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THE NUTCRACKER faces off with the Rat King during an abridged performance of Festival Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker" at the Irvine Barclay Theatre.

'The Nutcracker' performance makes magic for disabled kids

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Orange County families filed into the Irvine Barclay Theatre on Dec. 10 for an abridged performance of Festival Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker" during a holiday open house for the Regional Center of Orange County.

"Can I ask you a question?" a young man said to Larry Landauer, executive director of the center. "What's the rat's name?" He was referring to the Rat King, a character in the ballet.

The RCOC serves children and adults with disabilities in Orange County, which Landauer said can range from intellectual disabilities and autism to cerebral palsy and epilepsy.

"When we get an opportunity for an

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CAST MEMBERS

perform during an abridged performance of Festival Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker."

Man gets 15 to life in fire captain's death

Mike Kreza was killed in a 2018 vehicle collision that occurred while the driver was under the influence of narcotics.

BY SARA CARDINE

A Mission Viejo man was sentenced Friday to serve 15 years to life in prison for the death of off-duty Costa Mesa fire Capt. Mike Kreza following a 2018 vehicle collision that occurred while the driver was under the influence of narcotics.

Stephen Taylor Scarpa, 28, was convicted of one felony count of second-degree murder in September, when a jury found him guilty in the Nov. 5, 2018, death of Kreza, a 44-year-old Rancho Santa Margarita resident and father of three daughters.

Kreza, who'd served 18 years with Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue, had been riding his bicycle on Alicia Parkway in Mission Viejo the morning of Nov. 3, when a van driven by Scarpa drove off the road near Via Burgos, crossed over a bike lane and sidewalk and up onto an embankment, striking him.

Then 25, Scarpa had been driving home from a party in Westminster, at which he'd taken unprescribed "downers" lorazepam and benzodiazepines and reportedly hadn't slept for two days, according to testimony given in court.

Although defense attorney Rudolph Loewenstein attempted to paint a picture of a man who thought he was OK to drive and had nearly reached his destination when the collision occurred, a jury on Sept. 8 delivered a guilty verdict after less than three hours of deliberation over two

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H.B. man arrested for part in the Jan. 6 Capitol attack sentenced in federal court

BY SARA CARDINE

A Huntington Beach man arrested in a Jan. 28 FBI raid, after social media posts placed him at the U.S. Capitol insurrection, was sentenced in

federal court Tuesday and ordered to pay restitution, records indicate.

Mark Steven Simon — who faced felony charges of unlawful entry into a restricted building with the intent to disrupt gov-

ernment business and engaging in unlawful activities on Capitol grounds — was sentenced to 35 days incarceration and must pay

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Huntington fire leaves man dead

BY PRISCELLA VEGA

Huntington Beach authorities are investigating what caused an attached townhouse fire that left one man dead Friday morning.

Firefighters were called at about 10 a.m. to the 1600 block of Harbour Lane in the Huntington Harbour



HUNTINGTON BEACH firefighters respond to a townhouse blaze Friday morning in the Huntington Harbour community.

Huntington Beach Fire Department

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Raincoat weather



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

VISITORS TO the Huntington Beach Pier are seen reflected in puddles after a brief rain storm on Thursday.

OBITUARY

Former Daily Pilot society columnist, editor recalled by her family as trailblazer

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The first thing readers should know about Vida Dean is that she went to more parties than most people.

"People always tell me about things they would do for their parents," said daughter Victoria Hernandez. "They'd take their parents to nice dinners or things like that. But I could never take my parents to all of the nice parties that they went to. They opened up everything during the 1980s. It was a great time to be a society writer."

Dean, 95, was the editor at the time for the Daily Pilot's society section and a common fixture of the Orange County social scene.

She talked to actors and musicians, and her three children — Victoria, Major and David — still talk when they think about the celebrities she acquainted herself with. Dean retired from



Courtesy of Victoria Hernandez

VIDA DEAN in an undated picture. Dean died at age 95 at her Newport Beach home on Dec. 3.

newspapers in the early 1990s but continued to write in her free time for a community pub-

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AROUND TOWN

'Fiesta Holiday' to parade off the coast in south O.C.

Dana Point Harbor's annual Boat Parade of Lights sets sail through Sunday with a "Fiesta Holiday" theme this year.

Boaters decorate their boats for the chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash prizes awarded for different categories, such as Best Use of Theme, People's Choice and Mayor's Cup.

The parade begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. The city of Dana Point's Jolly Trolley will also run 5:30-11 p.m. on Saturday, and 4-9 p.m. on Sunday.

Dana Point Harbor Partners are also lighting up the harbor with a holi-

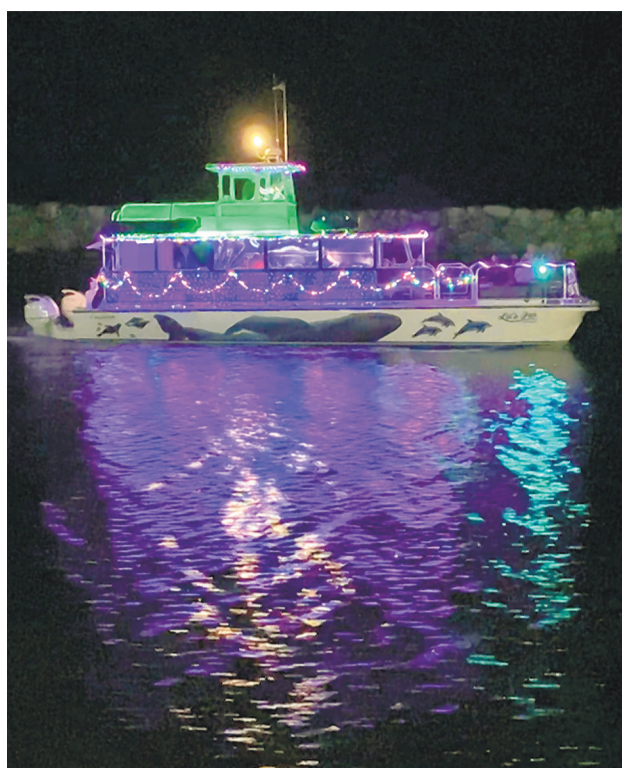
day display made up of more than 700,000 LED lights.

Themed light exhibits include giant whale sculptures, lighted palm trees, Christmas trees, a giant Adirondack chair, and a mistletoe photo-op at the popular "Merry Kiss Me" arch. The light display will be available nightly through early January.

More information on Holidays at the Harbor can be found at dana.pointharbor.com/holidays-at-the-harbor/.

Beach cleanup Saturday at H.B. State Park

The Orange County Coastkeeper and Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-



Sarah Mosqueda

DANA POINT HARBOR'S annual Boat Parade of Lights sets sail through Sunday with a "Fiesta Holiday" theme this year.

Norris are hosting a beach cleanup Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Huntington Beach State Park.

The cleanup will begin at Lifeguard Tower 14, near Pacific Coast Highway and Newland Street. Parking is free for the first 30 minutes.

"The recent Orange County oil spill reminded us how fragile our marine ecosystems are and demonstrated the impact we

all make on our environment," Petrie-Norris said in an emailed invitation. "As chair of the California State Assembly Select Committee on the Orange County Oil Spill, I am dedicated to making sure we hold the responsible parties accountable for this disaster."

For more information and to RSVP, call (949) 251-0074 or visit asmcd.org/beachcleanup.

Laguna Beach Santa Parade

The Laguna Beach Santa Caravan is coming to town on Sunday, as Santa Claus will be traveling through the city's streets beginning in South Laguna at 3:30 p.m.

The caravan can be watched as it comes by or on Facebook Live. For those looking to track Santa's progress during his journey, visit laguna.beachcity.net.

Trash pickup in F.V. delayed

Fountain Valley city officials released a statement Thursday indicating that the sanitation workers strike at the Anaheim and Huntington Beach locations of Republic Services would result in temporary delays in trash and recycling services for residents.

The announcement said that Republic Services is asking for residents to leave their bins out by the curb for service, with one driver serving the city and prioritizing residential trash pickup.

Street sweeping remains on schedule, the statement said.

Descanso to offer holiday meals

Descanso Restaurant, a modern taqueria in Costa

Mesa, is hosting holiday pop-up three-course dinners from Dec. 20 through 27 from 4 to 9 p.m.

The holiday meals will feature the restaurant's most popular dishes, such as choriqueso verde and crispy carnitas skillet, and choice of drink for \$35 per person.

The restaurant will also offer its family-style pozole available for takeout from Dec. 17 through 19, Dec. 23 through 26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2.

The pozole rojo is made of hominy, guajillo chile broth, pulled pork, red onion, chile peron and oregano.

It also includes corn tortilla chips, sliced onions and radishes, shredded lettuce, oregano and Descanso's Volcano Salsa. An order is \$20 and serves three to four people.

To make a reservation or place takeout orders for the holiday pop-up, call (714) 486-3798. The restaurant is at 1555 Adams Ave, Ste. 103 Costa Mesa.

Costa Mesa to give \$15K toward vandalism repairs

After the recent vandalism of structures at the Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad at

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GUITAR HOANG

CASE NO. 30-2021-01224711
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of **GUITAR HOANG, PHERO GUITAR HOANG, GUITAR PETER HOANG** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **CASEY VO** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **CASEY VO** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/03/2022 at 2:00PM in Dept. C08 located at CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER, 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

Notice in Probate Cases
(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using the court's designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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KREZA

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days.

Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer said Friday in a release announcing Scarpa's sentencing that the defendant, having participated in the "Every 15 Minutes" police program — during which students reenact the dangers of impaired driving — was fully aware of the deadly consequences of driving under the influence.

"Nothing will bring Mike

back, but I can only hope that his story — and the pain his family has to live with every day — prevents someone from making the same deadly decision to get behind the wheel while drunk or high on drugs."

Kreza's wife, Shanna, the couple's three daughters and his sister, Rachel Kreza, each gave victim impact statements in a Santa Ana courtroom Friday, court documents indicate.

The family members described how their lives had been devastated by the loss, according to the dis-

trict attorney's release.

His youngest daughter said she began taking a teddy bear with her to school to comfort her until she got better but told the court she never did get better, it read.

Judge Patrick Donahue delivered Scarpa's sentence, indicating that probation would be denied and ordering him to appear in a Jan. 7 firearms relinquishment hearing, court records indicate.

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O.C. district attorney's office

STEPHEN TAYLOR SCARPA was sentenced Friday in connection with the 2018 death of Costa Mesa fire Capt. Mike Kreza.

CAPITOL

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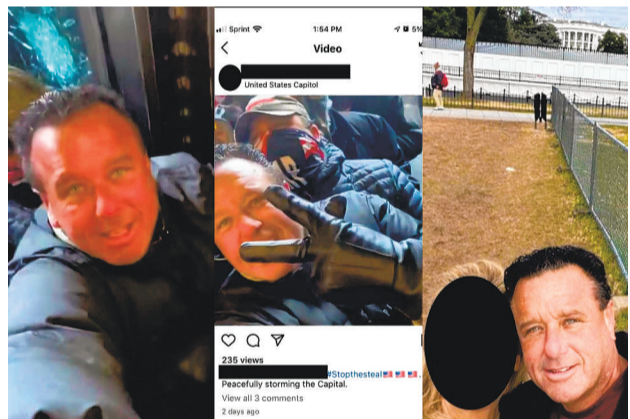
\$500 in restitution.

The ruling by Judge Amy Berman Jackson dismissed three of four charges, leaving Simon to answer only to one count of demonstrating or picketing in a capitol building. A court minute order states Simon must begin serving out his sentence no later than Jan. 3, 2022.

A Jan. 21 affidavit filed with the U.S. District Court stated authorities obtained information about Simon's presence at the Capitol from a post on local website, the Orange Juice Blog.

The post identified a woman in a photo with Simon as a known Huntington Beach activist working to unseat Gov. Gavin Newsom in a recall election.

The blog post also contained a video FBI agents believe Simon himself re-



FBI

FBI AGENTS arrested Huntington Beach activist Mark Simon in connection with the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

corded from the east side of the Capitol building as he and others approached an entryway door.

The video depicts numerous people pushing their way inside the building as others exit.

"Law enforcement officers inside the U.S. Capitol could be seen attempting

to remove individuals from the building," an FBI special agent testified in the affidavit.

"Once the individual taking the video was in the doorway threshold of the U.S. Capitol building, he turned the camera on himself and said, 'In the Capitol baby, yeah!'"

DEAN

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lication until she died in hospice at her Newport Beach home on Dec. 3.

She was making jokes until the end, Hernandez said.

"Even in hospice laying there, she'd be like, 'Is this what dying feels like? Am I dead yet?' and my brother would go, 'No, you're in Newport Beach.'"

"It was a strange time, but it was just so sad," Hernandez said. "She had an amazing life. Her and my dad came from such small Texas towns. Thank goodness they got out of there and they traveled everywhere. It was really cool."

Dean was born in Onalaska, Texas, on Sept. 10, 1926. She was one of three children, and her family had enough money to put her two brothers through college, but not for her. So, she decided to put herself through school and headed to Missouri at 19.

"She'd never been out of the town before, but she got on a train out of there and went to school," David Dean said.

She would eventually marry her husband, Jim, and the two would move to Ohio, where Jim worked at the Lima News.

They'd eventually move back to Houston, where Jim worked at the Houston Chronicle, according to David. Dean worked at both papers.

Eventually, the family would move farther out west to Santa Ana in the early 1960s, where Jim got a job at the Orange County Register. The women's department had an opening to cover social events throughout the county and Dean took it.

She worked there until 1981 when she came to the Daily Pilot, and was the society editor and beauty columnist, writing at a time when most women weren't allowed to, said David Dean.

"She had so many memories. I remember asking her one time, 'You're a Roaring '20s baby and you've seen world wars, but what's the most amazing thing you've seen?' She said the most amazing thing she's seen is communication," Major James Dean Jr. said

"She said, 'Nowadays, someone sneezes in Thailand and you hear about it five minutes later.' Communication is just amazing nowadays," Major Dean said. "It used to be you'd hear something eventually, not like now. Plus with her being in the newspaper business, communication was a big deal for her."

The siblings said they plan to take Dean's ashes back to her hometown in Texas, where they say she's always wanted to return, to be interred in a family plot.

Her three children remember her with fondness. She loved the color orange. She never really lost her Southern accent and liked to joke about how people could tell she had one.

She had a dry sense of humor and was an excellent Southern cook, but David Dean said he remembers when she would try to remake at home the foods she'd eaten at parties.

"She'd never quite get it right. When I was younger, it was like, 'Oh my God, what have you done?' I didn't really want to be a guinea pig, but she'd try her best," David Dean said,

laughing.

She had an amazing sense of smell. She was a talker and loved asking questions. Hernandez said she remembers when her mother got a facelift and willingly documented it in her beauty column called "Looking Good." Major Dean said he remembers the way his mother cried when he was drafted to serve in the Vietnam War.

When he came back, she joked if he'd been fed at all — "You're skin and bones!" — because he'd lost so much weight while serving.

Major Dean said he loved her chocolate pecan pie. She was never the type of person to really get into arts and crafts. Her life, he said, revolved around the news and beating deadlines whenever possible.

"That's why I said to my siblings, she's up there in heaven right now with our dad," who died in 1998, "and they're working on the 'Heavenly News.' My dad's probably saying, 'We gotta get this paper out. There's new arrivals everyday,'" Major Dean said.

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

MORE THAN 350 GUESTS AT GALA MARK \$1.4M RAISED FOR CITY OF HOPE

City of Hope is in the news benefiting from the seventh annual "Let's Be Frank About Cancer" gala raising in excess of \$1.4 million, which took place earlier this fall in the ballroom of the Balboa Bay Resort, Newport Beach.

The cancer awareness event brought together the VIP crowd of friends and associates of Frank DiBella, who created the annual fundraiser with the specific goal of aiding cancer research at City of Hope.

DiBella's motivation was born out of his own survival of metastatic bladder cancer diagnosed in 2011. Told by various doctors that he had months to live, DiBella found Dr. Sumanta Pal, an oncologist at City of Hope, and his life was saved.

Since the initial dinner seven-plus years ago, \$1,461,300 has been raised and donated to support cancer research overseen by City of Hope oncologist Pal, who also serves as Kidney Cancer Program director.

Marybelle and the late S. Paul Musco were the evening's Platinum sponsors, along with Five-Point as the event's Diamond sponsor and the Hardin family as Gold sponsors.

Additionally, Frank DiBella, Masimo, the Dirk family, Chapman University, Knobbe Martens, Michael and JoAnn Sweig, Medical Waste Services, and Cheri and Ken Ketner were all Bronze sponsors of the gala.

Among the 350-plus guests were Dr. Hazem Chehabi, founder of Newport Diagnostic Center, Lynn Jochim, president and chief operating officer at FivePoint, Gary Hunt, vice chairman California Strategies LLC, and Steve Jensen, partner, Knobbe Martens, as well as Brett Park of Brightview Design Group and Hensel Phelps.

Jann Carl, former "Entertainment Tonight" correspondent and co-host of the breakout reality show "Small Town Big Deal," served as mistress of ceremonies. Mellisa Neilson of Charity Angeles was the event's auctioneer.



Photo courtesy of Jaime Byme

LET'S BE FRANK ABOUT CANCER committee presents a check for \$1,461,300 to City of Hope for cancer research.



DOUG DECINCES and Bobby Grich, co-chairs of the Don Baylor 65 Roses Memorial Classic.

Photo courtesy of Sue Hook

BIG NAMES JOIN DON BAYLOR 65 ROSES MEMORIAL CLASSIC

Winter on the Orange Coast is the envy of golfers nationwide. Blue skies and balmy temps provided the ideal backdrop for the 42nd annual Don Baylor 65 Roses Memorial Classic at Strawberry Farms Golf Club, Irvine.

The outing on the greens was all about finding a cure for the dreaded cystic fibrosis. Funds go to research and care of patients suffering from the progressive, genetic disease that robs its victim of the ability to breathe. Don Baylor's tournament has raised some \$8 million over years to fund that research.

Co-chaired by local sports celebs Doug DeCinces and Bobby Grich, the special day for CF began with exciting experiences

including the anticipated Lexus Hole-in-One, with the chance to win a Lexus vehicle courtesy of Newport and Tustin Lexus. The tournament champions were Landwood Title Co., with team members Carter Caskill, Taylor Burkhardt, Angel Rios and Will Nord.

Golf was followed by a hosted cocktail party, silent auction and outdoor dinner with a live concert. Guests were welcomed by co-chairs DeCinces and Grich, who each shared their personal commitment to help support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's mission to find a cure.

Guest speaker Luke Oakey Daskas shared the story of his 26-year-old sister, Emily Daskas, and her experience of having a successful double lung transplant

that has improved the quality of her life. Amy Williams, daughter of Doug DeCinces, spoke on the active, sport-filled life her 13-year-old son, Beckett, has managed to maintain while living with cystic fibrosis.

The successful evening culminated with guests enjoying the music of "Desperado" as they played their tribute to the Eagles under the stars. To learn more about the Don Baylor 65 Roses Memorial Classic, write to schavez@cff.org or call (714) 938-1393.

WINE EVENT AIDS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY RESEARCH

A major wine event unfolded at the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort benefiting research into Duchenne muscular dystrophy. The Newport Beach based nonprofit CureDuchenne sponsored the gathering featuring 45 of Napa's finest wineries providing the crowd with a "grand tasting."

Specialty wines were combined with a five-star chef curated a multicourse dinner and auction raising some \$1.5 million. This seventh annual gathering raised the total donated over time to more than \$7.5 million.

Hosted by Vintner Chair Bryant Estate, the evening attracted more than 450 patrons. "We are so thrilled with the outcome of this year's Napa in Newport gala, connecting passion and purpose to help improve the lives of everyone affected by Duchenne and accelerate a cure for my son and all the individuals living with Duchenne around the world," said CureDuchenne chief executive Debra Miller.

"Napa in Newport was such a wonderful opportunity for the Napa Valley community to come together and support an important cause," said Bettina Bryant, representing Vintner Chair Bryant Estate. "It was an absolute privilege to serve as the vintner chair this year to raise awareness for this devastating disease and help impact the lives of individuals with Duchenne muscular dystrophy."

Founded in Newport Beach by parents of a son living with Duchenne, CureDuchenne employs an innovative venture philanthropy model to fund groundbreaking research for a cure and support programs for those living with the disease, while advocating for early diagnosis and better access to treatments. For more information, visit cureduchenne.org.

FUN ZONE FESTIVAL DRAWS CROWD

In November, some 300 fun-seekers swarmed the Newport Peninsula's Fun Zone Entertainment Plaza as the Balboa Island Museum, Newport Beach was the site of its Fun Zone Festival, hosted by the generous Pyle family for a day of liberating childhood joy.

Museum board member Linda Young enlisted her company, OC Productions, to produce the event on behalf of the Balboa Museum's fall/winter fundraising campaign. More than \$125,000 was raised.

Board member and past president Shirley Pepys commented, "We couldn't have done this without the support of our staff, vendors, donors, members and guests." Spotted in the crowd were Julia Argyros in great spirits with close pal Wendy Hales, Phil Barrett, Mitzi Barrett, Sandy Rainer, Paula Castanon, Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley, Mary Hardesty and John Scudder. Also front and center for the Fun Zone fun were Burton and Linda Young, Ellen Goodman, and sponsor family members Mary Lynn Pyle, Annie Pyle, Lynn Pyle and Bobby Gorby.

Timing is everything. In the changing world of retail, brick-and-mortar stores have adapted to compete with juggernaut online behemoths. Retail sales this holiday season are more closely spread between the in-person and e-commerce. Internet buying is convenient, yet the personal shopping experience still matters greatly. Touching, feeling, com-

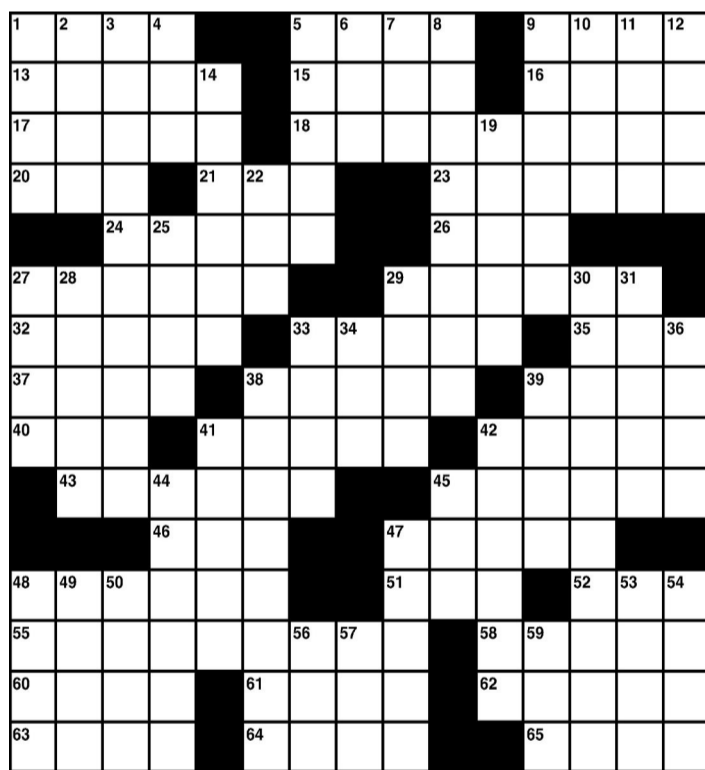
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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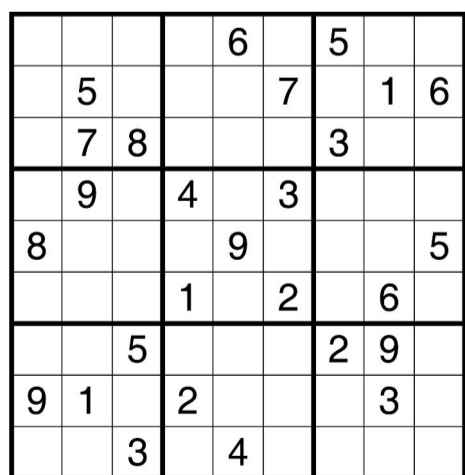
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- 15 Gas or coal
- 16 "Rio _"; John Wayne film
- 17 Cupid's weapon
- 18 Unyielding
- 20 Backyard pond fish
- 21 Lamb bearer
- 23 Beautiful
- 24 Command
- 26 "Peter _"
- 27 Bach's " _ in G"
- 29 Mature or Hugo



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

- 1 Pierre's place; abbr.
- 2 Prefix for space or plane
- 3 Puppet on a string
- 4 _-pitch softball
- 5 Run _; chase
- 6 Past _; not paid on time
- 7 TV room,

- perhaps
- 8 Knee- _;
- hilarious
- 9 Paying customer
- 10 Funny person
- 11 Border on
- 12 Like pink cheeks
- 14 Certain Scandinavians

- 19 Plate flaw
- 22 Moist
- 25 Baseball scores
- 27 Janitor's tools
- 28 Climbing plants
- 29 Weathercock
- 30 Engage in price gouging
- 31 Stove
- 33 Driver's woe
- 34 Word attached to top or dog
- 36 Twentieth letters
- 38 Havens
- 39 Horse's pace
- 41 Gem
- 42 Lullaby composer
- 44 Fluid part of the blood
- 45 Nickname for Margaret
- 47 Sled dog
- 48 Matterhorn's range
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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

CdM girls' soccer still undefeated

Lilly Borland, Jane Paulsen and Isabella Garza scored goals for the Corona del Mar High School girls' soccer team, which remained unbeaten with a 3-0 win over visiting Fullerton on Thursday in a non-league match.

Ellie Rosing contributed an assist for CdM (5-0). Sydney Walls and Ashley LaRocca each made a save for the Sea Kings to preserve the shutout.

BOYS' SOCCER

Huntington Beach 1, Belflower St. John Bosco 0: Carson Dykes scored the goal for the host Oilers on Thursday in an All-Turf Tournament match.

Huntington Beach improved to 3-0-1 with the win.

Los Amigos 3, Marina 0: Izaiah Franco, Arturo Mota and Brandon Medina scored goals for the host Lobos on Thursday in a non-league match.

Omar Arciga and An-

thony Gutierrez had one assist apiece for Los Amigos (3-2). Daniel Terrones made four saves to record the shutout.

Marina is now 1-2-1. **Cerritos Valley Christian 3, Sage Hill 0:** Sage Hill fell to 1-3-1 overall with Thursday's non-league defeat at home.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Pacifica Christian Orange County 53, Buena Park 31: Addison Deal had 17 points, eight rebounds and five steals to lead the visiting Tritons on Thursday in a non-league game.

Jamie Mackay had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Pacifica Christian (5-3). Anika Jiwani added eight points and six assists, Ava Carter had seven points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots, and Charis Wondercheck chipped in with seven points and five steals.

Corona Centennial 88, Sage Hill 32: The host

Lightning had a six-game winning streak snapped on Thursday in a non-league game.

Sage Hill is now 9-2 overall.

Dana Hills 44, Edison 32: Mia Cassell had a team-high 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Chargers in Thursday's non-league game on the road.

Gwen Ontiveros added five points and five steals for Edison (3-8).

Laguna Beach 37, St. Margaret's 26: Kate Cheng had 11 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks to lead the Breakers on Thursday in a non-league game at home.

Sophie Marriner, Anna Cheng and Alexandra Grombchevsky each had eight points for Laguna Beach (8-2), which has won three in a row.

Norwalk 58, Marina 24: The Vikings took their third straight loss on Thursday in a non-league game at home. Marina dropped to 4-6 on the season.



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CORONA DEL MAR head coach Bryan Middleton coaches during the annual Battle of the Bay match at Newport Harbor High School on April 6. CdM remained unbeaten Thursday.

Ocean View 43, Century 27: Nayleen Gonzalez paced the Seahawks with 16 points on Thursday in a non-league road game.

Marisabel Alcaraz added eight points, and Lily Campbell scored six points

for Ocean View (5-2), which has won three in a row.

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Laguna Beach 16, San Clemente 2: Ava Houlahan had a team-high six goals

to lead the Breakers on Thursday in a non-league match.

Charlotte Riches added four goals and Cleo Washer scored twice for Laguna Beach (4-0).

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MAGIC

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event like this, look at how excited they are to come and do something similar to normal," Landauer said. "That can be really hard sometimes."

Loud questions and other behaviors sometimes make it challenging for families with developmentally disabled members to visit a theater where they have to sit quietly or where loud noises and bright lights might be common.

"This is going to be a sensory-friendly performance," Craig Springer, executive vice president at the Irvine Barclay Theatre said in his announcements before the program.

"We will leave the house lights up a little bit, and if you feel you need to get up and move around a little bit, feel free to do so. Typically at performances you are asked to remain

silent. That is not going to be a problem here today. Anything you feel you need to do to feel comfortable here, we want you to do that."

The holiday open house has become a beloved tradition for both the Barclay and the RCOC.

"This event really has been popular; it sold out real fast," Landauer said. "We are really thrilled the Barclay can make these accommodations."

The holiday open house was skipped in 2020 due to the pandemic, but in 2019 the costumed dancers participated in a meet and greet in the lobby after the show, giving guests a chance to have their photos taken.

This year, the theater was unable to continue the close-contact tradition due to COVID-19 safety regulations but was happy to offer the event with safety measures in place.

Besides the abridged Nutcracker performance,

the holiday open house also included carols sung by the University High School choir, which, under the direction of Rob Blaney, sang "Carol of the Bells" and featured performances by Maya Breen ("Once Upon a December") Caitlyn Yu ("River"), Chloe Schiffman and Jacob Schiffman ("This Christmas") and Hannah Norman ("The Christmas Song").

Dozens of Nutcracker soldiers of all sizes stood at attention in the Irvine Barclay Theatre lobby, which was festooned with Nutcracker-themed Christmas decorations.

"Did you have a favorite part?" Rhea Hinojosa of Mission Viejo asked her 7-year-old daughter, Amara. "All of it!" Amara replied.

Hinojosa is a mother of 4 and said two of her children use speech therapy services at RCOC.

Jerry Mandel, president of Irvine Barclay Theatre, Salwa Rizkalla, artistic di-

rector of Festival Ballet Theatre and Irvine Mayor Farrah Khan, who is on the Irvine Barclay Theatre board of directors, also attended the performance.

Landauer said the great thing about events like the holiday open house is they are opened to the developmental disabled and their families as well.

"This is a family event. Sometimes there are day programs or different things, but this event is for the whole family," Landauer said.

Full performances of the Magic of Festival Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker" will continue at the Irvine Barclay Theatre through Dec. 24.

The show is under the artistic Direction of Rizkalla and includes Tchaikovsky's iconic score. Evening and matinee performances are available.

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THE CROWD

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paring and trying on items in store are essential to the overall shopping experience for many. And the experience of dealing with a professional stylist or salesperson in-store can make a big difference.

To that end, the luxury retail house of Neiman Marcus, Fashion Island launched a hybrid shopping platform this month touted by **Adriana Sender**, brand experience manager, which combines online expert convenience with the in-store experience. "Digital Style Lab," which debuted Dec. 1, provides shoppers with the ability to connect with a stylist online while in-store in a private contemporary suite with the actual fashion on hand for personal review and inspection. **Leyla Vokhshoori**, vice president and general manager commented, "We are delighted to roll out our new Digital Style Labs that

provide our digital client advisors with dedicated spaces to produce engaging contents and enhance their connection with customers whenever, wherever, and however they prefer."

As the ultimate gifting destination, and as part of its "Celebrate Big, Love Even Bigger" campaign, the luxury retailer encourages customers to celebrate big, smile big, give big and love even bigger all season long.

Customers can book a virtual appointment with a digital client advisor and follow them on their social media channels to access the expertly crafted content and personalized curations available through the Digital Style Labs.

Customers who do not already have a digital client advisor can easily be matched with one through the company's website at neimanmarcus.com.

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FIRE

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community, according to a news release.

Crews arrived to find a man lying dead in front of the residence who appeared to have been re-

moved from the home by a neighbor, according to the release.

Once inside the townhouse, no other victims were found.

No nearby structures were damaged, but crews evacuated those close by as precaution and encouraged

people to avoid the area for the next several hours.

By 11:15 a.m., firefighters extinguished the blaze. Huntington Beach Police are investigating the cause of the fire and the fatality.

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THE ORANGE COUNTY

Model Engineers mini-train facility at Costa Mesa's Fairview Park. The popular train ride park was damaged by vandals.

Don Leach

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AROUND TOWN

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Costa Mesa's Fairview Park, city officials have agreed to donate \$15,000 to the Orange County Model Engineers for repairs and site improvements.

Councilman Loren Gameros requested the city dedicate the funds for use by the local nonprofit, which offers free mini-train rides to the public the third weekend of each month, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley presented a \$15,000 check to club members immediately following the Dec. 1 discovery of the wreckage. The city's fund intends to match that sum.

Speaking in a public comment during a council meeting Tuesday, OCME member Hank Castignetti shared the group's appreciation for the gift.

"We have been stunned by the tremendous outpouring of support we have received and pledge to keep our little trains running for years to come," he told the council.

For more information on the club, visit ocmetrains.org.

Laguna Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive

The Laguna Beach Fire Department is participating in the Spark of Love Toy Drive, which is now in its 29th year.

Through Dec. 24, unwrapped gifts can be donated by placing them in the designated drop box outside of each of Laguna Beach's fire stations.

As a safety precaution, those making donations are asked to ring the doorbell of the fire station upon dropping their gift off.

New unwrapped toys must be in their original packaging. That policy does not apply to sports equipment.

Clothing, personal care items and blankets cannot be accepted as part of the holiday toy drive.

Newport's Hoag recognized among the 'Best Hospitals for Maternity Care'

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach was recognized as "High Performing in Adult Maternity Care (Uncomplicated Pregnancy)" by the U.S. News & World Report.

Hoag is now one of three hospitals in the nation to receive this ranking in all 18 specialty procedures and conditions recognized by the U.S. News & World Report. This is the first time the media company published a list for "Best Hospitals for Maternity Care."

"This recognition is a tribute to Hoag's commitment to providing the highest quality, family-centered care to the women of Orange County," said Allyson Brooks, M.D., Ginny Ueberroth executive medical director endowed chair and chief quality officer, Hoag Women's Health Institute.

"The passion and expertise of our obstetricians, certified nurse midwives, maternal child health nursing staff and specialty providers in neonatology and maternal fetal medicine allows Hoag to deliver on the ideal birth experience for every individual."

To qualify for the category, Hoag had to excel in multiple quality metrics that matter to expectant families, including rate of cesarean delivery in uncomplicated pregnancies, newborn and maternal complication rates, appropriate timing of scheduled deliveries, resources and support for breast milk feeding, according to a news release.

"At Hoag, our culture of innovation inspires our physician leaders to continually seek the most advanced treatments, state-of-the-art technologies and access to clinical trials for our patients," said Robert T. Braithwaite, Hoag president and CEO. "This forward-thinking vision is why Hoag has remained the highest ranked hospital in Orange County."

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