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Murals replace broken church window

Christ Church by the Sea in Newport Beach is in the process of being restored after it was vandalized in April.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Where there were stained glass windows before, new murals of coastal scenery now temporarily decorate a part of Christ Church by the Sea.

The paintings were rendered in June by Diana Hensley, her grandson, Aiden, and a group of other volunteers looking to help beautify the church that made headlines in April after a vandal caused an estimated \$100,000 in damages by smashing all the stained glass windows that faced the street. Many had been donated by residents and former congregation members that had since died.

After the damages were reported and the suspect was caught, the church successfully raised \$18,745 in its online Go-FundMe effort and Rev. Paul Capetz, a senior pastor at the church, said the windows are now on their way to being restored. The work is expected to be finished this fall.

Hensley joked that when the church initially asked her to do the paintings she hadn't backed away fast enough.

"They didn't really like to have just the raw wooden boards there because it looks like the church is boarded up," Hensley said in an interview on Friday. "I'm a retired school psychologist, but I also do watercolors a lot. But, I thought, 'Oh my God, how am I going to reach [the height of these boards]?""

As luck would have it, her 6'3" grandson was in town.

So, after consulting with muralist Michael Howard, Hensley and her grandson rounded up a few other helpers to paint the murals directly onto the boards. The murals took inspiration from Hensley's own artwork and were done in acrylics. She said with a laugh

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Photos by Susan Hoffman

LIFEGUARDS, **FRIENDS** and residents gather around the 17th Street beach lifeguard tower to remember the late Ben Carlson in Newport Beach on Thursday. The 15-year veteran died July 6, 2014 while attempting to rescue a swimmer. Honoring the late lifeguard has become a city tradition.

Celebrating legacy, heroics of late N.B. lifeguard continues

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

The city of Newport Beach again this year proclaimed July 6 as Ben Carlson Day, giving the community an opportunity to celebrate his legacy.

"With the 100 year centennial coming up [in August] since lifeguard service started, Ben Carlson is the most significant incident that happened in the history of 100 years," Newport Beach Lifeguard Chief Brian O'Rourke said.

It was nine years ago July 6, 2014, when Carlson, a 15-year veteran lifeguard, performed his last call of duty. He tried to rescue a swimmer in distress but did not make it out of the rough surf conditions himself. The waves were estimated at 6- to 8-feet high that late afternoon. Carlson reached the man who needed assistance, but a large wave swept over both of them.

"The other lifeguard personnel at the scene attempted to rescue and assist Ben, but were unable to find him because of the turbulent water," then Newport Beach Fire Department Chief Scott Poster explained at a news con-

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RESCUE BOAT Seawatch II and their crew gather near the surfline to take part in a brief ceremony honoring Ben Carlson at 17th Street beach in Newport Beach on Thursday.

Life of Newport Beach 'Skipper' honored

BY ERIC LICAS

Fear seized Jennifer Bopp her first time aboard the Fairwind in rough waters. She struggled to stay on two feet as the 40-foot ketch pitched violently from side to side, occasionally tipping over far enough to take on small amounts of water.

Anything that wasn't tied down was either tossed about the wooden boat's cabin, sent skidding across its deck or chucked overboard into the sea. And, for a moment, she panicked. That's when she heard Fairwind's owner, Tim "Skipper" Bercovitz, shouting at her over the squall.

"He said 'I don't know why *you're* scared. *I'm* the one who can't swim," Bopp recalled.

They made it back to Fairwind's berth just outside of American Legion Post 291 in Newport Beach in one piece, and went on to sail up and down California's coast together over the years. Bopp was just one of hundreds of people Bercovitz welcomed onto his boat

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H.B. resident racks up miles biked, weight lost

BY MATT SZABO

On most mornings, Chris Hill will send his wife Teresa a picture of himself.

Once Chris reaches Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach on his bike ride, he sends the photo. Then, he rides south back down the beach path to the Santa Ana River trail, before veering east to their home near Magnolia Street and Indianapolis Avenue to complete his 22-mile journey.

Teresa, who works as an executive assistant at Hoag Hospital, has visual evidence that her husband is continuing to take care of himself.

The proof is in the pudding — or lack thereof — for Chris, who has transformed his life with the help of his wife's place of employment.

"I feel better than I have in 40 years," said Chris Hill, now 64. "I feel fantastic. To not think about food, it's really strange."

He has nearly cut his weight

in half since having a gastric sleeve surgery at Hoag in December 2021, through the hospital's Bariatric Surgery Weight Loss Program.

After Dr. Adrian Dobrowolsky performed the surgery, Hill said he had the majority of his stomach removed. He no longer has the hunger pangs that are associated with the hormone ghrelin. In fact, now he has to remind himself to eat, and he sticks with a high-protein diet.

Hill said his weight went up

drastically over the years following the birth of his two children, Joshua, 38, and Elizabeth, 33. When he went to the doctor earlier in 2021, Chris Hill said he had developed Type 2 diabetes and hypertension.

and hypertension.

His peak weight, in September 2021, was 428 pounds. He was down to 224 before a recent bike ride last week, not far from his goal of 215 pounds.

"For 20 years, I kept saying, I

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DAILY PILOT WRESTLING DREAM TEAM

TJ McDonnell first to top them all at Fountain Valley

BY ANDREW TURNER

Fortune favors the brave, never far removed from fear.

TJ McDonnell, a decorated senior wrestler at Fountain Valley High, had accomplished nearly everything one can in high school, but in his mind, he had plenty to lose.

For as long as he could remember, the dream had been to win a state championship. If successful, he would be the first in school history to do so.

"I was just so scared of not winning," McDonnell said. "So scared of losing. I knew that I had done too much in my life with that one goal in mind to waste a second preparing to accomplish it. A couple months before the [state] tournament, I was having trouble sleeping at night, just felt like I was about to wrestle the match in my head.

"I was nervous, getting cold sweats, getting shaky. I was just a mess because ever since I was 6 years old, the goal had been to be a state champion."

McDonnell had hoped to check that box as a junior, when he finished third in the 182-pound bracket. Down to his last chance, he felt like he could not do enough.

With the determination of a fighter, McDonnell battled his nerves and his opponents until he was back on the main stage. Then, he said, a calm came over

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James Carbone

FOUNTAIN VALLEY'S TJ McDonnell, holding the 2023 CIF State wrestling winner's bracket, was the 182-pound state champion.

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OBITUARY

Tom Titus, longtime theater critic, set a high standard

BY SARA CARDINE

Tom Titus — an entertainment editor who reviewed local theater for the Daily Pilot and TimesOC for 55 years before his 2021 retirement — died peacefully at his home in Orange on June 2, according to his family. He was 85.

In a tribute to the stalwart critic posted on social media Wednesday, officials with Costa Mesa's South Coast Repertory said between 1965 and 2020, the entertainment editor reviewed every play put out by the production but one.

"Titus set a bar for reviewing that may be impossible to pass," media relations director Brian Robin wrote. "The staff at SCR expresses our condolences to Titus' family and all those who knew him."

Born on May 26, 1938, in Corry, Penn., Tom Warren Titus embarked on what would be a 60-year journalism career fresh out of high school, becoming sports editor for the Corry Evening Journal, according to a self-written life summary provided by his family Friday.

He maintained that pro-

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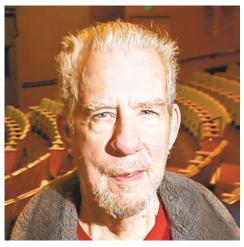
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reviewed all but one show at the South Coast Repertory since it opened in 1965.

Don Leach

fessional interest during the Dai his three-year service in the U.S. Army, while stationed at Camp Casey in South Korea, as a staff member of the 7th Infantry Division's Bayonet news-

Upon returning to the U.S., Titus was transferred to New Jersey, where he spent his remaining 14 months of service working for the post newspaper. Picking up complimentary tickets to Broadway shows at the Manhattan USO, he attended more than 100 shows.

He moved to Los Angeles in 1963, securing a job with

the Daily Pilot as a city reporter. Two years in, Titus reviewed a production of "A Thousand Clowns" at the old Laguna Playhouse, and his fate was sealed.

In the next four decades, Titus reviewed countless productions and took to the stage himself, as a performer and the director of numerous plays at the Costa Mesa Civic Playhouse, Westminster Community Theater and the Irvine Community Theater, where he served as artistic director for 31 years.

His impact on the local theater community earned him recognition from the

Costa Mesa Historical Society in 2019. ArtsOC presented Titus in 2021 with the Helena Modjeska Cultural Legacy Award, which recognizes individuals who've made extraordinary contributions to arts and culture in Orange County.

John Canalis, the Daily Pilot's executive editor from 2010 to 2019, recalled offering to celebrate Titus' 50th anniversary with the paper by treating him to lunch anywhere he liked. Titus suggested the casual dining restaurant Carrows.

"That was Tom — his tastes ran humble," Canalis recalled. "Despite his deep source of knowledge he was never the critic with his nose in the air. His criticism was by and for the lay reader, but boy did he know the material after five decades in the chair and, for some of that time, on stage as a performer."

In a farewell missive penned to readers of the Daily Pilot and TimesOC on April 27, 2021, Titus reflected on his life as a "dyed-in-the-wool theater iunkie"

"All in all, it's been a full, exciting and thoroughly enjoyable life both as an

observer and a participant," Titus wrote, acknowledging the impact of the pandemic on theater attendance.

"Local theater will be back, albeit without me. When it is, I encourage you to go see a show and enjoy live performances in this most pleasurable of all artistic experiences."

Titus is survived by son Tim Titus and daughter Mindy Mills, their respective spouses, Brenda Titus and Aaron Mills, as well as granddaughters Riley and Kaylyn Mills, life partner Jurine Landoe and ex-wife Beth Titus.

A celebration of life will be held at The GEM Theatre, 12852 Main St., Garden Grove on Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family members request a donation be made to The GEM Theatre (thegemoc.com) or to a local community theater of one's choosing.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: June 23, 2023 FROM: City of Laguna Beach Community Development

Planning Division 505 Forest Avenue Laguna Beach, California 92651 SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Declaration for 32051 Coast Highway Project PROJECT NAME: 32051 Coast Highway APPLICANT: Chuck Le and Cristine Chung PROJECT NADRESS: 32051 Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 CITY AND COUNTY: Laguna Beach, Orange County NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Laguna Beach (City), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has completed a draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the 32051 Coast Highway Project (proposed project), as described below. The IS-MND discloses potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce any identified impacts to less than significant levels. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project involves the demolition of the existing 1,318-sf single-family residence and the construction of a 6,774-sf, three-story single-family residence. The project would also include a 590-si garage, a 1,213-sf elevated deck terrace with a pool and jacuzzi, a water feature, and reflecting pond. Additionally, the project would provide 4,456 sf of landscaped open space, including 1,517 sf of irrigated area. The proposed project would feature a modern architectural style with expansive windows, mixed materials such as wood, stone, stucco, and burnished metal. Exterior lighting would include low-voltage indirect slot lighting recessed into the building walls, as well as low-voltage indirect strip lighting, free standing directional and path lighting, and wall-mounted pool lighting to provide outdoor landscaping and pool lighting. The proposed residence would be designed to exceed the Title 24 standards by 15 percent and would include sustainability features such as energy-efficient lighting and appliances, a reclaimed water irrigation system, rain barrels for irrigation use, water efficient appliances and fixtures, a green roof on a portion of the site, rooftop solar panels, and a permeable pavement driveway. The project would require the following entitlements: Design Review and Coastal Development Permit. **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**: The City has prepared an Initial Study to determine the proposed project's potential impact on the environment. The City has determined that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. However, with implementation of the identified mitigation measure the project's impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels. Accordingly, the City intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STATEMENT: The project site is not included on any list of hazardous waste sites prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The City of Laguna Beach requests your written or emailed comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration during the 32-day review period, which begins on June 23, 2023, and ends on July 26, 2023. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Pleased direct your comments or questions to Christian Dominguez, Senior Planner, at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California 92651, by email at cdominguez@algunabeachcity.net or by phone at (949) 497-0745. DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The draft IS-MND and other supporting environmental documents are available for public review on the City's website at: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/onlices.Bard copies review on the City's website at: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/publicnotices Hard copies of the draft IS-MND can be made available upon request. Please call Mr. Dominguez to request a hard copy or to discuss any questions or concerns regarding how to access the IS-MND. **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETING (TENTATIVE):** 5:00 p.m. – Thursday, August 24, 2023 In-person: Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA August 24, 2023 Impersor: Countril crialinests, 3007 frees Aveilde, Laguria Beach, CA 92651 Virtual: Zoom link to be provided at: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here/city-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH OF FILING OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL SEWER FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL AND ELECTION TO COLLECT SAID FEES THROUGH THE TAX ROLL PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 5470 ET SEQ.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following:

1. Filing of Report. Pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code Section 5470 et seq., the City of Newport Beach has elected to collect sewer use charges through the tax roll of Orange County for sewer accounts as provided herein. Accordingly, the City has caused a written report to be prepared ("Report") describing the parcels of real property in the City billed for sewer fees between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. The Report has been filed with the Newport Beach City Clerk and is available for public review at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours until July 25, 2023, when the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider its adoption.

2. Notice of Public Hearing on Report. On July 25, 2023 at 4:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard), in the City Council Chambers located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660, the Newport Beach City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any objections or protests to the Report and the election to place said fees on the tax roll. Any person wishing to make any objection or protest to the Report and the election to place said fees on the tax roll may appear and make such objection or protest at the Public Hearing. In order to include your written comments with the City Council agenda, they should be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 24. Thereafter, any written comments should be provided in-person at the meeting. The City Council shall hear and consider all evidence, testimony, objections or protests on this matter and may continue the hearing from time to time.

If you challenge any action related to this proposal 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 at, or prior to, the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice or the matter to be heard, please contact the City Clerk's Office, at 10(40.1844.3015

This action is not a project as defined in Section 15378 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3 ("CEQA") in that this action will not result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment.







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

Estancia High hosting dump day

Local residents are invited to dispose of bulky household waste and shred confidential documents on July 15, from 8 to 11 a.m. or until capacity is reached, at Estancia High School, 2323 Placentia Ave., in Costa

Caltrans staff will be available to securely shred up to four boxes of documents per household and collect household items too bulky for residential garbage bins, including mattresses, furniture, toys and electronic waste.

The following items will

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C.M. residents invited to enter photo contest

To celebrate local parks this month, Costa Mesa's Parks and Community Services Department is challenging residents of all ages to visit four special city parks by July 30, take photos of themselves at specified attractions and post photos to Instagram with the tag "@cm_recreation" with #parksmake-lifebetter.

The areas are: Estancia Park's adobe building, 1900 Adams Ave.; on the bridge at Fairview Park, 2525 Placentia Ave.; the airplane at Lions Park, 570 W. 18th St.; and the giant moon at Moon Park, 3377 California St

Those without Instagram accounts may email their photo submissions to tatiana.madrid@costame

'Pat Pattison's Best of California' now on MeTV

Former Disney studio executive and Seal Beach resident Pat Pattison's locally produced travel/community affairs show, "Pat Pattison's Best of California" debuted on KAZA-TV Los Angeles Sunday at 7:30 a.m.

The show, which evolved from Pattison's YouTube and Facebook video travel segments, highlights natural wonders, unique history and fascinating people from all over the state. Shot on location, episodes have featured the state's park system, famous restaurants and Hollywood history.

To view episodes on YouTube, visit youtube.com/c/thebestofcal iforniawithpatpattison.

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can do it on my own," said Hill, adding that his wife had her own Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgery about 20 years ago. "I'm a guy, I can do it on my own. I'd lose 20 or 25 pounds a year, then gain back 30 or 35 ... but then it hit me that I didn't have too much longer to go."

That checkup two years ago served as a reality check. There were other little things, too. On his final trip to Disneyland before the surgery, he couldn't walk due to his arthritic knees. He had to use an electric cart.

Now, Hill can walk around the Happiest Place on Earth with no problems. A retired guitar maker and United States Air Force veteran, he's able to work around the house much easier, as well.

"I see other people in

"I see other people in those carts," Hill said. "Something stops me from doing it, but I want to go up and just tell them, 'Look into this surgery.' It's really something that's changed my life. I feel like I'm going to live a lot longer now."

Hoag's Bariatric Surgery Weight Loss Program, within its Digestive Health Institute, recently earned accreditation as a Comprehensive Center from the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program, which sets national standards for bariatric surgery centers with a goal of advancing safe, high-quality care for weight-loss surgery patients.

"We are honored to receive recognition for Hoag's dedication to meeting the needs of metabolic and bariatric surgery patients by providing multidisciplinary, high-quality, patient-centered care,"



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

CHRIS HILL, a Huntington Beach resident who underwent gastric sleeve surgery in 2021, typically rides his bike more than 20 miles per day in Surf City.

Dobrowolsky said in a statement. "Our team offers a whole-person approach to weight loss to

ensure each patient has the optimal support to embrace their new lifestyle." Hill is certainly enjoying his new lifestyle. He said he'll likely skip a second elective surgery that would get rid of the excess skin that his weight loss has caused.

The thought of being idle kind of scares him.

"I'm very busy now," Hill said. "The more weight I lose, the busier I get. And the busier I get, the more weight I lose.

"Īt's just a great cycle," he added with a laugh.

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"Once I got there, all those nerves that I had been feeling months prior had just disappeared," McDonnell said. "I started looking around and seeing everything from a different perspective, honestly, like I never have before at any competition. I just started to really take everything in and tell myself that I wanted to remember every part of it."

It would be a weekend to remember, as McDonnell navigated through six matches to win the 182-pound title in the CIF State individual wrestling championships in Bakersfield. McDonnell pulled out a 5-4 decision over Moreno Valley Canyon Springs' Sonny Kling to win it.

A late reversal gave McDonnell the match, and it reversed his fortunes at the state finals.

McDonnell is the Daily Pilot Wrestler of the Year for the second year in a row. The Oregon State signee won his third Sunset Conference and Southern Section individual wrestling championships, as well as his second Masters Meet title.

"In the last four years, TJ has been a team leader from the start and a role model for the entire team," Fountain Valley coach Brad Woodbury said. "TJ has raised the bar in the Fountain Valley wrestling room. Now, Fountain Valley wrestling asks who is going to be the next state champ, and that is a huge impact on this program. He has had a great career at Fountain Valley, and we are excited to see what he does at the

college level."
As a senior, McDonnell
went 39-1 overall, claiming
titles at the Cossarek Classic, the Mann Classic and
Fountain Valley's host Five
Counties tournament in



James Carbone

MARINA'S ADRIAN JIMENEZ, left, and Fountain Valley's Anthony Lucio, wrestle at 113 pounds in a CIF Southern Section Inland Division match on Feb. 11.

the regular season. He did not suffer defeat in 2023.

"I definitely knew this year that I was setting an example for the rest of the guys on the team," Mc-Donnell added. "I could see them looking over at me during practice. ... I know that they all knew how badly I wanted it, and I am glad that I was able to show them exactly what it takes. When you want it that bad, all you can do is just give it everything you got, and hopefully it will work out for you.

COACH OF THE YEAR Brad Woodbury

Fountain Valley
Fountain Valley has
enjoyed quite a decade,
having won four CIF individual wrestling championships titles and a CIF
dual meet wrestling title
since 2015. Woodbury
have seen them all, including a return to glory
in beating Hesperia 282221 for the Inland Division
team title this year.

FIRST TEAM

Anthony Lucio

113 | Fountain Valley | Jr. As Fountain Valley added another section individual wrestling championships title to its coffers, Lucio provided key lowerweight points in claiming the crown at 113 pounds. Lucio (28-8) also topped the gold bracket at Masters, before placing

sixth at the state meet.

Haden Hernandez

126 | Marina | Sr. Hernandez kept one of the busiest schedules in the area, accruing 54 wins in 63 matches. His consistency and endurance earned him four tournament titles in the regular season. The Missouri Valley College signee capped his senior season with titles in the Sunset League and Inland Division finals, before a 4-3 showing in the state meet saw him place eighth.

Carissa Qureshi

126 | Marina | Sr.
A trio of bracket winners propelled Marina to its second state championship as a team in as many years, as Marina bested Walnut 114-88.
Qureshi (37-0) was merciless, holding her opponents scoreless in five victories by fall to fulfill her destiny as the top seed in the state tournament.

Hercules Windrath

138 | Fountain Valley | Jr. Windrath started the season on fire with titles in the Cossarek Classic and Mann Classic at 152 pounds. The Cal Poly commit dropped down two weight classes for the postseason, and it culmi-

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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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 A5.

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LIFEGUARD

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ference after the tragedy. On Thursday, around 50 people composed of lifeguards, friends and residents gathered on the 17th Street beach near the lifeguard tower to participate in the annual tradition of remembering

Carlson on the date he died. "It's a way to recognize a person, who was a role model, a fantastic lifeguard and leader, who supported his team and the city Newport Beach," O'Rourke. "It's not just a lifeguard

event but a community event."

Three yellow rescue boats Newport Beach Lifeguards - Seawatch I, II and III — joined by a white boat, Huntington Beach City rescue boat Sentinel, gathered near the surfline to take part in a brief ceremony honoring Carlson.

Capt. Gary Conwell, piloted Seawatch II and paid tribute via the amplified lifeguard radio so that it could be heard by attendees on the beach. In his message, he spoke of Carlson saving another man's life while losing his own and his impact on all lifeguards' safety, as well as people in the

community.

"We love you Ben. 'Ben Did Go.' We'll never forget you," concluded Conwell, who patrolled the ocean with Carlson in the Sea Watch II rescue boat on July 6, 2014.

Former Huntington Beach lifeguard Ash Reed-Kraus, now a member of the Coast Guard, said he had been working when [Carlson's death] happened.

"Lifeguarding is a family," Reed-Kraus said. "We support past and present lifeguard fam-

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.



NEWPORT BEACH

Lifeguard Chief Brian O'Rourke addresses a group as they remember lifeguard Ben Carlson in Newport Beach on Thursday

Susan Hoffman

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MURALS

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that she specifically taught her grandson how to paint the skies because of his height. The process took about five hours on June 10.

One of the volunteers was Bob Bradtl, who said he's part of an organization that meets at the church regularly. Bradtl said he's familiar with Capetz and other church staff along with the preschool. He thought it was a tragedy when the windows were smashed and that he was ready to go when Henslev called. He, a friend, Bradtl's son and his son's girlfriend all turned out to help paint the murals.

"We had a community effort going. I think it's a beautiful thing. I really do," Bradtl said.

He said he knew that the church had received donations from all around Newport Beach and its immediate congregation, describing those efforts as a great "outpouring" of support that he was heartened to

"We also had a good time doing it and when they take them down [to replace the stained glass], people want

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paintings," Hensley the said.

She has been attending the church since the 1970s when she moved to the Balboa Peninsula to work as a school psychiatrist in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District. She chose coastal scenery for the mural project instead of something like flowers because of the church's proximity to the beach, which is less than a half-mile away.

"We were delighted," Capetz said of the murals. "We want to encourage people to come back and do that sort of thing for us in other respects as well. We need a lot of help and we welcome community participation at every level."

Nicolas Alexandro Briones, who is accused of one felony count of vandalism resulting in damage of \$400 or more and one felony count of vandalism of religious property related to the Christ Church by the Sea incident, was expected to appear in court at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana on Friday, but the hearing was postponed to July 18 for a pre-trial settlement conference.

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Application No.: ZA-22-08

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Applicant/Agent: Wincome USA / Kenneth Cheung Site Address: 3350 Avenue of the Arts Zone: Planned Development Residential-High

Density **Description**: Zoning Application 22-08 is a request for a Major Amendment to the "Avenue of the Arts Hotel" Master Plan to modify the previously

approved parking configuration, increase the building height (approximately five feet), reconfigure the previously approved rooftop terrace amenities, and modify the proposed Hotel west elevation for the relocation of the rooftop "Club Lounge".

Environmental Determination: Final Program Impact Report No. 1054 Environmental (SCH#20070111125) - Pursuant to Government Code Section 15162(a), the City of Costa Mesa (lead agency) has reviewed the proposed site changes and determined that the proposed modifications on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record results in a minor alteration of an existing approved facility that involves no expansion of the entitled use and a deintensification when compared to the previous approval. Further, the changes will not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects in that the changes are limited to minor alterations of an entitled project at an existing disturbed site, the proposed changes remain consistent with the original master plan approval and the North Costa Mesa Specific Plan, and no environmental mitigation measures changes are required that will result in previous environmental compliance determinations. The proposed amendment to the previously approved master plan falls within the scope of the previously-approved EIR and its addendum, and no further environmental

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOAN VERONICA McWATERS

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOAN **VERONICA McWATERS**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Tracy Ann Turner in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.

The Petition for Probate requests that Tracy Ann Turner be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Aug 09, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM05

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attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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who would eventually fall in love with sailing.

Bercovitz died of prostate cancer on June 21.

A handful of his loved ones gathered to reminisce Friday at the American Legion, where he served as sergeant at arms for the past 25 years, longtime friend and fellow veteran Jim Voelkl said. Fairwind, his pride and joy, was a well recognized fixture in the harbor just a few yards from the hall's patio. That's largely because he would invite practically anyone interested in coming aboard to go sailing with him.

"It's the only boat like that that can hold as many people," Kemp Bailey, a Navy veteran and one of the first people to ever sail with Bercovitz in Newport Beach, said. "And it was: come one come all, basically an open door policy. I don't think anybody's ever been turned away from being on the boat."

Bercovitz made it his mission to spread his passion for sailing. He would reach out to youth groups, charitable organizations, law enforcement and veterans advocates and was constantly arranging outings for them, Voelkl said.

Fellow Army veteran Walter White credited Bercovitz and the many friends he made while crewing the Fairwind for helping him learn to manage post-traumatic stress disorder. The friends gathered with him at the Legion Friday were shocked to learn that he was struggling to control his anger around 2018 before a therapist recommended that he invest in some sort of outlet, which led him to reach out to 'Skipper.'

"It was the camaraderie that was developed, and the friendliness," White said. "He had a tradition. It involved rum. At the end of every trip someone was tasked with getting the glasses out. He would say 'no-body got hurt, nothing got broke, I think we came back with the same number of people we started with,' and then we'd toast.'

The Fairwind competed in local boat races almost every Monday night in the summer over the past 25 years, even though the 40foot, 54-year-old Japanesebuilt vessel wasn't primarily designed for speed, Voelkl said. But those competitions were the introduction to a lifelong passion for multiple generations of

The iconic boat has hosted numerous weddings officiated by "Skipper" himself. It has also played a role in many funeral ceremonies, helping loved ones revisit cherished memories that had been formed on its decks.

Shaun McCrae said he learned everything knows about sailing from Bercovitz. The veteran and his boat also helped him create a positive relationship with his previously estranged adult son, Dylan Prosser.

Prosser expressed to his father an interest in sailing. McCrae knew Bercovitz was a stern captain in need of a crew at the time, so he convinced him to take son under his wing.

The three of them would go on to sail hundreds of miles together. McCrae said watching Prosser through the same trials he had and develop similar skills made the fact that they were family undeniable to him.

"It's different," McCrae said of his bond with his son. "In a way, it makes us tighter than even a father and son might be, because we're more like brothers.

Eric Licas

LONGTIME FRIENDS of the late Tim "Skipper" Bercovitz stand aboard his 40-foot wooden Ketch, Fairwind, on Friday.

Everything he went through on this boat, it's almost identical to how I learned."

He, Prosser, Bopp, Bailey, Voelkl and White said the Marina simply would not be the same without "Skipand his Fairwind parked in the harbor. So, they were relieved when the boat's new owner decided

to keep it there and convert it to a charter vessel for local trips. That means future generations may continue to board prized, woodenhulled vessel to fall in love with the ocean all over again.

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TEAM

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nated in him winning the 138-pound title in the Inland Division finals and placing sixth at state. He sported an overall record of 38-8.

Duda Rodrigues

150 | Newport Harbor | Jr. Local girls' wrestling shined with four individual state champions. Among those wrestlers, only Rodrigues did not compete for two-time defending state champion Marina. Rodrigues (36-0) kept pace with Qureshi, authoring an undefeated season of her own. She conceded just one point in her five matches at the state meet.

Saiheron Preciado-Meza 189 | Marina | Sr.

A transfer from Lakewood, Preciado-Meza was inserted into the Marina lineup and quickly became a vital piece of the Vikings' repeat efforts. Bound for the University of the Cum-



James Carbone

MARINA'S DESTINY MARQUEZ is the CIF State individual wrestling champion in the 235-pound weight class. Marquez will be competing at the University of the Cumberlands.

berlands, she pinned all five foes she squared off with at state. Preciado-Meza (33-1) took her only loss in the Oueen of the Hill at Corona, then ran the

table with six tournament titles thereafter.

Eugenio Franco 195 | Corona del Mar | Jr. Franco, a verbal commit to Cal Poly, has proven that dominant wrestlers run in the family. His older brother, Émilio, now in the wrestling program at San Francisco State, was seen

at his matches with some regularity. Franco went 52-8 with 18 pins. The runner-up to Fountain Valley's Ryland Whitworth in the CIF finals, Franco topped the gold bracket at Masters before turning the tables on his league rival in the consolation semifinals en route to a third-place finish at state.

Ryland Whitworth

195 | Fountain Valley | Jr. An imposing figure, Whitworth continues to be a tough wrestler to score against. Whitworth (39-6) racked up six titles, including a run of four in a row from the Sunset League finals through the Masters blue bracket. He wound up placing fifth at state.

Destiny Marquez

235 | *Marina* | *Sr.* Marquez put the finishing touches on a triumphant trio for Marina at the state finals, capping it in dramatic fashion with a 1-0 decision over Alhambra Mark Keppel's Allie Phillips in the championship

match. She had a 37-2 overall record. Marquez will be joining forces with Preciado-Meza at the University of the Cumberlands.

SECOND TEAM

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