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STUDENTS ARRIVE for in-person instruction at Laguna Beach High School Wednesday after the school closed a year ago due to the pandemic.

Secondary school students back on campus in Laguna

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Laguna Beach Unified School District welcomed students back to its secondary school campuses Wednesday for the first time since distance learning began a year ago due to the coronavirus pandemic.

At Laguna Beach High School, students began arriving around 8:30 a.m. at three designated points of entry, where they had their temperatures checked before making their return to physical classrooms

The district's reopening plan called for hybrid learning to take place in cohorts, so about 350 students returned to campus Wednesday. A second group of a similar size will participate in in-person learning



A STAFF MEMBER checks students with a thermometer at one of the entrances to Laguna Beach High. Students arrived for in-person instruction Wednesday after the school closed one year ago due to the pandemic.

on Thursday.

Laguna Beach Principal Dr. Jason Allemann said about 200 of the district's high school students remain in distance learning full time through the virtual academy.

Allemann was among those who welcomed students at the front entrance to the school near the Artists Theatre, along with a display of school pride in the form of several cheerleaders in uniform.

"You just can't beat the energy of a high school campus with kids on it," Allemann said. "It's indescribable and it just keeps you young."

Allemann sympathized with students regarding what they have lost over the last year,

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Police seek attempted murder suspect

Officers responded to reports of shots fired on March 2 in Costa Mesa.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Costa Mesa police are currently seeking Max Diamond, a 29-yearold resident of Norwalk who allegedly shot a man earlier this

Officers responded to a call about shots fired at around 5:40 a.m. on March 2 in the 2000 block of Harbor Boulevard. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 30-year-old man from Costa Mesa had been shot. He was taken to a local hospital where he was treated for a gunshot wound to the neck.

The victim survived the injury and has since been released from the hospital, officials said.

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Facility beckons animal lovers with goal of restoring life to pets

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Tessa, 11 years old and some pounds overweight, lumbered up the ramp toward the indoor swimming pool with determination and in clear anticipation of her weekly swim.

Her aquatic workout came about after Jennifer Herzer of Newport Beach sought some help for her black Labrador. Tessa was suffering from arthritis pain in all four leg joints, making exercise on land impossible.

After an internet search for alternative therapies for dogs with arthritis, she discovered Animal Wellness Center of OC, located in Costa Mesa.

"I just love this place, there's nothing like it for miles," said Herzer, who originally brought Tessa in for the introductory

"I've added other services to the swim therapy such as chiropractic, acupuncture and cold laser. We are still keeping our vet," she said, "just enhancing



Susan Hoffman

ERIN HALE, a volunteer with Animal Wellness Center of OC, blow-dries Tessa's fur while Jennifer Herzer holds her leash.

the quality of life of our dog."

It was actually because of their own dogs' health issues that the owners of the facility discovered the world of holistic health therapies for animals. Co-owner Barb West's chocolate Labrador, Kona, was diagnosed with a form of blindness, sud-

den acquired retinal degener-

ation and after receiving chiropractic and acupuncture, lived another five years.

"A lot of things can be done to help animals outside the typical Western medicine realm," said West.

West's partner, Lourdes Bi-

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C.M. council names mayor

John Stephens lost a reelection bid but on Tuesday was appointed to replace outgoing Katrina Foley.

BY SARA CARDINE

Forgoing a special election and seeking applicants to replace outgoing Mayor Katrina Foley — who will be sworn in to the Orange County Board of Supervisors on March 22 — Costa Mesa City Council members Tuesday appointed John Stephens the city's new mayor.

À former District 1 councilman who lost his reelection bid in November to conservative challenger Don Harper, Stephens has been serving on the city's planning commission since being appointed by the council in January.

Tuesday's 5-1 vote (Harper opposed and Foley abstained) came well after midnight and followed a long discussion on the merits of making an outright appointment or soliciting applications from residents interested in filling out the two-year, at-large mayoral term.

Čalifornia's Government Code states municipal leaders must appoint a replacement, even for an elected mayor. If council members had failed to name Foley's replacement within 60 days, a special election would have to have been conducted before

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Former prosecutor to take on county D.A.

Peter Hardin announces that he will run against Todd Spitzer next year.

BY HANNAH FRY

A former prosecutor and U.S. Marine Corps veteran said Tuesday that he will challenge Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer to become Orange County's top prosecutor next year in a race that is poised to test the climate for justice reform in a county that has historically favored tough-on-crime policies.

Peter Hardin, 42, announced his candidacy at a media briefing outside the Lamoreaux Justice Center and Juvenile Hall in Orange on Tuesday afternoon, surrounded by dozens of supporters holding blue and orange signs bearing the attorney's name.

With his son by his side, Hardin outlined his catalog of ideas, including ending cash bail, halting the practice of prosecuting children as adults and abolishing the use of the death penalty.

These policies, he says, will help bring the county's justice system into the 21st century.

"I'm running to enhance public safety, heal and restore our vic-

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Huntington Beach again plans a modified Fourth of July parade

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach is planning to move forward with a modified Fourth of July parade again in 2021 due to ongoing concerns about the coronavirus pandemic.

Community Services Manager Chris Cole said during a presentation at Monday night's City Coun-

cil meeting that this year's plans include another modified parade, a Pier Plaza festival, a home decorating contest, modified 5K run and a fireworks display over the Huntington Beach Pier.

The city's five-member Fourth of July executive board approved the plans at its March 3 meeting and the City Council voted unanimously Monday night to move the plans forward.

Councilman Mike Posey did question the mixed message of allowing large gatherings with the festival and fireworks show, but not allowing the traditional pa-

"I think a lot of the recommendations that have been put forth have been based on our best understanding of current guidance," City Manager Oliver Chi responded.

"The Pier Plaza festival is allowed ... and there's no indication that the beaches will be closed this Fourth of July. The fireworks show, we expect to be able to do, but there's a chance that potentially we're asked not to do the fireworks show. And there's ways to facilitate the run based on current guid-

"One thing that's pretty clear at this point is that large-scale events where you do have a mass gathering of people together in a confined space, like you would see during the parade, we feel fairly confident at this point that it won't technically be allowed, per the state's guid-

Huntington Beach's Fourth of July Parade has been held annually since 1904 and is known as the largest Independence Day celebration west of the Mississippi River.

Last year it went virtual, however, with two small car caravans driving around the city's downtown and residential areas. Additionally, the Pier Plaza festival, 5K run and fireworks show over the pier were all canceled.

The city is planning to move forward with the events this year, though Director of Community and Library Slama noted that COVID-19's negative economic impacts are making it difficult to secure previous financial partnerships or attract new sponsors.

Cole said this year's modified parade will expand on last year's concept by creating additional parade routes, and include creative ways to engage potential sponsors. The Pier Plaza festival will be enhanced from previous years to provide needed revenue for the 2021 and 2022 celebrations

The 5K run will modify the traditional 5K route, and stagger start times for small groups on a predesigned course at Central Park. A virtual race option will also be available.

The fireworks show over the pier could be 24 to 26 minutes long and choreographed to a custom soundtrack. However, the

show remains only a possibility at this time.

"Due to the social gathering and fiscal uncertainties regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the fireworks show is the most susceptible to COVID-related impacts," Cole said.

Huntington Beach has contracted with Soundskilz Inc. to manage the celebration. As part of its vote to move the Fourth of July plans forward, the City Council also voted to amend its contract to allow the city to directly pay prepaid vendor expenses or deposits. Soundskilz, in turn, would be required to repay the city from the event revenues.

For example, a deposit of about \$26,000 is required for the fireworks show, Slama said.

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CAMPUS

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noting events such as modified graduation ceremonies for seniors and the loss of the traditional first day of school for freshmen.

"The resiliency of our young adults and their ability to be flexible and adapt to what's been thrown at them over the last 12 months, I think that to me is the most empowering and warm feeling from the education perspective," Allemann said.

In-person learning is resuming this week in the district after Orange County progressed from the most-restrictive purple tier to the red tier on Sunday. The district had originally planned to bring back students to its secondary schools - Laguna Beach High School Thurston Middle School - late last November, but a purple tier assignment derailed those plans.

The hybrid learning protocols were on display in Dawn Hunnicutt's classroom. Six students sat physically in the creative writing class, with others joining the class virtually. A tripod was set up on a front-row desk with a camera that livestreamed the lesson to those participating in the class online.

Signs with the words, 'Desk is not available,' promoted physical distancing among the stuin attendance. Masks were also worn by all in the classroom.

Austin Plank, 17, a junior, was hanging out with three classmates before the start of the school day. Social interaction is one of the things that those returning to the classroom said they were most looking forward to.

"I think it feels good just because I feel like I like being in a class more than online because you can actually form a relationship with the teachers," Austin said before heading off to a multimedia production class.

Tim Wald, 49, dropped his freshman daughter, Savannah, off at school. He said the family recently transferred into the district from Irvine.

"It's been tough socially, right, because she

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wants to make sure that she's meeting people, so she's super excited," Wald said. "I think we're all excited."

Students were enrolled in two classes per trimester this school year. Allemann said that the school hopes to return to a more traditional class schedule

Egan Butler, 14, said he landed somewhere in the middle regarding his thoughts on the twoclasses-per-trimester for-

"I'm kind of neutral on it," said Egan, who added that he will be studying English and Health to close out the school year. "I like how it kind of controls the maximum workload because then you can't really get overloaded with just two classes, whereas if you had six online classes, you could really easily."

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ROSENBERG, VICTOR R. SHAMES, BRIAN E.

RAFTERY be appointed as personal representative to

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codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and

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MAYOR

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Nov. 2 at an estimated cost of between \$433,321 and \$503,350.

"The cost of a special election is quite enormous, and we'd be looking at that solely to fill the remaining year of the mayor's term," City Atty. Kim Barlow told council members.

Not everyone agreed, however.

A small group of residents opposed to the council's handpicking an appointee mayor rallied outside Costa Mesa City Hall Tuesday morning with signs reading "My Vote

Counts" and "Let the People Decide."

Hengameh Abraham — who ran an unsuccessful conservative campaign for an open seat in council District 6 in November and says she's considering a mayoral run in 2022 — said the position should be filled by special election or at least someone with previous experience.

"Anyone who has not run a citywide mayoral campaign should not be considered because they don't know what it entails," she said at the morning rally.

Costa Mesa resident Andy Ginocchio, who attended the rally outside

City Hall, wasn't opposed to the council's seeking and reviewing applications for an appointment, so long as the process was fair and allowed the public to weigh in.

"We need input from the people," he said. "The mayor is not only a tie-breaking vote but the city's leader. It's important we get a full-time functioning mayor as quickly as possible because the city has a bunch of issues."

At the rally and in public comment at Tuesday's meeting, Abraham supported the return of former City Councilwoman Sandy Genis, who ran against Foley in November and was the second top vote-getter with 27.4% of the vote to Foley's 52.2%. But council members had a different way of thinking.

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While Manuel Chavez and Loren Gameros suggested appointing Stephens to the position, Mayor Pro Tem Andrea Marr, along with Harper and Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds, initially favored an application process.

"I feel like that would be the more transparent thing to do at this point, and we could do it rather quickly," Marr said.

Councilman Jeff Harlan was against hosting an open call for a new mayor if officials simply ended up

choosing an applicant they'd already had in mind. Instead, he recommended appointing Stephens.

"He has exercised sound judgment, and he has demonstrated leadership," Harlan said. "I think that's something worth considering."

Following the council's vote in his favor, Stephens on Wednesday contemplated council priorities, including opening Costa Mesa's first permanent homeless shelter, crafting a retail cannabis ordinance, updating the city's housing element and recovering from the pandemic.

"It's an exciting time, and I'm happy to be in a position of service and working with this council," he added. "We're very well placed to do great things for the city of Costa Mesa but also kind of be a model for the rest of the region."

Signing off on her last council meeting Tuesday, Foley thanked fellow council members and city staff for their hard work and dedication.

"It's been great serving with all of you — I appreciate you," she said as 1 a.m. approached. "Good night, Costa Mesa."

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SUSPECT

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Department spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said in a statement issued Wednesday that officers determined the incident began after the victim heard a disturbance between a man and a wom-

On hearing the woman scream, the victim went to a parking lot to investigate. He said he witnessed a woman running away from a man who was later determined by police to be Diamond, a parolee. The woman ran south on Harbor Boulevard and Diamond stopped and turned to confront the victim.

Diamond then allegedly pulled a gun from his waistband and shot the victim, then fled on foot, running north on Harbor. Detectives are asking members of the public to help locate him.

Officials said Diamond should be considered armed and dangerous and should not be approached.

If Diamond is seen, members of the public should call 911. Those with information are asked to reach out to Det. Joe Saar at (714) 754-5643 or jsaar@costamesaca.gov or Det. Sgt. Jose Morales at (714) 754-4933 or jmorales@costamesaca.gov.

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HARDIN

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tims and survivors of crime, and restore integrity and professionalism to the Orange County district attorney's office," Hardin said.

"I know that being a guardian of justice means doing the right thing all the time however difficult it may be. Across America we are facing a national reckoning with an outdated and ineffective criminal justice system. We have turned to prisons and punishment and turned our back on rehabilitation, support and redemption."

Hardin said the system frequently leads to mass incarceration and siphons taxpayer money away from public schools, afterschool programs, mental health services, and drug and alcohol counseling that can help reduce crime.

Hardin served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps for more than five years after graduating from the George Washington University Law School. He served in Helmand Province in Afghanistan in 2011 and 2012 as a member of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

After leaving the service, he was a deputy in the Orange County district attorney's office for a year and a prosecutor in the U.S. at-



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PETER HARDIN, with 8-year-old son Wyatt Hardin and other supporters, announces on Tuesday afternoon that he has entered the Orange County district attorney's race.

torney's office for two years. He entered private practice in 2017.

Hardin's challenge comes during a tumultuous time for Spitzer's office, which has been dogged by a series of scandals in recent months, including allegations of sexual harassment and criticism over the handling of a high-profile Newport Beach sexual assault case.

During the contentious race for district attorney in 2018 against Tony Rackauckas, Spitzer — then a county supervisor — billed himself as a reform candi-

At the time, he was fiercely critical of prosecutors' use of jailhouse informants to obtain confessions and win convictions, and ran on a platform promising to lead an honest and accountable office.

Hardin has found support from some of Spitzer's former allies turned vocal critics.

Among them is Paul Wilson, whose wife was one of eight people killed by Scott

Dekraai at a Seal Beach hair salon in 2011 in the deadliest mass shooting in county history.

Though Wilson supported Spitzer in 2018, he told the crowd Tuesday that he has since been disappointed by Spitzer's failure to clean up the district attorney's office.

"After years of excruciating pain I thought the county had a savior in Todd Spitzer. He ran a campaign to remove the district attorney with Spitzer speaking every day

about the terrible misconduct of our case and the need for accountability and change of culture," Wilson said. "It was all a con game."

Spitzer, who stood behind television news cameras as Hardin made his announcement Tuesday, said he attended the briefing to learn about his challenger's policies, which he compared to the progressive platform of recently elected Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. George Gascón.

"Mr. Harden made it unequivocally clear that he wants to be the next George Gascón for Orange County and I'm telling you, unequivocally, it's not going to happen," Spitzer said. "This county will not tolerate it. They will not stand for it."

Hardin refuted those assertions during his speech, saying that his policies will be tailored to meet the needs of Orange County.

"Todd Spitzer has built his career on tough on crime rhetoric and using fear and intimidation as a tactic," Hardin said.

"I know that he wants to run against George Gascón, but my name is Peter Hardin and we're in Orange County not in L.A."

HANNAH FRY is a Metro reporter covering Orange County for the Los Angeles Times.

THE DAILY COMMUTER

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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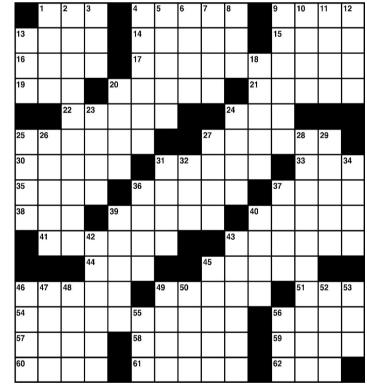
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SUDOKU

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*.

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

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Sports

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Laguna Beach seniors leave lasting legacy of titles

BY MATT SZABO

What defines success in team sports?

Is it defined by wins and losses, or the time spent with the team and the memories made? By any metric, the Laguna Beach High girls' water polo team has been a success

The close-knit squad from a small town has also been the most successful team in the CIF Southern Section in recent years. They won the last two Division 1 titles, and five in the last seven years. They would have been favored to win a sixth, had the playoffs not been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I think we're just trying to prove ourselves with the games that we have, and not give any other teams chances to say that they're better than us," UCLA-bound senior utility player Nicole Struss said. "It was long awaited for all of us, so being able to play these games, everyone just felt so



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

LAGUNA BEACH High water polo player Emma Singer, left, goes for a steal from Avery Montiel during Wednesday's Surf League match at Newport Harbor High.

Yes, since Coach Ethan Damato's Breakers don't lack in perspective, they're also able to make the best of what they have. So, they have spent this three-week stretch which is being called a season doing what they always do.

They just keep winning. The Breakers won 10-4 at

Newport Harbor on Wednesday evening, clinching the outright Surf League title with one league match still remaining. It was the 65th straight league win overall for Laguna Beach (6-0, 5-0 in league).

Laguna Beach has a lauded senior class this year, with all 11 seniors going on to play in college. Yet it is perhaps telling about the Breakers' depth that junior attacker Ava Houlahan came off the bench to score two big goals, tying her for team-high honors with senior attackers Molly Renner and lefthander Emma Lineback, both of whom are also bound for UCLA.

Princeton-bound chael Carver, Imani Clemons (UC Santa Barbara) and Emma Singer (Cal) also scored for the Breakers, who actually trailed Newport Harbor. Avery Montiel's early power-play goal put the Sailors (3-2, 2-2) up early.

But Laguna Beach scored eight of the next nine goals, storming to an 8-2 advantage after three quarters.

"Our last game [a 7-5 league win at Los Alamitos on Tuesday], our defense was a little soft and we weren't executing as well," Lineback

said. "This game, we really tried to focus on playing hard defense, and I think we did a really good job of executing and pushing that the whole

Struss had a team-best two assists and Carver a teambest two steals for the Breakers. Sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Schneider made eight saves, including one on a penalty shot. She also provided a highlight when she made a full-court goal early in the fourth quarter.

Junior Morgan Netherton led Newport Harbor with two goals, and Lily Gess also scored. Anna Reid had eight saves, including a penaltyshot stuff.

Netherton said the Sailors' effort was improved from the teams' first league meeting, a 14-8 Breakers win on March 6.

"They scored six goals in the first quarter on us, and this time we held them to two and it was close," said Netherton, a USC commit. "Obviously, we didn't get the outcome we wanted, but I think my team was a lot more mentally engaged."

Laguna Beach seems to always be that way, one pass or swim stroke ahead.

Struss, Renner and Carver, who became known by the "Baby Breakers" nickname as freshmen, are finishing up a four-year varsity career this week. The Breakers close out league play at Corona del Mar on Thursday and host Riverside King in a nonleague match Friday.

"It's definitely been really cool playing with so many different levels," Renner said. "When we played with the seniors [as freshmen], they were so much more advanced in skill than us. It was cool learning from them. Then, showing what we've learned to the people that we play with has really just made us grow as players.

"We're not so 'baby' any-

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FACILITY

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ancardi, whose dog Stella had bone cancer, drove two hours from Huntington Beach to a rehab facility in Santa Monica, asking herself, "How does this not exist in Orange County?

With individual backgrounds in client services and similar goals of improving and restoring quality of life to four-legged family members, the two friends partnered to open Animal Wellness Center of OC last August.

"We didn't plan on opening during the pandemic, but after a 5½-year journey, the wheels were in the works," Biancardi said. "We were opening no matter what, nothing was going to stop us at this point.

For the two animal lovers who just wanted a wellness center, they had their share of obstacles to navigate. Besides construction permits, there was a conditional use permit required in an area not zoned for dogs, adding to a yearlong approval process from the city.

The biggest delay, however, was finding a building. That search took three long years. They wanted a specific area and size, a place with high ceilings and rollup doors for pool ventilation. Swim therapy and its



Susan Hoffman

TRAN applies acupuncture to Scitzy at the Animal Wellness Center of OC.

VETERINARIAN T-NA

benefits in treating arthritis, weight control, recovery from surgery and calming anxiety in pets were program priorities. Discovering the facility

by following Barb West on Facebook, Newport Beach resident Elizabeth Peckenpaugh became one of the first clients to bring her out-of-control rescue dog. "Creature was such a wild thing we couldn't let him in the house or get on a

leash," explained Pecken-paugh. "His leash biting and pulling behavior was concerning to me." She thought Creature's behavior stemmed from

anxiety and that exercise would help calm him down, similar to the effect it has on humans. Sure enough, once he

started swimming he slept better and eventually could be leashed to accompany Peckenpaugh on walks.

"Since we started him swimming last summer, I've seen a transformation in him from wild animal to family pet, and he's crazy excited to get there," Peckenpaugh said. "Creature, who is a senior 12-year-old pit bull, is a lot of dog for me to take on and is still a work in progress, but thanks to swim he's a lot more manageable. I felt like that was the place that made it all happen for me."

The new business that was once a vision in the minds of West and Biancardi has come to life and is growing in spite of the pandemic. Volunteer animal lovers are coming out of the woodwork for the opportunity to do something good for animals.

Biancardi and West have created an environment where compassion, understanding and empathy spreads to the pet parents as well as animals.

"My heart just swells and I want to help them," Biancardi said. "All these wonderful, amazing human beings who love and care for their animals, of which are resilient and happy even though they are paralyzed. It's awesome to see."

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Be kind, everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle. (Plato) Question everything. We are only limited by imagination.

David Max Stone passed away peacefully at his Balboa Island home on March 10, 2021 at the age of 88, with his loving daughter Susan and caregivers Paulina and John by his side. David was born in Pasadena, California on August 25, 1932 to Elsie Pettitt Stone and John Henry Stone. David lived a long and full life. He lived his early years in Pasadena, frequently visiting the Balboa Peninsula, moving there at the age of twelve. He graduated from Newport Harbor High School in 1950. Following high school, David was drafted into the the Army during the Korean War and did basic training at Fort Ord near Monterey. He married JoAnn Israelson on February 4,1955, and while attending Cal State University Long Beach, David worked nights to support he and JoAnn as a licensed captain onboard the Balboa Island ferry. Soon, David and JoAnn started their family. Together they welcomed with love their three children: Jeffery Stone (Stacy), Susan Burt (Ed), and Sandra Larkin.

After graduating college, David started his long and successful real estate career initially as a real estate appraiser for the OC Department of Right-of-Way. He then worked as a real estate lender for Victoria Savings and Loan in Riverside, California, leading to a partnership in the development of his first apartment building in 1967 Along with two partners, David co-founded Income Property Services in Orange County, the predecessor company of Western National Properties, which he co-founded in 1981. WNP grew to be one of the largest apartment development and management companies in the

His passion for boating lead to many wonderful years of day sailing and racing in regattas. With his son Jeff by his side, David had many successes on the family's Ranger 33 Puff, Islander 30 Flying Colors, and custom Britt Chance Design ¾ Ton Eclipse. Together with his crew, David won the Hugh Angleman series five consecutive years, the Humphrey Bogart series, and many other regattas. Over the years, David enjoyed his friendships and the comradery of yachting at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. David continued his passion for boating by building two power boats, Coaster and Crosser, later acquiring Solaia in 2007. David married Sandra Howarth in 2004. Together they shared many happy years traveling the world on Crosser and Solaia, visiting more than fifty-five countries on four continents and logging more that 130,000 miles at sea, the equivalent of five times around the earth.

Lovingly known as Grandpa Max, David was blessed with seven grandsons: Clayton Stone (Julie), James Bohan, Bradley Stone, Joseph Bohan, Gregory Stone (Jaimee), Scott Stone, and Jack Larkin, along with six great grandchildren: Charlotte, Elizabeth, Theodore, Grayson, Margaret, and

Throughout his business career and world travels, David had the opportunity to meet many interesting people. In his later years, he enjoyed sharing his travels with family and friends. David will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his generosity, his wisdom, and his skillfulness at defeating problems with quiet confidence.

He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. Smooth sailing Dave, Dad, Grandpa Max!

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