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LAGUNA BEACH police officers listen to comments from U.S. Rep. Michelle Steel during the Veterans Day ceremony at Monument Point in Heisler Park on Friday. The event was hosted by the VFW post 5868 and American Legion Post 222 from Laguna Beach.

Veterans Day ceremony salutes those who serve



MEMBERS OF the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club raise the flag prior to the Veterans Day ceremony at Monument Point on Friday.



A LAGUNA Beach Color Guard carries the flag from its post during Veterans Day ceremony at Monument Point in Heisler Park.



Trio leads race for N.B. City Council

Joe Stapleton, Erik Weigand and Robyn Grant are poised to take seats, while District 6 remains hotly contested.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

While votes are still being tabulated, Newport Beach City Council candidates Joe Stapleton, Erik Weigand and Robyn Grant have clear paths to take seats on the dais.

And, in the hotly contested District 6, it appears Planning Commission chair Lauren Kleiman is likely to unseat incumbent Councilwoman Joy Brenner

Brenner initially held the lead with mail-in ballots in the immediate results of Election Day with, roughly 52.7% of the votes cast in the city, but she fell behind in recent days as the Orange County Registrar of Voters' Office added in-person votes and mail-in ballots that had been postmarked by

As of Friday, Kleiman was leading in that district with 53.6% of the votes, compared to Brenner's 46.4% — with a margin of 1,846 votes.

When reached for comment on the results, Kleiman hesitated to

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Newport Beach police chief to retire

The city announced Thursday the departure of Chief Jon Lewis, who has led the police department since 2016.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach's top cop is stepping down this December, according to an announcement made by the city on Thursday.

"While we will miss his leadership tremendously, Chief [Jon] Lewis leaves behind an exceptional department that will ensure the continuation of excellent public safety service to our community," City Manager Grace Leung said in a statement. "We thank Chief Lewis for his many years of service and wish him the very best in retirement."

Leung confirmed that Newport

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Incumbents, school district trustee set to win F.V. seats

BY ERIC LICAS

A school district trustee, the sitting mayor and mayor pro tem led a field of 13 candidates vying for three Fountain Valley City Council seats in the midterm elections, according to the latest tally by the Orange County Registrar released Friday night.

Jim Cunneen earned the top spot in the race with 5,538 votes, 15.41% of the 34,383 ballots counted

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Eric Licas

FOUNTAIN VALLEY City Council candidates Darrel Mymon-Brown, left, and current Mayor Pro Tem Kim Constantine share election night dinner at Silky Sullivan's.

Sally's Fund to expand services to individuals with disabilities

BY ANDREW TURNER

Sally's Fund, an organization dedicated to providing affordable transportation for Laguna Beach seniors, has plans to expand its services to assist the community's disabled individuals.

Representatives for the local nonprofit group announced Sally's Fund had received a grant from the Orange County Transportation Authority through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disa-

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Courtesy of Barbara McMurray

SALLY'S FUND driver Nick Capinpin is among the trainees who will assist Laguna Beach residents with disabilities.

RACE

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call the race in her favor.

An estimated 356,888 ballots remain to be counted in Orange County, according to the registrar's office. It is unclear how many of those are from Newport Beach residents, but data reported by the office indicates about 32,900 mail-in ballots were returned citywide. There are 61,014 registered voters in the city and council members are voted in at-large.

"During my campaign, I enjoyed the opportunity to with voters engage throughout the city on the issues that matter most, with public safety being of greatest importance to our residents, as it is to me," Kleiman said. "Should I ultimately win, I would be honored to work together, alongside the strong group of leaders that we now have on our Newport Beach City Council. Either way, I am looking forward to continuing to serve our great city, whether as City Council member or planning commissioner."

Brenner said she wished all the votes had been counted by now so that both she and Kleiman could know how to pro-

"Right now, I'm feeling free of the responsibility of saving our city," Brenner said Friday. "If things change and I have to readjust my thinking, I will."

More firm are the races in Districts 1 and 3, where candidate Joe Stapleton and Planning Commissioner Erik Weigand hold the majority of the votes in their respective races. Both led in the results Tuesday night as well.

Stapleton, Weigand and Robyn Grant, the latter of whom ran unopposed in her district, will assume the mantle in December when all newly elected or reelected council members are sworn in.

Pending final results. Brenner or Kleiman will join them.

councilman for District 1, replacing outgoing Councilwoman Diane Dixon. That district includes the Balboa Peninsula much of West Newport. He currently holds about 63.1% of the votes against fellow candidate Tom Miller, who holds 37%.

"It was 18 months of emotions when the first results dropped. It was an overwhelming feeling of being totally humbled and appreciative of all the hard work that we [our volunteers and supporters] put in and everything," Stapleton said. "I feel very confident where we are. Tom ran a heck of a campaign and forced me to work harder than I ever have, which is great.

"I'm excited to take that same passion and put it towards the City Council, which is the next step in my community service. I think this is more a vote about public safety and keeping Newport [the same]. If the margin holds, which we think it will, I'm going to do everything I can to serve the city of Newport Beach with everything that I have and look forward to those who maybe didn't vote for me, to earn their support as well during my time as a coun-

cilman." Weigand expressed similar sentiments, adding that he's received a number of texts and calls congratulating him in recent days.

He will be stepping into the vacancy left by outgoing Councilman Marshall "Duffy" Duffield in District 3, which includes the neighborhoods surrounding upper Newport Bay. Weigand ran against community watchdog Jim Mosher, who holds the second-most votes in the race with 27%, and candidate Amy Peters, who has received 16.4% of the votes so far counted.

"I'm just really excited to have the opportunity to serve. I've lived in the city my whole life, and it's a great way to give back,' said Weigand.

Weigand said he would Stapleton will be the make good use of his connections on the local, county, state and federal level to benefit Newport Beach as best he could, describing himself as a team player and excited to work with current council members and those elected alongside him.

"I really appreciate all the support I had out in the community. I had a lot of friends at my event: family, friends, supporters, and it was nice to be surrounded by all of them. I'm enjoying the moment, but the real work and hard work begins when I get sworn in," said Weigand.

He noted that his wife, Krista, serves on the Newport-Mesa Unified school board, which he believes will allow for greater crossover of efforts between the city and schools.

"I recognize that there was a portion of voters that didn't vote for me, and I look forward to working for them. My door will be open as much as possible to those who might not have shared my viewpoints so that we can work and collaborate," he added.

Grant also expressed her thanks to residents for

trusting in her. She will replace outgoing Mayor Kevin Muldoon in District 4, which includes the Eastbluff and Bonita neighborhoods. Canyon She thanked her supporters, adding her No. 1 pri-ority would be to hold herself accountable to residents and provide transparent and independent

leadership. "Ours is an exceptional city. Great cities don't just happen. They are built by strong leaders with vision and determination. Newport Beach has a legacy of that kind of leadership, and I will continue that legacy," said Grant in a statement. "I look forward to the next four years serving on the City Council and being a part of the real progress to be made in keeping our community the best place to live, work, visit and raise a family."

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THE DAILY **COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. **Mathews**

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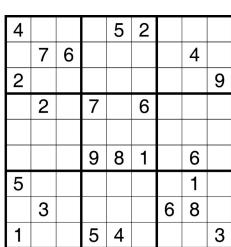
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SUDOKU

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By The Mepham Group

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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

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SEATS

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so far. He has served on the school district's board since 2014, and if the latest election results hold he will be entering his first term as a member of the City Council.

He was also a member of the Fountain Valley Planning Commission. Current Mayor Patrick Harper applauded his background in public service and said "he'll be a good addition to the council," during a brief interview over the phone Friday.

Harper was apparently reelected to his seat on the governing body with 5,289 votes or 14.71%, based on the latest results. He was closely trailed by current Mayor Pro Tem Kim Constantine, who had received 5,268 (14.66%) of the votes.

"I think the fact that two incumbents got reelected indicates that voters and residents are happy with the direction the city is going in," Harper said.

He, Cunneen, Constantine and many of those who vied for a council seat this year described the competition as civil, and that many of those who did not know each other beforehand wound up becoming friends. First-time candidate Darrel Mymon-Brown said Constantine

helped her learn how to file the paperwork she needed to run and gave her tips on how to conduct a campaign.

The two of them shared election night dinner at Silky Sullivan's Tuesday evening as preliminary vote counts were announced. Mymon-Brown said she was "disappointed" to come in at ninth place, but said she was encouraged to see Constantine remain on the council

"Keep going," Mymon-Brown said to Constantine that evening. "We need you there."

Fountain Valley has a total of five seats on its city council. Members are paid about \$500 each month for their service.

"People are running because we want to be aware, and we want to have more awareness for the residences and the businesses," Constantine said.

Harper said he's looking forward to continuing the council's work on several projects already in progress, especially the creation of a regional homeless shelter in Garden Grove and installation of fiber optic cable throughout Fountain Valley.

Constantine said she looks forward to tackling Fountain Valley's finances in the next session, and hopes to promote better

transparency and outreach from the city regarding upcoming events and current issues affecting residents.

Cunneen, set to be the newest member of the group, said during a brief interview Friday he will likely be spending the next few weeks getting up to speed on current and upcoming council business.

Cunneen was one of only two candidates who voiced support during a candidate forum in September for high-density housing projects. Those are one of several possible solutions to satisfy the state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which requires city officials to plan the construction of nearly 5,000 additional units by the end of the decade.

Harper said Fountain Valley ought to take a "balanced" approach to addressing the housing crisis, and that he felt the requirement of 5,000 additional residences in a city that presently has about 19,000 homes was somewhat onerous. He added that officials have identified 12 sites for proposed high-density housing, and that he felt confident adding new units in those locations will have only limited impact on current residents.

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Clearwater Temporary Sales Trailer - A limitedterm permit (more than 90 days) to place a modular office trailer for pre-leasing activities for a one-year duration. The trailer will be located within the parking lot of 2424 Bristol Street, which is adjacent to the Clearwater Senior Living project site at 101 Bayview Place.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15311 under Class 11 (Accessory Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)

All interested parties may appear and present $testimony\, regarding\, this\, application.\, If you\, challenge$ this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact David S. Lee, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3225, dlee@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2022-0210

Activity: Limited Term Permit (More Than 90 Days)

General Plan:

Office (CO-G)

General Commercial

Zone: Santa Ana Heights Specific Plan - Professional & Administrative Office (SP-7)

Location: 2424 Bristol Street

Applicant: Architects



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LA21G, LLC Residential Condominiums - A request for a tentative parcel map for a two-unit condominium. A duplex will be demolished, and a new duplex will be constructed (currently in plan check). No waivers of Title 19 (Subdivisions) are proposed. The tentative parcel map will allow each unit to be sold individually.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15315 under Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) **Guidelines**

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Project File No.: PA2022-0220

Tentative Parcel Map

General Plan: R-2 (Two-Unit Residential) RT (Two Unit Residential)

Location: 708 and 708 ½ Larkspur Avenue

Applicant: Forkert Engineering & Surveying, Inc.



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Lugano Prive, LLC – A minor use permit application to allow a Type 57 (Special On Sale General) and an $\,$ accessory Type 20 (Off-Sale Beer and Wine) Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license for Lugano Prive, a private membership dining establishment with no late hours (after 11:00 p.m.). Accessory off-sale alcohol sales are proposed in the form of to-go gift packages. The tenant improvement for the restaurant is under construction at the site formerly occupied by Canaletto Ristorante. Live entertainment is proposed in conjunction with promotional and special events consisting of small jazz bands, orchestras, speakers, and other upscale musical performances. Live entertainment may include amplified sound and no late hours of operation (after 11:00 p.m.) are proposed. Since alcoholic beverages are offered with entertainment. approval of an operator's license by the Chief of Police will be required.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 under Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present $testimony\, regarding\, this\, application.\, If you\, challenge$ this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Caitlyn Curley, Planning Technician, at 949-644-3235 or ccurley@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Zone:

Project File No.:

PA2022-0157 Minor Use Permit **General Plan:**

PC56 (North Newport Center, Fashion Island Sub-Area)

Location: 545 Newport Center Drive Applicant:

Activity:

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Lugano Prive, LLC

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424 Orchid LLC Residential Condominiums - A request for a tentative parcel map for a two-unit condominium. A duplex was demolished, and a new duplex is currently under construction to be built to condominium standards. The Tentative Parcel Map would allow each unit to be sold individually. No waivers of Title 19 (Subdivisions) are proposed, and the property is located outside of the Coastal Zone.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15315 under Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Liz Westmoreland, Senior Planner, at 644-3234 or lwestmoreland@ newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2022-0226

Activity: Tentative Parcel Map

General Plan:

RT (Two Unit

Residential)

R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)

Location:

Applicant: 424 Orchid LLC. 424 and 424 1/2 Orchid

Avenue

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Canada Residence - A coastal development permi (CDP) to allow the demolition of an existing singlefamily residence and the construction of a new three (3)-story, 2,924-square-foot, single-unit residence including an attached 436-square-foot-two-(2)-car garage. The project complies with all applicable development standards and no deviations are requested. The project includes hardscape, walls, landscaping, and drainage facilities.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 under Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEOA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 21.64. A fee is not required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the Planning Commission. The project site is located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Melinda Whelan, Assistant Planner, at 949-644-3221 mwhelan@newportbeachca.gov at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2022-0194

Activity: Coastal Development Permit

General Plan:

Filing Date:

September 1, 2022

R-1 (Single-Unit Residential)

Location:

RS-D (Single Unit Residential Detached)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RSD-C (Single Unit Residential Detached - 10.0-19.9 DU/AC)

Applicant:

AROUND TOWN

Coast Film and Music Festival this weekend

The Coast Film and Music Festival continues this weekend at the Festival of Arts grounds in Laguna Beach.

Daytime tickets are \$25 for general admission, and night tickets are \$35. Attendance to both sessions is available for \$50 on Saturday or Sunday.

Saturday night will feature a showing of "Facing Monsters," followed by a question-and-answer session with professional big wave surfers Kerby and Cortney Brown.

Sunday night will be highlighted by a 50th anniversary celebration of "Five Summer Stories," which will be narrated by director Greg MacGillivray and Sam

George. The night will also feature a live musical performance by Honk during the selected scenes.

South Laguna Community Garden Park Fall **Festival**

The South Laguna Community Garden Park will host a potluck festival on Saturday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Garden Park, located at the corner of Eagle Rock Way and South Coast Highway.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish to serve at least 10 people. Billed as a "zero waste" community get-together, participants are also asked to utilize reusable utensils.

The Garden Band will also be performing.

– From staff reports



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DOTTY MCDONALD presents Newport Beach Police Chief Jon Lewis gift cards for the police department to use.

CHIEF

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Beach Deputy Police Chief Joe Cartwright would step into Lewis' role temporarily as a search is held for his successor.

Lewis, 49, said there isn't any special reason for his retirement.

"I was eligible for a service retirement this year and it just made sense timingwise from a family perspective, but also in terms of the state of the department right now — it's super strong and it was a good time to make the move," Lewis said in an interview Friday.

"The department, through an innovative, data-driven approach to crime-fighting, we've reduced crime rates in this city over the past five years to historic lows," Lewis said. "Now, that's not something that the police department does all on its own, but it really led in the effort. I think that's something our department can be proud of, especially as you see all these other things going on in the state.

"I think we have an outstanding leadership team and they absolutely have the ability to improve on some of these initiatives we've conducted, and we're

also hiring amazing police officers and we're seeing some really good people as my generation is starting to make its way out."

Lewis oversees a department of more than 200 fulltime employees across four divisions and a variety of specialized units. He was named chief in 2016 and has spent his entire law enforcement career, which began in 1991, with the city.

climbed Lewis through the ranks, joining the department as a fulltime officer in 1996 before eventually being promoted to deputy chief in 2014. He is the 10th police chief in the department's history.

He said Cartwright would do well in his interim role, describing him as an "outstanding law enforcement leader and professional."

As for what Lewis' future holds, he at first joked that he'd go surfing every day for about a month. Then he added he intends to spend more time with his two children and that he will eventually be teaching leadership and ethics for criminal justice at Cal State Long Beach, his alma mater. Additionally, he plans on doing some pri-

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bled grant program.

A total of \$2.75 million was awarded to local groups by OCTA. Sally's Fund received \$61,350 to cover additional training for its drivers, plus expanded community outreach and administrative needs to enhance the non-

profit's capabilities. "Our goal is to eliminate the barriers that may prevent people living with disabling conditions from reaching their personal goals of independence," Rachael Berger, the executive director for Sally's Fund, said in a statement. We provide a level of comfort and security, so a person can confidently accomplish essential, everyday tasks like going to the dentist or Target or the bank."

Sally's Fund has four vehicles in its fleet, and it recently took measures to

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

30th annual Harvesters fashion show raises \$1.6 million to feed O.C.'s hungry

he invitation called for an 11:30 a.m. fashion show to be presented in the grand foyer of the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, Costa Mesa. The production would mark the 30th anniversary runway fashion pre-

sentation that has been the hallmark gathering for the Harvesters in

support of the Orange County Food Bank.

Several hundred best dressed women and a contingent of trend-setting men turned out for a preshow morning champagne reception hosted by the world-class Baccarat, purveyors of the French art de vivre showing off its elegant and artistic tableware, crystal and décor as the crowd toasted the 30th anniversary event sampling pourings of the JCB Collection N°21 Crémant and N°69 Sparkling Rose. It was the ideal start to another midweek morning on the Orange Coast.

The entourage glided from the bubbly breakfast on the mezzanine level of Segerstrom Concert Hall down to lobby level, where designers created an original seating plan of curvilinear plexiglass chairs arranged in swirling snake format. The seating wound through the expanse of the limestone floored contemporary lobby with its soaring architectural ceiling, white walls and floor-toceiling glass. The fashion show and its models would parade the aisles created by the winding pattern of the chair placement, a brilliant idea. Everyone had a frontrow seat.

To share that this fashion show would only happen here in Orange County is neither hype nor hyperbole. It is fact. Every person attending was beyond dressed to impress. Most of the women were wearing exquisite clothing. Indeed, the crowd itself was the



Ryan Miller

KRISTEN JAMES, major event sponsor Jacquie Casey and Lee Healy of South Coast Plaza attend the Harvesters 30th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon.

show, to some degree. Today this level of glamour would not be on display in Los Angeles, New York or even Paris. Possibly Dallas, but nowhere else.

Without question, even given the high style of the attendees, the star of the show was Oscar de la Renta's pre-spring and spring 2023 collection. In true Paris runway style, show producers used the floating grand staircase in the lobby for the entry descent of magnificent models arriving from the rafters in a breathtaking collection of fashion as art, taking the women from day to evening, social to bridal and beyond.

The collection carries a theme of the glory of nature, floral embroidery, silver and gold leaves, sparkling accents relating to the abundance of spring awakening in all life forms. The colors of the season, ice pink to pale celadon to cerulean baby blue, are executed in luxurious fabric on ultra-mini-length skirts to ballgowns. An exceptional blue gown, off the shoulder and flowing, is fit for Cinderella. The bridal entry brought gasps from the audience.

In an artsy trance, the show came to its conclusion, and the guests were directed outside to the Argyros Plaza for luncheon al fresco. Long rectangular "picnic" tables seated groups of donors in festive repast. The setting was charming, upbeat and relaxed.

The entire day was chaired with style by Gail **Haft**. She was supported by a wide cross section of community including donors Michelle Merage, Lilly and Paul Merage, the Comrie family, Jacquie and Michael Casey, Casey Lesher, the Croul family, the James and Gladys Slavik family, Erica and Jerry Fink, and Laura and Tim Vanderhook, among many others.

Making the success a reality included the contribution of the planning committee. Among the dedicated workers were Susan Etchandy, Ashley Fella, Nathalie Hymel, Cindi Morales, Jennifer Segerstrom and Ann Smyth. Major sponsors were City National Bank, Baccarat, Casey Lesher and South Coast Plaza.

Founded in 1992, the Harvesters were created from the passion of Jill Johnson Tucker and Jennifer Van Bergh with the purpose of funding shortfall needs for Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. The original fashion show fundraiser was a working effort among some 10 friends that expanded to 50 women who showed up and raised \$65,000 for Second Harvest when the goal was \$5,000.

Partnering with South Coast Plaza in 1995 and continuing annually to the present day, more than \$14.5 million has been raised to feed the food insecure in one of the nation's most prosperous regions. What does that suggest, given the need across America?

The Harvesters proudly report that the 30th Fashion Show and Luncheon raised \$1.6 million. A triumph close to three decades of building on a dream that began with a goal of raising \$5,000. The need remains great as the new decade begins. The reality of the situation is hard to comprehend. It is very real none the less.

In the next edition of the Crowd scheduled for Nov. 20, will include a follow-up



A MODEL WALKS to display Oscar de la Renta fashion at the Harvesters Fashion Show on Oct. 11.



Molly O'Keeffe

GEORGINA JACOBSON and Natalie Pickup enjoy drinks at the Harvesters 30th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon.

story on designer George Esquival, special guest and donor at the Harvesters Table who once relied on the food of Second Harvest as a boy. Esquival came to give back. His story is one of survival, beating the odds and ultimately, inspiration. It's a must read.

To learn more about the Second Harvest Food Bank go to feedoc.org/harvesters.

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GIRLS' TENNIS

Local girls' tennis teams finish as runner-up at CIF finals

BY MATT SZABO

CLAREMONT — Fountain Valley High girls' tennis coach Harshul Patel hoped to bring home two CIF titles Friday.

Patel's daughter Aditi, a senior captain for Tesoro, helped the Titans win the CIF Southern Section Division 1 title at the Claremont Club. That was indeed a special moment for the family.

"She came out crying and she hugged me," Harshul said. "It was very much emotional. I was so proud of her, for us, for me being a dad. I've got 72 girls [in the program], and my daughter plays on the other side of the fence."

Patel's Barons couldn't quite join Tesoro in the winner's circle.

Fountain Valley lost to Beverly Hills, 11-7, in the Division 2 title match.

Two other local girls' tennis teams also earned CIF

runner-up finishes. In Division 3, Northwood Pacific Coast topped League rival Sage Hill, 12-6.

In Division 4, Pacifica Christian Orange County fell to top-seeded Alhambra Mark Keppel, 13-5.

The Division 2 final was tight, but Fountain Valley fell into an early deficit and couldn't quite get all the way back.

"We came up a little short, but we had a great run," Patel said. "We really lost to a legit, great singles team. Their singles players came out firing, and we didn't really have a shot against their No. 1 and 2."

Fountain Valley trailed 4-2 after the first round and the deficit grew to 6-2, but the No. 4-seeded Barons (14-6) won some big doubles sets to get back into



James Carbone

FOUNTAIN VALLEY'S Rene Do rallies against Beverly Hills in the CIF Southern Section Division 2 title match Friday at the Claremont Club. The Barons were among three local tennis teams that competed in a CIF final.

the match.

With No. 2 Beverly Hills (20-0) up 9-7 in the last round, the Normans' doubles team of Eugena Lee and Bella Shtorch beat Barons duo Sophie Vu and Katie Dang for the clinching 10th set.

Nicole Gorbacheva and Anna Shirkman swept in singles for Beverly Hills, which was able to cap an undefeated season.

The doubles teams of Rene Do and Anh Thu Truong, as well as Kendra Ly and Melody Hom, each won twice for Fountain Valley. Vu and Katie Lam also

Barons singles players Gisele Rico, Katelyn Nguyen and Jaslyn Nguyen won one set each.

"Tennis has been our life the last four years," said Do, a senior co-captain along with Hom, who was emotional after her final set ended. "To think that it's over now, it's sad. But I'm not really sad about our season. I'm really proud of the girls because we made it this far. We trained for this, and only two teams

get to make it this far." Patel said the Wave League co-champion Barons were the first girls' tennis team from the Huntington Beach Union High School District to advance to a Division 2 or higher CIF title match.

Division 3: Sage Hill fought Pacific Coast League rival Northwood until the end, but the Timberwolves came away with a 12-6 win, denying the Lightning their second CIF championship in program history.

The teams had split their two league meetings this

Junior Arden Stobart had a singles sweep for the Lightning on Friday, including a tough 6-4 win over Northwood's Burcu Turunc in the opening

round.

Sage Hill's No. 2 and No. 3 singles players, Alexia Bayrath and Ella Wong, won one set each, but the Lightning were only able to win one doubles set. It came in the first round, as seniors Ava Herin and Kana Byrd topped Northwood's Kelly Au and Yu Chen, 7-6

In another marathon first-round doubles match, Northwood's Kelly Zhang and Zoe Guo topped Sage Hill's Sunny Sun and Aryana Shamlou, 7-6 (15-13).

Sage Hill was tied 3-3 after the first round, but fell behind 7-5 after two

"A little anxious," Stobart said of playing the Timberwolves for the third time this season. "The first time we lost, the second time it was a close match. But I thought we had a good team. It's unfortunate that we lost [today], but I think we did our best."

Division 4: Pacifica Christian Orange County accomplished a lot in its third varsity season.

They split the San Joaquin League championship, their first in program history, and made an unseeded run to Friday's Division 4 title match.

They lost there, falling to top-seeded Alhambra Mark Keppel by a 13-5 score.

Senior captain Bree Clarke won twice in singles Pacifica Christian (15-4), while Kiana Guinta and Lexie Macdougal won one singles set each.

Like Sage Hill, Pacifica Christian was able to win just one doubles set. Aubrey Callaghan and Charlie Rogers earned a tiebreaker win over Keppel's Trisha Buranabul and Kelly Hu in the second round.

"We're really happy," Pacifica Christian coach Donald Roberson said. "The kids have had a great season. The girls have great character and they're all fighters. They don't give

Clarke said it was the best senior year she could have imagined.

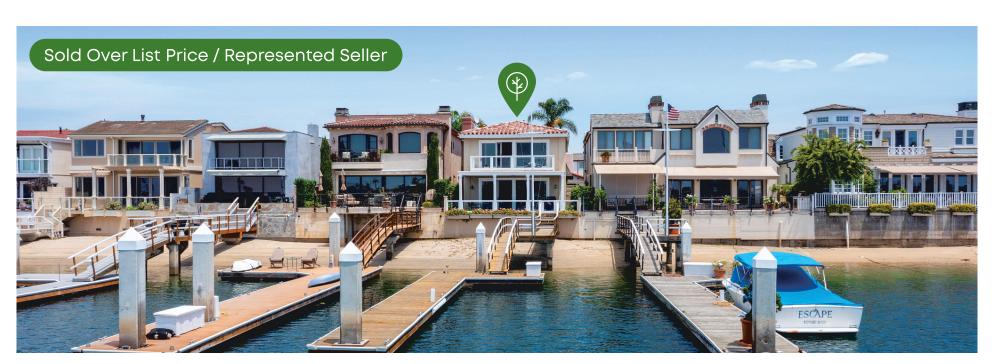
"It's insane," she said. "I give all the credit to my team. We got so close this year. I've never seen the drive and commitment from a team like this."

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