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TEACHER'S AIDE April Lancaster, left, guides senior Kevin Luu, 18, in measuring coffee creamer as they fill orders at Ocean View High School on Friday morning. Students are responsible for all parts of the operation, including collecting \$1 for each order and cleaning the equipment.



IDEAS STUDENTS Alex Wright, center, and Hong Lai head out to deliver coffee orders to classrooms.

C.M. mayor highlights progress in State of the City address

BY SARA CARDINE

Speaking before 250 people assembled Friday in a ballroom of the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, Mayor John Stephens found himself rushing through a five-page list of the city's recent accomplishments.

Breaking down the past year of civic achievements into the broad categories of public safety, homelessness, business, education and community, the mayor at one point acknowledged he was getting a gesture from city staff to wrap things up.

"No more clapping," he joked

at one point. "No clapping, no laughing, no fun — we're going to get through this stuff."

But levity aside, there was much to convey at the annual State of the City luncheon, an annual event presented by the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce during which mayors reflect on the happenings at City Hall, in the business community and beyond.

Sticking to the theme of this year's talk, "Investing in Progress," Stephens provided highlights of recent developments,

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COSTA MESA police investigate a fatal collision Friday near the intersection of Newport Boulevard and 17th Street, where a vehicle crashed into a culvert and became engulfed in flames, trapping the driver inside.

Motorist dies in fiery crash in C.M.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa police are investigating a fatal crash that took place Friday morning near the intersection of Newport Boulevard and 17th Street, where a vehicle crashed into a drainage ditch and became engulfed in flames, trapping the driver inside.

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Chris Coates said a call came into the department at 5:21 a.m. as a possible grass fire just south of the intersection on Newport Boulevard, after a passerby saw flames near a culvert.

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AN ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF collects items from the wreckage of a fatal collision Friday on Newport Boulevard.

ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



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AROUND TOWN



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A RECEPTION hosted by Ted and Rae Segerstrom at the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center is part of a fundraiser for pediatric cancer research on Monday.

Culinary Creations and Classic Cars fundraiser planned Monday for pediatric cancer research

The National Pediatric Cancer Foundation is hosting on Monday a two-part Culinary Creations and Classic Cars event in Irvine to benefit pediatric cancer research. Celebrity chef and the foundation's culinary ambassador, Katie Chin, will co-host the event with Ted and Rae Segerstrom.

Chin will lead a cooking demonstration at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Middelby Residential Showcase Gallery, 18650 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 105, Irvine. Following the afternoon event, the Segerstroms will host a reception from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Segerstrom Shelby Event Center, 5 Whatney, also in Irvine.

Tickets for both events can be purchased online at nationalpcf.org.

Donald Dungan Friends of the Libraries Bookstore hosts book sale Saturday

Book lovers of all ages are invited to come Saturday, Oct. 1, to Costa Mesa's Donald Dungan Library, where the site's Friends of the Libraries Bookstore will be hosting a storewide fall book sale from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m.

All books will be discounted, and shoppers can peruse a table where titles will be offered at the price of four for \$1. Adult fiction, nonfiction, bestsellers, coffee table books and children's books will be priced at 50% off. Specialty books will also be offered at generous discounts.

The Donald Dungan Friends of the Libraries Bookstore is on the first floor of the library, 1855 Park Ave., in Costa Mesa. The bookstore is open Mondays through Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more details, call (949) 646-8845 or email friendsclibraries@att.net.

Sustainability Summit Wednesday at OCC's Planetarium

County Supervisor Katrina Foley is hosting a Sustainability Summit with Orange Coast College on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the OCC Planetarium, 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa.

During panel discussions local elected officials and climate experts will focus on the effects of climate change on Orange County and explore ways to protect the coastline, homes and coastal economy.

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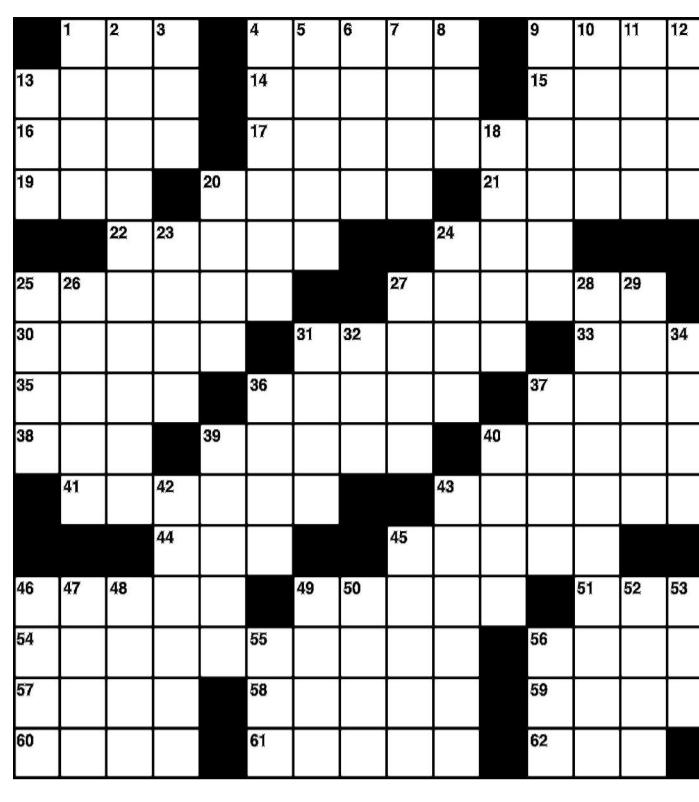
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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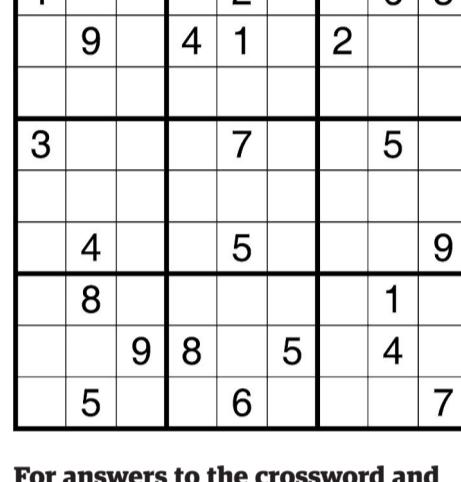
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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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26 __ with; handled, as a

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27 Talon

28 Like a weedy garden

29 Barking animals

31 Sharpen

32 Part of a needle

34 Cedar or cypress

36 Jambalaya ingredient

37 Pierce

39 Derisive smile

40 Dick and Jane's dog

42 Mother Superior

43 Diagonals

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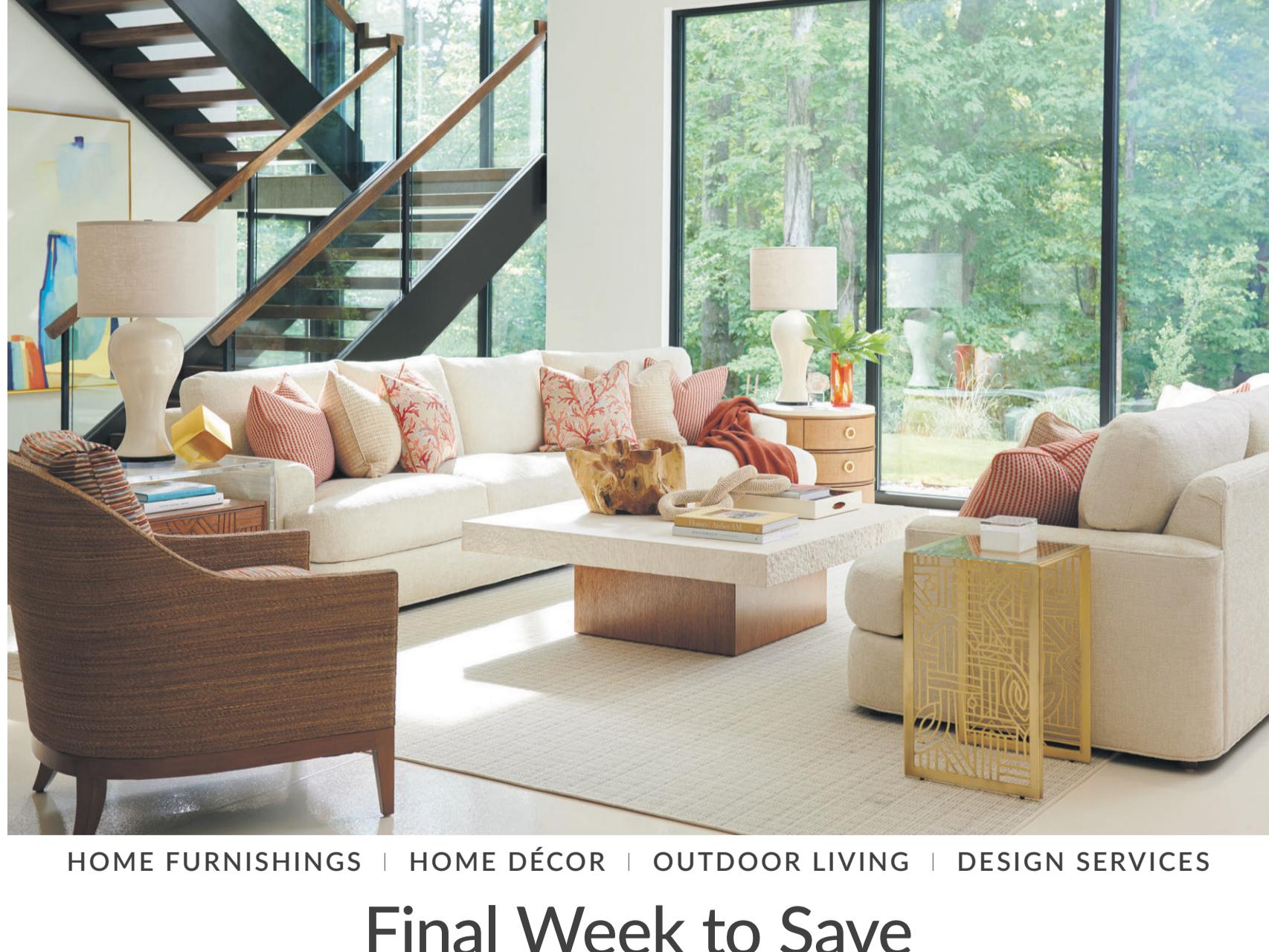
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A year in the making, More Than Pink Walk makes return at Fashion Island

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Susan G. Komen Orange County More Than Pink Walk is hitting Fashion Island in person this Sunday — a return to form for the fundraising event that was held virtually during the height of the pandemic.

"This is really a year in the making. We were planning to come back and we're so grateful to our longtime partner, Pacific Life, for hosting the walk for its 31st year," said Megan Klink, regional vice president for the nonprofit. "We have been planning with the support of a volunteer planning committee ... and making sure that we bring this back in a way that truly honors this community."

Klink said the organization expects a turnout of about 4,000 people on Sunday. It's hoped \$550,000 will be raised to be put toward breast cancer screening, diagnostics and patient navigation services. As of Thursday almost \$500,000 had been raised, according to Klink.

The walk will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday with a "pathway of hope" parade to begin roughly 30 minutes before that.

"For such a long time, we were all impacted by the isolation and the separation of the pandemic, and we needed to do that to protect our health. And yet there was something missing," Klink said. "In particu-



Susan Hoffman

WALKERS STOPPED to take selfies at the Susan G. Komen Orange County More Than Pink Walk held in 2019.

lar, for the [Orange County] breast health community, this has been something that is looked forward to every single year.

"The hugs, the tears, the love, the connection and understanding that you are not in it alone and that we are all here to come around one another ... no matter where they're at in their journey."

Two-time breast cancer survivor and walk chair Anneliese Fong agreed.

Fong, a Mission Viejo

resident, said she'd participated in the walk a handful of times before her own diagnosis to support her mother, who is also a survivor. But the first time she'd taken the walk as a survivor was in 2013. She said she'd only just gotten a double mastectomy a few weeks prior.

"I had a little back sign on that people can write who they're walking in honor of or in memory of. I wrote on mine: 'Me, six weeks.' When we were do-

ing the opening ceremony and I was sitting on the stairs with all these other inspirational people that have battled the disease before me, a woman tapped me on the shoulder and said: 'Has it really only been six weeks for you?' I said, 'Yeah,' and she said, 'Don't worry; it gets better.'

"It brought tears to my eyes. I needed that. I didn't know how much I needed that because I had such amazing friends, family and my husband, but to

hear it from someone close to my age who had been through it already; I can't put into words how much that meant to me."

Fullerton resident Phil Markert, director of liquor for Albertsons Cos., said he's walking in the memory of his mother-in-law, Kathleen Ward, and friends that have also been affected by the disease.

"I'm doing this for my wife, my daughters, and then my new granddaughter, Chloé, and the future

generation of women where they may live in a world without this terrible disease of breast cancer," Markert said.

Markert, with help from the women's network at Albertsons, Vons and Pavilion, has raised almost \$80,000 for this year's campaign. He said he wanted to leverage what influence he had to help make an impact. He started fundraising for the effort on LinkedIn in June.

He said he heard primarily from women he'd never met before, oftentimes those in executive positions who thanked him for using his own standing to bring awareness to the cancer.

The network's leadership team will be attending alongside Markert, according to Courtney Carranza, director of their communications and public affairs.

Fong said cancer treatment can at times be a very lonely experience but that there is strength in numbers.

"The pandemic was not easy on anybody and especially on those who were diagnosed with or had to go through treatment during it," said Fong. "To just be able to all get together again safely and walk together, it's going to do all our hearts a lot of good."

To register for the event visit komen.org/orange-countywalk.

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AROUND

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The public is invited to attend. A box lunch will be provided by the college's culinary arts students. Space is limited, so registration is required. Visit d2.ocgov.com/

sustainability to reserve a seat.

Hyundai Hope on Wheels 5K and Color Fun Run planned

The Hyundai Hope on Wheels 5K and Color Fun Run is coming to Fountain Valley Sports Park,

16400 Brookhurst St., this weekend.

The 5K run and walk will begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday, with the Color Fun Run to follow at 9 a.m. Participants can sign up for one event for \$25 or both events for \$30. There is also a virtual option to participate in the 5K for \$15.

A pre-race packet pickup party

will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday. The El Mas Chingon food truck will serve tacos. There will also be music and games on site, as well as inflatables for the kids.

Registration is available at Saturday's bib pickup event on the morning of the race or online at runsignup.com.

The proceeds will benefit Hyundai Hope on Wheels, which supports pediatric cancer research, and nonprofit organizations in the community.

Event organizers have also said that the school with the most people registered will win a free movie night.

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MAYOR JOHN STEPHENS addresses the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce during the annual State of the City luncheon.

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partnerships and commitments that have been made for the benefit of the public.

He shared how the city acquired state funding through Project Homekey to transition an aging Motel 6 into 88 units of permanent supportive housing for seniors, veterans and at-risk individuals and described an effort with state officials to determine an effective use for the 114-acre state-owned Fairview Developmental Center that could also include housing.

"We received \$3.5 million to help us decide what goes [there], and we will need feedback from the community," he said.

Stephens pointed out achievements in public safety, including the hiring of eight police officers

and 13 new fire department personnel. Officials are currently considering automatic license plate recognition cameras that will check the license plates of cars in key areas in search of numbers flagged by police jurisdictions, and they are eyeing software that will allow first responders to hear 911 calls live when en route to calls.

The mayor listed an entire calendar of dedications, ribbon-cutting ceremonies and improvements made at city-owned properties, including the installation of two pickleball courts at Tanger Park and an instrument play area outside the Donald Dungan Library.

With breakneck speed, Stephens touched on recently granted retail cannabis use permits, recognition of the city's Michelin star-rated restaurants, the opening of a 432,000-square-

foot headquarters for defense contractor Anduril and the efforts of volunteers doing good deeds as part of "Love Costa Mesa," a community-wide day of service.

He listed the city's core values, homing in on inclusiveness. He recalled how a group of monolingual Spanish-speaking residents came to a recent City Council meeting to express their concerns about rising rental costs and got answers and assistance via translation devices and directly from council members who spoke Spanish.

"It wasn't always like that in the city of Costa Mesa," he said. "But it's a new day with a new council — we're Costa Mesa for everybody. And together, we're going to continue to make progress."

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BREW

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equipment. Two students in her Ocean Brew second-period class go around with the coffee cart each Wednesday and Friday, on a rotating basis. Meanwhile, the other students clean the equipment before heading to the store to buy supplies.

"I wanted them to just get out and learn," said Gillett, who also serves as the Huntington Beach Union High School District liaison for the Unified Sports program. "I'm not a book person, I'm not an in-the-classroom lecturer. I wanted them to do something, get out and sell something."

Gillett said she looked at Able Coffee, a local coffee shop that employs people with autism, and thought, "We can do that."

A form is sent out so teachers can place their orders in advance. Other Ocean View teachers are part of the "coffee club" and have already paid for a year's worth of coffee in advance.

Though orders are taken for only staff, not students, there are exceptions. John Volo, an Ocean View Business Academy instructor, likes to order three coffees and give them out to students.

On Friday, Volo was complimentary to the two Ocean View delivery students, senior Alex Wright and sophomore Hung Lai, who went around campus with instructional aide April Lancaster.

"First day ever doing it?" Volo said with a smile as he took the drinks. "You guys already seem like pros."

In reality, Lancaster had to remind them to put a sleeve — stamped with an Ocean Brew logo — on the cup first, for example, so they didn't get burned. But the delivery session, which was over by 9:30 a.m., mostly went off without a hitch.



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TEACHER COURTNEY GILLETT, center, gets senior Hazel Pena started with the coffee machine as they fill orders Friday. The students go around campus twice a week delivering coffee to teachers that order them.

is taking a trip to the district office and selling coffee to staff there.

"These kids can now go to Starbucks," Gillett said. "They can say, I can be a barista. I know how to make coffee. I know how to follow directions. I know how to clean up."

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ADOPTION OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1676**
TO ENACT NEW REGULATIONS FOR USE OF CITY PARKS AND BEACHES

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1676 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 25.05.040(B)(1), 25.05.040(B)(2) AND 25.15.004(A)(7) RELATING TO FUEL MODIFICATION PROGRAMS AND FIRE SAFETY, AS MODIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION" was introduced at the City Council meeting of September 20, 2022, and is scheduled to be adopted on October 4, 2022, on the following 5-0 vote: AYES: Blake, Iseman, Weiss, Whalen, Kempf; NOES: None; ABSENT: None. Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

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Escrow No. 22-38689-IP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: NAKASAN INC., 688 BAKER STREET STE. 7, COSTA MESA, CA 92626 Doing business as SAKANAYA

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teers for the department, Costa Mesa Police spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said. The program accepts about 20 people a year, she said, and all of them wind up showing up to each and every session.

"I think the most memorable moment for them is going out on a ride-along and being with a real officer, getting to sit in the seat and see what we really do day to day," LaPointe said. "Because they are kind of

shocked. They are kind of surprised at the calls that we go on. There's no call too small in Costa Mesa ... we can have a neighbor dispute, a barking dog, or some big emergency, and we're going to go out there and try to make people's day just a little bit better."

LaPointe has been involved with the academy since 2008 and said it is one of the department's most popular events. It had been placed on hiatus due to staffing issues but came back four years ago.

The academy is not a one-sided learning experience.

LaPointe said. It is also a way for the police department to connect, face to face, with the people who live and work in Costa Mesa.

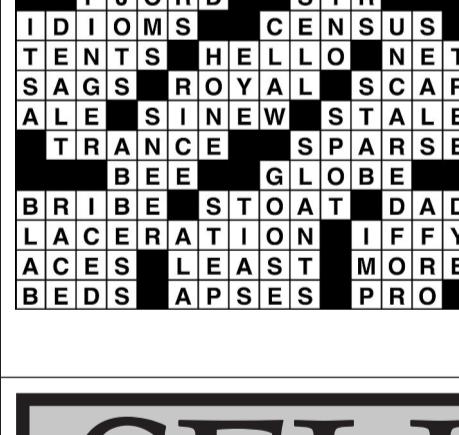
"It's an opportunity to listen to the community and find out what their needs are, what their wants of the police department are, what customer service they expect," LaPointe said.

"If you don't know what is expected then you can't provide that service for them."

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Newport Harbor upsets Huntington Beach

BY ANDREW TURNER

The girls' volleyball competition in the Sunset Conference is tough enough, but when coupled with the abbreviated six-game slate in league play, each match carries great weight.

Less than two weeks removed from a straight-sets defeat at the hands of Huntington Beach High in the Dave Mohs Tournament, Newport Harbor found itself in the unenviable position of facing the Oilers again on the road, this time to stay in contention for the Surf League crown.

Anabel Kotzakov had a match-high 26 kills, as the Sailors earned a 17-25, 26-24, 25-18, 25-21 victory on Thursday to forge a three-way tie atop the Surf League through the first half of league play.

"We came in knowing that we had to win because if we didn't, we would have either been third or last in league, so we knew we had to win," said Kotzakov, who added 11 digs, three service aces and three blocks. "We were honestly a little bit nervous at first because they did beat us in a tournament, but it's OK because



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

NEWPORT HARBOR celebrates after beating Huntington Beach in a Surf League match on Thursday in Huntington Beach.

we pulled through. We played really well, and we crushed them in four [sets]."

Newport Harbor (11-4, 2-1) pulled into a deadlock with Huntington Beach (22-3, 2-1) — ranked seventh in the CIF South-

ern Section Division 1 and 2 combined poll — and Los Alamitos (19-6, 2-1) with three league games remaining.

Kotzakov had quite a week, amassing a career-high 31 kills in a win over Laguna Beach on

Tuesday.

"I was surprised, honestly," Kotzakov said of the sterling offensive performance. "I didn't think it was that many, but when [Coach Andrew] Mabry was like, 'Anabel Kotzakov 31 kills,' I was shocked. It felt awesome."

Laine Briggs fired off 21 kills to go with 13 digs and three aces for Newport Harbor. Malia Thorne also had 11 kills and three blocks.

The Sailors thrived off strong defense from their back row. Newport Harbor had 50 digs as a team, helping to spur Drue Coberly to a 38-assist night. Tegan Glenn added 14 assists, six digs and four kills.

"I can't speak enough about our group and just the resilience that they showed," Mabry said. "To lose that first set on the road and to kind of battle back and keep chipping away and take advantage of some opportunities.

"That's one of those matches that it's never comfortable. You know that there's runs coming on both sides of the net, and I thought it was a really high-level good match."

Huntington Beach coach Craig Pazanti said he felt his team did

not pass the ball up to their standards, which contributed to the Oilers' demise. He did give high marks to Kami Milius, a serving substitute who helped bring Huntington Beach back from a 24-20 deficit in the second set.

"Second set, got us to even at 24-24," Pazanti said. "She made a couple of really nice digs, and that's not easy when you're a serving sub and you're just kind of waiting there the whole set. It turned out she was literally serving on set point every set."

Taylor Ponchak paced Huntington Beach with 19 kills. Haylee LaFontaine added 14 kills, and Kylie Leopard also had 11 kills. Dani Sparks contributed 44 assists and 10 digs. Libero Tori Hagan provided 18 digs defensively and Olivia Foye also had 14 digs.

Huntington Beach was coming off a tournament title in the La Jolla Coastal Classic, for which Sparks was the MVP. Hagan made the all-tournament team.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Edison girls' volleyball sweeps Marina

Maya Shihadeh had a team-leading 10 kills as the Edison girls' volleyball team defeated Marina 25-15, 25-19, 25-21 on Thursday at home to maintain its hold on first place in the Wave League.

Summer Witherby added nine kills for Edison (15-14, 3-0 in league). Molly Mc-Cluskey also had eight kills, and Ashley

Finch chipped in with seven kills.

Marina fell to 12-10 overall and 0-2 in Wave League matches.

Corona del Mar 3, Fountain Valley 0: The visiting Sea Kings earned a 25-14, 25-11, 25-12 sweep of the Barons on Thursday to remain within striking distance of first-place Edison heading into the second half of Wave League play.

Corona del Mar (18-13, 2-1) is in sole possession of second place in the league.

Fountain Valley dropped to 10-15 overall and 0-2 in league play.

Los Alamitos 3, Laguna Beach 2: Ashley Repetti had 20 kills to pace the Griffins in their 25-18, 20-25, 21-25, 25-20, 15-9 come-

back victory on Thursday in a Surf League match at Laguna Beach High.

Kaia Herweg added 17 kills for Los Alamitos (19-6, 2-1), which is tied with Huntington Beach (22-3, 2-1) and Newport Harbor (11-4, 2-1) for first place in the league.

Eva Travis had a match-high 34 kills for Laguna Beach (10-14, 0-3). Kyra Zaengle chipped in with 15 kills and five service aces.

GIRLS' GOLF

Estancia 269, Orange 332: Danielle Breitwieser earned medalist honors with a round of 45 for the visiting Eagles on Wednesday in an Orange Coast League

match on the par-34 Riverview Golf Course.

Estancia improved to 6-5 overall and 6-2 in league.

St. Margaret's 201, Costa Mesa 267: Jessica Liu was the medalist for the Tartans, carding a one-over-par 36 on the front nine of the Mesa Linda course at Costa Mesa Country Club in Wednesday's Orange Coast League match.

Liu had a hole-in-one on the second hole for St. Margaret's (8-0 overall and in league).

Costa Mesa is now 4-5 overall and 4-4 in league.

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Mesa Verde sales specialists with Coldwell Banker Global Luxury are once again hosting their phenomenal Mesa Verde Garage Sale. The annual neighborhood garage sale will be held on Saturday, September 24th, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Now in its 38th year, the Mesa Verde Garage Sale continues to get bigger and better each year, hosting as many as 100+ individual garage sales.

"The residents of Mesa Verde consider this annual garage sale as one of their most anticipated activities and look forward to it year after year," states the sales specialists.

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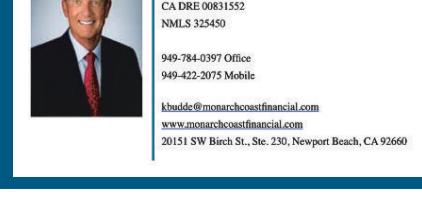


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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

After a stroke nearly killed her at 14, Dakota Lam perseveres in life and golf

BY LUCA EVANS

At 16 years old, she's losing her fingernails.

The layers are flaking away, a side effect of her medication. It's hard for Fountain Valley High junior Dakota Lam to grip a pencil, let alone a golf club. Her fingers pulse after enough swings, and then the blood comes, spouting from the raw skin underneath the nails.

It always scares her father, Nghia. He takes his daughter home after practice to soak her hands in saltwater, hands he held as she lay in her hospital bed two years ago, clinging to life after a stroke. Bleeding triggers memories of the mysterious condition that sunk her platelet levels.

What if it comes back?

"Nobody knows, really," Nghia Lam said. "It's in God's hands, almost."

Few understand, really, what Dakota has gone through: memory loss, speech deficiency, headaches that feel like needles stabbing her brain. But she shrugs it off, hiding it all behind a happy-to-be-here smile.

Golf can bring Lam pain, but it's also her happy place, a present free of worry over an uncertain future. Grieves, complaints, negativity she feels won't change her situation.

"I try to be as optimistic as I can about it," Lam said. "Try to make the best of what I have."

Nghia, an engineer and former golfer, figured if he got his daughter hooked on golf, she'd spend more time with him.

So ever since she was 7, they'd go to the range for a couple hours every day after school, Lam growing to love the sport.

She never played in am-

ateur competitions while honing a swing that could drive a ball more than 200 yards since she was young. Lam was excited to join the team at Fountain Valley, a solid program that finished a shot shy of winning a league title last year.

"She just has a very long, fluid golf swing," Fountain Valley coach Carter Keyser said.

But in August 2020, before her freshman year, Lam noticed spots popping up on her skin, called petechiae. Doctors determined her platelet levels, cells that help blood clot, were notably low. Various remedies didn't work, and Lam went into the hospital for a week in late September, fatigued to the point she barely could put on her pants.

After her blood pressure suddenly went haywire, a scan revealed she had an amount of blood in her brain the size of "four golf balls," Nghia said.

"She came this close," her father said, holding his index and thumb fingers millimeters apart.

They don't talk about the possibility it all could happen again.

That fall, Lam was intubated for four days. As a doctor told her father she'd need to learn how to walk again, she flashed him a thumbs-up.

"I told her, 'In life, you're going to fall down many times — it's how you get up,'" Nghia said, pausing.

"Just ... don't die," he sobbed.

A few months after the stroke, Keyser called up Lam to hit in her first practice at Fountain Valley when blood started gushing out of her nose, her



FOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH
golfer Dakota Lam has been battling lingering effects of a stroke she suffered her freshman year.

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dad remembered, coating her sweater.

"It was kind of a scare for everybody," Lam said.

But Lam was determined to play. She took off the sweater and continued.

"She doesn't give up," her father said. "She'll keep coming, bleeding or not bleeding."

School was a challenge — sometimes she'd forget everything she studied the night before, her short-term memory still recovering. But she had dreams to play golf in college and expected the best from herself.

"I felt like I just started back to square one again," Lam said.

Shortly into her freshman year, Lam suffered a wrist injury trying too hard to compensate for weakness in her right side. After rehab, her first match was "terrible," she remembered. Practices weren't much easier. She'd grasp the club and panicked thoughts would set in.

I need to make a shot. I need to get this chip.

Her hands started shaking, feeling like they'd fall off, she said.

"Sometimes, I worry about her," teammate Kendyl Thitathan said, "because she's so hard on herself."

Through ups and downs, headaches and rest days, Lam worked to get back on the course. Her scores gradually improved and she took a significant step by finishing a shot short of a gold medal with a one-over-par performance against Huntington Beach last year.

"Just to come back out here and play decently, I think, is kind of an accomplishment for me," Lam said.

In February, after she got her COVID-19 booster, Lam's symptoms returned.

She spent most of the spring in the hospital, her platelet levels in freefall again. Doctors gave her Rituxan, which is typically used to treat cancer.

"You live day to day," Nghia said.

She stabilized in June and is in remission. But doctors don't know whether the problem is truly gone, her father said.

"She thinks she gets over it just like that, you know?"

Nghia said. "I don't want to tell her anything other than that."

Through four matches this season, she's averaged the second-lowest nine-hole score on a team that has state championship aspirations.

"She's just super consistent ... she's always in the top five, always," Keyser said.

One day recently, she recounted to her father every shot she hit — an encouraging sign, Nghia said, that she might be healthy enough to play in college. But her journey isn't over.

While practicing two weeks ago, Thitathan said, Lam was trying to hit out of a bunker and thumped her club against the sand, the vibration triggering pain in her wrist. She winced, and her friend urged her to call for help.

Nope. Lam brushed it off, Thitathan said, and kept playing.

"Everyone has their own disadvantages, and this is mine," Lam said. "Just gotta deal with it and keep going."

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CRASH

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While fire crews were en route to the scene, the call was upgraded to a vehicle fire, and a fire captain requested an additional truck and engine company for possible extraction and extra water, according to Coates.

At the location, the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames, and firefighters immediately began to battle the blaze before making a grim discovery.

"As they were extinguishing the fire, they noticed there was an occupant inside," Coates said. "So much fire had consumed the vehicle, the person did not survive."

After the fire was put out, responders observed the crash had caused fuel from the vehicle to leak into the drainage culvert and so laid down an absorbent material to try to reduce the leakage, Coates said. An Orange County Public Works crew arrived on scene with a sand truck to control the runoff.

Costa Mesa police spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said the department's Major Accident Investigation Team responded to the scene and is looking into the cause of the crash.

Fyad said a SigAlert was issued, closing the southbound lanes of Newport Boulevard. Sometime after 7 a.m. Friday, one lane was reopened to vehicle traffic. A team of fire personnel were attempting to extricate the individual from the wreckage.

The driver was the only occupant inside the vehicle at the time of the collision, Fyad confirmed. Information regarding the driver's identity was not immediately provided Friday morning, pending notification of next of kin.

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