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**FREEMASON JOSHUA LOWE** removes a time capsule from an exterior wall of the former Kettler Elementary School in Huntington Beach.

## Blast from the past

A former Huntington Beach elementary school time capsule was opened Tuesday night for the first time in nearly 20 years.

BY MATT SZABO

People came for a time capsule ceremony, and a sort of walking time capsule showed up just in time.

The 100-year-old man strolled the halls of his former namesake slowly and with the help of a walker, but confidently nonetheless.

William Kettler was the special guest at the Huntington Beach City School District's time capsule opening at the former Kettler Elementary School on Tuesday night.

Kettler grew up in the city and graduated from Huntington Beach High in 1939. A U.S. Army veteran during World War II, he spent 30 years as a trustee with the local school district and the Coast Community College District. Kettler Elementary School was named for him when it was dedicated during the 1972-73 school year.

Kettler is an important figure in the city's history. He walked in the Bolsa Chica Wetlands as a child and found Native American

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**WILLIAM KETTLER** watches as the contents of a time capsule are revealed at the former elementary school that bears his name.



**A MARCH 8, 1973** newspaper was removed from Kettler Elementary School's time capsule in Huntington Beach on Tuesday.

## Drunk driver in H.B. hit-and-run that killed bicyclist convicted of second-degree murder

BY ERIC LICAS

A man who had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his system when his BMW struck and killed a bicyclist in Huntington Beach three years ago was found guilty of second-degree murder and hit-and-run on Wednesday.

Victor Manuel Romero, 28, had

been charged in connection with the death of then-33-year-old Raymond MacDonald. The victim had just celebrated his birthday and was hauling a bike trailer loaded with gifts across the street when he was hit by the defendant's BMW 328i at Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue at 2:10 a.m. on March 30, 2019, his mother, Dani MacDonald, 61,

told the Daily Pilot. He is survived by his parents, a sister and a teenage daughter.

"I'm happy that this part is over," Dani MacDonald said. "I hope he [Romero] understands what he did."

Romero had previously been found guilty of driving while intoxicated in 2012. Following that conviction, he was warned that if

he was later caught drunk behind the wheel in a fatal crash he could be charged with murder.

The defendant had been drinking at Hurricanes and the Huntington Beach Beer Co. and wound up in a fight on the second floor of an adjacent parking structure the night MacDonald

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## Curtain rises on plans for Estancia theater

NMUSD approved an agreement with a contractor that will speed up the redesign and building process.

BY SARA CARDINE

After ongoing debates and site relocation delayed construction plans for nearly one year, a long held promise by Newport-Mesa Unified School District to build a \$42-million performing arts complex at Estancia High School is back on track.

School board members Tuesday approved securing a contractor through a lease-leaseback construction delivery model that will allow the district to "lease" the project site to the builder for the duration of construction and then take it back once the work has been complete.

Now that an agreement has been reached with Northern California-based Flint Builders, Inc., initial site work could begin early next year with approval from the Division of State Architect (DSA) expected in summer, Ara Zareczny, NMUSD's director of facilities development, confirmed Wednesday.

If all goes according to plan, construction is anticipated to wrap by the end of 2024.

That anticipated deadline is the first hint at when the complex — which includes a 350-seat theater and lobby, a black box theater and backstage areas — could open since the project in July was shifted northward from the southeast corner of the Costa Mesa campus to a parking lot area.

The move followed debate over

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### ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



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## Noise prompts N.B. to pull speed cushions on Highland Drive

A dozen residents living near 1911 Highland Drive requested the removal of the impediments installed in July 2021.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Speeding is an issue in the Dover Shores and Mariners neighborhoods of Newport Beach, but for at least a dozen residents living near 1911 Highland Drive, city-installed speed cushions aren't the answer.

A few years ago residents concerned for the safety of their children reported to city officials that motorists were traveling through their streets at high speeds. A traffic study was conducted in 2019, and in July 2021 about 15 of the cushions — shallow speed bumps designed to allow emergency vehicles to pass unimpeded while still slowing passenger cars — were installed throughout the

neighborhoods.

After the installations were complete, cars were slowed by 3 to 9 miles per hour as they passed over the cushions, according to a staff report prepared for Tuesday's City Council meeting. But some Highland Drive residents complained the cushions did little to slow speeding drivers and that the noise made when vehicles traveled over them was unacceptable.

Newport Beach resident Lisa Ackley, who lives directly adjacent to where some speed cushions are installed, brought videos to the meeting to illustrate the point. Ackley said she and other neighbors regularly hear vehicles shifting gears and accelerating, tires striking the cushions and vehicle loads being jostled.

She and a dozen other residents submitted a petition requesting the removal of the speed

See *Cushions*, page A5



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**ONE OF** two sets of speed cushions installed on Highland Drive in the Mariners neighborhood in Newport Beach. Residents have complained about the noise vehicles make when driving over the speed cushions.

**AROUND TOWN**

**Estancia presents 'Little Women'**

Students in Estancia High School's award-winning drama department kicked off their 2022-23 season Thursday with Kate Hamill's "Little Women," adapted from Louisa May Alcott's classic novel.

The coming of age tale follows March sisters Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy from childhood to adulthood during the Civil War era. Under Estancia High drama director Pauline Maranian and teacher Amber Marroquin, the adaptation strives to make a 19th-century work relevant to modern audiences.

"Little Women" runs through Saturday, at 7 p.m., at Estancia High School, 2323 Placentia Ave., in Costa Mesa. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission and can be purchased at the door or online at [estancia.com](http://estancia.com).

**Councilwoman talks Navy stint**

Costa Mesa City Councilwoman Andrea Marr will speak about her career with the U.S. Navy and what she's learned about leadership during a reception at the Costa Mesa Historical Society on Sunday.

After completing qualifications as a nuclear engineer, Marr served about the U.S. Navy, where she led a division of 20 nuclear-trained machinists for two years. She will also speak on how her professional life has benefited from the influence of Admiral Hyman Rickover, considered the father of the nuclear Navy.

The reception takes place at 2 p.m. with the program to follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Historical Society, 1870 Anaheim Ave.

Space is limited.



**ANDREA MARR** will speak at the Costa Mesa Historical Society on Sunday.

*Brandy Young*

**Library to host literacy festival**

Orange County public libraries, in collaboration with 5th District County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett will celebrate early and family literacy at Aliso Viejo Library Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., where they will host a variety of activities for the whole family.

Attendees can meet and pose for photos with children's book character Lyle Crocodile and enjoy crocodile-themed crafts and book-forward face-painting designs. Newberry Honor and best-selling children's author Jennifer Holm will attend a meet and greet and sign free copies of her book, "Once Upon a Messy Whisker," while supplies last.

The library is located at 1 Journey, in Aliso Viejo. For more information visit [ocpl.org](http://ocpl.org).

**Pham to lead OC Fair board**

The OC Fair & Event Center board of directors has selected member Newton Pham to serve a one-year term as board chair, while board member Nick Kovacevich will serve as vice chair.

Board members voted on the appointments in an Oct. 27 meeting. Pham, a Fountain Valley resident, has served on the board since 2016. A graduate of San Diego State, Pham is an executive vice president and head of leveraged finance at California Bank & Trust, the California division of Zions Banco-

corporation. Kovacevich is chief executive of Greenlane Holdings, Inc., a provider of ancillary cannabis products and accessories. An entrepreneur who co-founded KushCo Holdings and BigRentz, an Irvine-based technology company, the Newport Beach resident joined the board in 2020.

Pham replaces outgoing Chair Doug LaBelle, who will continue to serve on the board.

**Center welcomes new leader**

Tilly's Life Center — an Irvine nonprofit whose programs empower teenagers to cope with adversity, crisis and tough decisions — announced Colleen Versteeg as chief executive.

Versteeg was instrumental in achieving numerous financial and program goals in her 10 years as executive director for Santa Ana child-care agency Orange County Head Start, where she oversaw a \$45-million annual budget. Prior to that, she was a child development coordinator for Santa Ana Unified School District, where she oversaw early childhood state and federal grants.

"I could not be more excited about this new chapter in our organization," TLC Founder and President Tilly Levine said in a news release. "Colleen brings so much experience in our field — she will be a perfect fit for our culture, our values and our mission."

— From staff reports

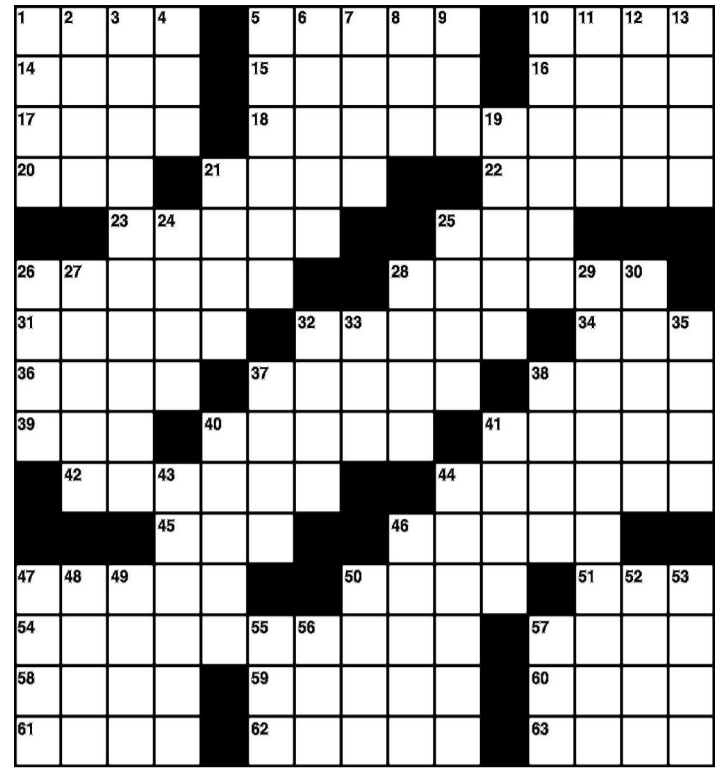
**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

*By Jacqueline E. Mathews*

**ACROSS**

- 1 Fine spray
- 5 Firebug's crime
- 10 Kill
- 14 Jai \_
- 15 Moocher
- 16 Barcelona bull
- 17 Head problem
- 18 U.S. state capital
- 20 Suffix for racket or auction
- 21 Towboats
- 22 Gracefully flexible
- 23 Oak nut
- 25 Nervous twitch
- 26 Wreak havoc on
- 28 Giggle
- 31 Last letter
- 32 Prayer before meals
- 34 Hockey goal
- 36 Ready to be eaten
- 37 Hen's comment
- 38 Oscar hopeful
- 39 Not at home
- 40 Smooth and glossy
- 41 Uppsala resident
- 42 New police officer
- 44 Few & scattered
- 45 Salsa or guacamole
- 46 Pass out
- 47 Blinds alternative
- 50 Baby in the woods
- 51 "The Goldbergs" network
- 54 Mightily
- 57 In \_ of; as a substitute for
- 58 Mimics
- 59 Wipe away errors
- 60 \_ more; again
- 61 Trial run
- 62 Become a member of
- 63 Seeks answers

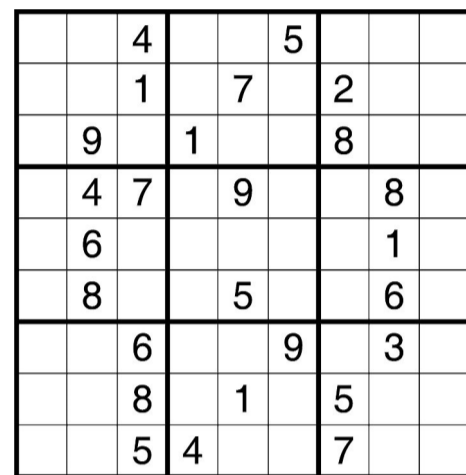
**DOWN**



**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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A5.**

- 1 Guy
- 2 Athlete Nastase
- 3 U.S. state capital
- 4 " \_ Me Kangaroo Down, Sport"
- 5 Charm
- 6 Rule
- 7 \_ out; begins a trip
- 8 Part of fall: abbr.
- 9 Org. for Sharks & Sabres
- 10 No-nonsense
- 11 Money, slangily
- 12 Foot part
- 13 Pair of oxen
- 19 Privileged group

- 21 Old Roman robe
- 24 Canary's home
- 25 Lyme disease transmitter
- 26 Nincompoop
- 27 Love in Paris
- 28 Carpet fastener
- 29 Puts on a show
- 30 Is literate
- 32 \_ club; singing group
- 33 Kick oneself for
- 35 Beech or birch
- 37 Use shears
- 38 Waterbird
- 40 Tommy Moe or Bode Miller
- 41 Revolve
- 43 Weirdest
- 44 Diane or Forrest
- 46 Test answer choice
- 47 Falling-out
- 48 Optimism
- 49 Flabbergasts
- 50 \_ as a pancake
- 52 Call's partner, in phrase
- 53 Actor's prompts
- 55 " \_-fi-fo-fum"
- 56 "Ode on a Grecian \_"
- 57 Hawaii's Mauna \_

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The state of what's next. **Los Angeles Times**

# Newport Beach announces new city finance director

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Jason Al-Imam has been appointed as Newport Beach's newest finance director, the city announced this week.

"Jason brings the combination of leadership skills, city government experience and financial savvy we were looking for in a new finance director," City Manager Grace Leung said in the statement. "His extensive background with city budgets, and a successful track record of building relationships with internal and external stakeholders, makes him a great fit for this position."

Al-Imam, who will start his new job Nov. 28, succeeds former finance director Scott Catlett, who left his position with the city for a private sector job in September.

City officials said Al-Imam has nearly 20 years of experience in working with local government, including the city of Tustin, where he has been serving in the same capacity since February 2020.

Prior to that, he held a similar position in Fountain Valley, served as administrative services director in Los Alamitos and was a controller in Riverside.

In Newport Beach, Al-Imam will oversee the city's \$404-million budget, ensure compliance with existing policies and manage a staff of 30.

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Drew A. Kelley

**FRIENDS OF** Kettler Elementary School admire the contents of the school's time capsule in Huntington Beach on Tuesday.

## PAST

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remains and arrowheads, which later would help thwart efforts from developers to build there.

"I was taught that you should give back to your community," he told those in attendance on Tuesday night.

Kettler Elementary was closed in 2005. In December 2018, the site was repurposed after renovations and now serves as the Kettler Education Center.

The time capsule, installed in 1973, had not been opened since 2003. Tuesday's ceremony served as a chance for community members, and former Kettler Cougars teachers and students, to reminisce about the school. Many of the former teachers at the school still meet monthly.

"This was a very close staff," said Pati Strange, who taught at Kettler for more than 30 years and

is still a substitute teacher in the district. "We were known as the best staff, you know? When substitutes would come here, they would [say] 'This staff is so friendly.'"

The time capsule's contents were reviewed with the help of the Huntington Beach Masonic Lodge No. 380. When it was taken out of the wall, it was revealed that there were two envelopes, one from 1973 and one from 2003.

The envelope from 1973 featured news articles highlighting the school's opening, pictures of the school and a district budget from that school year, which drew laughs.

The more recent envelope from 2003 featured a letter to future students written by Strange, as well as an interview of Strange by then-fifth grader Heather Percival, who was able to attend Tuesday's ceremony.

It also featured messages to future students penned by other

fifth-graders, a copy of the Cougar News and a picture documenting that gas was just \$1.73 a gallon. An advertisement from now-closed Two Brothers pizza in Fountain Valley, a TV Guide cover and a mailer from a local grocery store were some of the other artifacts kept.

Kettler students have gone on to do big things, Supt. Leisa Winston said in remarks to those in attendance. They include two-time U.S. Open of Surfing champion and Olympic surfing silver medalist Kanoa Igarashi and Timmy Reyes, another future professional surfer.

"One of the staff remembers Kanoa coming to school one day, probably in first or second grade, and he had a surfing trophy as tall as he was," Winston said.

Strange said the plan is to put more present-day items in the time capsule and put it back into the wall, to be discovered by the next generation.

She said she contacted Winston's assistant, Jimmy Lambos, last year.

"I said, 'You know, Kettler's going to be 50 years old,'" Strange said. "Let's open the time capsule and put some more stuff in it.' I took pictures of three gas stations, and I have a Vons ad from this year ... It was a great, great school."

William Kettler is glad that people still think fondly of the former elementary school that bore his name. His daughter-in-law, Mary Pat, still teaches kindergarten in the district, at Smith Elementary.

Three of his four grandchildren were able to attend Tuesday's ceremony, including Brett Kluewer.

"He's a special man, a giving man," Kluewer said. "He was able to leave his legacy."

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**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**

# Athletes level up with college commitments

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

The fall signing period saw dozens of local high school seniors make declarations about their college plans, all involving a future

in athletics.

Schools recognized their athletes whose achievements will elevate them to the next level in their sport.

Laguna Beach High, which held an on-campus ceremony, celebrated college scholarships at Division I or Division II programs for 11 athletes.

The strength of the Laguna Beach girls' water polo program, which was a finalist in the CIF Southern

Section Open Division and CIF State Southern California Regional Division I playoffs last season, was reflected in its four signees at the Nov. 9 presentation — Jordan Schneider (Michigan), Lauren Schneider (USC), Lauren Short (Villanova) and Cleo Washer (Brown).

Eva Travis, an outside hitter for the Breakers, signed

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**WATER POLO** player Lauren Schneider, a USC commit, stands up to thank her parents during a national signing day ceremony at Laguna Beach High on Nov. 9.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California and virtual locations on **Monday, November 28, 2022** at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:  
**Application No.:** PA-22-21  
**Applicant/Agent:** Vaccher Family Trust/Randall Longwith  
**Site Address:** 2001 Harbor Blvd, Suites 100-103  
**Zone:** C2 (General Business District)  
**Description:** Planning Application 22-21 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a retail cannabis storefront use within a 3,720-square-foot first floor tenant space of a two-story commercial building located at 2001 Harbor Boulevard. The proposed use would be subject to Costa Mesa's regulations, conditions of approval, and State regulations. For additional information, please visit the City's website at [www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics](http://www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics).  
**Environmental Determination:** The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.  
**Additional Information:** For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email [planninginfo@costamesaca.gov](mailto:planninginfo@costamesaca.gov). Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Members of the public may submit comments via email to [PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov](mailto:PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov). Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing via email or submitted to the Planning Department on a flash drive, or mailed to the Planning Department. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted. A direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov, or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.

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**Application No.:** PA-21-33  
**Applicant/Agent:** Kevin Maguire/Tak Sato  
**Site Address:** 675 Paularino Ave., Suites 5, 6, and 7  
**Zone:** C1 (Local Business District)  
**Description:** Planning Application 21-33 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a retail cannabis storefront business in an existing 2,992-square-foot tenant space within a multi-tenant commercial building located at 675 Paularino Avenue. The proposed use would be subject to Costa Mesa regulations, conditions of approval, and State regulations. For additional information, please visit the City's website at [www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics](http://www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics).  
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**Application No.:** PA-21-34  
**Applicant/Agent:** Costa Mesa Commercial Group LLC/ Christopher Glew Site  
**Address:** 2332 Newport Blvd.  
**Zone:** C1 (Local Business District)  
**Description:** Planning Application 21-34 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a retail cannabis storefront use within an existing commercial building located at 2332 Newport Boulevard. The existing building is 3,790 square feet. The applicant proposes to reduce the size of the building to 2,000 square feet and bring the property into greater conformance with development standards. The proposed use would be subject to Costa Mesa's regulations, conditions of approval, and State regulations. For additional information, please visit the City's website at [www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics](http://www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics).  
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Sara Cardine

**A NEW** performing arts complex at Estancia High, being planned for east of the school gym, could be built by 2024.

## THEATER

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a proposal to remove a nearly 1-acre senior lawn with mature trees, including a lawsuit filed by the city of Costa Mesa. After board members approved the relocation, the suit was dropped.

Zareczny explained a lease-leaseback agreement will streamline the redesign and building process. Under a traditional "design-bid-build" model, designers submit plans to DSA with no input from builders. Once the state signs off, those plans cannot be easily altered or amended.

When contractors review the plans and see what they consider omissions, mistakes or shortcomings, they might bid lower on a project, anticipating necessary "fixes" can be billed later as change orders, additional expenses the district must pay to finish the work.

Because school districts are required by law to accept the lowest bid for a construction project, officials may later be forced to approve change orders that have driven up costs far beyond what's been budgeted.

"The last time we bid the project [in the first location], the spread between the three contractors who bid was \$31 million to \$33 million to \$37 million — they all saw something different," Zareczny said.

By contrast, the lease-leaseback method reduces excessive change orders, precisely because the builder is able to weigh in on plans before they're sub-

mitted. Although the mechanism of how the builder is paid is complex and involves variable pay schedules based on how quickly different tasks are completed, the term of the lease is 18 months from DSA approval. Any amendments to those terms would be subject to a vote from the board.

After working on the project and its different iterations over the last several years, Zareczny admitted it was nice to have a work crew lined up.

"From my perspective, staff is excited that we have some movement on the project," she said Wednesday. "We have a full team comprised of a construction manager, general contractor and architects in place, and we can just move forward and do our jobs."

Despite delays on the new theater, members of Estancia High's drama department on Thursday were busy preparing for the opening that night of a new production of "Little Women," which will run through Sunday, at 7 p.m., in the school's Barbara Van Holt Theater.

Amber Marroquin, a 2017 Estancia graduate recently tapped to replace longtime drama director Pauline Maranian, took a moment Thursday to express her appreciation that the project is gaining steam.

"This theater will be the home of lifelong memories for our students," she wrote in an email. "It will be a joyous day when the theater finally opens!"

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**CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Planning Commission

In-Person: City Hall Council Chambers at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
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**Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

The CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH will hold a public hearing on the request below. You may participate in-person at City Hall or virtually on Zoom. Case No.: Design Review 22-2120, Address: Laguna Canyon Flood Channel, located between Laguna Canyon Frontage Road and Woodland Drive | APN: 641-223-01, Applicant: Austin Morgan, Project Manager, for Orange County Public Works, 714-647-3981 [austin.morgan@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:austin.morgan@ocpw.ocgov.com), Property Owner: CalTrans | Orange County Flood Control District | City of Laguna Beach Application Filing Date: November 1, 2022, PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Orange County Public Works requests approval of design changes to enhance the hardscape and landscaping for the Laguna Canyon Flood Channel replacement project located in the Arts District of the Downtown Specific Plan area. Design review is required for amendments to a previously approved landscape plan. The project consists of changes and adds vegetation to a previously approved landscape plan. **COASTAL ZONE:** This project is located within an appealable area of the Coastal Zone. **CEQA:** This project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land, in that the project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. **MORE INFORMATION:** The property is not required to be staked with stroy poles. The proposed application package will be available on the City's website the Saturday before the public hearing (<https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here-city-council-meetings-agendas-and-minutes/>) and at the Community Development Department public counter during the following hours: Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 4:30pm, closed alternating Fridays. Pursuant to Laguna Beach Municipal Code Sections 12.14.04(d) and 12.16.080(c), landscaping previously approved through the design review process with established height limits shall be exempt from all future hedge height, view preservation and view restoration claims by neighboring property owners. **HOW TO COMMENT:** If you have any comments or concerns about the proposed project, please communicate those thoughts in writing to Arlen Beck, Associate Planner at [abeck@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:abeck@lagunabeachcity.net) or submit to the Community Development Department located at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. Planning Commissioners may also be contacted to discuss issues and questions about the proposed project. A listing of the Planning Commissioners and their contact information is available in City Hall and on the City's website at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net). Comments may also be made via teleconferencing during the Public Hearing from a computer, iPad or smart phone or in-person in the Council Chambers. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in a meeting may request such modification or accommodation from the Zoning Division at (949) 497-0329. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if you challenge this application in court, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised in the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the public agency prior to, or at, the public hearing.

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**Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM** The CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH will hold a public hearing on the request below. You may participate in-person at City Hall or virtually on Zoom. Case No.: Tentative Parcel Map 21-9811, Design Review 22-1930 & Coastal Development Permit 22-1886 Address: 648 Canyon View Drive | APN: 641-373-47 Applicant: Michael Wilkes, (949) 637-1050, [wilkesdrb@hotmail.com](mailto:wilkesdrb@hotmail.com) Property Owner: Cardenas Three, LLC. Application Filing Date: July 28, 2021 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests approval of a Tentative Parcel Map and Coastal Development Permit to subdivide an existing split-zoned, developed parcel in the R-1 (Residential Low Density) and R/HP (Residential/Hillside Protection) zone into two residential parcels. Design review is required for a new vehicular turnaround. Development of an additional single-family dwelling is not being considered at this time. **COASTAL ZONE:** This project is located within a non-appealable area of the Coastal Zone. **CEQA:** This project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Sections 15303 (New Construction) and 15315 (Minor Land Divisions), in that the project consists of the construction of small accessory structures and the division of property in an urbanized area zoned for residential use into four or fewer parcels when the division is in conformance with the General Plan and zoning, no variances or exceptions are required, all services and access to the proposed parcels to local standards are available, the parcel was not involved in a division of a larger parcel within the previous two years, and the parcel does not have an average slope greater than 20 percent. **MORE INFORMATION:** The property is required to be staked with stroy poles at least 21 days prior to the hearing. The proposed application package will be available on the City's website the Saturday before the public hearing (<https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here-city-council-meetings-agendas-and-minutes/>) and at the Community Development Department public counter during the following hours: Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 4:30pm, closed alternating Fridays. **HOW TO COMMENT:** If you have any comments or concerns about the proposed project, please communicate those thoughts in writing to Chris Dominguez, Senior Planner at [cdominguez@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:cdominguez@lagunabeachcity.net) or submit to the Community Development Department located at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. Planning Commissioners may also be contacted to discuss issues and questions about the proposed project. A listing of the Planning Commissioners and their contact information is available in City Hall and on the City's website at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net). Comments may also be made via teleconferencing during the Public Hearing from a computer, iPad or smart phone or in-person in the Council Chambers. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in a meeting may request such modification or accommodation from the Zoning Division at (949) 497-0329. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if you challenge this application in court, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised in the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the public agency prior to, or at, the public hearing.

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**SPEED CUSHIONS** installed on Highland Drive in the Mariners neighborhood in Newport Beach will be removed because of noise complaints from nearby residents.

## CUSHIONS

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cushions on Highland Drive.

"The noise really takes its toll on all of us and can be heard throughout our home and yards. It can disrupt work calls, Zoom meetings, even with the windows closed," Ackley said. "We don't have insulation. We don't have mature trees. We don't have a wall." Ackley said one of her neighbors across the street has trees but that they don't provide an adequate sound buffer.

"It's really impacted our lives. We don't sit on our front porch. We just feel ... 'un-peaceful,' is the best way I can say it," Ackley said.

"None of us are noise wimps," said Laurie Lane, a

neighbor of Ackley's. "We live under the flight path. We are used to a lot of noise. We've also lived through the ever-increasing construction traffic due to all the remodels being done in the neighborhood, but the sound from these speed mats are unlike anything else we've experienced. It's nonstop, round the clock." Lane described the sound as unpredictable and jarring.

With council direction, public works director Dave Webb confirmed Thursday that staff will remove one of the speed cushions on Highland Drive and work with residents on Dover Drive about a speed cushion there that drew a similar noise complaint. The other 13 cushions will remain in place.

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## MURDER

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was killed. Romero received numerous blows to the head, and his attorney, Madeline Berkley, claimed they resulted in a concussion that impacted his memory and decision-making.

Berkley argued that the injury was the reason Romero told police who responded to the fight that he would find someone to give him a ride home but then got into his car instead. Deputy Dist. Atty. Janine Madera said Romero lied to the officers and chose to drive drunk that morning. The prosecutor also noted that he slammed his car into a tree about a minute after striking MacDonald and immediately fled the scene of that collision.

Jurors spent about five hours in deliberation before handing their verdict to Judge Lance P. Jensen at the West Justice Center Wednesday. Romero was scheduled to return for a sentencing hearing on Feb. 10. The typical sentence for the crime is 15 years to life

in prison.

MacDonald's mother said her son was a coastal Orange County native who had deep roots in the area. He worked full time at her catering business and was a regular volunteer at Church by the Sea in Laguna Beach.

"Raymond had the sweetest blue twinkling eyes and an awesome smile," Dani MacDonald said. "He was a kind, loving soul and would do anything for anybody."

Relatives of the defendant said he is deeply remorseful about what happened three years ago and genuinely has no recollection of what took place that evening. They described him as someone who always tried to cheer people up when they were down and said he worked multiple jobs to support his mother and siblings.

"I know their [MacDonald's] son passed away," the defendant's mother, Maria Romero, 51, said. "Mine is in jail. I hurt for both sides. I wanted to tell them I'm sorry."

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Notice is hereby given that a Bulk Sale is about to be made. The name(s), and business address(es) to the seller(s) are: **DANNY CHANG AND ASSOCIATES INC., 2 Mountain Laurel, Irvine, CA 92604** Doing Business as: **DANNY CHANG AND ASSOCIATES** All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: None The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: Same as above The name(s) and business address of the Buyer(s) is/are: **EMBEE POWER, INC., 17622 Armstrong, Irvine, CA 92614** The assets to be sold are described in general as: trade name of the business, inventory of stock, and are located at: **2 Mountain Laurel, Irvine, CA 92604** The Bulk Sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: **The Heritage Escrow Company, 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800, San Diego CA 92103** and the anticipated date of sale/transfer is **DECEMBER 8, 2022**, pursuant to Division 6 of the California Code. This 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: **The Heritage Escrow Company, 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800, San Diego CA 92103, Escrow No. 107-041826, Escrow Officer: Debbie Kneeshaw Howe** and the last date for filing claims shall be **DECEMBER 7, 2022**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above. EMBEE POWER, INC. a California corporation By: /s/ Thomas Kennedy, President 11/18/22 **CNS-3644573# DAILY PILOT**

**BSC 222502 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANDREW ROBERT HOOTSTEIN, aka ANDREW R. HOOTSTEIN, aka ANDREW HOOTSTEIN 30-2022-01289654-PR-LA-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **ANDREW ROBERT HOOTSTEIN, aka ANDREW R. HOOTSTEIN, aka ANDREW HOOTSTEIN.**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **SARA BLAIS** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **SARA BLAIS** 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 **January 05, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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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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P-287.02 APN: 151-473-42 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JUNE 1, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property situated in the County of Orange, State of California, commonly known as 20331 Colonial Circle, Huntington Beach, California 92646, bearing assessor's parcel number APN: 151-473-42 and legally described as Lot 56 of Tract No. 7004 in the City of Huntington Beach, County of Orange, State of California, as shown on a Map in Book 280, Pages 21, 22, and 23 of Miscellaneous Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, will be sold at public auction on the front steps to the entrance of the Orange Civic Center located at 300 East Chapman, Orange, CA 92866 at 9:00 am on Thursday, December 1, 2022, to secure obligations in favor of Papa Joe Investments Inc., as successor beneficiary, describing the land therein, in the amount of \$1,035,574.00, including the total amount of the unpaid principal, taxes, advances, interest, late charges, trustee's fees and charges, attorneys' fees and charges incurred, posting, publication and recording fees, and reasonably estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. The real property subject to the deed of trust and which will be sold as provided herein is described in that deed of trust dated June 1, 2007, executed by Angel Mordekhai, an unmarried woman, as Trustor to secure obligations in favor of All Century, Inc., as Beneficiary, and recorded on April 21, 2008 as instrument number 2008000185766 in the Official Records of the County Recorder of Orange County, California. The undersigned trustee was appointed and substituted as trustee under the deed of trust by that substitution of trustee recorded May 2, 2022 as instrument number 2022000165253 in the Official Records of the County Recorder of Orange County, California, and executed by said Beneficiary. The Notice of Default and Election to Sell the described real property under the deed of trust was recorded on May 2, 2022 as instrument number 2022000165254 in the official records of the County Recorder of Orange County, California. 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DATED: November 4, 2022 Foreclosure Services Company, as Trustee By: Stephen M. Fenster, Its President

### Legal Notices

**BSC 222530 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: THOMAS EUGENE JONES 30-2022-01291207-PR-LA-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **THOMAS EUGENE JONES.**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **CHRISTINE O'CONNOR** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **CHRISTINE O'CONNOR** 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 **January 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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### Legal Notices

**BSC 222511 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: NANCY M. LOUGHRIDGE 30-2022-01290304-PR-PW-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **NANCY M. LOUGHRIDGE.**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **LISA HAYES** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **LISA HAYES** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

**THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. **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 **January 05, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

**The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (accourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.**

**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

**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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**COLLEGE**

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with the UC Santa Barbara women's volleyball program. She had transferred in from Aliso Niguel, where she won the CIF Division 2 title with the Wolverines as a junior.

Newport Harbor has asserted its dominance in the pool, winning the most recent section titles in the top division for both boys' and girls' water polo. The Sailors edged out JSerra 10-9 for the Open Division title on the boys' side on Nov. 12, just three days after Finn Genc (UC Santa Barbara) and Ben Liechty (UCLA) signed their National Letter of Intent.

The Sailors' list of committed athletes sported additional CIF champions, including goalkeeper Anna Reed (USC) and attacker Avery Montiel (Stanford) for girls' water polo, as well as outside hitters Jake Read (Loyola Chicago) and Luca Curci (UCLA) for boys' volleyball.

"It's just a testament to these individuals," Ross Sinclair, who coaches the boys' and girls' water polo teams at Newport Harbor, said of his players who signed. "They've put in a lot of work, not just the four years that they've been here, but before that, in age-group [play], and not only taking care of their abilities in the pool and as athletes, but also being great students on campus."

"I'm really happy for them. It's a lot of hard work that they've put in, their parents have put in, the program's put in, so it's a really neat honor for them. It should be really exciting and also just the beginning for them. I think all four are going to have great, great college careers beyond this."

Corona del Mar had 14 seniors commit to play their sport in college, including midfielders Gavin Gossen (Stevenson University) and Scott Westrick (Providence) and defender Colin Hebble (Delaware) of the Sea Kings' boys'



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**BASEBALL PLAYERS** Griffin Naess, a Cal Poly commit, and Colin Kidd, a New Jersey Institute of Technology commit, pose with their baseball coach during a national signing day ceremony at Laguna Beach High on Nov. 9.

lacrosse program. The Sea Kings defeated Foothill for the Division 1 title last year.

Two Daily Pilot Softball Dream Team selections in Fountain Valley corner infielder Makenzie Butt and Huntington Beach center fielder Sophia Knight signed with Boise State.

Fountain Valley's TJ McDonnell, who won a CIF Masters title and placed third in the state at 182 pounds, signed with the Oregon State wrestling program. Marina's Mika Ikemori, a five-star tennis recruit who reached the final of the CIF Individuals tournament as a junior, has committed to UC Davis.

"It's such a weight lifted off my back," McDonnell said of making his college decision. "I'm definitely most excited to compete now without the stress of wondering what's going to happen and where I'm going to go. Now, I can go out there and have fun and let it fly. That's definitely the most exciting part."

Below is a list of the local athletes who have signed or committed as of the fall signing period:

**CORONA DEL MAR**

Aubrie Anderson, Brown University women's water polo

Milan Bever, University of San Diego women's swimming

Chloe Bohuslavizki, Uni-

versity of Nevada, Las Vegas women's diving

George Bruening, UC Santa Barbara men's volleyball

Emily Cloherty, UC San Diego women's water polo

Sarah Decker, Brown University women's water polo

Francesca Garcia, San Diego State women's lacrosse

Gavin Gossen, Stevenson University men's lacrosse

Colin Hebble, University of Delaware men's lacrosse

Makena Macedo, San Diego State women's water polo

Maggie Schalow, University of Virginia women's swimming

Jillian Schlom, Michigan women's water polo

Jordyn Warner, Texas Christian University women's diving

Scott Westrick, Providence College men's lacrosse

**EDISON**  
Brandon Winokur, UCLA baseball

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY**  
Makenzie Butt, Boise State softball

Tim Grack, University of San Diego baseball

JJ Gray, Oberlin College men's basketball

TJ McDonnell, Oregon State wrestling

Alan Ton, West Point men's tennis

Jonathon Yu, Cal Poly



Courtesy of Jerry Murray

**NEWPORT HARBOR HIGH** athletes partake in a signing day ceremony to formally commit to a university and further their athletic careers. From left, front row: Principal Sean Boulton, Vivi Spitz, Sarah Porter; back row: Malia Thorne, Laine Briggs, Jake Read, Luca Curci, Anna Reed, Avery Montiel, Finn Genc, Ben Liechty, Quinn Perry, Michela Banta.

boys' track and field

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**

Zach Bettino, USC men's water polo

Grace Brehm, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee women's swimming

Dean Carpentier, USC baseball

Chloe Griffith, Tennessee Tech women's golf

Aidan Espinoza, UCLA baseball

Emma Francisco, Cal Poly Humboldt softball

Sophia Knight, Boise State softball

Carson Lane, University of Nevada, Las Vegas baseball

Madeleine Scarth, Michigan women's water polo

Wyatt Thomas, Biola baseball

Colby Turner, San Diego State baseball

Ralph Velazquez, Arizona State baseball

**LAGUNA BEACH**  
Jana Jovic, UC San Diego women's swimming

Colin Kidd, New Jersey Institute of Technology baseball

Griffin Naess, Cal Poly

baseball

Cadence Peery, Cal Poly Humboldt women's track and field

Jordan Schneider, Michigan women's water polo

Lauren Schneider, USC women's water polo

Lauren Short, Villanova women's water polo

Katelyn Smith, UC Davis women's tennis

Eva Travis, UC Santa Barbara women's volleyball

Cleo Washer, Brown University women's water polo

Brooklyn Yelland, Boston College women's volleyball

**MARINA**

Emmi Burdine, Sweet Briar College field hockey

Samantha Esparza, Idaho State women's soccer

Mika Ikemori, UC Davis women's tennis

Makayla Mathis, Eastern Kentucky University softball

**NEWPORT HARBOR**

Michela Banta, USC crew

Laine Briggs, Pepperdine women's volleyball

Luca Curci, UCLA men's volleyball

Finn Genc, UC Santa

Barbara men's water polo

Ben Liechty, UCLA men's water polo

Avery Montiel, Stanford women's water polo

Quinn Perry, Cal Poly women's beach volleyball

Sarah Porter, Fordham crew

Jake Read, Loyola Chicago men's volleyball

Anna Reed, USC women's water polo

Vivi Spitz, Cal crew

Malia Thorne, Cal State Monterey Bay women's volleyball

Kenny Wanlass, Johns Hopkins men's cross-country and track and field

**OCEAN VIEW**  
Eryn Lewis, Lewis and Clark College baseball

Landon Runyon, UC San Diego baseball

**PACIFICA CHRISTIAN**  
Nat Ferdi, LeTourneau women's soccer

Parker Strauss, Northwestern men's basketball

Charles Thurston, Menlo College men's golf

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