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**CROWDS GATHER** at the end of the Balboa Pier to watch boats get into position for the start including Halawa and Patriot, from left, during the 76th Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race from Newport Beach on Friday.

## Competitors set sail for yacht race's 76th year

**T**he Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race is back on the waters again for its 76th year. About 150 vessels departed from Newport Harbor Friday and sailed past the Balboa Pier, where onlookers marveled at the scene.

The race, as it does every year, began in Newport Beach. Two tracks are available for those participating — one to San Diego and the other to Ensenada. Weather predictions, according to the Newport Ocean Sailing Assn., which organizes the race, indicated the race would be smooth sailing on Friday.

With relatively gentle winds in the morning, speeds were expected to pick up from the west and remain steady through the evening.

The Newport to Ensenada race first began in 1948.

As of Friday afternoon, the Taniwha appeared to be leading in the race to Ensenada. It was followed by the Bottle Rocket and the Fast Exit II.

To track where the boats are in their travels, visit [cf.yb.tl/n2e2024#](http://cf.yb.tl/n2e2024#).

— Lilly Nguyen



**THE CREW OF** the Bolt gets into position for the starting line of the 76th Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race outside the Balboa Pier from Newport Beach on Friday.

## Driver in freeway shooting receives sentence

Woman pleads guilty to being an accessory to killing of 6-year-old.

BY PAUL ANDERSON

A woman who was driving during a road-rage confrontation on the Costa Mesa (55) Freeway that ended with her boyfriend firing a shot into another car, killing a 6-year-old boy in a car seat, pleaded guilty Friday to being an accessory to the crime and carrying a concealed weapon in the vehicle.

Wynne Lee, 26, was immediately sentenced to four years behind bars, but with custody credits and time she has already spent on home confinement, Lee has already served out her sentence.

On April 12, Lee's boyfriend, 26-year-old Marcus Anthony Eriz of Costa Mesa, was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison for firing the shot that killed Aiden Leos on May 21, 2021, on the freeway in Yorba Linda.

The boy's parents did not wish

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## Orchid master's expertise on view

South Coast Plaza's garden show includes 100s of rare species.

BY SARA CARDINE

Orchid whisperer Andy Phillips, proprietor of Andy's Orchids in Encinitas, is among the dozens of plant vendors showcased this weekend at South Coast Plaza's 34th annual Southern California Spring Garden Show.

A favorite at the show for well over a decade, Andy's Orchids fills up two stalls on the plaza's second floor with floor-to-ceiling

See *Orchid*, page A5

## DAILY PILOT BOYS' BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM

### He played the point with passion

BY MATT SZABO

Estancia High boys' basketball coach Xavier Castellano talks with amazement about senior point guard Jaedon Hose-Shea.

There's appreciation for his accolades. Hose-Shea shared Orange Coast League MVP honors this year and helped the Eagles reach the semifinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 4AA playoffs, before they lost to top-seeded eventual champion Temecula Valley.

The semifinal berth also earned Estancia a spot in the CIF State playoffs for the first time since 1991. Estancia won a game there before losing at eventual Division IV state finalist Chatsworth.

Castellano, who also played point guard for the Eagles before graduating in 1998, likes to talk about how hard Hose-Shea worked to better his game. The deeper appreciation is that he did it at his home school.

"Usually a kid like that doesn't

go to our school," Castellano said. "They'll go to Edison, they'll go to CdM or they'll go to some private school, you know what I mean? And he decided to stay. He got better, and as he started to progress he could have wanted to leave and go to a bigger school. But he decided to stay."

For his talent and persistence, Hose-Shea is the 2023-24 Daily Pilot Boys' Basketball Dream Team Player of the Year.

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James Carbone

**ESTANCIA HIGH** School's Jaedon Hose-Shea is the Daily Pilot Boys' Basketball Dream Team Player of the Year.

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

# Jeremy Poincenot, the World Blind Golf Champion, speaks at Beyond Blindness event

If you need some inspiration to restore a degree of hope for humanity bombarded with news of seemingly unsolvable conflict, read on.

Did you know that among us is a very unique champion golfer? His name is **Jeremy Poincenot**, and he is blind.

Poincenot, the "World Blind Golf Champion," recently addressed an important gathering of an organization known as Beyond Blindness at its annual fundraising event held at Mile Square Golf Course in Fountain Valley.

About 200 guests from all over Orange County came together for the event, raising more than \$240,000 in support of children and families dealing with vision impairment. Poincenot raised the bar on the "hope" element of the midweek affair at least 10 times as the keynote speaker.

VIP attendees had a chance to meet one-on-one with Poincenot out on the driving range, where he and his father and caddy, Lionel Poincenot, provided demonstrations and pointers. The three-time World Championship golfer also treated guests to personal stories of his triumphs and the challenges he faced since losing his sight at age 19.

"Vision Beyond Sight supports our continuous evolution as we deliver life-changing, inclusive programming that paves the way for children with visual impairments and other disabilities to achieve their full potential," said **Angie Rowe**, president and



Courtesy of Kitchen Table Marketing

**JEREMY POINCENOT** and his father, Lionel Poincenot, who serves as his caddy during major tournaments, smile before the crowd at the Beyond Blindness event.

chief executive of Beyond Blindness. "It was an honor and a privilege to have an incredible community of supporters, families, sponsors and members of our Board of Directors and Ophthalmic Advisory Board join us for this impactful evening."

Beyond Blindness advocate **Barbara Alvarado** received the Dr. Wilhelm de Nijs Vision Award, named for the organization's founder, who dedicated his life to helping others navigate a world without vision after being blinded in the war against Indonesian Communists. Longtime supporter Alvarado was honored for her dedication to Beyond Blindness for more than 20 years.

"Following dinner and a Q&A with Poincenot, Beyond Blindness alumna **Lucie Courtois**, a Newport Beach resident, took the stage sharing yet another inspiring moment," the

organization's spokesperson, **Carrie William Freitas**, reported. "Born blind, Courtois spoke about how Beyond Blindness has supported her journey since birth, which includes more than 20 eye surgeries, the publication of her first fictional children's book and enrollment in script writing classes at Orange Coast College."

On stage, Courtois noted to those gathered that in most spaces it's not common to see a number of people with disabilities thriving. Her hope, she said, is to change that.

"I want to tell stories that people can identify with and have recently written three spec scripts to submit to Nickelodeon. The services I have received from Beyond Blindness have allowed me to pursue this career," Courtois said. "Beyond Blindness has changed my life in so many ways and given me the

courage and skills to live to my fullest potential."

Funds raised at the gala directly support nearly 500 children and more than 800 family members each year through innovative programming and services, including two new inclusive preschool classrooms and a recently expanded Low Vision Optometry Clinic.

The 2024 Vision Beyond Sight Gala was hosted with the support of generous sponsors, including STAAR Surgical (Funding the Future Sponsor); PNC Bank (Visionary Sponsor); Capital Group, Michelle Dean and Wells Fargo Advisors (Changemaker Sponsor); and Enterprise Bank and Trust, Glaukos Charitable Foundation, OSRX Pharmaceuticals, Tarsus Pharmaceuticals, and Wright, Ford, Young and Co. (Uplifter Sponsors).

"The remarkable generosity of our sponsors makes it possible for us to help



Courtesy of New Directions for Women

**MAJOR DONORS** Carolyn Fisch, Devon Martin and Dotty Dozal attend the Circle of Life Breakfast.

bridge the gap and ensure every Orange County child with visual impairments and other disabilities is supported throughout their lifetime," Rowe says. "We are thankful for the continued support that makes the journey for every family who comes through our doors full of hope and inspiration."

**NEW DIRECTIONS FOR WOMEN HOLDS ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

For another dose of inspiration, New Directions For Women (NDFW) held its 16th annual Circle of Life Breakfast at Hotel VEA, Newport Beach. An overflow crowd of more than 300 guests came together for early morning fellowship on behalf of women fighting addiction with the 24/7 support of New Directions programs.

The annual day of messaging honored advocates of NDFW **Katherine and Howard Bland** for decades of unwavering support. The turnout supporting them brought in some \$250,000 for the cause.

Led by NDFW CEO **Elizabeth Steele** with Chief Clinical Officer **Heather**

**Black-Coyne**, the morning's program welcomed a panel of survivors sharing very direct, sometimes raw stories of lives hitting the bottom depths and then rising. The speakers were all former residents of the NDFW campus where patients live and undergo extensive treatment directed at medical, psychiatric and functional aspects of addiction. Many women come to NDFW pregnant and/or with young children needing to access safe shelter in which to receive treatment and services.

Spotted in the crowd were Costa Mesa **Mayor John Stephens**, Newport Beach **Councilwoman Robyn Grant**, executive board member and donor **Devon Martin** with her husband, **Kevin Martin** and her dad **Dick Pickup, Do-reen and Mike McKernan, Cindy Savage and Jim Wilder**, son of one of the women who founded NDFW decades ago.

**'FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD'**

Continuing to deliver positive news, part three in

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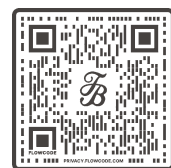
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this inspirational triad revolves around Childhelp. The 38th annual "For the Love of a Child" fashion show and luncheon sponsored by South Coast Plaza was presented at Balboa Bay Resort, Newport Beach.



John Watkins

GINA VAN OCKER, Ale Boggiano, Jen Lilley and Pam Pharris at the 2024 Childhelp Fashion Luncheon at Balboa Bay Resort, Newport Beach.

Capping the afternoon was the annual spring fashion show presented by South Coast Plaza and produced by Shannon Davidson and team. Spring lines from designer houses at SCP included Bally, Lanvin, Max Mara, Missoni, Michael Kors Collection, Monique Lhuillier and Saks Fifth Avenue, all on the runway in great style.

Sharing conversation over a served luncheon of a duet of filet mignon and sea bass were very fashionable guests Madison Arnett, Hailey Womack, Joan Ashton, Eileen Saul, Nicki Bass, Alana Hedley, Rosalie Poleo and Shannon Argyros.

B.W. COOK is editor of the Bay Window, the official publication of the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.

FOR THE RECORD

In a story that ran in Friday's Daily Pilot, the date the OC Fair & Event Center assumed operations of the Equestrian Center was incorrect. The group took over in January 2023.

Daily Pilot logo and contact information for Executive Editor Carol Cormaci, Advertising Manager Beth Raff, and various reporters including Sara Cardine, Sarah Mosqueda, and Lilly Nguyen.

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in, including words like LISAP, MOAN, BETE, ATTIC, EDGE, ELAN, PARMADIES, TILE, CLOSE, DIN, TESTER, AILSEA, VYING, TALCUM, HORA, STY, ARAPAHO, MTS, SMARTPHONES, LAO, CAPITOL, PATROSY, LTCOLS, ASIDE, FEW, LOW, SCRAPE, DATELINE, TAIL, SPEC, LOVED, ELSE, TALE, LOIRE, LATSA, ARID, MASS.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers filled in, including numbers like 2, 3, 7, 4, 9, 6, 5, 8, 1, 6, 9, 8, 1, 5, 7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 4, 2, 3, 8, 6, 7, 9, 9, 7, 6, 8, 4, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 8, 3, 7, 2, 1, 9, 5, 6, 1, 2, 5, 9, 6, 3, 8, 4, 7, 8, 6, 9, 5, 7, 4, 1, 2, 3, 7, 5, 2, 3, 1, 9, 4, 6, 8, 3, 4, 1, 6, 8, 2, 7, 9, 5.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, introduced an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 3.36.030 OF THE NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO COST RECOVERY PERCENTAGES

The Ordinance would amend Section 3.36.030 of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (Cost Recovery Percentages) to modify language and authorized levels of cost recovery for appeals in various departments.

This Ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 23rd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Brad Avery, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Erik Weigand. NAYS: None

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12 will occur at the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting. If introduced on May 14, 2024, the Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2024. /s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, May 09, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Tracy Residence Variance - A request for a variance to allow an addition to a single-unit dwelling to encroach into the required 50-foot front setback. Specifically, the applicant requests to construct a new attached three-car garage that will encroach 29 feet into the front setback and a new bedroom addition that will encroach 13 feet into the front setback.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 - Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and under Section 15305 under Class 5 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) 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.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing, and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission.

Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to the meeting.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Jenny Tran, Assistant Planner at 949-644-3212 or jtran@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2023-0200. Activity: Variance. Zone: R-1-6000 (Single-Unit Residential). General Plan: RS-D (Single Unit Residential Detached). Location: 1020 White Sails Way. Applicant: Ron Thorpe of C.J. Light Associates.

Tristan Harris, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE RESIDENCES AT 1401 QUAIL STREET PROJECT LOCATED AT 1401 QUAIL STREET (PA2023-0040)

The Ordinance approves a Development Agreement, between Intracorp Homes (Applicant) and the City, pursuant to Sections 15.45.020.A.2.a (Development Agreement Required) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code, which would provide the Applicant with vested rights to develop the Project for a term of 10 years and provide negotiated public benefits to the City.

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 23rd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Brad Avery, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Erik Weigand. NAYS: None

The Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption. Dated this 24th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-9. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE RESIDENCES AT 1400 BRISTOL STREET PROJECT LOCATED AT 1400 BRISTOL STREET (PA2022-0296)

The Ordinance approves a Development Agreement between the Picerne Group (Applicant) and the City, pursuant to Section 15.45.020(A)(2)(a) (Development Agreement Required) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code, which would provide the Applicant with the vested right to develop the Project for a term 10 years and to provide negotiated public benefits to the City.

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 23rd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Brad Avery, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Erik Weigand. NAYS: None

The Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption. Dated this 24th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., will consider: Description: At the regular meeting on March 19, 2024 City Council continued the item related to reducing badge fees to be brought back for further consideration.

Public Comments: Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, introduced an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 15.02.085 (ADDITION OF SECTION 105.3.1.1) OF THE NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO DEMOLITION WASTE DISPOSAL

The Ordinance would amend Section 15.02.085 (addition of Section 105.3.1.1) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code to modify language pertaining to demolition permits and demolition waste disposal.

This Ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 23rd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Brad Avery, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Erik Weigand. NAYS: None

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-13 will occur at the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting. If introduced on May 14, 2024, the Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2024. /s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids shall be submitted electronically via PlanetBids to office of the City Clerk, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 Before 2:00 PM on the 21st day of May, 2024, at which time such bids shall be opened and read for

NEWPORT BEACH POLICE STATION VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Contract No. 9500-1 \$460,000 Engineer's Estimate



Approved by James M. Houlihan Deputy PWD/City Engineer

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VOLUNTARY PRE-BID SITE WALK There will be a pre-bid site walk for this project on May 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM located at the Newport Beach Police Station, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

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NOTICE: No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 (with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)).

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, SITE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE RESIDENCES AT 1401 QUAIL STREET PROJECT LOCATED AT 1401 QUAIL STREET (PA2023-0040)**

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 23rd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

- AYES: Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Brad Avery, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Erik Weigand
- NAYS: None

The Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk,  
City of Newport Beach



**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE RESIDENCES AT 1400 BRISTOL STREET PROJECT LOCATED AT 1400 BRISTOL STREET (PA2022-0296)**

The Ordinance amends the Newport Place Planned Community (PC-11) to include the project site within the Residential Overlay.

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 23rd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

- AYES: Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Brad Avery, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Erik Weigand
- NAYS: None

The Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk,  
City of Newport Beach

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
STEVEN LEE SWAB  
CASE NO. 30-2024-01381433-PR-LA-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of **STEVEN LEE SWAB aka Sylvester Swab, Steven E Swab, Steven C Swab, Steven Lee Swab, Steven Swab.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **GINA D. SWAB** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **GINA D. SWAB** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **05/08/2024 at 1:30 PM in Dept. CM05.** 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 (occourts.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 a 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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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Thursday, May 09, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

**Residences at 1600 Dove Street** – The Applicant is requesting approval of the following entitlements for the future development of a multi-unit residential project consisting of up to 282 dwelling units at 1600 Dove Street (Project):

- **General Plan Amendment (GPA)** - A request to add 49 dwelling units above the General Plan allowance, and amend Anomaly 12 of the General Plan Table LU2 (Anomaly Locations) to allow 49 residential dwelling units at the Property;
- **Affordable Housing Implementation Plan (AHIP)** - A plan specifying how the Project would meet the City's affordable housing requirements, in exchange for a request of 50% increase in density including a request for three development standard waivers related to height, park dedication requirement, and overall residential density along with two development concessions related to the payment of partial park in-lieu fees and mix of affordable units pursuant to Chapter 20.32 (Density Bonus) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) and Government Code Section 65915 et seq. ("State Density Bonus Law");
- **Development Agreement (DA)** - A Development Agreement between the Applicant and the City, pursuant to Section 15.45.020 (Development Agreement Required) of the NBMC, which would provide the Applicant with the vested right to develop the Project for a term of 10 years and to provide negotiated public benefits to the City;
- **Addendum to the 2006 General Plan Update Program Environmental Impact Report** (Addendum No. 9) - Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Addendum addresses reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts resulting from the Project; and
- **Traffic Study** - A traffic study pursuant to Chapter 15.40 (Traffic Phasing Ordinance) of the NBMC.

The Project would require a future Site Development Review approval prior to building permit issuance as no specific design for the Project is included.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the City has prepared the Residences at 1600 Dove Street EIR addendum to the previously certified General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report SCH# 2006011119. To address reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts resulting from the proposed development, the City has determined that an addendum to the previously certified EIR is warranted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Once completed, the document will be made available at the Planning Division and may also be accessed online at [www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa).

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 before, 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; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at [www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission). Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Liz Westmoreland, Senior Planner, at 949-644-3234 and [lwestmoreland@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:lwestmoreland@newportbeachca.gov), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

**Project File No.:** PA2022-0297  
**Activities:** General Plan Amendment, Affordable Housing Implementation Plan, Traffic Study, Development Agreement, Environmental Impact Report Addendum  
**Zone:** Newport Place Planned Community (PC-11)  
**General Plan:** Mixed Use Horizontal (MU-H2)  
**Location:** 1600 Dove Street  
**Applicant:** The Picerne Group

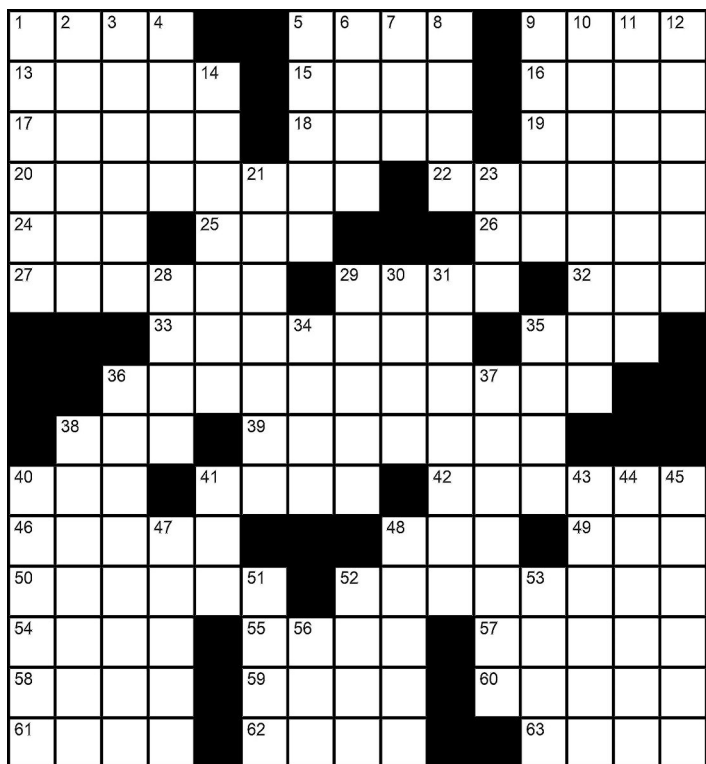
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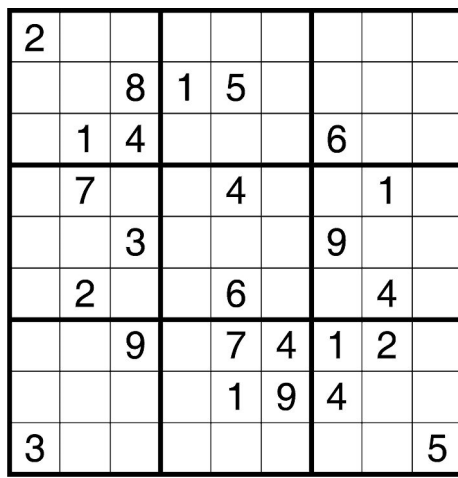
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62 Very, very dry  
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**SUDOKU**

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 A3.**

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9 "Heavens to \_!"  
10 Snobs  
11 Natural gifts  
12 "e" in physics  
14 Poetic pause

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37 Feeling ill: 2 wds.  
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52 Sandwich shop  
53 Weaving machine  
56 Golf standard  
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**AROUND TOWN**

**Car-free streets come to Irvine this Saturday**

The city of Irvine is hosting its first-ever car-free open streets event, CicloIrvine, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

Residents, visitors and businesses are invited to stroll, bike and roll along nearly 2 miles of streets closed to cars along Baranca Parkway and Harvard Avenue.

"We are overjoyed to bring this type of open streets event to our Irvine community for the first time," stated Mayor Farrah N. Khan in a news release.

Street closures for CicloIrvine will take place from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. the day of the event.

For more information visit CicloIrvine: An Open Streets Event at [cityofirvine.org/cicloirvine](http://cityofirvine.org/cicloirvine).

**Speak Up Newport to host panel on Prop. 1**

Speak Up Newport will host a panel on the ramifications of Proposition 1 on Newport Beach on May 8. Councilwoman Lauren Kleiman will be the featured speaker.

The meeting will be held at the Newport Beach Civic Community Center and begin at 6 p.m., preceded by a reception at 5:15 p.m. It will be recorded and telecast on Zoom. Those interested in watching the broadcast should register at [speakupnewport.com/proposition-one-2024](http://speakupnewport.com/proposition-one-2024).

**American Legion Post 291 Newport Harbor hosts community event**

The American Legion Post 291 Newport Harbor will open its doors for "Family, Family, Family!" on Sunday, April 28. The event will showcase the post's contributions to the community and seeks to promote community engagement.

A membership drive will



Brian van der Brug | Los Angeles Times

**THE CITY OF** Irvine is hosting its first-ever car-free open streets event, CicloIrvine, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. Above, walkers, joggers, cyclists and skaters enjoy Los Angeles' most recent CicLAvia on April 21.

occur the day of the event, and those interested can purchase a plate of spaghetti and meatballs for \$10 or a meatloaf plate for \$12.

A sandcastle-building competition will be held on the small beach beside the post, and a cornhole tournament will be held inside.

The event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [al291.com](http://al291.com).

**Hoag OC Marathon returns next weekend**

The Hoag OC Marathon will take place again May 5, beginning at 5:30 a.m. The 26.2-mile run will begin at the VEA Newport Beach on Newport Center Drive. Runners will make their way down to the coast in Corona del Mar before heading up into Upper Newport Bay before finally ending the marathon at the OC Fair & Event Center.

For more information or to register, visit [ocmarathon.com](http://ocmarathon.com).

**Laguna Beach seeks committee applicants**

The city of Laguna Beach is seeking applicants for four of its City Council-appointed committees on Emergency & Disaster Preparedness, Housing & Human Services, Citizens' Au-

dit Review & Investment Advisory, and Environmental Sustainability. Interviews and appointments will be on June 11 at 3 p.m.

Applications are due by May 16 at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit [laguna-beachcity.net/government/departments/boards-commissions-committees](http://laguna-beachcity.net/government/departments/boards-commissions-committees).

**Laguna Bluebelt Photo Contest underway**

The 13th annual Laguna Bluebelt Photo Contest invites professionals and emerging amateur photographers to vie for cash prizes with shots capturing the magic of Laguna's Marine Protected Areas. The contest opened on Earth Day and will run through June 22.

This year's contest is dedicated to mark a decade of MPA protection to showcase the recovery of sea life and kelp forests in Laguna Beach.

An Artists' Reception will be hosted by the Laguna College of Art & Design Gallery on Ocean Avenue on Aug. 1. Bluebelt Contest photos will be displayed at the gallery from Aug. 1 through Aug. 18.

There is no charge to enter the contest. For more details and the entry form, visit [contest.lagunabluebelt.org](http://contest.lagunabluebelt.org) for more details.

— From staff reports



## BOYS' SWIMMING

## Edison returns to top at Wave League finals

BY MATT SZABO

It had been five years to the day since the Edison High swim team had won its last league titles in both genders.

"Exactly five years later," coach Matt Whitmore, standing drenched on the pool deck at Golden West College early Thursday evening, said with a smile.

History repeated itself for the Chargers at this year's Wave League finals.

Edison used superior depth to claim superiority in the four-team league, with both the boys and girls coming out on top. Fountain Valley finished second in both genders, followed by Marina and Laguna Beach.

The Chargers girls won the meet despite just one individual event win — junior Gaby Kelly in the 500-yard freestyle — and one relay win in the 200 free relay.

But junior Christina Bennett and freshman Celeste Schoonbeck each took third place in a pair of events, highlighting the depth that led Edison to the top.

Fountain Valley's girls had beaten Edison 88-82 in the teams' final league dual meet last week.

"I think we knew that we could do better, that wasn't the best of us," said Edison's Olivia Lee, one of two senior team captains along with Sophia Sepe. "We knew that we had taper coming, we had tech suits coming. We were ready,



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**EDISON'S CHASE** Purvis and Ryder Stevens, from left, finish one and two respectively after swimming the boys' varsity 200-yard IM during the Wave League swim finals at Golden West College on Thursday.

and we could really push above and beyond what we had shown at that meet."

Whitmore said he told his girls it would be the fourth swimmer in each event that would win the meet, and they listened.

Kelly became a three-time league champion in the 500 free, touching in 4:58.40. She was second to standout Fountain Valley junior Kaitlyn Nguyen (a personal-best 1:58.59) in the 200 individual medley. Kelly also touched in a personal-best, 2:07.63.

"I definitely like having her as competition," Kelly said. "She's an amazing swimmer and super-fast, and I think that pushes me a lot to strive to go out fast and bring it home. Even if I can't win first, I can at least get second, which is always nice to have."

Nguyen, a two-time CIF champion in the breaststroke, also won that event in 1:01.20. Fountain Valley freshman Alyssa Ton was another two-time winner, in the 200 free (a team-record 1:47.49) and the

butterfly (55.05).

First-year Fountain Valley coach Nathan Wilcox, who coaches both girls in club swimming at Irvine Novaquatics, said his team had to improvise practices this year as a new pool is being built. The Barons had night practices at Edison and Ocean View.

"I think we have a lot of talented athletes, it's just been a pretty hard year for us because we don't have a pool," Wilcox said, adding that water was just put in the new pool last week.

"We're excited to have a new facility and really focus on growing aquatics in our area."

Laguna Beach senior Ava Knepper won the girls' 50- and 100-yard freestyle events, after blazing to school-record times of 23.37 and 51.61 in each during the league preliminaries on Tuesday.

"I get in and just make myself go as hard as I possibly can, until I literally can't feel my legs when I'm kicking," said Knepper, headed to USC for water

polo. "It's been cool."

Alex Marumoto was the top finisher for Marina, placing second in both the butterfly and breaststroke.

On the boys' side, Edison senior Jacob Chalabian won both the butterfly (50.33) and the 500 free (4:35.32) in personal-best times. Holden Lee won the backstroke (51.08) and finished second in the fly.

"I really wanted our team to come together and get this win," said Chalabian, who plans to attend Golden West next year. "That's what we were fighting for all season. I've been here for four years, and we haven't won yet. But we really picked it up this year and showed them what Edison swimming really is."

Fountain Valley sophomore Peter Vu won the 200 freestyle (1:37.74) and also claimed the breaststroke in a school-record 54.99.

Barons junior Ranen Herman was another double-event winner, taking the 50 and 100 free in 21.71 and 47.90, respectively.

The CIF Southern Section swimming preliminaries and finals take place next week at Mt. San Antonio College. The Division 1 finals are Saturday at noon, while the Division 2 finals are Friday at 3 p.m.

Edison is in Division 1 for boys and Division 2 for girls, while Fountain Valley is in Division 1 for both genders.

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## ORCHID

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"orchids on a stick," either mounted on wood or in hanging displays. The vendor has been attracting newbies and old pros alike with a verdant display that's not to be missed.

Equally breathtaking is Phillips' encyclopedic knowledge of orchids and the fact that every specimen, rare or common, is cataloged with a label bearing the plant's genus, species, common name, care and keeping tips and a QR code for reference.

Phillips gets his affinity for flora honestly. His grandmother, Adelaide, opened a roadside flower stand in 1936 near the 101 Freeway in Encinitas that remained in the family until 2010 and still operates today.

"I've been growing orchids since I was 7," Phillips, now 62, said Thursday. "It's just the immense variety of them — the different leaf shapes, the different flowers. Some look like grass and some look like a pouch with bubble gum. They can be found from sea level all the way up to 15,000 feet."

Although, like most people, he first started growing orchids in pots, it wasn't until a trip to see family in Mexico in 1977 that he saw orchids growing naturally on trees and rocks, at every layer of a forest canopy. It made a lasting impression.

"When I saw how they grow in nature, in trees, I thought, 'Why does everybody grow them in pots?'" he recalled. "So I started growing them in tree branches in the yard. I tied them onto boards, and what really got me interested was how their roots attach to trees — it's beautiful."



Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**ANDY PHILLIPS** of Andy's Orchids, shows a monkey face yellow orchid, one he says is very difficult to grow, during the annual Home and Garden Show at South Coast Plaza on Friday.

In his 20s, Phillips eschewed garden classes and book learning in favor of sleeping in a tent in the jungles of Southeast Asia and Central South America, where he simply watched and learned for two years.

Whereas conventional wisdom suggests orchids be watered in the morning, Phillips noticed rain typically arrives in the late afternoon, dousing orchids enough to tide them over until the following day. He would later forego pots in favor of boards or tree trunks.

During his travels and those of his father, who'd pick up a list of exotic species for his son every time he went fishing Costa Rica, Phillips amassed an amazing collection of plants, many of which are now nearly impossible to find.

"Back in the '70s, all you needed was an import permit. Now a lot of orchids are protected, so you can't

do that anymore. So much habitat is being destroyed, and a lot of orchids are being destroyed with them. And once they're gone, they're gone forever," he said. "So I'm sort of like Noah's Ark."

Phillips brings his immense knowledge, experience and passion to bear at a nearly 1-acre nursery in Encinitas that became so popular he limits visitors to in-person appointments.

He used to do more shows, but now South Coast Plaza is one of the few places where the visiting public can see Andy's Orchids in person. However, the nursery will open its doors June 21 through 23 for a summer open house.

Lynn Brainard, who's directed the Spring Garden Show for the last six years and oversees vendors and area nonprofit organizations and clubs who appear annually at South Coast Plaza, said Phillips' stall is a place visitors can discover

things they may not see anywhere else.

"Every vendor has its speciality vision for the product offerings they sell," Brainard said, pointing out a booth for Unsolicited Plant Talks, a Yucaipa-based indoor plant online retailer that sells tropical hoya plants and has amassed a huge social media following. "They're all very unique."

Seal Beach resident Kenny Lam made a special trip to Costa Mesa Thursday to catch the opening of the show and to check out the offerings at Andy's Orchids.

"I come every year," he said. "I look forward to it, because I don't make it down [to Encinitas], so when they come up here, it's a good way for me to get out. I'm always buying something."

A member of various garden clubs, Lam has turned his home garden into a bit of a jungle in the past nine



**GUESTS EXPLORE** the options on display from Andy's Orchids at the Home and Garden Show.



**HANGING "AIR PLANTS"** on display in a stall for Andy's Orchids at South Coast Plaza Thursday.

years. He's particularly fond of *Maxillaria tenuifolia*, commonly called coconut orchids for the unmistakable aroma they emit.

"That smell — that's what you want," he said, fanning out the long grassy leaves of a large hanging specimen with small crimson flowers for maximum effect. "This one, if I put it in a garden, I could smell it 20 feet away."

Nearby, enthusiast Fawn Downs engaged Phillips in questions about various plants and their care. She came from Diamond Bar with friend Angela Kwon specifically to check out Andy's Orchids, which she

first saw years earlier at a show in San Francisco.

A plant lover from age 5, Downs, now 60, said she likes the challenge of growing orchids, even if she's not always successful.

On Thursday, she'd picked out a heavy hanging *eria brachystachya* so large she could hardly hold onto it.

"I just like the bushiness of it, the jungle look," she said. "This will add an instant tropical look to my yard. I'm from Vietnam, so I always have to have greenery."

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## DRIVER

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to attend Friday's hearing, Senior Deputy Dist. Atty. Dan Feldman said.

King said he would not have granted probation to Lee because she contributed to a crime of "great violence" on a victim who was "particularly vulnerable."

"The impact on the mother is very aggravating in the case, King said.

The judge noted that at some point, Lee knew Eriz had killed Aiden and yet took steps to help her boyfriend evade author-

ities. King also pointed out, however, that Lee had no prior criminal record.

As for another judge signing off on home confinement for Lee after she was charged, King said, "It's not my job to address that. It happened. The defendant gets credit for that as if she were incarcerated."

Eriz was convicted in January of second-degree murder and firing at an occupied true. Jurors also found true allegations of personal use of a handgun.

Aiden's mother, Joanna Cloonan, was driving her Chevrolet Sonic with the child strapped into a child seat in the back seat of the

vehicle, taking the boy to kindergarten in Yorba Linda. At about 8 a.m., she and her son were cut off by the defendants in a Volkswagen Golf Sportwagen with Lee behind the wheel of the car. Lee made a peace sign, which Cloonan took as sarcastic, and a few miles later as she was merging over to the Riverside (91) Freeway east, she passed the defendants and gave them a middle finger, Senior Deputy Dist. Atty. Dan Feldman said during opening statements of Eriz's trial.

Lee then positioned their car behind Cloonan's, and Eriz fired a shot from a 9-

millimeter Glock that struck the Chevrolet, went into the passenger compartment and hit the boy.

Cloonan, who was northbound on the freeway, heard a loud bang that sounded like a rock striking her vehicle followed by her son's cry, Feldman said. She immediately pulled over, the prosecutor added.

Her son, who had turned 6 a week and a half before the shooting, was bleeding from a bullet that ripped through his liver, lungs and heart before coming out of his abdomen, Feldman said. The boy died in her arms.

Orange County Dist. Atty.

Todd Spitzer slammed state law for allowing day-for-day credits for defendants in home confinement.

"The day Aiden was laid to rest in his tiny casket, Wynne and Marcus were kayaking, enjoying a beautiful California summer day, knowing that Aiden would never get to play in the sunshine again," Spitzer said in a statement.

"A 6-year-old little boy is dead and instead of resting forward while the rest of Southern California was desperately searching for his killer, she helped the murderer hide critical evidence and then continued to live her life like nothing

ever happened. Her behavior is despicable, and I, along with our entire Orange County community, am outraged that the state Legislature continues to water down our laws to give criminals charged with egregious crimes break after break.

"The fact that someone charged with being an accessory after the fact to a murder of a child is earning not only actual credits but also good time credits while sitting at home instead of doing their time in a jail cell is disgraceful."

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## BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

# Cryst helps Sage Hill storm to win

BY ANDREW TURNER

FULLERTON — Sage Hill's play-off history is not extensive, but the Lightning are looking to put that past behind them as they embark on their first playoff run in five years.

It began with an up-and-down performance in a 25-17, 25-21, 23-25, 25-22 win at Fullerton on Thursday in the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 5 boys' volleyball playoffs.

The result gave the program its first postseason victory since a wildcard round win over Pacifica Christian in 2018.

After the regular season finale against the Tritons, Sage Hill coach Shelby Young indicated the team was looking forward to playing the role of the dark horse. Sage Hill (18-8) took out the 10th-ranked team in the division in Fullerton (20-10), and the next challenge will be a trip to No. 7 Camarillo (16-11) on Saturday.

The puncher's chance lies with 6-foot-10 Jackson Cryst, a junior outside hitter who willed his team across the finish line with a 40-kill effort in the playoff opener. The Long Beach Millikan transfer added 16 digs, four service aces and contributed to eight blocks.

"I think with tonight, the way we battled, even through us making a ton of errors that we don't usually make, playing down to the other team's level, I think that we have the potential to win the whole thing and not lose a set for the rest of CIF," Cryst said. "I'm not saying that's what we're going to do, but I think we have the potential to."

Cryst's contributions were enough to overcome the absence of three middle blockers from the

Lightning lineup, though freshman middle blocker Tre Cradle received high marks for filling the void.

"It's a heck of a time to be that person and have that next-man-up mentality, but mentality-wise, I think he stuck with it, and he really pushed through," Young said of Cradle. "He was able to be supported by his cast and characters, and I think it was the love of the rest of the teammates, of like, 'Hey, he's getting his chance. Let's support him through this chance.'"

To refer to the group as "characters" might just be an apt description for the Lightning. Expressive and loud on the court, several of the players left the gym in a rainbow-colored onesie after the match.

"It's just a team culture thing," Cryst said. "Everybody gets the onesie. Everybody kind of humbles himself a little bit, pulls up in a rainbow onesie, just to kind of be a part of the team. Everybody's ordering them, so by next CIF match, we'll all have the same onesie."

Sophomore outside hitter Connor Gapp had nine kills, 13 digs and two block assists for Sage Hill. Sophomore opposite Ryan Manesh had eight kills and 10 digs. Senior setter Brayden Brien handed out 48 assists.

Manesh, who provided the decisive kill in the second set, discussed the way in which his team moves on from moments of adversity. Sage Hill faced one when it rallied from a 19-13 deficit in the third set to trim a Fullerton lead to 24-23.

On the next point, Fullerton outside hitter Johnny Leonardo



James Carbone

**SAGE HILL'S** Jackson Cryst (12) spikes the ball past Fullerton's Jorge Vasquez (7), Nathan Medina (2) and Hyunmin Kim (11) in a CIF Southern Section Division 5 boys' volleyball playoff match on Thursday.

was forced to send a free ball over with the ball falling below the height of the net. The ball hit the floor on the Lightning's side of the court, sending the match to a fourth set.

"Whenever somebody might do something wrong, the whole team takes the blame," Manesh said. "It's a team sport. We all have to fight through adversity together. If we don't have one another to support each other, we wouldn't be able to pull through sets like that."

"Obviously, the ball dropped. It was a miscommunication, but being able to get back from that, which is what we did, I think that's way more important."

## CIF SOUTHERN SECTION BOYS' VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

**Redondo Union 3, Pacifica Christian Orange County 0:** The visiting Tritons lost to the top-

seeded Sea Hawks 25-15, 25-8, 25-15 on Thursday in a Division 2 opener.

Pacifica Christian closes its season at 11-12 overall. The Tritons tied with San Gabriel Academy for second place in the San Joaquin League.

**Fountain Valley 3, Crescenta Valley 0:** Senior outside hitter Thomas Ho had 18 kills without committing an error, as the second-seeded Barons advanced via a 26-24, 25-13, 25-12 win in the first round of the Division 3 playoffs on Thursday at home.

Fountain Valley (23-5), which shared the Wave League title with Los Alamitos, will play host to San Joaquin League champion Capistrano Valley Christian (15-9) on Monday at 6 p.m.

**Costa Mesa 3, Montclair 0:** Junior Dimitri Downs paced the visiting Mustangs with 20 kills in a 25-

22, 25-21, 25-23 wildcard-round win in the Division 6 playoffs at Chino High.

Junior Kurt Mateo added 14 kills and two aces for Costa Mesa (13-9), which travels to take on Camino Real League champion La Puente Bishop Amat (13-8) on Saturday.

Senior Justin Foreman had 10 kills, junior John Luong provided eight kills and two aces, and senior Chris Rivera had a team-leading eight digs.

**Los Angeles Shalhevet 3, Liberty Christian 0:** The Minutemen finished the season with a record of 8-9 after falling to the Mulholland League champion in straight sets on the road Thursday in the first round of the Division 7 playoffs.

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**PACIFICA CHRISTIAN'S** EJ Spillman (2) dribbles past defenders during the first round of the Division 1 playoffs.

## DREAM

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Castellano called him Estancia's best point guard since the 1990s, when names like Dane Plock and Selwin Mansell ruled the hardwood.

He averaged 26 points per game for the Eagles (24-10), who were perhaps a shoulder injury from senior forward Peter Sanchez away from the league title. But Hose-Shea always gave the Eagles a puncher's chance.

Before the postseason, all eight of Estancia's losses were by single digits. Once the playoffs began, he upped his game, averaging 32 points per game in the Eagles' first three playoff wins to guide them to the

semifinals.

It can be a tricky balance, trying to get teammates involved and knowing when to take over. Hose-Shea found the sweet spot.

"In the beginning of the game, I try to get everyone else going," he said. "If everyone else is hitting early in the game, then the second half is when everything will open up for me. I can drive a lot and get a lot of open shots for myself."

Hose-Shea's rapid improvement — he played on varsity as a freshman but didn't start — was signified when he joined the Cali Rebels club team after his sophomore year. He said his junior year was frustrating and the thought of transferring did cross his mind, but he stayed the course.



James Carbone

**CORONA DEL MAR'S** Maxwell Scott (1) competes against rival Newport Harbor on Jan. 20.

Hose-Shea will be playing at Whittier College next year, where he'll study kinesiology.

He called his senior year a dream come true. "The goal is to make state," he said. "One of my dreams was to make Xavi's dreams come true, and he really wanted to go to state. So, I was really happy with our outcome."

Here's a look at the Coach of the Year, first team and second team Dream Team selections:

## COACH OF THE YEAR

**Nick Racklin**  
Marina

Racklin's 13th season as the Vikings' coach proved anything but unlucky. He guided Marina to its first CIF title in program history, beating perennial power

Long Beach Poly 53-49 for the Division 2A championship at Edison High. Marina (26-8) had to grind — every win other than a first-round triumph over Beverly Hills was by single digits, including a thrilling road win over Cypress in the quarterfinals. The Vikings shared the Wave League title with CdM. Racklin, also the school's athletic director, helped his gritty group reach new heights.

## FIRST TEAM

**EJ Spillman**  
G | Pacifica Christian Orange County | Jr.

It was another year of growth for Spillman, who was a key cog in last season's Tritons team that advanced to the CIF State Division II championship game. This year, the dynamic 6-foot-4 combo guard earned San Joaquin League Player of the Year honors after Pacifica Christian won their second straight league title and advanced to the Division 1 playoffs. Spillman led the Tritons (18-11) with 14.1 points and 5.1 assists per game.

**Maxwell Scott**  
G | Corona del Mar | Fr.

The 6-foot-2 freshman was a difference maker for the Sea Kings and garnered Wave League MVP honors, as CdM shared the league title with Marina. He also helped CdM (25-8) reach the semifinals of the Division 2A playoffs. Unafraid of that moment, he poured in a season-high 33 points in a narrow 57-54 road loss against Long Beach Poly. Scott was an All-CIF selec-



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**SAGE HILL'S** Sergio Maggette (2) dives to keep possession of a loose ball against La Habra in the Division 3AA playoffs.

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**Sergio Maggette**  
G | Sage Hill | Sr.

Maggette came to the Lightning from JSerra after missing his junior year due to an ACL injury. The 6-foot-4 son of former NBA player Corey Maggette became Sage Hill's go-to player as last year's Dream Team Player of the Year, coach D'Cean Bryant's son Carter Bryant, transferred to Corona Centennial. Maggette averaged 20 points and eight rebounds and was co-Pacific Coast League MVP for league runner-up Sage (16-15), guiding the team to the Division 3AA quarterfinals before a three-point loss to eventual champion La Habra.

**Kembe Howerton**  
F | Costa Mesa | Jr.

The Mustangs were young, with Howerton perhaps returning with the most experience from the previous season. A first-team All-Orange Coast League selection, the 6-6 post player averaged 12 points and nine rebounds per game and helped Mesa (18-13) win the league title outright and advance to the quarterfinals of the Division 4AA playoffs in coach Jesse Mercado's final season.

**Barak Simon**  
G | Marina | Jr.

Simon shined in leading his school to its first CIF boys' basketball championship, scoring 23 points in a semifinal win over San Gabriel Academy and 19 points in the title game against Long Beach Poly. But it was the 5-foot-10 point guard's defense against standout Poly junior Jovani Ruff, who also scored 19 points but on seven-of-23 shooting, which also shined. Simon was a first-team All-Wave League selection and the

Division 2A Player of the Year.

**Jack Berry**

G | Newport Harbor | Jr.  
The returning starter was the catalyst of the Sailors' offense and led the team in scoring with 16.9 points per game. A basketball-first player who is also a standout in volleyball, Berry was a first-team All-Surf League selection as the Sailors finished in a three-way tie for second place and advanced to the Division 2A playoffs, falling by a basket in the first round against a good Murrieta Valley team.

**Kaz Hampton**  
G | Edison | Sr.

The sharp-shooting guard had another strong season for the Chargers in what would be longtime coach Rich Boyce's final season. Hampton set the school single-season three-pointers mark and helped Edison (20-9) finish tied for second in the competitive Surf League, advancing to the Division 1 playoffs. He was a first-team all-league selection.

## SECOND TEAM

*Position, Name, School, Year*

G Dylan Gomez, Marina, Jr.

F Alex Stewart, Pacifica Christian Orange County, Sr.

G Dylan McEachern, Laguna Beach, Sr.

G Aaron DeSantiago, Fountain Valley, Jr.

F Marlee Slone, Costa Mesa, So.

G Riggs Guy, Newport Harbor, Sr.

F Jackson Harlan, Corona del Mar, Jr.

F Richie Toledo, Los Amigos, Jr.

C Peter Sanchez, Estancia, Sr.

C Dane Johnson, Edison, Sr.

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