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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The top 10 stories of 2003

Newport-Mesa feels the ultimate sacrifice; an airport is in Newport's sights; a councilman speaks loudly.

Unwelcome knocks at the door

1 Firm, successive knocks on the home of a Westside door the morning of March 24 changed the lives of hundreds of people forever.

With the news that Costa Mesa resident Jose Garibay was killed while serving in the war in Iraq, a mother lost a son and the Marines a soldier. But in the aftermath of the grief, the Newport-Mesa community gained a hero.

Garibay, 21, was killed March 23 near Nasiriyah, Iraq, after encountering an

ambush of enemy troops. He was the first Orange County fatality reported in the war.

Members of the Newport-Mesa community came together to mourn the loss, offering an outpouring of support to his immigrant mother, who worked at a custodial services company. People from all over Orange County drove to Simona Garibay's modest home on the Westside of Costa Mesa and left flowers, food, money and words of encouragement.

Hundreds of people attended his memorial at St. Joachim Catholic Church and watched as a convoy of

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Costa Mesa police officers led Garibay to his final resting place in Riverside.

A scholarship was named in his honor by the Hispanic Educational Endowment Foundation, a Costa Mesa-based support group for Mothers of Marines was founded, and Joe Garibay was posthumously given what

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PASSINGS

CHRIS PREMER

Best known as the spokesman for the Toshiba Senior Classic and for his work with Hoag Hospital, Premer died in a plane crash on Oct. 1 three miles from the Ontario Airport. He would have turned 31 on Oct. 12. Premer worked as a communications specialist at the hospital before striking out on his own. Premer took over as the Toshiba Senior Classic's media director in 1997 when the hospital took over as the lead charity. The event is held each March at the Newport Beach Country Club. The Costa Mesa resident and Cal State Fullerton graduate then met Jeff

Purser, the tournament's director. Premer managed all media relations and was integral in the planning and marketing of the PGA Champions Tour event. He continued to write freelance articles for Hoag publications. Family members described Premer as a sports enthusiast and passionate writer who had a way with words.

AL SCHMEHL

The 29-year veteran of the Newport Beach Fire Department died Aug. 27 after a seven-year battle with brain

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Eateries offer last night out

Newport-Mesa has plenty of choices for getting about on New Year's Eve.

Alicia Robinson
Daily Pilot

NEWPORT-MESA — For those who want to usher in 2004 with gastronomic fanfare, many area restaurants are offering New Year's Eve champagne toasts with hors d'oeuvres, dinners and, in some cases, music and dancing.

Several restaurant employees said they're planning for huge crowds on the last night of the year, which can be one of the busiest nights because seemingly everyone goes out.

Roy's in Newport Beach expects to serve more than 500 dinners, mostly to people who come in before heading to a club or hotel for dancing, Roy's General Manager Barry Pierce said.

"It's actually one of our heaviest nights of the year in terms of that 6 o'clock to 10 o'clock time period," he said.

There won't be live music, but "we decorate big time," he said.

Menu items for the evening are still being finalized, but in the past, Roy's has served a surf and turf dinner and a fish fillet with shellfish, and caviar appetizers and Dom Perignon by the glass are New Year's Eve standards, Pierce said.

Diners at Roy's are expected to partake of high-end wines and champagnes that cost at least \$100 a bottle.

In terms of food, the last dinner of this year won't be much different than any of the preceding ones at Scott's Seafood in Costa Mesa, general managing partner Mark Kuehn said.

"I have a different theory about New Year's Eve, and that is to run the same menu that we normally do and not surprise anyone with either price point or food that they're unfamiliar or uncomfortable with," he said.

Kuehn took a lesson from New Year's Eve 1999, when he saw other restaurants offering special menus with sky-high

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KENT TREPTOW / DAILY PILOT

Marilyn Scheerer, the widow of Newport Beach Fire Department Training Division Chief Randy Scheerer, clutches an American flag as she is escorted from her husband's memorial service by Newport Beach Fire Chief Tim Riley at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa in Santa Ana.

Farewell, firefighter

Deepa Bharath
Daily Pilot

Randy Scheerer was the man everyone wanted to be like.

The Newport Beach Fire Department Training Division chief taught, trained and mentored hundreds of young firefighters in the 20 years he taught at Santa Ana College.

Hundreds gather to remember Fire Training Division Chief Randy Scheerer

Several of them came to Scheerer's memorial service organized by the Newport Beach Fire Department at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa on Monday. Scheerer died Dec. 20 of a heart attack. He was 53.

The solemn ceremony on

Monday was attended by at least 250 people, including firefighters and officials from several departments. Costa Mesa Fire Department's Color Guard honored Scheerer while bagpipers from the Orange County Fire Authority played "Amazing

Grace." Newport Beach Fire Chief Tim Riley concluded the service by ringing a bell three times to signify the "firefighter's last call."

Riley read out a list of Scheerer's accomplishments over the years. He joined the Newport Beach Fire Department in 1975 at a salary of \$907 a month, Riley said. He rose through the ranks

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WEATHER



Orange County Sheriff's Harbor Patrol officials have issued a small craft advisory for Newport Harbor today. See Page A4

SPORTS

The Estancia High boys' basketball team takes on Riverside Poly. See Page A6



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A hapless bodyboarder awaits total destruction in the spinning eye of a huge wave at the Wedge. For more of the best Daily Pilot Photos of the Year, see Page A2.

THE VERDICT

Ignoring one's rep in court

Recently, the citizens of South Dakota were shocked when their longtime congressman Bill Janklow was convicted for causing a traffic fatality. Observers seemed to feel that jurors would have been overwhelmed by Janklow's stature and let him off.

Not in that case. However, there are instances when a person's stature makes all the difference.

For years, attorney Melvin Belli was known as King of Torts in recognition of his overwhelming success in the courtroom, particularly in the field of personal injury litigation. Headquartered in San Francisco, he tried cases around the state but never in Orange County, until one day in the 1950s when



ROBERT GARDNER

he had a case in my court.

Belli represented some people who were seriously injured when the defendant's car went across the double line and hit them head-on. It was a pretty simple case, and the plaintiffs probably didn't need an attorney of Belli's stature, but they had him.

Because the facts of the accident were indisputable, the defense used the "phantom car" defense. According to the defendant, he was driving safely and carefully when a car suddenly appeared and headed right for him. Involuntarily, he swerved to avoid the oncoming car and crossed the double line, striking the plaintiffs'

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The features

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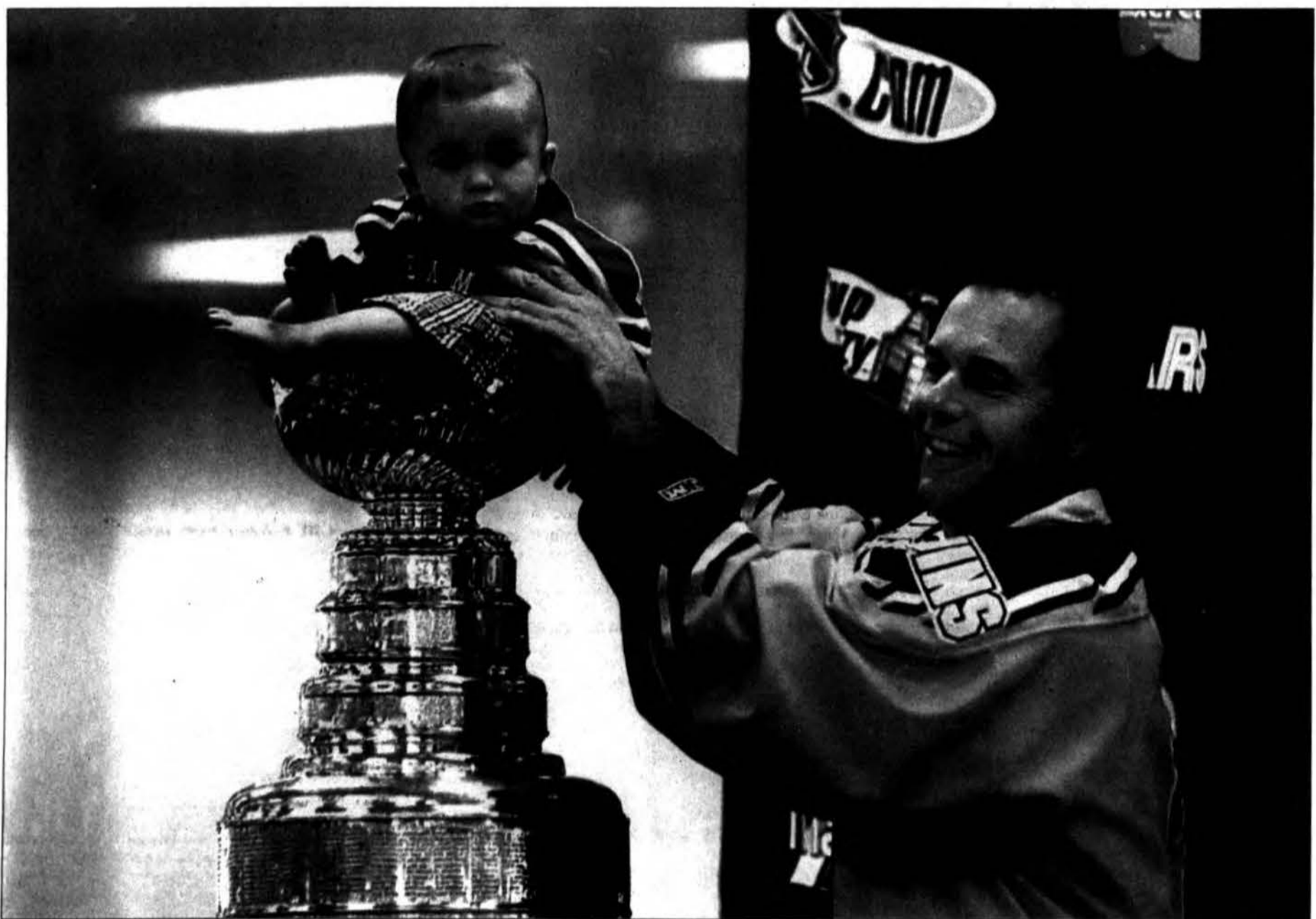


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Two beachgoers race each other on their hands in the sand near 10th Street on Balboa Peninsula.



Tommy Munro, 2, finds a use for a traffic cone he found at Lincoln Elementary School while his mom watches his brothers and sisters.

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Ryan Ross is hoisted into the bowl of the Stanley Cup by his dad, Scot, at the Sears store at South Coast Plaza.



DON LEACH / DAILY PILOT
Recovery nurse Jane Collins lightens the dullness of the waiting room, surprising patient Joel Lucero, 3, and his mother with soap bubbles. Collins is part of a humanitarian group of nurses and surgeons from Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian called the Plasticos Foundation. The team visited Ecuador to perform surgeries on people with debilitating injuries and birth defects, those who otherwise wouldn't have access to such care.



DON LEACH / DAILY PILOT
Brett Thompson and sister Brooke, on spring break with their family, catch raindrops in the afternoon storm after a walk on the Balboa Pier.



KENT TREPTOW / DAILY PILOT
Two spiders seem to share a creepy dance as they are framed by the full moon near the Newport Back Bay.

Water supply gets Army boost

Jenny Marder
Daily Pilot

The Army Corps of Engineers is letting one of Newport-Mesa's main water suppliers capture an additional 1.6-billion gallons of storm water this winter, enough to serve almost 10,000 Orange County families.

This will provide a boost to a depleted groundwater supply that's hurting from increased

use and four years of drought.

The Orange County Water District will now be able to capture 13,500 acre-feet of water behind the Prado Dam instead of the previous 8,600 feet, increasing storage capacity in the area by 50%.

The district will store the water until March 1 and then release it into its groundwater basin.

"This will give us the oppor-

tunity to capture more water than our normal pool is allowed and hold onto it behind the dam until we need it," said Jenny Wedge, spokeswoman for the Orange County Water District.

The corps is allowing the district to store the water for free. The water, which will eventually percolate into the underground basin, will benefit all of the district's suppliers, Wedge said.

"If we get a good rainy season, then it will definitely benefit us," Wedge said.

The agreement is only in effect until March, but district officials are hoping to see it extended into the future.

The Orange County Water District provides drinking water to 2.3 million residents in 21 cities in north and central Orange County, including Costa Mesa and Newport Beach.

Two intersections sub par, report says

Fairview and Adams will get attention, but not Newport Boulevard at Victoria-22nd.

Deirdre Newman
Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — Two city intersections are operating at substandard levels of traffic congestion, according to an annual review of traffic circulation, and while the city plans to make modifications to one, the other poses too many challenges to fix at this time.

The city conducts the annual review each year to stay eligible for the half-cent sales tax increase authorized by Measure M in 1990. Planning commissioners received the review for 2002 earlier this month.

The two intersections operating at inferior levels are: the northbound Newport Boulevard frontage road at Victoria-22nd streets and Fairview Road at Adams Avenue.

While the review contains an action plan to get the failed intersections up to acceptable levels, there's not much more

that can be done to improve the northbound frontage road and Victoria-22nd streets intersection, associate engineer Raja Sethuraman said. And it's not imperative to fix it any further because it's not creating any traffic problems, he added.

"Even though it's at [an unacceptable level], it's at an optimal condition," Sethuraman said. "If it gets worse, then we'll figure out what else needs to be done."

The 2002 general plan identifies level D or better as the acceptable level of service for city-owned intersections on a scale ranging from A to F. A represents free-flowing conditions, and F symbolizes over-saturated conditions.

The review had originally identified three substandard intersections, but one has already been improved to standard levels.

The intersection of southbound Newport Boulevard frontage road and Victoria-22nd

streets, which was at level F, was improved by adding a southbound, free-flow right-turn lane so cars turning southbound on Newport Boulevard don't have to stop.

It is now at level B.

The Fairview-Adams intersection, rated E, requires a southbound, free-flow right-turn lane. City officials had obtained Measure M grant funds for this improvement about four years ago, but the City Council directed the funds to be returned to the county a year later mainly because of effects on landscaping in the area.

Transportation officials didn't have an actual design when the improvement was originally suggested, Sethuraman said. Once they created a design, they found they could do the necessary upgrade without affecting the landscaping at all, he said.

They are now hoping that the council will add the improvement to its seven-year capital improvement program, which will be advantageous when officials go back to the county to ask for the necessary funds, Sethur-

man said.

Planning Commission Chair Bruce Garlich said he was thrilled that the intersection will finally get its upgrade.

"That's what I was hoping they would do," Garlich said.

The northbound Newport Beach frontage road at Victoria-22nd streets — was re-striped in the northbound direction to add another left-turn lane. This brought the intersection from an F to an E. But it's not possible to do what's needed — add a third left-turn lane — because the freeway onramp only has two lanes, Sethuraman said.

"It's a much, much larger-scale improvement that should be thought through," he said.

At this time, though, there are not any plans to do any other upgrades to the intersection, Sethuraman added. And, despite its E rating, the intersection flows freely, he said.

"We're able to give it enough green time that all the cars are clearing, they're not backing up," he said. "So far, it's working fine."

The council will consider the 2002 review on Jan. 18.

EATERIES

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prices because it was "the millennium."

"I think it was a gross abuse of the hospitality industry to overcharge everyone like that," he said.

So Scott's is serving its usual beef and fish entrees as well as its seafood cioppino, an herbed tomato soup with crab, mussels, clams and fresh fish.

Because the restaurant is near the Orange County Performing Arts Center, Kuehn plans on a first dinner seating between 6 and 7:30 p.m. for people attending shows. Later in the evening, a dance floor will be cleared, and guitarist and vocalist Mike Kelsen and his band will provide

music.

As well as the traditional New Year's champagne, Kuehn said patrons will be drinking classic cocktails such as cosmopolitans, martinis and old fashioned made with high-quality bourbon.

"People like that big, showy martini glass that they can sip," he said. "It's very stylish."

The last day of 2003 will be the end of the line for Chimayo Grill, a southwestern-style eatery that restaurateur David Wilhelm opened about nine years ago in Fashion Island. Wilhelm will completely remodel the space and reopen it in April as Rouge, a more casual take on the French fare he's become known for at Costa Mesa's Chat Noir and French 75 in Laguna Beach.

Although it will be the restaurant's last night in its current form, Wilhelm said, New Year's

Eve won't be a blowout event.

"Actually we're going to keep it very low profile," he said. "We're going to do an open house. We're just going to invite people to stop by."

No dinner will be served, but guests can stop in between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. for champagne, hors d'oeuvres and margaritas before heading to later celebrations.

Chat Noir, another Wilhelm venture that opened in October, is inaugurating a "black cat ball" for New Year's Eve, complete with a four-course menu, a five-piece band and dancing.

Dinner selections will include onion-crusted sea bass on lobster pomme puree, a seared foie gras with roasted duck breast and duck leg and thigh confit in an orange sauce.

Guests will get black cat paw

fake tattoos, and women are encouraged to dress in the black cat theme, with a prize offered for the best outfit.

Wilhelm said this year's black cat ball may be the first of many.

"You have to start a tradition someplace, so this is what we're doing the first year," he said. The later of the two dinner seatings already has a waiting list, but Wilhelm said there may be space left in the earlier seating.

For reservations at Roy's, call (949) 640-7697. To reserve a table at Scott's Seafood, call (714) 979-2400. Space may still be available at Chat Noir, which can be reached at (714) 557-6647.

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VERDICT

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car.

Unfortunately for the defense, no one but the defendant ever saw the other car — thus the term "phantom car." Ordinarily, it has about as much chance as a criminal case's SODDI defense — Some Other Dude Did It.

Belli was practically salivating at this slam dunk of a case. After all, he was the King of Torts, and his reputation had preceded him. However, unbeknownst to him, there were several factors working against him.

The first was his clothing. He came down from glamorous San Francisco to what was then a pretty sleepy and certainly conservative Orange County.

The jury might have bought his blue double-breasted suit, but the red satin lining? That might have wowed them in San Francisco, but it was a little over the top in a place where acceptable courtroom attire was gray or gray.

His velvet briefcase didn't help, either. Nor did his cowboy boots. At that time in Orange County, only cowboys wore boots, and they put on street shoes to go to court.

Next was his opponent, Clarence Hunt from Long Beach, one of the better defense lawyers in the profession. Hunt was a big, rumped, shambling, Abe Lincoln-type, smart as hell but adept at keeping his brilliance well disguised. Hunt was in a gray suit, and he had a battered brown leather briefcase.

Then there was Belli's claque.

It wasn't every day that Orange County had an attorney of Belli's repute trying a case in its courtrooms. I'll bet every young lawyer in the county crowded in to worship at the feet of the great Belli. You could feel their adoration... and the jury's resentment. Jurors don't like lawyers very much anyway, and a courtroom full of them was a bit much. Add to this Belli's flamboyant attire... well, Belli was making all sorts of impressions, but they weren't necessarily favorable.

The case went off without a hitch. Belli was brilliant. Hunt was comfortable. The jury went off to deliberate and returned almost immediately. Belli could hardly help from smirking — until he found out it was a defense verdict. He stayed just long enough to make a motion

for a new trial, which I granted, then stormed out swearing that he would never again try a jury trial in Orange County. The case settled, and as far as I know, he kept his promise.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Bicyclist injured in hit-and-run accident

A 38-year-old Huntington Beach man was hospitalized Sunday afternoon after he was injured in a hit-and-run crash while biking in Crystal Cove State Park, officials said.

The man was traveling in the bike lane eastbound on Coast Highway from Corona del Mar toward Laguna Beach when he was hit from behind, Newport Beach Police Sgt. Ron Vallerkamp said.

"The driver made no attempt to stop," he said.

The only description available of the vehicle was that it was a gold compact, Vallerkamp said.

The victim was taken to Mission Hospital's trauma center, he said.

FIREFIGHTER

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steadily, won the department's Firefighter of the Year award in 1983 and the Orange County Overachiever Award twice.

"I personally know of no other person who has packed so much in 53 years," Riley said. "And it's not just this list of accomplishments that sets Randy apart but how he inspired his students and touched their lives."

Kevin Tiscareno, a Newport Beach firefighter for two years, said Scheerer "inspired" him.

"He was always there to help his students and always made time for them," he said. "If it weren't for Chief Scheerer, I wouldn't be here today."

He looked up to Scheerer as a senior firefighter and as a mentor, Tiscareno said. He recalled an instance when, as he was trying out for a position in Newport Beach, he got the opportunity to go to Europe for a semester.

"I was wondering whether to

go or not," Tiscareno said. "But Chief Scheerer encouraged me to take the chance and go. We both shared a common interest — traveling."

When Tiscareno got back from Europe, he took the tests and got the job, he said.

"Chief Scheerer helped me and guided me through the whole process, as he has helped and guided many, many others," he said.

Scheerer was a "master juggler," said retired Newport Beach Fire Capt. Axel Zanielli, who choked up as he remembered a good friend.

"He wore a number of hats," he said. "It was like he had this hat rack that kept spinning constantly."

His family — wife Marilyn, son Mark and daughter Lisa — always came first for Scheerer, Zanielli said.

Marilyn Scheerer said she has been overwhelmed this past week by the show of support from fire officials as well as the community.

"He always put me and the children ahead of everything," she said after the service. "We



KENT TREPTOW / DAILY PILOT

The gear of Newport Beach Fire Department Training Division Chief Randy Scheerer is set out on the stage.

will always remember him as a loving person who enjoyed everyone and loved to help everyone."

Church was a significant part of Scheerer's life. He was part of the men's ministry at Calvary Chapel and put in a number of hours to get the church's high school computerized.

"He always said he did that so

my time would be freed up and he could spend more time with me," said Marilyn, who worked at the high school.

Sarah Cornwell said Scheerer saved her and her twin brothers after they were in a car crash in Corona del Mar seven years ago.

"He responded to that crash, and when he got there, one of my brothers didn't have a

heartbeat," she said. "He took care of us. He was a loving man and a very friendly person."

Cornwell knew Scheerer even before the accident. She and Scheerer's son, Mark, were classmates as well as best friends, she said.

Also in attendance was Brian Slater, the Newport Beach fire paramedic who got into a body boarding accident during the Labor Day weekend. He was in critical condition, but is now recovering.

Slater said his department has had a "rough year."

"I feel blessed to even be here today," he said.

The department lost Al Schmehl, who died of brain cancer in August, and then Slater to injury.

"Randy was a wonderful guy," said Slater, who is going through physiotherapy. "He's an example of what we should live our lives like."

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PASSINGS

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cancer. He was 52. Schmehl served as one of the city's first paramedics and helped form its hazmat team. In 1995, he was diagnosed with the cancer after he collapsed on the job. His cancer is believed to have been the result of exposure to toxic substances on the job. He was one of the firefighters who responded to the 1987 chemical blaze at Hixson Metal Plating Inc., which is believed to have contributed to the deaths of Newport Beach Police Sgt. Steven Van Horn and Newport Beach firefighter Larry Parrish, who were the first to arrive on scene.

DONALD SHAW

The real estate developer and 40-year Newport Beach resident died Aug. 18 at age 79. He was a principal in Shaw Properties, a commercial and industrial development and consulting firm. Shaw moved from Los Angeles to Newport in 1961 and served in the Navy during World War II. He also supported several organizations, including the Laguna Beach Art Museum, Planned Parenthood, the Orange County Performing Arts Center, the United Way and Hoag Hospital. Shaw was a graduate of Glendale High School and held two bachelors degrees from USC — one in naval science and another in business administration.

JOEL MANCHESTER

A director of cardiology at Hoag Hospital for more than 20

years who was widely credited with helping to bring world-class cardiac care to Orange County, Manchester died Aug. 23 at age 62. Manchester's career with Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian began in 1974 and included a number of accomplishments in cardiology. He helped establish the Hoag Hearth and Vascular Institute and developed numerous initiatives and patient-care procedures that helped earn widespread acclaim for the hospital's cardiovascular programs. A Newport Beach resident, Manchester was active in the hospital's fundraising group and served on the committee for its annual SweetHeart Ball. He was awarded the heart institute's first Vin Jorgensen Award in 1992 for his volunteer work.

MARCELLA SHELDON

A 70-year employee of Edwards Theaters for whom the Big Newport Theater's main auditorium is named, Sheldon died of heart failure at age 91 on Aug. 4. Her career with Edwards began in 1930 when, right out of high school, she took a job as a secretary at the company's office at the Alhambra Theater to support her mother and two sisters. When the company moved its headquarters to Newport Beach in 1975, Sheldon moved to Mission Viejo. She was still working part-time at the company last year when Edwards was absorbed by Regal Cinemas. To honor her 70-year tenure with the company, Edwards named its main auditorium at the Big Newport Theater after her.

CHARLIE BLEIKER

The teacher and coach at Newport Harbor High for 28 years died Aug. 3 of natural causes at the age of 66. The longtime tennis coach, also known as "Tex," retired from education more than four years ago after serving as the Sailors' football coach, boys' tennis coach and girls' tennis coach. He died suddenly while spending the day at the beach with one of his six grandsons. A former tennis player at Abilene Christian University and in the Army, in which he served three years after being drafted in 1960, Bleiker became a teacher and coach, first in New Mexico and West Texas before moving to California in 1970. After a short stint at Costa Mesa High, Bleiker found a home for the next 28 years at Newport Harbor. All three of his children became teachers and married teachers.

LARRY GIBSON

The city of Newport Beach, as well as numerous civil and military agencies at home and abroad, mourned the death of Gibson, who died on June 26 of melanoma, a form of skin cancer. For nearly two decades, Gibson served the city in several capacities, starting as a seasonal lifeguard in 1962. He became a marine safety officer in 1972, and was team manager of the 1978 U.S. Lifesaving Assn. A multifaceted person, Gibson, upon retirement from the city in 1983, co-founded a private organization called "Marine Rescue Consultants." The firm trained U.S. Coast Guard and Navy personnel, as well as people from many public and private agencies, in the use of Rigid-Hulled Inflatable boats. His business partner said no single person had a greater effect on the profession or rescue boat operations in the United States and abroad than Gibson.

BARRIE MOORE

The popular owner of Mi Casa restaurant in Costa Mesa died June 28 in Newport Beach of heart complications at the age of 85. The popular Eastside restaurant opened in 1972. Crotchety, stubborn and set in his ways were some of the words used to describe Moore, immediately followed by adjectives such as loving, generous and kind. Moore loved to greet his customers at the door and make them feel welcome, but he hated it when his employees would dismiss

them with a canned response like "Thank you and have a good day." Moore battled poor health in his last years and was in and out of the hospital with heart problems. When he was out, he was on the race tracks. Horses were his passion. During one of his trips to Hoag Hospital, Moore caused quite an uproar when he tried to have filet mignon and shrimp cocktail delivered to his hospital room. He had just gotten the tubes taken out and was finally off the breathing machines when he reportedly called the Arches and demanded some mouth-watering, artery-clogging food.

WILLIAM PASCOE III

The entrepreneur and horse-racing association founder died June 25 at his Newport Beach home at the age of 87. The founder of Pascoe Metal Building and eventual chairman of parent company American Cement, Pascoe was also a decorated soldier, an accomplished pilot and sailor and a noted breeder and trainer of thoroughbred horses. He helped found the Oaktree Racing Assn. and served as president of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Assn. In 1970, he moved to Linda Isle, where he continued to pursue his lifelong interests in sailing and airplanes. A self-taught sailor, he was a member of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club. His racing wins include the St. Francis Big Boat Series in San Francisco, the Southern Ocean Racing Circuit in Florida and the Los Angeles Whitney series. A longtime horse-racing expert, Pascoe housed about 750 horses at a time at his farm in Murieta. He served as member of the board of directors of Hollywood Park and Bay Meadows.

DOROTHY GERNER

A 41-year Costa Mesa resident who dedicated her life to volunteering in her community, Gerner died May 24 of cancer. She was 77. Gerner was active in several local groups, including the Mothers March during the March of Dimes. Her daughter, Kathy Mauro, said her mother started the practice of men accompanying the women during that march. She was best known as a swimming instructor who specialized in teaching disabled children. Gerner worked with several children with disabilities from spina bifida to cerebral palsy. She received the Henry Ford Award

for volunteers four times for her work. Mauro said her mother was "too modest" to run for office in city government, but she ran campaigns for several former council members, including Jack Hammett and Dominic Raciti.

BEVERLY SALATA

A longtime Linda Isle resident and wife of the man who founded Irrelevant Week — the Newport Beach event honoring the last man taken in the NFL Draft — Salata died May 23 of heart failure at age 77. Salata met her husband, a former USC and NFL wide receiver, at USC, where she studied journalism. "Mom had a car, and dad thought that was cool," their daughter said. "And she liked football." Salata worked as a flight attendant for United Airlines and became somewhat of a "beach girl" around that time. Years later, she and Paul would spend summer days on El Morro Beach in Orange County and then in Bay Shores. Paul and Beverly married in 1951 and moved to Linda Isle in 1968.

LANGDON W. 'DON' OWEN

A Newport Beach resident who once served as the Orange County Water District's general manager, Owen died April 24 at age 72. He spent 10 years as the water district's general manager and developed the concept for the Water Factory 21, an internationally known water treatment and groundwater recharge facility in Fountain Valley. The present district general manager called Owen "an icon in the water industry." Owen essentially built a pilot ocean desalination plant in Orange County in 1969 and saw this technology as a key component to Southern California's future water supply. Owen also helped create policy on water-related issues. He had served as an appointed member of the board of directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California since 1996.

ALVIN 'BUD' ANDERSON

A World War II pilot and local historian, Anderson died April 19 at his Huntington Beach home at the age of 84. Anderson was a familiar face at the Costa Mesa Historical Society, where he volunteered three days a week for more than a decade. Since 1988, Anderson volunteered nearly 30 hours a week at the historical society. He

was known as the primary expert on the Santa Ana Army Air Base, which existed on property now occupied by the Orange County Fairgrounds. In his last decade, Anderson was known to regale visitors to the historical society's museum, which is in a one-story building near Triangle Square. He also led tours of the center.

RANDY SMITH

The Orange County Fair board member known for his Hawaiian shirts and sense of humor died March 30 at age 55. The colorful shirts served as an extension of Smith's jovial personality, said Emily Sanford, who served with Smith on the board. Smith made his mark as a lobbyist and Republican fundraiser, working on the expansion of John Wayne Airport in 1990 and a contract for Motorola for a countywide emergency system. The Yorba Linda resident served on the fair board for 13 years and focused on making the fair all-inclusive. Smith was also one of Centennial Farms' strongest supporters.

LOU RUSSO

Founder of Russo's Pet Experience in Fashion Island and a longtime leader in the local business community, Russo died in March at age 80. Russo launched the innovative, boutique-style pet store in the late 1960s well into a successful career breeding and showing champion Italian greyhounds. Russo also wrote a book about Italian greyhounds and went on to have a winner in the Westminster dog show. In the 1970s, Russo held outdoor dog shows at Fashion Island, at what is now the site of Nieman Marcus. He served on the board of the Fashion Island Merchants Assn. as a founding member and was former president of the retail pet association.

PATRICIA EMISON COX

Cox, who spent much of her life volunteering and fund-raising for charity, died March 24 from complications from recent cancer treatments at age 81. Cox was born Feb. 2, 1922, in Santa Ana, but lived much of her life in a Santa Ana Heights home overlooking the Back Bay. She served as a lieutenant in the Navy in World War II. After leaving the service, Cox took a job as the recreation director with the Balboa Bay Club. As an

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SURF AND SUN

WEATHER FORECAST

The chance of rain is 70%. Southeast winds will be from 10 to 20 mph. The highs will be from 56 to 62.

Showers will be likely if they haven't started already. The likelihood will fall off after midnight. East winds will be from 10 to 15 mph. The lows will be from 43 to 50.

Information: www.nws.noaa.gov

BOATING FORECAST

The inner waters will have southeast winds from 20 to 25 knots plus 35-knot gusts. A small craft advisory will be in effect through tonight. The waves will be from 3 to 5 feet on a west swell from 6 to 8 feet. In the evening, the winds will be from the east, and will ease to between 10 and 20 knots overnight. Farther out, a gale warning will continue through this

afternoon. The south winds will be from 20 to 30 knots with 50-knot gusts. The combined seas will be from 9 to 12 feet. At night, the winds will be from the southeast, and the gusts will only be 40 knots.

SURF

A wind swell will fill in, for head-high sets in the morning and overhead sets — well overhead — in the afternoon at west-facing breaks. Too bad about the weather.

Water quality: www.surfrider.org

TIDES

Time	Height
3:46 a.m.	4.5 feet high
10:12 a.m.	2.13 feet low
3:23 p.m.	3.35 feet high
9:30 p.m.	1.27 feet low

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he wanted most in his life: United States citizenship.

Newport Beach sees what's out there

Rumors had been simmering for months by the time the Newport Beach officials finally announced they had their eyes on a larger prize. Labeling them "sphere issues," city officials created a list of county functions in which they believed that the city could play a greater role. And topping that list is John Wayne Airport.

The city's idea is to create a "Sphere Issues Committee" that would ask county leaders to sit down to discuss some things. Besides the airport, those things include administering some county tidelands in the city, taking over maintenance of the Coyote Canyon Landfill, taking over the redevelopment agency for Santa Ana Heights and even taking over Sheriff's Harbor Patrol operations.

County supervisors said they're always willing to talk, but stopped short of saying they would support the city's taking over the airport.

Newport councilman makes noise

Though a single comment about Mexicans on the grass at Corona del Mar State Beach was the one that caused the biggest fury, Newport Beach City Councilman Dick Nichols' mouth had already gotten him into trouble well before the most fateful phrase hit newsstands.

At a Planning Commission meeting in the June, Nichols addressed the commission from the lectern, speaking not as a councilman but as a member of the public. From there he said he disagreed with the commissioners: "It looks like you're taking money for this one," he told commissioners.

To some, this illustration amounted to Nichols accusing planning commissioners of accepting a bribe. And even though Nichols said that was not what he meant — he did not believe any foul play had taken place — the city attorney and several council members said the remark was inappropriate.

In the end, they agreed to drop the matter. But just two weeks later, they found themselves in a fracas that made the bribery charge seem mild.

Listing myriad reasons why he opposed changes planned at Corona del Mar State Beach, Nichols said in an interview with the Pilot that he opposed expanding grassy areas because "With grass, we usually get Mexicans coming in there early in the morning, and they claim it as theirs, and it becomes their personal, private grounds all day."

Residents offended by the comment called Nichols a bigot and a racist. Many sided with Nichols, saying that the Daily Pilot article publishing his comments amounted to an

attack on his right to free speech. And others said that the presence of Latinos at the public state beach was a problem.

All six of Nichols' colleagues denounced his remarks, four of them called for his resignation, and local businessman Lloyd Ikerd launched a campaign to recall Nichols.

Nichols refused to step down, and Ikerd, saying that a recall would further divide the community, announced he would drop the recall campaign.

Kona Lanes falls

The same year Costa Mesa celebrated its 50th anniversary, an icon of 1950s architecture came tumbling down. The Kona Lanes bowling alley was demolished in March — a victim of lackluster appeal for recreation in the Mesa Verde Shopping Center and an aging facility.

Kona Lanes was a classic example of Tiki-gooie architecture, which dotted the American landscape in the 1950s and early 1960s. It opened in 1958, when bowling was a "swell" pastime.

It got a second lease on life in April when the City Council rejected a Kohl's department store to replace it. The community rallied to save the funky bowling alley. But C.J. Segerstrom & Sons, which had been generously keeping Kona Lane on life support by giving owner Jack Mann rent concessions, decided it was time for Kona to go.

City rescinds redevelopment

Westside industrial property owners rallied and emerged victorious in the fight of their lives this year, dissuading the city from adding their land to the downtown redevelopment zone. If the 400-plus-acre area had been added, all properties within it would have been subject to eminent domain.

Realizing they had more power collectively than individually, owners of a group of businesses formed the Westside Revitalization Assn. Their goal was to work in concert with the city to eradicate blight in the area without the black cloud of eminent domain hovering over their heads.

And it paid off. In October, the City Council scrapped its plans for adding the large chunk to the redevelopment area, saying revitalization is better achieved through other options.

The council agreed to revisit the idea of redevelopment for the 19th Street commercial corridor in January but overwhelmingly agreed that problems on the Westside are better tackled through repaving street, putting unsightly utilities underground, rebuilding infrastructure and providing economic incentives to property owners to invigorate their own territory.

A new chief in town

Costa Mesa got a new police chief, John D. Hensley, who came to the city after serving as chief of Cypress Police Department for five years.

library and media services died Feb. 15 from cancer at age 58. A Huntington Beach resident, Ackley joined OCC's faculty in 1971 as an evening librarian and quickly climbed the ranks to head librarian and then dean of library and media services. Ackley's accomplishments include establishing a Macintosh lab, creating electronic databases for full-text journal and newspaper articles and establishing a collection of rare books for the library. He maintained the college's official campus archives and designed and launched OCC's first Web site more than 10 years ago. He also received a Friend of the Students Award from the Associated Students Assn. Ackley was still on staff at the time of his death.

After stepping down from his executive position, Segal remained on the board as one of a handful of non-family members, although he represented the Hoiles family interest. Family members said Segal came from humble beginnings as a newspaper man and retained his unpretentious personality in light of the societal influences surrounding him. He and his wife had lived in the same modest Corona del Mar home for the past 24 years, where Segal enjoyed walking his sheepdogs, Oliver I, Oliver II and Oliver III. The journalist known for his wry wit also wrote a column in the Orange County Register about his canine quests.

Rachel 'Toni' Oliphant

A Corona del Mar resident better known as one of the three Knott sisters, Oliphant died Jan. 29 of congestive heart failure at age 86. She and sisters Virginia and Marion and brother Russell were the children of Walter and Cordelia Knott, the couple who owned Knott's Berry Farm. Oliphant remained active in the growth of Knott's Berry Farm. She was involved in retail as a general partner and director before it was sold to Cedar Fair L.P. in 1997. She was involved with several organizations, including Corona del Mar High School, American Red Cross, the Fashionables, the House Ear Institute, Anzelitos de

Oro, Goodwill Industries and the New Majority. Oliphant gave \$3 million to Chapman University to build the Ken and Toni Oliphant Symphony Hall on campus this year.

Europe. She served as show director of the Ice Capades in the mid-1950s. The couple later taught skating in the Carolinas and Tennessee and, in 1964, started a skating school in St. Paul, Minn. Hulsten ran the school from the time of her husband's death until about four years ago, when she suffered a stroke. She moved to Corona del Mar to be near her son, Gene Theslof, a former skater. A life-size statue of Hulsten doing a spiral is on a lake in Budapest, Hungary, and a miniature version of it is in the World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist who gave newspaper readers at home a sardonic view of World War II died Jan. 22 at a Newport Beach nursing home. He was 81. Mauldin, an Army rifleman during World War II, captured the hearts of readers with his portrayal of Willy and Joe — two unshaven, slovenly soldiers who survived the war while making sarcastic remarks about their orders to their equipment and even their allies. The cartoons were published in "Stars and Stripes" and other military journals. One of his famous cartoons in the Chicago Sun-Times showed a grieving Abraham Lincoln slumped, with his hands covering his face, at the Lincoln Memorial after President



The Kona Lanes bowling alley sign was near Harbor Boulevard and Adams Avenue in Costa Mesa before it was demolished. The alley closed and was torn down earlier this year.

Dave Snowden, who had been at the helm of the department for 16 years, retired in June.

Hensley began his career 20 years ago with the Barstow Police Department, where he spent about two years. He spent the next 13 years in Manhattan Beach, where he joined as an officer and worked in different capacities before rising to captain.

The new chief has made several changes to the department, some more visible than others. He got all detectives out of jeans and casual T-shirts and into suits and ties to give them a more "professional" and sharper image.

Community policing is his mantra. He is in the process of redesigning officers' beats and among his future plans for the department is a spruced-up Web site. The department's current Web site, he says, is "woefully inadequate." He says he hopes to nip problems where they begin — on small streets and in neighborhoods and communities.

Measure A for effort

Anyone who's had extensive home repairs knows that things rarely go as planned.

As work on seven Newport-Mesa Unified schools started this year, funded by the \$110-million bond Measure A, district officials faced seven-times the headache.

In April, workers started construction on Woodland, Whittier, Kaiser, Mariners, Newport Heights and Harbor View elementary schools and Back Bay/Monte Vista High School. Those schools were deemed to have the greatest need for upgrades and improvement.

Then the problems started. Workers found extensive dry rot and termite damage at Harbor View Elementary School in Corona del Mar over the summer. Electrical and alarm systems weren't functioning at many schools as the first day of class approached.

District officials decided to put off the start of school at Harbor View by one week because of the construction delays. Most of the schools,

including Harbor View, reported little difficulty when they did open, though students and teachers had to deal with inconveniences such as portable toilets, no water fountains and no phone lines in classrooms.

As the school year progressed, so did the frustration of parents with children at the affected schools. Parents raised more concerns at Harbor View when workers started removing asbestos during school hours. Though district officials said they were following safety protocol during the removal, they ordered workers to wait until after school to do the job.

Costs for the seven Group I schools was estimated at \$21 million earlier this year. So far, the project has cost \$30,834,646.

City gets served, repeatedly

Costa Mesa city officials spent a lot of time behind closed doors this year responding to three lawsuits.

On Aug. 1, two months after the Redevelopment Agency approved a rehearing for a downtown condominium project, the developer sued the city and the citizens' group that fought for the rehearing.

Rutter Development filed the lawsuit against the city and Costa Mesa Citizens for Responsible Growth, mainly claiming the rehearing was granted illegally without the required presentation of new evidence.

The project calls for Rutter to build four four-story buildings in the parking lot of the Spanish mission-style 1901 Newport building.

In early December, the agency voted unanimously to rehear the high-density condominium project in January.

On Oct. 29, city leaders announced they had reached a settlement with Scheer that would pay him \$750,000 and prompt his retirement.

But on Dec. 19, Scheer reopened his initial complaint and the Orange County Superior Court issued a summons and served it on the city. Dan Stormer, Scheer's attorney, said Scheer was impatient with the six defendants dragging their feet on the settlement agreement.

Bidding the councils farewell

A Costa Mesa resident and former mayor realized her lifelong dream in March when she was appointed a judge of the Orange County Superior Court.

Former Gov. Gray Davis appointed Karen Robinson to the bench, cutting her time on the City Council short and anointing her the county's first appointed black female judge. She was sworn in during a formal ceremony on May 16.

A diverse group of 26 residents applied to replace her, from a teenager to a senior

citizen.

The remaining council members narrowed the hopefuls down to two: Mike Scheafer and Eric Bever. But they could not break a deadlock between the two candidates.

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Meanwhile, in Newport Beach, Councilman Gary Proctor had run on a platform of fighting John Wayne Airport expansion at any cost. But that was as far as Proctor's dedication to local politics went. And by the time that the John Wayne Airport settlement agreement had been extended for another 20 years, limiting increases in flights and expansion of the airport itself, Proctor had resigned himself to a pretty passive position on the council. So it was no surprise when, in September, Proctor announced that he would resign a year before the end of his term. The council took applications from District 2 residents who wanted to complete his term, and after public interviews, they selected businessman Steve Rosansky.

Rosansky, who had run unsuccessfully against Proctor in 2000, said he plans to run for a second term in 2004.

Lower Bayview Landing has landed

It was the senior affordable housing project that almost wasn't. For years, city leaders had eyed the Lower Bayview Landing site on Jamboree Road near Coast Highway as place to make up for the city's woeful lack of affordable housing. The city is about 250 units short of meeting the state requirement for affordable housing and, until late this year, was vulnerable to lawsuits because the state had not approved the city's housing element because of the shortage.

Lower Bayview Landing was by far the best hope on their horizon. The senior housing complex was planned with 150 apartments for low- and moderate income seniors and appeared to be on track to approval until an environmentalist spotted problems. Three areas on the site qualified as wetlands, Jan Vandersloot argued, California Coastal Commission staff said they agreed and sent city planners back to the drawing board.

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Then-mayor Steve Bromberg cried foul and accused the environmentalists of using the wetlands issue as a way to control development of the park.

Despite this bitterness, the two sides managed to come to an agreement. The city scaled down the project from 120 to 150 units, changed the way the buildings were situated on the site, agreed to build and maintain a wetland area on the site and to leave a portion of the bluff above at its current height.

ROBERT REED

A 23-year Newport Beach resident and former Newport Beach lifeguard chief, Reed died Jan. 26 at age 86. Reed was "a dynamic person who lived many lives," son Robert Reed Jr. said. He worked for the Office of Strategic Services during World War II, then owned a cattle ranch, spent time in the oil business and led the marine safety squad in Newport Beach. In 1958, he began working in Newport Beach as the captain of the Sea Watch, the city's lifeguard boat that mostly searched for surfers in need of rescue. Reed then became the lifeguard chief, a position later renamed marine safety director.

VIVI-ANNE HULTEN

The five-time Swedish figure skating champion and Corona del Mar resident died Jan. 15 of heart failure in a local nursing home at age 91. Hulsten was a bronze medalist in the 1936 Winter Olympics. She turned pro in 1938 and skated with the Ice Follies and other shows. She and husband Gene Theslof toured with the Ice Capades and other shows in the United States and

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ardent environmentalist, Cox involved herself in Friends of Newport Bay, Defend the Bay, the Newport Conservancy and Sherman Library & Gardens. Cox's diagnosis of breast cancer in her 50s didn't slow her down. After treatment, she returned to public life as a dedicated fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Assn., YWCA, Children's Hospital of Orange County, Bowers Museum and other groups.

RICHARD NALL

The former Daily Pilot editor died at his home in Laguna Beach on March 13 at age 73. As assistant managing editor, Nall oversaw the sections of the paper that published news from South County cities. Nall was famous for the Kentucky Daily Derby parties he threw at his home, an event that was a Daily Pilot tradition. A former football player, Nall's big build often intimidated young reporters, former colleague Chuck Loos said. Nall left his job at the Pilot to become a copy editor at the Los Angeles Times' Orange County bureau.

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Kennedy's assassination. After the war, Mauldin briefly freelanced. He joined the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in 1958 and moved to the Sun-Times in 1962. He also acted in two movies, one of them John Huston's 1951 production of "The Red Badge of Courage." He received several letters of support from veterans, widows and others at the nursing home.

JAMES 'JAY' STODDARD

The former mayor and longtime Corona del Mar resident died Jan. 12 at age 90. A graduate of Caltech, he moved to Corona del Mar 57 years ago after working in the petroleum industry in the United States and the Middle East. He was elected to the Newport Beach City Council in 1954 and served as a council member until 1964. During this time, he was mayor several times. Former City Manager Robert Shelton remembers Stoddard for his significant achievements as mayor, including building the Big Canyon Reservoir "in record time." Shelton said the former mayor was also responsible for taking mom-and-pop snack shops off the Corona del Mar main beach, replacing the temporary structures with permanent ones. An avid boater, Stoddard also designed the Seacraft, a lifeguard rescue boat that several lifeguard departments use as a model.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Russ Davis,
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vanguard too much for Bears

Freshmen provide spark, led by Schmidt's 26 points, in victory over Pikeville.

Steve Virgen
Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — At Corona del Sol High in Tempe, Ariz., Lindsay McClellan used to start every game and earned all-state honors four years. She also helped lead her team to a state championship.

Things are a bit different at Vanguard University, but McClellan is adjusting. The freshman guard came off the bench to provide a spark, scoring 14 points in the Lions' 93-65 women's basketball victory over Pikeville in the Golden State Athletic Conference Challenge Monday at the Pit.

The GSAC Challenge is a six-team invitational that includes five squads that reached the NAIA tournament last season.

Vanguard made it to the Final Four last season, and McClellan is one of six newcomers attempting to help the Lions duplicate that effort. She came in the game to lead the Lions on a 21-4 run in a span of just more than four minutes and gave Vanguard a 35-19 lead with 6:57 left before halftime. McClellan hit two three-pointers during the run and scored 10 points in the half, as the Lions led, 47-29, at the break.

"Lindsay McClellan gave us a big boost," Vanguard Coach Russ Davis said. "She's very talented. She's a very gifted athlete. I just have a lot of good players in front of her."

Davis said McClellan was ranked as high as 47th nationally by one recruiting service. She injured her knee before the season started and has just recently been regaining her speed and health.

"I'm comfortable [coming off the bench]," McClellan said. "It's nice to be able to see what's going on in the game and knowing what to do."

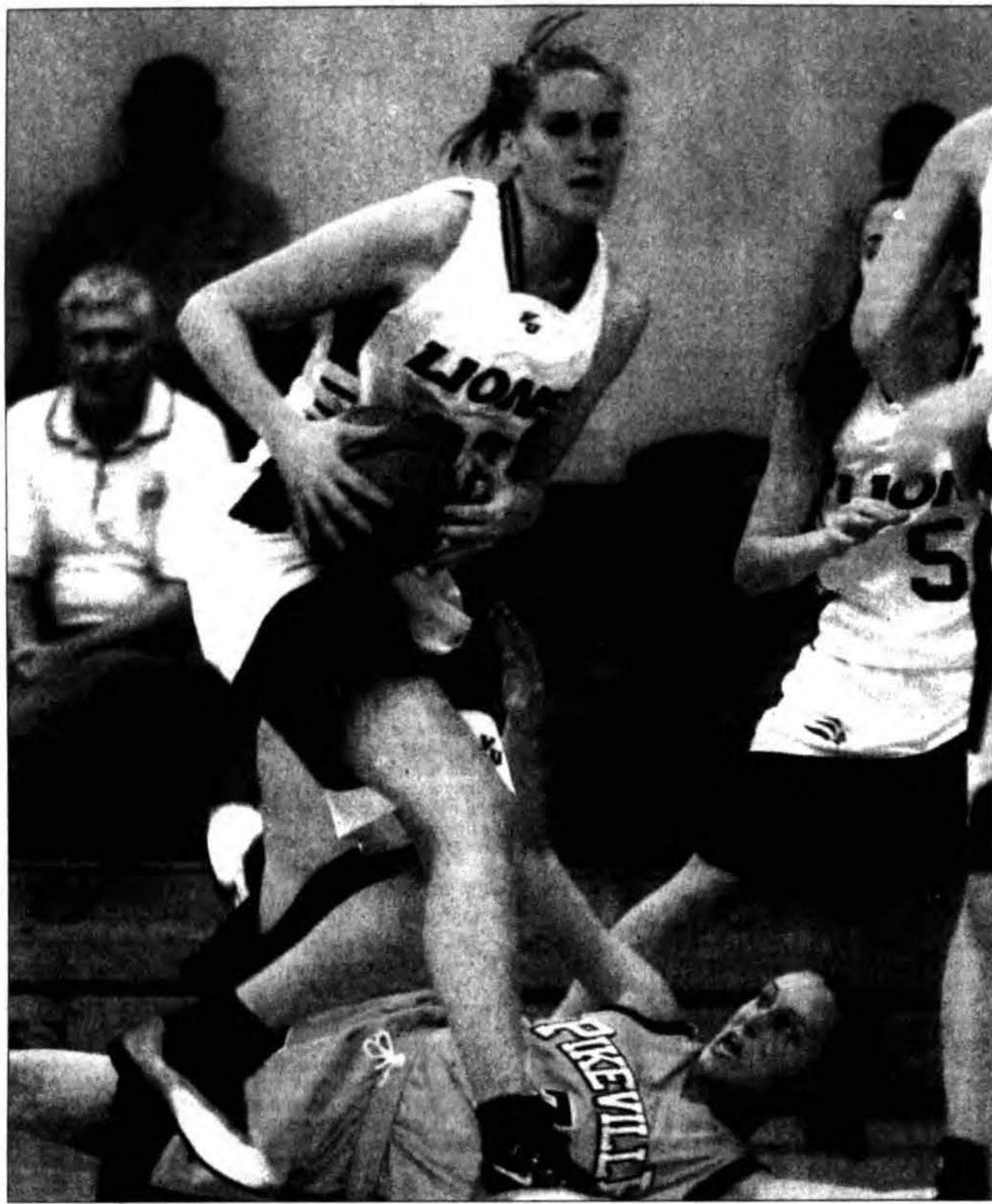
McClellan wasn't the only freshman who was instrumental in the Lions' victory. Kelly Schmidt, a 6-foot freshman forward, scored a game-high 26 points. She was 8 for 13 from the field and 10 for 13 from the free-throw line.

Lacey Burns, another freshman, contributed 14 points, and freshman Rachel Besse came off the bench to add 11 points.

Lisa Faulkner, a junior transfer from UC Irvine, was also in double figures with 14 points and the point guard also delivered 16 assists, three short of her record for most assists in a game, established Nov. 15 in the Lions' 102-47 romp over La Sierra.

"We played well offensively, but horribly on defense," Davis said. "They got a lot of shots they wanted, but they just missed a lot of shots. That was one of our worst defensive performances in the past five years. We just won because we outscored them, because we played so good on offense."

Vanguard (8-1) shot 54% from the



field in the first half (18 of 33) and hit 7 of 13 from behind the three-point line (54%), while Pikeville (8-7) was 11 of 27 in the first half (40%) and knocked down just one three-pointer in the game.

Collecting three points in a single possession proved to be critical for the Lions, be it connecting from behind the arc or a basket and subsequent free throw, when they went on their 21-4 run. In addition to McClellan's two three balls, Lacey Mills, Faulkner and Cecilia Josefsson also connected from freedom. Burns had a three-point play, and so did Schmidt.

The Bears came within 35-25 with 5:42 left in the first half, but the Lions closed it out with a 12-4 run.

The second half saw much of the same of the Lions' offense. Vanguard opened the half with an 11-3 spurt, as Schmidt continued to be a force inside. Faulkner directed the offense. She would penetrate and either kick out the ball to a shooter or find Schmidt down low.

The Lions built their biggest lead, 82-50, with 5:25 remaining. McClellan made it 80-50 when she converted a layup after her steal. Then Besse put in a shot

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Above, Vanguard reserve Rachel Besse (32), wrestles the ball away from Pikesville College's Caitlyn Ryan. At left, Vanguard freshman guard Lindsay McClellan (5), drives past Pikesville guard Ashley Ratliff. Besse and McClellan were among four freshman who helped the Lions earn a 93-65 win in the GSAC Challenge Monday night at the Pit.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Estancia will play for title

Eagles advance to Coast Classic final with a convincing 49-35 win over Riverside Poly.

Bryce Alderton
Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — Through the first three games of the Estancia Coast Classic, the host Eagles' boys basketball team has known one thing: how to hold a lead.

Estancia continued its undefeated tournament run with a 49-35 mauling of Riverside Poly, the designated home team, Monday night in the semifinals, marking the third straight game the Eagles have led from start to finish.

The Eagles will attempt to win the tournament title for the first time since 1997 when they take on Mayfair tonight at 8.

The Eagles (8-4) did it with defense, holding the Bears (9-4) to just two points in the first quarter, en route to building a 14-2 lead. Riverside Poly missed its first 13 shots and finished the first half shooting 7 of 28 from the field (25%). The Bears shot 25.9% from the field for the game (15 for 58).

"Not having shots fall can be deflating, especially when we hit ours," Estancia Coach Russell King said of the Eagles' fast start. "We wanted to come out in a zone because the half-court offense is [the Bears'] bread and butter."

The Eagles countered by hitting 11 of 19 first-half field-goal attempts to build a 32-15 lead the intermission. Estancia shot 16 of 31 from the field for the game (51.6%).

Junior forward Carlos Pinto led all scorers with 17 points on 4-of-7 shooting and grabbed eight rebounds while starting sophomore Mike McDaniels tallied 12 points to go with five rebounds.

Senior center Scott Sankey scored 11 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, helping limit Riverside Poly to one-shot possessions for a majority of the first half with aggressiveness on the boards. The Eagles held a 31-21 rebounding edge.

"That was huge," King said of the rebounding advantage. "It is a tribute to our defense."

Sophomore reserve guard Shaun Markley came off the bench to hit two three-pointers to finish with six points and three assists.

King inserted Markley, Ray Verette and Dallas Kopp at the beginning of the second quarter to provide smothering defense and the Eagles' maintained their lead.

Estancia began the second quarter on a 9-4 run, getting two threes from Pinto and one from Markley, to build a 23-6 lead with five minutes, one second to go

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BOYS SOCCER

CdM brothers find escape in soccer

Benabous take to the field for Sea Kings to escape tumultuous life in Israel.

Steve Virgen
Daily Pilot

There was a moment Michael Benabou thought the worst, yet he became too nervous to cry.

On the television in Israel, Michael heard the news of a bombing at a bus station and realized his younger brother, Danny, was leaving from that same place to visit their grandmother.

"I didn't know if he was on the bus or not," said Michael, a senior at Corona del Mar High. "I was scared."

Danny, a freshman at CdM, could have been injured or killed in the bombing if his bus was an hour late.

That happened seven months ago. They were in Israel for the past 10 years and, because of their Judaism, they dealt with much of the turmoil in Israel. But now in America, the Benabou brothers want to forget the past. They have painful memories of their life there. As a matter of therapy, perhaps as a means of escape, the Benabous find solace on the soccer field. Michael is on the Sea Kings' varsity team, while Danny plays for the school's frosh/soph squad.

Because of an ankle injury and the process of settling back into life in the United States, Michael has not been able to attain much playing time with the Sea Kings, who take a 5-1-4 record into a Jan. 7 meeting with crosstown rival Newport Harbor. But he's content with being part of the team and remains motivated to contribute to the

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Danny, left, and Michael Benabou, 15 and 18, respectively, are brothers who left Israel and now play soccer at CdM.

BOYS SOCCER

Lightning new, improved

Year No. 4 should be memorable, and pivotal, for the Sage Hill boys soccer team.

Steve Virgen
Daily Pilot

For the past two years, the Sage Hill School boys soccer team has been playing second fiddle in the Academy League.

However, the Lightning appear ready to take the spotlight and outshine two-time defending league champion St. Margaret's this season. Sage Hill, in its third year of varsity play, has finished second in league for the past two years, but Coach Noureddine El Alam sees a balanced squad that could make the difference in league play.

"We have a better squad," the Sage Hill coach said. "We only lost two seniors. The team looks good and I think we are going to do well."

Though Sage Hill has already suffered through a few injuries, El Alam said this year's group has shown the most stamina during the preseason training exercises. The Sage Hill players impressed their coach while

running 100 meters, as well as El Alam's three-mile competition.

"In regard to fitness, we are in better shape than last year," El Alam said. "Also, the kids love to play the game. They like one another. They are proud of their team and they love going to practice. They have good self-esteem and they are playful. They know when to joke and when not to. They know what the boundaries are."

El Alam has also seen the Lightning's ability to display balance on the field. Senior goalie Cesar Arriaga will be one of Sage Hill's leaders in that department this season. He was one of three Sage Hill returning players who earned first-team All-Academy League honors, including seniors Julian Smith-Newman and Chris Chiboucas.

Arriaga was named the league's Most Valuable Player as a sophomore, when he was a goalie and also played the field. This season, he will remain in goal.

"He's a very skillful player," El Alam said. "Last year, because I had [Ethan Tanney], I gave Cesar a break and I put him on the field. He scored a tremendous amount of goals. I put him at the net and he likes it. That's his big thing."

Tanney was a second-team all-league choice last year as a junior, as were current seniors Jor-

THE LIGHTNING

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| Cesar Arriaga | Sr. |
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| Ian Dull | Jr. |
| Alex Edelstein | Fr. |
| Tyler Ellis | Fr. |
| Sam Fankuchen | Sr. |
| Richard Gadbois | Fr. |
| Jonathan Gordon | Fr. |
| Kent Kuran | Sr. |
| Zack Milder | So. |
| Chris Neale | So. |
| Braden Ross | So. |
| Jordan Salinger | Sr. |
| Julian Smith-Newman | Sr. |
| Conrad Whitaker | Fr. |
| Coach: Noureddine El Alam | (fourth year) |

dan Salinger and Kent Kuran. Sophomore Zack Milder is also expected to contribute heavily, while El Alam said the varsity will have six freshmen on the 16-player roster.

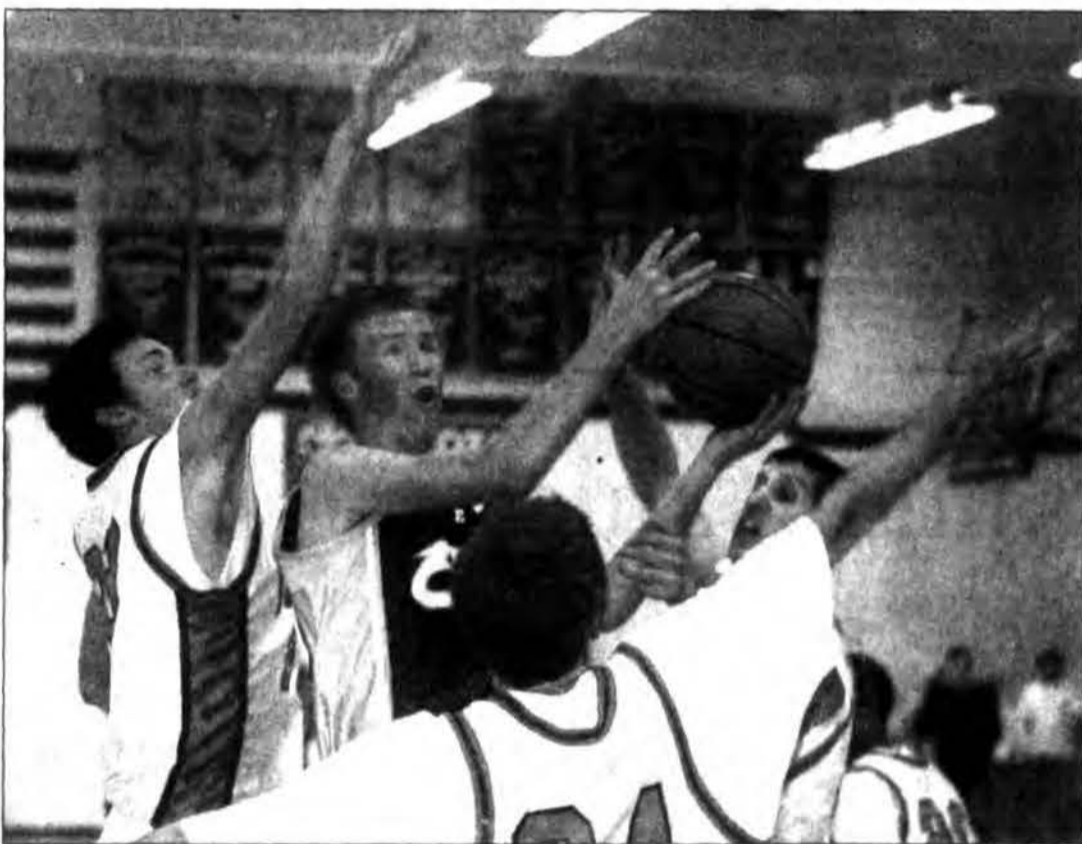
The freshmen are: Alex Edelstein, Tyler Ellis, Richard Gadbois, Jonathan Gordon, Braden Ross and Conrad Whitaker. Ross was the starting quarterback for Sage Hill's football team.

Arriaga, Smith-Newman and senior Braden Barnett are the team captains this season.

The Lightning began the season 1-2, defeating Downey, 3-0, when Sage Hill had no substitutes. Sage opens Academy League play Jan. 9 against Brethren Christian.



Estancia's Scott Sankey (33) converts a putback to help Eagles earn berth in tonight's title game.



Estancia's Mike McDaniels draws a foul in the lane in the Eagles' 49-35 win over Riverside Poly.

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VANGUARD

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from the post. With 4:55 left, Schmidt had another three-point play, as the Lions' fans were hopeful their team would reach 100 for the second time this season.

Vanguard will cap the final day of the GSAC challenge today at 5:30 p.m. when it takes on Montana-Western. Pikeville, Montana-Western, The Master's and Brescia also reached the NAIA tournament last year.

The Vanguard men's team will face visiting Westmont in the GSAC opener tonight at 7:45.

GSAC Challenge

Vanguard 93, Pikeville 65
Pikeville - Cody 16, Amburgey 9, Dillon 10, Williams 10, Ryan 14, Wireman 4, Ratliff 2.
3-pt. goals - Ryan 1.
Fouled out - Dillon.
Technical - None.
Vanguard - Josefsson 8, Mills 9, Burns 11, Faulkner 14, Schmidt 26, McClellan 14, Besse 11.
3-pt. goals - Mills 3, McClellan 2, Faulkner 2, Josefsson 2.
Fouled out - None.
Technical - None.
Halftime - VU, 47-29.



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Vanguard Coach Russ Davis argues with an official about a call during Monday's victory.

SOCCER

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squad before season's end.

Besides, soccer means much more to Michael than earning a varsity letter.

"When you go to a soccer game or play soccer, everything goes out," Michael said. "You don't worry about your problems. You don't worry about the outside, just the game. When I play soccer, I have fun. I play with a lot of passion. It's like an escape in a way."

Soccer has been an outlet for peace for the Benabous, who have had much trauma to overcome. They were born in America. Isreal, however, despite being a place where trouble seemed to lurk in every shadow, is their home.

"If the situation in Israel was better, I would prefer to be there," Danny said. "I grew up there. All my friends are there. I know everyone in my neighborhood. Here, I come and I know no one."

While the Benabous are finding their way in a new life, they are pleased to be away from the strife and danger. When Michael walked to school in Israel, he replaced the antennae

for his cell phone with a screwdriver as a possible weapon of defense against any Arab attacker, he said. He had to remain alert and emotionally strong.

He had seen friends one day, and the next, mourned for their loss.

He has dodged death a few times, as well.

Two years ago, Michael was less than a mile away from a bombing and could feel the shock wave from the explosion. He ran over to the scene and what he saw remains as nightmarish pictures in his mind.

"I remember bodies on the floor and blood everywhere," Michael said. "I could still see it in my head. There is a lady, her eyes wide open. Glass broken and blood all over the place. Stuff I will never forget. Stuff that will just stay in my head."

Throughout their lives, soccer has been a constant for Michael and Danny. They grew up with the sport and love everything about the game, they said. Danny especially enjoys the intricacies of the game, the dribbling, passing and technique involved, while Michael loves the spirit of the sport and the emotions that can come from scoring a goal.

The game can somehow calm their worries.

Joseph and Marcelle, their parents, as well as younger sister, Thila, remain in Israel. Michael and Danny left for security reasons and, frankly, to avoid serving in the Israeli Army, which would have been required. They stay with Annette and Gabriel, their aunt and uncle, in a home near the school.

During the winter break, Michael returned to Isreal for a visit. It will most likely be his last. Now, he must find a new home in California and at CdM. He said he wants to meet new friends and, on the soccer field, his goal is to become a starter for the Sea Kings. That would be quite an accomplishment, considering the CdM boys soccer team is talented and has depth. It won a share of the Pacific Coast League title last year and expectations are high.

"He has gotten a slow start with us," CdM Coach Pat Callaghan said. "The guys like him. He's a skillful-player and I think he will help us out."

Michael injured his ankle during practice early in the season and missed time. He has been building back strength and thoughts of his family and Israel only inspire him to do better.

ESTANCIA

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in the first half.

"It's a tribute to our bench that we preserved the lead," King said.

The Eagles' first field goal of the second half didn't come until Sankey converted a layup off one of Hugo Escobedo's four assists with 5:18 to go in the quarter. But the Eagles still led by 19 as the Bears couldn't find their shooting touch.

The Bears' full-court press at the start the second half rattled the Eagles initially, but wasn't enough to show them down consistently.

"It took us out of what we wanted to run, but we were still able to jump stop, find the open man and look ahead for easy lay-

ups," King said.

The Eagles' biggest lead came at 45-25 when Markley hit a three with 7:21 left. Estancia wouldn't score for the next 4:13, but still managed to lead by 18 when McDaniels hit a short jumper off a Pinto assist.

"We kept [the Bears] in a slow game instead of a fast one, because we are not as quick as them," Sankey said about limiting the Bears' offense. "[Monday] we played more as a team and our defense was really good."

Jose Viramontes scored two points for the Eagles while Sankey added three assists and a block.

Junior forward Tyler Krieger led Riverside Poly — former school of Indiana Pacers star Reggie Miller — with 10 points, the only Bear to score in double figures.

Playing in front of the home crowd has benefited the Eagles so far, Sankey said.

"We are pumped up," Sankey said.

Estancia Coast Classic

Semifinal					
Estancia 49, Riverside Poly 35					
Score by Quarters					
Estancia	14	18	10	7	- 49
R. Poly	2	13	10	10	- 35
Estancia - Pinto 17, Sankey 11, McDaniels 12, Viramontes 2, Escobedo 1, Markley 3, Meissner 0, Kopp 0, Verette 0, Young 0, Salas 0, 3-pt. goals - Pinto 2, McDaniels 2, Markley 2.					
Fouled out - None.					
Technical - None.					
Riverside Poly - Krieger 10, Lopez 7, Stadler 6, Bash 4, Chester 4, Griffin 2, Brunt 2, Drachalin 0, Anderson 0, Helgeson 0, Nguyen 0, Stadler 0, Caravolho 0.					
3-pt. goals - Lopez 1.					
Fouled out - None.					
Technical - None.					

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BRIEFLY

Sailors win in Alaska, lose Diefenbach

The Newport Harbor High boys basketball team won for the second time in two games Monday at the Capital City Classic in Juneau, Alaska. But the Sailors may have sustained a season-altering loss.

Jamie Diefenbach, a 6-foot-8 senior center who missed his junior season after tearing the ACL in his right knee, injured his left knee Sunday night in the tournament's slam dunk contest. Newport assistant coach Bryan Cottriel said.

"He came down funny and, after looking at it on videotape, I'd be surprised if it wasn't a torn ligament," Cottriel said.

Cottriel said Diefenbach planned to fly to Orange County today to undergo medical tests to determine the extent of the injury.

This would mark the third straight season a Sailor has missed all or most of a season with a torn ACL. Two Sailors sustained the injury last year.

On the court Monday, the Tars defeated Fairbanks-based North Pole, 69-45, in what amounted to a semifinal game at Juneau-Douglas High.

Junior Taylor Young scored a career-high 28 points and added 13 rebounds, eight offensive, to pace the Sailors (9-4), who meet host Juneau-Douglas tonight 8 for the tournament title.

Senior Greg Gausewitz had nine rebounds and two points for the Tars.

Mesa tops Cabrillo

■ **BASKETBALL:** The Costa Mesa High boys basketball team turned up its trademark defensive intensity after halftime to pull away and earn a 55-41 victory over Cabrillo of Long Beach in the 13th-place semifinal of the Orange Holiday Classic Monday at Chapman University.

The Mustangs, leading by a mere one point at halftime, outscored the Jaguars, 17-12, in the third quarter and 15-7 in the final eight minutes to improve to 7-5.

Mesa will play for 13th place today at 12:10 p.m. against Gahr.

Sophomore Scott Knox had a game-high 18 points for the Mustangs, who also received double-figure scoring from junior Jeff Waldron (13) and sophomore Tony Krikorian (11).

Waldron added 10 rebounds, while Krikorian made 3 of 4 from three-point range.

Senior center Marko Stankovic chipped in 10 rebounds, four blocked shots and six points, while sophomore point guard Brian Molina had eight assists to go with his five points.

Orange Holiday Classic
13th-place semifinal
Costa Mesa 55, Cabrillo 41

Score by Quarters
Cabrillo 9 13 12 7 - 41
Costa Mesa 11 12 17 15 - 55
Cabrillo - Carter 14, Graham 14, Dumphy 2, Halcomb 4, Jennings 2, Allen 5.
3-pt. goals - Graham 4, Carter 2.
Fouled out - None.
Technical - None.
Costa Mesa - Waldron 13, Stankovic 6, Knox 16, Krikorian 11, Molina 5, Aleson 4, Wase 0, Gandia 0, Lefebvre 0.
3-pt. goals - Krikorian 3, Knox 2, Waldron 1.
Fouled out - None.
Technical - None.

CdM girls victorious

■ **BASKETBALL:** Corona del Mar High senior Kate Heesch scored a career-high 21 points to lead the Sea Kings to a 44-38 win over host Santiago in the Cavalier Classic Monday night in Garden Grove.

Heesch, who scored 10 of her 14 second-half points in the

fourth quarter, had five steals, three rebounds and two assists to help CdM improve to 3-5.

Senior Lauren Snell had eight rebounds, four steals and four points, while sophomore Megan Benbow added six rebounds and four assists to her three points.

CdM continues pool play tonight at 8, against University High from Los Angeles.

Cavalier Classic
First-round pool play
Corona del Mar 44, Santiago 38

Score by Quarters
Corona del Mar 8 5 8 23 - 44
Santiago 7 12 10 9 - 38
Corona del Mar - Wayte 2, Stern 8, Heesch 21, Skalla 0, Duernberger 4, Snell 4, Benbow 3, Marks 2, Wadhwa 0, Kawata 0, Long 0.
3-pt. goals - None.
Fouled out - Stern.
Technical - None.
Santiago - Doan 14, Contreras 10, K. Luna 3, Howard 1, V. Luna 6, Le 1, Tran 4.
3-pt. goals - None.
Fouled out - K. Luna, Tran.
Technical - None.

Lightning trounce foes

■ **BASKETBALL:** The Sage Hill School boys basketball team, with only six available players, scored the first 11 points of the game and went on to a 46-32 win over the Renaissance Academy of La Canada in the third round of pool play at the St. Anthony tournament Monday in Long Beach.

Sage Hill senior Kevin Joyce scored a game-high 20 to pace the winners, who improved to 7-4.

Sophomore Matt Loper added 12 points for the Lightning, which outscored the Wildcats in every quarter.

The Lightning's only scare was having three players with three fouls at halftime.

"We went into a zone there for a while," Coach Steve Keith said with a laugh. The limited numbers were due to some players being out of town, Keith said.

Sage concludes the tournament today against Thomas Aquinas of Canada.

St. Anthony tournament

Third-round pool play
Sage Hill 46, Renaissance 32

Score by Quarters
Renaissance 2 10 12 8 - 32
Sage Hill 11 11 15 9 - 46
Renaissance - Shapiro 2, Williams 10, Beam 4, Lewis 2, Meyers 4, Green 2, Farnsworth 8.
3-pt. goals - Beam 1.
Fouled out - None.
Technical - None.
Sage Hill - Lefler 0, Loper 12, Joyce 20, Voge 6, Hancock 2, Durheim 6.
3-pt. goals - Joyce 1.
Fouled out - None.
Technical - None.

Sailors win contests

■ **BASKETBALL:** Newport Harbor High sophomore Dennis Heenan won the boys three-point shooting contest and Sailor senior Kristi Koon claimed the girls free-throw shooting title Sunday at the Capital City Classic in Juneau, Alaska.

Heenan hit 12 of 20 three-point tries to top the field, while Koon hit more than a dozen foul shots to prevail in the miss-and-your-out format, according to Newport Harbor boys assistant coach Bryan Cottriel.

Irvine edges Mustangs

■ **BASKETBALL:** Costa Mesa High senior Brittany Vergara sank four three-pointers and scored a career-high 12 points, but the host Mustangs were edged, 41-39, by Irvine in the girls basketball consolation semifinals of the Costa Mesa Winter Classic Monday.

The Mustangs trailed, 15-9, after one quarter and closed to within 18-17 at halftime. Irvine widened the lead to three in the third period, but Mesa rallied to take a 29-28 advantage early in the fourth.

The Vaqueros, however, regained the lead and were never headed.

Vergara, the Mustangs' 5-foot-3 center, added five rebounds, despite giving away nine inches to the opposing post.

Senior Cassey Brick had 10 rebounds and six assists to go

with her four points, while Mesa senior teammate Susy Trujillo had 12 points to go with her six rebounds and three steals.

Trujillo's performance came despite spraining her ankle in the first quarter. Coach Jim Weeks said she missed most of the second quarter and will probably be rested today, when the Mustangs (5-4) meet Golden West League rival Westminster in the 11th-place game at 10:30 a.m.

Costa Mesa Winter Classic

Consolation semifinal
Irvine 41, Costa Mesa 39

Score by Quarters
Irvine 9 8 10 13 - 41
Costa Mesa 8 8 14 - 39
Irvine - Crawford 10, Swenson 18, Isharaha 7, Houston 6.
3-pt. goals - Swenson 5.
Fouled out - None.
Technical - None.
Costa Mesa - Brick 4, Kelly 2, Trujillo 12, Be. Vergara 7, Br. Vergara 12, Akansel 2, Cluff 0.
3-pt. goals - Br. Vergara 4, Trujillo 1.
Fouled out - None.
Technical - None.

Tars' rally falls short

■ **BASKETBALL:** The Newport Harbor High girls basketball team outscored Monroe Catholic in the fourth quarter, but lost, 59-54, in pool play at the Capital City Classic at Juneau-Douglas High in Alaska Monday.

Senior Jillianne Whitfield led the Sailors (7-5) with 17 points, while senior Victoria Swigart added 16 points and nine rebounds. Vanessa Miller recorded four steals and contributed six points.

"[Fairbanks-based Monroe Catholic] played a very fast-paced, high-tempo game and we kind of got caught playing their type of game instead of ours," Newport Coach Jen Thompson said. "They played very aggressive defense. We would have one shot or turn over the ball. In the fourth quarter we finally figured it out but it was a little too late."

Monroe Catholic improved to 1-1. Newport will continue play in the four-team tournament today when it faces Juneau-Douglas.

Capital City Classic

Third-round pool play
Monroe Catholic 59, Newport 54

Score by Quarters
Monroe 13 17 14 15 - 59
Newport 8 16 9 21 - 54
Monroe Catholic - Stepovich 13, Mar. Rima 10, Berg 15, Woods 12, Mel. Rima 4, Malemute 2, Johnson 2, Campeau 1.
3-pt. goals - None.
Fouled out - Mar. Rima.
Newport Harbor - Swigart 16, Stoltz 7, Whitfield 17, Miller 6, Eddington 4, Koon 2, Lawrence 2, Slater 0, Trobman 0.
3-pt. goals - Miller 1.
Fouled out - Miller.

Diablos rally past Tars

■ **SOCCER:** Newport Harbor High senior Barbara Julian converted a Shannon Arnold assist to give the Sailors a 1-0 lead Monday, but Mission Viejo rallied for a 2-1 victory in the first round of the 32-team Excalibur girls soccer tournament.

Newport Harbor Coach Brandie Hayungs praised the overall play of her Sailors, specifically junior Taylor Giacomaro, who played stopper and midfielder.

"I thought we had the better scoring chances," Hayungs said. "Hopefully, this is a step in the right direction for us."

The Sailors meet University today at 8 a.m. in a consolation game and will play again today at 12:30 p.m., whether they win or lose against University.

Bengals best 'Eaters

■ **BASKETBALL:** The UC Irvine women's basketball team fell to 1-7 with a 75-66 nonconference home loss Monday to Idaho State (6-3).

Christina Callaway led the Anteaters with 17 points, while Kristin Green added 16 and Katie Urban added 12.

Idaho State 75, UC Irvine 66

Idaho State - Gifford 10, Hays 6, Barron 2, Brossman 26, Whitley 7, Andersen 15, Christensen 5, Udy 4.
3-pt. goals - Brossman 5, Whitley 1, Christensen 1.
UC Irvine - Urban 12, Yaden 6, Callaway 17, Green 16, Ferguson 8, Biggins 7.
3-pt. goals - Green 4, Urban 3, Ferguson 2.
Halftime - Idaho State, 31-30.

BOYS BASKETBALL

"Knights rule Sea Kings

Curry critical of CdM effort in 80-63 loss to Foothill Monday.

Bryce Alderton
Daily Pilot

COSTA MESA — In the hierarchy of goals for the Corona del Mar High boys basketball team, Coach Ryan Curry lists playing with effort at the top.

The Sea Kings fell short of that summit in an 80-63 loss to Foothill in a fifth-place semifinal of the Estancia Coast Classic Monday afternoon, a loss Curry attributed as much to himself as the players.

"You have to get your team to play hard all the time and that is my responsibility to rectify," Curry said. "I told our kids we need a better effort and attitude with no complaining or whining and that goes for coaches, too. Our goal is not to win, but to play well. Playing well leads to improvement, which leads to success, which leads to good things. We did not play well today."

The Knights (8-5) never trailed and hit 11 of 20 three-pointers (55%), including six by Brandt Bangs, who tallied a game-high 21 points. Foothill shot 32 of 55 from the field (58%) and got 16 points each from Ben Worrall and Chase Roblee.

"I knew we would be in for a

tough game," Curry said. "Their guards are good and their kids did a lot of different things not to let us catch them. They are too talented."

Senior starters Pancho Seaborn (12 points), Jay Northridge (11 points) and Adam Freede (10 points) led CdM in scoring, but the Sea Kings' defense couldn't contain Foothill's transition game and frequent screens at the top of the key.

"We did not play well defensively at all," Curry said. "We got caught in screens allowing guys to get open and we were not switching. We tried to go with full-court pressure to force a lob [in the second half] and did a better job, but the effort was still not there."

The Knights largest lead was 72-47 after one of Bangs' threes with just more than five minutes remaining.

The closest CdM (6-7) came after an 8-7 deficit was 33-26 when Ryan Lance (six points) made a steal and found Northridge cutting to the hoop for a layup with 3:13 to go in the first half.

But Foothill scored the next seven points and ended the half with a 12-6 run to take a 45-32 lead at intermission.

The Knights made four straight field goals during a span of 2:43 in the third quarter and finished the period leading by 20.

CdM netted four three-pointers and every Sea King that saw action scored. Junior starter Tyler Lance scored four points

while junior Kevin Welch came off the bench to tally six points, followed by four from Taylor McDonald, three apiece by Reid Watanabe and Brian Reynolds and two apiece by Tom Welch and Joe Kabaklian. McDonald tallied four assists while Tyler Lance and Northridge each grabbed four rebounds.

Even with a comfortable lead, Foothill Coach Tom McCuskey wanted to maintain the pressure.

"With the three-point shot, teams can come back on any court," McCuskey said.

Roblee grabbed 12 rebounds while senior point guard Jeff O'Tool tallied 11 assists.

"[Roblee] has been the most consistent player for us all year," Foothill McCuskey said.

CdM faces Workman in today's seventh-place game at 1:30 p.m.

Estancia Coast Classic

Fifth-place semifinal

Foothill 80, Corona del Mar 63

Score by Quarters
CdM 16 16 12 19 - 63
Foothill 23 22 19 16 - 80
Corona del Mar - Seaborn 12, R. Lance 6, T. Lance 4, Northridge 11, Freede 10, K. Welch 6, McDonald 4, Watanabe 3, T. Welch 2, Reynolds 2, Kabaklian 2.
3-pt. goals - Seaborn 1, Northridge 1, Freede 1, Reynolds 1.
Fouled out - None.
Technical - None.
Foothill - Worrall 16, Bangs 21, Roblee 16, O'Tool 9, Sabino 0, Spencer 8, Bradtke 4, Jarmon 6, Martin 0.
3-pt. goals - Bangs 6, O'Tool 2, Roblee 1, Spencer 2.
Fouled out - Sabino.
Technical - None.


SCHEDULE

TODAY
Basketball
College men - Westmont at Vanguard University, 7:45 p.m.
College women - GSAC Challenge: Western Montana at Vanguard University, 6:30 p.m.
High school boys - Estancia Coast Classic: Estancia vs. Mayfair/Sen Clements (championship game), 8 p.m.

Corona del Mar vs. Workman (seventh-place game), 1:30 p.m.
Capital City Classic at Juneau, Alaska: Newport Harbor vs. Juneau-Douglas (championship), 8 p.m.
Orange Holiday Classic at Chapman University: Costa Mesa vs. Gahr (13th-place game), 12:10 p.m.; St. Anthony tournament: Sage Hill vs. Thomas Aquinas (seventh-place game), 4:30 p.m.
High school girls: Capital City Classic in Juneau, Alaska: Newport Harbor vs.

Juneau-Douglas, 8 p.m.;
Santiago tournament: Corona del Mar vs. University of Los Angeles (pool play), 8 p.m.;
Costa Mesa Winter Classic: Costa Mesa vs. Westminster (11th-place game), 10:30 a.m.;
Marina-Edison tournament: Estancia vs. opponent, TBA.
Soccer
High school girls - Excalibur tournament at Foothill High: Newport Harbor vs. University (consolation), 8 a.m.; then consolation game, 12:30 p.m.

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On December 10, 2003, the Governing Board of the Coast Community College District of the County of Orange, State of California, in regular session, adopted a Resolution authorizing the solicitation of proposals to be received up to but no later than 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, at the Purchasing Department of the District located at 1370 Adams Avenue, Building D, Costa Mesa, California.

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