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## Festival returns to shine spotlight on conservation

BY ANDREW TURNER

With an environmentally conscious community as its backdrop, the Coast Film & Music Festival is set to show nearly 80 films in its fifth year in Laguna Beach.

The film festival brings the ideas of conservation and sustainability to the forefront, while also tapping into an appreciation for outdoor activities.

Laguna Beach residents Ben Warner and Enich Harris co-founded the festival, which debuted in 2019. As a reflection of its host community, Warner said they like to refer to the festival as a “green-carpet event.”

While the festival had a kick-off event at Hobie Surf Shop on Wednesday night, Thursday marks the first full day of programming, beginning with the Coast Summit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Forum Theater on the Festival of Arts grounds.

The summit is sponsored by A New Earth

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**TOP:** Special guests Jeremy Jones (Protect our Winters), Chad Nelson (Surfrider Foundation), festival co-founders Ben Warner and Enich Harris, and Timmy O'Neill, a professional rock climber, from left, talk about all things outdoors ahead of the Coast Film & Music Festival Wednesday evening at Hobies Surf Shop in Laguna Beach.

**MIDDLE:** Local artist Ben Young, left, and Coast Film Festival host Pat Parnell enjoy a chat on opening night.

**LEFT:** Guests take their seats for the film festival's opening-night screening, “Wild Life.”

Photos by Don Leach  
Staff Photographer

## Zelinka resigns as city manager

Outgoing H.B. official, who had served in the role since June 2022, says he's leaving to care for his elderly mother.

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach is looking for a new city manager for the second time in less than two years.

Al Zelinka has resigned from the post and retired from public service, city officials announced. His last day working for the city was Wednesday.

In closed session Tuesday night, the City Council unanimously approved Police Chief Eric Parra as the interim city manager. Parra also will continue serving as police chief.

Zelinka had been Huntington Beach's city manager since June 2022. He came to the position from Riverside, where he had the same role for four years.

He said in a statement Wednesday that he has resigned so he could take better care of his elderly mother.

“My decision to retire is based upon considerations culminating with a significant and challenging personal issue: caregiving of my elderly mother,” Zelinka said. “This is requiring more time, at-

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## Chevron agrees to settle on oil leak

The company worked with the county to clean up Talbert Channel, but both parties decline to take blame for the leak.

BY SARA CARDINE

Chevron will pay Orange County \$1.25 million for removing gallons of oil that leaked from a ruptured pipeline into the Talbert Channel in Huntington Beach last year, according to a settlement agreement reached Tuesday.

A contractor crew working for the county's Department of Public Works was enhancing the channel's flood control capacity on Oct. 6, 2022, when a worker drove a segment of sheet piling into an abandoned pipeline near Indianapolis Avenue.

Oil soon after began bubbling up into the waters of the channel, prompting immediate contain-

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## Woman's body found in trunk of car in H.B.; Arizona man arrested

Police say 54-year-old Christi Lynn Romero's death is 'suspicious.' An estranged boyfriend, 34, was booked on murder.

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

An Arizona man was arrested on suspicion of murder in the death of his estranged girlfriend, whose body was found in the trunk of a car parked outside his parents' home in Huntington Beach, police said Tuesday.

Officers were sent to the 17000 block of Friml Lane about 5:15 p.m. Monday after receiving reports of a family disturbance at the residence, according to the Huntington Beach Police De-

partment.

“Upon arrival, patrol officers contacted the involved parties and secured the location,” police said in a statement. “During the initial investigation, officers located a deceased adult female. She had passed away under suspicious circumstances.”

Detectives from the Crimes Against Persons Unit were sent to the scene, police said.

“The Orange County district attorney's office and the Orange County Sheriff's Department-Coroner Division and Crime Lab also responded to assist,” police said. “Based on interviews and evidence located at the scene, 34-year-old Richard Paul Rodri-

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## Love Our Schools Day sees close to 400 volunteers in Newport-Mesa

BY LILLY NGUYEN

On a day when campuses are typically quiet, hundreds of volunteers — students, families and community members — descended on sites throughout the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Saturday to offer a hand on over 40 projects at 17 different schools as part of Love Our Schools Day.

Terrilee Stevenson, education initiative director for Love Costa Mesa, said the first Love Our Schools Day drew nearly 400 volunteers, dozens of more people than had signed up online beforehand to appear.

“Never before have we ever had families come out in the numbers they did [this weekend] to work



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**COMMUNITY MEMBERS** volunteered on Saturday to help repaint a map of the United States on the blacktop of California Elementary.

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"WISH YOU WERE HERE"
- 11/11 WHICH ONE'S PINK?  
"DARK SIDE OF THE MOON"
- 11/12 WISHBONE ASH
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- 11/16 LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)
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- 11/19 COCO MONTOYA
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- 11/24 JUMPING JACK FLASH (STONES TRIBUTE)
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- 11/26 ARETHA  
STARRING CHARITY LOCKHART
- 11/30 THE MUSICAL BOX  
- SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND
- 12/1 THE MUSICAL BOX  
- SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND
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- 12/8 GENE LOVES JEZEBEL /  
BOW WOW WOW
- 12/9 CASH'D OUT  
"THE NEXT BEST THING TO JOHNNY CASH"
- 12/15 BERLIN
- 12/16 GARY HOEY'S  
ROCKIN HOLIDAY SHOW
- 12/21 THE CHAIRMAN & THE BOARD  
(THE RAT PACK TRIBUTE)
- 12/22 AMBROSIA  
A VERY SPECIAL HOLIDAY SHOW
- 12/23 FLOCK OF SEAGULLS
- 12/28 L.A. GUNS
- 12/29 DONAVON FRANKENREITER / GOODNIGHT, TEXAS



SAT, DEC 2  
**LEE ROCKER**  
of The Stray Cats



FRI, DEC 8  
**GENE LOVES JEZEBEL**



FRI, DEC 15  
**BERLIN**



SAT, DEC 16  
**GARY HOEY**

- 12/30 DONAVON FRANKENREITER / GOODNIGHT, TEXAS
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- 1/6 QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)
- 1/7 BOBBY GRAY
- 1/11 CANNED HEAT
- 1/12 TOMMY CASTRO
- 1/13 WILD CHILD (THE DOORS TRIBUTE)
- 1/14 CUBENSIS (GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE)
- 1/19 MARC COHN
- 1/20 MARC COHN
- 1/21 BIG MOUNTAIN
- 1/26 PETTY BREAKERS (TOM PETTY TRIBUTE)
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- 2/17 THE MOTELS
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- 2/24 DADA
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- 3/7 THE BODEANS
- 3/13 REVEREND HORTON HEAT
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- 4/6 RONSTADT REVIVAL (LINDA RONSTADT)
- 4/14 THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS
- 4/18 SPONGE
- 4/19 RICHIE FURAY
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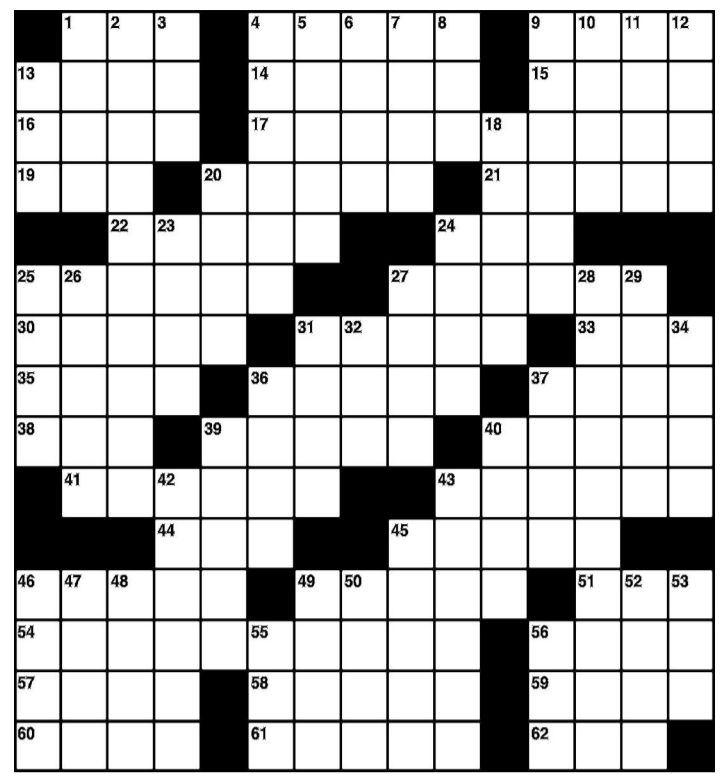
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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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  - 13 Stallion or stag
  - 14 Of the countryside
  - 15 Run fast
  - 16 One who's on your side
  - 17 Found fault with
  - 19 Bullring bravo
  - 20 Motif
  - 21 Major UK city
  - 22 AI & others
  - 24 This month: abbr.
  - 25 Violent invader
  - 27 Most recent news
  - 30 Avoid detection by
  - 31 Bangkok folks
  - 33 Touch lightly
  - 35 Family members
  - 36 Fish with a net
  - 37 Rational
  - 38 \_ Tac; breath mint
  - 39 Appears on the horizon
  - 40 Church fundraiser
  - 41 Go to bat for
  - 43 Actor Michael
  - 44 \_ Cruces, NM
  - 45 Divine Office chanters
  - 46 Entreaties
  - 49 Wide
  - 51 Edison's initials
  - 54 Able to withstand temblors
  - 56 Wren or robin
  - 57 Unusual
  - 58 Walkway
  - 59 Canopy trees
  - 60 NBA team
  - 61 Slander
  - 62 Rail systems



## 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).

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

### DOWN

- 1 Cool season
- 2 Loyalty
- 3 Actress Susan
- 4 William Tell, for one
- 5 Tempts
- 6 Overly proper
- 7 Loathe
- 8 Muhammad \_

- 9 Mourn
- 10 Level a building
- 11 \_ tea
- 12 Pharmacy pickups
- 13 Chinese chairman
- 18 Blood problems
- 20 "A \_ Grows in Brooklyn"

- 23 Probability
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- 26 Steer clear of
- 27 Regulations
- 28 Impasse
- 29 Latin American dance
- 31 \_ on; trample
- 32 Show-off
- 34 Lowly laborer
- 36 Truck scale divisions
- 37 Go under
- 39 Rental contract
- 40 Wedding ring
- 42 Unreliable people
- 43 Comfy shoe
- 45 Money, slangily
- 46 NO followers
- 47 Waikiki feast
- 48 Deserve
- 49 Teacup's edge
- 50 Came up
- 52 Hugger's needs
- 53 Bradley & Begley
- 55 Daddies
- 56 Mayberry resident

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# Avila's El Ranchito in H.B. closed due to early morning kitchen fire

BY SARA CARDINE

Avila's El Ranchito Mexican restaurant in Huntington Beach is temporarily closed after a kitchen fire broke out early Wednesday, damaging the Main Street structure and sending smoke into the adjacent Rockin' Fig surf shop, city officials reported.

Jennifer Carey, the city's public affairs manager, said the building was yellow-tagged by building inspectors as proprietors of the business waited on county health officials to inspect the property.

She confirmed the Huntington Beach Fire Department got a call at 5:50 a.m. regarding a fire at the popular downtown restaurant that appears to have started in the facility's kitchen.

Firefighters soon after arrived on scene and were assisted by units from Costa Mesa and Fountain Valley in extinguishing the two-alarm fire.

"They were able to knock it down pretty quickly, so the damage was limited," Carey said. "As of now, the building is yellow tagged. They're waiting for the Orange County Health Department to come in and check out the kitchen."

Unlike a red tag — which prohibits entry into a structure due to its potential instability — a yellow-tag closure following a fire allows for limited entry but precludes a business from remaining open to the public while the integrity of the building is being evaluated.

On Wednesday afternoon an employee who answered the phone at El Ranchito confirmed the



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A TWO-ALARM fire began in the kitchen of Avila's El Ranchito early Wednesday morning in Huntington Beach.

business was closed and said the restaurant manager was tied up on phone calls and not immediately available for an interview.

Located in a strip mall on the 300 block of Main Street, El Ranchito has since 1999 occupied a storefront situated between Makin' Waves hair salon and Rockin' Fig Surf Headquarters, the latter of which reportedly suffered from smoke and water damage.

Susie Smith-Coelho, the owner of Makin' Waves, said she was awoken by news of the fire, the first to have happened in her 27 years of occupancy at the site.

"Someone started calling me at about 10 minutes after 6 a.m. I came racing down and they had already broken down the door," she said by phone as her door was in the process of being replaced.

The salon owner said the damage would have been much worse had

someone from the nearby Sugar Shack Cafe not been setting up outdoor chairs and tables when the blaze broke out.

"He smelled smoke and called 911," she added. "If that didn't happen the way it did, our whole block would have burned. If it had happened at 3 a.m., no one would have called. We're extremely grateful."

Next door, the scene at El Ranchito was much worse, according to Smith-Coelho. The kitchen had completely burned and appeared melted, but the dining room was largely unscathed. Fortunately, no one was at the restaurant when the fire started.

"It is really sad for El Ranchito, for the owners and all the employees who may be displaced through the holidays. But they'll rebuild," she said. "It could have been so much worse."

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# Court orders stay in state lawsuit against H.B.



File Photo

**HUNTINGTON BEACH** City Atty. Michael Gates, center, speaks at a press conference at City Hall in March to announce the filing of a federal housing lawsuit.

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach city officials earned a victory in the continued housing battle with Sacramento after a Superior Court judge's ruling last week.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Katherine Bacal ruled Thursday that California's lawsuit against Huntington Beach for violating state housing law must be stayed until a related federal lawsuit against the state filed by City Atty. Michael Gates is decided.

This means that in the meantime, the state cannot levy any penalties against Huntington Beach related to a non-compliant hous-

ing element, Gates said. "It's a pretty big deal," he said. "It sort of operates as the temporary restraining order that we sought in federal court."

Back in March, California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta and the Department of Housing and Community Development filed suit against Surf City for not accepting new applications for accessory dwelling units. A month later, that suit was amended after the City Council's conservative majority voted against approving a state-compliant draft housing element.

The plan would have zoned for the required 13,368 units during the cur-

rent Regional Housing Needs Allocation cycle, which runs until 2029.

"California is in the midst of a housing crisis, and time and time again, Huntington Beach has demonstrated they are part of the problem by defiantly refusing every opportunity to provide essential housing for its own residents," Bonta said in a statement at the time.

The state's lawsuit against the city has now been put on hold, however, pending a federal lawsuit filed by the city the same week as Bonta's original lawsuit. In it, Gates argues that state housing laws violate Huntington Beach's rights, particularly as a

charter city, to zone properly.

That federal lawsuit remains pending. The state had filed a motion on June 22 to dismiss it.

"We're still waiting for the court to weigh in," Gates said.

In a statement, Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland praised last week's Superior Court decision.

"I am pleased the court is supporting and defending our city's rights," Strickland said. "This is a fundamental fight that we will continue to fight."

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## AROUND TOWN



Courtesy of the city of Costa Mesa

**THE INAUGURAL CLASS** of the California Fire Chiefs Hall of Fame 2023. Costa Mesa Fire Chief Dan Stefano was inducted as part of the class.

### Costa Mesa fire chief inducted into inaugural class of hall of fame

Costa Mesa Fire Chief Dan Stefano was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the California Fire Chiefs Hall of Fame. The California Fire Chiefs Assn. recently established the honor to recognize the lifelong contributions and achievements of fire chiefs who have gone above and beyond in the line of service.

"Fire Chief Dan Stefano is a blessing to the city of Costa Mesa," Mayor John Stephens said in a statement. "He has served our community with distinction as our fire chief for over 10 years. During that time, he has developed a department that is second to none. Chief Stefano is a role model, not just in the Fire and Rescue Department, but throughout the city staff. He is definitely a first-ballot Hall of Famer who well deserves this prestigious honor."

### The RealReal and Lisa Maree Holiday store plans upcoming holiday event

The RealReal and the Lisa Maree store in Laguna Beach will host a "Sip, Shop, and Consign Holiday Event" on Nov. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m., when people will be able to enjoy holiday drinks and food and benefit from 20% off of a Lisa Maree purchase. Shoppers interested in bringing designer pieces to sell on RealReal will receive special credit for consigning.

### Estancia High drama department to perform 'Flowers for Algernon'

The Estancia High School drama department announced it will perform "Flowers for Algernon," based on the novel by Daniel Keyes and reenvisioned on the stage by David Rogers. The play will be performed at the campus' Barbara Van Holt Theater from Nov. 16 through Nov. 18, with shows starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available online at [estanciadrama.com](http://estanciadrama.com) and at the door. Student tickets are \$10 and general admission is \$15.

— From staff reports

## FESTIVAL

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Project and is bringing athletes, environmentalists and filmmakers together to discuss the issue of environmental stewardship.

Don Meek, managing director of A New Earth Project, said discussion to have a sustainability symposium with Warner and Harris began last year. A New Earth Project is the sustainability initiative of Atlantic Packaging, a privately owned packaging company that has been around for 77 years.

"There's a big push to how Laguna is the most water-wise city in America," Meek said. "We want to push to make Laguna the most waste-wise city [anywhere]. I think there's a lot of really cool things that are coming together in this area, and this problem of packaging waste and packaging pollution is actually one of the global crises that we can actually solve. It's a solvable problem, and we're very excited about being part of that."

As the festival has made more of a name for itself, more filmmakers have sought a spot to screen their film. The growth is allowing the organizers to bring more people together.

"It being our fifth year, we're really amplifying our efforts in several different ways," Warner said. "I'd say the summit is the best example of that, where we've had these incredible speakers and change-makers come to Laguna each year for the last four years, and we realized that the opportunity truly is when they're all in the same room together and meeting each other, often for the first time, and then sharing stories, the experiences, and ultimately ig-



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**FESTIVAL CO-FOUNDERS** Enich Harris, left, and Ben Warner greet the audience on opening night of the Coast Film Festival at Hobies Surf Shop in Laguna Beach.

niting some positive reaction from that."

The musical entertainment will include Matt Costa and the band Cayucas. The artists, who recently toured together, will perform on Friday afternoon.

Locals will also enjoy a performance by Laguna Beach-based jam band the Great North Special on Thursday. Common Sense, a surf reggae band with roots in Laguna Beach, will play on Sunday.

Greg MacGillivray, an accomplished filmmaker in the realm of iMax, will offer a director's cut preview of his upcoming production, "Cities of the Future," on Sunday afternoon. The film looks into how civil engineers could shape smart cities down the line, from the use of renewable energy to their modes of transportation.

The screening will provide the audience with a chance to provide feedback and influence the final product. MacGillivray said he has solicited input on his work from his first

days in the industry. His earliest critics were his friends and family, he noted.

"You can get a lot because you want to make an entertaining film," MacGillivray said of involving the public in the process. "You don't want to be confusing. Sometimes, you rush through a sequence too fast, and it's confusing to the audience. You have to set it up better."

"You will either try to strengthen the scene in a different way or delete it, and you can build on your strengths then and reduce your weaknesses."

"Trilogy: New Wave," for which Harris served as producer, will be shown for the first time on Thursday night. The surfing documentary follows the travels of three elite surfers — Griffin Colapinto, Ethan Ewing and Seth Moniz — in their search to ride waves without worrying about rankings.

Harris worked on the original "Trilogy," which came out in 2007, with re-

nowned surfing filmmaker Taylor Steele. That version highlighted the wave-riding escapades of Taj Burrow, Andy Irons and Joel Parkinson. Harris called working on the sequel a "passion project," and he also noted that Colapinto provides a local protagonist as a San Clemente resident.

"It's a very progressive new surf film," Harris said. "That formula, with the way [of] streaming today, doesn't exist. You don't anticipate films anymore. The way of filming and the way things happen these days, you film it and you see it 30 minutes or an hour later."

"It's really good to have a surf film again that we've held back and done over two or three years, build up that anticipation to see a film on the big screen."

Single-day admission, four-day festival passes and tickets for the Coast Summit are being sold at [coastfilmfestival.com](http://coastfilmfestival.com).

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## LEAK

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ment efforts. A unified command response comprising county staff, Chevron representatives and state and local agencies worked to prevent impacts to the Talbert Marsh downstream.

Approximately 60 gallons of pollutants were ultimately recovered from the Talbert Channel, according to the agreement.

Although the collaboration — coming one year after a ruptured underwater pipeline spilled 25,000 gallons of oil into the waters off Huntington Beach — was swift and effective, a dispute later arose in which Orange County and



California Department of Fish &amp; Wildlife

**A LIGHT SHEEN** of oil can be seen gathering at a floating boom placed in the Talbert Channel in October 2022, after oil leaked from an abandoned pipeline.

Chevron each alleged the leakage was the result of negligence on behalf of the other party.

County officials claimed the oil company, which has owned the pipeline since the 1940s, failed to properly

purge its contents when it was abandoned in the '60s and was unable to provide record of its existence after the leakage occurred.

Chevron contended the county, which cut and capped the pipe in 1997, should have removed any remaining oil inside the infrastructure upon discovery.

As part of the settlement, Chevron has 30 days from the document's Tuesday sign-off to procure the required \$1.25 million. Both parties have agreed to release one another from any future claims or causes of legal action.

The document, however, does not exempt Chevron from taking future legal actions against the construction crew hired by the county or any other entities

related to the incident.

The county is similarly capable of seeking further legal action against other parties, County Counsel Leon Page said Tuesday, reporting from a closed session meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

"The county reserves its right to proceed against other parties in connection with this spill and will continue to vigorously enforce reimbursement rights under federal and state environmental laws for the protection of all resident taxpayers," Page reported.

The document also specifies that neither party, in signing the settlement, is accepting blame for the incident.

"The county and

Chevron have categorically and specifically denied and continue to deny any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with the dispute and/or the spill," it states.

Fifth District Supervisor Katrina Foley, who advocated for taking legal action against Chevron if representatives failed to reach an agreement, lauded the news.

"The \$1.25-million settlement will reimburse the taxpayers for the Talbert Flood Channel oil leak," Foley said in a statement Tuesday. "This settlement reflects Chevron taking responsibility for the abandoned pipeline."

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## SCHOOLS

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on their schools with their communities," Stevenson said. "I feel like [in] our heart is that schools are the intersection of everything in our community. These students are the future for our city. We want to bring the support of the community around our schools so that students, staff and families know that they are not in this alone and that their community cares for them."

"Honestly, we are looking at this Love our Schools day as a catalytic event. Not a [single] day

where we serve our schools, but a launching pad to be able to give the community opportunities to serve the school throughout the year — not just facility projects, but to strategically help the goals that schools have."

Projects were chosen by principals at various campuses and Stevenson, who was with the district for 13 years prior to her current role, said she often walked campuses with principals to help envision what those projects could be.

Work included the repainting of benches at Adams Elementary and the painting of a U.S. map on the playground of Cali-

fornia Elementary. School gardens were weeded or cleared out for students at a number of campuses, and cleanups were organized across schools in Newport Beach and Costa Mesa. As part of the event, volunteers were treated to a lunch at Vanguard University in the afternoon.

"Love Our Schools Day is about building relationships between our school sites and our community," said Christy Flores, NMUSD's director of engagement, partnerships and expanded learning in a statement about the event.

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**FAMILIES, STUDENTS** and volunteers at California Elementary School pose for a photo after volunteering on Saturday as part of Love Our Schools Day.



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(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.</p> <p><b>A HEARING</b> on the petition will be held on <b>Feb 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6</b> located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA 92626</p> <p><b>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 (<a href="https://www.courts.ca.gov">occourts.org</a>) 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.</b></p> <p><b>IF YOU OBJECT</b> 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.</p> <p><b>IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR</b> 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.</p> <p><b>YOU MAY EXAMINE</b> the file kept by the court. 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DeGeorge</b> in the Superior Court of California, County of <b>ORANGE</b>.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION FOR PROBATE</b> requests that <b>Heather J. DeGeorge</b> be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION</b> 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.) 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SICHON, ESQ FERRUZZO &amp; FERRUZZO, LLP 3737 BIRCH STREET, STE 400 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 11/9, 11/10 &amp; 11/16/2023</p>	<p><b>BSC 224186</b> <b>NOTICE OF PETITION</b> <b>TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:</b> <b>DALE KAY LARSEN</b> <b>30-2023-01358061-PR-PW-CMC</b></p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: <b>DALE KAY LARSEN.</b></p> <p><b>A PETITION FOR PROBATE</b> has been filed by <b>Jon C. Larsen</b> in the Superior Court of California, County of <b>ORANGE</b>.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION FOR PROBATE</b> requests that <b>Jon C. Larsen</b> be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION</b> requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. 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Property to be sold as follows: Miscellaneous household goods, personal items, furniture, clothing, and/or business items/fixtures belonging to the following.</p> <p>TENANT NAME SPACE NUMBER Lee Ann West 1045 June Licata Evans 1228 Lee Ann West 2041 Joseph Haneline 2106 Winnie La Treece Alfred 2191 Elham Alavi 3175 June Licata Evans 3209 Evelyn Boggiano 3278 Joanne Munson 3390 Fei Weng 3589 Tracy Mclellan 3607</p> <p>Purchase must be paid for at time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between owner and obligated party. Dated this November 2, 2023, and November 9, 2023. Auction Listed on <a href="https://www.storagetreasures.com">storagetreasures.com</a>. Final bid at 12:00 noon.</p> <p>11/2, 11/9/23 <b>CNS-3752347#</b> <b>DAILY PILOT</b></p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> <b>Notice of Application for</b> <b>Formation of a Bank Holding Company</b></p> <p>PCB Financial, Inc., Costa Mesa, California, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to form a bank holding company with respect to Northern California Bancorp, Inc., Monterey, California. We intend to acquire control of Northern California Bancorp, Inc., Monterey, California, and its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Monterey County Bank, Monterey, California. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of the bank we intend to own in helping to meet local credit needs.</p> <p>You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, P.O. Box 7702, San Francisco, CA 94120-7702, or via email: <a href="mailto:cfisc.comments.applications@sf.frb.org">cfisc.comments.applications@sf.frb.org</a>. The comment period will not end before December 9, 2023 and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Joseph Cuenco, Assistant Vice President, Formations + Transactions and Enforcement, 415-974-2094. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.</p>	<p><b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:</b> Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by <b>CubeSmart Management, LLC 2892 Kelvin Ave. Irvine, CA 92614</b> to satisfy a lien on November 28, 2023 at approx. 2:00P.M. at <a href="https://www.storagetreasures.com">www.storagetreasures.com</a>: Josh Corona, Allan Delacruz, Kevin Gomez 11/9, 11/16/23 <b>CNS-3753460#</b> <b>DAILY PILOT</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:</b> Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by <b>CubeSmart Management, LLC 2892 Kelvin Ave. Irvine, CA 92614</b> to satisfy a lien on November 15, 2023 at approx. 2:00P.M. at <a href="https://www.storagetreasures.com">www.storagetreasures.com</a>: Jay Klester 11/2, 11/9/23 <b>CNS-3752788#</b> <b>DAILY PILOT</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> Notice is hereby given that on November 28, 2023; Life 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: <b>3190 Pullman St. Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (714)243-4094 12:00 PM</b> Aaron Murray Bedframe, Dresser, Dolly, Beanbag, TV Mount, Skateboards Jesus Flores Speakers, Shelves, Coffee Table, Fishing Materials Steve Blasko Vacuum, Tools, TV, Golf Clubs, Boxes, Speaker The auction will be listed and advertised on <a href="https://www.storagetreasures.com">www.storagetreasures.com</a>. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility 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 11/9, 11/16/23 <b>CNS-3755109#</b> <b>DAILY PILOT</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> Notice is hereby given that on <b>December 6th, 2023</b>; 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: <b>2950 Bear St Costa Mesa CA, 92626 949-415-5680 12:00 PM</b> Bret Percival Boxes, totes, chairs, pallets, CD's, household items The auction will be listed and advertised on <a href="https://www.storagetreasures.com">www.storagetreasures.com</a>. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. 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<p><b>BSC 224196</b> <b>NOTICE OF PETITION</b> <b>TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:</b> <b>STEVEN D. COOPER</b> <b>30-2023-01358587-PR-PW-CMC</b></p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: <b>STEVEN D. COOPER.</b></p> <p><b>A PETITION FOR PROBATE</b> has been filed by <b>DAVID M. COOPER</b> in the Superior Court of California, County of <b>ORANGE</b>.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION FOR PROBATE</b> requests that <b>DAVID M. COOPER</b> be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION</b> requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. 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SUDERNO</b> in the Superior Court of California, County of <b>ORANGE</b>.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION FOR PROBATE</b> requests that <b>DEBORAH J. SUDERNO</b> be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.</p> <p><b>THE PETITION</b> 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.</p> <p><b>A HEARING</b> on the petition will be held on <b>Jan 03, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM5</b> located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626</p> <p><b>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 (<a href="https://www.courts.ca.gov">occourts.org</a>) 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.</b></p> <p><b>IF YOU OBJECT</b> 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. 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MUSCARELLA &amp; ASSOCIATES, APC 16300 BAKE PARKWAY, FIRST FLOOR IRVINE, CA 92618 Published in the HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENT on: 11/2, 11/9 &amp; 11/16/2023</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> Design Review Board / Board of Adjustment</p> <p>In-Person: City Hall Council Chambers at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Virtual Zoom Link DRB: <a href="https://lagunabeachcity.zoom.us/j/96967550268?pwd=U0R0aWdHbWZlZXRKRXVlUStU1lPb3kxZz09">https://lagunabeachcity.zoom.us/j/96967550268?pwd=U0R0aWdHbWZlZXRKRXVlUStU1lPb3kxZz09</a> Virtual Phone No. DRB: (669) 900-9128 / ID NO. 969 6755 0268 Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH will hold a public hearing on the request below. You may participate virtually on Zoom. Case No.: Design Review 2023-1565, Variance 2023-1569 Address: 2095 Temple Hills Drive   APN: 641-163-43 Applicant: Rory Foubister, Architect 949-436-2286, <a href="mailto:rory@foubisterarchitects.com">rory@foubisterarchitects.com</a> Property Owner: Chris Dornin Application Filing Date: July 24, 2023 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests design review for modifications to a prior approval in the R/HP (Residential/Hillside Protection) zone. Modifications include an addition at the lowest level, driveway grading modifications, pool expansion, and landscaping. A Variance is required to condition the area at the lowest level which in turn exceeds the maximum building height in the R/HP zone. Prior Design Review approvals include: DR 07-031, DR 10-183, DR 13-889, DR 13-1426, DR 15-2611, DR 17-1288, DR 21-10679, and DR 22-1106. COASTAL ZONE: This project is located within a non-appealable area of the Coastal Zone. CEQA: Staff recommends the Design Review Board determine that the proposed project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15301 - Existing Facilities, in that the project consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or topographical features, involving negligible or not expansion of existing or former use. MORE INFORMATION: The property is required to be staked with story poles at least 21 calendar days prior to the hearing. The proposed project plans will be available on the City's website the Saturday before the public hearing (<a href="https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here/city-council-meetings-agendas-and-minutes">https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here/city-council-meetings-agendas-and-minutes</a>) and at the Community Development Department public center during the following hours: Monday – Friday: 7:30am – 3:00pm, closed alternating Fridays. Pursuant to Laguna Beach Municipal Code Sections 12.14.040(d) and 12.16.080(e), landscaping previously approved through the design review process with established height limits shall be exempt from all future hedge height, view preservation and view restoration claims by neighboring property owners. HOW TO COMMENT: If you have any comments or concerns about the proposed project, please communicate those thoughts in writing to Daniel Latham, Assistant Planner at <a href="mailto:dlatham@lagunabeachcity.net">dlatham@lagunabeachcity.net</a> or by phone at (949) 497-0612 or submit to the Community Development Department located at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. Comments may also be made via teleconferencing during the Public Hearing from a computer, iPad or smart phone or in-person in the Council Chambers. Please be advised that this project may be scheduled for action on the Consent Calendar. Any person wishing to discuss a project on the Consent Calendar must be punctually present and specifically request a public hearing on that item. If no member of the public, staff, or Board/Commissioner member requests separate consideration of this project, it likely will be approved without discussion. If you have concerns about the proposed project, you may invite the Board Members to view the temporary story poles from your property prior to the meeting. Please complete a site visit request by visiting the link below. A list of Board Members and e-mail addresses are available at City Hall or on the City's website below. <a href="https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/boards-commissions-committees/design-review-board">https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/boards-commissions-committees/design-review-board</a>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in a meeting may request such modification or accommodation from the Zoning Division at (949) 497-0329. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if you challenge this application in court, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised in the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the public agency prior to, or at, the public hearing.</p>	<p><b>For the best view every Saturday...</b></p>  <p>Don't miss the Daily Pilot real estate section. Local listings at your fingertips <a href="http://www.daily-pilot.com">www.daily-pilot.com</a> <b>To advertise call 714-966-5777</b></p>	<p><b>Need Transportation? Looking for a car? Look in the Classifieds!</b></p>			
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**GIRLS' WATER POLO**



Courtesy of Cdm athletics

**FORMER LONGTIME UC Irvine coach Marc Hunt has been hired as the new Cdm girls' water polo coach.**

## CdM hires Marc Hunt as coach

**BY MATT SZABO**

Corona del Mar High has turned to a longtime Orange County water polo staple to guide its girls' water polo program.

Marc Hunt, a former longtime coach at UC Irvine, is the new head coach, Cdm athletic director Brian Walsh confirmed Monday. He takes over for Melissa Seidemann, who resigned last month after three seasons.

Hunt spent 17 years as the head men's water polo coach at UCI.

During his coaching tenure at UCI, which finished with a 212-201 overall record, his teams finished five times in the NCAA top five and 10 times in the top 10. He was a two-time Mountain Pacific Sports Federation coach of the year, but his contract was not renewed at the end of the 2021 season.

"I'm honored that Principal Dr. Jacob Haley and Athletic Director Brian Walsh have selected me for this opportunity," Hunt said in a statement. "I have tremendous support from our administration and look forward to connecting with our alumni, while continuing the rich tradition of Corona Del Mar High School water polo created by an elite corps of coaches that have come before me. I'm grateful to have a significant role in carrying out this proud tradition in the classroom, in the pool and in the community."

Hunt has also been influential in the local club water polo scene, as a co-founder of Back Bay Aquatics (formerly called Anteater), where many Cdm players got their start. Back Bay will turn 20 years old next year.

Hunt also played water polo at UCI after graduating from Righetti High in Santa Maria, and was a two-time All-American in 1992 and '93. He's coached at Cdm before, as he was an assistant coach for the boys' and girls' water polo teams for two seasons in the early 2000s.

He has a water polo family. His wife Christine was also a standout player at Orange Coast College and All-American at UCI, and his daughters Halle (age 11) and Haddie (9) also currently play the sport while attending Newport Elementary.

Cdm, which won the CIF Southern Section Division 1 title in 2022, was also competitive last winter and moved up to the Open Division.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a coach of Marc's caliber lead the Corona del Mar girls' water polo program," Walsh said. "His experience, connection to the community and desire to provide a top-tier program for our student-athletes are just some of the many reasons we are confident that the future of our program is in good hands."

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**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

## H.B. tops Glendora, 29-21, in CIF Division 6 opener

**BY SCOTT FRENCH**

An inspired defensive performance and a little bit of big-play offense triggered Huntington Beach's first CIF Southern Section football playoff victory in a decade, and now the Oilers get a shot at the No. 1 seed.

Brady Edmunds hooked up twice with Hunter Gray for go-ahead touchdowns, Brandon Soleau and Gavin Seguin were pivotal in frustrating Glendora's attack after its quick start, and Noah Jover kept the visiting Tartans' big, University of Washington-bound tight end under wraps most of the night. Huntington Beach held on for a 29-21 first-round triumph Friday night to set up a home showdown in next week's Division 6 quarterfinals with top-seeded Ontario Christian.

The eighth-seeded Oilers (5-6) overcame two deficits in the first half, prevented another with Soleau's blocked field goal in the fourth quarter, followed that with a lengthy touchdown drive to extend a one-point edge — finished on an impromptu Edmunds bootleg — and then superbly defended four passes into the end zone, or nearly so, at the finish of a tight thriller.

"It was a good one," Huntington Beach coach Brett Brown said. "Our kids battled. They have a ton of heart, and they just overcame things. Our effort was unbelievable. ... Our kids were really locked in this week, more than they've ever been, and it was impressive."

It arrived a month shy of 10 years since an Oilers team had last won a post-season game — a 42-28 victory over Newport Harbor in the Southwest Division title game at Angel Stadium, with Brown as offensive coordinator — and followed first-round defeats in 2016, 2017, 2019 and last season. That 2013 team, like this year's, finished fifth in the Sunset League.

"This means a lot," said Jover, who limited 6-foot-5, 230-pound, 57-catch tight end Decker DeGraaf to five receptions, 76 yards and one touchdown, denying him in the end zone several times. "We're probably going to go celebrate with our friends, and we're going to get this [championship] ring."

To have that opportunity,



James Carbone

**HUNTINGTON BEACH'S** Brady Edmunds (9) and Hunter Gray (2) celebrate a touchdown against Glendora in a CIF Southern Section Division 6 playoff game on Friday.

the Oilers next week must get past top seed Ontario Christian (9-2), itself a 45-13 winner over Dana Hills. They've played the tougher schedule — with six opponents, four of them in Sunset League play, above 30 in Calpreps' playoff bracket-determining computer ratings — than has the Ironwood League runner-up. The Knights have faced just two teams with a rating higher than 20, none over 30, and lost to both. Huntington Beach's rating was boosted by Friday's win from 18.8 to 23.3.

Tyler Young ran for 95 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries, surpassing 1,000 yards for the season on the Oilers' final drive and pushing his total to 1,022 with a 13-yard plow through Glendora's defense to set up Edmunds' clinching 2-yard scoring run.

"I think we have a special group of boys," said Gray, who caught seven passes for 164 yards. "We have, like, 30 seniors, and we all have been really close together, so I think it's going to be really good for this playoff run."

It was back-and-forth until the defenses took over in the second half. The Tartans (6-5) pulled ahead right away, with Simon Zwick sprinting 66 yards on the fifth play from scrimmage, but the Oilers answered quickly through Edmunds and Gray.

Edmunds, a freshman who completed 13 of 22 passes for 274 yards, connected with the senior re-

ceiver, who followed his one-handed, 43-yard catch under double coverage at the 8-yard line by getting open in the end zone on the next play. Young's two-point conversion run provided an 8-7 advantage.

"Brady's a stud," Brown said. "He's an unbelievable leader ... and Hunter's our go-to guy. Whenever we needed a play, we knew that we could count on him."

Huntington Beach, which overcame 120 yards in penalties, scored again on its next possession, with Young going 28 yards into Glendora territory on a screen pass and Steel Kurtz making a leaping grab in the red zone to set up Young's 6-yard run for an eight-point lead near the end of the first quarter.

Glendora answered with a 12-play drive, pulling even as Eric Najarro found DeGraaf deep in the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown, then ran for the two-point conversion. Hunter Lemos' 42-yard field goal gave the Tartans an 18-15 lead on their next possession, but the Oilers took a four-point lead into halftime after Gray got behind the secondary for a 23-yard touchdown 50 seconds before the break.

Glendora struggled after losing Zwick, who ran for 742 yards this year, to a quadriceps injury from a late hit at the end of the first quarter and was down to its third- and fourth-string running backs for much of the second quar-

ter — and an end-of-half drive to the red zone — when Matthew Jordan left with a knee injury.

The Tartans gained just 19 more yards on the ground, most of them by Martin after he returned wearing a knee brace, and Najarro endured bleak spells — the worst with seven successive incompletions at the end of the first half, the last four into the end zone — and hit on just six of 15 attempts after halftime.

Credit Huntington Beach's defense. Najarro was chased constantly from the pocket, with Soleau leading the charge and Seguin coming up with two big fourth-quarter sacks. Jover, fellow corner back Haston Allen and safeties Zack James and Kurtz left the quarterback few options, and Glendora gained 15 or more yards through the air just three times.

Huntington Beach's first two second-half drives went nowhere. Glendora's best broke down at the Huntington Beach 8, and Lemos' 24-yard field goal made it 22-21. The Tartans had a chance to go ahead after Aidan Yamazaki picked off Edmunds inside the red zone and returned it to midfield on the fourth play of the fourth quarter, but Soleau's field-goal heroics led to Edmunds' touchdown and the defensive stand at the finish.

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**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

## Newport Harbor rallies, falls to game on late field goal

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

Slow and steady won the race, at least this time.

Newport Harbor mounted a furious comeback, but the formula that built a big lead for Trabuco Hills was instrumental in a game-winning drive that ran the clock down to next to nothing.

Taylor Bowie carried the ball 10 times for 51 yards on the final drive, and Ethan Schwartz's 20-yard field goal was true, as the host Sailors fell to the Mustangs 24-21 in a CIF Southern Section Division 4 football playoff opener on Friday at Davidson Field.

Bowie had 38 carries for 222 yards and three touchdowns, which allowed Sea View League champion Trabuco Hills (8-3) to jump out to a 21-0 lead. He did so behind an offensive line of Greg Shade, Caedmon Wood, Yusuf Kaya, Isaac Stroman and Brody Brown, assisted by tight end Noah Barrett.

"I'll do anything for those



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**NEWPORT HARBOR'S** Josiah Lamarque (8), seen on Aug. 24 against Tesoro, scored two touchdowns for the Sailors on Friday it its game against Trabuco Hills.

guys," Bowie said. "Those are my brothers, and I'll go as hard as I need to to get the win."

Newport Harbor (5-6) looked out of it as halftime approached, but with the Sailors' big-play potential, they were just in need of a spark. They got it when Josiah Lamarque returned an interception at midfield for a touchdown.

After the Mustangs drove 62 yards on 11 plays on their first drive of the second half, the Sailors got another break when Schwartz's 33-yard field goal missed wide right.

Jaden O'Neal and Lamarque linked up for a 61-yard touchdown on a fourth-and-3 play on the next drive to narrow the deficit to one score.

"I just tried to put my heart and soul into this team, this game," Lamarque said. "It's been a quick four years. You don't really know it's gone until it's gone. I just tried this whole game, I tried to put us back in this game and win."

"The pick-six was big, it gave us some momentum going into the half, and then we came out and we rattled off two touchdowns. I had a big touchdown, Jordan Anderson had a big touchdown to put us back in the game."

The Sailors got off the field with a fourth-down stop in the red zone, then pulled even four plays later. O'Neal threw deep up the left sideline to Anderson, who broke away from a defender after making the catch for a 68-yard touchdown four minutes into the fourth quarter.

"The boys were so resilient in the second half," Newport Harbor coach Peter Lofthouse said. "Being down 21 with two minutes left [in the first half],

Lamarque gets the pick-six and really kind of gave us a spark, some momentum. ... Unfortunately, tonight the theme is we cost ourselves the game by penalties and turnovers."

A three-and-out on defense gave Newport Harbor a shot to take the lead, but a holding penalty and a sack by Ryan Manda and Kenji Gonzales forced a punt.

Bowie largely took care of the rest, aided by a defensive holding penalty against the Sailors on a fourth-and-5 from the Newport Harbor 36-yard line.

"We've actually had a better record this year on the road, and we felt, ironically, maybe more comfortable on the road," Trabuco Hills coach Mark Nolan said. "We played here last year, we felt like we were right in it, right down to the last series, the last play last year."

"Again, we knew it was going to be a fourth-quarter game. Newport Harbor has a really good roster, and we knew they had some play-makers, and we wanted to

do everything we could to put our players in a great position."

Jagger Blauwkamp turned 19 carries into 111 yards, which marked his second 100-yard game on the ground this season.

Newport Harbor was the third-place team in the Sunset League this season. The first win in a decade for the Sailors in the Battle of the Bay rivalry was key in earning the automatic playoff berth.

Trabuco Hills will play host to No. 2-seeded Whittier La Serna (8-3) in the quarterfinals.

"We tried," Lamarque added. "We worked so hard for this, and at the end of the day, you can't always get what you want. We got a CIF title run, we brought the [Battle of the Bay trophy] back to our [school]. Not everything's going to be perfect, but you've got to work through adversity, and it's onto the next."

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