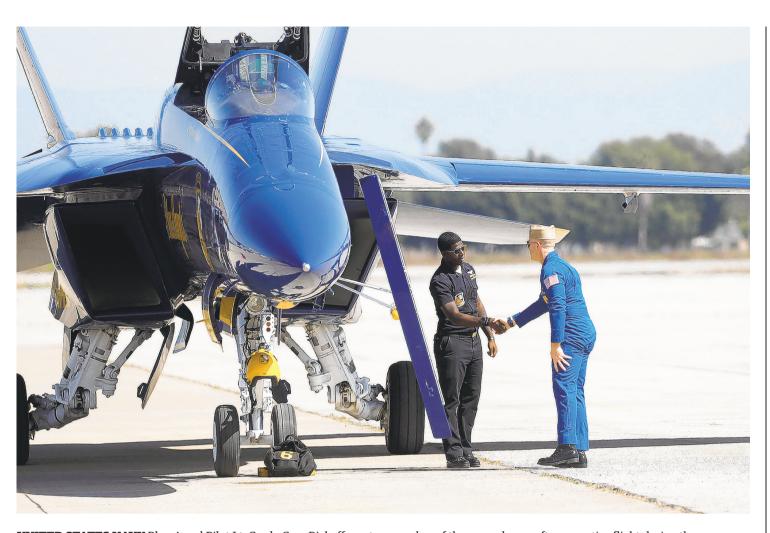
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UNITED STATES NAVY Blue Angel Pilot Lt. Cmdr. Cary Rickoff greets a member of the ground crew after a practice flight during the

# Ready for takeoff in H.B.

The 3-day Pacific Airshow, which features flyovers of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Thunderbirds and Canadian Forces Snowbirds, is taking place this weekend.

#### **BY MATT SZABO**

Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr's words at the podium seemingly became softer and softer.

The United States Air Force Thunderbird jet revving up to her left only got louder and

Carr paused her speech and smiled. Sometimes, on this early fall weekend, its best to just watch and listen to the spectacle.

The Pacific Airshow held a welcome ceremony for its military performers on Thursday afternoon at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. The airshow roars to life beginning Friday morning at the beach in Surf City, continuing through Sunday afternoon.



Pacific Airshow director Kevin Elliott, a Huntington Beach native, promises an event that's bigger and better this year. He joked Carr about changing Huntington Beach's nickname from Surf City to Airshow City, maybe just for this weekend.

For the second time in history, North

#### **MEMBERS OF** the U.S. Navy Blue

Angels flying team take flight during the welcoming ceremony for the 2021 Pacific Airshow.

Photos by Don Leach Staff Photographer

birds, U.S. Navy Blue Angels and Canadian Forces Snowbirds — will perform at the same airshow.

"If you add them up, it's six Blues, six

America's three jet teams — the Thunder-

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# Trucking firm owner pleads guilty

Prosecutors allege the Newport Beach man ordered illegal repairs that killed an employee, in addition to other charges.

#### BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A 63-year-old man who owns several trucking companies in Newport Beach has pleaded guilty to ordering illegal repairs that killed an employee, in addition to tax evasion and fraudulently using COVID-19 pandemic relief while out on bail, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

Carl Bradley Johansson of Newport Beach pleaded guilty Wednesday in federal court in Los Angeles, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Johansson served a 15-month federal prison sentence previously, after a welder who worked from him died in a tanker explosion in 1993, according to prosecutors. He established one of his Corona-based companies, National Distribution Services Inc., which was in operation from 2009 through 2015, but then created Wholesale Distribution Inc. after two more welding explosions at NDSI in 2012 and 2014 so he could keep operating cargo tanks, prosecutors said.

His company lacked certification to do in-house welding repairs on its cargo tanks, but he and co-defendant Enrique Garcia, 46, of Pomona, who served as Johansson's shop manager, assigned two welders to repair a cargo tank on May 5, 2014. The tank they worked on had not been cleared of fumes and crude oil, so it blew up the next day and killed one of the company's workers. Another was seriously injured.

Johansson also admitted that from May 2014 through April 2018 he conspired to foil a federal investigation into the May 6, 2014, explosion by lying about the illegal welding repairs.

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THE **NEWPORT BEACH** Central Library on Avocado Street.





### City Council studies Newport library project

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

A proposed library lecture hall project returned to the Newport Beach council dais Tuesday for discussion after nearly two years in conceptual development by committee.

Last talks of the project were in November 2019 when the City Council took first looks at the lecture hall and provided some direction to city staff and the library lecture hall design committee and hired consultant and Newport Beach architect Bob Coffee.

At the time, the proposal was for a 7,000-square-foot, single

story lecture hall that would include fixed auditorium-style seating for at least 275 people and a room for 50 portable overflow seats. It would also include a ticket booth, lobby, kitchen, "green room," audio-visual control room and restrooms, plus a sloped floor for improved sight lines and advanced audio-visual equipment.

It is proposed to be located next to the library courtyard and positioned closely to the offices of library staff and the Friends Room, which opened with the Central Library in 1994.

See Library, page A4

# School garden paradise regained

#### **BY SARA CARDINE**

For students at Costa Mesa's Rea Elementary School, a garden cultivated in recent years by science teacher Monique Sweet and kids across all grade levels had become not only an outdoor classroom but a place of peace.

Young learners spent untold hours tending to plants or spreading soil in one of the garden's raised wooden beds. Over time, it evolved into a place where classroom lessons on roots, seeds and the water cycle were imparted under sunny skies.

"Some kids really gravitate toward it. Some kids are just curious," Sweet said of the area. "They get to pick and harvest everything and take it home. It gives them something to connect to that's real life."

But that idyllic picture was shattered sometime over Labor Day weekend, when vandals ransacked the garden, smashing fruits and vegetables, uprooting delicate tendrils and stealing pieces of equipment from storage sheds on the property.

Sweet got a call from Rea Principal Duane Cox the Tuesday



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SCIENCE TEACHER Monique Sweet, right, directs students replanting vegetables Thursday at Rea Elementary School in Costa Mesa.

students and staff returned to campus after the break. The garden was in ruins, he told her, and the police were filing a report.

"It was probably the low point of my teaching career — I was devastated," she said. "[But] when I presented to students what happened, they immediately wanted to come in and clean it up. They wanted to rebuild."

Still reeling from the shock of

seeing the destruction of something so beloved, the teacher went on social media and shared a video explaining what happened. That act had an enormous ripple effect, explained

"People have come through and made offers of donations," the school's principal said. "The Costa Mesa Police [Assn.] do-

See Garden, page A4



## Edison High holds delayed Hall of Fame ceremony

**BY MATT SZABO** 

The coronavirus pandemic pushed the ceremony back a year. For the members of the Edison

High School Alumni Hall of Fame class of 2020, though, it was worth the wait.

William Wang, Dan Kerins, Lisa Guerrero, Kelly Gallagher, Erin Tomblin Appleman and brothers Roger and Scott Wojahn were all inducted in a ceremony Wednesday night in the Edison cafeteria. Tomblin Appleman and Roger Wojahn couldn't be in attendance, but their prerecorded speeches were shown.

The event, emceed by former Edison athletic director Bruce Belcher, was livestreamed by Edison. Guerrero, who was known as Lisa Coles when she graduated from Edison in 1982, is used to speaking in front of a camera. She is the chief investigative correspondent for "Inside Edition," and previously spent more than a decade as a nationally recognized sports reporter who broadcast from seven Super Bowls and five

She said her nickname while at Edison was "Q-tip," and she was bullied for a time growing up after her mom died when she was 8. But she found a spot as a member of the Chargers' drill team, eventually becoming a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader.

"I wonder what I would tell my freshman self," Guerrero said. "I



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KELLY GALLAGHER, left, and Bruce Belcher, right, unveil the newest plaques to Edison High School's Hall of Fame as Dan Kerins, Lisa Guerrero and William Wang look on Wednesday. The ceremony was pushed back a year.

would say, 'Q-tip, Edison is going to be hard.' But you will find achievement, you'll find success, you'll find your tribe and you will get through it ... I am so proud to be a Charger."

Kerins, Edison class of 1979, has also made a name for himself in the world of sports. More specifically, he's run a football pool for about 30 years that has raised nearly \$83,000 for former and current Chargers and members of the south Huntington Beach

Wang, a 1982 Edison graduate

who lives in Newport Beach, has had a distinguished career in the electronics industry. He founded the television brand VIZIO in Fountain Valley in 2002.

Gallagher (class of 1976) is an award-winning author teacher, who taught English at Magnolia High in Anaheim for 35 years. Appleman (class of 1985) has coached the Yale University women's volleyball program since 2003, winning 10 Ivy League championships during that time.

Appleman said in her taped speech that her father told her in eighth grade that she could play tennis or golf, "because they make money." But she played vol-leyball at Edison, where she was coached by the late Dave Mohs, who now has a tournament named in his honor.

"Volleyball is what I picked, and thankfully I've been able to make a career out of it," Appleman said.

The Wojahn twins, who graduated from Edison in 1974, went on to form Wojahn Bros. Music together in Santa Monica. They have written and produced music for national and global companies, as well as artists including Vince Gill, Buddy Guy and Shawn

Scott Wojahn, who now lives in Cincinnati and said he was returning to campus for the first time since graduating, gave special thanks to Belcher and longtime Edison teacher and football coach Dave White.

"In seventh grade, [White] taught me how to make Nestle's strawberry milk one day after school," Wojahn said. "That was pretty much instant friendship."

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#### TRUCKING

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In August 2014, he was ordered to stop using about 37 cargo tanks because a federal agency deemed them unsafe, but he kept using them to transport gas and ethanol

He then converted the NDSI to operate as WDI to get around the order to stop using the cargo tanks.

He also failed to file income tax returns from 2012 through 2017 to evade detection of the conspiracy and failed to report \$1.1 million in income and instead used the money to pay for personal expenses like renting a home in Corona for \$12,000 a month and to pay for his children's

Johansson failed to pay \$298,562 in federal income

While out on bail in the tanker case, he received a COVID-19 relief Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$436,390 last year. Instead of using the money to keep his workers on staff, he laid most of them off but rehired many of them late last year. He moved around 21 employees from among his companies to make it appear he kept workers on the payroll.

He did the same thing with another PPP loan for \$231,527 in March of this vear. In total, the loss in pandemic relief \$667,917.

The companies, Western Distribution LLC, WDI and NDSI, pleaded guilty as well on Wednesday, prosecutors said.

Another co-defendant, Donald Cameron Spicer, 69, of Fullerton, who worked as safety manager for Johansson's companies, pleaded guilty Aug. 16 to the illegal repairs on cargo tanks and to defrauding the federal transportation department and is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 14.

Garcia is scheduled to go on trial Jan. 18.

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#### **TAKEOFF**

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Thunderbirds and Snowbirds," Elliott said. "You have 21 jets for 2021. So, we're calling this year the 21-jet salute. We could all use something to celebrate.'

The show also features four additional demonstration teams. They include the Air Force F35-A demo team, led by Capt. Kristin "Beo" Wolfe, the first female to command the

It is free to the public, though there are also ticketed options available. The schedule is available by downloading the There is also the Afterburner Music Festival, set on the beach on Friday and Saturday nights after the last jet has landed.

afternoon's Thursday event followed a similar welcome Thursday morning at John Wayne Airport, for the show's civilian performers.

It featured speeches not only from Carr, but O.C. Supervisor Katrina Foley, state Assemblywoman



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**BRIGADIER GEN. COL.** Michael Leeney swears in 21 U.S. Army recruits during the airshow's welcoming ceremony.

Nguyen and Los Alamitos Mayor Mark Chirco.

Media and elected offiwatched demonstrations from the Thunderbirds, as well as the Navy Leap Frogs and Army Gold-Knights parachute jumpers.

The event also had a future soldier enlistment ceremony led by Brigadier Gen. Michael Leeney, featuring 21 total new recruits of the Army, Army National Guard and the Air Force.

That was meaningful to Vietnamese Nguyen, a

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For answers to the crossword, see page A4.

American member of a military family whose brother Robert served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq.

She said she spoke no English and was on food stamps when she came to America at age 5, before becoming a state senator dec-

"Only in America can this happen," she said. "It's so cool to see all of the military branches here today and this weekend.

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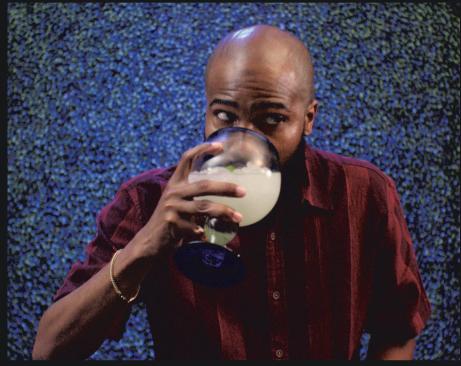
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Committee chair Jill Johnson-Tucker said estimates for the size and scale of the proposed library lecture hall now sits at around 9,514 square feet, though the number of fixed seats is expected to remain the same. The number of portable seats, however, was halved.

This is due to regulatory reasons and because requests from the committee to design the building in such a way that it would limit any impositions on sight lines from seats, Johnson-Tucker

Original plans were to incorporate the maximum allowable slope under the Americans with Disabilities Act, but study of other auditoriums showed that slopes would not maximize sight

As a result, the committee requested shallow steps be included in the plan. Also needed were ramps, access points to seats in the front, back and middle of the hall and a small lift, which increased the square footage of the building.

"But, there won't be a bad seat in the house and it would be a shame to build

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this space to correct the poor sight lines in the Friends room only to still have mediocre sight lines," Johnson-Tucker said.

It is still largely expected to include a ticket booth, kitchen, restrooms and other amenities sought when first proposed, none which exist in the 2,646-square-foot Friends Room.

Proponents of the plan say that they've outgrown the space and that there is a need for better sight lines and audiovisual systems.

"The need for programming is a growth area in libraries nationwide and our library system is no exception. In 2009 and 2010, 28,000 people attended programs at the libraries. In 2018 and '19, that number increased to 70,000," Johnson-Tucker said.

"And of the six peer libraries in the state of California, which are those libraries that share a similar population and budget to our library system — we're the only one without an auditorium and lecture hall, although I'd venture to say we're the one with the most robust programming.'

Public works director Dave Webb said no action would be taken in light of the matter coming to council as a study session item, but that if the City Council liked the design, then city staff would bring that back for formal approval as soon as possible. Though, Webb said, construction is a long way off

from going out to bid. Webb said the original, tentative design in 2019 was estimated to cost around \$8 million, whereas the current concept is approximately \$12.8 million. But, it's unclear what the total projected cost will be until the building is formally de-

Councilman Will O'Neill said he and Mayor Brad Avery, who have been working on the project with the committee, felt the item needed to be brought back for discussion Tuesday because of the potential cost in relationship to the memorandum of understanding.

"I think it's a great time to do this ... the economy's been strong. Our revenues have been strong and any time we get a great project at a 50% off tag [because the city is sharing the cost of the project with the library foundation], I think that's exceptional that we have this kind of support in this community for," Avery said. He added this type of a project is one "that definitely brings people together."

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Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

BSC 220594 NOTICE OF PETITION TO **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:** JOHN WILLIAM EMME, aka JOHN W. EMME 30-2021-01221475-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: **JOHN** 

WILLIAM EMME, aka JOHN W. EMME A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LEE ANN HITCHMAN & ANNELISE HITCHMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests LEE ANN HITCHMAN & ANNELISE HITCHMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate

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 November 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8

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Attorney for the Petitioner: CYNTHIA V. ROEHL, ESQ & KATHERINE F. BIADASZ, ESQ ROEHL & GLOWACKI, P.C. 24422 AVENIDA DE LA CARLOTA, STE 285

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#### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

#### LAGUNA BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION

THE LAGUNA BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a telephonic and virtual Public Hearing, to consider: Planning Commission Design Review 21-10331 and Coastal Development Permit 21-10333 to install rooftop equipment at an existing building at 160 South coast rignway (Rivian Theatre) (APN: 641-255-22). A variance is requested to exceed the maximum building height allowed for rooften equipment. The property of rooftop equipment. The property is required to be staked with story poles at least 21 calendar days prior to the hearing. SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. For additional information, contact Martina Caron, Principal Planner at (949) 464-6629 or mcaron@lagunabeachcity.net and/or Isaac Howell at ihowell@rivian.com. 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. The application may be examined on the City's website at the following link (available the Saturday before the public hearing): http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/cityclerk/mam.htm. Click on the Planning Commission Agenda (located to the right of the Planning Commission hearing date/time) under the Upcoming Events section and then click on the specific agenda item. The Council Chambers will not be open to the public. However, comments may be made via teleconferencing during the Public Hearing, or in writing/email. It is recommended that written correspondence be delivered/emailed to City Hall preferably at least 2 days before the hearing. Comments may be made via teleconferencing during the Public Hearing from a computer, iPad or smart phone via Zoom URL: https://lagunabeachcity. zoom.us/j/99405314155 or join by phone by calling (669) 900-9128 and enter Webinar ID: 99405314155. If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the Public Hearing. This proposal is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions), Sections 15301 (a) (Existing Facilities-Interior or Exterior Alterations), and 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation). This project is located within the City of Laguna Beach Coastal Zone. A Coastal Development Permit was requested on September 14, 2021 and constitutes development that is appealable to the California Coastal Commission. Marc Wiener, AICP, Director, Community Development

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BSC 220613 NOTICE OF PETITION TO **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RAE ANN LARSON** 

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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: RAE ANN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARTIN J. LEJNIEKS, a CA licensed Private Professional Fiduciary (#999) in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests MARTIN J. **LEJNIEKS** 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 persona 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

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THE LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL will hold a hybrid virtual/in-person Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 505 Forest Avenue, to consider: Conditional Use Permit 21-10020 and Coastal Development Permit 21-10021 are requested for a restaurant with the service of alcohol, increased seating, outdoor seating and a historic parking reduction at 300-340 South Coast Highway (Formerly the White House Restaurant). Planning Commission Design Review 21-10019 is requested for exterior modifications to a K-rated structure listed on the City's Historic Register. Variance 21-10022 is requested to exceed the maximum building height allowed for the rooftop equipment. The Planning Commission reviewed this request on September 15, 2021 and recommended City Council approval. The property is required to be staked with story poles at least 21 calendar days prior to the hearing. SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact City staff: Martina Caron, Principal Planner

((949) 464-6629 mcaron@laguanbeachcity.net and/or applicant: Morris Skenderian, Architect at (949) 497-3374 or morris@msaarchitects.com. You may also communicate comments about the proposed application to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net). Comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, in writing prior to the hearing (when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office), or in person in Council Chambers. Please note that all members of the public must wear a face covering while in Council Chambers, including while speaking, and must depart Council Chambers speaking. immediately after correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Procedures for participating in the hybrid virtual/in-person meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda. If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Hearing. This proposal is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions), Section 15301(a) (Existing Facilities – Interior or Exterior Alterations) and Section 15331 (Historic Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation). This project is located within the City of Laguna Beach Coastal The Coastal Development Permit application was filed on August 3, 2021, and constitutes development that is appealable to the California Coastal Commission. Ann Marie McKay,

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nated a Home Depot gift card, and they donated a wheelbarrow and a variety of plants. Other groups and individuals have reached out as well.

"This is a lesson in perseverance," he continued. "These things happen, but how do you bounce back? How do you find the spirit to keep going?"

Community members dropped off bags of soil, avocado trees and, in one case, a huge composting bin. Sweet updated the public through Facebook posts and created an Amazon teacher wish list to catalog classroom requests.

Jimmy Brown, a Costa Mesa police sergeant and CMPA treasurer, said when members learned what happened, they wanted to aid the garden recovery effort.

"Countless hours had been spent by the students and the teachers to maintain the garden. When we hear things like this, where there's been a loss, we want to help give back to the community," Brown said of the group's donation. "We can't wait to see how the garden grows — we hope it comes back to life."

afternoon Thursday found Sweet and about a dozen students happily spending the remainder of a lunch period working in

the garden. Some transplanted a donated hibiscus tree into a larger pot, while others peeked inside composting boxes to watch dark worms undulate underneath apple peels and bell pepper pieces.

"It's very fun helping Ms. Sweet in the garden," said sixth-grader Dulce Alvarado, who especially likes watering the plants. "But ever since they destroyed our garden, I feel like it's been really stressful for

Classmate Natasha Escobar said it was important for students to help fix the space.

"We like coming and seeing the beauty of our garden," she said. "I like the memories that are here we've had many happy moments.'

Even though Sweet is technically the teacher, the Costa Mesa resident acknowledged she's learned something by having lost a garden paradise, only to see it come to life again in the loving hands of the children and the wider community.

"I feel like the biggest lesson for the kids, and what this actually taught me, is resilience," she said. "And community - this showed them the good and how much people care about us and the garden and how they want us to keep doing this.

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