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Pet program unleashed for U.S. veterans

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Laguna Beach Animal Shelter has begun the process of waiving adoption fees for Orange County military veterans who qualify to take a pet home.

While the Pets for Vets program is being initiated just in time for Veterans Day, shelter manager Nancy Goodwin said the intention is to continue the program going forward.

The city-funded shelter, located at 20612 Laguna Canyon Road, is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. It generally charges a \$125 fee to adopt an adult dog. Pets up for adoption come vaccinated and neutered or spayed, Goodwin said.

The shelter has been known to house dogs, cats, birds and rab-

bits. Goodwin mentioned it has even had exotic options such as an iguana or a bearded dragon in the past.

Pets for Vets is being offered to Orange County residents who are active duty, retired or honorably discharged members of the U.S. military. The program extends to members of the National Guard and reservists.

"As a veteran, I love seeing our police department recognize our local veterans and thank them through great programs, such as the new Pets for Vets program," Police Capt. David Dereszynski said in a statement. "This program will help low-income veterans adopt a pet for no charge, connect veterans to animals in

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Photos courtesy of the Laguna Beach Animal Shelter

POTATO, SPARKY and Mimi (clockwise from top) are among the pets available for adoption through the Laguna Beach Animal Shelter. The shelter recently started a Pets for Vets program that waives adoption fees for Orange County residents who have served in the military.

Father-daughter pair plead not guilty to murder and robbery in Newport Beach

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The father-daughter pair accused of robbing 46-year-old Robert Tamaccio, an incident that led to Tamaccio's death, have both pleaded not guilty to all charges filed against them by prosecutors earlier this month.

Randolph Loren Aguirre, 55, and Desiree Aguirre, 30, are next scheduled to appear at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana on Dec. Ifor a pretrial and bail hearing. A preliminary hearing in the case will be held on Dec. 14.

Newport Beach police responded to reports of a man down at 1:36 a.m. on Sept. 30. Prosecutors said the victim, Tamaccio, had passed out in an alleyway near 34th Street and Seashore Drive after a night of drinking.

The Aguirres are alleged to have stopped their truck to rob Tamaccio, an act which included taking his Rolex watch.

Randolph Loren Aguirre is al-

leged to have stabbed Tamaccio, kicked him in the head several times and stolen his shoes.

Both Aguirres have been charged with robbery in the second degree, and the elder Aguirre faces the charge of murder and two sentencing enhancements for the personal use of a deadly weapon and one sentencing enhancement of special circumstances robbery.

The younger Aguirre faces a sentencing enhancement for a secondary offense when temporarily released from custody. Both remain in jail.

If he is convicted of all charges, the Orange County district attor-

ney's office confirmed that Randolph Loren Aguirre may face the death penalty.

Aguirre is a "third-striker" under the state's controversial "Three Strikes and You're Out" law, which California voters passed in 1994 in response to the murders of Kimber Reynolds in 1992 and Polly Klaas in 1993. The law imposes a life sentence on those suspects who have one or two other serious convictions.

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Laguna council holds back report

Despite public urgings, majority declines to disclose findings into former city manager's exit, harassment claims.

BY SARA CARDINE

A split Laguna Beach City Council voted 3-2 not to release the findings of an investigation into claims by former City Manager Shohreh Dupuis that Councilman George Weiss had discriminated against her and created a hostile work environment.

Dupuis vacated the position on Sept. 1 in accordance with a settlement agreement executed one week earlier, under which she received \$223,077 as well as nine months severance pay and health benefits and \$10,000 in legal fees.

The move came after the former city leader threatened to sue the city for \$3 million, claiming Weiss had exhibited intimidating behavior toward her at a number of private and public meetings, raising his voice, interrupting her and, at one point, pounding his fist on the dais.

According to an Oct. 30 memo sent to Weiss by an attorney whose firm was hired to investigate the matter, Dupuis further alleged the councilman discriminated against her and attacked her integrity regarding a controversial Nov. 16, 2022, traffic stop and her actions in the wake of altercations at two local hotels in May.

A report compiling the findings of an independent investigation, undertaken by Los Angeles-based law firm Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, was submitted Aug. 31.

While the council publicly released the contents of the memo and several closed session minutes, members Tuesday weighed whether to also release the report and, if so, whether its contents should be redacted or

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ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



James Carbone

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Huntington Beach's Edinger Avenue set for sewer upgrades

BY MATT SZABO

Edinger Avenue in Huntington Beach is already busy, but residents can likely expect traffic delays starting in January.

The city is planning for sewer replacements along Edinger, from the railroad tracks east of Gothard Street to just west of Beach Boulevard. To that end, the City Council unanimously approved a nearly \$4-million contract Tuesday with Big Ben Engineering.

More than \$1 million of the funds for the \$5-million project also will come from the PCH Restroom Sewer Lift Station Project, according to a staff presentation

according to a staff presentation.

Huntington Beach director of public works Chau Vu said in her presentation there is a sag in the 8- and 10-inch sewer lines along Edinger. They will be replaced

with 8- to 15-inch sewer lines. "We're trying to fix the sag that is causing a lot of constriction along Edinger, restricting flow," she said. "We want to improve capacity, not only for residents along that area but also the businesses along Edinger."

Beginning in January, construction hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from the railroad tracks to Sher Lane, due to residents at the Residences at Bella Terra. In the commercial section of Edinger, from Sher Lane east, night work will take place from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

"We anticipate traffic delays," Vu said, adding that there will be warning signs and detour signs along the corridor in advance. "At least one lane will be open [on Edinger] throughout the entire construction process."

The project will reduce sanitary sewer overflows, preventing grease build-up. It got more expensive than its \$3.6-million budget because of the night work

as well as inflation, Vu said.

The staff report indicated construction would take 16 to 20 weeks, though Vu had in her notes that it could take 10 months. She said she would clarify that with the City Council by the Dec. 1 meeting.

"This is one of our most complained about corridors, Beach and Edinger," Councilman Dan Kalmick said. "I drive through it daily, probably. As the 405 project concludes Dec. 1, we will be picking up and tearing open the street on Jan. 1, roughly. I mean, it's for repair work, it's not like we waited to do this ... we have aging infrastructure in this city."

Those looking for alternate routes do have options.

"Heil [Avenue] is your friend," Councilman Casey McKeon said.

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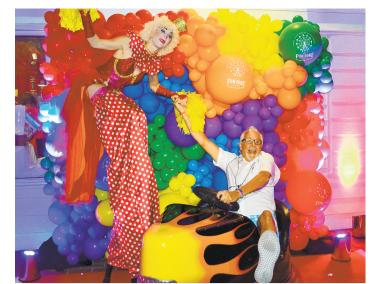


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BELLA TERRA mall in Huntington Beach sits off Edinger Avenue, where sewer repairs are slated to begin in January.

AROUND TOWN

STILT WALKER
SuzE-Q hams it
up with Dennis
Bress during the
2021 Balboa
Island Museum
Fun Zone
Festival. This
year's festival is
set for Friday,
Nov. 17.



Susan Hoffman

Balboa Island Museum's Denim and Diamonds fundraiser set for Friday

The Balboa Fun Zone will again be the venue when the Balboa Island Museum holds its annual Denim and Diamonds event on Friday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Organizers promise food, an open bar, carnival games, live entertainment, an auction and more at the cowboy-themed event. Tickets are \$200 and can be purchased online at *balboaislandmuseum*

Protect Huntington Beach to hold kickoff event today

Protect Huntington Beach, a grass-roots committee hoping to defeat charter amendment ballot measures the Huntington Beach City Council has placed on the March 5 primary ballot, will hold a kickoff event at 1 p.m. Saturday in Central Park.

All community members interested in learning more about the ballot measures or volunteering for the campaign are invited to attend

Former mayors of the city and other community members will discuss the proposed measures. Light snacks will be provided, but attendees are asked to bring their own water bottles.

Corona del Mar Residents Assn. to meet Nov. 16

The Corona del Mar Residents Assn. (CdMRA) will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at OASIS Senior Center, Room No. 2.

The morning's guest speaker will be state Assemblywoman Diane Dixon, who will update interested Corona del Mar residents on the status of legislative measures on issues that affect Newport Beach.

City Councilwoman Lauren Kleiman and Mayor Pro Tem Will O'Neill will present an update on city business, and a member of the Newport Beach Police Department will speak on public safety.

The OASIS center is located at 801 Narcissus Ave. Reservations are requested by noon Wednesday and can be made online at *CdMRA.org*.

Costa Mesa Middle/High School Drama to present 'Frozen Jr.' musical

"Frozen Jr.," a musical based on the Disney animated film and Broadway production "Frozen," will be presented Thursday, Nov. 16, through Saturday, Nov. 18, by the Costa Mesa Middle/High School Drama program.

Curtain time is 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Costa Mesa High School Performing Arts Center on the Costa Mesa High School campus, 2650 Fairview Road.

Tickets can be purchased over the phone at (714) 424-8706 or at the door 45 minutes prior to each show. Admission is \$10 for students and seniors; \$15 for adults

Costa Mesa mayor to join OCTA board of directors

Costa Mesa Mayor John Stephens has been elected to represent Orange County's Fifth Supervisorial District as a director on the Orange County Transportation Authority's board of directors. His twoyear appointment will begin Jan. 1.

The 18-member panel is responsible for coordinating transit services, approv-

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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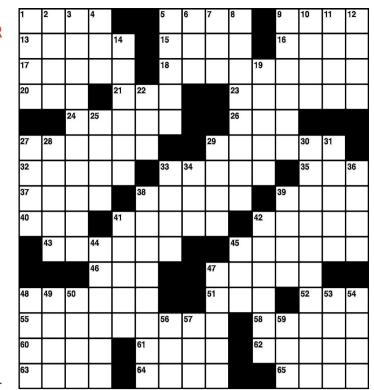
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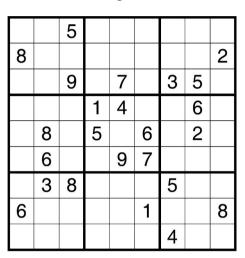
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SUDOKU

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 A5.

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Disagreement about the direction of H.B.

It appears all the people who contributed to the commentary against the current council majority (Daily Pilot, Oct. 29) are loony libs or the town criers against what they call a power-hungry agenda. I am certainly for a strong conservative council to keep Huntington Beach on the conservative side of issues, especially with what is all going on in the country now. The council should do all it can to bring visitors to Huntington Beach to spend their money and return home.

> **Rick Anderson** Huntington Beach

The speakers at the Nov. 1 press conference of Protect Huntington Beach, all former mayors and council members, spoke about their terms on the H.B.

City Council when no matter their political party, they voted on issues they thought represented the majority of the interests of the community.

Theyr'e unlike the present City Council, where the conservative four members have plotted to force their agenda on concerned citizens no matter their interests.

The council majority is part of a national movement to take over public libraries first and then take over public education to force their particular viewpoints on others.

Those present at the press conference were not necessarily members of the Protect H.B. community group but concerned citizens alarmed by the tactics of the right-wing council members. These



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FORMER MAYORS Linda Moulton-Patterson, Jill Hardy, Shirley Dettlof and Vick Leipzig, from left, comment during Protect Huntington Beach rally at City Hall on Nov. 1.

citizens will continue to act to reverse these actions by voting against the charter changes at the March 5 primary and will urge others with the same concerns to do the same.

Richard C. Armendariz Huntington Beach

Guilty plea in mail, catalytic converter thefts

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

One of four people charged with stealing mail and catalytic converters pleaded guilty Thursday and was sentenced to 210 days in jail for grand theft and attempted grand theft, Laguna Beach police said Friday.

Felix Rodriguez, 31, also pleaded guilty to a felony count of burglary. He was placed on two years of formal probation.

Co-defendants Karina Esquivel, 38, Edgar Antonio Guzman, 35, and Moses Rodriguez, 27, are awaiting trial. Esquivel is due to be arraigned Nov. 28, Guzman Dec. 15 and Moses Rodriguez Nov. 30.

Police were called about 3:41 a.m. Oct. 29 regarding a vehicle burglary in the 100 block of Mountain Road, near South Coast Highway, police said. Police stopped a suspect vehicle near Canyon Acres Drive and Laguna Canyon

Road where they found the stolen goods in the vehicle, police said.

All the defendants were charged Wednesday with grand theft, attempted grand theft and burglary, all felonies.

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AROUND

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ing plans for bus and rail systems and working on transportation capital and service priorities. It also administers the county's voter-approved half-cent sales tax for the improvement of freeways, local streets and roads as well as rail and transit service countywide.

"Transportation, including public transit, is a critical issue for District 5 and the entire county, especially as our population ages and the expense of owning and operating a car increases," Stephens said in a state-

ment Monday.

"I look forward to working with my fellow directors to increase bus routes and ridership and to improve our freeways, streets and roads."

Pacific Marine Mammal Center collects over \$550K at fundraiser

Pacific Marine Mammal Center announced Friday it raised more than \$550,000 at its annual fundraiser on Nov. 5, an event held on the Festival of Arts grounds that included live and silent auctions, as well as a performance by vocalist Marissa Matthews.

"What an exciting night at Splash! The PMMC annual fundraiser far exceeded our expectations! Great fun and great energy! Thank all of you that attended to lead to our success. We look forward to seeing all of you at our next event," said Jeff Meberg, Pacific Marine Mammal Center board chair, in the statement.

The center also announced a donation of \$1 million from the Massen Greene Foundation for a new expanded education building and a \$1 million gift from Bob Barker, for a visitor center and underwater viewing pool.

— Daily Pilot staff

REPORT

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unredacted.

More than a dozen residents speaking in public comments largely defended Weiss against Dupuis' claims and urged the city to make the full findings of the report public.

"Release the report in full to be transparent," said Gene Felder. "We all rallied around the city manager [in February] because feces was thrown on her house — I don't believe that for a second. What is in the report about that? What actually happened?"

Council members who'd taken part in four closed session meetings in July and August, during which the terms of the agreement were hashed out (Weiss was excluded from the discussions), waived the confidentiality of the sessions to explain their rationale for settling.

Mayor Bob Whalen provided a timeline of events, saying Dupuis lodged her complaint in February. In a July 18 letter, her attorney threatened to sue for discrimination to the tune of \$3 million but offered to settle in exchange for 33 months of Dupuis' pay and attorney's fees.

The city made a counter offer of 18 months salary plus severance and requested an independent firm conduct interviews and make findings as to seven claims alleged by the city manager.

Although a case for discrimination was not supported, Whalen said the city still faced a significant risk of exposure if the matter was put to a jury trial.

"Paying her roughly \$450,000 was the least expensive way for us to get out of the situation we found ourselves in," he said Tuesday.

"The best interest of the public was reaching a settlement, putting it behind us and moving forward to select a new city manager, getting back to conducting

the business of the city. I'm still confident we made the best and right decision."

Weiss defended his actions and treatment of Dupuis, reading from prepared remarks.

"Asking meaningful questions that test the presumption of the city manager and staff is not harassment—it's called functional representational government," he said. "Pointing out misrepresentations or omissions of info by the city manager is not bullying, it is accountability that supports informed decision making by council."

When it came to releasing the findings, Whalen, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Kempf and Councilman Alex Rounaghi supported not releasing the document, in part, to protect the identities of employees who'd testified for investigators.

"There are scenarios where transparency can create chaos in a governing organization and, in this case, have a chilling effect on future investigations," Rounaghi said. "No one in the city would have any reasonable expectation of privacy."

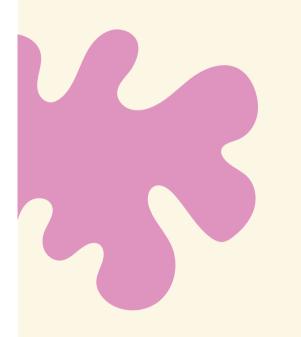
He said because the decision to settle was made before the findings were even submitted, releasing the document would do little to enlighten readers as to the reasons for settling. Further, a redacted report would hardly satisfy the many speakers who insisted on the full findings.

"I think I'm fine just closing this and moving on," he said ahead of a 3-2 vote. "It's time to move forward, there are so many big issues for us to work on."

Weiss, who'd insisted on a full disclosure of the investigation, said the decision to withhold the findings provided a political cover for the council majority.

"The desire is to be the least transparent you can be," he said.

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Sports

GIRLS' TENNIS

Laguna Beach triumphs for 1st CIF title in 18 years

BY MATT SZABO

CLAREMONT — The Laguna Beach High girls' tennis team won exactly one match last year.

Adding five players to the squad made a difference, but so did the camaraderie the Breakers displayed.

Coach Second-vear Robert Klugman saw it

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again Friday afternoon at the Claremont Club, with junior No. 3 singles player Hannah Nguyen as the last player on court.

"You could see the way they were cheering for her," Klugman said. "This is what team tennis is about, it's why I do this job. It's not about winning, it's about the support you have."

Winning did also come for the Breakers, who finished off their remarkable transformation holding a CIF championship plaque. Top-seeded Laguna Beach edged No. 3 Calabasas 10-8 for the CIF Southern Section Division 2 title.

It's the program's 12th CIF title, but first since 2005.

"It was a change," senior captain Kendyl Beresford said of the improvement. 'I'm really glad about all the new teammates we got. We honestly were such a great team and worked really well together. We worked really hard every day to get to where we are. It was a good journey."

Cal Poly San Luis Obispobound senior Jessica Mac-Callum and her freshman sister Rebecca MacCallum both swept in singles for the Wave League champion Breakers (20-3) in impressive fashion.

Jessica swept 6-2, 6-0, 6-0, including an impressive win over Calabasas sophomore Giana Mucci in the first round. Rebecca won 6-0, 6-1, 6-3.

"I was just going into the first match wanting to do my best, trying to get as many games, because that's

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really what counts in the end," Jessica MacCallum said. "Obviously, the support from my team was really nice, and I think that really got me through as well. It was a nice match and definitely gave us momentum."

MacCallum understood how long it's been since the last time the Breakers held the championship plaque. She was born in that same year, 2005.

"I was saying it on the bus," she said with a laugh. "It was like destiny."

Every player or doubles team won at least once for the Breakers. At No. 1 dousophomore Chadha and freshman Ryan Levine won once, as did Beresford and her sophomore partner Izzy Lobosko at No. 2 doubles.

Calabasas (15-4), which got doubles sweeps from the teams of Sydney Smith and Emma Penev, as well as Charli Kaava and Nava Aminian, did not go quietly. The match was tied 3-3 after the first round and 6-6 after the second round.

It remained tied 8-8 late, when the Breakers relied on their No. 3 players to take them home. The No. 3 doubles team of juniors Chloe Balliet and Lola Sabol earned a 6-3 victory for the ninth set win.

Laguna Beach had a large enough games lead to clinch the match, but moments later Nguyen topped Calabasas' Tea Damascus by the same 6-3 score for good measure. Her teammates rushed the court to celebrate.

Area athletes look to future with clarity



THE LAGUNA BEACH High School girls' tennis team celebrates after winning the CIF Southern Section Division 2 title against Calabasas on Friday at the Claremont Club.

"It was nerve-wracking, but also I was happy at the same time because everyone was cheering for me,' Nguyen said. "I just felt like it was fun. It's the best feeling. Everyone's supporting each other and we're all hugging at the end."

Both of Laguna Beach's senior starters, Jessica Mac-Callum and Beresford, had older sisters on the 2018 Breakers team that was edged by Huntington Beach in the Division 3 title match. Ainsley Beresford showed up Friday to support her younger sister and alma mater.

'Oh my God, we won," Kendyl Beresford said as she walked off the court really won."

with her teammates. "We "Just because my sister came so close, I wanted it,' she added later. "I know we hadn't really won and had a

really strong team since

then, so I wanted it really

bad. I think all of us did.

"It's surreal. All of the practice and hard work finally paid off."

Klugman gave all the credit to his players and let them cherish the moment. He knew how they felt, as he said he was on a state championship boys' tennis team at New Rochelle High School in New York in 1980.

"They'll have these memories for the rest of their lives," he said. "I still talk to my teammates about it."

The season is slated to continue for five of the Breakers players in the CIF Southern Section Individuals tournament that begins with preliminaries on Nov. 20. The MacCallum sisters were Wave League doubles champions, with Beresford and Levine as doubles finalists and Chadha as a singles finalist.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Michael Thomas Stasiak CASE NO. 30-2023-01353910-PR-PW-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Michael

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michael Thomas Stasiak, also known as Michael T. Stasiak, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michael Thomas Stasiak, also known as Michael T. Stasiak, Jr. appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority . (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 on 12/14/2023 at 01:30 PM in Dept. CM06 located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD COSTA MESA CA 92626 COSTA MESA JUSTICE

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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.

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BY ANDREW TURNER

At the top of a staircase overlooking the central quad at Laguna Beach High, eight athletes excited Laguna Beach about their next adventure had vanished among a sea of admirers.

The occasion was not a new one, but it was their turn, as they took pen to paper to declare the intent to continue playing a sport for a college of their choosing. Dozens of local athletes did the same Wednesday to kick off the fall signing period.

Success in the pool was front and center for Laguna Beach, with half of the school's signees joining collegiate water polo pro-

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"It was really the family aspect that they have there on the team," Ava Knepper, a USC-bound attacker, said of her decision. "I just loved the energy there, and honestly, as soon as I set foot on the campus, I knew I loved

Laguna Beach also celebrated the accomplishments of Cade Anderton (Pepperdine) and Tyler Swensen (Santa Clara). The duo helped the Breakers reach the CIF Southern Section Division 1 final, in which they will face Huntington Beach on Saturday at Mt. San Antonio College Aquatic Center.

Christian Hammonds (UC San Diego), Jay Pyle (Air Force) and Ethan Spoon (UC Irvine) will all be featured in that game for the Oilers.

The Newport Harbor boys' water polo team advanced to the Open Division final with a thrilling

win over Studio City Harvard-Westlake. Peter Castillo (UCLA), Owen Tift (Pepperdine), Gavin Appeldorn (Princeton) and Quinn Bartlett (Navy) will be among those leading the Sailors into battle against JSerra in the championship Huntington Beach will

hold a signing-day ceremony for its college-bound athletes in the winter, but nearly two dozen wanted to write their name on the dotted line this week. Dominant left-handed

pitcher Zoe Prystajko headlined the group, along with six members of the girls' volleyball team that made it to within one match of the Division 1 final this fall.

"It feels amazing," said middle blocker Kylie Leopard, who committed to Cal Poly Pomona in the days leading up to signing day. "The past couple years have been really tough for me because not knowing kills

me. Not knowing where I was going to go next and where my life was going to take me after this was really hard.

"As happy as I was to see all my friends committing, it's also hard because it's like, 'Why can't I get somewhere?' I put so much work and so much effort into everything I've done. I'm just really happy that all my hard work paid off. ... I really, really, really wanted to play at the next level."

Highly regarded offensive tackle Justin Tauanuu flipped his commitment on Friday. Previously committed to Stanford, he switched to USC.

"1,000% committed to further my academic and football career at the University of Southern California," Tauanuu posted Friday morning on the social media platform X. "FIGHT

Corona del Mar's Niels Hoffmann, a blue-chip recruit on the tennis court, will be headed to USC, as will Sea Kings outside hitter Sterling Foley, who played for the Team USA U19 national team in boys' volleyball.

The Fountain Valley wrestling program saw three of its state qualifiers sign in Anthony Lucio and Hercules Windrath (both Cal Poly) and Ryland Whitworth (West Point).

Below is a list of local athletes who have signed or committed with a college:

CORONA DEL MAR

Antonio Aramburu, San Francisco State wrestling

Jack Cross, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo men's tennis

Sterling Foley, USC men's volleyball

Ryan Gant, Stanford men's volleyball

Niels Hoffmann, USC men's tennis Charlie Olson, Gonzaga

men's golf

Ava Schoening, Brown University women's water polo

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public meeting will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following: ANNUAL REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES &

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, which is required pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act (Government Code Section 66000, et seq.).

Consideration of the report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c) (2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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Copies of the Development Impact Fee Report and Development Agreements are available for public review and inspection at the Finance Department (Bay C, Second Floor) and City Clerk's Office (Bay E, Second Floor), located at the Civic Center, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach and on the Finance Department's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/finance.

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/s/ Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach



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PROGRAM

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need of a forever home, and further highlight the efforts of the staff and volunteers at the Laguna Beach Animal Shelter.'

Jim Beres, a professional services administrator with the police department, called it a "win-win" if a shelter pet can be put in the household of a veteran, providing valuable companionship.

"First responders, fire and police deal with similar issues, PTSD and other

mental health challenges from the kind of negative things that they see due to their jobs," Beres said. "Pets can help with that. You have emotional support pets that are out there that can help you cope and reintegrate into civilian life maybe a little bit better than otherwise.

Shelter animals are brought in by animal control when they are found in Laguna Beach or Laguna Woods. The shelter also works with rescue organizations when space allows.

Applicants have a chance to see and connect with the

prospective pets in the facility's play yard, providing for a sort of matching process.

"We've done this since the 1980s, and our return rate is under 5%," Goodwin said. "Nationwide in shelters, it's anywhere from 40 to 50% return rate. It's very hard on animals to be adopted and returned continuously. It really messes them up. Our being able to not see them come back is very rewarding.'

Adoption rates have slowed around the country, Goodwin said. The program aims to boost animals finding new owners.

"We've never ever had this happen before, but adoptions just have come to a big halt," Goodwin said. "There's people coming through, everybody's looking and visiting, but they're just not adopting right now. All the shelters are having the same problem. They're all over-crowded. We're full, which is unusual for us, because we're so small. We do a lot of adoptions, but it's very much slowed down."

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Pinscher available for adoption through the Laguna Beach Animal Shelter.

Courtesy of the Laguna Beach Animal Shelter

ATHLETES

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EDISON

Hailey Clingan, UC Irvine

women's soccer Chloe Lam, Santa Clara University women's golf Morgan Gillinger, Cal

State Northridge beach volleyball Elia Reyes, Lewis and

Clark College lacrosse Summer Witherby, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo beach volleyball

Sammy Wood, Santa Clara University beach vollevball

FOUNTAIN VALLEY

Makenzie Butt, Boise State softball

Jessica Jang, Cal Baptist women's water polo

Kayla Knoob, Cal State San Marcos women's soccer Anthony Lucio, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo men's wrestling

Taylor Reynolds, Wagner softball

Ryland Whitworth, West Point men's wrestling

Hercules Windrath, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo men's wrestling

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Nathan Acevas, UC Santa Barbara baseball

Jaiden Anderson, USC women's soccer

Sage Anderson, UC Santa Barbara softball Ben Bray, Grand Canyon University men's volleyball

Marley Garwick, Fresno State University women's water polo

Lola Fernsten, UC Davis women's volleyball

Meghan Freck, UC Davis women's volleyball

Macy Fuller, Cal State San Marcos softball

Christian Hammonds, UC San Diego men's water

polo Matt Hansen, BYU base-

Lyndsay Harris, Alabama State women's volleyball Sydney Harris, Tennessee rowing

Haylee LaFontaine, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo women's volleyball Kylie Leopard, Cal Poly

Pomona women's volleyball Ashley Long, University of Nebraska, Omaha soft-

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Liah Lummus, Loyola

Marymount softball

Collin McNiven, Claremont McKenna baseball Jake Pazanti, Long Beach State men's volleyball

Zoe Prystajko, Stanford softball

Jay Pyle, Air Force men's water polo

Dani Sparks, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo women's volleyball

Ethan Spoon, UC Irvine men's water polo Tauanuu, USC **Justin** football

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Ava Knepper, USC wom-

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Jessica MacCallum, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo women's tennis

Kate Parker, Auburn University equestrian BYU Ryner Swanson,

football Swensen, Santa Tyler Clara University men's water polo

MARINA

Coral Piramo, Slippery Rock field hockey

NEWPORT HARBOR

Gavin Appeldorn, Princeton men's water polo

Quinn Bartlett, Navy men's water polo Peter Castillo, UCLA

men's water polo Ryan Chalupnik, UCLA women's water polo Taryn Graves, Tennessee

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Angelena Peterson, Marist College women's water polo

bara men's volleyball

Kate Kubiak.

women's soccer

Riggs Guy, UC Santa Bar-

Chloe Rizof, Santa Clara University women's water

Ally Thomas, University of Mississippi women's soc-

Owen Tift, Pepperdine men's water polo

Jack Von Der Ahe, USC men's volleyball

OCEAN VIEW

Ashley Capelouto, Tennessee Tech softball Sienna Erskine, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo softball

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN

Alex Stewart, Vanguard University men's basketball

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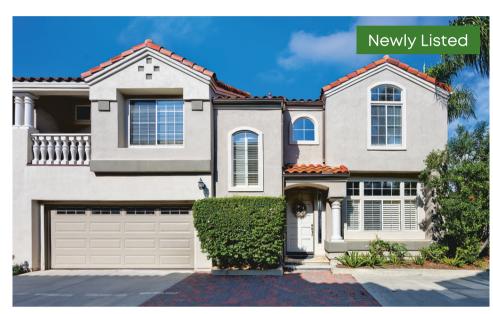






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621 West Bay Avenue, Balboa Peninsula 3 Beds + Office / 5 Baths / 2,336 SF List Price: \$5,655,000 / Represented Seller



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