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A CREW on the Bretunda prepare for the start of the 73rd Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race off the Balboa Pier on Friday.

It's off to Ensenada



t's the race to launch a thou-

sand boats. Or at least, almost 200 of them from Balboa Pier. The 73rd annual Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race kicked off Friday morning.

Organizers said nearly 170 boats will be participating in the race, though not all will be making the full journey to Ensenada in Baja California.

About 20 took the "sprint course" to Dana Point, and more than 45 of them are headed for the Coronado Islands on the extended San Diego course. Sailors will be able to disembark and enjoy Ensenada with the aid of eased pandemic restrictions and the Mexican Navy.

The trophy ceremony will be held Sunday at the Hotel Coral and Marina in Ensenada but

# Message of hope sent to President Biden

The Armenian American community wants to hear him use the word "genocide" to describe what happened in 1915.

BY ANDREW TURNER

For more than 100 years, Armenians have mourned and remembered the tragedy suffered by their people at the hands of the Ottoman Empire.

Historians have claimed that an estimated 1.5 million people lost their lives during the events known as the Armenian Genocide, which began in 1915 and carried into the 1920s.

At Laguna Beach High School, sophomore Ashton Azadian aimed to raise awareness of those historical events. He spoke about them during the morning announcements, sharing a personal anecdote of his great-grandfather surviving the Armenian Genocide when he was just 4 years old.

Azadian's message to his Laguna Beach High School community was one that has been heard before

"I did this because if we don't learn from history, we'll definitely repeat it, again," Ázadian said.

But Azadian took his efforts further, hanging a banner in the school's common area with a QR code that took those who scanned it to the 2019 U.S. congressional proclamation recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

Asked how bringing up the topic was accepted on campus, Azadian said there were people who did not previously know about the genocide, but they thought he was brave to speak out about it.

Armenian Genocide Remem-

brance Day is Saturday, April 24,

which marks the 106th anniversa-

ry of the beginning of the atroc-

ities. Azadian's request is the same

one that Armenian Americans

have long been asking for - for

the president of the United States

to recognize the tragic events by

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**CREW MEMBERS** on the Amante, a 39-year-old Choate 48, sit on the rail during the start of the 73rd Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race on Friday. The race was canceled last year for the first time. may be held in shifts due to regional pandemic restrictions in Mexico, according to a statement released by the organizers on Monday.

The Newport Ocean Racing Assn. canceled the race last year for the first time in its history as a precautionary measure for volunteers and other practical uncertainties due to COVID-19.

The race first was held in 1948. Interested readers can watch where the boats are online at nosa.org.

- Lilly Nguyen

# Poseidon permit debate continued to next week

#### **BY MATT SZABO**

Both proponents and opponents of the controversial Poseidon Water desalination plant in Huntington Beach made their voices heard Friday in an all-day virtual meeting that continued well into the night.

In the end, however, a decision by the Santa Ana Regional Water Board on whether to permit Poseidon's \$1.4-billion project will have to wait until at least next week.

Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, with a third meeting on May 13, as

See **Poseidon,** page A5



Friday's virtual meeting.

Screencap by Matt Szabo

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# Eagle Scout from Laguna Beach High earns rank by supporting musical passion

#### **BY ANDREW TURNER**

Passion and purpose collided for Laguna Beach High School freshman Elliott Leeds as he fulfilled his Eagle Scout project.

Leeds, who earned his Eagle Scout rank last week through Laguna Beach Troop 35, has played saxophone since the third grade. He is now enrolled in his high school's jazz band program.

When Laguna Beach High School jazz band director Steven Wade asked if there were any scouts on the hunt for a project to

earn their Eagle rank, Leeds jumped on the chance to help the music program.

The result was a collection of 15 manufactured, durable music stands that will now be used by the jazz band program at Laguna Beach High School and the jazz club at Thurston Middle School.

"It means a lot," Leeds said of achieving his Eagle rank. "It looks like a really small assignment on paper, but once you start, it's a massive mountain to reach, and I

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#### **ELLIOTT LEEDS**

stands with one of his music stands at his home. The Laguna Beach High freshman recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout by manufacturing 15 music stands to be used by the music departments at Laguna Beach High School and Thurston Middle School.

Don Leach Staff Photographer

#### **DANIEL SELMI** of the Santa Ana **Regional Water** Board makes a point during

## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

#### *By Jacqueline E. Mathews*

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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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**ELLIOTT LEEDS**, a member of the Laguna Beach High School jazz band, has played saxophone since the third grade. "It means a lot," Leeds said of achieving his Eagle rank.

# SCOUT

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definitely couldn't have done it without the community around me, without my patrol mates helping me, having a lot of fun at summer camp, all those things contributed to me getting my Eagle rank.

"I definitely couldn't do it without everyone, my parents, my grandparents, my teachers, so I would say that it means a lot to me that they all helped me individually with this-...they could have just stood to the side."

Leeds said his time as a Scout made him stronger in a number of areas, including physical fitness and leadership, which he noted is transferable to band when trying to communicate the importance of everyone working together in an ensemble.

His gratitude also went out to local businesses that helped with the project, including Home Depot, Ganahl Lumber and Coast Hardware. The project was also funded by the Laguna Beach Band Boosters.

"Without them, I probably couldn't complete this project," Leeds said.



**LEEDS' PERSONAL STAMP** on one of the 15 music stands to be used by two local schools' music departments.

"Home Depot helped out majorly with the cuts because they offered to do the cuts for us, and so it's much nicer to have them do it instead of having a bunch of Scouts that are middle-schoolers with power saws and table saws."

An appreciative Wade, who is also the music director at Thurston Middle School, said that quality equipment can be expensive for the music program. He expressed a belief that a donation like that made by Leeds could boost enthusiasm for the students.

"I think anything we do to support the students and help them feel like what they're doing resembles the profession," Wade said of what sparks interest in the program. "Somehow, we look to the music that we play. Everything sort of builds this identity within the students that allows them to see themselves in that position when they graduate, possibly.

"Music is a lifelong pursuit, so we're trying to just make sure the students feel supported now, and that the arts are respected, and hopefully they'll continue."

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#### THE CROWD | B.W. COOK



Courtesy of Christine Johnson, Adoption Guild

**SPONSOR KEN STUART** of Palisades Tennis Club, from left, tennis champ Roy Emerson and Chris Garber are looking ahead to the annual Roy Emerson Adoption Guild Tennis Classic planned for Memorial Day weekend. Garber is co-chairing the tournament.

# **High spirits prevail** as pandemic restrictions ebb in O.C. fundraising circles

year has passed since we last shared time together on the pages of the Daily Pilot. Today we return to share news of the people making a notable difference in this community.

Much has changed during the pandemic interim, yet much remains familiar. Adapting to uncharted circumstances, interaction turned virtual. People took the threat of the virus seriously, and still do as America and the world adapts to a new reality.

We have learned that health matters above all else. Concern for the safety of family and friends, support for those in our midst with an extraordinary need for help, and appreciation for the dedication of workers in jobs demanding great sacrifice have become uppermost in our minds.

One observation over the past year speaks to the vitality and the generosity of community. With all in-person gatherings canceled and replaced by virtual connection, most chari-

taking in the entire experience with others they care about. This is what the restaurant business is about."

Salisbury also noted, "Outdoor dining is here to stay. It worked during the pandemic and people want

The 28th annual SOS Wild & Crazy Taco Night returns Saturday night. The event will be a drivethrough format at the OC Fair & Event Center. Katie Santore with SOS reports that drive-through times "will be assigned by 15minute intervals between 3 and 6 p.m." Last-minute tickets may be purchased at \$75 per person (not carload). Go to Shareourselves .org/tickets.

Some of the participating restaurants are: Descanso with chef Fonzy de Zuniga, Farmhouse Restaurant with chef Rich Mead, Melissa's Produce with chef Marco Zapien and Stillwater Spirits & Sounds with chef Steve King.

Food and TV are front and center for Corona del

the initial production stages developing a TV pilot for her own cooking show with a major Hollywood production team. The concept took off during the pandemic with local producer-videographer Ann Chatillon creating a cable show with Brandes which aired on local Cox channels. Stay tuned for the next step.

Weddings are back on track. Local hotels are booking like mad well into 2022. Virtual weddings are a memory as people choose to cry in person over the bride's entrance.

Marina Dutton, general manager at Balboa Bay Resort, has overseen extensive expansion of wedding facilities both inside the hotel event space and outside on the romantic bayfront wedding lawn. The Balboa Bay Club's chairman of the Board of Governors John Wortmann recently named a member of the Newport Commodores and his wife Anne announced the engagement of their daughter Devon Nicole to beau Jared Raymond Miller. A fall



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table concerns still raised funds needed to carry on their mission. Some exceeded expectations.

The black-tie balls faded, but not the issues of homelessness, hunger, child welfare, job insecurity, access to healthcare, education, and all the rest. O.C. citizens stood up and championed the local need exacerbated by economic hardship inflicted by the pandemic.

We begin to return to live events with safe gathering practiced in high spirit. After all, people need to be with people. Following a year of Amazon.com ordering, retail sales at brick and mortar stores jumped 10% in March. Restaurants are full, even overflowing in some cases.

Ron Salisbury, leader of the nearly 100-year-old family restaurant business that includes the iconic El Cholo along with Newport's The Cannery and Louie's, shares his thoughts: "It is so great to see people back having a wonderful time

Mar real estate star and O.C. philanthropist Adrienne Brandes. Brandes, also a former L.A. cop, is in

KATIE RICHARDSON ADOPTION GUILD SOUTHERN ORANSE COUNTY

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> Bone-In Rib Eye (Ten Dollar Supplement) Sixteen ounce prime bone-in rib eye, Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, fried onion strings Australian Lobster Tail (Ten Dollar Supplement) Ten ounce, drawn butter, grilled lemon, Yukon Gold mashed potatoes

#### DESSERT SELECTIONS

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Courtesy of Christine Johnson, Adoption Guild KATIE RICHARDSON, left, co-chair of the Emerson tennis event, is shown with Bettie Shepard, tournament desk manager.



Courtesy of Katie Santore, SOS

CHEFS PARTICIPATING in the drive-through SOS (Share Our Selves Community Health Center) Wild & Crazy Taco Night, which takes place Saturday at the OC Fair & Event Center.

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## THE CROWD

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wedding at Balboa Bay Resort is booked in 2022. New Directions For

Women held its 13th annual Circle of Life Breakfast virtually last month, cochaired by Darlene Quinn, a former Mrs. Classic Universe 2018.

Sharing her own personal battle with alcohol, Quinn joined Sue Bright, executive director of NDFW, in addressing hundreds of sponsors online.

Among the generous were individual and corporate underwriters: The Digital Intellect, Brown-Forman, Howard and Katherine Bland, Weiner Law Group, Nigro & Nigro CPAs, First National Bank, Jim Click Auto and more. Since 1977 NDFW has served over 6,600 women and children who have lived at the Costa Mesa rehabilitation home recovering from addiction.

Newport's Pam Selber, super social activist helping countless causes, reports that one of her favorites, the annual Roy Emerson Adoption Guild Tennis Classic will return Memorial Day weekend.

"In the past we have only had early registration for about 40 people and this year we are already over 150 people signed up to play," Selber said.

The four-day event, hosted by Palisades Tennis Club, Newport Beach raises funds for Holy Family Services (HFS) Adoption and Foster Care Agency. The Adoption Guild has supported HFS in the O.C. for more than 50 years. Tennis champ Roy Emerson and his wife Joy will be front and center again this year for the classic co-chaired by



Courtesy of Lori Butler

**DEVON MARTIN** served as major sponsor and organizer for New Directions for Women event.

Katie Richardson and Chris Garber. For registration information, visit adoptionguild.org.

Jean Wegener and Kim Frazier from Serving People in Need (SPIN) remind me that Giving Day 2021 takes place Wednesday, sponsored by the Orange County Community Foundation. Nineteen nonprofits will reach out for assistance in what is being labeled "Help Them Home," a giving day assist-ing O.C.s homeless population. Collectively, the foundation hopes to raise \$1 million.

Wegener and Frazier at SPIN have a goal of raising \$50,000 with a challenge grant pledge from a major donor bringing the total to \$100,000. Their focus is helping families with children in the community with housing and all other associated needs for a second chance at life. Email *kimf@spinoc.org* for more information.

B. W. COOK is also the editor of Bay Window Magazine for Balboa Bay Club.

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approval is also required.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

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PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Planning Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. In addition, members for the public will have the ability to participate in this meeting, telephonically. Please review the Planning Commission Agenda for participation instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission, by end of business day on Friday, April 30, 2021. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda please contact the Planning Division at 949-644-3200 or CDD@newportbeachca.gov and our staff will attempt to accommodate you

#### The purpose of the Study Session is to provide the Planning Commission and the public the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed project in advance of the public hearing. No action on the project will be will be taken by the Planning Commission at the Study Session.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Liz Westmoreland, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3234 or lwestmoreland@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

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hours. The hours of operation would be restricted to between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday; and closed on Sunday.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 - 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 prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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Super Panga Restaurant - A request for the issuance of an operator license pursuant to Chapter 5.25 (Operator License for Establishments Offering Alcoholic Beverages for On-Site Consupmtion in Combination with Late Hours, Entertainment and/or Dance) to allow Mario Marovic and Andrew Gabriel to operate a food service eating and drinking establishment. Super Panga, with late hours and a Type 47 (On-Sale General Eating PLace) Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license and late hours. The Operator License is required in conjunction with a conditional use permit (UP2020-198) scheduled for Planning Commission review on May 6, 2021.

All interested parties may submit written comments regarding the requested operator license to Civilian Investigator, Wendy Joe, at 870 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660. Comments will be accepted until Thursday, May 20, 2021. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only the issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the City, on, or prior to, the date of decision. The draft action letter and project file may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. For questions regarding details of the operator license please contact Civilian Investigator, Wendy Joe, Special Investigations Unit at 949-644-3705 or by email at wjoe@nbpd.org.

<b>Project File No.:</b> PA2020 <del>-</del> 356	Activity No.: UP2020-198 and OL2020-003							
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<b>Location:</b> 2110 and 2112 West Ocean Front	<b>Applicant:</b> Boardwalk Mexican, LLC / Super Panga							
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#### **AROUND TOWN**



George Takei; Top Shelf Productions GEORGE TAKEI and his book, "They Called Us Enemy."

# George Takei to be interviewed for H.B. Read One Book program

Local organization Huntington Beach Reads One Book has selected the graphic memoir "They Called Us Enemy" by noted actor and activist George Takei as its featured book for 2021.

In honor of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, Takei will be virtually interviewed on May 3 at 3:30 p.m.

The event will be hosted by HB Reads and Huntington Beach Union High School District Libraries, and Takei will discuss the book and activism among other topics.

The event is free, but space is limited. Registration is available at *hbreads.org/events*.

## Officers given recognition by Newport Beach Police Department

The Newport Beach Police Department awarded several of its officers Thursday, including naming Jonathan Jarema, Officer of the Year for 2020.

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## POSEIDON

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#### necessary.

Water board members listened to dozens of public comments to close out Friday's meeting, many of them split between pro-Poseidon arguments and anti-Poseidon viewpoints.

One key issue is that under a revised staff recommendation, Poseidon would have to get the necessary environmental permits for its mitigation before the plant begins operations. Poseidon Vice President Scott Maloni said that these restrictions were unreasonable and would make the project infeasible.

Susan Jordan of the California Coastal Protection Network disagreed.

"Poseidon's desalination plant in Carlsbad started operating in 2015, and almost six years later today, they cord, is a board member of the Orange County Power Authority.

"The Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Plant offers the Orange County Power Authority a significant anchor, tenet, customer, client that we can build our program around," Posey said.

"The Power Authority can provide the desalination facility with 100% renewable power, making the desalination plant the first large-scale seawater desalination facility in the Western Hemisphere to be powered entirely by renewable energy. That can happen right here in Orange County with Poseidon.

"However, the permit conditions discussed today will not only delay the construction of the desalination facility by over a decade and deny Orange County a hedge against a drought ... it could also interfere with our efforts to ensure a major customer that will help build a robust and sustainable energy program to bring more clean energy into Orange County." However, board member Daniel Selmi indicated that he believed that requiring the permits be acquired up front was the correct thing to do. "What I want to know is why it becomes infeasible for Poseidon to put the effort through to get the permits for the mitigation, and then finance the whole thing at that point," Selmi said. "The other alternatives that I've seen that were suggested, there's problems with all of these. There's problems from Poseidon's perspective, and there's problems from our perspective."



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

**ASHTON AZADIAN**, a sophomore at Laguna Beach High School, raised awareness about the Armenian Genocide by bringing a banner this week. The Armenian community desires to have the presidency recognize the Armenian Genocide as "genocide."

# ARMENIAN

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using the word "genocide." "I would really like to hear them recognize the truth," Azadian said, expressing that he feels that specific word must be used "because that's what happened."

James Azadian, 42, Ashton's father, said he feels that economic and political reasons have stood in the way of U.S. presidents using the term "genocide" publicly in the past.

"I'm not entirely hopeful that we're going to be addressed as like the Jewish Holocaust has or other terrible atrocities have because ... there isn't really much to gain politically to do that as a nation," James Azadian said in a phone interview on Thursday. "But it doesn't detract from the fact that it is the right thing to do. It is the right thing to do."

A Bloomberg report on Friday said President Joe Biden has contacted Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to tell him that he intends to refer to the mass killing of Armenians by the Ottoman Empire as a genocide.

State Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian (D-Toluca Lake), the chairman of the California Armenian Legislative Caucus, said Armenians have consistently been let down by heads of state since Ronald Reagan used the word "genocide" to label the massacre of Armenians by the Ottoman Empire early in the 20th Century.

Nazarian said it appears inevitable that Biden will use the term "genocide" in his remarks this weekend. He added that he is thankful to the administration for that decision, but he acknowledged that there may be mixed feelings in the public after a ceasefire between Armenia and Azerbaijan was broken in the fall.

"There's nothing but for

me to be thankful to this administration, to President Biden, and to Vice President Kamala Harris, who I worked with very closely, especially on issues pertaining to Armenia and [the Republic of] Artsakh," Nazarian said. "I think in the public, there's going to be a sense of gratitude, maybe to some extent also a sense of frustration that, did it take the United States yet another attack by Turkey, a Turkish-orchestrated Azerbaijani attack on Armenia and Artsakh, in order to finally come to this conclusion?"

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Ordinance Amendment 20-6662 to amend portions of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code intended to streamline the processing of certain landuse and design review applications. The subject draft amendments apply to properties City-wide. On April 21, 2021, the Planning Commission considered the request and recommended that the City Council approve the proposed amendments. SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact City staff: Marc Wiener, Community Development Director, at (949) 497-0361 or mwiener@lagunabeachcity.net. You may also communicate comments about the proposed application and the appeal to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net). Comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, in writing prior to the hearing (when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office), or in person in Council Chambers. Please note that all members of the public must wear a face covering while in Council Chambers, including while speaking, and must depart Council Chambers immediately after speaking. It is recommended that written correspondence be delivered/ emailed to City Hall preferably at least 2 days before the hearing Procedures for participating in the hybrid virtual/in-person meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda. If, in the future you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Hearing. A Local Coastal Program Amendment is required because all amendments to the City's certified Local Coastal Plan Implementation Program require California Coastal Commission approval. The proposed Zoning Code and LCP Amendments have been determined to be an exempted project pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) in that the proposed amendments are not anticipated to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will the proposed changes have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment Additionally, Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, a provision of the California Environmental Act (CEQA), and Section 15265(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines shift the burden of CEQA compliance to the California Coastal Commission in connection with preparation or amendment to a Local Coastal Program (LCP). The Coastal Commission's LCP review and approval procedures have been found to be functionally equivalent to the environmental review process Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk



#### Sandra Dorothy Asper

September 8, 1937 - April 20, 2021

Sandra Dorothy Asper ("Sandab"), 83, of Newport Beach, CA passed away peacefully in her sleep, at home overlooking the bay in Newport, on April 20, 2021. Her course as a unique, independent woman was unknowingly charted when she was born, of all places, at Maine Eye and Ear Hospital in Portland, ME on September 8, 1937. Little did they know at the time that she would become the eyes and ears of liberal politics in Newport Beach thirty-five years later. Her spirit was forged in a childhood in Maine full of moves from apartment to apartment, the love of the extended family of her mother, Hazel MacMinn, and a voracious appetite for books that began when she started reading at the age of four. When Sandab was twelve, Hazel and she joined some relatives in a five-day cross-country adventure to move to Pomona, CA. In the fall of that year, she would start school at Lincoln Elementary, where her principal would be Alf Asper, her future father-in-law. Signs of Sandab's intense and never-faltering belief in equality were exhibited at Lincoln, where she insisted on playing tackle football with the boys after school. This elicited a concerned and somewhat angry call to her mother from Principal Asper. Alf was rebuffed and her football playing continued, starting a 70-year dynamic of Sandab always being right in arguments with Asper men.

have yet to begin one iota of mitigation work," Jordan said. "The Santa Ana Regional Water Board doesn't have to make the same mistake in Orange County."

Much of Friday's meeting indeed centered on Poseidon's required mitigation efforts, which would include four projects within the Bolsa Chica Wetlands and the restoration of a 41.5-acre rocky reef offshore of Palos Verdes.

Board member William Ruh expressed concerns that 40% of the mitigation efforts would be in Los Angeles County.

Huntington Some Beach locals, as well as former Sen. Barbara Boxer, spoke out earlier Friday in favor of moving the desalination plant forward. They included former Mayor Shirley Dettloff, a former state coastal commissioner and a founding member of the "Amigos de Bolsa Chica" conservation group.

"The wetlands need additional restoration and we must always make sure that the tidal inlet is open and functioning," Dettloff said.

"If mitigation is approved, the responsibility to keep the tidal inlet open requires that this occur within 12 months of the financing of the project. The mitigation also requires that an additional 20 to 25 acres will also be restored. What we need is a guaranteed funding source if we are to keep the wetlands functioning ... that won't be held up because of slow permitting processes.'

Mike Posey, a member of the Huntington Beach City Council who said he was speaking to the water board on his own acGarry Brown, the founder and president of Orange County Coastkeeper, said his organization supports desalination, just not the Poseidon project.

"The [proposed] Doheny Plant [near Doheny State Beach] is desal done right," Brown said. "Poseidon is desal done wrong. There is no proven need for this project. There are other future sources of water that are more feasible and far more affordable to all ratepayers."

Should Poseidon receive the permit from the Santa Ana Regional Water Board, it would still need a permit from the California Coastal Commission before it could begin construction negotiate a contract to sell desalinated water to the Orange County Water District.

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# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, May 06, 2021, at 6:30 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:

Tattoo Establishment Zoning Ordinance Update – Amendments to Sections 20.20.020, 20.70.020 and the addition of Section 20.48.230 of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and amendments to Sections 21.20.020 and 21.70.020 of Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) to define tatto establishments (a previously undefined use) as a land use category and establish objective standards to regulate its use.

The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment and CEQA Guidelines Section 15265(a)(1) due to the fact it relates to an amendment to the Local Coastal Program.

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 prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for Planning Commission consideration by sending them to the Community Development Department at <u>PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov</u>. To give the Planning Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by **Wednesday**, **May 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** In addition, members of the public will have the ability to participate in this meeting telephonically. Please review the Planning Commission Agenda for further instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission, by end of business day on Friday. **April 30, 2021**. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact the Planning Division at (949-644-3200 or <u>CDD@newportbeachca.gov</u> and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Matt Schneider, Principal Planner at 949-644-3219 or <u>mschneider@newportbeachca.gov</u>, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach CA.

Project File No.: PA2020-030 Location: Citywide Activity No.: CA2020-002 and LC2020-002 Applicant: City of Newport Beach

Lauren Kleiman, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

Sandab moved on to Pomona High, a school so important to her that she remained close friends with Sandy (Hamer) Bluethman, Sharon (Nicholas) Mellano, Sheila Keller and Pat McCaskill. until her last days. Her years at Pomona High were highlighted by her job at Orange Belt Emporium, parties and dances and laughter with her friends, dates with nearly all of her future husband's friends (but not him) and a sense of adventure rarely seen in 1940's suburbia. After two years at Mt. San Antonio College, she moved on to prestigious LaVerne University, where she graduated in 1960. From that day forward that graduation was one of her proudest moments, for she had overcome near crippling anxiety, agoraphobia and a constant state on the precipice of financial ruin to get there on her own.

After years of off and on dating, Bruce Asper finally came to his senses on July 1, 1961 and married Sandy in Carmel, CA. Sandy had already begun her teaching career and they moved to the Peninsula Point in Newport Beach in 1967. When she got a job teaching at Newport Elementary her place as a beloved fixture in the community was firmly established. Her trailblazing ways continued at Newport El, where she introduced a nutrition class focused on healthy eating twenty years before the rest of the nation started embracing it. Her legacy in her adopted hometown could be seen if you followed her around town and watched her former students hug her, tell her they missed her and pass on stories about how influential she was in their lives. A student who loved reading because of her one day, another who she shopped for graduation clothes with so he could wear a sport coat to his big day at Ensign Junior High the next. She moved from Newport Elementary to TeWinkle Junior High (where she met lifelong friends/ sisters Pam Loepkey and Paula Gibbons) to her last job as an English teacher at Ensign. Along with the students, her legacy is marked by a thirty+ year battle with the school board and an eventual campaign to join it that, unfortunately for the kids of Newport, failed in 2006. Like many of the windmills Sandab tilted, this battle was waged with humor and persistence, the only good allies needed in the face of mind-numbing bureaucracy and near-certain defeat.

In retirement, Sandab continued to be as active while she was teaching, riding her bike twenty miles up to three times a week, supporting teachers in any way she could and battling the forces of evil on social media, a platform she embraced like a teenager. She traveled to New Mexico for democratic candidates, she sent postcards to Georgia voters, she called voters in Texas and railed against the way immigrant children were treated at the border. Her life was a good-hearted and compassionate fight for the underprivileged, a group she knew all too well growing up poor in Maine and Pomona.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Bruce Asper, Sr., her son Bruce Asper, Jr., her daughters Lara (Asper) Sellers (Scott) and Gabriela (Reyes) Asper (Brian), grandchildren Kristin Sellers, Justin Sellers, Samantha Sellers, Mary Deck, Patrick Deck and Peter Deck. She is also survived by thousands of children she taught and the many lives she touched. A service is scheduled for Thursday, April 29th at Christ Church by the Sea on the Balboa Peninsula with a Celebration of Life following it at Harborside Restaurant in the Pavillion in Newport Beach. Those interested should email sandraaspermemorial@gmail.com for details. In lieu of flowers, send donations to The Young Center at www. theyoungcenter.org



#### **CONTACT US**

To report scores of high school and college games, or other newsworthy items from youth to pro sports, contact the Daily Pilot sports staff. Matt Szabo, Sports Reporter (714) 966-4614, *matthew.szabo@latimes.com* Andrew Turner, Sports Reporter (714) 966-4611, *andrew.turner@latimes.com* 



**COSTA MESA'S** Blake Wolf (23), shown competing against Estancia in January 2020, had 22 points and 12 rebounds in the Mustangs' 93-60 win over the rival Eagles on Thursday night.

# Costa Mesa boys' basketball takes care of rival Estancia

Senior forward Blake Wolf had 22 points and 12 rebounds as the Costa Mesa High School boys' basketball team beat rival Estancia 93-60 in the first Battle for the Bell game Thursday night at Costa Mesa High.

Gio Quero added 22 points for Costa Mesa (5-6, 2-0 in Orange Coast League). Christian Dasca had 15 points and seven assists. going the distance in the lepitching circle.

Los Alamitos, the topranked team in CIF Southern Section Division 1, is now 12-2 overall and 1-1 in league.

Marina 4, Edison 3: Anaya Togia, Analiah Lummus and Zoe King each had two hits for the host Vikings on Thursday in a Surf League game. Bella Watts and Haylee Orozco each had a double for Marina (10-2, 1-1). Emma Mendoza had two hits, including a home run, and two runs batted in for Edison (3-7, 0-2). Izabella Espinoza also had a double, a run scored and an RBI for the Chargers.

league game.

Emma Fults had 12 points and 17 rebounds for Newport Harbor (5-2), while Chase Dionio poured in a team-high 13 points to go with five steals. Willa Rath added six points and three blocked shots, and Daelyn Renee chipped in with four points and five steals.

Corcoran, Jane Paulsen and Anna Neiger for their standout defense.

Fountain Valley is now 1-7-4.

Newport Harbor 0, Los Alamitos 0: Sailors goalkeeper Jessica Gardner had two saves in Thursday's Sunset Conference crossover match at Newport Harbor High. Newport Harbor coach Justin Schroeder said his back line of Alyssa Sims, Samara Golan, Jenna Mc-Connaughey and Stella Gaffney played well to help the Sailors preserve the shutout. The Sailors are now 8-1-3 overall.

kills, and Kyle McKibbin also had five kills for Newport Harbor.

Newport Harbor is now 6-3 overall and 2-1 through the first half of Surf League play, while Laguna Beach dropped to 1-6 overall and 0-3 in league.

**Estancia 3, Santa Ana 0:** The Eagles swept the Saints 25-17, 25-18, 25-20 on Ocean View plays at Segerstrom on Thursday.

#### **GIRLS' TENNIS**

**Corona del Mar 13, Los Alamitos 5:** Reece Kenerson and Jane Paulsen swept at No. 1 doubles for the Sea Kings in Thursday's Surf League match on the road.

Cate Montgomery and Tori Varela also swept in

Estancia, the defending league champion, fell to 3-4 overall and 0-2 in league.

#### SOFTBALL

Huntington Beach 5, Los Alamitos 4: Jaylene Duarte had three runs batted in to lead the visiting Oilers on Thursday in a Surf League game.

Devyn Greer and Mikayla Carman each had two hits, and Anna Carreon also drove in two runs for the Oilers (11-1, 2-0 in league). Greer also struck out 12 in

#### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Fountain Valley 51, Newport Harbor 49: The Barons outscored the host Sailors by six points in the fourth quarter for a comefrom-behind victory on Thursday night in a nonFountain Valley improved to 6-1 overall.

#### **GIRLS' SOCCER**

**Corona del Mar 3, Fountain Valley 2:** Brea Sofferman, Logan Stern and Isabella Vigeland scored for the Sea Kings in Thursday's Sunset Conference crossover match at CdM.

Morgan Corcoran and Emily Chanawatr had assists for CdM (6-5-2). Goalkeeper Sydney Walls made seven saves, including one on a penalty kick in the first half, and coach Bryan Middleton credited Alexa Conti, Isabella Almaraz,

#### **BOYS' VOLLEYBALL**

Newport Harbor 3, Laguna Beach 0: Brendan Read had nine kills and three service aces to lead the Sailors to a sweep of the Breakers 25-20, 25-12, 25-18 on Thursday in a Surf League match on the road. James Eadie added six Thursday in an Orange Coast League match at home.

Estancia (2-2, 2-1) plays host to Orange next Wednesday.

#### **BOYS' TENNIS**

**Ocean View 15, Katella 3:** The Seahawks improved to 6-0 in the Golden West League after Thursday's home match.

Ocean View's freshmen doubles team of Josh Stead and Jacob Lima earned its first varsity win in a tiebreaker, while Kyle Daniels and Jackson Englar-Carlson also contributed a victory. doubles for CdM (11-1, 3-1 in league). Sophia Andrei-Birca swept in singles.

The Sea Kings host firstplace Huntington Beach (12-0, 4-0) on Tuesday, and need a victory to claim a share of the league title.

#### **BOYS' GOLF**

Edison 189, Servite 198: Ben Crinella was the medalist for the victorious Chargers, shooting an even-par 35 on Thursday in a nonleague match at Western Hills Country Club.

Edison improved to 12-3 overall this season.

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Jarema died last May af-

ter complications with latestage anaplastic astrocytoma, a condition which had caused the development of a slow-growing but malignant brain tumor. He was 36 and a 12-year veteran of the Newport Beach Police Department. Also awarded Thursday



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Sworn Supervisor of the Year; Records Manager Connie Frink, for Civilian Supervisor of the Year; Police Mechanic Alex Perez, for Civilian of the Year; and Lori Hayden, for Volunteer of the Year.

was Sgt. Randall Parker, for

## Estancia drama directed by alum to debut virtually

From April 29 through May 2, members of Estancia High's schools award-winning theater department will stream a virtual production of "Working: A Musical," a drama that has been specially adapted to reflect life during the pandemic.

It is produced by Amber Marroquin, a member of Estancia's class of 2017.

Based on the popular 1974 Studs Terkel book "Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do," the production highlights the everyday life of average working Americans and weaves together hope, joy, heartache and uncertainty in an unforgettable story that also features local businesses and members of the community.

Students have prerecorded segments that have been creatively brought together to create a one-of-a-kind virtual production audiences won't soon forget.

"Working: A Musical" will stream at 7 p.m. nightly.

Tickets cost \$5 per device with limitless views and can be purchased at *sites.google* .com/nmusd.us/ehs-working -a-musical/home.

To learn more, contact instructor Lucy Reidling at *lreidling@nmusd.us*.

## Costa Mesa dive shop to have grand opening

*Scuba.com* is celebrating its recent Orange County opening at 1718 Newport Blvd., Ste. A in Costa Mesa, on April 29 at 11 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, merchandise giveaways for the first 50 customers, free standard scuba tank fills and raffle prizes.

One of the largest scuba diving and snorkeling equipment retailer offers a shopping experience for enthusiasts of all interest and experience levels.

With a large selection of masks, fins, snorkels and

wetsuits, the store carries brand-name diving essentials and accessories.

In addition to scuba gear, visitors can also find spearfishing, freediving, kayaking and water sports equipment along with photo and video gear, underwater sonar imaging devices and metal detectors.

The Costa Mesa location also features a PADI 5-star dive center that teaches PADI dive courses and offers air and nitrox tank refills, equipment maintenance, repair and assembly.

*Scuba.com* store manager Andrew Moore said in a release issued by the company Tuesday all of the staff are certified scuba instructors with experience.

"Every time a customer comes in to our store, they are going to get a knowledgeable staff member that can recommend products, answer questions, and help with all their scuba needs," Moore said.

Store hours are Sunday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The location is closed on Saturdays. For more information call (949) 221-9300.

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