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MINORI SAKITA, a female soloist for BalletX, performs in "Mapping Out a Sky" Thursday in the Laguna Dance Festival at the Laguna Playhouse.

BalletX takes center stage at Laguna Dance Festival

BY ANDREW TURNER

hatter and laughter filled the lobby of the Laguna Playhouse before the planned programming, but a hush fell over the crowd as clips from the past two decades of dance began to play in the theater.

The attendees were there to help mark the contributions and longevity of the Laguna

Dance Festival.

"Twenty years ago, today was just a dream," Jodie Gates, the founder and artistic director of the festival said as she walked on stage to greet those in attendance Thursday, the first night of the four-day anniversary celebration.

When the curtain went up and the lights came down, only pianist John Wilson was on stage. Then female soloist Minori Sakita glided from stage right — just in front of Wilson — and acknowledged the provider of the evening's live music.

"It was really fun to work with Jodie, finally, because we met earlier two years ago, but I was injured, so we didn't get to work together," Sakita said in a post-performance discussion.

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Newport police chief offers updates

Drones, automated surveillance and more were points of a discussion at a special meeting Friday, Jan. 31.

BY ERIC LICAS

Newport Beach Police Chief Dave Miner gave the community an update on the incorporation of modern technology to the department's crime fighting and increased enforcement of anticamping laws to tackle homelessness during a special meeting last Friday, Jan. 31.

Among the new additions to the police force's technology, Miner said, are 69 automated license plate readers, which went online in October.

In July the City Council approved a \$1.4-million contract with Flock Safety for the installation of the devices. They monitor critical intersections throughout the city 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The equipment has already helped detectives identify and arrest people suspected of burglaries in Newport Beach, Miner said. It has also been used to spot people wanted in connection with carjackings and other violent felonies as they enter the city.

"I've talked to our chief and I've talked to our lieutenant," Mayor Joe Stapleton said. "They say this is the single best technology they've seen in the field, maybe in a generation."

Privacy advocates have criticized the adoption of automated license plate readers for contributing to a growing network of constant surveillance at the expense of privacy. Miner noted that the cameras do not record the

See **Police,** page A6

Make-A-Wish sends Seal Beach teenager to Super Bowl LIX

BY MATT SZABO

Seal Beach resident Carson Fox is now not only cancer-free, but he finds himself in a very enviable position this weekend.

Fox, a passionate football fan, is headed to the big game on Sunday.

Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire has granted his wish of heading to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans.

Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans. Eighteen other "wish kids" from around the country will also be at the Super Bowl via Make-A- Wish. Fox and his father, mother and brother got into town on Wednesday.

"It's a dream come true to be here, for sure," Fox, 19, said in a phone interview Friday. "It's cool not only for me, but just for my whole family. We all kind of went through it together, so to be all here together and celebrate as a family is awesome."

After breaking his ankle as a freshman at Los Alamitos High, Fox found out that he had a rare

See **Teenager**, page A2



Courtesy of Make-A-Wish **SEAL BEACH** resident Carson Fox met NFL safety Damar Hamlin in

New Orleans as part of his Make-A-Wish wish to go to the Super Bowl.



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MARINES FROM Camp Pendleton arrive for the Crisp Family Super Bowl Party, at American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291, in 2023.

Family goes extra yard for Marines, veterans with Super Bowl party

BY SARA CARDINE

Sports fans who paid thousands of dollars for nosebleed seats in New Orleans' Caesars Superdome for Super Bowl LIX would be kicking themselves if they knew about the party going down in Newport Beach on Sun-

That's where, at the American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291, hundreds of U.S. Marines on break from Camp Pendleton will join with a contingent of veterans from World War II on up in a celebration for the ages.

Hosted by local residents Gary and Julie Crisp, owners of Costa Mesa-based Crisp Imaging, the invitation-only watch party has become a beloved tradition and a bit of a spectacle since the couple first invited about 80 servicemen and women into the backyard of their former home in Coto de Caza 14 years ago.

"We moved to Corona del Mar about 10 years ago, and the lots are a bit smaller, so we went to the American Legion and sort of sold them on the idea," Gary Crisp recalled in an interview Friday. "At first they looked at us crooked, now everybody absolutely loves the event."

Like most good things, the Crisp Family Super Bowl Party became larger and more spectacular as years went by and more friends, sponsors and celebrity musicians and athletes began to get in on the planning.

This year, the festivities will run from about 10:30 a.m. — when convoys of service people will step off of six charter buses to a cheering crowd backed by "The Marines Hymn," USC

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Photos courtesy of Make-A-Wish

CARSON FOX, center, and his father JD, left, meet music star Jelly Roll.

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TEENAGER

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form of cancer called telangiectatic osteosarcoma. A cancerous tumor forced the amputation of his left leg above the knee in 2021.

Following rounds of chemotherapy and physical therapy, he returned to the track with a running blade as a sprinter and thrower for the Griffins, and he was a long-snapper in football.

Fox is now a freshman at the University of Alabama, where he competes on the para track and field team.

He said he's rooting for the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl, as they try to thwart the Kansas City Chiefs' hopes of a historic "three-peat." Still, he isn't really a big fan of either team.

"I'm a Texans fan back home, but it's really 'Roll Tide,'" he said. "I'm an Alabama fan."

Fox's experience in New Orleans so far has included a behind the scenes tour of Caesars Superdome, where the game will be played, and VIP access at NFL Honors.

He said he's already met NFL players like Detroit Lions star running back Jahmyr Gibbs, San Francisco 49ers tight end George Kittle and Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin.

Friday's activities included the Super Bowl Experience, and Fox and his family will attend the first-



SEAL BEACH'S Carson Fox, left, meets NFL star running back Jahmyr Gibbs.

ever Super Bowl Host Committee Parade in the French Quarter on Saturday.

Make-A-Wish's official sports partner, Fanatics, has provided wish kids with swag and sponsored pre-event activities.

"Football has been a constant source of joy and strength for Carson, and we are so proud to make his Super Bowl wish come true," said Anne Grey, president and chief executive of Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Em-

pire, in a statement. "For Carson, we hope that the trip provides him with the strength and inspiration needed to face whatever challenges come his way."

Fox called it a once-in-alifetime opportunity so far, and he hasn't even made it to game time yet. "I think the energy will

"I think the energy will be crazy, for sure," he said. "I don't know what to expect. I've never been to a game this big, so we'll see."

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By Stella

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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 ora uk

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A2.

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Photos by Lawrence Sherwin Images

HUNDREDS OF Marines attend a Super Bowl watch party at American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291 in 2023, hosted by Corona del Mar residents Gary and Julie Crisp.

FAMILY

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cheerleaders and members of the USC Trojans Marching Band — until at least 8 or 9 p.m., when a group of Polynesian fire dancers will close the fes-

Throughout the day, attendees can enjoy free massages and haircuts, a cigar lounge and poker tables with Vegas showgirls. In addition to free boat tours of Newport Bay and limo rides to the iconic Wedge, organizers are offering live bands, meals, raffle drawings with cash prizes and an exhibition from WWE Wrestling's Lucha Libre.

During the main event, spectators can watch the Eagles play the Chiefs on a megascreen or one of seven big-screen televisions set up in different areas.

"We have a whole ring, there's a lot of wrestling going on. But we put it in a tent — we don't want to



CORONA DEL MAR resident Gary Crisp, center, with fellow greeters son Carter, left, and Manny Montanez at a Super Bowl party in 2023.

scare Newport Beach," Crisp quipped.

For Crisp, whose father earned a Purple Heart fighting in the Army's 17th Airborne Division in World War II and whose brothers also served in the Army, including one who served in Vietnam, the annual extravaganza comes from a sincere and humble place.

"This isn't the Gary and Julie show," he said Friday. "It's really about the young men and women who will sacrifice their lives for us and the veterans who already have. It's a humbling day of gratitude."

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FOR THE RECORD

A story in Friday's Daily Pilot about service and infrastructure improvements in Newport Beach misstated the location of the Balboa Branch Library and adjacent Fire Station No. 1. They are located on the peninsula at the 100 block of Balboa Boulevard.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, March 06, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

North Newport Center Planned Community (PC-56) Amendments – The project includes the following requests:

- Amendments to the PC-56 Development Plan to allocate 1,500 dwelling units to the PC-56 Development Plan from the development limit identified in the HO-4 (Newport Center) Subarea of the Housing Opportunity (HO) Overlay Zoning Districts pursuant to Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 20.28.050 (Housing Opportunity (HO) Overlay Zoning Districts). Other amendments include increasing building height limits for Fashion Island, Block 100, and San Joaquin Plaza, modifying open space requirements, incorporating additional objective design standards, modifying parking standards for residential, updating sign standards, and other minor text changes. Lastly, the amendments include changing the zoning of 100 and 190 Newport Center Drive from OR (Office-Regional) to PC-56. construction is proposed at this time.
- 2) Development Agreement Amendment between the City and Irvine Company to vest the increased residential density of 1,500 dwelling units in exchange for to-bedetermined public benefits. The existing Development Agreement includes an Affordable Housing Implementation Plan (AHIP), which may be modified as part of the project to help ensure there is a commitment to furthering affordable housing production.
- 3) Water Supply Assessment (WSA) to evaluate the water supply availability for a project including more than 500 dwelling units pursuant to Section 21151.9 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) and Section 10910 et seq. of the Water Code and as contemplated in the City's Housing Implementation Program Final Program

The project is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, which provides an exemption for projects that are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified. The City's Housing Implementation Program Final Program EIR (State Clearinghouse SCH Number 2023060699) was certified by the City Council on July 23, 2024. Copies of the previously prepared environmental document are available for public review and inspection at the Planning Division or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or before, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at

www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Liz Westmoreland, AICP, Principal Planner, at 949-644-3234 and lwestmoreland@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2024-0173 Activities:
Planned Community
Development Plan
Amendment,
Development
Agreement
Amendment, and Water
Supply Assessment

Zone: PC-56 (North Newport Center Planned Community), OR (Office-Regional)

ewport MU-H3 (Mixed Use Horizontal), CO-R R (Commercial Regional Office), CR (Regional Commercial), RM (Multiple Residential), OS (Open Space), CO-M (Medical Commercial Office)

Location: Applicant:
Various locations in the
North Newport Center

Various locations in the North Newport Center Planned Community (PC-56) and 100 and 190 Newport Center Drive

City of Newport Beach

David Salene, Secretary, Planning Commission,

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Corona del Mar Conference Room (Bay E-1st Floor) at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Hearing Officer of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

914 E OCEAN FRONT – Request for an extension of a three-year construction limit for Building Permit No. X2019-2085 and related permits outlined in Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 15.02.095 (Administrative Code - Addition of Sections 105.3.3, 105.3.4, and 105.3.5). The scope of work for the permit to construct NEW 2,617 SF SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITH 484 SF GARAGE &, 135 SF BALCONY, 460 SF ROOF DECK & 640 SF ROOF LOGGIA. The applicant intends to request an extension until January 8, 2026, to complete the construction.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or before, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Debi Schank, at 949-644-3284, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Permit No.: X2019-2085

Activity:
Three-Year Construction
Limit Extension

General Plan:

RT (Two-Unit

Residential)

Applicant:

Zone: R21 (Two-Unit Residential)

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Location: 914 E OCEAN FRONT



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20462 Birch Street – Request for an extension of a three-year construction limit for Building Permit No. X2019-4083 and related permits outlined in Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 15.02.095 (Administrative Code - Addition of Sections 105.3.3, 105.3.4, and 105.3.5). The scope of work for the permit to construct NEW 11,310 SF SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITH BASEMENT AND 2,578 SF GARAGE, 877 SF ROOF DECK, 1,417 SF VIEW DECK, 2,505 SF COVERED PATIO, 2,762 SF COVERED MOTOR COURT, 237 SF STORAGE. The applicant intends to request an extension until August 17, 2025, to complete the construction.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or before, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Debi Schank, at 949-644-3284, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Permit No.: X2019-4083

Activity:
Three-Year Construction
Limit Extension

Zone: SP-7 (Santa Ana Heights

General Plan: RS-D (Single-Unit Residential Detached)

Specific Plan) **Location:**20462 Birch Street

Applicant:
Richard Moriarty

Woman pleads guilty to stealing mail from Costa Mesa post office

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A U.S. Postal Service supervisor who worked in Costa Mesa pleaded guilty in federal court Friday to stealing checks worth about \$284,000 and other goods worth up to \$40,000.

Joivian Tijuana Hayes, 36, of Compton, supervised the Costa Mesa post office when she was accused of stealing mail, according to federal prosecutors.

Hayes pleaded guilty to one count of mail by a postal service employee and one count of unlawful transfer, possession and use of means of identification. From early last year through December she stole mail from the post office that included checks she deposited into her own bank accounts by forging signatures on the checks, according to her plea agreement.

Hayes stole at least 20 checks worth about \$284,000, prosecutors said. She also took about \$3,000 in postal money orders, prosecutors said.

Investigators found multiple gold coins and cash that been sent through the mail in her residence, prosecutors said. She stole a dollar bill issued in 1917 bearing a sticky note saying

it was worth \$675, a \$100 bill from 1914 worth about \$1,500 and a \$10 Confederate bill, prosecutors said.

Authorities also recovered a \$5 gold piece bearing a sticky note listing its value at \$1,600, prosecutors said.

Agents searching her bedroom found a U.S. Treasury check for \$2,599 that was intended to be sent to an address in Costa Mesa, prosecutors said.

The stolen mail's value was about \$304,000 to \$324,288, prosecutors said. Hayes was scheduled to be sentenced May 23.

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STAGE

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Peter Weil joined her in short order, as the duo — dressed in blue against a royal purple background — carried out the movement of "Dear One," the world premiere of Gates' latest as a choreographer.

"Everyone on stage here is telling a story in how they feel about this music, either through movement, or, in my case, sound," Wilson said, in response to a question about how he took cues from the first duet. "You have to hear through the movement and see through the sound.

"When I was seeing someone do something like 50 million moves in the span of a second ... when I'm watching this, I'm thinking, 'OK, let me give them a little bit of extra time,' and then maybe there's a moment where I was sort of slowing down. I thought, 'Well, no, look at all this movement and energy you're providing,' so I need to adjust what I'm doing, and together, we're telling a whole new story that you maybe never heard, and you will only hear in this moment because it was live."

Wilson, who played selections from Sergei Rachmaninoff and Stephen Sondheim, among others, also joked, "I thought I had

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FRANCESCA FORCELLA and Jerard Palazo, of BalletX, perform in "Mapping Out a Sky" at the festival.

a lot going on with my 10 fingers."

The dancers came from BalletX, a company hailing from Philadelphia.

In the middle frame, a trio of pairs featuring Eli Alford, Itzkan Barbosa, Francesca Forcella, Jared Kelly, Jerard Palazo and Ashley Simpson took the audience on a journey full of emotion.

Against a sunset gold backdrop, the pairs donned expressions of longing and contemplation as they embarked on an adventure of discovery — grappling with a desire to maintain individuality while working toward an on-set chemistry.

Jamar Roberts' "Honey," as the work was called, put the sensuality and vulnerability of a relationship on display.

"Mapping Out a Sky," the evening's finale choreographed by Matthew Neenan, proved a more whimsical piece. For this dance, 10 performers took the stage, all dressed as black-and-white pianokeys.

There were moments of linear formation. At one point, Weil lay on the ground, looking up and pointing at his fellow dancers as though they were stars to be counted. He then got up and took Sakita by the hand, and the pair strolled off stage.

Savannah Green, in her fifth season with BalletX, said Neenan choreographed "Mapping Out A Sky" right after the coronavirus pandemic.

"Something that he speaks about is the interpersonal relationships that are present in Sondheim's musicals that we hear from the work," Green said.
"He's a magnificent storyteller on the imperfect kind of relationship. There is a sense of hope, of course, you know, 'Love will prevail,' but it's not without its darkness.

"I think that particularly shines in the two duets. There is so much beauty, but there's a lot of mistrust and pulling apart, and I think that it's inextricably linked to the time that it was created. There was a mistrust of touch and group dynamics."

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p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following item:

The City Council will consider approval of the revised Schedule of Rents,

Fines, and Fees, which includes updates to the credit card processing

fees for transactions across all departments. - The Council will discuss the

addition of a credit card pass-through fee, which will be set by the third-party vendor handling the transactions.

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of Regulations. Title 14. Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting

in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Anyone wishing to attend the public hearing should check the February 11, 2025, meeting agenda on the City's webpage at newportbeachca.gov/agendas or contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov, during normal business hours, to receive information on how to attend this meeting. If you challenge the Fee Study Update in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. As required by Government Code Sections 66016 and 66018, prior to the public hearing data indicating the amount of estimated cost required to provide the services, which is the basis for the proposed fees, will be provided by the City Clerk to any interested person. Please contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov if you would like to receive a copy of the report.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Jessica Kan, Revenue Manager, at (949) 644-3153 or jkan@newportbeachca.gov.

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

ORANGE COUNTY ATHLETICS

Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame inducts first class

BY MATT SZABO

The 2011 team from Ocean View Little League remains the only team from Orange County to win the Little League World Series world championship.

That hasn't changed. The players themselves? Well, they've grown up.

They were 12 years old at the time. Now, their ages have more than doubled to 26 and many of the players were able to make it to a special event Sunday at the Huntington Club.

The 2011 Ocean View Little League team was among the inductees into the inaugural class of the Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame.

"Coming back, it's like we never left each other," said Dylan Palmer, who played third base on the team. "That bond is very indescribable because we spent so much time together growing up. When I see one of the guys, we're still best friends. We're all laughing, joking, having fun like

FORMER PRO SURFING champion Peter "PT" Townend speaks at Sunday's Huntington **Beach Sports** Hall of Fame induction ceremony.



we're 12 years old."

The inaugural class also included Hall of Fame football tight end Tony Gonzalez, a Huntington Beach High graduate, and Ed Arnold, longtime broadcaster at KTLA and KOCE at Golden West College. Huntington Beach resident and trailblazing basketball player, general manager and announcer Ann Meyers Drysdale also was inducted, as were former world surfing champion Peter "PT" Townend and 12-time state

champion Golden West College women's volleyball coach Albert Gasparian.

Eight of the 13 players on the 2011 Ocean View team attended the ceremony. Some of the players wore adult-sized letterman jackets, which they were given after they won the title and they grew into over the years.

The team's manager, Jeff Pratto, said his son Nick was unable to attend but shared that he and his wife, Hannah, welcomed a baby a couple of weeks ago.



Courtesy of Lisa Windisch

MEMBERS OF the 2011 Ocean View Little League World Series championship team at Sunday's Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The members were 12 when they won the series.

'That's the first offspring of the crowd. "I think there will be the World Series champions," Jeff Pratto said, to laughs from See Fame, page A6

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Corona takes down Marina girls' wrestling

Marina wrestling team fell to host Corona 46-30 in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 dual meet championship match on Thursday.

Aubree Gutierrez pounds), Mary Jane O'Neil (125), Eva Garcia (155) and Isabella Lorenzana (235) recorded pins for the Vikings, who were competing in the program's first appearance in the dual meet finals.

Madison Baxter (100) and Nohea Booth (110) also had victories by decision for Marina.

Corona won its second CIF title in its fifth appearance. The Panthers have advanced to the championship match in the top division every year since the tournament was introduced in 2021.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Corona del Mar 55, Newport Harbor 27: Kayly Honig had 14 points to lead the host Sea Kings to victory in the Battle of the Bay on Tuesday in the regular season finale.

Alexa Rokos and Brooke Barry each scored nine points for Corona del Mar (17-10, 9-3), which earned a share of the Sunset League

MARINA'S ISABELLA LORENZANA pins her opponent during the CIF Southern Section Division 1 girls' wrestling dual meet championships.

James Carbone

championship, along with Fountain Valley (18-9, 9-3) and Los Alamitos (19-8, 9-3).

Sienna Knodegah scored eight points, Lark Walz had seven points, and Sawyer Blumenkranz added six points in a balanced scoring effort for the Sea Kings.

Abigail George scored eight points to pace Newport Harbor (9-19, 2-10). Morgan Starkenburg chipped with seven in points.

BOYS' SOCCER

Laguna Beach 5, Portola **0:** Dylan Petrie-Norris scored twice, as the visiting Breakers secured the Pacific Hills League title on the final day of the season on Tuesday.

Jackson Arrasin, Jack Hooper and Max Garner also scored for Laguna Beach (10-4-5, 9-2-3, 30 points), which won its first league championship since

University (9-4-3, 9-3-2, 29 points) controlled its destiny concerning the league title entering the week, but the Trojans were upset by a score of 1-0 at home against St. Margaret's. — Andrew Turner

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GIRLS' WATER POLO

Huntington Beach falls to familiar foe

BY ANDREW TURNER

Huntington Beach made strides in its second look at Beckman, but the Oilers had no answer for Brooke Knisley in the opening round of the CIF Southern Section Division 1 girls' water polo playoffs.

The junior center accumulated eight goals — six in the first half — to lead the host Patriots on a rainy Thursday evening in Irvine.

"Obviously, they have a force," Huntington Beach coach Kelly Doherty said. "Their center, she's done a really good job throughout the season. It's been really exciting to watch her play and come up. She releases the ball so quickly. ... Her release, I think, is her biggest strength. She does a good job of getting separation before the ball comes in, so she has the time and space to do what she needs to do."

Beckman (21-6) jumped out to a 5-1 lead after the first quarter, but Huntington Beach largely matched the Patriots, possession for possession in the second quarter. A Knisley penalty-shot goal on the final play of the first half put a damper in the momentum, spotting Beckman a 10-5 advantage.

The Patriots' passing was problematic, with left-handers Angelina Abshier and Leah Suh helping to pick the defense apart. Abshier had a hat-trick and four assists, while Suh added two goals and four assists.

"Lefties, they come like gold," Beckman coach Duje Grubisic said. "They're like diamonds. If you can have a lefty that can make a correct pass in a correct time, and that [can escape] when they drop off, it's a huge difference."

Hailey Goodwin also had

Hailey Goodwin also had three goals for Beckman, which received eight saves from freshman goalkeeper Allyson Lu.

Huntington Beach (13-12), which was forced to conduct much of its offensive efforts from the perimeter, got a team-high four goals from Maya Tovar.

Sofia Aguirre, Lily Franzese and Leila Tovar each scored two goals. Violet Ensley added a goal, two assists and two steals. Bella Hatala also had a pair of assists for the Oilers.

The Oilers worked through a 4-7 start to the season to find a rhythm. From Dec. 14 to Jan. 10, Huntington Beach rattled off eight consecutive victories, a streak that included wins over Marina, Edison and Fountain Valley in the Sunset League.

Doherty noted the marked improvement from the first month of her initial season as the head coach of the program, when Huntington Beach suffered an 11-1 defeat at Beckman on Dec. 10.

"I think the second half of our season was a lot more successful than our first half," Doherty said. "I think we started kind of accomplishing some of the goals that we were setting for ourselves early on in the

"It's great. They're a really motivated group of girls, and they set [up] the school to get to this position at the beginning of our season. I'm proud of them for getting here."

The Sunset League could only help in that regard, as the grouping offered opportunities to take on Corona del Mar and Newport Harbor, both of which qualified for the Open Division.

Beckman shared the South Coast League championship with San Clemente (20-8), and the Patriots will meet the Tritons in the quarterfinals at home on Wednesday.

Grubisic called San Clemente "a big rivalry,"

adding, "If you want to be a champion, you got to beat everybody."

Also in the CIF Southern Section girls' water polo

playoffs:
Newport Harbor 12,
Long Beach Wilson 8: The



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SOFIA AGUIRRE of Huntington Beach pulls away from Beckman's Emma Simampo (8) for a score during the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 1 girls' water polo playoffs on Thursday.

Sailors were victorious in their first Open Division pool-play game Thursday at Corona del Mar High.

Newport Harbor (22-5) continues pool play Wednesday against Foothill at 6 p.m. at CdM.

Mater Dei 10, Corona del Mar 4: The Sea Kings fell to the top-ranked Monarchs on Thursday in an Open Division pool-play game.

Corona del Mar (19-8) plays at Westlake Village Oaks Christian in another pool-play game Wednesday, needing a win to stay in contention to make the final.

Laguna Beach 12, Rosary 9: Kara Carver scored a team-high five goals for the Breakers in the Division 1 first-round match Thursday at El Toro High.

Presley Jones added four goals for No. 2-seeded Laguna Beach (17-11), which plays at Studio City Harvard-Westlake in the quarterfinals on Wednes-

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FAME

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many more."

Steve Garvey and his daughter Olivia served as co-emcees of the Hall of Fame event, which had all seven Huntington Beach City Council members in attendance. Artist David Holbrook illustrated large portraits of each inductee.

Gonzalez, who is in New Orleans preparing to cover Super Bowl LIX, was unable to attend, but his mother Judy and former high school coach George Pascoe accepted on his behalf. In a video message, Tony Gonzalez thanked all of his coaches.

"It's nothing when you don't have the people around you that support you and that have been there since the beginning," he said. "It's all about that. Everybody have a great time, I wish I was I was there and that's about it.

Meyers Drysdale was the the first woman to receive a four-year athletic scholarship from UCLA, and the first woman to sign a contract with an NBA team, which she did with the Indiana Pacers in 1979.

She had a quip for Gar-

vey.
"I think Steve has been part of more Fourth of July parades than I have," she said. "I've got to catch up to him."

Townend, originally from Australia, said a couple of surfing memories from Surf City stood out to him. In 1984 he coached the U.S. national team, featuring fellow locals Janice Aragon and Scott Farnsworth, to a gold med-

al. And he also cherished the decade he spent coaching surfing at Dwyer Middle School, which resulted in three NSSA National Championships.

"This is really an honor," said Townend, who got a bit emotional at the start of his speech.

Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame executive director Dave Garofalo, a former mayor of Huntington Beach, said his team has gathered a list of at least 200 more nominees for future classes of the hall.

"We have wrestlers, boxers, skateboarders," Garofalo said. "In almost every sport known, we have somebody from Huntington Beach that is excelling in that particular area."

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POLICE

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people inside vehicles and said the data collected by them is well-guarded.

Miner, who officially became the department's chief on Wednesday after serving as its acting chief, reported it is in the beginning phases of developing a drone program.

Officials are reviewing potential contractors to supply the flying reconnaissance equipment, and police expect to present a contract to the City Council for review at their meeting on Feb. 25. If it is approved, the equipment could be deployed within 90 days.

The drones can act as robotic, highly maneuverable first responders and enter dangerous situations without risking officer safety. They are also useful in sting operations and numerous other applications.

If the plan is approved, five drone operators could be prepositioned at strategic points in the city, Miner said.

In addition, the police chief said the department celebrated the launch of its Crime Information Center in January. It's staffed by three civilian detectives trained to use data gleaned by automated license plate readers, drones, bodyworn cameras, cellphone tower records, social media and more to aid investigators and patrol officers.

Finally, Miner noted that the department has added three homeless liaison officers to its quality of life team, bringing the total to four.

In August, the City

Council voted to augment anti-camping laws as a way to compel homeless people to either relocate or try to find a spot in a shelter or supportive housing. The quality of life team conducts outreach in addition to responding to calls involving people who live on the street.

Miner credited the additions of the quality of life team with an apparent reduction in the number of homeless people recorded living in Newport Beach. A survey conducted by the nonprofit City Net in January 2024 found as many as 71 homeless people in the community while one performed in November by People Assisting the Homeless identified just 11.

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