segerstrom, Sandy Segerstrom Daniels, former board chairman Larry Higby and Dee Higby, Betty and S.L. Huang, and Gail and Richard Gates. Also attending were Loreal Spenuzza and Jay Paul Spenuzza, Keith and Mara Murray, Lisa Bhathal

Merage and Richard Merage, Sophia Hamidi and Vaughn Vogel.

'PLAY ON' GALA SUPPORTS SOUTH COAST REPERTORY

South Coast Repertory Theatre saluted its 60th season on the Orange Coast with an annual gala billed as "Play On!" this fall.

Organizers invited guests to the event wearing "creative black tie" joining together at an opening reception held on Ela's Terrace. Greeted with hugs and salutation by Artistic Director David Ivers and Managing Director Paula Tomei, special arriving guests included SCR founders David Emmes and Martin Benson, SCR board president Talya Nevo-Hacohen, and longtime SCR advocates Sophie Cripe, Samuel Tang and Tom Sutton. Also attend-

ing were Socorro Vasquez, Catherine Thyen, Hal Landon Jr., Richard Doyle and John-David Keller.

The crowd delighted in the party, chaired by Adrian and Kristen Griggs. Gala committee members included the wonderful Wendy Hales, Michael Hards, Miriam Khosravi, Bill Schenker and Stacey Nicholas, to name only a few.

Also in the mix was Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley presenting Ivers and Tomei with a surprise \$60,000 grant for the theater, along with a county proclamation honoring 60 years in O.C. Headlining the event was Hershey Felder, delivering a sneak peek performance of "George Gershwin Alone," set to be on the SCR stage Jan. 18 through Jan. 28. His gala perform-



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR David Ivers, co-founder Martin Benson, Managing Director Paula Tomei and co-founder David Emmes join together at the South Coast Repertory gala.



SCR BOARD President Talya Nevo-Hacohen speaks at the South Coast Repertory gala.

ance on the Julianne Argros Stage took the crowd on a romp through 100 years of music from the Great American Songbook. From Gershwin to Berlin, Kern to Rogers and Hammerstein, the audience was in the palm of Felder's artistic hands.

Following the show, dinner was served across the plaza at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel. Westin Executive Chef Antonio De La Torre accepted accolades from the crowd for an exceptional three-course menu that was original and inventive. His first course salad featured a stacked tomato and mozzarella tower with pesto sauce, pink Hawaiian

sea salt, and a chiffonade of basil and balsamic reduction. That was just the beginning of culinary surprises.

Major support for SCR also came from South Coast Plaza, Apriem Advisors, Argros Family Foundation, Elizabeth Segerstrom, Sandy Segerstrom Daniels, Samuel and Tammy Tang, Steve and Laurie Duncan among others. By evening's end, \$367,000 had been raised.

To learn more about SCR, and its upcoming productions, visit scr.org.

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how truly special this one was. Newport Harbor refused to stand down, winning back-to-back CIF titles for the first time in program history.

That distinction belongs to a group led by Luca Curci (UCLA) and Jake Read (Loyola-Chicago), who were key pin hitters for the Sailors in those seasons.

Newport Harbor swept Corona del Mar 25-19, 25-22, 25-18 in the Division I final at Cerritos College. The Sailors, who have appeared in the CIF finals in five consecutive seasons, are now 2-2 all-time against the crosstown rival Sea Kings in section championship matches.



PACIFICA CHRISTIAN Orange County boys' basketball coach Jeff Berokoff, second from left, displays the CIF runner-up trophy at Golden 1 Center in Sacramento.

Marina girls' basketball programs.

While neither saw their season end in victory at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento, both fought valiantly to reach the state finals.

Pacifica Christian did so as the No. 9 seed, earning

three road victories, including a 52-51 win at Orange Lutheran in the Division II regional final.

Marina's regional playoff run included a 49-33 win at Cerritos Gahr, a result that was surely sweet for the Vikings after the Gladiators edged them 39-38 in the

CIF Southern Section Division 5AA semifinals.

FIVE LOCAL WRESTLERS BRING HOME STATE TITLES

As the Fountain Valley wrestling program became

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renewable natural gas that CR&R uses to power its fleet and compost that will be distributed to residents during its annual compost giveaway event, according to the Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY

Christmas tree collection has already begun in Fountain Valley, and Republic Services will continue to collect them through Jan. 12. All non-artificial trees left at the curb for collection on regular service days will be collected, shredded and recycled to extend the lifespan of existing landfills. For more information, call Republic Services at (714) 847-3581.

HUNTINGTON BEACH

New this year is the introduction of drop-off loca-

tions for Huntington Beach residents to depart with their trees in an effort, the city says, to "accommodate the many different celebrations taking place during this holiday season." Curbside collection will take place between Jan. 8 through 12, but trees can be dropped off at the following locations for free on specific dates:

- **Republic Services**
17121 Nichols Lane, Gate 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays only, Dec. 30, Jan. 5 and 6
- **Public Works City Yard**
17371 Gothard Street from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays only
- **Edison Community Center**
21379 Magnolia St., South Parking Lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 8 and 11
- **Murdy Community Center Parking Lot**
7000 Norma Dr. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 9, 10 and 12

For curbside pickup, trees must be out before 7 a.m. on collection days. Those living in multi-unit properties must leave their trees by the dumpsters, not in front or on top of one. Those unable to place their trees should use one of the drop-off locations or call Republic Services for a bulky item pick-up at a cost of \$32. Residents in properties of 20 or more units must use the free drop-off sites or schedule a bulky pick-up. For more information, call Republic Services at (714) 847-3581.

LAGUNA BEACH

Laguna Beach's waste management agency will be collecting trees through Jan. 15. To participate, leave the trees at the curb on regular collection days. Those trees will be taken to Tierra Verde Industries in Irvine for composting. Plastic or fake trees should be placed in the trash if under

6 feet in length and scheduled as a bulky item pick-up.

NEWPORT BEACH

CR&R will be collecting trees in Newport Beach through Jan. 15. As with other waste agencies, it is asking that all ornaments and lights be removed and that the trees be placed on the curb on regular collection days. Residents are also welcome to cut trees into smaller sections and place them in green-waste bins, but flocked trees must go in black carts.

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increasingly formidable, the talk among the elite wrestlers in the room often centered around a desire to become a state champion.

TJ McDonnell became the first in program history to pull it off, winning the 182-pound bracket a year removed from placing third in the same weight class.

Additionally, four area girls secured the coveted titles in the CIF State individual wrestling championships in Bakersfield.

The Marina senior trio of Carissa Qureshi (126), Saiheron Preciado-Meza (189) and Destiny Marquez (235) were joined by Newport Harbor junior Duda Rodrigues (150) as state champions.

A CROWNING GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON

In a sport where the athletes often compete against themselves to set lifetime-best race times, local girls' cross-country runners stood out among their peers.

Corona del Mar senior Melisse Djomby Enyawe and Pacifica Christian senior Ella Murray won section titles in Division 3 and Division 5, respectively.

The postseason accolades were just beginning, as the area produced four



James Carbone

CORONA DEL MAR'S Melisse Djomby Enyawe wins the CIF Division 3 girls' cross-country title on Nov. 18 at Mt. San Antonio College.

runners with podium finishes for placing among the top 10 in their divisions at the state meet.

Huntington Beach freshman Sydney Rubio qualified for the Nike Cross Nationals in Oregon, while Djomby Enyawe advanced to the Foot Locker Cross-Country National Championships in San Diego.

KEATON ROBAR'S FASTEST TWO LAPS

It's perhaps not forever, but it is for now. Keaton Robar, then a sophomore in the spring, dropped a time of two minutes 9.13

seconds in the 800 meters against a national field in the Arcadia Invitational.

The performance placed her fifth in the race, but it also stood up as the sixth-best time in the event at the end of the track and field season. Robar dropped under 2:10 again in the state finals, where she made the podium with another top-five showing.

Confidence is king, and it certainly carried over to the fall for Robar. She was one of four local girls to earn all-state honors in cross-country, and she authored a runner-up

finish in the Orange County Championships.

EXCELLENCE IN BOYS' WATER POLO

Orange County is often called a hotbed for water polo, and local boys' water polo teams showed that to be the case with another stellar season in the pool.

Three of the four programs competing in the Open Division and Division 1 final, which switched to the Mt. San Antonio College aquatics complex, were local.

Two-time defending Open Division champion Newport Harbor reached its third straight final after a buzzer-beater semifinal win over Studio City Harvard-Westlake, falling there to JSerra 16-10.

In the Division 1 final, Huntington Beach made history with its first CIF title in the sport, outlasting Surf League rival Laguna Beach 10-9 in sudden-death overtime on junior JD Johnson's strike.

Senior-laden Corona del Mar also returned to the semifinals in the top division for the first time in years, earning a memorable quarterfinal win at Oaks Christian before



James Carbone

HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Lauren Pilkington (4) attacks the goal with Portola's Jady Zdanavage defending in the CIF Southern Section Division 3 final at Downey High on May 13.

falling to JSerra.

LAGUNA BEACH BACK ON TOP IN GIRLS' TENNIS

Laguna Beach has long had a successful tennis program, but the Breakers finally got the hardware in 2023 to back that up.

The sister duo of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo-bound senior Jessica McCallum and freshman Rebecca MacCallum helped Laguna Beach win the CIF Division 2 title, the program's first CIF championship since 2005 and 12th overall.

Second-year coach Robert Klugman had a deep squad, as junior No. 3 singles player Hannah Nguyen also picked up some big postseason victories. Senior captain Kendyl Beresford was a key doubles player.

HUNTINGTON BEACH GIRLS' LACROSSE EARNS FIRST CROWN

Huntington Beach had a girls' lacrosse program in just its second season.

That didn't matter to the Oilers, who beat Portola for the CIF Southern Section Division 3 crown. Sophomore Lauren Pilkington led Huntington Beach with four goals in the final, as the Oilers' first postseason appearance turned into a banner year.

Huntington Beach junior Summer Vandergrift was the Division 3 Player of the

Year, while Brian Eisenburg earned Coach of the Year accolades. Junior attackers Devyn Trang and Maya Ford also joined Pilkington as All-CIF selections.

CDM, HUNTINGTON BEACH FOOTBALL PROGRAMS MAKE DEEP PLAYOFF RUNS

The Corona del Mar football team had a new head coach in Kevin Hettig, but it was business as usual on the gridiron for the Sea Kings in terms of winning.

Though they lost a thriller to rival Newport Harbor in the Battle of the Bay game, snapping a 10-year winning streak, the Sea Kings recovered to advance all the way to the CIF Southern Section Division 4 title game. They lost there to eventual state champion Whittier La Serna, 49-29.

Huntington Beach, like CdM, had to earn an at-large berth into the postseason from the Sunset League. But the Oilers made the most of it, advancing all the way to the Division 6 semifinals before losing a heartbreaker, 32-29, on the road against Simi Valley.

Freshman quarterback Brady Edmunds made his mark, breaking the program's single-season passing record.

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