

# Daily Pilot

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Photos by Susan Hoffman

**A YOUNG GIRL** swooshes across the snow on a plastic saucer sled during the Balboa Island Tree Lighting & Snow Day Sunday.

## Signs of winter ring in the season on Balboa Island

Among the close to 500 attendees who gathered Sunday evening for the Balboa Island Tree Lighting & Snow Day, the phrase “a uniquely Balboa Island experience” rang true to Newport Beach resident Corky Severson, as he and his wife, Marilyn Williams Severson, had fun watching the kids sled down the snow hill.

The event’s musical entertainment was performed by the Salvation Army’s Tustin Ranch Corps brass band and the All American Boys Chorus, whose members, dressed in red blazers, knit scarves and red caps with white tassels, sang Christmas carols in front of the Marine Avenue Balboa Island Fire Station.

New this year were special guests Tundra and Grunts, 8-year-old female reindeer, watched over by professional wild animal trainer Chriss Edrington. “A lot of people don’t realize they’re a real thing,” he explained.

Just before the lighting at dusk of the 35-foot tree, kids sat quietly on the driveway as they listened to special holiday stories read aloud by Santa Claus himself.

— Susan Hoffman



**TRAINER CHRIS EDRINGTON** poses with 8-year-old reindeer Grunts, left, and Tundra.

## Van Der Mark named mayor in H.B.

City Council majority subverts established procedure to appoint one of its own as new mayor pro tempore.

**BY SARA CARDINE**

With the usual cheers and jeers that have become common in Huntington Beach City Council chambers, the panel changed leadership in a reorganizational meeting Tuesday, naming Gracey Van Der Mark the city’s first Latina mayor and subverting established procedure to appoint Councilman Pat Burns mayor pro tempore.

Outgoing Mayor Tony Strickland led the proceedings by moving the council set aside Resolution 6320, which calls for the most senior council member who has not served as mayor in the past four years to be selected to the pro tem seat.

Once the action was codified with a 4-3 vote among the conservative council majority, Strickland nominated Pro Tem Van Der Mark to serve as mayor, passing the gavel upon a second 4-3 vote and allowing her to recommend

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## Mayoral vote in F.V. draws line out the door

Glenn Grandis, the city’s new homegrown leader, graduated from Fountain Valley High School in 1982.

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

The council chambers at Fountain Valley City Hall were packed to the back row and out the door Tuesday, a large crowd turning out for the transitional shift in leadership on the City Council.

Many on hand expected what transpired, that a homegrown resident would receive the votes to become the new mayor in town.

By a unanimous vote of the council, Glenn Grandis was handed the gavel to serve as mayor of Fountain Valley.

Grandis, a 1982 graduate of Fountain Valley High and a 44-year resident, held court during the meeting and later at a well-attended after party at Los Cab Sports Village.

“We have something that’s really unique in Fountain Valley, and that is our council’s truly

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**KIDS AND** families play and dance near the Peppertree Lot’s tree during Hospitality Night in downtown Laguna Beach on Friday.

## Hospitality Night brings holiday cheer to Laguna Beach

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

Laguna Beach’s Hospitality Night, the community kickoff to the holidays, brought in the masses to the downtown area on Friday.

With Forest Avenue closed off to vehicular traffic, the children were free to laugh and play. Some

hoped for a Santa sighting, while others were happy to make cherished memories with friends.

The sound of live musical performances could be heard out on the street, and within local businesses, as was the case with a guitar trio strumming away in-

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## Ballet Etudes brings flair to festive performance of a holiday classic

**BY SUSAN HOFFMAN**

Now in its 27th season, “The Nutcracker,” presented by Ballet Etudes, has returned to the Huntington Beach High School Auditorium for the first two weekends in December.

Around 350 people celebrating the yearly holiday tradition, among them several first timers, attended the matinee of “The Nutcracker” on Sunday.

Huntington Beach residents Natalie Gordon and her mom,

Lisa Gordon, have been coming to the show ever since Sugar Plum Grace was a mouse, which has now been 13 years.

“I grew up baby-sitting Grace Wendi and her sisters,” said Gordon. “It is always so fun coming to their performances, seeing them grow into beautiful dancers every year.”

“Lauren did an amazing job as an Arabian lead dancer and wowed the audience with her flexibility and performance,” said Gordon. “Grace, the other dancer

I was there to see, was the Sugar Plum Fairy, and she stole the show! This was a wonderful ballet — my mom and I enjoyed very much.”

Gordon’s praise extended to every element of the performance, which brought the music to life from the sparkling costumes to the flawless dancing, she said. “This may have been my favorite performance yet.”

Located in Huntington Beach,

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Courtesy of Etudes Ballet

**ETUDES BALLET** performs “The Nutcracker” with Snow Queen Makayla Arakaki, center, at Huntington Beach High School Auditorium.

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- 4/25 ISRAEL VIBRATION & ROOTS RADICS
- 4/27 KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE (*STEELY DAN TRIBUTE*)
- 5/24 DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' (*JOURNEY TRIBUTE*)
- 7/20 Y&T 50TH ANNIVERSARY



THU, JAN 18  
**ERIC SARDINAS**



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**MARC COHN**



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## Hoag backs OC Marathon in run up to its 20th year

BY LILLY NGUYEN

With its 20th run scheduled for next May, the OC Marathon this week announced its newest sponsor, healthcare provider and nonprofit Hoag.

The 26.2-mile marathon traditionally takes place in Newport Beach and Costa Mesa. It includes a half-marathon, a 5K and a kids' run, the latter of which is how Hoag connected with the marathon organizers, according to Andrew Guarni, Hoag's executive vice president and chief financial officer.

"What it really started with was Cindy Stokke [the current chair of Hoag's board of directors] and her husband Al, who were important in getting the OC Marathon to Orange County in the first place," Guarni said. "Last year, Cindy said, 'What do you think about sponsoring the

kids' run?' and we did. We actually sponsored that run, and as we were doing that, I got to talking to [race director] Gary Kutscher and asked how to sponsor the whole event."

Guarni said the idea was floated during the marathon earlier this year but was confirmed shortly after its conclusion when Kutscher touched base again to find out if Hoag officials were still interested in sponsoring the overall event.

"Having a strong Orange County-based partner like Hoag as our title sponsor is invaluable to our continued success staging one of the most anticipated events in Southern California," Kutscher said in Monday's news release announcing the sponsorship. "Partnering with Hoag is a natural fit, as we share the same commitment to living a healthy and active

lifestyle for all ages." Guarni agreed, saying that Hoag's intention was to help keep the community healthy.

"We want to be there when people get sick and need that type of care, but we also want to be proactive in making sure that the community, regardless of their age, live their healthiest life so that they're well and don't necessarily need to come to the hospital," Guarni said.

"We felt this is the type of an event ... touches a lot of people's lives and makes a difference, so that they don't necessarily need to come to Hoag, even though they know that we'll be there when they need us."

About 20,000 runners participated in the 2023 marathon.

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## Driver submerged in wetlands after crash dies of her injuries

BY SARA CARDINE

A woman hospitalized last month — after her vehicle became submerged in the wetlands off of Pacific Coast Highway in a solo-vehicle crash in Huntington Beach — died Friday from her injuries, police reported.

An Orange County Sheriff's Department spokesman confirmed Tuesday the coroner's office had identified the driver as Breanna Calderon, 29, of Costa Mesa.

The incident took place at around 11 p.m. on the night of Nov. 20, when a gray 2019 Toyota RAV4 apparently lost control south of Warner Avenue and veered off the highway into waters bordering the roadway, Huntington Beach police reported Monday.

Officers and paramedics responding to the incident discovered the vehicle submerged and immediately began rescue efforts.

California State Parks assisted at the scene, providing a team of divers who entered the wetlands to retrieve the driver and performed CPR until fire department personnel took over.

Calderon was transported to UC Irvine Medical Center and was admitted into the intensive care unit with a traumatic brain



Courtesy of the Huntington Beach Police Department

**LIFEGUARDS RESPOND** to a Nov. 20 crash involving a single vehicle submerged in the waters off PCH in Huntington Beach. The driver of the vehicle died Friday from her injuries, police reported.

injury after being submerged underwater for a period of 10 to 15 minutes, according to a GoFundMe page started by her sister to help pay for Calderon's medical expenses.

She reportedly remained at the hospital in critical but stable condition but died at around 12:30 p.m. on Friday while surrounded by her family, the page reads.

An investigation into the cause of the crash is still ongoing, but Huntington Beach police say preliminary findings indicate the RAV4 was traveling northbound on Pacific Coast

Highway when it veered off the highway for unknown reasons. Officials have not determined whether drugs or alcohol may have played a role in the incident.

The investigation is being handled by HBPD's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is encouraged to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator Vishal Rattanchandani at (714) 536-5231.

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## MAYOR

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Burns' appointment.

"Gracey is Gracey — she's a passionate person who deeply cares about people, and she got involved because she saw things were going on the wrong path," Strickland said of his nomination. "She was willing to fight, and I think she's the exact right person to be the next mayor of Huntington Beach."

The transfer of power was swift, despite three failed attempts by a Democratic minority on the dais to place more senior officials from within their ranks to both positions and to adhere to Resolution 6320, passed by city leaders in 1991.

At one point, the series of 3-4 votes drew laughter and derision from a packed council chamber, as Burns communicated his dissent by saying, "Hell no" to the efforts of the council minority.

Before the final vote was taken appointing Van Der Mark as the city's 86th mayor, Councilwoman Natalie Moser read a prepared statement in which she expressed her concern over the council's continued deviation from established procedure.

"The disruption of these longstanding traditions not only undermines the trust and predictability essential in our governance but also disregards the fair and equitable principles that have



James Carbone

**THE NEWEST MAYOR** of Huntington Beach, Gracey Van Der Mark, raises a gavel given to her Tuesday by outgoing Mayor Tony Strickland at the City Council meeting Tuesday.

guided us over the years," Moser said.

In her first mayoral speech, Van Der Mark spoke of the long road that led from her childhood, as the daughter of immigrant parents from Mexico and Ecuador, to Huntington Beach City Hall.

"I would like to sit here and say that it has always been a dream of mine to be the mayor of a city as beautiful as ours. But when you're living day to day, barely surviving one day at a time, there is no room for such dreams," she said.

"This city changed my life, my children's lives and, now, my grandsons' life. I would like to repay that debt by doing what is best for Huntington Beach with fidelity to American traditions and values."

Van Der Mark listed what she considers the city's top

accomplishments of the past year, including paying a nearly \$5 million settlement to operators of the Pacific Airshow, withdrawing Huntington Beach from the imperiled Orange County Power Authority, suing the state over its housing mandates, banning the flying of the LGBTQ+ pride flag over City Hall and creating a council-appointed board to screen children's library books for sexual content.

"These are just a few of the things we've done in the first year that we've been serving our community," the new mayor remarked. "For this next year, we're going to continue to put our parents, our businesses and our community members first."

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# Love Costa Mesa decks out homes of residents

BY SARA CARDINE

Volunteers convened in Costa Mesa Saturday to trim trees and deck the halls for dozens of residents as a part of a growing Love Costa Mesa movement that invites people to be a good neighbor to someone in need.

Originally spearheaded by Trellis, a nonprofit collaboration of church leaders and residents, what began in 2018 as a community-wide day of service now amasses helping hands eager to work for the benefit of seniors, local schools and those at risk of homelessness.

A Neighboring Initiative encourages people to create hyperlocal networks, where residents can help one another with small tasks, chores or beautification projects on an ongoing basis.

"I really believe when you get to know your neighbors you can save a life," said Reina Cuthill, who heads Trellis' neighboring effort. "Neighboring is the most



VANGUARD UNIVERSITY students Saturday help clear the yard of a mobile home as part of a Love Costa Mesa neighboring day.

important element of a city, and building those relationships is what makes a city safer."

About 80 believers in that mission on Saturday enjoyed a holiday-themed

kickoff gathering at the Fairview Park headquarters of the Orange County Model Engineers, before heading off to their various group assignments. Some helped "bless" the

yards of mobile homes whose occupants are elderly, disabled or otherwise hard pressed to do the heavy lifting on needed landscaping improvements. Another contingent of

volunteers headed over to Costa Mesa's west-side Shalimar neighborhood where they hung holiday lights and other decorations to brighten up the days of the families inside.

Robert and Toni Womack headed up the decorations team. The Long Beach couple recently formed the nonprofit Luv in Motion to help provide additional resources and assistance to clients served by the Costa Mesa addiction treatment center South Coast Behavioral Health, from which they both graduated.

Together, a team of about 20 volunteers and past clients of SCBH festooned the doorways and balconies of apartment buildings, interacting with the residents inside and learning more about the living conditions and needs of those who live there.

Robert Womack said he and wife Toni had finished up the recovery program last year and were living in a car when he met Trellis Executive Director Ian Stevenson, who offered to

put him up in a motel temporarily. From there they found their way to an apartment.

"That simple act of kindness Ian Stevenson showed us changed our outlook, and he didn't even know us," Womack said of his desire to stay clean and give back.

"Saturday was our first solid event as Luv in Motion. We went and interacted with residents and we hung Christmas lights around everyone's windows. The whole day was full of smiles and joy."

Toni Womack agreed. "We were able to interact with them and give them hugs. They had a glow on their face I'd never really seen before," she recalled. "Little did they know they did more for us than we could ever have done for them."

To learn more about Love Costa Mesa, its programs and events, visit [lovecostamesa.org](http://lovecostamesa.org).

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Courtesy of Love Costa Mesa

# Balboa Island Museum to host nonprofit's holiday drive

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Without pajamas to make their cheeks nice and rosy, how comfy and cozy are kids through this upcoming holiday season? On Saturday, nonprofit Magical Builders will host its 20th annual Jamma Jingles Holiday Drive at the Balboa Island Museum, where members will collect unwrapped pairs of pajamas and books to be distributed to children in need around Orange County.

Refreshments and music will be served up during the drive, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Organizers said they are still in the process of asking Santa Claus to drop by, though Magical Builders co-founder Christy Frank

said she's heard the jolly old elf is very busy this time of year.

The Balboa Island Museum and the front office of Angels' Stadium in Anaheim will have drop-off boxes from Saturday through Dec. 24.

Items donated will go toward more than 20 nonprofits in the area, including the Boys & Girls Club of Central Orange County, Casa Teresa and the Orangewood Foundation. Some will also go toward the Angels Baseball Foundation's annual kids' holiday party, which gives back to local families affiliated with the Anaheim Family YMCA, its Boys & Girls Club, Project Access, Family Forward and others.

"The Angels Baseball

Foundation is excited to team up with Magical Builders' Jamma Jingles for the 13th year in a row. The Jamma Jingles' donations will be gifted to kids in need throughout Orange County. Let's give back to the community this holiday season!" Adam Cali, manager of foundation and community initiatives at Angels Baseball Foundation, said in a statement.

Frank, who started Magical Builders with her husband, Jon, said holding the drive became a family tradition at least two years before the nonprofit started.

She said when the effort began 20 years ago their three daughters — Madeline, Makenzie and Abigail — were very young. "We were talking, as

many families do, about the holidays in other situations in the world ... [the girls] wanted to give their gifts to children, so my husband and I turned this into a concept," Frank said. "The first two years, we collected toys. We collected a couple thousand the first and second year.

"But after the second year, we saw there were a lot of toys and the people running distribution asked, 'Would you ever consider donating something different than toys?' Having a family of young children, we then thought about books and pajamas. Every child needs books and some jammies. For children in foster care or group

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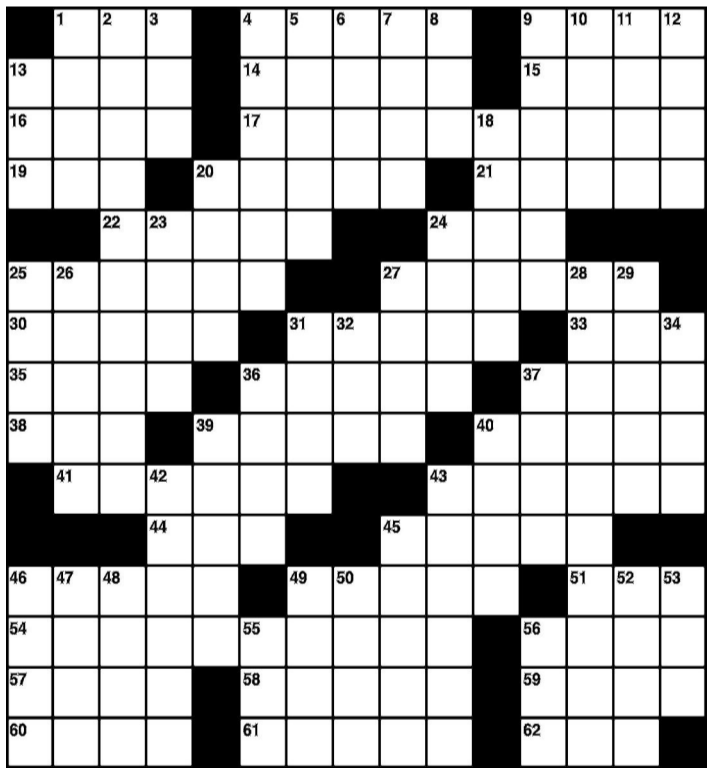
Courtesy of Christy Frank

MATER DEI High School song leaders and coaches sort, count and organize donated pajamas that will be delivered to children. The school is holding one of several pajama drives organized by Magical Builders.

## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

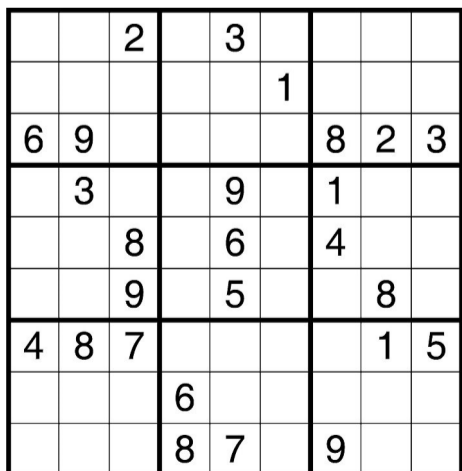
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  - 14 Appreciate; cherish
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  - 16 Reason to scratch
  - 17 High-speed road
  - 19 "Casey at the \_"
  - 20 Get up
  - 21 Gets closer to
  - 22 Out of kilter
  - 24 That woman
  - 25 Lombard or King
  - 27 Complete failure
  - 30 "Bye, Juan!"
  - 31 Part of the face
  - 33 Ho-\_-; boring
  - 35 Gale
  - 36 Closes
  - 37 See "39 Down
  - 38 "We're off to \_ the Wizard..."
  - 39 African nation
  - 40 Blockhead
  - 41 Loan shark
  - 43 Betray nervousness
  - 44 Actor Knight
  - 45 Mumbai money
  - 46 Michelle or Malia
  - 49 Total amount
  - 51 So. state
  - 54 Tedious
  - 56 With head on pillow
  - 57 Hostels
  - 58 Erroneous
  - 59 Clothed
  - 60 Dry run
  - 61 Rough woolen fabric
  - 62 Part of a royal flush
- DOWN**



## SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

- 1 Tiny bit
- 2 Smooth-skinned peaches
- 3 \_-blond; hair color
- 4 Reluctant
- 5 Hired vehicles
- 6 Innsbruck's surroundings
- 7 Tackle box item
- 8 Common
- 9 Korean surname
- 10 Ne'er-do-wells
- 11 Dubuque's state
- 12 Singer Alicia
- 13 Triangular sail
- 14 One not to be trusted
- 15 Coughs & has a fever

- 23 Disposition
  - 24 Rushes
  - 25 Bird sounds
  - 26 Parting word
  - 27 Greek cheese
  - 28 Fluctuating
  - 29 Pound division
  - 31 Blacken
  - 32 Ancient barbarian
  - 34 " \_ Me in St. Louis"
  - 36 Molt
  - 37 City fellow on a ranch
  - 39 With 37 Across, tall dog
  - 40 Hors d'oeuvres table bowlfuls
  - 42 Maximum
  - 43 Nitpicked
  - 45 Awaken
  - 46 Fail to mention
  - 47 Scapula or sacrum
  - 48 Landers & Curry
  - 49 Chew, like a dog does a bone
  - 50 Film part
  - 52 Slender
  - 53 Recipe verb
  - 55 Many a time
  - 56 \_ like; pretend to be
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(UCC 6105)  
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All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is:  
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: EUROSTARTS GLOBAL LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 8141 WADEBRIDGE CIRCLE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92646  
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The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ACE ESCROW INC, 1725 S. NOGALES ST #104, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 27, 2023  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: ACE ESCROW INC, 1725 S. NOGALES ST #104, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748 and the last day for filing claims shall be DECEMBER 26, 2023, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
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**BSC 224306**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION**  
**TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**MICHAEL JOSEPH CULLEN**  
aka MICHAEL J. CULLEN  
aka MICHAEL CULLEN  
**30-2023-01363204-PR-PW-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MICHAEL JOSEPH CULLEN** aka **MICHAEL J. CULLEN** aka **MICHAEL CULLEN**. A **PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Marilyn Ribera** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**. **THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Marilyn Ribera** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

**THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Feb 08, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM06** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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

**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**BSC 224263**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION**  
**TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**DINH Q. LUONG,**  
aka DINH QUOC LUONG  
**30-2023-01360929-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: **DINH Q. LUONG**, aka **DINH QUOC LUONG**. A **PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **MY LAN THI TRAN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MY LAN THI TRAN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Jan 24, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM05** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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

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## Legal Notices

**BSC 224256**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION**  
**TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**GASPAR BENINATI**  
**30-2023-01360919-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: **GASPAR BENINATI**. A **PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Gaetano Beninati** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Gaetano Beninati** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Jan 25, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM06** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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

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

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**BSC 224342**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION**  
**TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**MARY KATHRYN THOMPSON**  
aka MARY K. THOMPSON  
aka MARY THOMPSON  
**30-2023-01364157-PR-PW-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MARY KATHRYN THOMPSON** aka **MARY K. THOMPSON** aka **MARY THOMPSON**. A **PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Brian R. Thompson** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Brian R. Thompson** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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## Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:** Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by **CubeSmart Management, LLC 2892 Kelvin Ave. Irvine, CA 92614** to satisfy a lien on **December 27, 2023** at approx. 2:00P.M. at [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com): Katherine Hunter, Diana Mehran, Diana Mehran, Brandon Gardner, Yue Wang, Storm Sondors, Abraham Haddad, Michael Zill, Adriana Valentin-Morales  
12/7, 12/14/23  
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**DAILY PILOT**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. **18311KM**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all creditors of the within names Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: **GOLDRICH MASTERMIND INC., 116 NORTH EUCLID STREET, FULLERTON, CA 92832**

The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: **135 STAGE, IRVINE, CA 91618**

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: **HOOSUM FOOD, INC, 19531 VENTURA BLVD TARZANA, CA 91356**

The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, AND FRANCHISE RIGHTS** and are located at: **116 NORTH EUCLID STREET, FULLERTON, CA 92832**

The Business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: **SUBWAY #6349**

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: **NONE**

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: **ALLIANCE MUTUAL ESCROW, INC., 12681 NEWPORT AVENUE, TUSTIN, CA 92780, ESCROW #: 18311KM** and the anticipated sale date is **DECEMBER 26, 2023**

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **ALLIANCE MUTUAL ESCROW, INC., 12681 NEWPORT AVENUE, TUSTIN, CA 92780**

The last date for filing claims shall be **DECEMBER 22, 2023**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: **NOVEMBER 13, 2023**  
BUYER: **HOOSUM FOOD, INC.**  
SELLER: **GOLDRICH MASTERMIND INC.**  
**2010630-C-PP DAILY PILOT 12/7/23**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. **18338KM**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all creditors of the within names Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: **NOTRIKA, INC., 9985 ELLIS AVENUE, #5, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92709**

The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: **547 SPRINGBROOK NORTH, IRVINE, CA 92614**

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: **SUBFORNIA, LLC, 7265 MARILYN DRIVE, CORONA, CA 92881**

The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, AND FRANCHISE RIGHTS** and are located at: **9985 ELLIS AVENUE, #5, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92709**

The Business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: **SUBWAY #3265**

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: **NONE**

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: **ALLIANCE MUTUAL ESCROW, INC., 12681 NEWPORT AVENUE, TUSTIN, CA 92780, ESCROW #: 18338KM** and the anticipated sale date is **DECEMBER 26, 2023**

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **ALLIANCE MUTUAL ESCROW, INC., 12681 NEWPORT AVENUE, TUSTIN, CA 92780**

The last date for filing claims shall be **DECEMBER 22, 2023**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: **NOVEMBER 28, 2023**  
BUYERS: **SUBFORNIA, LLC**  
SELLERS: **NOTRIKA, INC.**  
**2009959-C-PP DAILY PILOT 12/7/23**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 7986-DH

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the Seller(s), are:  
Sunset Restaurant Group, LLC, 3305 Newport Blvd., Ste. A Newport Beach, CA 92633  
Doing Business as: Hook & Anchor

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: **NONE**

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: **NAVA GROUP CORPORATION, 652 Port Dunbar Chula Vista CA 91913**

The assets being sold are described in general as: all assets and fixtures and other equipment, leasehold improvements, transferable government licenses and permits, customer lists, fictitious business names, trade names and trademarks, logos, copyrights and patents, signs advertising materials, telephone and fax numbers, web sites, URL names, email addresses, accounts receivable, vendor lists and catalogs, goodwill, agreements not to compete, distribution rights, employee lists and information, computer and customer software and customer deposits.

and are located at: 3305 Newport Blvd., Ste. A, Newport Beach, CA 92633

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Performance Escrow, 2914 E. Katella Ave., Suite 103 Orange, CA 92867 and the anticipated sale date is 12/26/23

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2 YES/NO YES

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Performance Escrow, 2914 E. Katella Ave., Suite 103 Orange, CA 92867 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be 12/22/23, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: 11/29/2023

Buyer:  
S/ Navrai Moktan  
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**CNS-3762751#**  
**DAILY PILOT**



Photos by Susan Hoffman

**ETUDES BALLET** director Kimberly McEachern poses next to a Nutcracker figure at the "Step And Repeat" photo wall at Huntington Beach High School Auditorium on Dec. 3.

## BALLET

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Ballet Etudes is a nonprofit youth ballet company dedicated to nurturing dancers' character development and artistic growth through immersive, exceptional performance experiences. Its mission is to engage and enrich the community by introducing the power of ballet.

Ballet Etudes' "The Nutcracker" is a professional presentation in every way. The props and costumes used are all professional, as are dancers Edward Johnson and Evan Strand as the Cavalier to the Sugarplum Fairy. It is, however, the Ballet Etudes company dancers that set it apart by creating a bit more home-grown-hometown appreciation.

"All of the company dancers have grown up in the ballet company," said the company's promotional chair, Christine Wendl. "Some began at 5 or 6 years old and have grown and developed as we go along."

Ballet Etudes director Kimberly McEachern expressed that the company was honored to be a part of such special holiday memories for so many families who have made "The Nutcracker" a beloved annual tradition.

"Our beautiful graduating high school seniors will be gracing our stages for their final 'Nutcracker' with us, and we couldn't be prouder," said McEachern.

The performances include Grace Wendl as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Makayla

Arakaki as the Snow Queen, Julie Kurimoto as the Dew Drop Fairy and Sarah Beyer as the Mirliton Duchess, McEachern said.

Senior company member Arakaki said that since the first time she saw "The Nutcracker," she dreamed about having the opportunity to one day perform in such a great spectacle. "It's an awesome feeling to dance in front of big crowds, and I feel right at home doing it," said Arakaki. "Although I've had various roles in 'The Nutcracker' in my 11 years of dance, the snow scene has been my absolute favorite. There's something nostalgic about that scene, and I'm blessed that I get to take on the role of Snow Queen in this year's performance."

"The Nutcracker" has delighted generations with its enchanting story line, iconic choreography and timeless Tchaikovsky score. The tale follows young Clara on a remarkable journey through a whimsical landscape filled with dancing snowflakes, waltzing flowers and an epic battle between the Nutcracker Prince and the Rat King. The ballet transports audiences to a magical world where toys come to life, dreams take flight, and the power of imagination knows no bounds.

This Sunday's performances take place Dec. 10 at 2 and 7 p.m. at Huntington Beach High School, 1905 Main St. in Huntington Beach. For tickets and information, visit [balletetudes.com](http://balletetudes.com).

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**NATALIE GORDON**, left, and her mom, Lisa, enter Huntington Beach High School theater for Sunday's Ballet Etudes' performance of "The Nutcracker."

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**DRIVE**

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homes, it's sometimes the last thing that they're given. Knowing and feeling loved and comforted while you're going to bed, that's important."

This year's drive is being conducted in collaboration with the Angels Baseball Foundation, the Scout Guide Newport Beach, Snell & Wilmer and Balboa Island Museum.

Last year, the nonprofit collected a little over a thousand pairs of pajamas. Frank confirmed Wednesday that the number collected so far this year is somewhere in the hundreds. As Newport Beach residents, the Franks decided to host the drive this year at the Balboa Island Museum to celebrate the 20-year milestone. She said it is a "very magical and a family-friendly place to spend a morning and afternoon."

The event is open to the public.

Monetary donations are also being accepted through Venmo, and all pajama sizes are welcome.

"I think the importance of [the drive] is just everyone enjoys the gift of giv-



*Courtesy of Christy Frank*

**MAGICAL BUILDERS** team lead Tammy Porter passes out pajamas at Angels Foundation Kids Holiday Party at Angels Stadium in 2022.

ing. That is to be able to collaborate and work together with other families, friends, donors and do something good for the community during the holidays. It's a wonderful time to spread cheer," Frank said. "We've had some other stores want to donate big allotments of pajamas, but it's really a feel good holiday. It doesn't cost much to buy a book or a pair of pajamas, and it's a nice gift to someone who doesn't have much."

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*Andrew Turner*

**GLENN GRANDIS**, with mother Pauline, is sworn in as the new mayor of Fountain Valley on Tuesday.

**GRANDIS**

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nonpartisan," Grandis said. "Our council truly gets along with each other. We respect each other. Sometimes, we don't always agree, and that's OK."

In his first term on the dais, Grandis has not been shy about sharing his views on many of the issues that have come before the panel. And, on being named mayor, he gave a 25-minute acceptance speech.

Grandis appeared bashful as he took the oath of office being administered by City Clerk Rick Miller.

"I'm not nervous at all about giving this speech and such, but [my] poor [wife] Mary and my son, Phil, we've been practicing that oath," said Grandis, whose mother, Pauline, stood alongside him holding the Bible during the ceremony.

Grandis laid out his priorities for the year ahead, saying his goals include a focus on innovation, fiscal responsibility and diversity.

He said technology could be further utilized to better communicate with residents, stating that he planned to get a video podcast going to achieve that goal.

In terms of fiscal responsibility, Grandis said he wanted to find ways to generate revenue for the city

without taxing residents. He added that paying fair wages to employees would help retain them.

"We all know that everything costs more today than it did a year ago, and the cost of goods that our city has to purchase has gone way up," Grandis said. "We have to look at all expenditures and make sure they're necessary and make sure they're in the best interest of our city. We have to look for new revenue-generating opportunities.

"That's always the key. What are the ways that we bring in revenue to the city without taxing our residents, ideas that bring money to us that [don't] cost our residents money?"

Ted Bui was voted by his council colleagues to serve as vice mayor.

Outgoing Mayor Kim Constantine was recognized by representatives from the offices of Rep. Michelle Steel, state Sen. Janet Nguyen, and Assemblyman Tri Ta.

"Who would have thought a very shy Lebanese American girl born in Allentown, Penn. would be on city council, much less serve as mayor?" Constantine said. "... It's been my absolute honor and privilege to serve as mayor of Fountain Valley, also known as a nice place to live."

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

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JONATHAN T. TREVILYAN, ESQ  
Attorney for The Meadows  
12/7, 12/14/23  
CNS-3761522#  
**DAILY PILOT**

T.S. No. 114687-CA APN: 931-930-27 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/27/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. 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Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$285,611.88 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given that on December 20th, 2023; Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations:  
**2950 Bear St Costa Mesa CA, 92626**  
**949-415-5680 12:00 PM**  
Bret Percival  
Surf boards, desks, home décor, CD's, boxes, dressers, file cabinet, piano, stool  
Delores M. Williams-Blair  
Boxes, home decor, picture frames, totes, wall art, suitcase, kitchen appliance, lamp  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.  
11/30, 12/7/23  
CNS-3758464#  
**DAILY PILOT**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 234895-CS  
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.  
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: SHARKS CLEANING SERVICE, LLC, 1497 SPECTRUM, IRVINE, CA 92618  
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, 374 EAST H STREET, SUITE A608, CHULA VISTA, CA 91910  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND CLIENT LIST of that certain business located at: 1497 SPECTRUM, IRVINE, CA 92618  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SHARKS CLEANING SERVICE  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is DECEMBER 28, 2023, at the office of R ESCROW, 1205 E CHAPMAN AVE, ORANGE, CA 92866 Escrow No. 234895-CS, Escrow Officer CANDICE SILVA  
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.  
(9) The last date for filing claims is: DECEMBER 27, 2023  
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.  
DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 2023  
TRANSFEREES: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
ORD-2010051 DAILY PILOT 12/7/2

**COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT**  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS (BIDS)**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District invites and will receive sealed proposals (bids) for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, permits, and other items necessary for the construction of the following project:  
**CALCIUM REMOVAL PHASE 2**  
**Project No. 327**

This project includes cleaning and removal of calcium and mineral deposits in approximately 2,760 feet of sewer main in 11 locations around the Costa Mesa Sanitary District. Cleaning methods may include:  
• HIGH PRESSURE WATER DESCALING  
• MECHANICAL CLEANING  
• SELF DRIVEN ROBOTIC CUTTER  
• COMBINATION VACUUM/JETTER TRUCK TO REMOVE DEBRIS.

Calcium removal must be done to the point that at least 95% of the original pipe diameter is clear.

The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$ 145,200.

Bids will be received by the Costa Mesa Sanitary District office at 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, California until the hour of **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2023**, at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud in the Board Conference Room. Sealed proposals shall bear the title of the project and the name of the bidder. Any bid received after the scheduled bid opening time shown above will not be accepted and returned to the bidder unopened. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to seal and deliver the bid proposal to the District office at or before the time specified in this notice provided.

A set of the approved contract documents including plans and specifications may be obtained on the District Website:  
[https://www.cmsdca.gov/news\\_publications/bid\\_opportunities.php](https://www.cmsdca.gov/news_publications/bid_opportunities.php)

**There is a mandatory pre-bid meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The pre-bid meeting will be held at the Costa Mesa Sanitary District office at 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.**

Submit bid questions by email to Michael Benesh, [mlbenesh@robhamers.com](mailto:mlbenesh@robhamers.com). All questions must be received prior to 5 p.m. on Monday December 18, 2023.

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, the prevailing rate and scale of wages determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California. Prevailing rates shall be paid to all workers employed in the performance of the contract. Such rates of wages are on file with Department of Industrial Relations and in the office of the District and are available to any interested party upon request. The contractor is responsible for all penalties prescribed for noncompliance with these provisions.

Each bid shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal Form furnished as part of the contract documents, and shall be accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or a bidder's bond in an amount not less than 10-percent of the amount of the bid, made payable to the Costa Mesa Sanitary District. The check or bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract with the District and furnish the required payment and performance bonds and certificates of insurance and endorsements if awarded the work. The check or bond will be declared forfeited if the successful bidder does not enter into the contract or furnish the required bonds and insurance forms under the time frame specified in the construction agreement.

It is imperative that the bidders carefully review this notice and the district's standard construction agreement and insurance forms. The successful bidder will be required to comply with all requirements in the standard construction agreement and insurance forms. In the event of failure or inability to meet these requirements after the award of contract, the District shall have the right to reject the bid and/or declare a forfeiture of the bid bond.

Pursuant to California Contract Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR will be entitled to post approved securities with the District or an approved financial institution in order to have the District release funds retained by the District to insure performance of the contract.

**No bidder or subcontractor shall be listed in a bid proposal unless registered with the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.**

Liquidated damages in the sum of \$500 per day shall be imposed for each unexcused day beyond the contract completion date.

The Board of Directors of the District reserves the right to select the schedule(s) under which the bids are to be compared and contract(s) awarded, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any and all irregularity in any bid.

Dated: November 29, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT

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**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

# Edison takes win at CdM Beach Bash

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Edison boys' basketball team is getting contributions from across the lineup, and it's proving to be a winning formula in the early going.

Four players scored in double figures for Edison in a 79-44 win over Sage Hill on Monday to open the CdM Beach Bash.

Senior guard Kaz Hampton had 21 points to lead the way, most of that output coming during a third quarter in which he knocked down four three-point baskets. Edison improved to 7-0 on the season, with stiff tests remaining against the likes of Northridge Heritage Christian, Orange Lutheran and Northwood this week.

"I think what it really is is just our teamwork," Hampton said of the key to the Chargers' success. "We kind of move the ball around. We're the type of team that we can all score 20 points in a game, every single one of us. I think that's one of our big weapons is that if somebody is off, the other players will pick each other up."

Senior center Dane Johnson scored 16 points, sophomore guard Derick Johnson had 14 points, and junior guard Jayden Oei contributed 10 points for Edison. The Chargers held the Lightning to single digits in scoring in three of the four quarters.

"Our defense is getting better," Edison coach Rich Boyce said. "We're playing harder. As the tournament goes along, it's tougher and tougher games, and we just got to bring it every night, and hopefully that's what the kids are doing. They're learning to play hard every time on the floor."

Senior forward Johnny Mayhew scored all nine first-quarter points for Sage Hill (4-4), and he went on to score a team-high 18 points before fouling out in the second half.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**EDISON'S DANE JOHNSON (3)** drives through Sage Hill defenders Johnny Mayhew and Sergio Maggette, from left, in the CdM Beach Bash on Monday.

Sergio Maggette, a senior transfer from JSerra, added 17 points for Sage Hill, which will also face Heritage Christian, Palos Verdes and Glendale (Ariz.) Cactus in this week's event.

Sage Hill coach D'Cean Bryant

noted the Lightning got off to a slow start last year, a season that culminated in an appearance in the CIF Southern Section Division 4A final. He added it's too early to be thinking about his team's place within the Pacific Coast League.

"I'm going to deal with right now," Bryant said. "We have to stay here before we get to there, and if you start looking ahead, start scouting the teams now, teams look different. Guys may play harder. They may be down a

guy. You don't know, so you just got to deal with your team, and that's what we're focused on."

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**SANTA ARRIVES** on Ocean Avenue to light the Pepper Tree during Hospitality Night in downtown Laguna Beach on Friday. He arrived in a Laguna Beach lifeguard jeep.

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side the Martin Roberts Gallery.

Usual participants like the Laguna Community Concert and Jazz Band put on a show, but holiday cheer is for all, and aspiring young vocalists from kindergarten and up performed for community members with some caroling of their own.

Lindsey Parker, an instructor in vocal music and musical theater, works with students from all four schools within the Laguna Beach Unified School District. When her students met the idea of caroling at Hospitality Night with unbridled enthusiasm, she told them to bring a couple friends.

"It was super fun," Parker said. "I printed out a lyric sheet for the songs we were going to be singing. ... There was actually a little bit more people than I was anticipating, so I had to Air-Drop some music to people. As they started coming, I was like, 'Oh my gosh, this is way more people than I expected.'"

Parker added that the district schools will be holding a combined chorus concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Artists Theatre at

Laguna Beach High. It will feature honors chorus students from El Morro and Top of the World elementary schools, as well as musical theater students from Thurston Middle School and the high school.

There will also be some special guests, as district administrators will be called upon to participate in the singing of "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

Santa arrived in style, cruising down Ocean Avenue in a Christmas light-covered Laguna Beach lifeguard jeep. His dedicated believers rushed to the front of the stage to get a closer look, as local radio personality Ed Steinfeld chatted him up about the journey from the North Pole.

Mayor Bob Whalen joined them to lead the community in its own unique tradition — the lighting of the Peppertree.

"Look at all the people here for Hospitality Night 2023," Whalen exclaimed before thanking those involved with putting the event on.

The evening provided an occasion to slip into costume. A couple of seals promoted the work of the Pacific Marine Mammal Center. A Grinch was spotted in the vicinity of a gingerbread house in which Santa was

meeting with children to listen to their Christmas wishes.

Hospitality Night, held annually on the first Friday in December, also helps businesses in the downtown area during what can be a slower time of the year in the beach community.

Candy Baron was flush with patrons looking to satisfy their sweet tooth.

"The best Hospitality Night was when we reopened after the pandemic, because obviously people are so excited to be out after the pandemic," said Luz Ong, president of Candy Baron. "Every year, it's really, really good. That's the best day for us every year."

Ong, who inherited the business from Ron Baron when he passed away, added that the transition of lower Forest Avenue into a pedestrian plaza has been a boost to business.

"People just love to walk around," Ong said. "They see the store because it used to be street parking, where there's a lot of cars and they won't even notice your store. Now, people can just sit there ... They eat in restaurants, and then after, they go to our store, so it helps."

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