

Celebrate safely this New Year's Eve



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A VISITOR looks for a place to hang her message among the hundreds of others tied to the Wishing Tree at the Sherman Library & Gardens.

'Wishing Tree' is open to those who dare to dream

Started as a way for people to share their hopes for the New Year, the tradition will stay up at least through Jan. 25.

BY SARA CARDINE

There are many ways to convey a wish — a shooting star, four-leaf clover or a penny tossed into a fountain — but those short on good luck tokens need look no further than Sherman Library & Gardens.

That's where staff have set up a Wishing Tree that lets visitors to the Corona del Mar botanical garden write their sincerest desires and hopes onto cards and tie them into the branches of a California pepper tree.

The tradition began 10 years earlier during the site's annual Night of 1,000 Lights holiday event as a way for people to welcome in the New Year, according to library director Jill Thrasher. The practice dates back centuries and is found in many cultures.

"It ties into the holidays, Santa Claus' wish list and things people are hoping for in the year to come," Thrasher said. "Some of them are for objects, some are for health and happiness, and



VISITORS READ dozens of messages, both for personal and global dreams, on the Wishing Tree at the Sherman Library & Gardens on Friday.

some are really sad. Whatever it is, we leave it."

Initially, a Japanese maple tree near the gardens' conservatory served as a repository for wishes. But the response from visitors was so immense, the wishes

overwhelmed the modest maple and a new Wishing Tree had to be found.

A stately California pepper tree — planted in 1938 by Lawrence and Pauline Lushbaugh, former landowners and builders of the

site's historic adobe house — seemed fit for the task and has ably borne wishes for the past few years.

Nestled among its branches

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Friends, family honor 'Mayor of H.B.'

Don MacAllister, who helped create the Surfing Walk of Fame nearly 30 years ago, died on Dec. 2. He was 90.

BY MATT SZABO

Friends and family said that late Huntington Beach resident Don MacAllister loved to host a good party.

Not even some light rain could dampen the "party" that those close to MacAllister threw Friday morning at Pier Plaza.

Local surfing legend Peter "PT" Townend served as emcee of a celebration of life that kicked off a "Day With Don," which later featured drinks and reminiscing at Surf City Ale House.

MacAllister, nicknamed the "Mayor of Huntington Beach," died Dec. 2 at the age of 90. He is survived by his three daughters,

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'Poorman' marathon broadcast to ring in new year

Newport Beach resident Jim 'Poorman' Trenton will host a 28-hour New Year's broadcast for the third year in a row.

BY ANDREW TURNER

One year is a trial, two is a repeat, and perhaps three is a tradition.

Radio personality Jim Trenton, known to his listeners as "Poorman," started hosting marathon New Year's Eve broadcasts during the coronavirus pandemic.

Trenton will be back on the airwaves for 28 consecutive hours beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The broadcast, which can be found on KOCI 101.5 FM and

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YEAR IN REVIEW

2022 brought politics, public safety challenges and triumph to coastal O.C.

BY DAILY PILOT STAFF

As area residents today look forward to seeing what 2023 will bring, Daily Pilot staff have been reflecting on the year that's coming to an end to assess which were the biggest local news stories of 2022 in our reporting area. Some of those were momentous enough that they might well impact the region for years to come, while others were more immediate in nature. Take a look back with us:

COUNCIL ELECTIONS BRING NEW FACES TO CITY HALLS

A consistent theme heard in

candidate forums held for the local City Council election campaigns was a keen desire to keep the essence of the coastal cities just as they are today and to maintain as much local control as possible over issues such as housing density that the state has set mandates to meet.

With the exception of one race, the Nov. 8 general election seated several new faces on the various daises.

In Newport Beach, Joe Stapleton, Erik Weigand, Robyn Grant and Lauren Kleiman were elected from a field of eight candidates to serve alongside continuing council members Brad Avery, Will

O'Neill and Noah Blom. The sole upset in the election was the voters' ouster of incumbent Joy Brenner, a longtime council member in District 6. She lost to Kleiman, who most recently served the city as a planning commissioner. On Dec. 13, Blom was elected mayor by his council colleagues and O'Neill is now serving as mayor pro tem.

Seven candidates ran for three open seats on the Laguna Beach City Council, a panel that's seen some rancor in recent years that came to a head as the election season built. Incumbent Sue

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James Carbone

THE FIRST guests enter for the opening night ceremonies of the Orange County Museum of Art in Costa Mesa's Segerstrom Center for the Arts on Oct. 8, one of the highlights of 2022 in coastal Orange County.

Investigators reexamining 1993 cold case homicide

BY ERIC LICAS

Detectives recently began reexamining the unsolved murder of a man found dead in unincorporated Costa Mesa 19 years ago, Orange County Sheriff's officials said Thursday.

Alan Jay Schwalbe was 61 when he was found dead in the 300 block of 22nd Street on Aug. 11, 1993. There appeared to have been a struggle, but there were no signs of forced entry at the scene, Orange County Sheriff's Sgt. Mike Woodruff said.

"It could have been a robbery gone wrong. It could have been someone

he had a relationship with. It could have been someone opposed to his views. We just don't know," Woodruff said.

DNA and other forensic evidence had been collected and examined over the years. But so far, that has failed to identify any suspects or potential motive for the killing, Woodruff said.

Investigators hope advances in technology might help uncover new leads. They also urged anyone who might be able to bring closure to Schwalbe's family to step forward.

"People's friendships, alliances and associations

change over time," sheriff's investigator Bob Taft wrote in an OCSO statement. "People who may have been reluctant to come forward during the original investigation may feel more at ease coming forward now because of a change in these associations."

Anyone with information that might aid detectives should call (714) 647-7055 or email coldcase@ocsheriff.gov.

Orange County Crime Stoppers will accept anonymous tips at (855) TIP-OCSS.

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BROADCAST

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kociradio.com, will reach its delirious conclusion at 12:30 p.m. on New Year's Day.

"This has always been a dream of mine to do a marathon radio shift, and now it's happening," Trenton said in a statement. "It brings back the days of DJs locking themselves in the studio, taking over the radio station, and doing whatever they like. In this case, it benefits a lot of good causes. Hopefully, I'll make it through the whole 28 hours."

The former host of KROQ's "Loveline," Trenton currently hosts "Poorman's Morning Rush" weekdays from 6 to 11 a.m.

A Newport Beach resident, Trenton has 25 guest hosts lined up for some interesting hours to ring in 2023.

Each hour, a different charity will be highlighted. Matt Thomas, also of Newport Beach, will be on at 10 a.m. on New Year's Day. His charity, Positive Matters, brings awareness of individuals with traumatic brain injuries and aims to help them gain independ-



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

DJ JIM "Poorman" Trenton hosts "Poorman's Morning Rush" show at KOCI Radio. For the third year in a row, Trenton will host a 28-hour broadcast on New Year's Eve into New Year's Day.

ence.

Those who tune in at 2 p.m. on Saturday will be treated to a live performance, as Costa Mesa resident Ray Hart and his band Rays Hell gig out in his man cave.

"He calls it Rays Hell because of what it was like to go to clubs and try to collect a paycheck with all these bar owners," Trenton added.

At noon on Saturday, Rebecca Bronder and her daughter Rachel, 19, a 2021 graduate of Huntington Beach High, take over with

an hour they're calling "Two Generations of Rock." They will attempt to settle a debate of whose generation has the best music.

Another local radio station is getting set to invite guest hosts to run the show next month. Ed Steinfeld, host of the "Mornings with Ed" show for Laguna Beach-based KX FM 104.7 said the station will hold its KX Takeover event from Jan. 16 to 20.

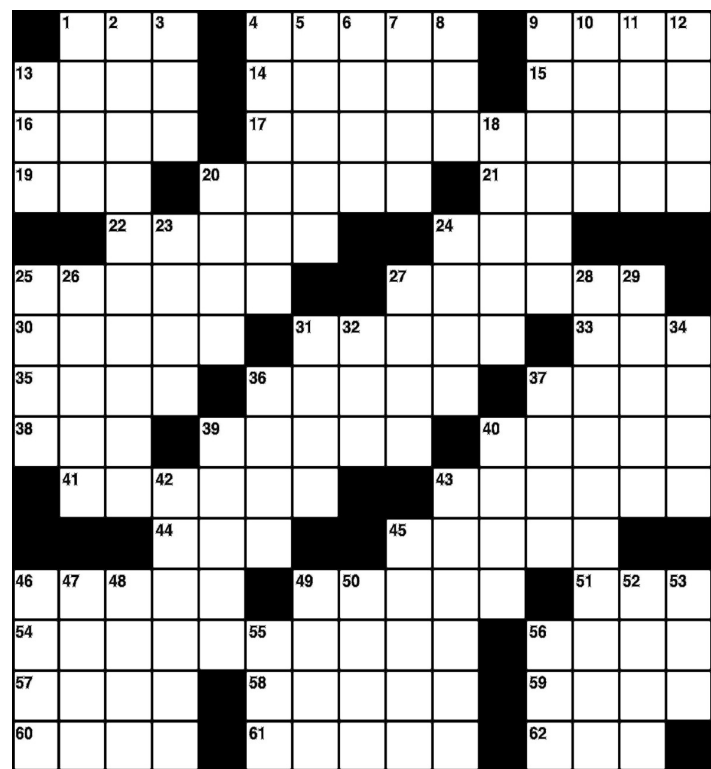
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

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- 4 Ran competitively
- 9 _ up; misbehaves
- 13 Joint with a cap
- 14 Shade of black
- 15 Daytime serial
- 16 Uncertain
- 17 Oppressive; weighty
- 19 And not
- 20 Tour group transports
- 21 Lubricated
- 22 Identical
- 24 Grad school applicants: abbr.
- 25 Fly
- 27 Pancake mixture
- 30 Perceive
- 31 Not at all gentle
- 33 Forget-me-__
- 35 Make a sweater
- 36 TV letter turner
- 37 " _ Wars"; Mark Hamill film
- 38 Source of light
- 39 Plato & Carvey
- 40 Stockholm native
- 41 Pompous one
- 43 Not plentiful
- 44 First Lady after Lady Bird
- 45 Outspoken
- 46 Frequently
- 49 Beg
- 51 Connecting word
- 54 "F" on a thermometer
- 56 Told tales
- 57 Word with market or collar
- 58 Pig out
- 59 Fairy tale opener
- 60 Cold drinks
- 61 Horse cousins
- 62 Disapproving sound



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 A3.

- ### DOWN
- 2 Exercising self-control
 - 3 C minor or A major
 - 4 Scold
 - 5 Mistreatment
 - 6 Apple discard
 - 7 Stops

- 8 Go blonde
- 9 Help
- 10 "Groovy!"
- 11 Easy to handle
- 12 Drove fast
- 13 Relations
- 18 Word in 2 U.S. state names
- 20 Dogcatcher's risk

- 23 Final
- 24 Heroic tale
- 25 Inquires
- 26 Trial setting
- 27 Hot dog wraps
- 28 Puts on a show for
- 29 Highways
- 31 Make a scene
- 32 "Put _ Happy Face"
- 34 Nest spot
- 36 Far-reaching
- 37 _ song; final appearance
- 39 TV's Sawyer
- 40 Tater
- 42 La Scala productions
- 43 Schedules
- 45 Pantyhose color
- 46 Like water _ duck's back
- 47 Autumn
- 48 You, biblically
- 49 Greek letters
- 50 Camera's eye
- 52 Whiplash site
- 53 Monogram for Ike
- 55 Org. for Heat & Hawks
- 56 Destiny

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REVIEW

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Kempf kept her job, but voters turned out Peter Blake, who became known for a brash rudeness toward those with whom he disagreed. In addition to Kempf, voters selected Mark Orgill and Alex Rounaghi to serve alongside George Weiss and Bob Whalen, the latter of whom has been reelected as mayor.

Costa Mesa incumbent John Stephens, who faced former Orange County Supervisor and state Sen. John Moorlach, was returned by voters to serve again as that city's mayor. In fact, it was a good year for Costa Mesa incumbents overall: Arliss Reynolds and Andrea Marr were also given the voters' endorsement to keep their jobs, and Councilman Manuel Chavez ran unopposed. By a razor thin margin — 22 votes — the electorate gave the nod to council-supported Measure K, which will allow city officials to amend zoning codes and make room for needed housing.

Thirteen candidates threw their hats into the ring for one of three open seats on the Fountain Valley City Council, with incumbents Kim Constantine and Patrick Harper winning reelection and school board trustee Jim Cunneen taking the third seat. After the trio was sworn in this month, Constantine was elected mayor.

The most notable Nov. 8 election outcome in the area was the big shake-up on the Huntington Beach City Council. A coalition of four conservatives — Pat Burns, Casey McKeon, Tony Strickland and Gracey Van Der Mark — were the top vote-getters of 18 candidates vying for a seat at the table. The foursome took their places earlier this month and quickly took advantage of their majority to elect two of them, Strickland and Van Der Mark, as mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively.

It was a swift transfer of power on the seven-member

panel, which in its previous configuration had been targeted by recall efforts earlier in the year. In short order the newly elected members approved several motions, all on a 4-3 vote:

- a retroactive raise for City Atty. Michael Gates (a fellow conservative who'd come under fire from the previous council majority);
- to substantially increase campaign contribution limits;
- to amend the city's code enforcement process to bar anonymous complaints;
- to authorize Gates to challenge the city's Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers.

They also requested a CEQA review for the Great Pacific Air Show and voted to waive the attorney-client and closed session confidentiality privileges for meetings on an age-discrimination lawsuit that was against the city and Gates.

Further, on Dec. 20 the new council majority initiated moves to pull Huntington Beach out of the new Orange County Power Authority, on whose board their council colleague Dan Kalmick was previously seated. Such a move would come on the heels of the county Board of Supervisors making the same decision this month. But on Thursday of this week Strickland released a statement through the city saying the cost of leaving OCPA "in haste" would be too expensive for the municipality, so it remains to be seen how that matter will unfold.

OFFICIALS STOP DESALINATION PLANT

After more than two decades of buildup, and although Gov. Gavin Newsom endorsed the effort, the California Coastal Commission in May unanimously denied Poseidon Water a final permit to build a \$1.4-billion water desalination plant in Huntington Beach.

Supporters of the project said ocean desalination is an inexhaustible, local supply for a region that imports



Irfan Khan | Los Angeles Times

FIREFIGHTERS DRAG hose line to mop up the Emerald fire above Irvine Cove in Laguna Beach on Feb. 10. High winds and sparks from electrical arcing were named likely causes.

much of its water from increasingly unreliable, distant sources. Opponents maintained the water is too costly, energy-intensive, bad for the environment and not needed because the Orange County Water District has a

large groundwater basin that is fortified with rainwater from storm runoff, Santa Ana River water, and the nation's largest wastewater-to-groundwater system.

The 12-0 vote not to issue a permit followed an all-day meeting at the Hilton in Costa Mesa, featuring input from Poseidon representatives, Coastal Commission staff and dozens of individual commentators and groups.

Among the concerns raised was a report from a senior environmental scientist for the commission, Tom Luster, who told the commissioners the Poseidon project would kill marine life in about 275 million gallons of seawater per day.

"I cannot find a way to say that this kind of harm to marine life is acceptable through the Coastal Act," Commissioner Dayna Bocho said.

"It's enormous ... and it's hard for me to accept that. As we all know, the ocean is under attack."

OFFICER LOST IN POLICE HELICOPTER CRASH

On the night of Saturday, Feb. 19, a Huntington Beach police helicopter crash in Newport Harbor killed one officer, 44-year-old Nicholas Vella, and injured another. The injured officer, the pilot, had made a brief call to report that the helicopter was experiencing mechanical issues, before calling again to say that they were going to crash, officials reported.

The chopper was on a "disturbance fight call" that had come from Newport Beach, which contracts with Huntington Beach for aerial assistance as needed. The National Transportation Safety Board began its investigation of the cause of the crash, giving an estimated time of 12 to 18 months to complete its work.

Vella, who had once served as a police officer in Laguna Beach, was remembered by Huntington Beach Police Chief Eric Parra as "an officer that was truly dedicated to the job and was doing what he loved doing."

Vella is survived by his wife, Kristi Tovar, and their teenage daughter, Dylan. Several months after the crash, the HBPD announced the \$7.3-million

purchase of three MD-530F helicopters to replace its aging fleet.

LAGUNA BLAZES: 'WE NO LONGER HAVE A FIRE SEASON, WE HAVE A FIRE YEAR'

Amid unseasonably warm weather and gusty wind conditions, a brush fire dubbed the Emerald fire broke out at around 4 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 in north Laguna Beach, leading to the quickly organized evacuation of thousands of residents from their homes.

"We no longer have a fire season. We have a fire year," Orange County Fire Authority Chief Brian Fennessy said. "This is supposed to be the middle of winter, and we're anticipating 80- to 90-degree weather. Even though the hillsides are green, it doesn't take but low humidity and wind to cause fires to occur."

The fire, which scorched 154 acres, was met with full force and brought largely under control with no losses of property or lives.

The city of Laguna Beach in a July news release stated officials with the Fire Authority determined during the five-month investigation that sparks from electrical arcing most likely started the Emerald fire, fed by high wind speeds.

Significantly more devastating in terms of property loss was the Coastal fire in Laguna Niguel, neighboring Laguna Beach. Although the daytime temperature was moderate, there were intense winds and drought conditions when the blaze was reported by a man at the South Orange County Wastewater Authority's Coastal Treatment Plant at 2:43 p.m. of Wednesday, May 11. He said the fire at that time was small, just 50 feet by 50 feet. Southern California Edison put out an initial report that night saying there had been "circuit activity" in the canyon at about the same time the fire broke out.

By the next morning it was being reported that 199 acres had been consumed.

Despite the efforts of crews and resources from Orange County, Laguna Beach, Los Angeles County, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa and Anaheim, more than 20 homes in Laguna Niguel were either destroyed or damaged.

NEWPORT BEACH APARTMENT COMPLEX FIRE DISPLACES 39 HOUSEHOLDS

A four-alarm fire that scorched dozens of residences at the Promontory Point apartment complex along Pacific Coast Highway, between Bayview Drive and Jamboree Road in Newport Beach, was reported at about 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. It began in one apartment, then spread rapidly through a shared attic, officials said, and was believed to have been an electrical fire.

While the fire was put out by early afternoon, a total of 17 units were completely destroyed and others damaged; 39 households were displaced by the fire. The region was experiencing high temperatures and humidity levels due to Tropical Storm Kay that weekend, and firefighters were struggling to stay cool. Two of them were treated at a

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

Challenge of finding living organ donors to be met head-on by new O.C. nonprofit

With the arrival of the New Year 2023, may all Daily Pilot and L.A. Times readers share in a year of good health. Without health, life is challenging.

On this subject, the final "Crowd" of 2023 is about health and about the generosity and selflessness of those who step forward to donate life as living organ donors. There is no greater gift.



Coming up Jan. 19, the Life Savers Foundation of Orange County

will welcome the community to its inaugural event to be held at Balboa Bay Resort, Newport Beach, hosted and underwritten by **Carole Pickup**, founding chair of the new nonprofit.

Before I delve into more about the organization, I'd like to share the back story. As a journalist, I generally do not allow this column to be so personal. However, in this case, it is too important to help so many others with kidney failure.

With that in mind, I offer my story in an effort to "pay it forward" so others suffering from organ failure may find hope. More importantly, so they may find life-saving results.

In early 2012, following a year of intravenous albumin infusions delivered at Hoag Cancer Center in an attempt to stall dialysis, nephrologist Dr. Eric Wechsler insisted there was no more time to stall. My kidney function was life-threatening.

On the first day of dialysis, I entered the clinic on Coast Highway in Newport Beach at 3:30 p.m. for my session scheduled for 4 o'clock. I was set up for three four-hour sessions every week. Barely inside, the heavy glass door that buzzed me in slammed shut behind me. Imagining the initial feeling of a prisoner facing sentence on his first day behind bars, I examined the large room with some 25 kidney dialysis patients reclined on gray vinyl chairs hooked up by clear plastic tubes carrying red blood out of the body and back in again courtesy of tall electronic filtering machines beeping and ringing constantly.

A dozen male attendants ran tirelessly between the patients. Nurses in obligatory white uniforms paced the cavernous clinic with its lighting so strong airplanes could find their way to a landing strip. Suddenly, the bells, and buzzers became deafeningly strong. Attendants were racing to a corner of



Photos courtesy of Heidi Miller

POST TRANSPLANT, Cathie Cook, Bruce Cook (B.W.) and Sally Struthers thank kidney donor Heidi Miller, with Pam Sharp.

the clinic. Moments later EMT techs pushed through the secure glass door. They had the code. No time to waste.

In the corner, a man screamed in pain yelling "F---" louder than ever expressed in any language. A nurse attempted to comfort him. He was not the one in crisis. A young man in the chair adjacent had slumped over to one side. The EMT was pounding his chest feverishly.

It ended as quickly as it began. The patient was placed on the gurney and rushed out of the clinic surrounded by the dedicated public servants on rescue squad. I was still standing to the side in the entry way. As the patient passed by, I caught the eye of one of the EMTs shaking his head to indicate that the man did not survive; I nodded understanding.

At that moment, I said to myself, "I can't do this."

Five years later, following a long and difficult search for both a potential cadaver kidney and a hospital willing to perform the transplant, I was batting zero. No familial matches. Several friends stepped forward, then rescinded. I did not blame them. Not for one second. Yet, clearly, I had also survived. Despite initial fear, I did do dialysis for five years. I lived. However, while the dialysis had saved me it also took its toll. Doctors were not optimistic.

Step in Carole Pickup, matriarch of Pickup-Martin family ownership of major hotel properties, and specifically of Balboa Bay Resort and Club on the Coast. Carole repeatedly offered to sponsor a "donor awareness" event to tell my

story and the serious need for so many people. There are some 100,000 kidney patients currently registered in the U.S. seeking transplants. The wait time can be eight to 10 years. Finally, I gave in gratefully. For all the years in dialysis, my health crisis was mostly kept secret. I never missed a Pilot deadline.

In May of 2017, just after Mother's Day, some 500 guests arrived at the Balboa Bay Resort ballroom for the party. **Jerry Mandel** and his jazz band performed and many in attendance, including Angels baseball legend **Rod Carew**, television host **Peter Marshall**, journalist **Tom Johnson** of Stu News (a former publisher of the Daily Pilot) and respected **Dr. John Huffman**, were among those who stood and shared their personal stories.

Trying to be funny, as the evening came to a close, I took the microphone and shouted to **Aaron Trent**, event producer, to lock the ballroom doors and let no one leave until a donor could be found. The crowd roared. No donor came forward. The doors remained open.

Two months passed; I was back to dialysis. Then, a random phone call came from a woman named **Heidi Miller**, Laguna Beach businesswoman, former owner of the famous Heidi's Yogurt franchise and presently operating boutiques called Tight Assets in downtown Laguna. Miller had not been at the party. She was told about it by friend **Carol Lee**, of Newport Beach, who did attend. Fast forward, Miller's offer was generous. Following three months of tests,

on Nov. 17, 2017, Heidi donated her kidney to me.

Five years later, delayed by pandemic, with the uber-generous passion and support of Carole Pickup, the Life Savers Foundation of Orange County will finally be a reality. It's purpose, to simplify, is to raise funds to grant financial assistance to potential living organ donors who wish to donate life but need financial support to do so.

Costs such as time off work, travel, housing, food, personal expenses, and more are not covered for donors by insurance. It is illegal for recipients to pay for an organ or to pay for costs associated with the gift.

On the evening of Thursday, Jan. 19, the official launch will take place in the same ballroom where it all began. Hosted cocktails and a fabulous multicourse prime rib dinner and dessert will welcome guests coming to help me and Heidi "pay it forward" to help others in Orange County.

Jerry Mandel and the Irvine Barkley Jazz Band will return, and I will join the band as singer of American standards. We will share more information on what is the latest in medicine on transplantation and then we will ask for donations. No boring auction nor long, drawn-out speeches.

Please consider joining the launch. All are welcome. Tickets are \$250. For reservations and information contact Heidi Miller at heidimillerkidneydonor@gmail.com or call (949)-933-4606. Life Savers Foundation of Orange County is a registered 501c3 nonprofit charitable organization. All proceeds will directly benefit the grant program.

B.W. COOK is editor of the Bay Window, the official publication of the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.



HEIDI MILLER in a hospital bed at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles awaiting transplant surgery.

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Bay Island General Plan, Zoning Code, and Local Coastal Program Amendments - Amendments to the General Plan, Title 20 (Planning and Zoning), and Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code increasing the development limit specified for Bay Island from 23 dwelling units maximum to 25 dwelling units maximum. The amendments were initiated by the applicant who seeks to return the maximum residential density of Bay Island to 25 units, consistent with prior entitlement under Use Permit No. UP3618

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 - Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on September 8, 2022, by a vote of (6-0), the Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach recommended that the City Council approve Bay Island General Plan, Zoning Code, and Local Coastal Program Amendments.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to 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. Prior to the public hearing the agenda, staff report, and documents may be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov. 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.

For questions regarding details of the project please contact Chelsea Crager, Senior Planner, at 949-644-3227 or ccrager@newportbeachca.gov.

Project File No.: PA2022-087 **Activity No.:** CA2022-005, GP2022-001, and LC2022-003

Zone: RM (Multiple Residential) **General Plan:** RM-D (Multiple Residential Detached)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RM-C (Multiple Unit Residential - (10.0-19.9 DU/AC))

Location: Bay Island **FILING DATE:** April 20, 2022

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



DR. JIM DOTI and Heidi Miller at a UC Irvine Health event for kidney care.

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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GIRLS' WATER POLO

Laguna Beach girls' water polo streak snapped at Bill Barnett Holiday Cup

BY MATT SZABO

Streaks can't last forever, even if it seemed like the Laguna Beach High girls' water polo team would keep winning the Bill Barnett Holiday Cup until the end of time.

The Breakers came into this week's tournament as eight-time defending Holiday Cup champions. Heading into Friday, it had been a decade and a day since they had lost a match at the tournament.

Though Laguna Beach (5-3) did not earn title No. 9 in its first tournament of the season, the Breakers saw glimpses of potential, even as they lost twice Friday.

Laguna finished fourth in the tournament, dropping a 13-12 decision to Santa Barbara San Marcos in the semifinals before falling to Surf League foe Los Alamitos, 10-8, in the third-place match.

The losses were the first for Laguna Beach at the Holiday Cup since falling to Santa Margarita on Dec. 29, 2012.

"I have a love for streaks and winning," said Laguna Beach senior goalkeeper Lauren Schneider, a four-year starter who made a combined 13 saves in the two matches Friday. "To me, it was very important to keep it up. But I know we tried our hardest ... You definitely see glimpses of the potential that we have throughout the game. My freshman year, we had that amazing team and were unstoppable, and I see glimpses of that where we're just flowing amazingly."

Top-seeded Orange Lutheran won the tournament for the first time, edging San Marcos 14-12 in the title match. Among other local teams in the prestigious 16-team tournament, Newport Harbor placed sixth, Corona del Mar finished ninth and Edison was 16th.

The Breakers had beaten San Marcos 10-9 on the road in their season opener Dec. 2. But the Royals turned the tables Friday, as they were the ones who earned the one-goal win behind a strong match from USC-bound senior



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LAGUNA BEACH'S Presley Jones (9) takes a pass and quickly scores against Santa Barbara San Marcos during the semifinals of the Bill Barnett Holiday Cup on Friday. The Breakers lost 13-12.

Ava Stryker (five goals and three assists) and freshman Charlotte Raisin (two goals, two assists and four steals).

Laguna Beach fell behind 11-6 in the third quarter but rallied for four straight scores, two by Ava Knepper, to pull within a single goal.

San Marcos took a 13-11 lead on Sophia Panossian's score with 1:22 left, but the Breakers' Presley Jones answered with a minute remaining.

After a steal from Kara Carver, the Breakers had a chance to tie the score in the closing seconds. Senior center Charlotte Riches turned her defender, but was unable to get a shot off and the referee did not call a foul.

"It didn't go our way," Breakers first-year coach Claire Sonne said. "I'm always going to advocate for my players and my team, but I will also say that wasn't the play that decided whether we won or lost that game. We had our opportunities to execute earlier on, and

we didn't."

Knepper led the Breakers with five goals, and Jones had four, with Lauren Short scoring twice and Jordan Schneider adding a goal. In the end, the slow start was a bit too much to overcome.

"We need to turn it on from the start," said Lauren Schneider, bound for USC. "We always have to play catch-up ... I think this year, Laguna, we're kind of soft in a sense. We need to be toughened up a bit. We just need to start [strong], and not need to warm up in the first quarter."

The Breakers held a 6-4 half-time lead against Los Alamitos in the third-place match, but were held scoreless in the second half until a pair of goals in the final minute.

Short, a senior headed to Villanova, led with three goals, with Jones and Carver scoring twice each. Cici DeLuca scored a match-high four goals for Los Alamitos.

"Typically, we're a team full of

energy, and I think that we brought it in the morning, energy-level wise," Sonne said. "Come the third-place game, we were a little deflated, and I think that's something that we'll learn from. It's going to be part of this season. It's going to be part of all of their water polo seasons in their whole life — your ability to bounce back from really tough losses and disappointments."

Laguna returns to action with a nonleague road match at Foothill on Thursday at noon.

Foothill 11, Newport Harbor 5: Ryan Chalupnik led the Sailors with three goals in the Bill Barnett Holiday Cup fifth-place match.

Angie Peterson and Chloe Rizof also scored for Newport Harbor (9-2).

Chalupnik scored seven goals in Newport's 13-8 win over Santa Margarita in a fifth-place semifinal.

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WISHING

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and panicles and tied on by gold ribbons, some wishes are humorous, while others are ambitious, describing new cars and lotto winnings, and still others constitute endearing pleas for health, recovery, salvation and life.

I wish for peace on Planet Earth. A Toyota 4Runner TRD Off-Road in charcoal or white this coming year. Sleep. Peace in Ukraine. Let's hope 2023 will be a better year.

Light rain showers in Newport Beach Friday ruined plans Clara Girgis had made with a group of college friends to go hiking and brought them instead to Sherman Gardens and the base of the majestic pepper tree, where they took a moment perusing hopes and dreams before adding a few of their own.

"It's really cute," the 22-year-old Mira Loma resident said of the display. "I think it's good, especially for the end of the year, to see what other people are wishing for and put your hopes up on the tree."

Girgis personally wished to get accepted into a school program for physician assistants. Friend Merna Fahmy, 20, similarly wished to nab an interview for a similar school program.

"I think I want to come back and see if I got my wish," the 21-year-old La Palma resident told her sister Joy and friend Mira Sadek.

"I'll probably know by the end of the year," Girgis said of the fate of her own academic ambition. "Should we come back?"

"Yeah, I'll come back with you," Fahmy said.

Thrasher, who personally cut out 8,000 wish cards, said the Wishing Tree will be up and taking requests at least through Jan. 25 for anyone who dares to dream. Although it seems like a whimsical endeavor, she added, it is also an exercise in hope.

"You never know where wishes go," she said.

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Denise, Gayle, and Mickie, as well as three grandchildren.

"There's a saying that it's not the years in your life, but the life in your years," Townend said. "Don MacAllister had a lot of life."

Several former mayors attended the memorial, some of them giving speeches, as well as state Sen. Janet Nguyen and new Mayor Tony Strickland. Few were seen as a bigger ambassador of the city of Huntington Beach than MacAllister, who moved to Surf City in 1967 with his late wife, Marilyn.

He belonged to organizations including the International Surfing Museum of

Huntington Beach, Surfing Walk of Fame, Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach, Sister City of Huntington Beach and the Senior Center.

In fact, MacAllister, not renowned for his surfing, nevertheless was a founding member of the Surfing Walk of Fame. He loved eating breakfast at the Sugar Shack Cafe on Main Street, friends said.

He stayed deeply involved in Huntington Beach after serving on the City Council from 1978 to 1994, including two stints as mayor, in 1979 and 1983. MacAllister was an ambassador to Huntington Beach's sister city of Anjo, Japan, making many trips there.

Former Mayor Shirley Dettloff said MacAllister did everything he could to make Huntington Beach a

better place to live.

"He was very active in anything to do with surfing," she said. "I know that when we were trying to become Surf City, and Santa Cruz was also fighting to be able to use the name, Don was passionate about providing us all the information we needed to make this the legal title of the city of Huntington Beach. We took it from Santa Cruz and became Surf City, and we'll always be Surf City, something that Don was very proud of."

On a personal note, Dettloff also remembers grand parties at the MacAllister home. When he wasn't throwing them for locals, he would use his home to entertain important visitors to the city.

"This was the home where we all expected to be



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DON MACALLISTER'S daughter, Gayle, accepts an American flag from the U.S. Navy, as she sits with her sisters, Denise, left, and Mickie, during a memorial on Friday.

invited," she said. "If we weren't, we would try to find out why we weren't. The most memorable time was the Fourth of July. If we didn't have an invite to that

party, our feelings were hurt."

Kelly Miller, the CEO of Visit Huntington Beach, said MacAllister helped put Surf City in a good position

to possibly host the Olympic surf competition in 2028.

Barbara Delgleize, who served as mayor in 2017 and also this year, got emotional toward the end of her words about MacAllister.

"A great soul serves everyone all the time," Delgleize said, quoting author and poet Maya Angelou. "A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again, and Don will continue to bring us together again and again."

Friday's ceremony also included a presentation by members of the U.S. Navy — MacAllister was a veteran — and a playing of Taps. There was also a Hawaiian blessing and blowing of the conch shell.

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local hospital for heat-related issues.

Afterward, residents of the 520-unit complex stated they heard no alarms to alert them to the fire. One woman told a reporter that had it not been for a passing driver persistently honking the horn of a car she would not have realized a fire was underway that was threatening her apartment.

Just before Christmas Judy and Lou Candelaria, whose Promontory Point apartment had been destroyed in the fire, were surprised by friends and members of a Corona del Mar running group with a newly decorated home in the same complex.

"We heard no fire alarms, but we heard banging on the doors and people yelling and screaming," Judy Candelaria said. "I said to Lou, 'Oh my God, there must really be a party somewhere.'"

COYOTE ATTACKS GIRL ON THE SAND AT HUNTINGTON BEACH

Although the Huntington Beach Police Department had been conducting increased coyote trapping efforts in the weeks leading up to this incident, a 2-year-old girl suffered seri-



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ATTY. SAM SOLEIMANY and Bree Anne Lee Thacker explain their claims against Huntington Beach after Thacker's daughter was bitten by a coyote on the beach.

ous but non-life-threatening injuries in an attack by a coyote near the pier on a Thursday night in late April.

Officers were called at 9:45 p.m. to the beach north of the pier regarding reports of the attack and found the injured toddler, who was with her mother and her 3-year-old sister at the time. Efforts then began to find the offending coyote, one of two that were seen at the beach that night.

In September, attorneys for the mother of the girl who was bitten announced plans to sue the city of

Huntington Beach during a news conference held in Pasadena.

A claim filed by Bree Anne Lee Thacker of Chino Hills on Aug. 31 alleges negligence by the city led to the injuries her child suffered on April 28.

The girl was just a few steps away from her mother when a coyote knocked her down and bit her face, according to the attorneys.

"Why were no hazing teams, apparently, in the city deterring coyotes to prevent this type of injury to a little girl?" attorney Sam Soleimany asked dur-

ing the news conference.

Thacker was unable to come to a resolution after filing her claim with the city and plans to proceed with a suit in January, Soleimany said Friday.

In related news, 43 coyote sightings were reported in an audit performed by volunteers in Huntington Beach between late summer and early November, according to the city's police department spokeswoman, Jessica Cuchilla.

Some have occurred near the intersections of Warner Avenue and Edwards Street as well as Brookhurst Street and Indianapolis Avenue.

OCMA OPENS IN COSTA MESA, OFFERS FREE ENTRY FOR 10 YEARS

Standing out in a list of upbeat news reported in 2022 was the grand, 24-hour Oct. 8 and 9 opening of the new \$93-million Orange County Art Museum in the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa that drew more than 10,000 visitors.

During a ceremony before the weekend celebration got underway, OCMA chief executive Heidi Zuckerman reminded attendees admission to the 53,000-square-foot museum will be free for its first 10 years, courtesy of a donation from Lugano Diamonds of Newport Beach.

"I am so excited to welcome everyone to the new Orange County Museum of Art. By that, I mean welcome everyone, not just today, but every day," Zuckerman said. "I am humbled by the public turnout to celebrate this weekend and the support of our donors and community in the lead up to the opening of our new home."

FROM OIL FIELD TO RANDALL PRESERVE

Local conservationists were rewarded earlier this month for years of effort — boosted by a generous donation by Newport Beach residents Frank and Joan Randall — when the pur-

chase of an oil field was completed that will allow it to be preserved as open space.

The Trust for Public Land and the Banning Ranch Conservancy worked for years to secure \$97 million in public and private funding to buy the property from AERA Energy and Cherokee Investment Partners.

The 387-acre parcel, now called the Randall Preserve, is home to an estimated 100 acres of marshland, mudflats, riparian scrub and 67 acres of coastal sage scrub with critical habitats for endangered species like burrowing owls, fairy shrimp and peregrine falcons, according to a news release about the sale issued this month by the Trust for Public Land, California Natural Resources Agency, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the Banning Ranch Conservancy.

The land will first enter a remediation phase, which involves the removal of existing oil infrastructure by AERA Energy and its partners over the next two to three years. Then it will become a public park and preserve under the stewardship of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

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