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MAYOR TONY STRICKLAND speaks during a press conference about the Pacific Airshow on Tuesday at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza. Huntington Beach officials and the airshow's operator agreed to a settlement that would keep the event in Surf City.

Pacific Airshow stays in H.B. following settlement

Per settlement details provided by City Atty. Michael Gates, Huntington Beach will pay the airshow's operator a total of \$4.9M over the next six years.

BY MATT SZABO

City of Huntington Beach leaders announced Tuesday the Pacific Airshow will be staying in the city — following the settlement of a lawsuit brought against the city by the airshow operator.

Code Four chief executive Kevin Elliott, who leads the production each year, ap-

peared alongside Mayor Tony Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark and other city leaders at a press conference Tuesday afternoon at Pier Plaza.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we saved the Airshow," Strickland exclaimed dramatically after stepping up to the microphone.

The 2023 version of the three-day event, which brings millions of people — and dollars — to Huntington Beach each year, will be held on Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

Elliott has been supportive of the City Council's conservative majority, including Strickland, Van Der Mark, Casey McKeon and Pat Burns, all of whom were elected last fall. Their election occurred just weeks after

Elliott filed a civil lawsuit against the city and former Mayor Kim Carr, claiming the decision to cancel the final day of the 2021 Pacific Airshow due to a massive oil spill cost him and his company millions.

"I maintained hope that there would be a council that would take the view that the four have," Elliott said. "Thank God that the residents voted for a council that was going to have the best interests of the city in mind, otherwise the Airshow would certainly not be here."

Per settlement details provided by City Atty. Michael Gates, Huntington Beach will

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Mosca named OCPA interim chief

The utility's director of communications will temporarily helm the agency as officials seek a permanent replacement.

BY SARA CARDINE

Members of the Orange County Power Authority announced Monday the agency's director of communications and external affairs has been selected to temporarily helm the power authority while a nationwide search is conducted for a permanent chief executive officer.

Joe Mosca, whose interim CEO contract will come for a vote at a May 17 board meeting, is anticipated to start effective June 1.

He will replace outgoing chief executive Brian Probolsky, terminated last month in the wake of criticism from state auditors and a grand jury report about a perceived lack of transparency at the community choice energy provider.

"The board just wanted a change in direction, in terms of management, so [Probolsky's] contract was terminated," OCPA Chair and Fullerton Mayor Fred Jung said Tuesday. "Director Mosca was unanimously ap-



JOE MOSCA

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Jury begins deliberating case of Thanksgiving shooting in C.M.

BY ERIC LICAS

Jurors began deliberating Tuesday to decide whether a man facing charges of murder and attempted murder acted in self-defense when he opened fire on the occupants of a truck after a minor traffic collision in Costa Mesa last Thanksgiving, or if he was the aggressor and sought out confrontation with the victims, as prosecutors allege.

Lee Q. Walker had driven to three closed McDonald's restau-

rants in search of fast food for his 4-year-old son when the side view mirror of his truck was grazed by another occupied by six men near 19th Street and Harbor Boulevard. The defendant got out of his car at a stoplight to contact them, but the signal turned green so they drove off.

Walker followed the victims about a mile north in spite of protest from his son and girlfriend, Denise Segura, according to her testimony. He got out and approached them a second time as

they were dropping off one of their companions in front of 432 W. Bay St. at 6:50 p.m. Nov. 24.

Moments later he opened fire while standing near the rear passenger side of the victims' truck, then walked up to the open doors of the vehicle's cabin and shot several more times, as seen in surveillance footage played during trial. On his way back to his truck, Walker discharged one more round into the head of 30-year-

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AUSTIN CERVANTES pedals the Patron "Margarita Bike" as Cassandra Marquis listens to the whirring of the blender motor during the Newport Beach Wine & Spirits Festival in 2022.

Susan Hoffman

N.B. Wine & Spirits Festival to return to Balboa Bay Resort

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Wine connoisseurs and cocktail aficionados have a special event to add to their social calendars: The Newport Beach Wine & Spirits Festival returns Memorial Day weekend to the Balboa Bay Resort.

About 500 guests attended last year's festivities, which were held for the first time after a two-year delay because of the

pandemic. The hope for this year is to boost that number to 800 over the three-day festival, according to Balboa Bay Resort spokeswoman and director of marketing Francine Slosser.

The event will kick off Friday, May 26 with a wine dinner and reception with Duckhorn Winery, with the main festival set for Saturday and Sunday.

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Record broken in 19th OC Marathon

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Steven Martinez of San Diego won the 19th OC Marathon Sunday in a record time of 2 hours, 18 minutes, 6 seconds, while Northern California's Jenny Grimshaw won the women's race in 2:53:06.

The 26-mile, 385-yard full marathon course began in front of the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa, then went through Corona del Mar and the Newport Harbor area. Runners then entered Costa Mesa, passed the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, went around the South Coast Plaza and through Segerstrom High School.

The course continued for one mile in Santa Ana, then turned onto the Santa Ana River Trail for 1.5 miles, exiting at the Gisler foot bridge to run through the Mesa Verde neighborhoods and then the "Bird Streets."

The race ended at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa.

Martinez earned a \$2,500 bonus for breaking the old course record of 2:22:45 set in 2011 by Peter Omae Ayieni.

He said after the race that his plan was to run about 18 miles, pacing a friend to what they hoped would be an Olympic Tri-



Courtesy of Marathon-Photos.com

STEVEN MARTINEZ of San Diego won the SDCCU OC Marathon on Sunday in a race record 2 hours, 18 minutes, 6 seconds, good for a \$2,500 bonus. The old record was 2:22:45 set in 2011 by Peter Omae Ayieni.

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ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



Matt Szabo

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pay the Pacific Airshow a total of \$4,999,000 over the next six years. Nearly half of that total, \$1,999,000, is due on or before July 31 of this year. An additional \$500,000 is due by Jan. 30 of 2024 and each of the following five years as well.

The city will also dismiss nearly \$200,000 that the Pacific Airshow owes related to the 2021 show and refund \$149,200 in fees paid by the airshow toward the 2022 Specific Events Invoice in the form of a credit.

The city will also waive parking space fees for the Pacific Airshow, as it has



Scott Smeltzer

A CROWD gathers to hear Huntington Beach's plan to host the Pacific Airshow.

done in the past. Further, the city will pay to the Pacific Airshow up to \$2 million, after attorney fees and costs, of Huntington Beach's recovery in its own oil spill lawsuit.

Elliott told the Daily Pilot last fall, prior to filing the

lawsuit, that the City Council had caused his business "millions and millions and millions in dollars in financial damage." The last straw was when the previous council denied a parking offset subsidy to Code Four for last year's Airshow.

"Everything was considered, including the economic impact," Gates said Tuesday. "The council concluded that the settlement was favorable to the city."

Though the Pacific Airshow has settled with the city, the lawsuit against Carr could continue.

"Her and her attorney will obviously have to address that with the Pacific Airshow, but the city has settled its portion," Gates said.

Carr, reached Tuesday, said that a settlement was news to her and called the amount "shocking."

She has a demurrer hearing scheduled for July in Orange County Superior Court.

"I can tell you that we are asking a judge to have this case dismissed," Carr said. "The city, in my opinion, didn't do anything wrong. I feel floored that they would pay \$5 million to settle this lawsuit. The city did not cause an oil spill. The night that the Airshow was canceled, there were multiple agencies involved in that cancellation. It was not my decision, despite what Kevin Elliott is saying. I couldn't make that decision if I tried."

Councilman Dan Kalmick, part of the current council minority along with Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton, said he was not invited to Tuesday's news conference.

"This is a bad deal," he said of the settlement. "There was no investigation into the lawsuit. This is taxpayer money going to a private entity to put on an airshow that used to be free."

Kalmick said he was in favor of holding the event in Huntington Beach, but Strickland called the previous City Council "not business friendly" and "not Airshow friendly" in his remarks Tuesday.

According to a 2019 economic impact study

commissioned by Visit Huntington Beach, the Pacific Airshow generated \$68.1 million in direct spending and \$105.8 million in total economic impact.

"Moving forward, our goal is that this becomes a signature event for many years to come," Strickland said. "[Casey McKeon's] boy Liam was born [last August], and we're hoping that Casey's boy brings his son to the Pacific Airshow."

Tickets to this year's show go on sale June 1. This year's event will include the F-22 Raptor Demonstration team for the first time.

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OCPA

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pointed interim chief executive officer by the board, and we are moving forward with that accordingly."

Mosca came to his current position in December, having previously served as mayor of Sierra Madre, deputy mayor of Encinitas and chairing the Board of Directors for San Diego Community Power, the second largest community choice aggregation in the state.

A 20-year member of the California Bar Assn.,

Mosca formerly worked for San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas Company.

Jung clarified the board will soon submit a request for proposals for an executive search firm to conduct a nationwide search for Probolsky's permanent replacement. He said Mosca, who may choose to be considered for the role, is anticipated to serve until a new CEO is found.

"The hope is there is next to no hiccup in the transition, that it seamlessly goes from one chief executive officer to the interim," he said.

Since its formation in

2019, the fledgling agency has attempted to grow its residential and commercial customer base by seeking participation from member cities in a non-profit joint powers authority capable of purchasing and selling electricity.

The idea behind a utility cooperative model is that members can provide power at a lower cost than Southern California Edison, stabilizing rates and using cost savings to fund local green energy projects.

But controversy has marred the progress of the power authority, including criticism from the State

Auditor's Office, county government and an Orange County grand jury about the agency's management, transparency and pricing.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors in December voted 3-2 to keep unincorporated areas from moving forward with an agreement to participate in OCPA.

An agency spokeswoman explained Tuesday withdrawing from the power authority is a six-month process and said supervisors have until June to decide whether to stay or shift 35,000 customers to another pro-

vider.

City officials in Huntington Beach, one of the original OCPA member cities alongside Irvine, Fullerton and Buena Park, are still pondering whether to remain in the network.

Meanwhile the overall participation rate among the four member cities, which comprise some 240,000 customers, average 86% for commercial program participants and 74% for residents.

Jung acknowledged OCPA is still in its infancy but expressed hope Mosca would continue to capably steer the agency as it complies with auditors' recom-

mendations, a process that should be completed this summer.

"Within six months, we'll have righted a ship that is very difficult to turn," he said Tuesday. "Our opt-out rates have slowed to a crawl, and we continue to operate as judiciously as we can."

"I would expect those in the public who advocated for changes that have now been made by the power authority would be just as vocal in advocating for the authority as they were advocating for change."

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers filled in.

JURY

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old Lucas Rivera-Velasco as he was lying wounded on the ground, killing him.

The defendant said he was only trying to exchange insurance information, and testified that he saw two handguns in the victims' vehicle when he first tried to talk to them. He claimed that's the reason he took a 9mm handgun from his center console before trying to talk to them a second time.

"He pulled the slide and racked a round because he had already decided 'this is how it's going down; they are going to pay,'" Orange County Senior Deputy Dist. Atty. Dan Feldman said during closing statements Monday.

Walker testified that he heard someone cuss, drawing his attention to the passenger side of their truck.

He claimed one of the men who had been inside was within arm's reach by the time the first shots were fired moments later.

Rivera-Velasco "was coming toward him," Walker's attorney, Randall Bethune of the Orange County Public Defender's Office argued. "That is when he used force and that is reasonable. [Another man] was right behind him. Is he supposed to wait till he's attacked? If your wife and child are in the truck why would you want to wait till they come to you?"

Costa Mesa Police Det. Erick Fricke was the detective who interviewed Walker when he turned himself in the day after the shooting. The officer acknowledged that one of the people who was shot can be seen taking two steps toward the defendant in one of two videos recorded at the scene.

However, Fricke de-

scribed that victim's motions as "insignificant" compared to the path Walker took. The defendant appeared to jog from the driver side of his vehicle over to the rear passenger side of the truck bed parked in front of him as two men were getting out of the cabin.

"He didn't walk," Feldman said. "He ran to confront them."

Fricke also testified the defendant never mentioned seeing guns in the victims' truck when they spoke upon his arrest. And even if he had, Feldman argued that wouldn't justify his decision to shoot the men.

Walker could have reported the accident and let the victims drive off if he thought they were armed and a possible threat, but he chose to pursue them instead, Feldman pointed out. If that were the case, the defendant himself could have been potentially placing his family in danger by following a stranger's vehicle down a dark side street, then leaving them unattended as he got out.

"He put himself there," Feldman said. "He created a situation with an excuse to use force."

Bethune acknowledged that his client could have stopped following the pickup truck. But "that is not the legal standard," and from the defendant's perspective he was the victim of a collision attempting to get a hold of a fleeing suspect, the defense attorney said.

"That does not address the issue of whether he was justified," Bethune said. "He didn't know it was minor damage. He told them you hit my car. They chose to ignore him. They look at him and keep going. From his perspective, the right thing to do is to talk about this ... Objectively, they are not following the law."

Walker's defense also suggested statements made by police illustrated a bias toward convicting his defendant that may have tainted the information they were given by witnesses. Bethune noted Fricke was dismissive of his client's claims of self-defense, and when the two of them reviewed footage the detective changed the subject when Walker tried to point out the moment he claimed one of the wounded men shouted at him, causing him to feel threatened.

Bethune brought forth excerpts of transcripts in which Costa Mesa Police Det. Joe Lopez told one of the victims "what we don't want is for the guy to say he was defending himself" prior to conducting a recorded interview.

Lopez testified he was not attempting to solicit in-

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Kerry C. Sherf

On Easter Sunday, April 9th 2023, Kerry C. Sherf, passed away at home. He was 79 years old. Kerry was born in Illinois and moved at a young age to the Burbank, CA area. Kerry worked for 31 years for the City of Glendale at the Power Plant. Kerry is preceded in death by his loving wife, Aurelia (Laskey) Scherf, who he was happily married to for 39 years. He is also preceded in death by his step-son Eric. He leaves behind a large, grieving family including, Sisters-In-Law Paul & Camille (Laskey) Howard and Barbara (Laskey) Abell; daughter Shawna Zink, 2 grandchildren, and multiple nephews and extended generations of family and friends.

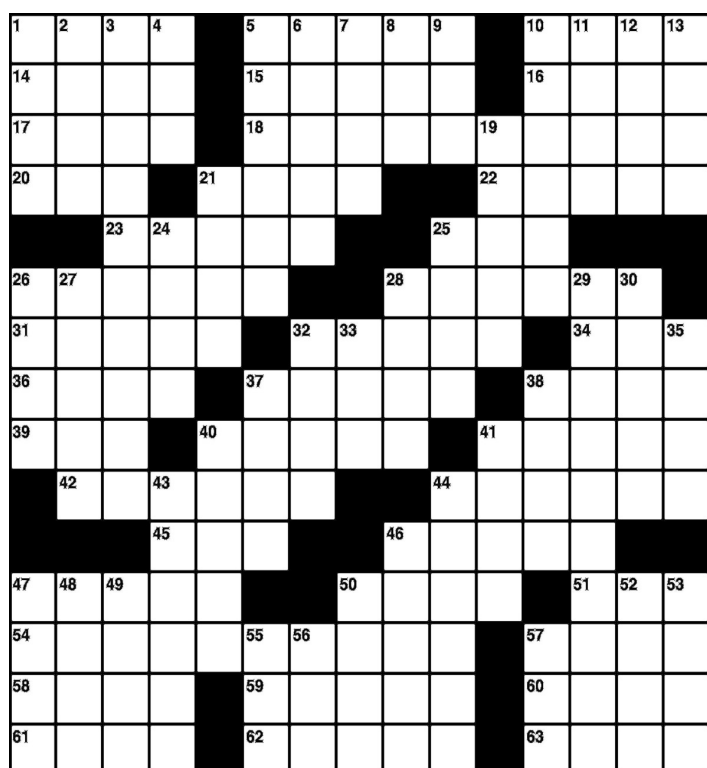
A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 12th at Valhalla Memorial Park at 10 o'clock a.m. Flowers & condolences can be sent to Valhalla Memorial Park 10621 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91606.

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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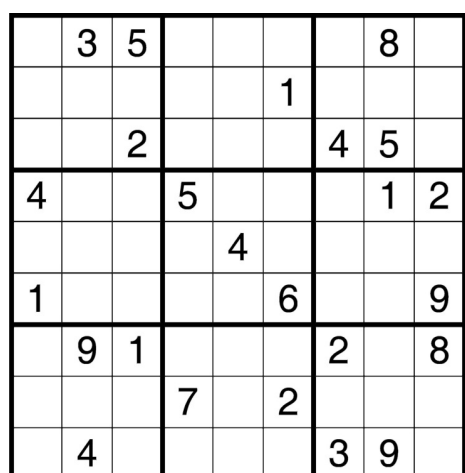
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 - 15 Worship
 - 16 _ Bridges
 - 17 Source of protein
 - 18 Lessening
 - 20 _ sauce;
 - 21 Shipbuilding wood
 - 22 Stupid
 - 23 Ghost
 - 25 Moral transgression
 - 26 Be frugal
 - 28 Actor Don
 - 31 "All _"; Irving Berlin song
 - 32 Assumed name
 - 34 Uncooked
 - 36 Decisive defeat
 - 37 Rascal
 - 38 Girl's nickname
 - 39 Hostel
 - 40 Gushes forth
 - 41 _ Lee Curtis
 - 42 Swirls like spa waters
 - 44 Natural flair
 - 45 "Pomp _ Circumstance"
 - 46 Three and four
 - 47 Practical joke
 - 50 _ colada
 - 51 Flood barrier
 - 54 Part of RN
 - 57 Asian desert
 - 58 Small numbers
 - 59 Martini garnish
 - 60 No longer valid
 - 61 Luxurious
 - 62 Hourglass
 - 63 Pre-owned
- DOWN**
- 1 Woolen caps
 - 2 Bread spread
 - 3 School recess area



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 A2.

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| 4 Command to Fido | 11 Equestrian's control |
| 5 Became friends again | 12 Trash barrels |
| 6 Perfect | 13 Enormous |
| 7 Word attached to pad or wed | 19 "Bye, Juan!" |
| 8 Get it wrong | 21 Heavy book |
| 9 Catch sight of | 24 Helpful suggestion |
| 10 Not in class | 25 Clothing fastener |

- 26 Indira's dress
- 27 Duplicate
- 28 Novak & Basinger
- 29 Humongous
- 30 Lustrous fabric
- 32 Many hardware stores
- 33 Regulation
- 35 Stimulate, as an appetite
- 37 Earned a ticket
- 38 Actor Christian
- 40 Basins
- 41 Most populous island
- 43 Cheese _;
- Starbucks edible
- 44 Like a good steak
- 46 Sifting device
- 47 _ up; support from behind
- 48 City in Nevada
- 49 Grows old
- 50 Straitlaced
- 52 _-bodied; hale
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **SALLY DORMAN CRAIG** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
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The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FIXTURES, FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT** which are located at: **51 AUTO CENTER DR. STE. 16, IRVINE, CA 92618**
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BRADFORD PAUL CHRISTIAN
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **BRADFORD PAUL CHRISTIAN**.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Marilyn Taylor Christian** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Marilyn Taylor Christian** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on **June 08, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626
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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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A MEMORIAL set up in front of an apartment building in Costa Mesa in memory of a man who was shot and killed there following a minor traffic accident on Thanksgiving. This week, a jury began deliberating the murder case against defendant Lee Q. Walker.

JURY

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accurate information, and that it is not uncommon for police and district attorney's officials to collaborate and be mindful of each other's roles as they follow up on a case. Another Costa Mesa police detective, Ramon Hernandez, made similar comments before

speaking with another victim in the Thanksgiving shooting.

"Only asking for information that could eliminate self-defense, that could affect what he tells you?" Bethune asked Hernandez during trial.

"Possibly," he replied. Feldman pointed to the victims' own testimony in challenging his assertion of self-defense.

"He told you it was his right to follow them and 'stand his ground,'" the prosecutor told jurors Monday. "Let that sink in for a second. He testified: I followed them, ran over there, and stood my ground."

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FESTIVAL

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As of this week, more than 60 different vendors are expected to participate in the festival, up from last year's 50.

New this year is the Macallen Speyside Lounge, where guests will be able to sample a few cocktails made from the brand's single malt Scotch whisky in a "speakeasy" setting.

"We wanted to do something special with Macallen," said Slosser. "We added spirits last year [to the festival]. Macallen has this luxury feel to it and we've seen our customers really migrating to alternates besides just the

wine."
"People want more of a variety. We saw that the Macallen brand aligns with ours and we initially looked into collaborating on a dinner, but they suggested doing something more intimate, where it's more of a tasting," she said.

The lounge seats 20 with about four seatings total over the weekend, and food will be served alongside the drinks. Separate tickets are required and cost \$125.

Slosser also confirmed that the festival will have a partnership with electric car manufacturer Lucid that involves transporting a select number of guests from Fashion Island to the

Balboa Bay Resort in a Lucid vehicle.

Tickets for the festival are on sale now and can be purchased until the day of the event. Tickets cost \$145 a person, not including tax, for one day, while tickets for both days will cost \$215 a person. Dinner tickets are \$290 a person.

"It's really about gathering and enjoying the Southern California sunshine next to the water. It's got great music. We have a DJ, live music, wonderful food and great, great tastings for different types of wines, spirits — and it is all here in Newport Beach, the place to be," Slosser said.

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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Costa Mesa boys win first CIF championship

BY MATT SZABO

RIVERSIDE — A successful high school swim team can be a difficult thing to construct.

In Orange County, it typically takes top club swimmers, but also water polo players who can step up.

Keith Ryan and Diggy Riley learned that in eight years coaching swimming together at Edison. They came to Costa Mesa in 2020, just weeks before the coronavirus pandemic began. But the message stayed the same.

"That synergy is what we attribute Edison's success to back when we had it," said Ryan, who helped guide Edison's girls to the 2009 Division 1 title. "We tried to replicate it, and we're older and maybe a little bit smarter and more experienced. We applied it, and it worked great. But it takes the buy-in from everyone, whether it's the fastest club swimmer ... or the polo guys."

The buy-in was apparent on Saturday at the CIF Southern Section Division 3 and 4 swim finals at Riverside City College. In spades.

Costa Mesa's boys stormed their way to the CIF Southern Section Division 3 title, the first in program history. The Mustangs finished with 216 points, outdistancing second-place Viewpoint with 170 points.

Estancia's girls also had an impressive meet, earning a third-place finish in Division 4.

The Costa Mesa boys were led by freshman phenom Avrum Xagorarakis, who won the Division 3 boys' 100-yard butterfly in 49.30 seconds and was second in the 500 freestyle in 4:31.94.

The butterfly victory was the first individual CIF championship in Costa Mesa boys' swimming history. Xagorarakis attributed the team win to "absolutely perfect" camaraderie.

"There's not been one person that's been doubting themselves or having bad races at all this season," he said. "We've all felt really



Matt Szabo

MEMBERS OF the Costa Mesa High swim team celebrate after the Mustang boys won the CIF Southern Section Division 3 title in Riverside on Saturday. The Mustangs topped Viewpoint to win their first-ever title.

good."

Mesa set the tone in the meet-beginning 200 medley relay, as Luke De La Jara, Kaua Mota, Wes Brazda and Xagorarakis touched in first in a school-record 1:38.16.

The second-place finish in the meet-ending 400 free relay was in another school-record time of 3:15.10. It included a blistering 45.67 anchor-leg split by Xagorarakis, who swam it with De La Jara, Lucas Trask and Brazda — three water polo players.

The Mesa boys also won the 200 free relay, with Brazda, De La Jara, Trask and Mota touching in 1:29.12. Mota provided individual highlights in finishing second in the breaststroke and third in the butterfly.

Last year, Costa Mesa's boys earned just one point at CIF fi-

nals, coming in last place among the 48 teams in attendance.

"It feels incredible," De La Jara said. "Coming from our water polo season where we had a pretty good run in the playoffs, it feels good to come into swimming. Keith, our coach, told us that with the addition of Avrum that we could make a pretty big run in CIF. We just bought into his plan, and it all worked out."

Estancia's girls finished second in the Division 4 medley relay, as Jana Akins, Nataly Andriashvili, Rita Orduna and Virgo Gonzalez touched in 2:05.77. The same quartet also finished second in the 200 free relay in 1:49.27.

"We're really proud," said Akins, a freshman. "We didn't think that we would get this far, honestly. We're really proud that

we could at least get second."

The Eagles brought just four swimmers to the meet. Akins competed in two championship finals, placing second in the 50 free (24.93) and fourth in the backstroke (1:03.60).

She was once a top club swimmer but has switched her priority to soccer. But now she said she wants to do both sports going forward.

"We're really excited," Akins said. "This year, we're D4, so it was kind of easier for us to get times. Next year, we'll be D3, so we're nervous for it but we're also going to try harder to get all the CIF times and hopefully place in the finals."

Marina's boys' finished seventh in Division 3. Senior Winston Lee led the way, placing fourth in the

butterfly (51.75) and fifth in the 200 free (1:46.33).

"They weren't bad, they weren't great," Lee said. "I was faster at league. But it's always my pleasure just to be here at CIF. I'll take a 51 and I'll take a medal any day ... It's a little bittersweet to leave such a supportive team, but also to finish with a bang is really fun."

The Vikings also had a successful medley relay, as Trevor Ta, Lico Yuno, Ryan Tran and Lee touched in third in 1:40.72. The Marina 400 free relay placed seventh in 3:20.05.

Sophomore Morgan Carles led the Ocean View girls in Division 3, placing third in the 200 free in 1:54.57 and third in the 100 free in 53.49. Carles said her stomach was bothering her between the two races, but she didn't let that get in the way.

"We were in D4 last year, so this year moving up I didn't know what to expect," she said. "I'm really happy I was able to make finals still, and compete."

Senior Maddie Stein paced the Costa Mesa girls, placing sixth in the Division 3 girls' 50 free (25.27) and seventh in the backstroke (1:00.52).

The Mesa boys also had sophomore James Ramirez win the mixed 50 free Paralympic race.

They had clinched the title even before the last relay, and celebrated like champions afterward. The program's first title clearly meant a lot to the coaches, too.

"Now people are starting to choose to go to Costa Mesa High School, because of what's being cultivated," said Ryan, who also coaches club swimming at Costa Mesa Aquatics Club. "Instead of, 'I'm going to go to Mater Dei' or 'I'm going to go here,' they're making a choice to stay in their school climate that they've grown up in. I grew up in Costa Mesa, so I feel that. It's just amazing, and it's going to continue."

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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Corona del Mar girls finish strong in CIF Division 1

BY MATT SZABO

RIVERSIDE — Corona del Mar High senior Maggie Schalow is obviously going to a winning program now that her Sea Kings tenure is over.

Schalow is headed to swim at the University of Virginia, which just won its third straight NCAA national championship in March.

Schalow joins the Cavaliers, though, with quite a championship pedigree of her own the last three years. She proved it once again at her final high school dual meet, the combined CIF Southern Section Division 1 and 2 finals Friday at Riverside City College.

She won the girls' 100-yard butterfly in Division 1, then followed that up with a second-place finish in the 500 freestyle.

Those swims and some very fast relays helped CdM earn a very solid fourth-place team finish on the girls' side.

"We put a lot of effort into the program, and everyone showed up today,"

Schalow said. "I think we're all just really happy. It's been a great four years."

Schalow touched first in the girls' 100 butterfly in 53.50 seconds. It was her first CIF Division 1 individual championship after two second-place finishes last year.

Schalow did win two individual events in Division 2 two years ago as a sophomore, helping CdM win the team title. Her performance Friday did not surprise CdM coach Kareem Captan.

"She's going to get pushed today, and that's when she is at her best," Captan said prior to the meet.

Schalow closed strong in the 500 free, but her time of 4:50.26 was edged by Lily Dormans of Hart, who touched in 4:50.08.

She also teamed with Taylor Park, Nikki Lahey and Jillian Schlom to touch third in the 200 free relay in 1:34.90 — tying a school record that Schalow and Schlom had helped set two years ago. The same quartet placed third in the 400 free relay in 3:27.72.

"Obviously we wanted to break [the 200 free relay] record again, but it felt good to tie it, too," Schlom said. "That means we still are really fast, with different people."

Fountain Valley sophomore Kaitlyn Nguyen repeated as Division 1 champion in the girls' breaststroke. She touched in 1:01.56, just six-hundredths of a second off her personal best from Wednesday's preliminaries. Laguna Beach senior Jana Jovic (1:04.55) finished fifth.

"I think this year was a lot better than last year," Nguyen said. "It's just a lot of fun racing against the girls I always race with ... Obviously I was hoping for a [time] drop, but it's OK. I'll take it."

Nguyen also placed second in the Division 1 girls' 200 individual medley, in 2:00.14. The time was just eighth-hundredths of a second off Hannah Farrow's school-record time of 2:00.06.

Among other local swimmers in championship finals, Newport Harbor sophomore Aidan Arie



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CORONA DEL MAR'S Maggie Schalow, shown swimming the butterfly last year in a relay, won the event at the Division 1 finals Friday in Riverside.

placed seventh in the Division 1 boys' 500 free, in 4:32.33.

Sage Hill's boys finished 10th as a team in Division 2, despite having a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay disqualified due to an entry error.

Sage Hill's top individual boy at the meet was Ryan Chang, a senior bound for Chapman University. He placed fifth in the Division 2 butterfly in 50.31, and third in the backstroke.

Coach Pavle Filipovic said that Chang's time of 50.82 broke Jason Schreiber's school record.

"I did really well at league, and I got a little bit tired for CIF prelims," Chang said. "Today, I popped off ... I was going for that [record]. If we didn't make state, this was probably my last high school meet, and I'm a backstroke. I really wanted to leave the school having my name up there."

Sage Hill junior Brandon Lee took third in the Division 2 boys' breaststroke in 56.73, and the Lightning's 400 free relay team of Noah Joshi, Carson McNeill, Aaron Li and Chang finished third in a school-record 3:09.88.

Kudos also should be extended to Laguna Beach senior Mia Rommerswinkel, who competed in the first Division 1 mixed 50 free inclusive finals race. The "para-heat" was created this year by CIF Southern Section Section assistant commissioner Kristine Pallo.

Rommerswinkel has Down syndrome, said her mother, Corinne, but that doesn't slow her down. On Friday, she completed four years in the Laguna Beach swim program and she also was in the Breakers' spring play, "Mamma Mia," coach Kari Damato said.

"It was fun," Mia Rommerswinkel said. "I didn't like to swim at first, but I finally realized that I do like to swim."

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MARATHON

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als qualifying time, but that plan changed when it became apparent that the friend wouldn't make the time.

"We had a Plan A, B and C," Martinez said. "C was the worst-case scenario, me finishing."

"They offered prize money for a course record, so I had to get it for some extra rent [money]."

Emilio De La Torrey finished second for the men with a time of 2:20:45, while Victoria Cronin was second for the women, just 47 seconds behind

Grimshaw.

Grimshaw left her 18-month-old at home with her husband, whose birthday was Saturday.

"I left him alone, so I had to make it worth it," she said. "I really wanted a day to remember. That's why I loved it."

The event featured a capacity field of 2,600 entrants from 47 states, part of a 45% increase in registration for the four races that comprise the SDCCU OC Marathon Running Festival.

"The number of participants is returning to pre-COVID days," said Gary Kutscher, the race director for the festival, which also

included a half-marathon Sunday and a 5K and kids' mile run that were held Saturday.

"After three years of pandemic restrictions folks are finally comfortable being out there together. They are ready to get out there and run in large groups and have a lot of fun," he said. "Our whole theme this year is 'Let's run together,' and I think that is truly what is happening."

The marathon field included 135 runners from the nonprofit youth marathon training program We Run Our Community's Kids (WeRock).

The half-marathon drew nearly 9,000 entrants,

Kutscher said. It serves as the national championship for the Road Runners Club of America, the nation's oldest and largest distance running organization with a membership of more than 1,500 clubs representing more than 200,000 runners.

The club's designation of the OC Marathon's half-marathon as its national championship "really does showcase what we think is one of the most beautiful half-marathons in the country," Kutscher said.

Jordan Bramblett of Arizona won the men's half-marathon in 1:07:20, while the Bay Area's Tasia Potasinski won the wom-

en's version in 1:19:52.

Runners raised more than \$500,000 for the race's 19 charity partners, Kutscher told City News Service.

The charity partners include: the Autism Community in Action, which provides education and support to families living with autism; Hark-ALS for Peggy Fort, which raises funds to pay for in-home caregivers and specialized medical equipment for the CEO of a Corona del Mar-based boutique marketing agency diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease in 2021; Project Possible, which raises money to help fund early learning centers that

provide various types of therapies for children with disabilities; Korean American Special Education Center which helps Korean American families with children with disabilities who were not receiving adequate special education and social welfare services due to language and cultural barriers; and HD-CARE, a UC Irvine support group supporting research and patient care for people diagnosed with Huntington's disease.

Photos and complete race results can be found at OCmarathon.com.

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