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**RETURNING STUDENTS** greet each other in the center quad on the first day of school at Laguna Beach High on Thursday morning.

## 'Stoked' Laguna students back for new school year

BY ANDREW TURNER

The halls of Laguna Beach High were filled with the chatter of summer tales as students returned for a new year of classes in the Laguna Beach Unified School District.

After the first period of classes, star quarterback Jackson Kollock emerged from a nearby classroom doorway.

"I'm stoked," Kollock said of beginning his junior year.

Kollock helped lead the Breakers to the CIF Southern Section Division 9 crown last season. A chance at back-to-back titles is just some of the excitement around campus this year.

District officials were enthusiastic about a couple of new additions to the high school, including a new student well space and a family resource center.

"We started this work in 2017, with the addition of our director [of social emotional support Michael] Keller and two social workers," Supt. Jason Vilorio said of the district's focus on social-emotional wellness.

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**STUDENTS CROSS** paths on their way to class at Laguna Beach High School.

## Dupuis to retire as L.B. manager

City Council discusses settlement of workplace claim behind closed doors, agrees to part ways with city manager.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Laguna Beach City Council and City Manager Shohreh Dupuis have mutually agreed to part ways, executing a separation agreement Thursday to settle a workplace claim.

Dupuis had filed a complaint alleging that conduct of Councilman George Weiss constituted harassment and created a hostile work environment.

Council members discussed the anticipated litigation in a closed session meeting on Thursday morning. Weiss did not participate in the item due to a potential conflict of interest.

Mayor Bob Whalen was authorized to sign a separation agreement and general release with Dupuis, City Atty. Phil Kohn reported out of the closed session. The decision to do so carried 4-0 with the participating council members.

Dupuis will retire from her position as city manager effective

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## OBITUARY

### Political pioneer Hertzog dies at 94

Influential Costa Mesa leader died at her N.J. residence on Aug. 21.

BY CAROL CORMACI

Costa Mesa's first woman council member and mayor, Norma Hertzog, died Aug. 21 at her home in New Jersey, according to Mayor John Stephens, who announced her death in a news release issued Thursday. Hertzog was 94.

Hertzog came to California from Canada in 1951 and became a U.S. citizen in 1960, the same year she moved with her family to Costa Mesa. Two years later, Hertzog, who gained experience teaching preschool in Canada and in Pacific Palisades, established Costa Mesa's Mesa Verde Preschool. She also owned West Bay Preschool in the city.

She was first elected to the Costa Mesa City Council in 1974. She recalled she had been prompted to run because, in her view, the city lacked social services.

"There simply weren't any social programs in the city ... and I

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**LAIRD HAYES**, left, and author Rich Dunn flank a greeter dressed as Capt. Jack Sparrow during the 2021 pirate-themed Lowsman Banquet. Hayes was recently named Newport Beach Citizen of the Year.

## Laird Hayes honored as Citizen of the Year in Newport Beach

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach resident Laird Hayes recently kicked around the idea of starting a new social group with his longtime friend, Tom Johnson.

"We've been friends forever," Hayes said of Johnson, a former Daily Pilot publisher who now publishes the online newspaper and community forum Stu News. "Recently, I read this article about these old guys that get to-

gether over at Pierce College to just talk about sports, so I thought, 'Hey, we should do that.' Johnson agreed.

"So, we meet over at OASIS [Senior Center in Newport Beach] and we had our first meeting in July — about 20 people," Hayes said. "Our next meeting was last Tuesday. I show up about 20 minutes before 3 p.m. and we're scheduled from 3 to 5

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## H.B. Planning Commission looks at proposed 5-story senior-living project

BY MATT SZABO

Seniors in Huntington Beach could have a new option to call home, as the community continues to age.

The Huntington Beach Planning Commission held a study session Tuesday night regarding the proposed Bolsa Chica Senior Living Community project, which would rise on the southwest corner of Bolsa Chica Street and Warner Avenue.

The five-story project would accommodate 202 total units, project planner Hayden Beckman said in a presentation. As proposed, it would include 102

independent living units, 72 assisted living units and 28 memory care units.

An underground parking garage with 189 spaces would be built, and various indoor and outdoor amenities include dining facilities with alcohol service would be among its offerings.

The 3.1-acre site currently holds two commercial buildings. The surrounding area includes retail property, apartments and condominiums.

Zoning amendments required by the project would include the creation of the Bolsa Chica Senior Living Community Specific Plan, the 19th adopted specific

plan in the city. This would create a maximum building height of 65 feet instead of 50 feet, among other changes.

Applicants Tom Lawless with real estate developer Hines and Christopher Hilbert with Clearwater Living addressed the Planning Commission.

"We bring an institutional know-how, but a local understanding," Lawless said. "We both live here locally, and it's our intention to build a community that really allows seniors to age in place in their own city, providing a continuum of care from in-

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## ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



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**NEW RESTAURANT AT THE END OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER OPENS FOR BUSINESS** PAGE A3



# End of H.B. Pier has a new restaurant



**T**he restaurant at the end of the iconic Huntington Beach Pier has again changed hands.

Broad Street Oyster Co. opened in the space on Saturday.

Broad Street has its signature lobster roll — served either warm with butter or chilled with mayonnaise. Other seafood favorites include shrimp, fish and chips and the restaurant's namesake, oysters. The menu also features a burger, salads and seafood tacos.

The chain was founded in Malibu in 1919 by Christopher Tompkins. Huntington Beach marks Broad Street's fourth daily physical location, joining Malibu, Santa Barbara and the Los Angeles Grand Central Market.

It is open every day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The space housed Ruby's Diner for 25 years before it closed in early 2021. A new restaurant, Bud & Gene's, opened in the spot in summer 2022 but was short-lived.

The location is famous for its red roof, which remains, as well as its nearly 360-degree views of the Pacific Ocean and the beach.

— Matt Szabo

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**EMPLOYEES TAKE** food orders at the outdoor takeout window at Broad Street Oyster Co., the new restaurant at the end of Huntington Beach Pier.



**CRAB AND** lobster trap buoys decorate the wall of the dining room.



**BROAD STREET** Oyster Co. retains the red roof of the former Ruby's Diner.

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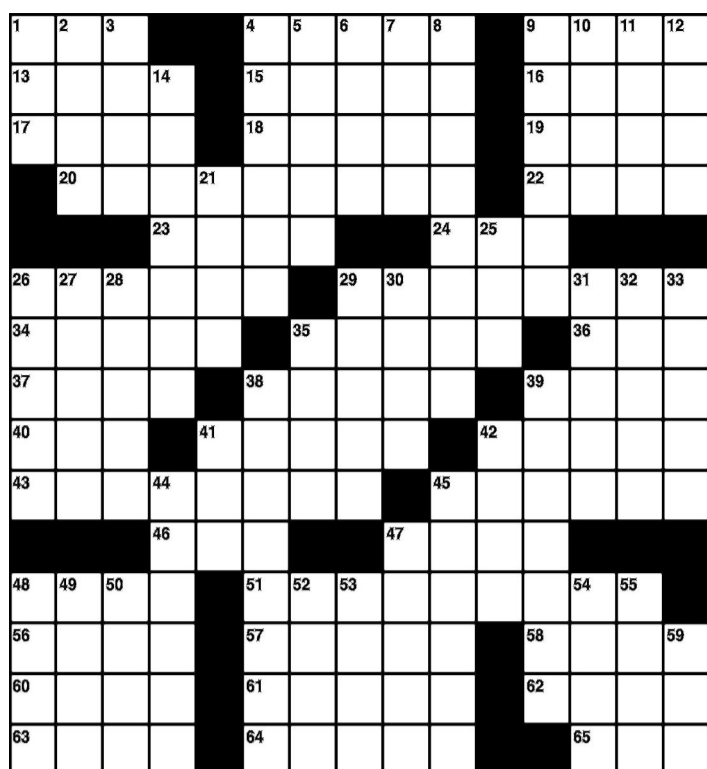
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**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

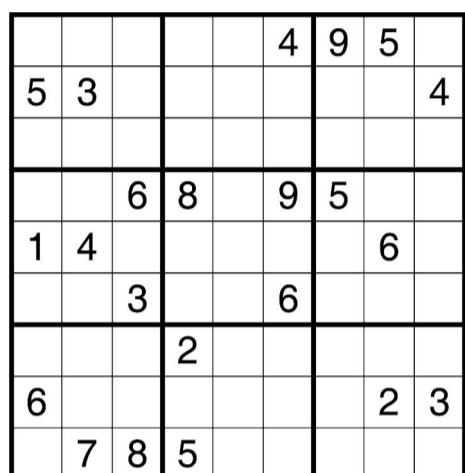


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 1 Monopoly token  
 4 Fails to mention  
 9 Morse \_  
 13 \_ a home; no longer rents  
 15 Narrow boat  
 16 Kitchen appliance  
 17 \_ as a pin  
 18 More than required  
 19 Pewter component  
 20 Stud farm horses  
 22 Mantel pieces  
 23 Den or parlor  
 24 Easter entre, perhaps  
 26 Man's scarf  
 29 “\_ gracious!”  
 34 Hunt in Hollywood  
 35 Couples  
 36 Letters before an alias  
 37 Rental car agency  
 38 Gallant  
 39 Blow one's own horn  
 40 Shortest of 12: abbr.  
 41 \_ tales; lies  
 42 Actress Midler  
 43 Qualified to enter  
 45 Measles symptoms  
 46 Part of spring: abbr.  
 47 Concern  
 48 Fail to keep a secret  
 51 Like a good sponge  
 56 Gray wolf  
 57 Common \_; wisdom  
 58 Scuttle contents  
 60 Consumer  
 61 “Ode to a Nightingale” poet  
 62 Graceful dance  
 63 Wine list selection  
 64 Uneasy feeling  
 65 \_ Brunswick, Canada

**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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



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

- DOWN**  
 1 Ameche or Shula  
 2 Has unpaid bills  
 3 Pesky bug  
 4 Wildcat  
 5 Old saying  
 6 Take \_ account; consider  
 7 Having mixed feelings  
 8 Coast  
 9 Supporting pillar  
 10 Trip \_; stumble on  
 11 Jimmy \_ sausage  
 12 Finales  
 14 Has no food for

- too long  
 21 Money lent  
 25 Commercials  
 26 Irritate by rubbing  
 27 Party heartily  
 28 Excuse  
 29 Roof edge piece  
 30 Aromatherapy bottles  
 31 Terra firma  
 32 Emulate Tara Lipinski  
 33 Wise men  
 35 Take a \_; survey voters  
 38 Lincoln's place  
 39 Plead with  
 41 \_ over; topple  
 42 Fishhook  
 44 Zsa Zsa & Eva  
 45 Most uncommon  
 47 At all \_; no matter what  
 48 Fuzzy image  
 49 Misplace  
 50 Under the covers  
 52 Has \_; one no longer popular  
 53 Obstacle  
 54 Person, place or thing  
 55 Yarn  
 59 Ordinance

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Courtesy of Mason Bruderer

**LAGUNA BEACH** resident Mason Bruderer stands behind a park bench he created for his Eagle Scout project at Moulton Meadows Park. He donated leftover project funds to the city.

**Love for his pets inspired a new Eagle Scout to create a place to sit at the dog park**

BY ANDREW TURNER

A Laguna Beach High student has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, putting a creative skill to good use to help others who share his passion for dogs. Mason Bruderer, 16, who will start his junior year at Laguna Beach High on Thursday, recently achieved the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, following the completion of a project that brought a new park bench to Moulton Meadows Park. The bench was placed in the temporary dog play area at Moulton Meadows Park. It bears a plaque that reads, in part, “For dog lovers and the city of Laguna Beach.” Mayor Bob Whalen read from a proclamation recog-



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**MAYOR BOB WHALEN** hands Eagle Scout Mason Bruderer a proclamation honoring his accomplishments during the Laguna Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday.

nizing Bruderer's achievement before inviting him to the podium to describe the green park bench for the Moulton Meadows dog park currently in construction.

“For my project, I built a

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## STUDENTS

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"We've since expanded. We've added social workers at the elementary [level]. We've added additional school counselors at the middle and high school.

"This [well] space was just a necessary space for kids to be able to have a location that they can kind of congregate if they need a break, if they need to check in with somebody. The social worker's office is right here, as well, but we want to make it inviting. That's the intent of the windows and kind of the openness feel."

Asked what the best thing was that he saw Thursday morning, Vilorio said he enjoys watching new kindergarten students come to school for the first time.

Enrollment continues to trickle down in the public schools. In spite of that, Vilorio said the district has retained its teachers, yielding smaller class sizes.

Forging relationships with students has also been a point of emphasis, a part of the job that is not lost on Cpl. Fred Yeilding, a school resource officer. Yeilding said he was at El Morro Elementary for school drop-off, where he said the kids were smiling and music was playing.

"You can't be stoic, you can't



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**A GROUP OF** students chat in the new "well space" room, which has been designed to encourage social-emotional wellness, on the first day of school at Laguna Beach High on Thursday morning.

hide away," Yeilding said of his connection to the kids. "The whole point of this position is to build relationships with the students, so they feel comfortable with you. You can't be a person who is going to shy away from interactions with kids.

"You need a certain personality. You need to be outgoing, open, and that's really what it's all about — being available for the kids. There's a big difference between vulnerable and available. I like to say that I'm available because I want to build those connections

with the kids. Part of that is sharing my own story, what I went through in high school and the things I've learned along the way."

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## HAYES

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p.m.

"And I see all these extra people, and I was thinking, 'Wow, this idea's really taken off!' and I knew most of them. Not all of them were real sports people, but I thought, 'Hey, what the heck. I had no clue.'"

He said he was surveying the crowd and gloating over what he assumed was the wild success of his idea to start the sports talks. After the meeting got underway, Steve Rosansky, president and chief executive of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce sprang into action. He stood up holding two footballs, Hayes recalled.

"He says that one's signed by Mr. Irrelevant,

and I was vaguely interested, so they passed the ball around," Hayes recalled.

Then Rosansky approached Hayes directly with the second ball. Hayes turned the ball over and saw it had his name and the words "Citizen of the Year."

To say he was surprised would be putting it mildly.

The Citizen of the Year award is determined by previous citizens of the year, and dates back to 1949. It honors residents respected and admired throughout the community for their contributions to Newport Beach.

Last year's winner was David Beek, whose family is one of the oldest in the city and who runs the Balboa Island Fuel Dock. His father, Seymour, who was

also the Citizen of the Year in 2005, runs the Balboa Island Ferry.

"Laird Hayes' long-standing commitment to volunteerism in our community makes him a perfect candidate for Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce 2023 Citizen of the Year," said Rosansky in a statement Thursday. "He is one of the most positive, upbeat individuals I know, and he is always ready to roll up his sleeves to help."

Hayes, 73, grew up in Santa Barbara. He said he moved to Newport Beach in the 1980s and held a number of positions at Orange Coast College. He was first hired as the assistant dean of student affairs in 1976. He was named the Coast Community College District's director of community relations in 1985

and later returned to OCC, where he taught a variety of sports until his retirement in 2011, though he still teaches surfing and ocean safety classes to this day. From 1995 to 2017 he worked as a National Football League game official.

In retirement, he took on some civic roles. He was a member of the city's Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission and the Water Quality and Coastal Tidelands Committee for a number of years. He volunteers with the Newport Beach police and fire departments and is an active member at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

"I'm really honored. I'm really humbled," Hayes said of the Citizen of the Year recognition. "The whole deal, those trite things that people say —

honest to God. I love the community. I love volunteering, but I do it because it's fun and there's meaning to it," he said.

"I've got a great wife, Maggie, who's always supported the stuff I've done, and our daughter, Katie, and our son, Andy — both kids live within a mile and a half of us. We have three grandkids. We feel very lucky to have our children so close.

"It was meaningful, totally unexpected and totally a surprise. I thought other people got recognized for that sort of thing and not me. It was totally out of blue, basically came out of right field. Those are fun surprises, right? The ones you don't expect."

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## SCOUT

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tion," Bruderer said at City Hall on Tuesday. "I decided to do the project because I went up to the dog park a year or so ago. ...I saw that the park was just like this little fenced [off] area.

"I'm a dog owner. I have two dogs, and I was also looking for my Eagle project at the time, and I decided, 'Hey, what if I could do my project for this, and maybe I could add something to this dog park.'"

Bruderer went before the city's parks and recreation committee to propose the project, where he learned the city was looking into expanding the dog play area.

A GoFundMe page was created to raise the money to acquire the materials needed to create the bench.

"We needed a lot of lumber and stuff, so we created a GoFundMe to raise \$800, which would be the amount of budget we would need for all the supplies to build the entire thing," said Bruderer, a member of Boy Scout Troop 35 in Laguna Beach. "Graciously, Ganahl Lumber decided to donate basically all the wood we needed, so we had an excess of money left over that we just had sitting around.

"So today, I have a check with the rest of the money that we would like to give to the city and allocate to finishing the dog park construction project."

Bruderer then handed over the check for \$585 to Whalen, who invited the young resident to come up with his family for a picture in front of the dais.

Through his first two years of high school, Bruderer has run cross-country for the Breakers. He has also held acting roles in the school's theatrical productions of "She Kills Monsters" and "Mamma Mia!" Bruderer said he hopes to get into a good art school.

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