

a parent's perspective

'Our hope for Rebecca is that she will be accepted'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was submitted to the Daily Pilot in response to a story about Harbor View Elementary parents concerned with a proposal to move some special education students into the school.

My 6-year-old daughter Rebecca is one of the Paularino special ed students who will be moved to Harbor View Elementary, should that move go through.

Rebecca tested in the fourth percentile and did not speak intelligibly at all when she was admitted into this pro-

gram at the age of three; today, she is outgoing, gregarious, charming and very communicative. Her progress has been nothing short of miraculous, and her father and I attribute this to the outstanding program the Newport-Mesa Unified School District offers for language disabled children.

Finding out your child has a severe disability is a gut-wrenching, heart-breaking experience. It changes your perspective on everything in life, as

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Corona del Mar abloom in flower war

■ Local florists concerned farmers' market will undercut their trade, hurt their reputations.

By Evan Henerson, Daily Pilot

CORONA DEL MAR — Not everyone thinks the city's first farmers' market will be a bed of roses.

Local florists, pointing to experiences in other cities, claim the market's sale of cut flowers at wholesale prices will bring unfair competition to the everyday business that pay rent and taxes in the city.

"Something like this could give a bad reputation and image to florists," said Dean Myung, who owns Paul's Flower.

Like other Corona del Mar business owners, Myung said the market is unfair to local businesses that have to pay rent and sales tax while the once-a-week vendors are able to avoid such costs.

In one late-hour effort to head off the flower controversy, Corona del Mar busi-

"Something like this could give a bad reputation and image to florists ..."

— DEAN MYUNG

ness owner Joe Monigal attempted to rally fellow florists against the farmers' market when the issue came before the Newport Beach City Council on Monday.

The one-day-a-week market, which would sell produce and dried fruit as well as cut flowers, can only harm the area, Monigal told council members.

"We're all taxpayers here and we sup-

port the city," Monigal said. "And now we're going to have people who come in and compete without having to pay overhead costs. It's unfair competition."

Mayor John Hedges suggested the city prohibit the farmers' market from selling flowers, but that proposal was voted down. The market will open Saturday — blooms and all.

And business officials remain worried. Luvena Hayton, a Corona del Mar Chamber of Commerce board member, said florists in Dana Point have been seriously impacted by a farmers' market in that city. While the chamber supports the farmers' market, it doesn't want to see local businesses suffer, Hayton said.

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AFTERMATH OF CHASE



Makito Kawabe, 23, of Orange, sits next to a car he was a passenger in that was involved in a suspected hit-and-run accident and high-speed chase Wednesday in Costa Mesa. Police said the driver of the vehicle, Tatsuya Homma, 20, of Costa Mesa, ran a red light at Harbor Boulevard and Victoria Street, then hit a vehicle during the ensuing chase. See story on Page A2.

LEAH HOGSTEN / DAILY PILOT

Newport Beach expected to OK IRWD pact today

■ The City Council meets at 5 p.m. to take final action on the compromise plan that would hold off the dumping of treated sewage water into Newport Bay.

By Evan Henerson, Daily Pilot

NEWPORT BEACH — At 5 p.m. today, the City Council gets its final look at an agreement between the city and Irvine Ranch Water District on an alternative to dumping treated sewage water in Newport Bay.

It will be the council's final review of the proposal before a state agency reviews the water district's discharge proposal Monday.

On Wednesday, environmentalists Jack Skinner, Bob Caustin and state Fish and Game biologist Troy Kelly met with City Attorney Bob Burnham to give their thoughts on the agreement as it currently exists.

If the agreement is approved, four agencies would work together to find alternate uses or disposal sites for the reclaimed water Irvine Ranch is planning to dump into Newport Bay.

Kelly, who came to Wednesday's

IN THE NAME OF NEWPORT BAY

The Newport Beach City Council is holding a special meeting today to review a proposed compromise agreement that would stop an Irvine Ranch Water District's plan to pump 5 million gallons of treated sewage water daily into Newport Bay and save the agency more than \$20 million.

◆ The City Council discussed this agreement during its regular Monday meeting. Why another meeting so soon?

On Monday, the state Regional Water Quality Control Board is scheduled to determine whether IRWD can dump its treated sewage in the Back Bay. The water district needs a discharge permit from the state board. The City Council hopes to hammer out an agreement with the water district before Monday's hearing.

◆ If the City Council signs off on the agreement, would Monday's state hearing still take place?

Yes, and under the terms of the agreement, the city would no longer oppose the water district's effort to obtain the discharge permit. The district would agree not

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City attorney can't do DA's job just yet

■ Costa Mesa officials will study idea of sharing costs with neighboring cities to improve prosecution of local crimes.

By Tina Borgatta, Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — Costa Mesa may have to join forces with surrounding cities and supplement the county district attorney's prosecution costs if it wants to take certain misdemeanor cases to court.

Because of the county's dire financial straits, the district attorney's office for the past year has turned away a

number of minor misdemeanor crimes, such as gambling, disturbing the peace, trespassing, purchase and possession of alcohol by a minor, and driving without a license.

Councilman Gary Monahan in April asked the city attorney to study the feasibility of prosecuting some of these cases through his office. And during a study session on Monday, City Attorney Tom Kathe told the council that it might be more complicated than it seems.

In order for the city attorney's office to prosecute these cases, the district attorney's office would have to give written consent. And that's not something the county agency is willing to do.

"The DA's formal position so far is that they're not real inclined to give consent," Kathe told the council.

Kathe said the county prosecutor might consider taking on a few of these crimes, if several municipalities considered them significant problems in their areas. For example, if Costa Mesa, Newport Beach and Irvine viewed gambling, racing and illegal alcohol sales as problems, then the district attorney's office might agree to prosecute these cases, provided the three cities supplement the cost.

The county also said it might be willing to give the city consent to

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Students at Estancia High School filter out of class Wednesday afternoon.

Combining schools sparks interest

■ School board trustees say it may be possible to merge Estancia and Costa Mesa high schools.

By Julie Ross Cannon, Daily Pilot

NEWPORT-MESA School board members Wednesday said they are interested in merging the two Costa Mesa high schools but want more information and community input before making a decision.

School officials presented the board with information — at the request of trustees Ed Decker and Jim Ferryman — showing an estimated cost savings of \$1 million per year if the district moved Estancia High School students to Costa Mesa High and created a super junior high school at the Estancia campus.

The district could also avoid spending \$5.3 million to re-open Rea School by creating a magnet elementary program at TeWinkle Middle School, which would be vacated

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Leaving quite a legacy

Mandi Simonds fits the title "student athlete" to the letter — 12 of them during her four years at Costa Mesa High School, to be exact. For her efforts, Simonds has been selected Pacific Coast League Female Athlete of the Year. See story on Page B1.



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WEATHER

We had a same old, same old forecast going, and then Bingol here comes the weatherperson who says, we could have showers today, so stay alert!

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BEST BUYS



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A Cha's shoe purchase helps Wolonsky family

Through the month of May, **Cha's Family Shoe Service** (642-4314) would like to help the Tracy Wolonsky family by donating proceeds from shoe repairs to her husband and four children.

If you bring in two pairs of shoes for repair, Cha's will donate the proceeds from the second pair of shoes. Cha's is the best shoe repair shop around and has recently added a key service. Cha's is located at 1673 Irvine Ave. in Costa Mesa, a few doors down from 7-Eleven.

My favorite rug and carpet store **Hemphill's Rugs and Carpets** (722-7224) is having a 50% off sale on all Karastan rugs.

Owner Brett Hemphill says his store has the largest selection of Karastan rugs in Southern California. Karastan rugs are made of 100% wool, machine woven in North Carolina and come with a 20-year manufacturer's guarantee. Hemphill's Rugs and Carpets is located at 230 E. 17th St. in Costa Mesa.

For people who would like to try an exercise program of personal training, **Shape-Up Newport** (631-3623) is offering a six week personal training special. The special includes two-one hour personal training sessions a week, a full physical assessment including testing and personal goals and full use of the club facilities.

The six week special costs \$495, and there are no enrollment fees or dues. Shape-Up Newport is never too crowded, it's a limited membership club, and it offers 200 aerobic classes a month including yoga. It's located in Westcliff Plaza, on the corner of 17th St. and Irvine Ave. in Newport Beach.

One of my favorite clothing stores, **Barneys New York**, is having a men's summer preview party today from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Barneys New York is located on the second and third levels of South Coast Plaza, near Nordstrom in Costa Mesa. The sale continues through Memorial Day, May 27.

Another great sale is under way at **Neiman Marcus**, and this one is for ladies. You'd be surprised what great buys you can find at Neiman's sales. Expect to find discounts on selected items marked down 40% in designer and couture, sportswear and jewelry departments.

Neiman Marcus (759-1900) is located at Fashion Island in Newport Beach.

Draper's & Damons (646-5521) is having a pre-Memorial Day sale at its Westcliff Plaza store in Newport Beach. There is a large selection of sportswear, dresses, and accessories marked down up to 60% off.

BEST BUYS appears Thursdays and Saturdays. If you know of a good buy call me at 540-1224, fax me at 646-4170 or write to me: Best Buys Daily Pilot, 330 W. Bay St. Costa Mesa, 92627.



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Art lover Jeni Dudgeon, 81, loves working with children at the Costa Mesa Art League. "Everything gets to be an awful mess by the end of the day, but it's loads of fun," she said.

JENI DUDGEON

Sketching out a life of art

SHE IS

An 81-year-old "doodler" who volunteers with the Costa Mesa Art League, setting up a children's activities table whenever the group holds an event.

A REAL CUT UP

"I cut out different shapes and then spread them all out on a table, and the kids can make collages and pictures out of them," said Dudgeon, her blue eyes sparkling, lighting up her face as she talks about the children she works with.

"Everything gets to be an awful mess by the end of the day, but it's loads of fun. The kids are terrific."

Dudgeon spends weeks preparing for her events, cutting out tiny shapes from construction paper and experimenting with other, more difficult projects for the older kids.

A CRAFTY LADY

"For the older girls, I have

bags of beads that I bring out," Dudgeon said. "They can string the beads and make a necklace or a bracelet. You know, I've got to think of something different for them."

An octogenarian, Dudgeon has lived through the depression and has learned how to be resourceful — a characteristic that comes in handy with crafts.

"Sometimes I'll make dolls out of toilet tissue rolls," she said. "I'll make the heads out of yarn and wrap paper around so that the kids can color the face and shirt and pants."

LIFELONG LOVE

Dudgeon developed a love for art early in life. Her mother was a music major, and Dudgeon and her five sisters grew up with an awareness of art and beauty. And all have held careers in either music or art.

"I did machine embroidery as a living," Dudgeon said.

"And my first sister paints and is heavily into music; my second sister is an art teacher; my third sister teaches clothing design; and my youngest sisters are twins. One is an organist and the other teaches piano."

Dudgeon moved to Costa Mesa 46 years ago with her husband. She raised two daughters, both of whom love art and music.

She's been a member of the Costa Mesa Art League for 12 years and served as president in the 1980s. She said she plans to continue with her craft corner for as long as she can. She's not about to let her age get in the way.

"When I turned 77, I was telling people that I was celebrating my 50th year of turning 27," Dudgeon said with a chuckle. "People were giving me a double take. I had a lot of fun with that."

— By Tina Borgatta

Local man held in suspected hit and run

By Carolyn Miller, Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — An allegedly intoxicated 20-year-old Costa Mesa man was arrested Wednesday morning after he reportedly ran a red light, evaded police in a high speed chase and injured another motorist when he lost control of his car, police said.

The driver, Tatsuya Homma is also suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and possibly drugs, Costa Mesa police Lt. John Fitzpatrick said. Police discovered Homma possessed a small amount of methamphetamine, Fitzpatrick said.

Homma exited the westside of Norm's Restaurant on Harbor Boulevard at 9:30 a.m. in his red El Camino, and pulled into the intersection of Newport Boulevard and Victoria Street, where he sped through the red light, police said. Costa Mesa police officer Russell Rose was at the intersection and witnessed the traffic violation.

With the red lights on his

patrol car shrieking, Rose chased Homma but Homma ignored the officer and drove more than 60 mph northbound on Harbor Boulevard for about a block, police said.

Homma zig-zagged across the lanes with his car fishtailing from the speed, police said. He lost control of his car and struck a gray Toyota sedan driven by Julia Moreno, a 20-year-old Costa Mesa resident. Moreno suffered minor injuries in the collision, which forced both cars off the road, police said.

Both Homma and his passenger, Makito Kawabe, 23, of Orange, also suffered minor injuries. They and Moreno were taken to Hoag Memorial Hospital where all three were treated and released, police said.

Homma was arrested and booked into Costa Mesa City Jail on felony charges of evading a police officer, driving under the influence and possessing dangerous drugs, police said. He is also charged with a misdemeanor hit and run violation. Homma's bail is set at \$10,000.

Pedestrian loses wallet, cellular phone to robber

WEST NEWPORT — A 54-year-old Newport Beach man who was walking on a bike path Tuesday evening was robbed at gunpoint by a bandit who made off with the victim's wallet, credit cards and cellular phone.

The victim, a computer consultant, was walking along the bike path between Pacific Coast Highway and Balboa Coves under the Newport Boulevard overpass, when a man walked up and said, "Stop. This is a gun. Turn around, don't face me," according to police.

The robber, who ordered the victim to put his wallet and cellular phone on the ground and to empty his pockets, made off with the \$300 cellular phone and \$50 in cash. The robber was last seen

running toward Lido Marina Village, police said.

The victim walked to a pay phone in the 3300 block of West Coast Highway and called 911, police said.

The victim said two cyclists rode by during the robbery and may have witnessed it, Newport Beach police Sgt. John Desmond said. Police detectives want to locate the cyclists and are asking witnesses to call the Newport Beach Police Department.

The thief is described as a white man in his late 20s, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, 180 pounds, with dirty blonde, wavy hair and a dark weathered tan. He was also wearing khaki shorts and a dark green shirt.

— By Carolyn Miller

POLICE FILES

COSTA MESA

• **500 block of Anton:** A man left his car in a parking structure and went to dinner and a baseball game. When he went to retrieve his car, he found the window smashed and \$10,420 of his property gone including a \$10,000 laptop computer and a briefcase.

• **3300 block of Bristol:** A woman was using a restroom at South Coast Plaza and forgot her \$100 cellular phone in the bathroom stall. When she went to retrieve the phone, it was gone.

• **2800 block of Fairview Avenue:** While a woman was cooking food in the kitchen of a local church for a Boy Scout banquet, a man came in and asked to use the phone to call one of the scouts. The woman obliged, and left him alone for five minutes while he used the phone. When she returned, her purse was gone. The purse was later found discarded in a planter outside of the church with her \$12 cash, bank card and credit union card missing. The thief is described as a 5 foot 7 inches tall, grungy white male about 30 to 40 years old and weighing 190 pounds. He was wearing dark pants and a multi-colored shirt.

• **2800 block of Fairview Avenue:** A burglar let himself into a house through an open window and stole \$3,500 of jewelry including a 14 karat gold bracelet and 12 gold rings with diamond settings. The jewelry was in a box that the burglar moved from the master bedroom to the baby crib.

NEWPORT BEACH

• **1900 block West Ocean Front:** A burglar snuck into a resident's garage through a side door and stole a \$100 fridge and two bikes worth \$1,400.

• **200 block of Newport Center Drive:** A burglar used a large rock to smash the front window of a business and stole \$25,000 worth of jewelry including several watches and rings. The thief, who ransacked the business, left a footprint on a table and other evidence in his wake.

Officers' CPR training pays off

■ Pair help save life of 62-year-old man who had stopped breathing.

By Carolyn Miller, Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — When the shift ended early Saturday morning for two veteran Costa Mesa police officers, they went home exhausted but elated.

Their graveyard shift included saving a 62-year-old man's life.

At 12:08 a.m. a patrol car at a bar in the 800 block of 19th Street flagged down a patrol car occupied by police officers Jim Wagner and Paul Cappuccilli.

"Someone came running out of the Club Mesa bar and said someone had a heart attack inside," Wagner recalled. "I told the dispatcher to get the paramedics and went inside the bar with Cappuccilli. We saw the owner of the bar, Mr. Smith laying down on floor. The two officers waded through the throng of

patrons, lookie loos and friends of Richard Smith who were gathered around him crying and yelling. Two patrons were successfully administering CPR and Smith started breathing on his own and gasping for breath, Wagner said.

Then, Smith stopped breathing.

The two officers immediately took over and began administering CPR: trying to open his airways and get his heart pumping.

"We worked as a pretty good team," Wagner said of his and Cappuccilli's efforts. "(Cappuccilli) would count and I'd yell out, 'Breathe!'"

"Always, in the back of my mind I was thinking, 'Well when are the paramedics going to show up?'" Wagner said. The paramedics arrived and both officers were relieved when they "jump started" Smith's heart.

"(Paramedics) said, 'Hey we have a pulse. It's weak but we have one,'" Wagner recalled. "That's when we said, 'Alright!'"

"I was surprised that he had survived because even with CPR, there is a very low survival rate," he said.

Six years ago when Wagner and another officer were in a similar situation, the victim did not survive, he said.

"When they die you wish you could have been there at the moment he lapsed into it," Wagner said. "As far as this one, I was there the moment he went down. The officers followed the ambulance carrying Smith to Hoag Memorial Hospital in Newport Beach. When they arrived, the doctor on duty told them Smith had a good chance of surviving thanks to their efforts, Wagner said.

Wagner checked up on Smith on Sunday at Hoag and learned he is in stable but critical condition.

"It was our training. We did it and weren't thinking about it until it was all over," Wagner said. "It felt pretty good when we left. We felt like we had helped save a man's life."

WEATHER

TEMPERATURES

Newport Beach 72/58
Balboa 72/58
Costa Mesa 74/57
Corona del Mar 70/58

SURF FORECAST

LOCATION SIZE
Wedge 2-3 sw
Newport 2-3 sw
Blackies 2-4 sw
River Jetty 2-3 sw
CdM 2-3 sw

TIDES

TODAY
First low 3:34 a.m. -0.6
First high 9:48 a.m. 3.9
Second low 3:01 p.m. 1.3
Second high 9:13 p.m. 5.8

FRIDAY

First low 4:12 a.m. -0.6
First high 10:30 a.m. 3.8
Second low 3:33 p.m. 1.5
Second high 9:44 p.m. 5.7

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Return of park rangers a concern

By Tina Borgatta, Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA - It would cost the city an estimated \$107,000 a year to bring back a park ranger program, according to Costa Mesa Parks Superintendent Dave Alkema.

That's how much it would cost to hire two full-time and two part-time rangers, train them and outfit them with equipment, uniforms and a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

"The concern that I have is whether or not it's cost effective and better than just assigning sworn police officers to the park," Mayor Joe Erickson said. "I understand the benefit of having people in the park, but I think we need more than just public relations-type people."

"We need people who can enforce the law."

The original park ranger program was discontinued several years ago, after a ranger ran over a transient who was sleeping in Wilson Park and fled the scene. But the city's Parks Commission has asked the City Council to consider bringing the program back, saying residents have expressed concerns about activities in unsupervised parks.

"I've had a number of residents who live near the parks complain about behavior that eventually escalates to the point where they have to call the police," Alkema told the council during a study session on the matter. "I think if these people knew there was a ranger in the park, they would be less likely to continue that behavior."

Under the city's first program, the rangers were part-time employees who were paid an hourly wage.

Under the new proposal, the full-time rangers would be paid a salary of about \$42,000, including benefits. The part-time rangers would be paid \$7 an hour. And the candidates for the positions would undergo extensive screening.

But Erickson said he wonders if that money might be better spent hiring more sworn officers and directing the Police Department to beef up its park patrols. On Monday, Police Chief Dave Snowden seemed open to that idea.

"If you gave me \$107,000 a year and said that money was to be used to patrol the parks, I don't think I'd have a problem working that into my budget," Snowden said.

Getting smart ... it's cheaper than a prison bond

When No. 1 daughter finally reached the last year of her tour at Corona del Mar High School, she had her life pretty well figured out.

She would take photography and field hockey and every other pushover course she could find. Her senior year would be a virtual vacation — and it almost destroyed her.

Midway through her freshman year at Iowa State, Diana was in danger of flunking out. She didn't, thanks to her determination and the sisters at Kappa Alpha Theta, who bore down on our daughter far more harshly than we ever would have.

The kid made it. She graduated in the allotted four years (and last weekend received a Master of Arts degree from University of Colorado).

Her problems were due, in part, to a certain amount of "freshmanitis" and the usual overabundance of social life.

Worst of all, in coasting through her last year of high school, Diana left herself totally unprepared for the rigors of academics at a very tough university.

ON THE COAST



fred martin

But if Delaine Eastin, California's outspoken superintendent of public instruction, has her way, high school seniors won't be able to design such cushy programs for themselves.

They will be too busy busting their buns trying to keep up with the ultimate demands of a far-reaching program to return California education to the good old days — when we were at the top, not the bottom.

Here are the bare bones of it:

First, certain high-performance school districts become "Challenge" districts by adopting the goals of Eastin's pro-

gram. These become the pace-setters and models as other districts join in. However, such pioneer districts will face a dense jungle of red tape and education-code blockades.

But, Eastin vows, "You help me focus on results, I'll help you remove the detail, the red tape, the incessant reports."

The original nucleus of Challenge districts become the vanguard of the entire concept. So far, 40 districts have signed on for the program, 83 more have "expressed interest."

Then come Eastin's Ten Commandments:

1. Content and Performance Standards. "Develop and adopt content and performance standards at every grade level in

language arts, mathematics, science, history-social science, foreign language, visual and performing arts, health...and physical education, career preparation and applied learning..."

2. Assessment and Accountability. "Adopt a comprehensive accountability system to measure student performance" in grade-level expectations, with data collected in spring 1997

being baseline.

3. Safe schools. "Kids can't learn and teacher's can't teach at schools that are not safe."

4. Proper Facilities and Technology. "We need to put technology in every classroom. Computer power is the cheapest thing there is."

5. Family-school partnerships. The objective is to get every element of the education universe pulling together — administrators, teachers, parents, students, local businesses and the community at large.

6. Learning Plans. "Each student has a learning plan tailored to his or her needs and that provides parents with a clear understanding of expectations."

7. Site-based Decision Making. Staff, parents and students will have primary responsibility for key decisions.

8. Staff and Community Training. So everybody involved knows exactly what's going on.

9. High School Graduation Requirements. At a minimum, these include four year-long courses in English, including literature and writing; three in history and social science

(including civics and economics); algebra and geometry, two laboratory science, foreign language, visual or performing arts and career education.

10. The Test. The class of 2004 will have to "demonstrate mastery of the curriculum." In other words, California students will have to pass an end-of-course examination in most subjects — just as is required of high school students in France, Britain, Germany, Japan and most other leading nations.

There is opposition to Eastin's plan from both sides of the political spectrum. Some factors don't really want California schools to recover. But they'll have to deal with a very tough lady, first.

Says Eastin: "The new patriotism should be, 'Teach your children well.'"

So, what will that cost? Not much more than \$2 billion, Eastin figures, primarily for reducing class sizes. "That's the same as the next prison-bond issue on the ballot."

• FRED MARTIN's column runs every Thursday and Saturday.

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Homeowners not happy with FEMA's inaction

Residents say they are doing federal agency's job by having to notify insurance companies of flood control improvements.

By Tina Borgatta, Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — Residents living along the Santa Ana River are accusing the Federal Emergency Management Agency of "shirking" its responsibilities by requiring homeowners and business owners to notify their insurance companies if they want to receive a cut on their rates.

FEMA recently announced its redesignation of the local flood plain to reflect improvements from the Santa Ana River Mainstream flood control project, which has resulted in a decreased risk of flooding in the area. The change could shave as much as one-half off homeowners' flood insurance rates.

However, FEMA is leaving it up to the property owners to notify their mortgage lenders and insurance companies of the change. And, the federal agency

"In the three years since the Santa Ana Flood project was completed, our premium has continued to escalate, even though we really never have been in danger of flooding ..."

— NANCY PALME

also is relying on the municipalities to inform the homeowners of the redesignation.

"The flood insurance issue is another fine example of government gone wrong," said Mesa Verde resident Nancy Palme, whose home is in the redesignated area. "People should not have to fight to get what is properly due them, especially when the government has taken it from them by force."

When a homeowner sets up a policy, the local insurance carrier collects a fee for National Flood Insurance Services, which is a federal agency. For Palme, who is in the process of selling her home, that fee has increased steadily over the last few years.

"Had we not been in escrow,

our flood insurance fee for this year would have been \$496," Palme said. "Last year, the fee was \$448. The year before that, it was \$419. So, in the three years since the Santa Ana Flood project was completed, our premium has continued to escalate, even though we really never have been in danger of flooding."

"We've been paying money down a black hole for 21 years. And in that 21 years, we had water come over our curb once."

Palme said she thinks FEMA should be the one to inform insurance companies and lenders of

the change. And she's not alone. The local business community echoes her thoughts.

Ed Fawcett, executive director of the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce, has sent a letter to Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, asking for his assistance on the matter. Rohrabacher was instrumental in persuading FEMA to reassess the flood plain in this area.

"In reading the letter that FEMA sent to the city in April, informing the mayor about the redesignation, I realized that FEMA was just passing the buck, making the city and the homeowners do all the work. They were shirking their responsibilities."

Kathleen Hollingsworth, a spokeswoman from Rohrabacher's Huntington Beach office, said the congressman has been in Washington since Tuesday and hadn't received a copy of Fawcett's letter. She said she'll be speaking to him about the issue within the next two weeks.

Costa Mesa scores another college campus

National University to locate to building on Harbor Boulevard.

By Tina Borgatta, Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — National University will relocate its Irvine campus to Costa Mesa in October, taking over a building once occupied by Western Digital.

"We're going to be getting more square footage here, and we believe that Costa Mesa is just going to provide us a better site," said Bill Flickinger, the school's director of administrative support services.

"Right now, we're in a business complex. We have our own building, but we have to share parking. This will allow us a stand-alone building with

our own parking." Flickinger said the school, which offers evening classes for bachelor's and master's degree programs in business, psychology and education, will occupy the entire second floor and half of the first floor of the 73,600-square-foot building, which is located at 3390 Harbor Blvd. "We will have about 675 students on the campus a month," Flickinger said. "And they're not all on campus at one time. Our sessions run on Monday and Wednesday, and Tuesday and Thursday. So, the student load is always split in half."

The first floor of the building will house a 2,742-square-foot library, a bookstore, faculty and staff offices, a conference room and a classroom. The second floor will be primarily classroom space, with some administrative offices.

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District may get transfer requests in wake of school boundary change

■ Some new students who attend Wilson Elementary are now in Adams Elementary enrollment area. They can choose which school they prefer.

By Julie Ross Cannon, Daily Pilot

NEWPORT-MESA — School administrators are now faced with the same challenge they were a year ago after school board members adjusted the attendance boundary between Adams and Wilson elementary schools — what to do with students who don't want to move.

Last year, trustees extended the filing period for intra-district transfer requests from the JoAnn Street-area children who wanted to continue at Adams instead of moving to their new home school — Wilson.

Tuesday, school trustees voted to reverse the Adams-Wilson boundary change after the U.S. Department of Education's Civil Rights Office threatened the district with a lawsuit, citing poten-

tial racial discrimination.

Though the decision won't have an effect on the 90 or so students who decided to stay at Adams this year, it does impact new students who went to Wilson this year because it was their home school, but now find themselves in the Adams attendance area.

Last year, the school board members extended the transfer deadline as part of the motion to adjust the boundaries, something they failed to address Tuesday.

School officials say it was an oversight.

"What we're going to do is go through the same process (as last year)," Superintendent Mac Bernd said.

Bernd said the district will make an effort to inform the affected parents of their option to

• For readers' responses to boundary change, see Page A12.

remain at Wilson. He said he didn't know how many students would be affected this time.

"We will have to handle everything on an individual basis," he said.

Trustee Ed Decker, who proposed the boundary change last year, said the district will have to make accommodations this fall for the new students who want to remain at Wilson.

"We're going to have to make sure they have the choice and are aware of it," he said. "I think this takes precedence over any deadlines we have about transfers."

Decker said that while the board rescinded last year's boundary move, they may have to consider adjusting the boundaries at Adams — and other Costa Mesa schools — to make room for projected enrollment increases.

briefly in the news

Woman allegedly stabbed by estranged boyfriend

A 27-year-old Rancho Santa Margarita woman's estranged boyfriend allegedly stabbed her in the neck with a steak knife Wednesday while the two were embracing in the lobby of a Newport Beach office building, police said.

Police are searching for Ramon Rodriguez, 35, who went to the office building in the 4100 block of MacArthur Boulevard to talk to his girlfriend, Jodi Breedlove, who works there, Newport Beach police said. The two had been fighting and had recently ended their relationship, police said.

Breedlove met Rodriguez in the lobby to talk at 4:10 p.m., police said.

While the two were hugging, Rodriguez pulled out an 8-inch steak knife and stabbed Breedlove in the neck causing a superficial wound, police said. The two fought over the knife and Rodriguez punched Breedlove then ran away, police said.

The victim was treated at Hoag Memorial Hospital and released. The couple have a child together and were living together until their break up, police said.

Police are asking anyone with information on Rodriguez to call them at (800) 550-NBPD.

Robber hits bank on 17th Street

The Great Western Bank on 17th Street was robbed Wednesday afternoon by a thief who

escaped with more than \$1,000 cash, police said.

A man wearing big brown sunglasses and a brown leather jacket walked into the bank in the 200 block of 17th Street at 4:50 p.m. and stood in line with the other customers, police said.

When it was his turn, the man walked up to the teller and showed her a note which read: "This is a robbery. Don't let me hurt you," Costa Mesa police Sgt. George Yezbeck said.

The teller obliged and handed over the cash. The robber walked out without saying a word or showing any type of weapon, police said. No one was injured.

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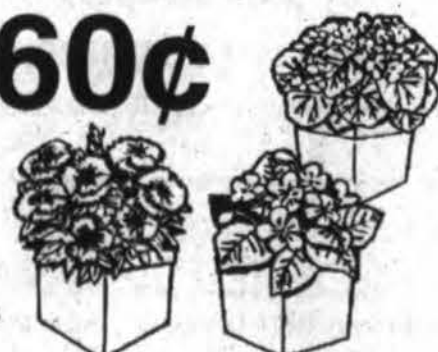
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Jayne Meadows to share her life's journey with local crowd

Sometime after the great war, in harmony with the technological boom and the baby boom, the arid San Fernando Valley began to replace its bean fields and citrus groves with rows of houses in the fashion that came to be known as the California ranch.

In the golden hills just west of what was then a sleepy Sepulveda pass, the community of Encino evolved from ranch land, belonging to the likes of Clark Gable, into the nesting grounds of a new breed of celebrity — those of the small screen.

And the TV royalty poured into an enclave fittingly designated as Encino's Royal Oaks.

Two generations later, Royal Oaks is a monument to a fading "Leave It To Beaver" sensibility. The hills are still filled with electronic royalty. Their sprawling ranch homes are now classic examples of the good times past.

At the top of one point, commanding a view of all the domain below, is the residence of a man and woman whose names are inextricably linked to the electronic kingdom. Steve Allen and Jayne Meadows were among the pioneers who created the great California lifestyle in Encino. They raised their son, Bill, now a father himself and a successful TV executive, in the unpretentiously elegant home that is filled with equal

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amounts of memory and vibrant daily life.

Meadows is scheduled to speak at a benefit for the House Ear Institute of Orange County next Thursday at the Sutton Place Hotel in Newport Beach. So, we caught up with Meadows recently at the couple's home.

Meadows, 73, answered the massive door attired in a smart suit of black, white and red dots — the kind of suit that a handsome woman would wear to her Beverly Hills ladies luncheon. Meadows has, in fact, just swept in from her afternoon obligation. Her hair is perfect. Her makeup is perfect. Her legs are showgirl quality, a calling card to her beginnings in show business.

"This is a scale model of the

mission that my father built in China," said the wife, mother, and star, explaining the presence of a large yet delicate model encased in glass that is also a reminder of the land where Meadows spent her first seven years of life. She has launched into a tour of her home and a tour of her life in one instant.

"Yes, this is Steve's piano. This instrument has accompanied him on thousands of musical adventures," she said.

Leather-bound volumes line the library's wooden shelves, containing an irreplaceable lifetime of work. Allen is both a prolific writer and chronicler of social and political trends. Meadows, who is his second wife, is both life partner and librarian.

Their home is grand in scale. As the tour continues, a formal living room incorporates American-designed upholstered furniture with French fauteuils, and antique colonial chests fronting either side of the fireplace that hint at Meadows' early American ancestry. She hails from "of the manner born" East Coast society, yet was the

child of rebel parents who broke away from the expected standard to forge their own paths.

She explains Steve was "more or less the abandoned child of alcoholic vaudevillians." Silver framed photos boast their friendship with presidents and movie stars. Awards abound, and sculptures stand as a proud testament to a lifetime of work that has produced a lifetime of accomplishment and reward.

Passing a formal dining room of celadon green and gilt inspired by Louis XV, (with the exception of a TV and VCR set up beside the buffet), Meadows settles in for the interview in her garden room. We sit in a corner of the long loggia that faces the almost Olympic-sized pool Steve uses every morning for his swim. Jayne fluffs a pillow on her corner sectional of soft pale peach suede.

"May I tell you how I met Steve?" she said with her face glowing. "We were both working in New York at the time, and we were also both just dealing with our respective divorces. He asked me out on a date and told me he

was going to take me somewhere very special. We ended up at the Planetarium. He said, some guys may take me to dinner, others may take me to the theater, but he was taking me to the moon."

Their marriage has been based on that kind of magic. "It has also been based on mutual respect, dialogue, and of course a great deal of love and support," Meadows said. "I also must tell you that I took a back seat to Steve's career, and gave up my own in favor of being a wife and a mother."

She claims her non-feminist stance has made her own life work.

"You can't have it all. At least not at the same time," continued Meadows, who very clearly does have it all, and has it in her own way. "I look at so many of my friends who are quite frankly quite

miserable at this point in their lives. They have failed marriages, problematic relationships with their children, and all because they made a career choice a first choice."

With family grown, Meadows has returned to her career. Offers are pouring in for both film and television, in part because of renewed visibility on the CBS-TV comedy "High Society." And, she is out on the speaker's circuit entertaining audiences with her acclaimed one-woman show on the great women of history.

Orange County will benefit from her point of view next week, as Meadows shares her life's journey with the local crowd. The event is billed as "The Power of Women." Tickets can be purchased by calling 643-9260.

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MAKING FASHION HISTORY

■ Vintage clothing is what former history doctoral candidate Josh Speyer studies now.

By Carolyn Miller, Daily Pilot

Josh Speyer is a large man who looks more like a lumberjack in ill-fitting sportswear than an up-and-coming fashion maven.

But don't let his towering form, booming voice and Messy Marvin appearance fool you. The 25-year-old Newport Beach resident can click off colors and code words with the ease of a fashion guru or a glam-mag fan.

Our discussion turned to sweater sets when he admired the one I was wearing and quickly summed up a deeper meaning to the whole ensemble: "You like that Jackie O. look. It's soft, it's feminine," he said.

I hadn't thought that much about it when I donned the set, but who am I to question a man who's in the business of buying and selling clothes for his new and used garment trader store, Stateside, in Costa Mesa.

And in the 14 months since he opened the store's bright red doors at 1759 Newport Blvd., Stateside has been a hit, mostly with the 25-and-under crowd, who are into wearing inexpensive, hip, used clothing. A second store is scheduled to open Saturday at The Lab.

Speyer's trail to buying and selling togs is fittingly unconventional.

As an honors history student at UC Berkeley, he was on the track to earning his doctorate with a focus on 18th century horological technology — the science or art of studying or measuring time.

But along the way, Speyer ended up broke and started selling his clothes to his friends to make a buck, he said.

Speyer's friends apparently noticed and appreciated his fashion sense and asked him to go clothing shopping for them at thrift and used clothing stores. One day, when he came in with an armful of clothing to sell at a trade store on Haight Street in San Francisco, they hired him



MARC MARTIN / DAILY PILOT

Newport Beach resident Josh Speyer, 25, was working on a doctorate at UC Berkeley when he decided to get into the clothing business — vintage clothing, that is. He now operates a small outlet in Costa Mesa called "Stateside Garment Traders."

on the spot.

"I knew what was up," he said, shrugging his large shoulders and shoving his hands into the drooping pockets of his khaki shorts. "I had an eye for what people wanted to buy."

Knowing that there was nothing like it in Orange County, Speyer, a graduate of Corona del Mar High School, took a gamble. The young entrepreneur left his graduate degree in limbo, took out a small business loan and opened up Stateside, which boasts 2,500 pieces of clothing ranging in price from \$4 to \$64.

"So much of Orange County is corporate, stuck-up, major label," he said, sounding every bit like an angst-filled member of Generation X. "People here have style and want to be different amidst this stucco wasteland."

"We are the incongruity here. That's the appeal."

The tiny store with a mustard-colored linoleum floor emits a 1970s flair. Disco music echoes from all corners and funky garments with flapping collars and flaring bottoms line the walls and crowd the racks.

"Right now, the 70s (styles) are really rockin'," said Speyer, who studies people to find out

F.Y.I.

- ◆ **WHAT:** Stateside
- ◆ **WHERE:** 1759 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa
- ◆ **HOURS:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.
- ◆ **HOW MUCH:** Prices range from \$4 to \$64.
- ◆ **PHONE:** 645-3497.

what fashions are hot and what's not.

Corduroy pants in every color go for about \$14. Polyester and satin are "the fabrics," whether it's shorts, shirts or dresses. But velvet and velveteen are runners-up in the form of blazers with thick stitching, and slender cigarette pants.

While some of the garments are appealing, the dresses resembled what the nuns wore during my Catholic-school days: scratchy polyester fabric that hung about mid-knee, pointy collars and forgettable buttons.

But Stateside is just Speyer's current fling with fashion — something he's not sure will bloom into a long-term relationship.

"I'd like to get out of this in 10 years with \$5, \$500 or \$5 million — who cares?" said Speyer, who spends more than 12 hours a day, seven days a week running the store. "Life's too short to work this hard, but for now it's great."

"I love when someone loves something they bought here. I know it sounds cheesy and greeting-cardish, but it's true."

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2 BIG BAND SOUND: Les Brown and his Band of Renown bring the sounds of the 17-piece big band to Orange Coast College's Robert B. Moore Theatre at 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$18 in advance; \$21 at the door. Information: 432-5880.

3 THE KINGSTON TRIO: Will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday in OCC's Robert B. Moore Theatre. Tickets are \$24 in advance and \$28 at the door. Information: 432-5880.

4 'WILD ISLE' PARTY: Newport Dunes Resort's Back Bay Cafe will hold a tropical party to benefit Friends In Service to Humanity at 6 p.m. tonight, 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach. Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Reservations: 729-3863.

5 BIG BAND SWING: Dance to the sounds of the big band swing era with the

Balboa Beach Big Band from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday at The Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W. 19th Street. Tickets are \$5 and \$4 for SAGE members. Information: 645-2356.

6 ONE-ACT PLAYS: A dozen one-act plays will be staged by OCC's Repertory Theatre Company during the schools' annual Spring One-Act Play Festival at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Tickets: \$5. Information: 432-5640.

7 CLOSING WEEKEND: The Neil Simon comedy, "Come Blow Your Horn," runs through Sunday at the Costa Mesa Civic Playhouse, 661 Hamilton Street. Tickets: \$10. Showtimes: Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Information: 650-5269.

8 STUDENT FILMS: Orange Coast College will stage its 26th annual Student Film and Video Festival at 7 p.m. Friday in OCC's Fine Arts Hall 119. A \$3 donation will be collected at the door. Information: 432-5922.

9 'BALL OF FIRE': Barbara Stanwyck and Gary Cooper star in this classic, showing 6:30 p.m. Friday at Newport Harbor Art Museum, 850 San Clemente Drive. Admission is \$5 or \$3 for members and students.

10 ARTS AND CRAFTS: The third annual Balboa Peninsula Fine Arts/Crafts Festival sponsored by the Balboa Merchants/Owners Association will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Balboa Peninsula Saturday and Sunday. Information: 673-7763.



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ACTORS AWEIGH

Children get into the act with OCC's traveling theater group

By Valerie Fugent, Daily Pilot

Orange Coast College's theater professor, Alex Golson, first had the idea of a

children's theater company when he realized that 70-80% of college students had never seen a live play before. So this year he started OCC's Children's Theatre Company and took his show on the road.

"I thought it was something we should do," said Golson. "We usually don't do children's shows but we decided to try it this year and it's been fun. The response is immediate."

The Children's Theatre Company consists of 14 actors out of OCC's Repertory Company, who travel to 12 different schools bringing their interactive, participatory theater to school kids.

When the group was formed it sent letters to schools offering its unique service. The response was three times more than it could handle.

While this semester's plays were found in a catalog of children's participation plays, next season the company plans to perform its own work.

"Next year in playwrighting class we'll concentrate on children's plays and hopefully write our own," Golson said. They have already started on "Stone Soup," a play based on the children's story of the same name.

On May 3, the troupe visited Kline School in Costa Mesa with its current play, an adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island."

"We never had a troupe visit

us before. We've gone to OCC many times but this is the first time they've come to us. It's a great pleasure," a smiling Susan Kline, founder and director of Kline School explained.

The excitement was palpable as the children took their seats. One boy cried out, "We've got the best seats in the house."

The group of approximately 60 quieted down and Golson explained what participation means, how it works and demonstrated the "quiet"

sign. The sign resembles Nixon's famous peace sign pose and, surprisingly enough, actually works.

"This is sort of like Muppet Treasure Island," said Golson of the play, "But no frogs."

Then it was anchors aweigh and the performance began.

Never lacking for volunteers, children were selected from the audience to perform various tasks — pirate, cabin boy, deck hand. Most were pretty good little actors, a few were pretty good little hams.

Those not chosen for stage roles were still able to participate. Singing along with the performers and acting out certain predicaments such as being swarmed by mosquitoes and swaying about on the high seas.

The 35-minute play is great fun for all and just long enough that the little natives don't get restless.

For those not fortunate enough to catch the act at their school, the Children's Theatre Company will present two more performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 432-5932.

F.Y.I.

- ♦ **WHAT:** Treasure Island
- ♦ **WHERE:** Orange Coast College's Drama Lab Theatre
- ♦ **WHEN:** 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- ♦ **HOW MUCH:** \$5
- ♦ **PHONE:** 432-5932



MARC MARTIN / DAILY PILOT

Todd Veneman, with the Orange Coast College Children's Theatre Company plays the part of Long John Silver in a recent production of Treasure Island at College Park school in Irvine. The production, which tours local schools, will be at OCC this weekend.

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American home-style food a bargain at The Omelette Parlor

By Marla Bird, Daily Pilot

A Costa Mesa couple dropped us a card about their favorite informal dining spot — and what a tip for diners with big appetites and small

budgets! Here are excerpts: "For the best food at the right price, my husband and I recommend **The Omelette Parlor**. The food is fresh and good and moderately priced ... They have specials every day ranging from \$2.75 to \$2.98. You get the main course (a sandwich or hamburger) with a side choice of fresh fries, macaroni or tossed green salad. All have generous portions. A glass of wine or a bottle of beer is \$1.50. We think it is the best place to eat lunch in the Harbor area."

They indicated that it was near Chester Drawer's, and of course, if you're a regular at the old-time bar with hamburgers and snack food, the Omelette Parlor next door is familiar territory.

For the rest of us, some directions: It is in the Von's lot

F.Y.I.

◆ **WHAT:** The Omelette Parlor
◆ **WHERE:** 179 East 17th St., Costa Mesa
◆ **WHEN:** 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily
◆ **HOW MUCH:** Inexpensive.
◆ **PHONE:** 645-0740.

at the west end, where the buildings meet at a 180 degree angle. The sign on the eaves proclaims: "Chester Drawer's." Underneath that sign, painted right on the window pane is bright pink lettering, "The Omelette Parlor."

No contest is going on here for gourmet food; the hamburger patties are pre-shaped off-site and shipped in. The food is mostly average, but the prices are four-star, value plus, and the omelettes are first rate. Sleepy breakfast patrons get a cup of coffee (60 cents) first thing and a choice of (\$4.25) omelettes, a bowl of mush (75 cents); sides of curly fries, ham, bacon or sausage (\$1.95) and more.

The highest prices on the entire menu (\$4.25) are for the omelettes and three grade AA extra large eggs with potatoes, English muffin and fruit garnish. High recommendations come for "Estancia rediscovered," a fluffy omelette concealing a spike of diced jalapenos and a cloud of shredded cheddar and sour cream on top. The "price is right" omelette has chopped Italian sauce, chopped tomatoes, mozzarella and a pinch of oregano (\$4.25) with a huge pile of curly fries and fresh fruit garnish.

On Monday and Wednesday, "burger madness" reigns with burgers and a salad at \$2.50. Cheese is an extra 25 cents. Usually burgers cost \$3.15 to \$3.75. Sandwiches to try: Gobbleberry (\$3.75) with lots of thin turkey slices, lettuce, tomato, mayo and cranberry sauce. Skip the roast beef and head for "Margie G. Wagner's BLT and Me," a great BLT, but who is Margie? "My Chickadee" is a breaded chicken breast, deep-fried and packaged in a baked egg bun with cheddar cheese (\$3.95).



Susan Adkins is the owner of the Omelette Parlor and Chester Drawer's in Costa Mesa.

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The "starving artist," a modest meal consists of a small spinach salad, a bowl of hot French onion soup, bread sticks or crackers and a generous glass of wine, all for \$2.95.

House wines are burgundy, chablis and rose, and champagne costs \$1.75 a glass. Michelob, Heineken and Miller Lite are \$1.50 and sarsaparilla or Diet Coke run 85 cents a glass.

Huge photos of old Costa Mesa and Newport decorate one wall and the nostalgia is at one with the natural hospitality of the parlor. The Omelette Parlor and Chester's are the province of a sandy-haired, smiling lass named Susan Adkins, who bought them in 1983. They were already decorated in 30's nostalgia style for the former tenant, "Calabash Landing."

When you enter through old swinging doors to Chester's or the cafe, you will feel downright friendliness as you settle into a booth. Adkins, who seems to have a permanent implant of Eveready batteries, is at the Omelette Parlor no later than 6 a.m. and leaves, as it closes after lunch at 3 p.m. and walks into Chester's and is there with plenty of help, until 1 or 2 a.m., sometimes later.

dining news

'Small bites' menu is superb at The Ritz

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Phone The Ritz at 720-1800.

Life is a cabaret

Diva expands the show idea with a monthly cabaret show, "The Great American Music Company." The series starts May 26 with **The Music of Cole Porter**. June 30 will feature "The Music of Duke Ellington." More programs to follow. The very special prix fixe dinner by executive chef and owner, **John Sharpe** is \$35 per person with seating at 5

p.m. Reservations, phone 754-0600.

Crawfish festival

Hurray! It's an annual event. Every Monday in May, **JACK-shrimp's** is serving those juicy little shell fish flown in live that morning from Louisiana. The price is \$12.95 for 1 1/2 pounds and \$16.95 buys three to four pounds of the bright red critters, enough for your table, served with good bread, red beans and rice and new potatoes. Now open

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Table scraps

Best kept secret in town is **El Paso Cantina** with fine Tex-Mex at 1565 Adams Avenue, (at Harbor). Phone 241-0123 ... Newporter **George Kokekstedis**, owner of John Dominis, is performing culinary magic at his new, second restaurant, **Chanteclair**. A Cote du Rhone wine dinner is due Wednesday, at \$70, tax

and gratuity included. Not to be missed! ... Neither **Tony Roma's** **Ribs** or **Mezzaluna** spaces, have new tenants as yet ... **The 23rd annual California State Chili Championship** is moving into the Hyatt Newporter for the big contest and colossal party-time scheduled for May 23 ... And for restaurateurs, please note: **The Annual Taste of Newport** date has been changed to Sept. 27-29 ... I'll be back week after next.

— Marla Bird

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Amazing special effects overpower Twister's corny plot

reel critics

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Reel Critics column features movie critiques written by community members serving on our panel.

What levels homes, devastates cities, and comes without warning? Right, an earthquake. Now, what is equally as terrifying, combines hail and rain in a spinning, cylindrical mass at velocities exceeding 200 mph, and roars thunderously perhaps with divine force? Right again, a tornado.

"Twister" is the first in a chain of summer blockbusters exploding to the big screen. This movie documents the swirling phenomenon and the storm chasers that risk their lives pursuing what is presently unretrieved twister data.

Helen Hunt (Mad About You) and Bill Paxton (Aliens, Weird Science) star as two scientists determined to collect this almost impossible information. With a team of experienced tornado trackers and "Dorothy," an experimental radio-transmitting device, they hope to penetrate the inner core of a tornado and retrieve ground-breaking information.

This is a rip-roarin', wildly fun and intense picture. You will be captivated by the awesome special effects and the sound production is sure to leave your senses numb. And although the plot is corny (a stormy love story amid an appropriately violent and stormy backdrop), the movie's entertainment value is certain to stand alone.

This is a tremendously entertaining film and if you're looking for two hours of mindless, whirlwind activity, I recommend "Twister."



CHRIS CANNON, 24, is a Corona del Mar resident and superintendent for a commercial fence company.

Talk about non-stop action, from the opening credits to the grand finale, they are either rushing to a tornado, caught in one or escaping from one. It's a pulse racing, exciting movie.

However, the love story was weak and the competition part of the movie was totally unnecessary.

But as far as special effects and the feeling of danger, Twister has no peer. It is totally believable although the principals have little regard for their safety and I was amazed their equipment kept working considering what it

was going through, but it is a thoroughly entertaining film.



DICK TUCKER, 69, is a Newport Beach resident and retired instructor at Orange Coast College.

"Twister" is an extremely intense film, whose prime focus is a tornado-chasing crew led by Jo Harding (Helen Hunt). The crew is attempting to fly "Dorothy," a device they created to measure wind speeds in the tornado. Unfortunately, "Dorothy" needs to be launched from the core of the tornado, which creates an enormous obstacle for Harding's crew.

Director Jan DeBont triumphs once again, adding to Twister's credibility for special effects. The tornadoes are truly unbelievable, thanks to crew members Michael Kahn (editing), Steven Flick (sound effects), Jack N. Green (photography), Mark Mancini (score) and John Frazier (stunts).

Although "Twister" is 75% intense action, the 25% between tornadoes tends to become dull. The storyline isn't necessarily captivating, however, the thrill of the previous tornado hasn't quite worn out by the next (which is naturally bigger and more terrifying), and the excitement is enough to last.

A big hit at the box office, "Twister" brought in \$37.5 million at a first weekend opening. Perhaps the actual plot could use work, but the special effects are absolutely amazing.



KATIE HOSTETLER, 16, is a Newport Beach resident and a sophomore at Harbor High.

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How about Yardley Lane?

I think that George Yardley should have a street named after him in Newport Beach. The Hall of Famer comes from a good family. My family used to know him. I used to know his mother and dad. Bobby and George were good friends of mine, and I just think a Yardley Street would be appropriate for here in Newport Beach.

JOHN STEGE, SR.
Newport Shores

Don't ditch phonics, combine it with whole language

Let's not throw the baby out with the bath water. Whole language came, phonics went. Now, whole language goes, phonics stays. Why not a combination of both?

Phonics can be taught through a multi-sensory approach like Project Read very effectively in a whole language

classroom. Just visit Kaiser Primary — the team of teachers incorporate both and are having great success, as are many other teachers in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

ANNE YOUNGLOVE
Newport-Mesa Reading Technician
Costa Mesa

E-mail debate should be silenced

I'm calling in response to your article, "City Hall ambulance debate goes cyber" (May 8). I think it's a poor excuse for a story to be in the local paper concerning our mayor and our city manager. I think it's even worse for our mayor to breach a vote of confidence with our top city employee.

This message says no city employee should ever trust or talk to John Hedges because he cannot be trusted.

I'm disappointed in the Pilot and that

they didn't get consent from both parties to publish this.

P.S. Thank heavens Newport Beach has term limits for its council.

BARBARA de BOOM
Newport Beach
• EDITOR'S NOTE: E-mail generated or received by public employees is public information.

City applauded for taking over ambulance service

I would like to say I also support Councilman Dennis O'Neill in bringing the city paramedic services totally inhouse serviced by the Fire Department of Newport Beach.

I have always wondered over the years why a private ambulance always had to accompany the city paramedics ambulance to the hospital. It only makes good sense to have one unit transport an emergency case, not two.

PETE RABBITT
Newport Beach

Can history be bought at Davidson Field?

Regarding the story, "You can name that stadium — after you" (May 3). I find it amazing. You have quite a write up here about this. You talk about this new plan where you can rewrite history for a few shekels. You tell everything but who was Mr. Davidson. It already has a name on it. Who was it named for? What did he do?

It's amazing. History can just be bought for dollars. What a bunch of garbage.

RONALD KENNEDY

Newport Beach
The field was named for, was Newport Harbor High's superintendent/principal from 1929-1958. Noting the lack of funds and a field, he became a surveyor and his math students carried chains and helped mark off the field with football games beginning in 1931, and the name "Davidson Field" emerged. It remains Davidson Field, but the stadium itself has no title.

Likes article on crime and alcohol

I'm with New Directions for Women in Costa Mesa. We're an alcohol and drug treatment program. We've been in Costa Mesa since 1977 and our outcome studies indicate that we have a 71% success rate with recovering women after their treatment here.

I'm reading your article on "Alcohol is a Factor" (May 9). Excellent article, and I think it's wonderful that you're bringing this to the forefront.

I'd love to have you do something about the treatment programs the community provides and how we're working very, very hard to bring down the alcohol abuse and accidents occurring.

Thank you for putting that story on the front page. It's very, very important that everybody know what alcohol does to our community.

LESLIE WHITLINGER
Costa Mesa

readers respond



The Lepper family takes time out from a meal at the Someone Cares Soup Kitchen to look over donated clothes for their infant daughter, Brittney, when the charity was at the First United Methodist Church on 19th Street.

MARC MARTIN / DAILY PILOT

Praise from the soup kitchen

It is good news to hear that the "Someone Cares Soup Kitchen" has found a new host in the Costa Mesa Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church.

However, it seems only fitting that we acknowledge the gracious hospitality The First Methodist Church of Costa Mesa has shown to the less fortunate in the last four years. All who arrived in need of a meal were served.

One can imagine the impact several hundred people a day would have on parish grounds and facilities. The extra expenses incurred were also accepted as part of this good work.

The members of this church, under the direction of their pastor, Steve Isenman, have certainly borne witness to Christ's command to "Love Thy Neighbor." In past years they have also participated in homeless shelter programs that provides shelter food and showers for a week.

No, I am not a member of this church, but have watched with respect and admiration at the good things this group accomplished. Recognition and thanks are in order.

DAVE FELDE
Costa Mesa

I don't think the First Methodist Church should be put in the position of having to apologize for asking the Soup Kitchen to find other quarters.

In the three years we have hosted them, we have had to bar all the lower parish house windows after break-ins and thefts, and we have had to repair the stained-glass window over the altar where a brick was thrown through it. The owners of a nearby bank build-

ing have withdrawn the church's weekly use of their parking lot because of the mess the transients leave.

The First Methodist Church still offers a shower program for the homeless, a food pantry supplied by our church people, and we are looking forward to having 12 people with us for two weeks from the Interfaith Program.

How about some other charitable organizations taking their turn?

R.J. SHAW
Newport Beach

I hope I don't sound selfish but I am glad that deal fell through at the Soup Kitchen. I've been worried about it. 19th Street has turned into a cesspool of huge proportions. It has become a place where they sell junk up and down the road. Where the winos are all up and down the road. Graffiti. 19th Street has just become filth.

I was once against the bridge but now I wish they'd put it through so we'd have a safe, decent place to go where they can't have all this.

I hope the Soup Kitchen finds a suitable place. My prayers will be with them but I'm glad it's not 19th Street. I'm glad it's not that area because we don't need anymore of that.

It's awfully sad that the women going there that I've seen in the paper with little babies. What in the world are they doing having a baby that they can't even feed? They're the ones I feel sorry for, the little children.

I hope they find a place for them.

ANN BRYANT
Costa Mesa

readers react

Decision on Adams was out of bounds

If the decision was made by school district officials to redraw the Adams Elementary School boundaries based on the growing number of kids that will need to go to Adams in the next few years that live in Mesa Verde, the decision should not be rescinded.

If the decision was made based on racial motivation, the decision never should have been made.

SUSAN GRAHAM
Costa Mesa

The issue of boundaries for Adams and Wilson elementary schools should be one concerned with education and not integration.

Also, in today's world cost is a paramount issue as well and a struggling school district such as Newport-Mesa should not be bussing children anywhere when they can walk to school in their own neighborhood.

Nor should we taxpayers have to foot the bill for that transportation.

ROBERT G. SPICER
Costa Mesa

I think the original boundaries of the school district should be restored because it seems the main motivation for changing them was racial and I don't think that that's fair to the students who are being affected by that.

If they had other reasons which were more in keeping with the things that the school is supposed to be doing, I could understand it but it seems like the only reason the boundaries were changed was racial.

ERIC TROUP
Costa Mesa

commentary

JOE BELL FANS UNITE

Tom Williams denigrates Joe Bell as a "bleeding heart liberal," so I hate to blow his cover as the opposite of a bleeding heart liberal (would that be a "tight ventricled conservative?") — but to my personal knowledge, Tom shows compassion and kindness from time to time.

What Tom missed is that Wendy Leece wants to withhold some food and a little medical care from kids who have parents who aren't providing it. Yes, it's the legal and moral responsibility of parents to provide for their children. However, if they fail to do so, it's simple kindness and compassion, and good business in the long run, to provide a meal or two and some basic medical care to those children who have sub-par parents.

Indirectly relevant, I offer the fact that the cost for a year's residence is the same to send a kid to jail or to USC.

As for Tom's obvious disgust with "government, freeloader giveaway" programs, school lunches are just the tip of the melting-heart-of-the-iceberg. Right here in Orange "free enterprise" County, he can find infinitely fatter targets of government freeloading.

How about Ford Aeronautics — more than a billion dollars to try and build a tank that never happened and was so complex it could have contributed its electronics to ... the Stealth airplane, a disaster the Pentagon doesn't want more of but the unlikely duo of Saran-wrap-heart "B-1 Bob" Dornan and Bill "furiously bleeding" Clinton want more of them, not because they're needed by our military, but because they're good for the prosperity of Southern California, the "trickle down" theory (which, come to listen to it, sounds suspiciously like a bleeding heart).

The owners and workers at the defense industries buy houses, food, clothing and insurance, and we all get some of the money. I won't get into farm, dairy and tobacco subsidies, or government COLA pensions, all pure welfare as much as any school lunch program is.

We all know that a great deal of the "success" of Orange County has come from the fact that enormous amounts of defense money have come our way via Hughes, McDonnell Douglas, Beckman Instruments and Northrop, etc. and most

of us will admit that some percentage between 20% and 70% of it wasn't needed at all for our defense. The excess is pure welfare, and any business or individual who made money from the trickle-down (or up) money benefited from a government handout.

I would rather see "trickle money" spent on things more useful than weapons even our military doesn't want, like highways that aren't toll roads, better schools, bridges, housing or government-backed loans like the GI Bill that gave such a boost to the expansion of our area after World War II. The money will still trickle, even if goes from Washington to a food service supplier who provides lunches for kids in Orange County.

More seriously, Tom questioningly ridicules Joe Bell's authenticity as a U.S. war veteran, something the Pilot should verify one way or the other for those of us who don't know Bell's personal history and you could print the apology I'm sure Tom would want to submit for publication if he's wrong.

MARK DAVIDSON
Costa Mesa

I have just finished reading Joseph Bell's column (May 8), and I couldn't agree more. I'm a 67-year-old lifelong Republican who is sick and tired of the inept shysters who sold their votes to the NRA, the Religious Right, etc., etc. I am voting straight Democratic in the next election.

BERT HALL
Balboa

I just called to tell you that I enjoy Bell's column that's printed every Wednesday. I don't see anything wrong with being a liberal correspondent. We have an awful lot of conservative correspondents and most of them are doom and gloom. We're kind of tired of listening to the conservative message. We've had them ever since the John Birch Society.

Please leave Bell's column in your paper on Wednesdays. I enjoy reading him and hearing a different point of view.

DOROTHY RAY
Newport Beach

mailbox

Coverage of distinguished schools doesn't tell whole story

I just wanted to express my dismay at the leading article, "Feeling Distinguished." There were two schools that received a distinguished award and the article is very one-sided. It doesn't make any mention of the accomplishments of Corona del Mar High School.

CANDY LIGHT-MARTINEZ
PTA President, Corona del Mar High School

Your front page coverage of the California Distinguished Schools Award to two of our local secondary schools prompts me to call and complain about a definite bias I see in your coverage of newsworthy events at Corona del Mar

High School.

I'm proud of the accomplishments of TeWinkle Middle School and hope to read about them more in the future. However, I am equally proud of Corona del Mar High School yet Coroná del Mar received barely a one sentence mention in the article. A few weeks ago you had a front page article and a reader's response about a Corona del Mar student's right to start a gay student support group on campus yet I have seen little, if any, front page coverage of the Corona del Mar Foundation's ambitious and worthy efforts to raise money to help our decrepit post-Prop. 13

school.

Contrary to what you may hear, the community does want to read about the good things happening in our schools and they want to see equal coverage of those good things.

Please prove me wrong by beginning to cover good things happening in all of our schools with equal enthusiasm for the accomplishments regardless of geographical location of the school. Our schools need all of the equal and positive support we can give them. They hold our future in their hands.

MARIANNE SCOTT
Newport Beach

• EDITOR'S NOTE: On the day the news broke about the Distinguished School awards, our reporter tried but couldn't get in touch with the principal at Corona del Mar High, which accounted for the unbalanced article.

Over the past year, however, our electronic database shows we've run more than 354 articles, letters and editorials that have mentioned Corona del Mar High School, including the lead story on the front-page just two days before the Distinguished Schools story regarding the high SAT scores at CdM and front-page stories on the Corona del Mar Foundation. The 354 total doesn't include the 780 Corona del Mar High sports articles.

We'd wager having news of Corona del Mar High in 1,134 stories in one year is better than any other high school in the country receives in its community newspaper.

HOPE

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anyone who has gone through it well knows. The initial shock is followed by incredible highs and lows, as your child alternates between progress and setbacks.

Recently, on picking up the Daily Pilot, we experienced one of those lows. How tragic it is for our Rebecca and for children of the parents that fear their children's education will somehow suffer if and when our child attends Harbor View Elementary. Switching Rebecca to that school would shorten a long bus ride for her, as she is currently bused from our home in Newport Beach to Paularino, and then to after-school care in Corona del Mar. We would feel better knowing that she spent her day closer to our home and her father's office.

But now, we wonder if that move would be best. The community at Paularino has embraced the special ed kids. We have attended many events there and never felt unwanted or slighted in any way. It makes my stomach clench to think of Rebecca getting off the bus at a school where parents have rallied against her presence, and where her schoolmates have heard their parents worry that somehow they might be harmed by her.

Disabilities strike randomly and affect our whole community. Our hope for Rebecca is that she will be accepted for the unique, wonderful individual that she is, and our hope for the "normal" children who associate with "disabled" children like Rebecca is that they can learn to look past the labels to the child who is not so very different from themselves.

As parents, we all have the same hopes and dreams for our children. We want all children to live up to their fullest potential and be given the greatest opportunity for growth. What a terrible message we send to our children and our community when we categorize, label and speak out against a group of children who deserve the backing and support of all of us.

DIANA W. PRINCE
Newport Beach

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to Estancia.

That matched with the possibility of increasing student course offerings generated board interest.

"I think the biggest thing we have to look at are the educational opportunities we offer to our students," said trustee Martha Fluor. "I'm grateful to my colleagues for raising the issue, and I say let's start to talk about it."

Decker said his interest in merging the two schools — which have a combined 9-12 grade enrollment of about 2,150 students — grew out of concern that too many Costa Mesa students are abandoning local schools because they can't get the elective classes they want.

According to figures presented by the district's secondary education office, other Orange

County high schools with the same enrollment as Estancia and Costa Mesa offer about 76 elective selections per year. Costa Mesa offers 56, Estancia offers 56 and Corona del Mar High School offers 58.

"I think it is safe to say that the bigger the school, the more elective opportunities the students are going to have, generally," Superintendent Mac Bernd said.

Bernd said larger schools do not necessarily mean larger class sizes. But the smaller schools are prevented from offering some advanced placement classes because not enough students at one campus are interested.

Trustee Judy Franco said past school boards have consolidated junior high schools into low-enrollment high schools — Costa Mesa and Corona del Mar, for example — to maintain community identity.

"Maybe this is a new time and a new direction we need to

look at," she said.

Several Estancia students, dressed in their red and yellow school colors, attended the special meeting to show opposition to the proposal, which was reported in Tuesday's Daily Pilot.

"I don't think it's right to put two schools that are rivals together," said Estancia freshman Robert McGee. "You have to look beyond the size of a school."

Bernd said district administrators would present a "how to" statement to the board in two weeks to show how to proceed with a consolidation study. He also will look into possible consultants the district may hire to study the issue.

Decker said he wants the community to look at the idea of consolidating district high schools, including moving some students into different zones, before focusing on which sites would become high schools and which junior highs.

Bealls to receive award for human relations

Orange County community leaders Joan and Donald Beall will be presented with the American Jewish Committee's highest honor, the Human Relations Award, at a dinner on May 22 at the Sutton Place Hotel in Newport Beach.

Joan Beall is a director of Planned Parenthood and patron of the Newport Harbor Art Museum as well as a member of the board of directors of the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Donald Beall is chairman and CEO of Rockwell International. He serves on the board of overseers and the board of visitors at UCI.

The Human Relations Award will be presented to the Bealls "in recognition of their efforts to make Orange County a better place for all of us," said Martin Brower, president of the Orange County chapter of The American Jewish Committee, in a recent press release.

The dinner is open to the community and features guest speaker William Gray III, president and CEO of The College Fund/UNCF and former majority whip and chairman of the Democratic Caucus.

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session at Burnham's invitation, said he is hopeful the agencies will arrive at a compromise. Fish and Game withdrew its opposition to the original discharge proposal once the water district proposed building a bypass structure that would remove nitrates from San Diego Creek during the summer months.

Kelly now believes the structure should not be part of the inter-agency agreement, but otherwise he feels the negotiations between the city and the water district are looking hopeful.

"It's encouraging to see that we may find another use for reclaimed water," Kelly said.

But Caustin remains uneasy over a provision of the agreement which forces the city not to

oppose the water district's application for a discharge permit at the state board hearing Monday.

Perhaps the most vocal opponent of the proposed treated sewage dump, Caustin believes the state hearing should either be postponed or else the discharge permit should contain a clause rendering the permit invalid after a given period of time.

He also believes that the bypass structure may not be as beneficial as environmentalists originally believed.

Burnham and City Manager Kevin Murphy met with water district officials Wednesday afternoon and will confer again today before taking the agreement to the City Council for final consideration.

The council meets at 5 p.m. in council chambers of City Hall, 3300 Newport Blvd.

PLAN

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to use the permit as long as the terms of the agreement are carried out.

What kind of compromise are we talking about?

Newport Beach, Orange County Water District and the County Sanitation District of Orange County would find other uses for the treated sewage the water district is proposing to dump into the bay. The city would find six buyers for the reclaimed water, including the Big Canyon and Newport Beach Country Club, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and the Eastbluff Homeowners Association.

In addition, the water district would build a pipeline that would connect to the Orange County Water District's Green Acres project, a Fountain Valley pipeline system which funnels treated sewage water to irrigate golf courses and for other industrial uses.

How much does Newport Beach have to pay under the terms of the agreement?

About \$500,000 for a portion of the pipeline between Irvine Ranch and the Orange County Water District. The money would be earned back through the sale of reclaimed water. The city would also agree to pay for the defense of lawsuits from any citizens or groups from Newport Beach.

With so much opposition to the original proposal, why is the city negotiating rather than leaving the fate of the project to the state board?

Sources say they expect the regional board to approve the discharge permit regardless of any agreement. A compromise plan, therefore, would be the only way to effectively keep treated sewage out of Newport Bay.

What about the proposed diversion of San Diego Creek water into the nearby duck ponds during the summer?

City leaders and environmentalists still believe this plan will benefit the quality of the bay by removing 15 tons of nitrates during the summer, but are reluctant to commit city funding. Sources close to the negotiations say the structure might eventually be built separate of any agreement

between Newport Beach and the Irvine Ranch Water District.

If the agreement is not reached, what other alternatives do the various parties have?

Litigation. Irvine Ranch Water District will likely sue for the right to discharge treated sewage water into the bay if the state board denies its permit request. The non-profit activist group, Defend the Bay, would probably sue if the discharge permit is approved.

What about Assemblywoman Marilyn Brewer's bill restricting where treated sewage water can be dumped?

If passed, that bill would effectively block the original proposal. Although the bill has shown early promise, city officials don't expect it to ultimately be approved.

The City Council meets at 5 p.m. today in council chambers of City Hall. At least part of the meeting is likely to be conducted in closed session.

ATTORNEY

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prosecute if Costa Mesa agrees to take over all misdemeanor prosecutions, not just a selected few.

Either way, it could end up costing residents money. But just how much is something that still needs to be determined.

"We need to figure out how much our taxpayers are already paying the DA to prosecute misdemeanor crimes, before we burden them with the cost of doing it on our own," Mayor Joe Erickson said Wednesday.

Newport Beach City Attorney Bob Burnham said the neighboring city already has an agreement with the district attorney's office.

"They prosecute our misdemeanor municipal code violations and then send us a bill every three months," Burnham said. "And I think it would be very difficult for us to do it for that price."

Erickson said the matter likely will come before the council again in June. Meanwhile, Kathe will conduct a study of the costs involved in carrying out each alternative.

FLOWERS

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"You have growers coming in from Escondido and places like that who grow the flowers and sell them at really cut prices," said Hayton. "There were so many protests in Laguna Beach over the farmers' market that they withdrew the flower sale provision."

The Corona del Mar Farmers' Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday on the city parking lot at the corner of Marguerite Avenue and Bayside Drive.

Rick Heil, who will manage the market, said participating vendors can only sell the products they grow. Growers are not likely to compete greatly with florists

who have regular business accounts and provide flowers for events and weddings, he said.

A successful farmers' market, Heil added, needs to have flowers.

"Basically in Laguna, the florists tried to micro-manage the market," Heil said. "Now a lot of people who used to shop in Laguna now go to Dana Point. It's not our position to regulate free trade."

But Myung, who wrote a letter of protest to the city, wonders what explanation he can offer to customers who ask why prices at local floral businesses are higher than at the farmers' market.

In the end, florists will have to bank on their skills and artistry, he conceded.

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Even More

IRRELEVANT WEEK XXI

Mr. Irrelevant



UNVEILED

NEWPORT BEACH - Sam Manuel, Mr. Irrelevant XXI, and identical twin Sean Manuel, who most likely will be remembered as Even More Irrelevant, are scheduled to arrive in Newport Beach at the Twin Palms Restaurant in Fashion Island June 23.

Today the two are being presented to Daily Pilot readers so that they may become more familiar with the two and not become confused in distinguishing between Irrelevant and Even More, with game-action photos, as well as the all-encompassing black and white "mug shots," displayed on Page 3.

The twin-pak, both chosen by the San Francisco 49ers in the recent National Football League draft in New York, will be wine and dine in and around Newport Beach from June 23-28 as Irrelevant Week stages its 21st birthday as the event which "Does something nice for Someone for No Reason." Sam, Mr. Irrelevant, was the last player picked (254th). His brother, Even More, was 239th.

The brainchild of Newport Beach's Paul Salata and perpetuated by a number of Newport Beach citizens, the week features such items as the presentation of the Lowsman Trophy at an awards banquet, College Night, Runnin' Gunnin' Golf, a "Pub Crawl," the Beercan Regatta and the annual trek to Disneyland.

While the two were not all that difficult to determine when on the field playing for the New Mexico State Aggies (Sean, the defensive end, is No. 82 on the left, and Sam, No. 40, is the linebacker defending on the pass play wearing No. 40), they can easily be recognized in the black and white photos on Page 3. For instance, Mr. Irrelevant (Sam) appears a little more subdued, while Sean (Even More), although also 6-foot-3, weighs four more pounds than his brother, at least he was as the 1995 football season got under way.



CLUB GOLF



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Ruling with a Steele fist

Shawn Steele hammers the competition, again, only this time by just 10 strokes for men's club title at Newport Beach CC.

Shawn Steele won by 15 strokes last time. But he was easier on the rest of the field this year, winning the men's club championship at the Newport Beach Country Club by only 10 strokes with an 11-over-par 295.

Steele, a part-time Newport Beach resident who lives in the Las Vegas area, celebrated his 27th birthday during the final round (May 5), shooting a 1-over 72 for his second title in three years.

"It was typical Shawn," said Richard Vella, chairman of the event. "Actually, a new member, Al Watt, had to withdraw on the final day because of a bad back, otherwise I think it would've been a good horse race between them. The poor guy (Watt). Every time he finished a putt, he would have his hand on his back."

Watt had a 229 after three rounds. Jim Whitaker, the defending champion, finished second at 305 (77 on the final day), while Sandi Coffer's husband, Dave, was third at 311 (76).

Phil Milner (311), Vella (312) and Dr. Richard Seberg (312) also received trophies for top-six finishes. Coffer won a card-off for third, Seberg won a card-off for fifth.

Shot of the tournament went to Ted Daniels, who made an eagle on the par-4 hole No. 10 with a 3-iron.

Breaking the \$2 million barrier: Hats off to the volunteers, committee members and sponsors of the Taco Bell Newport Classic Pro-Am, which raised \$306,000 this year for Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach.

With the donation, proceeds have now surpassed \$2.1 million in the tournament's 22-year history as a fund-raiser for the hospital.

The event has raised over \$1 million for Hoag since the inception of a title sponsor four

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honors

Simonds PCL Female Athlete of Year

Three-sport veteran is first Costa Mesa High girl to earn 12 varsity letters over the course of her high school career.

By Barry Faulkner, Daily Pilot

Boasting more bars than a Gershwin show tune, Mandi Simonds' letter jacket provides ample evidence of a standout four-year athletic career at Costa Mesa High.

Still, the first girl ever to earn 12 varsity letters as a Mustang, was nothing if not astonished when Pacific Coast League athletic directors selected her as the circuit's female Athlete of the Year.

"I was completely surprised," said the four-year starter in volleyball, soccer and track and field. "I feel so honored."

Simonds has been honored throughout her career at Mesa, which, she said, snowballed from one simple goal.

"I went into it saying I just wanted to get three varsity letters my freshman year," Simonds explained. "I was never really thinking in terms of being the first to get 12 varsity letters, but my soccer coach brought it up my sophomore year. It was kind of a shock to me that I was the first one to do it at Costa Mesa."

Simonds' primary attention came from her work over the high jump bar, where she won four of five PCL dual meets each of her final two seasons and owns a pair of medals from successes at league finals.

She finished second in the



Costa Mesa High's Mandi Simonds claimed Pacific Coast League's Female Athlete of Year honors.

PCL this spring with a leap of 5-0, and claimed a PCL bronze medal as a sophomore with a clearance of 4-8.

Her accomplishments, however, aren't limited to the high school scene, having taken second at the 1995 Junior Olympics U.S. Regional Championships in Las Vegas (with a personal-best of 5-4), and topping the field at the 1995 California Track and Field Championships in San Diego while representing the Time Machine USA Track Club.

Simonds considers soccer and track and field her two

favorite sports, and her three-time recognition as Coach Dan Johnston's Defensive MVP, reflects a significant contribution to the Mustangs soccer program.

Splitting time between right fullback, center fullback, and even goalkeeper, Simonds twice received honorable mention for all-league honors (her freshman and junior seasons).

She also took home hardware from season-ending volleyball banquets, being named the Mustangs' Most Improved Player as a freshman

and Most Inspirational Player as a senior.

A 5-foot-8 outside hitter, she garnered honorable mention for all-league laurels as a senior.

Simonds, who has a 4.0 GPA her final two years (3.45 overall), and scored 1,230 in the SAT, said she plans to attend Orange Coast College.

And, predictably, she figures to narrow her sporting interests only slightly.

"I know I'm going to compete in track, but I will have to decide between soccer and volleyball, because they're both during the same (fall) season."

VOLLEYBALL



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You don't win without a Sawin on your team

Laurie Sawin is the epitome of a winner, and Sunday she caps it all with another highlight.

This weekend a person who I feel is very special, will take another big step in her life.

Former Corona del Mar High Athlete of the Year Laurie Sawin will marry Willie Quinn in Pasadena on Sunday.

I spent some time with Laurie at last week's China-USA Women's volleyball match.

Laurie was there to watch former Stanford teammates, Bev Oden and Kristen Klein, play for our United States Olympic Team.

Both Laurie and Willie are Stanford graduates so I kidded with Laurie about having the right to coaching their children. It's obvious that they will be intelligent and athletic.

My first recollection of Laurie is during her freshman year at Corona del Mar. The Orange County Volleyball Club was having practice at Ensign Junior High and Laurie had just moved to California from Texas. (Her

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daily pilot high school athlete of the week

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Taylor Dent is piling up the honors, as well as the frequent flyer miles.

By Richard Dunn, Daily Pilot

Taylor Dent of Corona del Mar High turned 15-years-old on April 24, but became a veteran on the tennis court.

Dent spent his birthday in Jamaica, met singer Dionne Warwick and represented the United States Tennis Association at the World Youth Cup in Kingston, in which he experienced the bulk of his growing up.

He returned a more polished player.

Earlier this season, Dent, a freshman, endured physical growing pains that hampered his ability to compete on the courts.

But now, with the physical pains having subsided and the international playing experience under his belt, Dent appears to be a

new man, which he demonstrated last week in the Sea View League individual championships, winning the singles title to earn Daily Pilot Athlete of the Week honors.

Dent became the second freshman in four years to win the Sea View title, joining Newport Harbor's Geoff Abrams in 1993.

Dent was one of only three junior players from the U.S. to compete in the World Youth Cup, from which he returned April 29. The U.S. finished 12-0 as Dent played singles and doubles against Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico and host Jamaica.

"It helped him playing against those Jamaican kids, playing on center court with all Jamaican fans," CDM Coach Tim Mang said. "Taylor doesn't like that, that extra pressure. But now he's learning how to do it."

Dent's father, Phil, is a former Australian Open



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Daily Pilot Athlete of the Week Taylor Dent of Corona del Mar.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SWIMMING

CATCH-22

Carey Read of Orange Coast College has found her own version of a Catch-22 ... a big winner with the goat tag.

By Jim Walters, Daily Pilot

In the military they call it Catch-22. As the scenario goes, any soldier who doesn't want to be on the front lines during a battle must be sane because no one wants to be at risk.

The converse is also true. Any soldier who says he doesn't want to be on the front lines is exhibiting an understandable predilection towards self-preservation, which is also the mark of a sane person.

Therein lies Catch-22.

Carey Read, a former product of Newport Harbor High and a current member of the Orange Coast College women's swim team, is not in the military, but she's feeling caught up in her own version of Catch-22.

The 18-year-old came out of the recent 1996 California Swimming and Diving Championships at Long Beach State as the only two-time individual winner for the Pirates, picking up several valuable points in the team's run for a seventh straight state crown.

On the flip side, Read was called for jumping early from the blocks on her leg of the 400-medley relay during the first night of the three-night competition. The same thing had happened a few weeks early at the Orange Empire Conference finals.

Instead of earning 40 points in an event where OCC was the pre-race

favorite, the Pirates were tagged with a big goose egg. Diablo Valley held on to beat OCC by a 40-point margin — 417.5-377.5.

"It's weird," she said. "I got two firsts, but I was also the only one to dq (be disqualified)," she said. "Maybe God is testing me to see if I can handle it. Hopefully, this will make me stronger."

It hasn't been an easy time for Read, who said she was so upset, she cried herself to sleep the first few nights of the State Meet.

"I've been swimming meets since I was nine years old and I have never dq'd," Read said. "I knew I had done it at the Conference Finals, but I didn't think I did at State."

"As I was finishing the 100 I looked up and saw one of my teammates getting really mad at an official and then walking away. I didn't know what had happened."

Instead of letting the mistake tear her down, Read came back to stake her claim as the top breaststroker in the state by winning the 50-yard sprint in 31.88 and then doubling in the 100 in a time of 1:09.90.

"I was so upset, but maybe that's why I did so good," she said.

"Sometimes I work better under pressure, but hopefully I'll never do this again."

Read, who wasn't a phenom coming out of high school, has already reached times she says would be good enough to qualify for the bottom rung on a Division I swim team.

"I've got one more year to improve my times," she said. "Where I go depends on how fast I get. I could swim at a Division I school now, but I



Orange Coast College's Carey Read

want to be better than at the bottom."

So, for the time being, Read is working on her conditioning by running and competing in her Masters swimming program in preparation for her sophomore campaign. She'll get back to the more strenuous five- and six-mile a day workouts later this summer.

When OCC Coach Jon Rathfelder first met Read on a recruiting trip to Newport Harbor High, she was going through a classic case of burn-out.

Rathfelder, who was recruiting a second Harbor swimmer, convinced her to give it another shot.

A women's college swimming program doesn't win 112 consecutive dual meets, as OCC has done, without

being able to spot potential and a winning attitude.

And so it was with Read.

"She wasn't very good the day I saw her, in fact, she finished last, but I didn't let it deter me," said Rathfelder. "She had a marginal stroke, but she's 6-1, and I felt that with some changes, I could fix (her stroke). I just knew she could do it. I was also impressed with her. She has a great personality and I knew she would fit in well with the rest of the team."

But when I called her the first time, she figured I was just trying to recruit her teammate, Rachel Arrow, through her. I had to convince her I was very interested in her, too."

Arrow never made it to OCC, but Read, with some convincing, finally did.

"She said she was really burned out and wanted to get away from swimming, and that's not unusual for high school swimmers," said Rathfelder. "We often have athletes come back after taking some time off."

"I described the way we do things at Coast, about the friendships she would make, about the friends I made when I was a swimmer here and how many of those friends are still the closest ones I have. I could see her enthusiasm starting to return. I felt I could rejuvenate her."

"I wouldn't do anything differently if I had it to do again," said Read. "I haven't missed one workout. My parents are really impressed with that. I love weight training. I go to all my classes. It's just part of what you do in order to be part of this program. It's no problem. I just do it, I don't even think about not doing it."

Rathfelder attributes much of Read's success to her mental toughness, which was also tested at an April 12 meet at Palomar College, where she was facing Carlyn Pipes-Nielsen, a 31-year-old former Division I college swimmer making a comeback with the Comets in the 50 breast.

Pipes-Nielsen was regarded as the best community college swimmer in the state and came in unbeaten in collegiate swimming.

"Nielsen holds 15 master's records," said Rathfelder. "I told Carey just to swim her race. I took her out of an earlier race, a 100-yard freestyle, so she wouldn't be quite as tired."

"The two took off away from the field and went all the way right with one another. At the end you couldn't separate them by sight."

The electronic timer revealed the decision: Carey, 31.88. Pipes-Nielsen, 32.05.

"Jon told me beforehand not to race against her, because I always lose when I race against somebody," said Read. "He wrote 'Vader' on my swim cap. It's kind of a team joke."

"In breaststroke the secret is all about stroke mechanics, that's what makes it so tough. But I did what Jon told me. I never even looked at her. When the race was over she came over to me and said, 'You know, you are the first one who's ever beaten me in college.'"

Instead of being upset, Pipes-Nielsen offered Read a couple of mechanics hints.

"She's like a sponge," said Rathfelder. "She soaks up everything we tell her. One of the reasons she has improved so much is that she listens so well. She has a great future."

SKILLS CAMP

Calling all baseball players

NEWPORT BEACH — The dog days of summer are the perfect time to learn more about the grand old game of baseball.

With that in mind, the Newport Harbor Baseball Association is accepting signups for a Summer skills camp which will feature the teaching instruction of Orange Coast College baseball Coach John Altobelli and Newport Harbor High's Jim Kiefer.

Several other coaches, which are expected to include some former professional players, will help create a 7:1 ratio of players to a coach.

The First session will run from June 24-28 with the choice of a day-long session or one of two split sessions — 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.

The split sessions cost \$75 while the all-day session runs \$125. There will be an additional \$10 fee for non-NHBA players.

A second session is set to run July 15-19.

The camp will be held at Kaiser Park, 2131 Tustin Avenue, in Costa Mesa.

Players will need to bring a bat, glove, bag and a bottle of water to each session. Snacks will be provided, but all-day players should bring a sack lunch.

For more information, call 451-2228 or stop by Treads and Threads at the corner of 17th St. and Santa Ana in Costa Mesa.

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years ago. During the Newport Classic in January, the Mexican fast-food chain announced a commitment for three more years.

The Southern California desert was sizzling with talent from the beach communities last week in the 38th annual Desert Event for ladies at five different golf courses over two days.

In Flight A, Selby Schriber of Big Canyon Country Club was seventh (157) low gross, while Debbie Albright (150) and Kay Heaney (151), both of Newport Beach CC, finished seventh and 12th low net, respectively.

In Flight C, Janet Holladay of Santa Ana Country Club was second (181) low gross, while fellow SACC member Judy Almquist was eighth (150) low net. Sharon Lloyd of NBCC was 14th (153) low net.

In Flight D, Cindy Busby of Mesa Verde Country Club was 10th (187) low gross, while Kingsley Brosnan of NBCC was 12th (188).

Save the date: The S.P.I.N. (Serving People In Need) Golf Classic will be July 29 at Mesa Verde. Proceeds of the event will assist the low-income and homeless of Orange County to become self-sufficient and independent of public support. Call 757-1456 for more info.

Following the second round of the three-round Memorial Cup in the Newport Beach Golf Course men's club, Al Schnell (club president) is the leader with 108.8 in the 80%-handicap net tournament. Joe Russo (110) is second, Jack Brown (111.2) third.

In the club's Guys and Dolls Classic, where

the men's club and women's club combine for an annual tournament, Kathryn Rizzi shot a hole-in-one on No. 5 (112 yards) with a 5-iron. There were three witnesses, including Bob Potts and Hal Green.

Bill Holzgraf and Judy Bates were the winners, while Carl Cotton and Nina Winn finished second and Green and Rizzi third. Rizzi (obviously, with her ace on No. 5), and Darlene Perry were closest to the pin for the women; Dan McGuire and Sorin Zdrahal were closest to the pin for the men.

In the men's club's regular round May 1, Hank LeFebvre won low gross (61), Lee Crumley won low net (49) and Curtis Herberts was second low net (50). Loyal Pankretz made a hole-in-one on No. 2 and (of course) won closest to the pin, edging out Herberts, whose drive had landed only 1 1/2 feet from the pin. In flight rounds May 4, Jack Stinson (low gross 64) and Alex De La Parra (low net 55) won Flight A; Don Wulf (low gross 65) and Bob Brownell (low net 54) won Flight B; and Schnell (low gross 68) and Brown (low net 53) won Flight C.

Leigh Steinberg, the Newport Beach-based sports attorney and agent, will return as the Honorary Chairman of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International's sixth annual Leigh Steinberg Golf Classic on Friday at Tustin Ranch Golf Course.

Players and guests will attend a post-event dinner with celebrities and athletes as table hosts. Tournament entry fee is \$300, which includes green fees, tee prizes, lunch and dinner, entertainment and silent auction. For more details, call 553-0363.

RICHARD DUNN's club golf column usually appears every Thursday.

MOTORCYCLES

Speedway racing features powerboat display Friday night

COSTA MESA — Twenty of the top Speedway Motorcycle racers from around the country will be in action Friday on the oval at the Orange County Fairgrounds of the Ocean Spray/Bruce Penhall Cup Championships.

The riders will compete even-up in five-man heats with the top five scorers squaring off in a winner-takes-all scratch final.

American Powerboat Association world champions Bruce Penhall and Dennis Sigalos will host the night's festivities which will include a display of several offshore racing powerboats.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. with racing starting at 8.

For ticket information, call 492-9933.

LITTLE LEAGUE

One-run games the order of the day

COSTA MESA — The Tigers were feeling pretty good after they rallied for five runs in the top of the sixth inning to a take two-run lead over their Costa Mesa American Little League Major Division rivals the Yankees.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, the Yankees battled back with three runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to escape with a 9-8 win.

Steve Errico's bases-loaded double tipped the scales. Billy Halversen, David Boucher, Joey O'Sullivan and Aaron Caldera helped cap the rally.

Halversen went the distance to pick up the win.

Renny Jackson and Andrew Carich had key hits for the Tigers.

In Minor A Division play:

Mariners 11, Orioles 10

Daniel Cooper allowed only one run over the final two innings to shut off the Orioles run at a come-back.

Cooper, Katryna Angle, Roger Mendez and Sheldon Montgomery all scored two runs for the Mariners. Montgomery added a double.

Angels 9, Indians 8

In a see-saw battle, the Indians opened a 5-1 lead after 3 1/2 innings.

Starter Trevor Smith went out and the Angels rallied to take a 6-5 lead.

After jockeying for position, the two teams found themselves tied, 8-8, in the top of the sixth.

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singles finalist (losing to Jimmy Connors in 1974) and a highly respected teaching pro at the Balboa Bay Club Racquet Club.

"My dad said I came back from Jamaica a more experienced player," said Dent, who parlayed his improved game into a Sea View League title, winning four matches, including a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Woodbridge's Chase Exon in the semifinals and a 6-1, 3-1 (retired) win over Cdm teammate Boris Turkich in the finals.

Exon had beaten Dent twice during the regular season in one-set affairs, both tie-breakers. Dent, 37-10 overall and 22-3 in league before the Sea View individual championships, feels he's a slow starter, so he doesn't like one-set competitions.

"For some people, (one set) is better, because they're quick starters," Dent said. "It takes me a couple of games, and if I start slow, and if I get down, I don't have enough to come back. It's tough for me. Normally, I play better in the second and third sets in high school tennis."

Dent, the 1994 champion in the boys 14s at the Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament, missed this year's Ojai event because of his USTA commitment at the World Youth Cup, an experience he wouldn't trade for the best reggae band in the world.

"It was actually pretty cool, having my birthday in Jamaica," Dent said. "In fact, our USTA coach who went with us set it up so I could meet Dionne Warwick, who was downstairs that night in the dining room in the hotel where we were staying. She said happy birthday, she sounded very nice."

"It was a bit rough in Kingston, though — a lot

rougher than Newport Beach, that's for sure. We get kind of spoiled out here. I was nervous leaving the hotel sometimes."

Dent, ranked No. 1 in the nation last year in the boys 14s, continues to make his opponents nervous.

Last year, in addition to winning designated Southern California Tennis Association tournaments in San Diego, Whittier and South Bay, Dent erupted on the junior circuit, capturing the SCTA Junior Sectionals title in June and the USTA National Hardcourt championship in August.

He hails from a family rich in tennis history. In addition to his father, his mother, Bettyann, was once ranked No. 4 in the world in doubles with Ilana Kloss, currently the executive director of World Team Tennis.

His stepbrother, Brett Hansen-Dent, won a CIF singles championship for Newport Harbor in 1990, before becoming a top NCAA player under then-coach Greg Patton at UC Irvine.

Hansen-Dent skipped his final two years of college and entered the pro satellite tour, but struggled to make a living, then got his college eligibility back and returned to the NCAA circuit at USC, where he reached the NCAA singles championship match last year, losing to top-seeded Sargis Sargsian of Arizona State.

Taylor Dent is making his own mark now.

"His timing's much better now and he's a lot more confident," said Mang, referring to Dent's physical struggles earlier this year, when he sprouted more than four inches in a year, thus causing, among other things, knee problems.

"He's still probably growing a little bit, but he's starting to catch up with himself. The shots he was missing by an inch or two are now coming in."

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Stanford teammates would later nickname her "Tex"). She was interested in joining and had played some volleyball in Texas.

While her level of volleyball was not quite what the other girls had, there were two very distinct things that I remember about that first day, Laurie's charismatic smile, and the fact that she could pass.

These two qualities as well as her athleticism, charm and intelligence, have taken her a long way.

Laurie's high school career was filled with accolades in not only volleyball but soccer and track. The Cdm track teams were very successful and she was a major part of Coach Steve Kaczynski's championship teams.

In volleyball, Laurie was a major factor in the success of the 1987 Cdm team that battled Newport Harbor in one of the

most exciting CIF Finals ever.

At Marina High School, a packed gym of screaming volleyball fans cheered as Newport and Corona del Mar went five thrilling games.

Newport's star Jenny Evans would go on to play at UCLA who Sawin's Stanford teams also had an intense rivalry.

Laurie was selected as the Sea View League Athlete of the Year by the Athletic Directors in 1989. In one of my proudest moments I was asked by Laurie to act as "her parent" at the Orange County Athletic Director's presentation at Anaheim Stadium.

Laurie's parents were out of town but it still was a great moment to enjoy this special time with her.

Laurie's mother, Bunnie Mauldin, was one of those parents that was always there taking care of things behind the scenes. Whether it was the team dinner or just support, Laurie's teams could always count on Bunnie. I'm sure that she'll be

taking lots of those little things during this week.

Sawin's Orange County Volleyball Club teams were legendary throughout the nation. Coupled with Irvine's Bev Oden and Newport Harbor's star setter, Sienna Curci, their teams won many national titles, as well as the Junior Olympic championship during their senior year in high school.

This team also featured a Cdm championship during their senior year in high school. It also featured a Cdm junior, Danielle Everett, who would later become a Stanford teammate of Laurie's.

At Stanford, Laurie's volleyball duties were basically backrow where she again excelled at ball control (serving, passing and defense). She was the captain of the 1993 team which won the NCAA National Championship.

I remember talking to Laurie and Bev before the final match with UCLA, which had beaten Stanford all year long. I reminded them that this was their last college match and that

in their last club match, we had defeated a team which had beaten us in two previous matches.

It could, and would, happen again. I also reminded them that nobody remembers the earlier matches. They only remember who wins the Finals.

This Sunday will be a special day. In attendance will be many of Laurie's former teammates including Bev Oden and Kristen Klein. Unfortunately, I'll be coaching at the Southern California Regionals and will not be able to attend.

Laurie knew exactly where I would be. When she played, she spent the regional weekends each year running between the CIF Finals in track and our volleyball championships.

During their senior year, we even had to play in the Regional Finals without our setter, Sienna Curci, who had an important debutante activity.

It's that time of the year but my thoughts will be with Willie and Laurie on their great day.

high school boys tennis

Sea Kings get a little bonus ... travel

■ Today's second-round match in CIF Playoffs is at South Torrance, a repeat of last year's run in the eliminations for CdM.

By Richard Dunn, Daily Pilot

TORRANCE — For the second consecutive year, Corona del Mar High's boys tennis team will play South Torrance in the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division I Playoffs ... those lucky Spartans.

The Sea Kings (17-2), seeded third, smashed through the Spartans last year in the second round, 14-4, at South Torrance. CdM is a heavy favorite to execute similar damage today on the Spartans' courts.

"We lost the coin flip (for home-court advantage on Wednesday), which is good," CdM Coach Tim Mang said. "Obviously, we want to play the better teams at home; we want the later rounds at home."

The Sea Kings, champions of the Sea View League for the third time in four years, breezed through Esperanza in the first round on Tuesday, 13-5, at the Balboa Bay Club Racquet Club, where they are expected to host any additional playoff matches.

Mang said Wednesday some lineup changes will also be made for today's match against South Torrance, a second-place team from the Ocean League (behind fourth-seeded Beverly Hills) that defeated Jordan, 11-7, in the first round.

Kai Miller, frustrated in doubles on Tuesday, will play singles, joining freshman sensation Taylor

Dent and, perhaps, Esan Mozeyani, who played most of the season on junior varsity.

John Cappello, one of CdM's top singles players, will probably move to doubles and team with Greg Coleman, breaking up the formidable Coleman-Sameer Chopra tandem that swept Esperanza, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1. Raj Shukla is expected to team with Chopra.

Sam Shahmardi and Reza Jahangiri, CdM's No. 1 doubles team against Esperanza, are expected to remain intact.

The Sea Kings will be without junior Boris Turkich, an exchange student from Croatia who went 43-2 in singles, 23-1 in the Sea View League, reaching the league individual championship match (losing to Dent).

Although Turkich said he will miss two months because of a back injury, Mang is still hopeful of a recovery. Turkich might visit

a specialist of acupressure later this week in Laguna Beach, Mang said.

On Tuesday, Turkich withdrew from the CIF Individual Championships, which begin on Saturday at Edison and conclude with semifinals and finals May 25 at SeaCliff Tennis Club in Huntington Beach.

"It's going to be real tough getting to the CIF Finals without Boris," Mang said. "Maybe he'll get tired of watching our kids play, and he might think, 'Hey, if I can jump in there (and play doubles), we might have a shot at winning the whole thing.'"

CdM has lost this year only to top-seeded Santa Barbara and second-seeded Peninsula.

If the Sea Kings defeat South Torrance today, they will play the winner of Westlake-versus-Dana Hills in the quarterfinals next Tuesday.

ON A CHAMPIONSHIP RUN



The Corinthians - front row, from left, Stacey Rivas, Julia Livingston, Sara Anaya, Kristi Brittingham, Sara Ellopolos, Elizabeth Morse, Tracie Henson, Nicole Scott; Standing, from left,

Manager Steve Schwer, Megan Buckingham, Kristin Pippin, Lauren Meskill, Karly Perrine, Katie Ericson, Katie Wellbourn, Jillian Schwer, Dana Jarvis, Vanessa Casillas, Coach Barry Turner.

MR. IRRELEVANT, AND EVEN MORE



Mr. Irrelevant (Sam) is on the left, Even More (Sean) is on the right. They're both San Francisco 49ers and headed for Mr. Irrelevant Week in Newport Beach June 23.



YOUTH SOCCER

CdM, Newport girls help Spitfire take first crown

RIVERSIDE — They're officially known as the Tustin Spitfire, but the girls 14 and under club soccer program, has some of its roots in the Harbor area.

Elizabeth Morse and Julia Livingston, who will be incoming Corona del Mar High freshman, and Katie Wellbourn, who shares the same status at Newport Harbor High, helped the Spitfire claim its first tournament title at the Corinthian Spring Soccer Invitational.

The Spitfire swept four games to top the eight-team field in the weekend tournament held at UC Riverside.

In the finals, Kristy Brittingham, Karly Perrine, Dana Jarvis and Morse scored first-half goals as the Spitfire raced out to a 4-0 lead and made it stand up.

In their first three games, the Spitfire outscored opponents 6-1 to earn a spot in the championship game.

The Silver Division-bound Spitfire, coached by Barry Turner, finished 10-1 in league play.

AYSO Region 97 registration

COSTA MESA — AYSO Region 97 will be holding registration for the Fall soccer season May 22 at Mariners Library.

Region 97, which includes the eastside of Costa Mesa and the westside of Newport Beach, is open to players ages 4 1/2 to 18 as of Aug. 1 of this year.

First-time players should bring a birth certificate.

The early-registration fee is \$55 and \$50 for each additional family member.

Signups will be taken from 6-9 p.m. Late registration will be June 26. For further information, call 642-6296.

NEWPORT HARBOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Change of diamond proves to be a gem of an idea

■ Sprinklers get an assist in Phillies' come-from-behind 15-14 victory over the Cubs in the opener of the Mustang Division Playoffs.

NEWPORT BEACH — Nobody could blame the Phillies if they felt they had received some divine intervention in their opening game of the Newport Harbor Baseball Association Mustang Division playoffs against the Cubs.

The Phillies were trailing, 14-9, in the bottom of the sixth inning when the sprinklers came on, sending both teams scurrying from the diamond.

The two teams continued the game on a nearby field and the Phils were able to rally for six runs and a 15-14 victory.

Dennis Holland and Mat Smith each drove in four runs for the Cubs. They both went 3 for 4 with Smith tripling and Holland adding a home run.

Mike Gustafson, Smith and Holland shared the pitching duties for the Cubs, who finished 2-1 on the week while scoring 43 runs.

Cubs 11, Red Sox 9

The week ended out as the Cubs topped the Red Sox.

Holland, who pitched less than an inning all season, gave the Cubs three strong innings. Gustafson pitched the final two to preserve the win.

Holland had another big day at the plate, going 3 for 4 while driving in three runs with a home run.

Colin Callahan did him one better in the power department, knocking out two home runs. Frank Golbeck and Gustafson each added triples as Callahan and Gustafson drove in two runs apiece.

Cubs 18, Angels 14

The Cubs had 18 hits in this slugfest that turned on the ability of Gustafson, who came on in relief and shut down an Angel rally in the bottom of the sixth.

Gustafson also had another strong showing at the plate, knocked in four runs while going 4 for 4 with a double.

Smith had three singles and he can Callahan both had two RBI. Callahan, with two doubles, joined Chris White and Tyler Gibbs with two hits each.

Marlins 12, Twins 11

The second-place Twins lost their opening game of the week to the third-place Marlins before splitting two more games.

The Twins took a two-run lead into the bottom of the sixth but had to watch as

the Marlins fought back for the win.

Brenden Zimmer led the Twins' efforts, going 3 for 3 and pitching three innings.

Twins 11, Marlins 8

The Twins took command in the fifth inning behind the hitting of Zimmer and Elliot Laurance.

Yankees 14, Twins 12

In their final game of the year, the Twins put together a strong sixth-inning rally only to fall short.

Laurance, Shane Swanberg, Eddie Gallardo provided the offensive power. Josh White, Zimmer and Swanberg shared the pitching duties.

Marlins 8, Rockies 7

The Rockies took a 4-2 lead in the third inning on a three-run home run by R.J. Muller.

The Marlins went ahead 5-4 by pushing across three runs in the fourth and fifth. Taylor Young and David Cowan each scored twice for the Marlins while Patrick Heenan held the Rockies scoreless over the final two innings.

Bronco Division (ages 11-12)

Marlins 8, White Sox 6

The Marlins handed the White Sox their first loss of the season, 6-4, and then the Angels made it two straight losses with an 8-6 tally to knock the top seed out of the Bronco Division double-elimination playoffs.

Grant Kidman set the tone in the Marlins' win making an excellent assist on a ground ball out to second base in the opening inning. A.J. Slater capped it by snagging a long fly ball to left field to end the game.

Brandon Lee picked up the win by striking out five in five innings of work. Dave Dalmann closed out the final two innings with four strike outs as the pair held the White Sox to five hits.

Brandon Klaus, Paul Tucker, Lee and Jesse Pemmstein led the offensive attack.

The Angels' Chris Rhinesmith pitched one-hit ball through five innings while striking out nine White Sox batters.

In a tight game, Blake Hanley lined a single to center to bring home Ryan Rowe with the tying run.

After the Angels scored twice in the seventh to take the lead, Ryan Rowe struck out the side to preserve the win.

Geoff Rill had two doubles and drove in two runs to lead the Angels' nine-hit attack. Travis Moore added two singles.

Davis Carr made two nice catches on fly-ball outs while David Piers threw out a runner at the plate.

Yankees 12, Angels 4

With the White Sox eliminated, the Yan-

kees took advantage by picking up three wins in this week's action.

Nick McCarthy powered out his 10th home run of the season and pitched four innings to pick up the win over the Angels. He struck out five while walking three.

Ryan Heenan pitched the final two innings to hold on to the win.

The Angels turned a triple play in the game that started with a fly ball to right, a runner caught off first, and a tag-out at home to catch the runner trying to sneak in for a run.

Yankees 12, Indians 9

The two teams ended up playing one of the longest games of the years — almost 25 hours. A far cry from the normal two-hour-and-fifteen-minute affair.

The game got a late start Friday when the umpire arrived late. The delay probably worked in the Yankees advantage as they ended the day trailing by four runs.

The Yankees made the best of the extra rest, batting around and scoring nine runs in the sixth inning when the game resumed at 4 p.m. the next day.

Luke Swift came on in relief of McCarthy and Heenan and struck out two, including the last batter to end the game.

Adam Cherry, Heenan, Peter Dugan and McCarthy all doubled for the Yankees. Cherry, McCarthy and Pete Madison all finished with two hits.

Yankees 15, Marlins 1

The Yankees made a clean sweep of the week by hammering the Marlins with McCarthy powering out his 11th home run of the season — a three-run shot. He's the only player in the Bronco Division with a dinger this season.

Madison went 3 for 3 while Cherry and Heenan each had two hits, including a double apiece.

McCarthy struck out four and walked three to pick up the win with six innings of work.

Mustang Division (ages 9-10)

Phillies 15, Cubs 14

Pony Division (ages 13-14)
Indians 11, West Yankees 10
Justin Jacobs and Matt Glover each went 3 for 4 in leading the Indians to a one-run win over the Yankees.

The Indians used eight pitchers: starter Kevin Potter, Dan Sears, Scott Dean, Brad Burton, Paul Lancaster, Glover, Sean Rorden, and Dayne Pfaff.

West White Sox 7, Indians 5

In a losing effort, the Indians' Billy Clayton had two singles and drove in two runs while pitching four innings in relief of Rorden.

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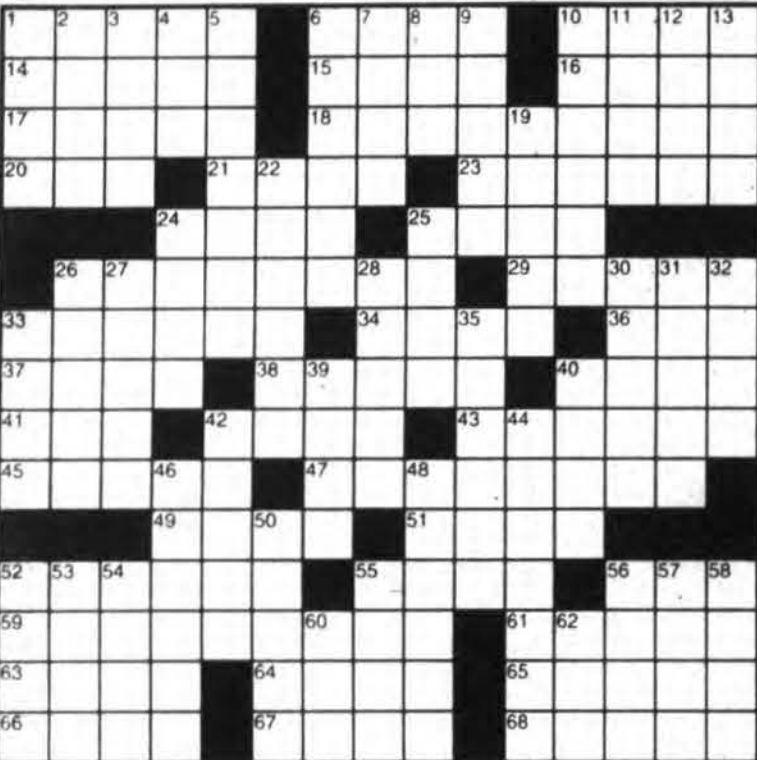
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4♥ 4♠ Dbl 5♠
Pass Pass Dbl Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

The cards had been breaking normally in games at the club, and as a result Tommy had been experiencing a negative cash flow. The dreary weeks were relieved by moments such as this, when Tommy's rare talent at becoming a master when the trumps were stacked against him came shining through.

Only a glutton for punishment would make a preemptive jump on

the East cards — small wonder West pushed to the five-level on a distributional giant. Had East known Tommy better, the futility of the double might have been obvious. But West had opened the bidding and East expected to make at least one trump trick, so ...

West led the king of diamonds, then shifted to a low heart when East started an echo with the jack, won in dummy with the ace. The queen of trumps was led, covered by the king and taken with the ace as West followed. A heart trick was conceded, and the heart continuation was ruffed in dummy. The seven of trumps was covered with the eight and won in the closed hand. When West showed out, the distribution became an open book.

A club to dummy provided the entry for a diamond ruff in the closed hand, and three rounds of clubs, ending on the table, produced the desired ending. Tommy was poised with J 5 of spades over East's 9 4 and a diamond from the board completed the coup, allowing declarer to score both trumps at the end and 11 tricks in all.

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