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MICHELLE AND BRIAN Rayner, with children Dax, from left, Sunny and Maryn, check out carnivorous plants at Sherman Library & Gardens' Creatures of the Night event Friday. The annual event drew hundreds of visitors to the Corona del Mar botanical gardens over the weekend.

Photos by Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

Garden shines spotlight on creatures of the night

BY SARA CARDINE

Visitors to Sherman Library & Gardens Friday evening braved strong winds, rain and low temperatures for a chance to get up close and personal with animals for whom the nighttime is the right time.

The annual "Creatures of the Night" event on Friday and Saturday drew hundreds of visitors to the Corona del Mar botanical gardens, where interactive stations from the Orange County Bird of Prey Center in Lake Forest, Santa Ana Zoo and Whittier-based Adventures in Living Science led families on a tour of the

nocturnal world and its inhabitants.

Education director Catherine Dickinson said the weekend's bleak forecast did little to deter interest in the event, as families continued to reserve spots all day Friday.

"Kids don't mind getting wet, and it made [the event] even more exciting for some," she said Tuesday. "Our guests were truly ready to get into the spirit of it."

Venue manager Beverly Morgan said she overheard a father reminding his daughter to keep up the hood of her jacket be-

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RIGHT: April Rossi, right, with the Orange County Bird of Prey Center, watches as Jones Hauschka, 5, touches a Red Tail hawk wing.

RIGHT ABOVE: Santa Ana Zoo Curator of Education Lauren Bergh holds Bolito, a three-banded armadillo, Friday during Creatures of the Night at Sherman Library & Gardens.



State ordered to repay H.B. for RDA loan

Judge determines state should repay 1988 loan of \$22.4M, plus 10% annual interest, a nearly \$25M win for the city.

BY SARA CARDINE

Huntington Beach sought in the late 1980s to revitalize a portion of its downtown area to make it more attractive to developer projects that would benefit the city by bolstering property taxes and make Surf City a tourist destination.

The City Council authorized a \$22.4-million loan, acting as a local redevelopment agency that, thanks to a California law passed in 1945, could use property tax gains incurred from building projects to pay off the original loan.

The 1988 "Waterfront Loan" was one of about a dozen or more loans taken out to help breathe new life into Huntington Beach parcels deemed blighted by incentivizing improvements and development there.

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Friends of Newport Harbor files suit over delay

Group claims Army Corps of Engineers has not provided details on harbor dredging site in a timely manner.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

A federal lawsuit has been filed against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by the Friends of Newport Harbor, which alleges that the former is in violation of the Freedom of Information Act by delaying timely delivery of requested documentation.

At the center of the issue lies the confined aquatic disposal site, or CAD, in Newport Harbor. The site, which is essentially a large hole, is meant to contain dredged sediment from the federal channels that is unsuitable for ocean release. The harbor requires regular dredging to avoid

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DAILY PILOT BOYS' WATER POLO DREAM TEAM

Ben Liechty led Newport Harbor to back-to-back CIF crowns

BY MATT SZABO

Ben Liechty was always taller and more skilled than most of his boys' water polo peers.

He was the one who you'd watch play and question if he was in the right age division.

Newport Harbor High coach Ross Sinclair remembers coaching in the San Diego County Cup club tournament, soon after he was hired at his alma mater in April 2015. Sinclair had to go down and coach the 10-and-under team, and Liechty was on the roster.

But the left-hander would also play on the 12-and-under team, and the 14-and-under squad.

"I just remember him going from game to game, pool to pool," Sinclair said. "I think we won at every level, 10s, 12s and 14s, that weekend, and he was probably close to the most impactful player at every age group."

That kind of prodigious talent lent Liechty to nab a key role on the Sailors as a freshman, a rarity in a program like Newport Harbor. The thing is, he never stopped improving.

The UCLA-bound Liechty capped off his high school career with a pair of CIF Southern Section Open Division titles. He also earns repeat Daily Pilot Boys' Water Polo Dream Team Player of the Year honors.

"Winning CIF in two different ways is super exciting," Liechty said. "My junior year, we were kind of the underdogs. My senior year, we came in more confident. I felt like the younger guys were able to step up and fill the shoes of those who left, which was super exciting and probably the most fun thing to watch."

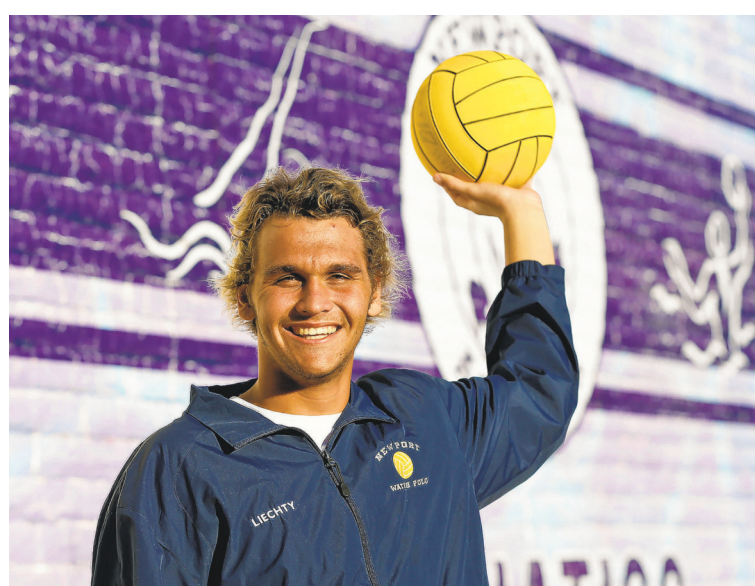
Liechty also filled shoes as a senior leader, trying to take a cue from someone like program grad-

uate Mason Hunt. The laid back Liechty called Hunt the best leader he's been around, and he said trying to replicate that was probably one of the hardest things he's ever done.

But it was job well done for the Sailors (30-3), who won the Surf League title and then the program's 14th CIF championship with a 10-9 victory over top-seeded Serra. Liechty shared the league MVP and CIF Open Division Player of the Year honors with his teammate, junior center Peter Castillo.

The 6-foot-4 Liechty also shared the ball, routinely racking up assists as a well-rounded player. In the Open Division final, he scored a team-best three goals.

"I can probably count the amount of times on my hand that he made a bad water polo deci-



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NEWPORT HARBOR High senior Ben Liechty is the Daily Pilot Dream Team Boys' Water Polo Player of the Year.

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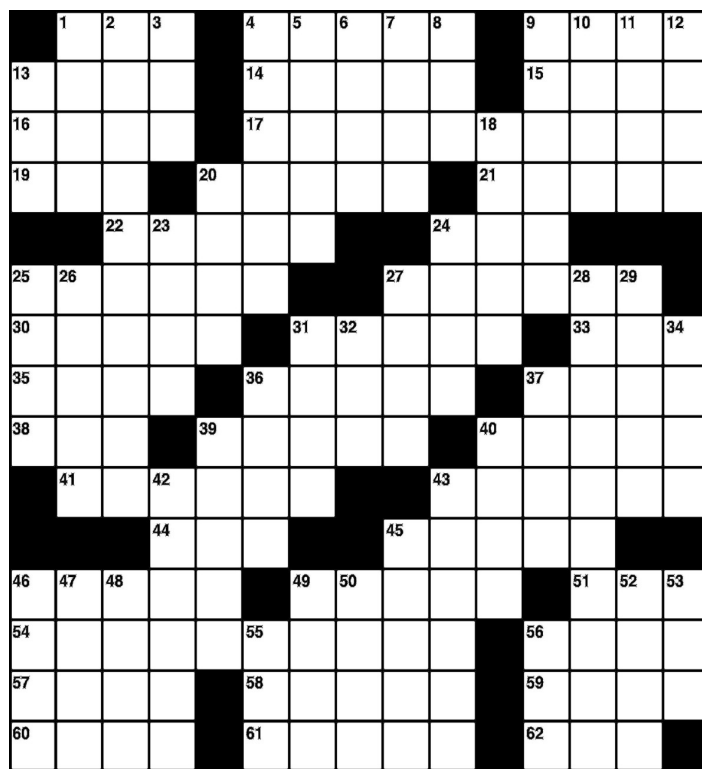
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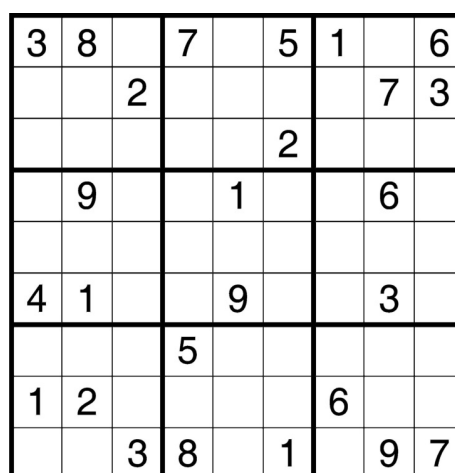
- 1 "-a-dub-dub, three men in"
- 4 Woman's title
- 9 Like water - duck's back
- 13 List of dishes
- 14 Dried mud brick
- 15 Bronco or Mustang
- 16 NFL team
- 17 Made holy
- 19 Hotel amenity
- 20 Some stadium roofs
- 21 Irritates
- 22 Parts of speech
- 24 Big -; Whopper rival
- 25 Burns the edges of
- 27 Dislike intensely
- 30 Turn away, as the eyes
- 31 Weight revealer
- 33 Word attached to cent or fume
- 35 Deep mud
- 36 "Jack and the Beanstalk" ogre
- 37 First, second or third
- 38 Dangerous swimmer
- 39 Mea -
- 40 Formal agreements
- 41 Energetic person
- 43 Most inconsiderate
- 44 "- Too Late"; Carole King song
- 45 Eton students
- 46 Elbow room
- 49 Go bad
- 51 1950s high school dance
- 54 Freedom
- 56 Have supper
- 57 Misfortunes
- 58 Slow to learn
- 59 "- sesame"; Ali Baba's line
- 60 Proper; fitting
- 61 Miles per hour
- 62 Donkey



SUDOKU

By the Mephram 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 A3.

DOWN

- 1 Gather a harvest
- 2 Boorish
- 3 School transport
- 4 Bricklayers
- 5 West & Sandler
- 6 Fully cooked
- 7 Basics
- 8 The -; largest

U.S. art museum

- 9 "The -"; Steve Carell TV series
- 10 Campfire food wrapping
- 11 Complimentary
- 12 - to; increases
- 13 Sra.
- 18 Incensed

- 20 Song for two
- 23 Monster
- 24 Dissolve
- 25 Identical
- 26 Like vine-covered walls
- 27 Carvey or Delany
- 28 Astronaut vehicles
- 29 Experiments
- 31 Farm building
- 32 Beret
- 34 Take a breather
- 36 Periodontist's concern
- 37 Ordered
- 39 - to; indulge
- 40 Yank
- 42 Most agreeable
- 43 - cats & dogs; poured
- 45 Alaska's state animal
- 46 Skinny
- 47 Carpet's surface
- 48 Up to the task
- 49 Word attached to son or ladder
- 50 Forest tree
- 52 Singles
- 53 Signer's need
- 55 Promos
- 56 - double take; look twice

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THE WATERFRONT Beach Resort, a Hilton project, opened in Huntington Beach in 1990. The resort was made possible through a redevelopment effort undertaken by the city years earlier.

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LOAN

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In the years that followed, the Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton project, and the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa were developed south of the city's pier through the statewide program.

"The state law said if a city makes commitments of property or money, the state will reimburse the city," City Atty. Michael Gates said Wednesday. "It was a win-win-win for everybody."

More than 400 redevelopment agencies, called RDAs, were operating throughout California in 2011, when lawmakers decided to end the program to help solve the state's fiscal crisis during the recession. The state established "successor agencies" to oversee the winding down of activities after the program ended on Feb. 1, 2012.

Many municipalities were left uncompensated by the dissolution, including Huntington Beach.

The city sued the state Department of Finance in 2018, claiming it was owed up to \$75 million in prom-

ised reimbursements for development projects that took place from the 1980s through the 2000s.

On Wednesday, a California state court judge determined in a final ruling the state should repay the original loan amount, plus 10% annual interest, amounting to a nearly \$25 million win for the city.

Department of Finance officials had attempted to argue the loan agreement between the city and the RDA did not constitute an "enforceable obligation," eligible for reimbursement

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CREATURES

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cause it was raining, to which the girl replied, "Yes it is, Daddy, and the flowers love it."

"It was so dear to hear," Morgan said. "And quite honestly the kids, for whom this event is created, could have cared less about the inclement weather."

A combination of education and entertainment, Creatures of the Night is a celebration for children of all ages. But its creepy crawly denizens are not exactly the faint of heart.

Guests checked in on scorpions, tarantulas, snakes and lizards, while educators released hawks, owls and armadillos from their enclosures to give attendees a better look at the anatomy and physical features that assist them as they live, hunt and forage



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DAVID AHLSTRAND, 9, Adrian Salinas, 9, 11-year-old Eric Salinas and Elle Ahlstrand, 6, meet Qwest, an American Kestrel at Sherman Gardens' Creatures of the Night event.

amid little to no sunlight. Sherman Gardens horticulturalists contributed to the event, sharing their knowledge about night-blooming botanical species, carnivorous and poisonous plants that do

their best work under the cover of night.

"[It] was a huge success this weekend, despite the rain," Dickinson said.

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LOAN

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under state law. They maintained that because the agreement allowed the agency to make payments in perpetuity, there was no real obligation to pay.

Gates and his legal team submitted financial records showing the redevelopment agency had made various loan payments to the city between 1989 and 2011, including \$14.78 million allocated for the Waterfront Loan.

California state court Judge James P. Arguelles determined the agreement did, indeed, obligate repayment of the loan and that the RDA "did not have unbridled discretion to ignore its payment obligation."

"The agreement contains an obligation to pay and DOF should have treated it as an enforceable obligation when the successor agency submitted its [recognized obligation payment schedule] 17-18," Arguelles wrote in his decision.

The recent ruling isn't the first determination in the city's favor. Last April, Arguelles ordered the state to pay \$5.2 million as reimbursement for a loan taken out in 2009 for the sale of the Emerald Cove senior citizen apartment complex on Parktree Circle.

Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland, in a news release Tuesday, praised Gates for his acumen in pursuing the repayment.

"I appreciate Mr. Gates'

willingness to fight the fights that other cities don't," he said. "He is a real asset to Huntington Beach, and the taxpayers should be proud."

The city attorney said Wednesday he is willing to undertake any fight, even against the state, with authorization from the City Council.

"We went in with guns blazing with a really robust evidentiary record — we did our homework," Gate said, estimating that, pending an appeal from the state, the reimbursement could be delivered sometime in the next fiscal year. "Those are real dollars going back into our general fund."

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THE WATERFRONT BEACH RESORT in Huntington Beach, seen Wednesday, was made possible through a redevelopment agreement.

DELAY

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impeding navigation of its waters but was last partially dredged in 2012-13.

The first phase of the most recent dredging project was completed last summer, and the second half is expected to begin this spring.

Once dredged, the tainted sediment will be disposed of inside of the CAD and capped with 1 foot of sand for two years.

The Coastal Commission approved the application for the work in October, but the Friends of Newport Harbor and OC Coastkeeper have taken issue with the proposal, arguing that the city wrongfully characterized the sediment as "harmless."

The complaint, filed in U.S. District Court on Tuesday, states that an attorney for the Friends of Newport Harbor filed a request with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in November of last year, seeking documentation on the construction of the CAD but that efforts to obtain the information have been met with continued delays.

"USACE, as part of its responsibility to keep navigational channels open, is proposing to dredge parts of the city's Newport Harbor and has prepared an [environmental assessment or finding of no significant impact] in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act," the complaint reads. "[Friends of Newport Harbor] believe that the EA/FONSI for USACE's dredging activities have been signed, but have still not received a copy from USACE's office."

It goes on to say that it is the belief of the Friends of Newport Harbor that the city of Newport Beach filed an application to construct the CAD in lower Newport Bay and that the agency



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TIAAN WIENAND, center, with Friends of Newport Harbor during a protest in September 2022. The group on Tuesday filed a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

was processing it, though it was unclear if the permit was either issued or if the USACE has assigned an environmental assessment or finding of no significant impact (EA/FONSI) report for the project.

According to the complaint, the local group's attorney, Thomas Napoli, requested that report and other related documentation on Nov. 29 and received a response on Dec. 2, asking for further clarification, then again on Dec. 5, confirming the request would be processed.

That delay was extended on Dec. 28, then again on Jan. 4. When Napoli requested an update on the matter, he was contacted by a different person in the agency who reported the person he'd initially been in contact with was no longer working for the USACE but that the search for the requested documents was ongoing.

"To date, over 90 days after the initial request, no documents have been provided. It is clear that the USACE is kicking the can, and violating the law while doing so, as has followed

none of the procedures outlined ... concerning the tolling or allowable extensions of time allotted for production of documents," the complaint reads.

The Freedom of Information Act legally requires federal agencies to disclose any information requested under it, so long as it does not fall under one of nine

exemptions that largely deal with personal privacy, national security or law enforcement. Under federal law, all agencies are required to respond to such a request within 20 business days, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

"At this point the city and the [USACE] have left us no other option but to pursue legal action. Every step of the way through this process, they have misled and misinformed the public. This is just more of the same, and we need to get to the bottom of this," Shana Conzelman, volunteer director of community outreach for Friends of Newport Harbor, said in a statement announcing the lawsuit Wednesday.

"Unfortunately, because of the Army Corps' refusal to release the relevant documents, the Friends of Newport Harbor had no recourse except to file a lawsuit to compel the Corps to disclose information that

the public legally is already entitled to receive," the organization stated in a news release announcing the suit had been filed Tuesday. "We refuse to allow the Corps' stonewalling to rob us and other concerned residents of Orange County of our right to oppose this environmentally disastrous project, both in court and through grass-roots political efforts."

Dena O'Dell, the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers chief of public affairs, said in an email Wednesday that as a matter of policy the agency does not comment on pending litigation.

In its complaint, Friends of Newport Harbor is seeking all requested documentation, grant fee waiver requests and the award of a reasonable cost and attorney's fees in addition to whatever other relief is believed appropriate.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in. Words include RUB, MENU, RAMS, SPA, NOUNS, SINGES, AVERT, MIRE, EEL, DYNAMO, ITS, SPACE, LIBERATION, ILLS, MEET, MADAM, ADOBE, SANCTIFIED, DOMES, MAC, DETEST, SCALE, GIANT, CULPA, RUDEST, MALES, SPOIL, DINE, DENSE, OPEN, SPEED, OFFFA, FORD, RIFLES, BASE, PACTS, HOP, and ASS.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers filled in. The grid is a 9x9 square with numbers 1-9 placed in various cells to solve the puzzle.

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NEWPORT HARBOR head coach Ross Sinclair, named the Daily Pilot Dream Team Coach of the Year, gives instructions to his team during the Battle of the Bay against CdM in 2021.

TEAM

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sion in the four years that I've seen him," Sinclair said. "Even all the way back when he was in 10-and-unders, he just always makes the right play. I think he sees the game really well and rarely forces it, which is super-special ... For a four-year career at Newport, he's got to be up there with some big names."

Two players he will join in the men's college water polo ranks share his last name. The oldest of the three Liechty brothers, Jake, has started coaching with Newport and plays at UC Irvine.

Ben will join Eli at UCLA. Asked what he thinks about having three brothers in college water polo at the same time, Ben Liechty just smiled.

"I think my parents [Dan and Beth] probably think about that," he said. "But I think it's great how the program has grown through the years that we've been here. Seeing that progress has just been amazing."

Following are the coach of the year and first- and second-team Dream Team selections:

COACH OF THE YEAR
Ross Sinclair
Newport Harbor
 When Sinclair guided the

Sailors to the inaugural CIF Southern Section Open Division title in 2021, it was the program's first CIF championship in 14 years. Repeating wasn't an easy task, either. Surf League champion Newport Harbor survived a scare against rival Huntington Beach in the Open Division quarter-finals but put together back-to-back standout performances against Studio City Harvard-Westlake and JSerra in the semifinals and finals at Woollett Aquatics Center.

Sinclair also repeated as the Open Division Coach of the Year and in his nearly eight years at his alma mater has created a program more than able to compete with private school powerhouses.

FIRST TEAM

Peter Castillo
 2M | *Newport Harbor* | Jr.
 Sinclair called Castillo "a generational talent," and anyone who watched the Sailors' games wouldn't argue.

He regularly drew close to double-digit exclusions at center and also was more than adept at putting the ball in the back of the net. Castillo shared major postseason awards, including the Surf League MVP and CIF Southern Section Open Division Player of the Year, with Liechty.

Zach Bettino
 ATT | *Huntington Beach* | Sr.

Bettino, a left-hander, possessed one of the best shots in Southern California and helped the Oilers (20-7) return to the Open Division playoffs after losing two key transfers.

Once there, he scored four goals as Huntington Beach nearly beat eventual champion and rival Newport Harbor in the quarter-finals, before the Sailors rallied for a 14-12 overtime victory.

Bettino, a first-team All-Surf League and All-CIF selection, is bound for USC.

Sai Bassett
 ATT | *Laguna Beach* | Sr.
 Bassett was the Breakers' team captain, and he earned that position with his play in and out of the pool.

Laguna Beach (18-11) didn't win a match in the tough Surf League, but Bassett still helped them advance to the Division 1 semifinals.

He finished third on the team with 41 goals in just 15 matches, and was a first-team all-league and first-team All-CIF selection.

Charles Warmington
 ATT | *Corona del Mar* | Jr.
 Warmington is a left-hander who did a bit of everything for the Sea

Kings, as coach Kareem Captan said he led the team in most statistical categories.

The Wave League MVP, he helped CdM (22-9) win league and advance to the semifinals of the Division 1 playoffs, where the Sea Kings lost by a goal to eventual champion Orange Lutheran. Warmington, an All-CIF selection, and the once-young Sea Kings have grown a lot in the last year and could peak next year with a strong senior class.

Ethan Spoon
 2M | *Huntington Beach* | Jr.

Spoon had big shoes to fill as the Oilers' primary center following the graduation of James Rozolis-Hill. But he delivered, earning first-team All-Surf League honors. The three-year varsity player drew plenty of exclusions for Huntington Beach and should be a top returner next year for coach Sasa Branisavljevic's Oilers.

Camren Simoncelli
 2M | *Corona del Mar* | Jr.
 Simoncelli is the third center to earn first-team Dream Team accolades, and all three are part of the class of 2024.

Big and physical, he dominated at two meters, and was a first-team All-Wave League selection. Simoncelli also earned first-team All-CIF Division 1 honors. When considering Simoncelli along with Castillo, the Back Bay should have two of the best centers in Southern California next year.

Cooper Mathisrud
 GK | *Newport Harbor* | Sr.
 Besides Liechty, Mathisrud is the only repeat first-team Dream Team honoree. He earned it with his play in goal for the Sailors, coming up big time and time again in the team's postseason run. Mathisrud made nine saves in the Open Division final win against JSerra, including a fourth-quarter penalty shot stuff against Ryder Dodd. He was a second team All-Surf League and first-team All-CIF selection.

SECOND TEAM
Position, Name, School, Year
 ATT Finn LeSieur, Newport Harbor, Sr.
 UTIL Wes Brazda, Costa Mesa, Jr.
 ATT Joseph Stanbridge, Ocean View, Sr.
 ATT Lico Yuno, Marina, Jr.

ATT Cade Anderton, Laguna Beach, Jr.
 ATT Jackson Harlan, Corona del Mar, So.
 GK Hunter Van Meter, Edison, Sr.

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James Carbone

NEWPORT HARBOR goalie Cooper Mathisrud (1) makes a save during the Open Division title match against JSerra.

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 The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: **MARY GRACE ALFELOR, OR ASSIGNEES, 14805 JEFFREY RD., #A, IRVINE, CA 92618**
 The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE** and are located at: **14805 JEFFREY RD., #A, IRVINE, CA 92618**
 The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: **ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 17316 EDWARDS RD, STE B160, CERRITOS, CA 90703** and the anticipated sale date is **MARCH 20, 2023**
 The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
 [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 17316 EDWARDS RD, STE B160, CERRITOS, CA 90703** and the last date for filing claims shall be **MARCH 17, 2023**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
DATED: JAN. 28, 2023
BUYER: MARY GRACE ALFELOR, OR ASSIGNEES
1519344-PP DAILY PILOT 3/2/23

Legal Notices

Bids Wanted

CITY OF COSTA MESA
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Costa Mesa ("City") invites sealed bids, to be submitted electronically only, for the following project:

IT DEPARTMENT
OFFICES REMODELING PROJECT
CITY PROJECT NO. 22-09

1. BID SUBMISSION AND OPENING: Bids must be submitted electronically via the City of Costa Mesa's PlanetBids portal before the deadline of **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 4, 2023**, at which time or shortly thereafter the City Clerk will open bids electronically. The bid results will be posted online via PlanetBids. No paper bids or any other form of submittal will be accepted. Any bid received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be rejected. The City is not responsible for and accepts no liability in the event a response is late due to any network, internet, or any other technical difficulty or interruption. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that his/her/its bid is received by the deadline.

To access the bid documents and bid on this project, potential vendors and bidders must first register through the City's PlanetBids portal at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476>.

2. SCOPE OF WORK AND BID DOCUMENTS: The scope of work generally consists of office and workspace upgrades including but not limited to flooring, paint, electrical, lighting, fire alarm, HVAC, partitions and walls, and demolition work.

The plans, specifications, and bid documents for this project can be obtained via the City's PlanetBids portal at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476>.

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the most current version of the solicitation, including any addenda, has been downloaded. Bids received without the applicable addenda will be rejected as incomplete.

3. PRE-BID MEETING OR JOB WALK: A mandatory pre-bid job walk has been scheduled for **Friday, March 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. starting in the lobby of the City of Costa Mesa's City Hall located at 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.**

4. BID CONTENTS: All bids must be submitted on the proposal form included in the bid documents. No bid will be considered unless it is made on the proposal form furnished by the City and made in accordance with the provisions of the bid requirements.

5. BID SECURITY: Each bidder must submit a physical certified check, cashier's check, or a bid bond, made payable to or in favor of the City of Costa Mesa, in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid, to the Costa Mesa City Clerk prior to the bid submission deadline. No bid will be considered unless such physical certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond is received by the City Clerk prior to the bid submission deadline.

6. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE: A valid **California Contractor's License Class "B" (General Building Contractor)** issued by the California Contractors State License Board is required at the time the contract is awarded pursuant to California Public Contract Code section 3300. Each bidder must also be qualified as required by law at the time of the bid opening.

7. REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work unless registered and qualified pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

8. PREVAILING WAGES: This project is a "public work" subject to prevailing wage requirements. Pursuant to provisions of Sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code, all works employed on the project shall be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and overtime work. Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file with Costa Mesa Public Services Department and are available to any interested party upon request. The applicable State prevailing wages are also set forth on the Department of Industrial Relations' website: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>; these rates are subject to predetermined increases. The prime contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

9. PAYMENT BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND: A Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder prior to award of the contract.

10. RETENTION: The City withholds five percent (5%) of each progress payment as retention. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for money withheld by the City to ensure performance of the contract. At the request and expense of the contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the public agency, or with a state or federally chartered bank in this state as the escrow agent, who shall then pay those moneys to the contractor. Securities will be returned to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION: The bidding process and contract are subject to State and Federal non-discrimination requirements, including but not limited to the requirement that no person or business shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or military or veteran status in its solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of individuals or businesses in connection with the bidding process or work performed for the City in connection with the project.

12. CITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: The City of Costa Mesa reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any minor irregularities or informalities in any bid.

13. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: This project is subject to local, State, and Federal regulations and requirements, as detailed in the bid documents.

Brenda Green, City Clerk
 City of Costa Mesa
 Dated: March 2, 2023

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