

CORONADO'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE



A family enjoys the parade and takes a picture. Staff photos by Madeline Yang.

A family affair

BY JULIETA SOTO
& CORONADO NEWS STAFF
The Coronado News

Red, white and blue enveloped Orange Avenue on July 4 as more than 100,000 locals and visitors convened for Coronado's annual Independence Day extravaganza.

The parade, a parachuting demonstration by the Navy's Leap Frogs, concerts and a fireworks grand finale thrilled the crowds, which oohed and ahhed at each spectacle.

During the parade, one float carried a statue of liberty holding a blinding, golden torch from First Street to Ocean Boulevard – symbolic of the celebration's significance: freedom.

"It just recognizes all the sacrifices that the Navy has made for us over the years," said Mike Boyd about the parade that he presided over, and that he's attended for the past 27 years.

There were plenty of crowd favorites during the parade, including a Tom Cruise impersonator who had a red motorcycle and square-lensed shades, flashing a toothy grin at onlookers.

"I love seeing Tom Cruise!" said Mary Price Boyd of Huntington Beach, who makes an annual pilgrimage to Coronado for the holiday celebration. "The parade is definitely the highlight of the day."

"Dave Szymanski does a great job," Price Boyd said, referring to the parade's president. Szymanski, 55, who has been a part of the parade since he was a young boy, still seemed full of that boyish excitement.

"I've either been in the parade or setting it up" for years, he said.

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Five candidates have announced they're running for city council

With two City Council seats up for grabs at the Nov. 5 election, five candidates have announced their run for these spots.

BY MADELINE YANG,
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The Coronado News

There are two seats up for grabs in this year's City Council election and, as of July 8, five Coronado residents have announced their candidacies.

The next municipal election will be Tuesday, Nov. 5 for those two positions, as well as for the office of mayor.

Three current council members – John Duncan, Mike Donovan and Casey Tanaka – are running for mayor. Donovan and Tanaka leave their council seats vacant, according to Kelsea Holian, the city clerk, while Duncan does not have his seat up for re-election this year. If a vacancy occurs in his absence, the person appointed will hold office for the remaining unexpired term, added Holian.

The five candidates who have announced for council seats are: Andrew Gade, Christine Mott, Laura Wilkinson Sinton, Mark Fleming and Mark Warner.



Andrew Gade.



Christine Mott.



Laura Wilkinson Sinton.



Mark Fleming.



Mark Warner.

Andrew Gade

Gade, 43, moved to Coronado three years ago after settling in San Diego during 2001 to finish his economics degree at San Diego State University.

He bought a store 18 years ago in La Mesa and turned it into a tinting service business which he still works at six days a week, he said.

Gade grew up in Northern California with tough financial conditions, with both his parents being laid off and struggling to find well-paying jobs, or any work, for a while.

He has worked over 13 jobs in more than 11 different fields, starting as a 10-year-old paperboy, according to his website.

Twenty years after his move to Southern California, he realized San Diego was not the city he thought it would be and made the move to Coronado.

"Being in the state of California, a lot of large cities, including San Diego, are in dire financial conditions with infrastructure deficits, budget deficits," Gade said. "So it's extremely refreshing to be in Coronado, in a city that's had good leadership, good governance."

Gade credits the residents as well. He said that the city has so much pride, with locals volunteering

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The real-life Gidget, Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman, is coming to Coronado

Get ready to meet Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman, the inspiration behind books, movies and even a TV show.

BY MADELINE YANG
The Coronado News

It's not really about her, yet it is about her – sort of.

Sixty-seven years ago, Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman was the inspiration for her father's fictional

book about a girl who broke into the men's world of surfing back in the 50s.

A girl named Gidget.

Actress Sandra Dee is probably the figure most people associate with the title, "Gidget," because she played the lead role in a Hollywood film based on the 1957 novel.

But there is a face that is the real life Gidget, and that is Kohner-Zuckerman, who is mak-

ing an appearance in Coronado on July 12 for the Gidget Beach Bash event at the Hotel Del.

"I would share a lot with my dad," Kohner-Zuckerman said about her father, Frederick Kohner. "I think my dad really captured the essence of a young girl or a tween."

Kohner-Zuckerman kept a diary of her early life, including

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Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman and her father, author of the book, 'Gidget', Frederick Kohner circa 1958. Photo provided by Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman.

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this week

15 • monday

The Mystery Book Club, which meets regularly on the third Monday of each month in the Coronado Public Library's Winn Room, will discuss "The Book of Cold Cases" at 2 p.m. Register at [cplevents.org](#).

16 • tuesday

Every third Tuesday evening on the month at 6:30 p.m., at the Coronado Public Library, the San Diego Shakespeare Society holds free open readings of the plays, where all are encouraged to join and participate. On July 16, the staged reading will be of "The Tempest (Part One)."

18 • thursday

Looking to mix up your cooking repertoire and learn to utilize more plant based ingredients? Join Chef Katie Farina at 11 a.m. in the Winn Room of the Coronado Public Library as she demonstrates easy ways to incorporate healthy plant options into your diet. She'll demonstrate three easy to prepare, yet healthy meals so delicious you'll be amazed they are plant based. Register for this event at [cplevents.org](#).

- Strawberry spinach salad with lemon poppyseed dressing and house-made coconut bacon
- BBQ jackfruit sliders with herbed yogurt ranch
- Raw fruit tarts with coconut whipped cream and walnut date crust

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THINGS TO DO

Author T. Jefferson Parker to discuss latest novel, "Desperation Reef"

Coronado News staff

The Friends of the Coronado Public Library, in partnership with Warwicks Bookstore, will host a literary event featuring New York Times bestselling author T. Jefferson Parker.

On July 17 at 11:30 a.m., guests are invited to an exclusive ticketed luncheon in honor of Parker's latest novel, "Desperation Reef," which releases just one day before the event.

This intimate gathering in the Winn Room of the library will feature a discussion on the themes and



T. Jefferson Parker.

inspirations behind "Desperation Reef," and a Q&A will follow the talk.

Tickets for this special event are priced at \$40 and include a lunch and a hardcover copy of "Desperation Reef." All proceeds will directly benefit the Coronado Public Library's free community programs, including lectures, workshops, classes, concerts, and children's activities.

Tickets can be purchased at [cplevents.org](#).

Parker was born in Los Angeles and has lived all his life in Southern California. He was educated in public schools in Orange County, and earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of California, Irvine, in 1976.

His writing career began in 1978, with a job as a cub reporter on the

weekly newspaper, The Newport Ensign. After covering police, city hall and cultural stories for the Ensign, Parker moved on to the Daily Pilot newspaper, where he won three Orange County Press Club awards for his articles.

Parker's first novel, "Laguna Heat," was written on evenings and weekends while he worked as a reporter, and was published to rave reviews and made into an HBO movie starring Harry Hamlin, Jason Robards and Rip Torn. He has written over 28 novels. When not working, Parker spends his time with his family, hiking, fishing, beachcombing and exercising his dogs.

Information courtesy of the Coronado Public Library. Photo provided by the Coronado Public Library, courtesy of [tjeffersonparker.com](#).



Violet.



Banjo.

Photos courtesy of PAWS of Coronado.

PAWS of Coronado

Meet Violet, a beautiful 3-year-old female brown tabby with a heart full of love and a gentle spirit.

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Violet would do best in a home with a younger cat/kitten. If you're looking for a loving and social companion, Violet is the perfect addition to your family!

Meet Banjo, a sweet 5-year-old mixed breed

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Violet and Banjo

male dog who weighs a charming 25 pounds.

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If you're searching for a loving and charismatic friend who will fill your home with warmth and joy, Banjo is the perfect pup for you!

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OUR STORY

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I had recently moved to a golf cart community and purchased a cart of my own, after installing the best and most powerful system available, the concept of installing Solar Panels on golf carts was conceived.

We began spreading the word to our friends who owned electric carts and began installing Solar Panels on their carts in our spare time out of our garage in Oceanside, CA. Due to the publicized acceptance and popularity in Beach Communities of San Diego County, we decided to expand the business even further. Many beach cities have permitted the use of golf carts in 35 mph zones and are expanding Bike Lanes to 7 feet wide to accommodate their use.

So, there you have it. There is more to the story and we would love to discuss it with you while we install your Solar Panels on your cart.

We took the concept of Green Solar Energy and put it to practical use to lessen the carbon footprint.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Richard Stachowicz
Ride All Day Solar Carts
Owner and Coronado Resident



ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

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- State and local utility tax credits
- Rebates

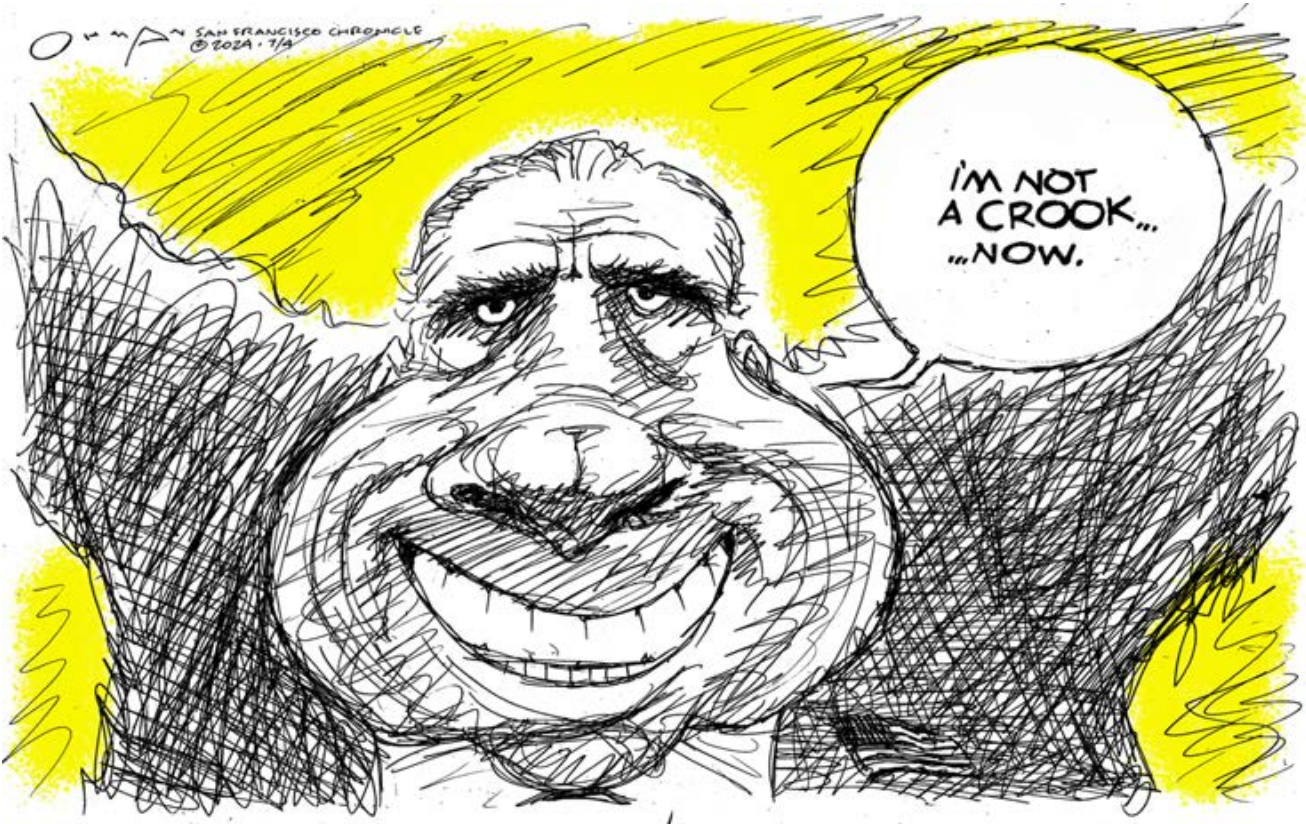
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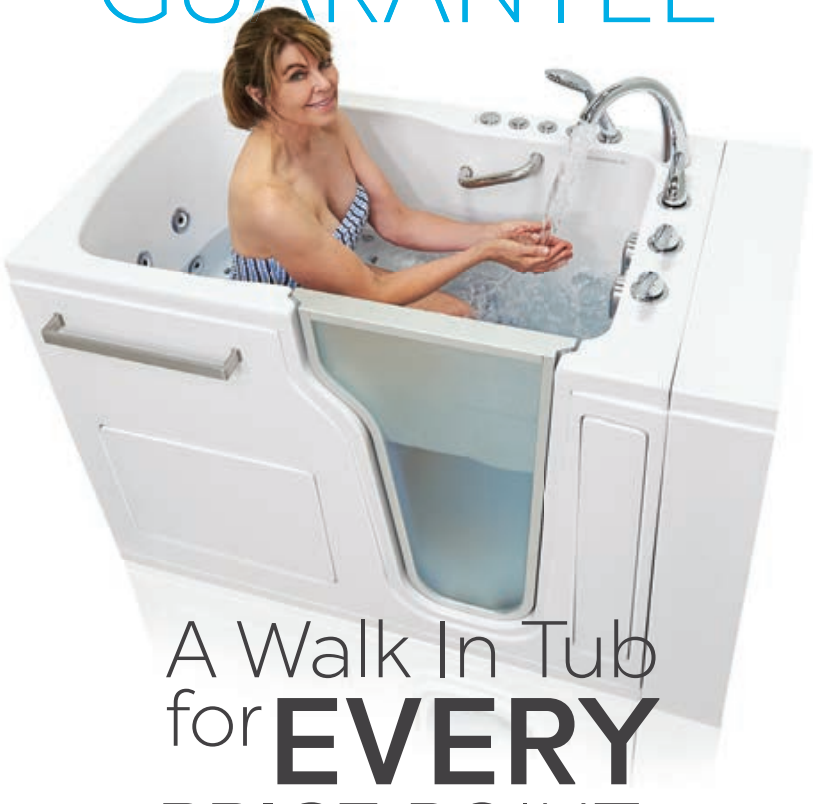
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The 2024 Home Front Decorating Contest winner was Linda and Dave Urich at 640 J Ave. Photo courtesy of Lori Smith of the Coronado Floral Association.

Announcing the grand prize winner of the Home Front Decorating Contest

The grand prize winner of the third annual Home Front Decorating contest: Linda and Dave Urich at 640 J Ave.

Coronado News staff

In honor of the Fourth of July, Coronado homes decorated with the most patriotic flair were celebrated in the third annual Coronado Fourth of July (CFOJ) Home Front Decorating Contest.

This year, the winner of the contest went to Linda and Dave Urich's home at 640 J Ave.

The contest was hosted by CFOJ and the Coronado Floral Association and homes entered were judged based on the creativity, display and placement of decorations as well as overall presentation.

The judging panel was led by Kelly Kindorf and Lori Smith, the Coronado Floral Association's 2024 Home Front Judging

co-chairs and Carrie Downey, the contest coordinator.

There were a total of 48 entries and the grand prize winner and top five homes were recognized.

CFOJ said they appreciate all of the Coronado residents who took the time to decorate their home fronts to share their excitement in celebration of Independence Day.

The top five home front winners:

- **Ivy Bernhardson:** 739 Tolita Ave.
- **Brian and Megan Cooper:** 711 Tolita Ave.
- **Ginger Dodson:** 267 E Ave.
- **Candace and Jeff Tyler:** 1427 5th Street
- **Jude Whitton:** 330 B Ave.

Photos by: Ashley Caitlin Photography

JUST MARRIED

Liberty and Tyler Simmons' love story began in San Diego, CA, leading them to a new adventure in Alexandria, VA. Liberty, an American Military University graduate and U.S Navy Reserve Officer, reports and anchors for DC News Now. Tyler, a U.S. Naval Academy alumnus, serves as a U.S. Marine Corps infantry officer. Their unwavering love endured deployment and relocation, culminating in their marriage on June 13, 2024, at Basilica of Saint Mary, with a reception at Riverside Weddings, surrounded by loved ones. As Liberty and Tyler embark on the voyage of marriage, may their love glorify the Lord.

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The rendering of Blanco Cocina + Cantina is shown in this undated image. Photo courtesy of Fox Restaurant Concepts.

Second location of Blanco Cocina + Cantina to open on July 17

BY ELAINE ALFARO
The Coronado News

A block away from The Henry, a sister brand in the Fox Restaurant Concepts portfolio -- Blanco Cocina + Cantina -- will be opening July 17 to the Coronado community.

“We’ve decided we want to grow our business here in the San Diego area,” founder of Fox Restaurant Concepts, Sam Fox, said. “The Henry has done so well here in Coronado for us that when the building became available in Coronado, we thought that would be an amazing spot for Blanco.”

The menu boasts a wide range of options from the Tucson chimichan-

ga, to tacos, to its specialty cheese crisps. Its cocktails are another large part of its menu, which includes a lineup of margaritas.

The restaurant will also offer some location-specific perks in Coronado, including a to-go window selling burritos and tacos for all beach goers and city strollers. Not to mention, the to-go option is available for margaritas too.

“I’m looking forward to people coming in the door [with] smiles on their faces and coming in and having a margarita, eating good food,” Fox said.

This will be the ninth Blanco restaurant nationally in the Fox family

and its second Blanco establishment in San Diego, according to Fox.

The restaurant company started out of Tucson, Arizona, where the founder grew up immersed in the Sonoran-style of cuisine, about an hour from the Nogales border city.

“I grew up on Sonoran-style Mexican food in Tucson,” Fox said. “Obviously, some of the influences that we have on the menu have been things in my family for a long time.”

Fox said the Fox Restaurant Concepts is located in 16 states. And they have 13 different brands in its portfolio. One of the other brands planted in California is Flower Child in Del Mar.

What made Fox choose Coronado as its next spot was the opportunity to tap into the vibrant community of both locals and tourists.

“I think people love Mexican food, especially when they come to visit,” Fox said. “Between the locals and all the visitors, who doesn’t love margaritas, a little guacamole and chips and salsa? We feel like there’s an opportunity for another Mexican restaurant here, and we’re excited to be part of the community.”

Blanco Cocina + Cantina opens July 17 at 1301 Orange Ave. Lunch and dinner service will be daily Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Coronado Junior Woman’s Club awards scholarships to Coronado grads

The Marilyn Foster Scholarship is given out each year to graduating high school women who plan to use their studies to give back to their community.

BY KYLIE CAPUANO
The Coronado News

The Coronado Junior Woman’s Club (CJWC) awarded their 2024 Marilyn Foster Scholarships to Coronado High School’s recently graduated seniors Chloe Von Koehe, Susanna Pate and Lucia Kenny.

Started 15 years ago, the Marilyn Foster Scholarship honors the legacy of former CJWC member Marilyn Foster. Known for her steadfast dedication to serving the Coronado community, Foster was most recognized for her involvement as a military spouse, her award-winning gardening and her contributions to the CJWC.

The CJWC is a local nonprofit aimed at giving back to organizations and groups that support women and children. Its mission is to unite women to enhance the spirit of Coronado through civic, philanthropic and educational services.

The Marilyn Foster Scholarship awards \$2000 to graduating high school women each year to go toward their college studies.

“We look for recipients who are good representatives of young women from the Coronado community who are going to go out and continue to give back through the degree they’re pursuing and their future plans,” said

CJWC President Cory Stege.

Von Koehe, Pate and Kenny stood out as those young women for the 2024 scholarship.

During Von Koehe’s time at CHS, she was involved in varsity sideline cheer, varsity competition cheer, the National Honor Society, Days for Girls and Leo Club. She will be attending San Diego City College next fall to pursue a career as a long-term care nurse. Inspired by her grandmother, Von Koehe hopes to ease the nursing home job crisis, advocate for patients, improve daily living through personalized and compassionate care and maintain open communication with the families of her patients.

Pate will be attending Cornell University where she will be studying biological life sciences, with plans to go on to medical school to become an orthopedic surgeon. While at CHS, she was the vice president of the associated student body, a member of the National Honor Society, Islander Advisory, an Islander Sports Foundation student representative and the captain of the varsity softball and varsity basketball team.

Her various injuries endured as an athlete inspired her to pursue research in the medical field.

“I hope to contribute to Coronado and the general San Diego community by helping student athletes get back on their feet and doing what they love after injuries, just as the surgeons helped me return to softball,” said Pate.

Kenny will be attending the University of Utah in the fall. A member



The 2024 Marilyn Foster Scholarship recipients receiving their \$2000 check. Photo courtesy of the Coronado Junior Woman's Club.

of the waterpolo and softball teams, Student to Student club, the National Honor Society and the associated student body, Kenny’s story of finding sports as a stabilizing factor throughout her multiple moves as a military child stood out to the women of CJWC. Her hope is to inspire other women in the future to find similar outlets.

“While I plan to use the college experience to refine my career path, I want to teach others the importance of adapting and overcoming life’s events just as I have done time and again,” said Kenny.

The funds for the three \$2000 scholarships were raised from fundraising events throughout the year, such as Taste of Coronado and Double Served, as well as from private donors.

The CJWC plans to continue the Marilyn Foster Scholarship, giving back to the future generations of women in Coronado.

“It’s really rewarding to see how we can support young women working toward their goals,” said Stege. “We hope to continue to pass on year after year to these women because that’s what Marilyn Foster would want.”

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The real-life Gidget, Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman, is coming to Coronado

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visits to the beach in Malibu, her feelings, her crushes. She wanted to write a book, but a diary was as far as she got until she started talking with her father.

She loved the ocean. She loved the waves.

The footprints left in the sand and being erased by people she would see everyday in Malibu fascinated her.

That was what Kohner-Zuckerman wanted to write about.

And that was what her father was able to accomplish through her.

The name Gidget came from a portmanteau of the words ‘girl’ and ‘midget’ because the boys at the beach thought she was short and nicknamed her Gidget.

“[There is] sort of a philosophical content to it, that it isn’t just about finding a girl on the beach or falling in love with a boy on the beach,” Kohner-Zuckerman said. “There’s that third place out there, the waves, the ocean...and then my dad, who is a very successful writer, he said, ‘I’ll write that story for you.’”

The original book was such a hit that it spawned multiple film sequels as well as a 1960s TV show, also titled “Gidget.”

And Kohner-Zuckerman just wanted to surf – maybe with the boy she thought was cute.

Surfing back then was even more heavily dominated by males than it is today.

But Kohner-Zuckerman didn’t care, and her parents supported her love of the beach.

In the final analysis, she said the story was really just about a young woman in love with a board and the waves.

“I was the only girl in my high school that surfed,” Kohner-Zuckerman said.

A girl wrote to her once, “Good luck with your water skiing,” Kohner-Zuckerman said with a laugh.

And back then, surfing wasn’t really a competitive sport, Kohner-Zuckerman explained.

The sport has been around for hundreds of years, but it was something you did on your own, she added.

“There was no surf music, there was no surf clothes,” Kohner-Zuckerman said. Yet, with the entire world telling her she couldn’t, she knew she wanted to do – what she loved. So, like the fictional Gidget, she ig-



Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman's mother, father and her in a family photo in 1945. Photo provided by Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman.

nored naysayers and critics.

Kohner-Zuckerman went to college at Oregon State University, but recalls being different from the girls up north.

She had a poster in her dorm room of a guy surfing a big wave and she had that beachy vibe that some people knew of because of the movie; and here and there she started becoming known as the original Gidget.

Today, at 83 years old, she doesn’t surf anymore, but she is still surrounded by the world she once broke into.

Kohner-Zuckerman has worked at Duke’s Malibu for 20 years – the restaurant is named after surfing legend, Duke Kahanamoku – and said she transfers the Gidget spirit to the present at Duke’s.

“I embrace the surf culture. I embrace the aloha spirit,” Kohner-Zuckerman said. “You can have a love when you’re 19 or 20, but you carry that love or lover with you. And that’s how I feel about the beach and surfing and the fact that people like the Gidget story.”

Gidget will be in Coronado for two events put on by the Coronado Island Film Festival, the Gidget Beach Bash on July 12 and a documentary screening on July 13. She will be answering questions following a showing of the 1959 movie with actress Sandra Dee on the 12th and signing books and participating in a Q&A as well on the 13th following the documentary screening.

Tickets are available online at coronadofilmfest.com/gidget-comes-to-coronado



Amber Boster with her self-published book, "Where Has My Toe Been?" Photo courtesy of Amber Boster.

Coronado resident publishes children’s book “Where Has My Toe Been?”

A children’s book that recaps the adventures of a spirited young girl captures the curiosity of childhood while telling a lesson on cleanliness.

BY KYLIE CAPUANO
The Coronado News

“Where Has My Toe Been?” written and published by Coronado resident Amber Boster, follows the tale of an adventurous little girl named Sam who has a fascination with putting her toes in her mouth, but with the gentle guidance of her mom, she realizes her feet have been on quite the journey.

A children’s book that recaps the adventures of a spirited young girl captures the curiosity of childhood while telling a lesson on hygiene and cleanliness.

Boster, a Navy veteran, was inspired to write her first children’s book after taking inspiration from her own experiences as a mom.

“This book kind of takes the pieces from all three of my kids,” said Boster. “When they were young, they’d sit in front of the TV and actually put their feet in their mouth and I’d tell them, ‘Please stop, you have no idea what you’ve stepped in today.’ A lot of kids do this apparently, I’ve heard from other parents. So I figured, well if a lot of kids do this, maybe it’s a chance for them to actually think about what they did that day.”

Although her kids are now in their 20s, Boster still looks back fondly on the early memories of her and her husband reading to them every night. Her book is intended to pass on those special moments to other families.

“Children’s books are so important because they help you really create those long term memories. It was always really important for us to spend that quality time with the kids in the evening, especially with hectic days,” said Boster. “I thought this could be a chance for me to put something out

“I’m most proud that my kids actually think the book is pretty great... I mean, anybody could say anything about it, but my kids love it and that means the world to me.”

- Amber Boster, author of “Where Has My Toe Been?”

there that gives new parents an opportunity to share some quality time with their kids as well.”

Boster made the move to self-publish the book after letting it sit on her computer desktop for 10 years. Now that it’s finally out there, she hopes readers will be inspired to have similar conversations as Sam and her mom.

“Whether it’s a parent, grandparent, relative, friend – between them and the child, the goal was to have them look back on the day and what the child enjoys, while also creating excitement for what could be tomorrow’s next adventure together,” said Boster.

As a mom who is long past the days of reading to her kids, Boster is happy to have published something they can still appreciate.

“I’m most proud that my kids actually think the book is pretty great,” said Boster. “I mean, anybody could say anything about it, but my kids love it and that means the world to me.”

“Where Has My Toe Been?” is available for purchase on Amazon.



Kathleen D. Fahey

December 19, 1951 – June 23, 2024

Oh My Goodness! Look who's in Heaven now

Kathleen D Fahey, born Dec. 19, 1951 and earned her wings as an Angel on June 23, 2024, by being kind to all, a true and loyal friend to many.

Sharing joy and love with her family and just making this world a better place.

She is now a guardian angel, watching lovingly over all of us. She will always be remembered and loved by her husband Kurt Baron, brothers James, Michael (and wife Susie) and John Fahey and brother-in-law Jack Kolehouse and her many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

We know God is smiling as she's painting His canvas in heaven.

Celebration of Life to be held at Miramar National Cemetery, July 16th, 2024, at 11am.

CORONADO

The 75th Fourth of July parade

Here is this year's Fourth of July parade in photos if you missed it!

Photos by Madeline Yang, The Coronado News.



Grand Marshal Vice Admiral Dan “Undra” Cheever.



There were many equestrian entrants in the parade.



Carlyne Albee in her 52nd year being in the parade.



Onlookers and their furry friends.



Children in the streets during the parade.



A military float comes down the parade route.



Retired marines walked the parade.



Congressman Scott Peters.



Council member Casey Tanaka.



Mayor Richard Bailey.



Council member Carrie Anne Downey.



The parade route.

Coronado's Fourth of July parade: A family affair

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According to Szymanski, parade organizers, spectators and participants all collaborate for what translates to a family tradition for many.

George Smith, 73, said he and his son are ready to assist the float entrants at 6 a.m. sharp.

“My favorite part is getting it organized and ready to go,” said Smith. “It just goes by. I’ve never sat down and seen a parade.”

Smith said he has a chart to organize the 137 entrants he directs as they turn the corner on Orange Avenue and First Street before proceeding on a 45-minute cruise towards the Hotel Del, a few blocks away from where the parade concludes.

“It’s good to see the community

come out and support,” added Smith about the 125 volunteers and organizing committee.

George’s son, Scott Smith, 29, said he got involved with Coronado’s festivities at the age of 13.

“It’s been something special that I’ve been able to do no matter if I’m in school, if I start a new job, if I’m out of town,” added Scott. “It’s something I’ve always tried to get off or make time for. It’s something super important to me and our family.”

For the Matson family and equestrian team, Coronado’s parade is also a family affair.

Hours before the parade, Amelia Elizabeth Jackson, 19, was working on the mane rolls and tail buns of two horses—Chewie, an 18-year-old Clydesdale, and Jaymes, a 14-year-old

Belgian.

“I love braiding and grooming the horses. It is my favorite thing,” said Jackson about the two-toned red and white ribbons she wove into Chewie’s jet black hair while using a tall step ladder.

“Preparing these guys does take a lot of work and time and really these horses do love it though,” added Jackson. “I’m constantly working to improve my braiding; I’m a perfectionist.”

The Jacksons traveled from Temecula to Coronado at 4 a.m. on the morning of the parade with 9-year-old Annabelle Patricia Matson, who works on decorating the horses’ feathers – long hairs that grow by the horse’s hooves – with cornstarch.

According to Annabelle, Chewie and Jaymes hover at about 19 hands—

or over 6-feet tall.

This year, the Matsons paraded down Orange Avenue behind the Temecula Carriage Company horse carriage that transported Vice Admiral Dan Cheever, the Coronado Fourth of July grand marshal and commander of the U.S. Naval Air Forces.

“This is exciting,” said Cheever about his fourth parade in Coronado, and the very first time participating in the parade inside a horse carriage.

Cheever said the people and the hometown feel are his favorite aspects of the parade.

“I mean it’s the best Fourth of July parade ever,” Cheever said. “[I’m] just proud of our military members that are deployed during the Fourth of July away from their families, so proud of them.”

Five candidates have announced they’re running for city council

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and doing community service.

He wants to live the rest of his life in Coronado, and he feels that by running for local office, he can help protect what he holds dear in town while maintaining the relationship between city government and residents.

Gade is on the Fourth of July board and the Mobility Commission; he is a member of the Coronado Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Coronado.

Most importantly, Gade joked, he’s also a member of the Coronado Beer Club.

“I think, in order to run for office in Coronado, being a member of the Beer Club should be a prerequisite,” he said, laughing.

This is not the first time Gade has felt the need to get involved in local government.

Mott said she and a group of community leaders sued the city to stop the removal of the pine trees adjacent to the Lawn Bowling Green, which, according to city officials, contributed to fungus growing on the lawn’s surface. The lawsuit succeeded and the trees remain.

She said the issue (or controversy) triggered a greater interest in local government.

On her website, Mott describes herself as a 15-year advocate for people, animals and the environment. During that time she has worked as a Wall Street lawyer, an animal-rights advocate, a real estate industry lobbyist and a children’s book author.

“I have a background in law, business, legislative affairs and public interest and I am ready to use my experience to serve the community of Coronado,” reads Mott’s statement.

Mott is focused on environmental protection, public safety, community infrastructure and crisis readiness, as well as accountability and accessibility of local government.

That includes the sewage pollution in local beaches; developing a city sustainability department; instituting local regulations that require licensing, training and insurance for e-bikes; natural disasters preparedness and undergrounding power lines, Mott said in her statement.

on the science of resiliency and what cities must do to prevail into the future.

“I can use the same advocacy skill sets that are already working to help the community to make it better and move it forward,” said Sinton.

Sinton’s background includes a professional career in media, broadcast and managing large and small businesses.

According to her LinkedIn site, she served as vice president and sales director at CBS radio in Atlanta.

She is also the founder of Caligrown, a marijuana company, which the Union-Tribune reported sued Chula Vista earlier this year after the city rejected cannabis licensing applications.

Her LinkedIn page also said she founded a small business, Acme Inventions LLC, and invented a recyclable kitchen tape.

Sinton has served on the board of the South County Economic Development Council and the Coronado Climate Action Group. She volunteers with Coronado neighbors at Third Avenue Charitable Organization (TACO), is a member of Emerald Keepers, and volunteers as a master composter across the community.

provements to the stormwater system and public safety. Another priority for Fleming is for the city to take an active role in regional government agencies including the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the California Coastal Commission and the U.S. Navy.

Fleming said he appreciates the work that the City Council did to come up with a reasonable plan for affordable housing, but the issue will come back.

“We need to be actively involved with outside agencies such as SANDAG and not be passive about it, but actually be plugged in and actively involved so... they know they’re going to get pushback if they try to force something on Coronado that really doesn’t make sense,” Fleming said.

Mark Warner

Warner, 66, has been a resident of Coronado for 25 years.

Over that time, Warner said, he has been amazed at the generosity and gratitude of the people in the town.

“I think it’s important to realize that we are standing on the shoulders of people’s efforts, both people who are alive now and in the past,” Warner said. “Going forward, I think it’s important and incumbent upon us, as leadership and all citizens of Coronado, to keep it going and pass it on so that our children, grandchildren and future generations can experience what is an amazing community.”

At 13 years old, Warner said, he knew he wanted to go into real estate. And he accomplished that on multiple levels.

In 2011, he made an attempt to run for mayor of San Diego.

“That was just an idea of how to run for office. Didn’t make it on the ballot, but I learned a good amount at the time,” Gade explained. He said that less than 200 of his nominating signatures came back valid.

Gade then ran for City Council in San Diego’s District 9 in 2020 – his first full campaign, and came in 4th out of seven candidates.

He said running in San Diego is a completely different animal than Coronado, but it taught him the basics.

The sewage crisis is one of the issues Gade wants to work on as a council member, and so is the infrastructure affecting the pump station.

The January storm showed Coronado the hard way what needed to be done, Gade said, and it’s something he would prioritize as a council member.

“Raising two daughters, I want to see women more engaged in our community as leaders,” Mott wrote. “Today women are woefully underrepresented on our City Council...and I believe it’s high time to change that!”

To learn more about Mott, visit <http://www.christinemott.com/>.

Laura Wilkinson Sinton

Laura Wilkinson Sinton, who grew up in Pasadena, said she remembers visiting the Hotel Del and local beaches with her best friend, who lived in Coronado. Now, as a town resident, she frequents those same beaches, and helped launch a protest movement to protect them.

In 2023, Sinton co-founded Stop the Sewage.org, a nonprofit focused on educating and advocating for Coronado and the South Bay beaches amid a centuries-long cross-border sewage pollution crisis.

The group was a recipient of a 2023 Environmental Hero Award for its work that included establishing and assisting Coronado High School’s (CHS) Stop the Sewage Club.

Sinton, 66, who has owned a home in the Coronado Cays since 1999, said her campaign will focus on three main issues: the sewage crisis, e-bike safety, and prudent spending of taxpayer dollars to improve municipal infrastructure that failed during flooding in January.

Sinton said she hopes Stop the Sewage, which exists to fight the sewage crisis, can be dissolved as quickly as possible.

“How long should our beaches be closed and dangerous to our populations?” she asked.

Sinton said Coronado deserves fresh perspectives.

“This is a unique community in many ways,” she added. “To preserve the great qualities of Coronado while planning for the future requires engagement.”

With a master’s degree in sustainability leadership from the College of Global Futures at Arizona State University, Sinton said she has experience

Fleming, 66, grew up in a small town in South Dakota with only 900 people. He said that he and his wife, who also grew up in a small town, fell in love with the similar community charm of Coronado.

They got engaged at the Hotel Del in 2008 and decided to establish roots in the community after visiting for years.

Fleming is involved in the Rotary Club and the Coronado Yacht Club and decided to run for City Council to give back to the community, especially after entering retirement.

“I love Coronado,” Fleming said. “I believe that, overall, our current leadership... has done a good job, and I want to see that direction continue.”

Fleming, who retired in 2019, previously owned and operated two businesses with over 800 employees— a large commercial electrical contracting company called Corbins and a technology and innovation company that provides services to the construction industry, NOX innovations.

“I’m very focused on being fiscally responsible,” Fleming said. “That comes from my root of owning and managing businesses. I’ve always had to balance the budget...and be responsible for the costs.”

Mark Fleming

Fleming said Coronado is currently in a pretty good financial position with excess funds. However, with a lot of expenditures coming up, he said, it is important to be careful not to end up in a deficit.

One topic he’s watching is the Cays Park Master Plan, a long-range vision for renovations at the Coronado Cays Park.

“There are some taxpayer dollars that are going to end up needing to be spent down there, but I don’t think we need to spend \$40 million,” Fleming said.

In addition to the master plan, Fleming is focused on the sewage crisis, im-

Christine Mott

Christine Mott, said she is running for City Council to support and protect Coronado’s unique coastal community.

“I am motivated to preserve the unique qualities of Coronado so our kids and future generations can continue to enjoy this special place,” wrote Mott in her campaign statement.

Mott, 42, said she and her family have lived in Coronado for nearly five years and reside in the Country Club Estates neighborhood.

She is on the board of the Coronado Floral Association and a member of the parent organization at Christ Church Day School. She said she also has supported the Coronado Junior Woman’s Club, PAWS of Coronado, Emerald Keepers, the Coronado Historical Association and Coronado Soptimists.

NAVY

The U.S. Navy Parachute Team performs down-plane maneuver at Coronado’s Fourth

Coronado News staff

The U.S. Navy Parachute Team, the “Leap Frogs” performed a down-plane maneuver for the spectators on the Coronado Golf Course for the 4th of July celebration.

The 11-member team currently serves active-duty in a variety of rates — or jobs — within Naval Special Warfare, which is located on Naval Amphibious Base Coronado.

According to Lt. Nick Obletz, the officer-in-charge of the Leap Frogs, the team travels around the country to perform in 30-40 events per year, but their annual jump in Coronado on the 4th of July is one they especially enjoy.

“Our homebase [is] just across over there at the amphibious base, so we drive past it every day,” Obletz said. “It’s been a longtime tradition of the team to participate in this event in Coronado, just because of the amount of support we receive from the local community.”

Obletz said the team’s specializes in maneuvers, which spectators could witness when members interlocked their legs as they came in close to the ground.

The demonstration can be viewed on instagram @navyparachute team.



Members of the U.S. Navy Parachute Team, the “Leap Frogs”, perform a down-plane maneuver during Coronado’s July 4th celebration, July 4, 2024. U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Eric Chan.



The U.S. Navy Parachute Team, the “Leap Frogs”, perform a jump demonstration during Coronado’s July 4th celebration, July 4, 2024. The Leap Frogs are the official parachute demonstration team of the United States Navy and are part of the Naval Special Warfare Command. The Leap Frogs Navy Parachute Team are made up of active-duty Navy SEALs, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and support personnel. U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Eric Chan.

Submarine Squadron 11 conducts fleet interoperability training off Pacific coast

DVIDS

West Coast-based Naval Special Warfare (NSW) operators participated in fleet interoperability training off the coast of Southern California on June 24, focusing on increasing war-fighting capabilities.

The training involved the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Greenville, assigned to Commander Submarine Squadron 11, which is based in Point Loma, San Diego.

“This training opportunity provided the submarine warfighters aboard USS Greenville the opportunity to practice a unique capability,” said Capt. Kenneth Douglas, Commander, Submarine Squadron 11. “Expanding joint interoperability capabilities effectively demonstrates our asymmetric advantage on and under the world’s oceans and I look forward to continued training events with our Naval Special Warfare operators.”

During the training, NSW operators performed a military freefall and conducted an airborne drop of combat rubber raiding crafts off the coast of Southern California.

Following this, the NSW operators rendezvoused with Greenville at a designated location before returning to shore.

CSS-11 is home to five Los Angeles-class fast attack submarines, which are capable of supporting various missions including: anti-submarine warfare; anti-ship warfare; strike warfare; and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.



West Coast-based Naval Special Warfare (NSW) operators assemble a combatant rubber raiding craft near the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Greenville (SSN 772) during fleet interoperability training in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. NSW is the nation’s elite maritime special operations force, uniquely positioned to extend the Fleet’s reach and gain and maintain access for the Joint Force in competition and conflict. Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Alex Smedegard.

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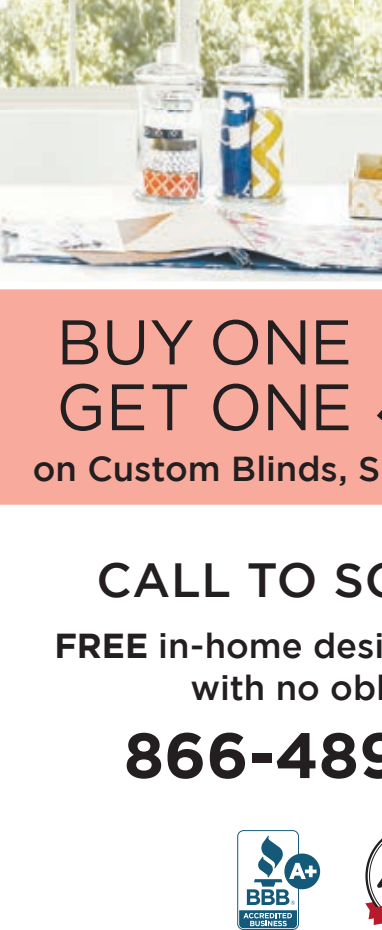
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SPORTS



The 51st annual Crown City Classic took place bright and early on July 4 with participants decked out in red, white and blue. Photo courtesy of *rwbmultimedia*.

The 51st annual Crown City Classic

Coronado News staff

Bright and early on July 4, runners participated in the Crown City Classic 12K and 5K along Coronado Bay. Jess McClain, who finished fourth at the 2024 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials in February, won third place overall for the 12K event—first place for the women’s division. Last year, McClain competed in the Crown City Classic as well and finished first place overall, finishing above all of the

men and women. A few days before the Independence Day race on June 29, McClain competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials for the track and field 10,000-meter race. She will be the first alternate for both the marathon and 10,000-meter events in this summer’s Paris Olympics. The first place finisher for the 2024 Crown City Classic was Julian Diehr, followed by Patrick Hutton and then McClain. Tim Hendricks got first place in the 5K event.

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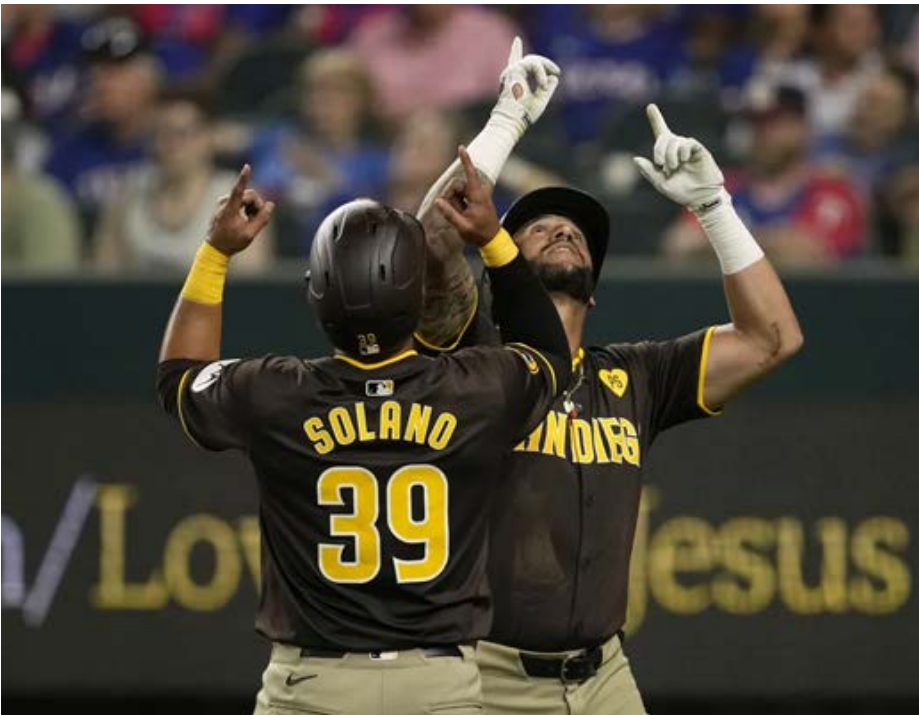
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San Diego Padres' Donovan Solano (39) and David Peralta, right, celebrate Peralta's two-run home run that also scored Solano in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers Wednesday, July 3, 2024 in Arlington, Texas. AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez.

David Peralta hits 1st homer of the season

Associated Press

David Peralta is just filling in for All-Star right fielder Fernando Tatis Jr., and the 36-year-old veteran knows it.

Just one more reason to savor the biggest moment of his season with San Diego.

Peralta hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning for his first of the season in the Padres' 6-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on July 3.

The 427-foot drive into the Texas bullpen in right-center field helped give the Padres their 10th win in 13 games. San Diego ended the Rangers' three-game home shutout streak on Manny Machado's two-run shot in

the third.

Tatis hasn't played since June 21 because of a stress reaction in his right thigh bone and may be sidelined past the All-Star break.

Enter Peralta, who started the season in the Chicago Cubs' minor league system and started his stint with the Padres the same way before joining the big league club in May.

The 118th homer of his career was his first since last July 8 for the Los Angeles Dodgers against the cross-town rival Angels.

"Big relief," said Peralta, who is hitting .210. "It's just this moment, being working so hard every single day to help the team to do something. And finally, I did something good for the team."

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The 1st All-Star nod for Padres' Profar has a Texas flair, 12 years after his debut with Rangers

Jurickson Profar never thought he had the chance to show the Texas Rangers and their fans the player he thought he could be.

Profar was named a starting outfielder for the National League on July 3 in the middle of the Padres' three-game series at the home of his original team.

It's been nearly 12 years since Profar made his major league debut for the Rangers as a 19-year-old who was among the top prospects in baseball.

The native of Curacao was coming off his best season in 2018 when Texas sent him to the Oakland Athletics as part of a three-team trade.

A year later, the A's traded him to San Diego, and now he's on his second stint with the Padres and hitting .314, nearly 70 points higher than his career average.

His 11 homers give Profar a chance to reach his career best of 20 from back-to-back seasons — his final one with the Rangers and his only one with the A's in 2019.

"It's going to be very, very special, especially (since) I never really got a chance to really play here," Profar said. "I got injured, missed two years of baseball. And then when I came back, I didn't play much."



The trade came after he finally did have a season with at least 500 at-bats. He'd never had more than 286 before 2018. Still, there aren't any hard feelings toward the franchise that signed Profar when he was 16.

"I have a really, really good relationship with a lot of people there, from coaching staff, clubhouse guys that always loved me," said Profar, now a bearded 31-year-old playing on a \$1

Profar was a shortstop when he was a top prospect for the Rangers but ended up as a utilityman, in part because of the shoulder issues that were part of his injury history.

He played second base for Oakland but has been mostly an outfielder — and usually in left — with the Padres, where he has had his most consistent years.

"I don't know the right word for it, but it's got to be special for him," Padres manager Mike Shildt said. "You make the All-Star team, which clearly this guy is as deserving as anybody in the league. For it to come back to being a place that I know was special to him here in Texas, I know it means a lot to him."

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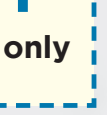
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