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Surf City's high-flying Fourth

Crowds lined the streets in Huntington Beach on Tuesday to enjoy what's billed as the largest Fourth of July parade west of the Mississippi River.

It was the city's 119th annual Fourth of July parade. The celebration started in 1904, commemorating the arrival of the first electric passenger train linking the area with Long Beach and Los Angeles.

Ten-time Major League Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey served as the parade's main grand marshal. Dwyer Middle School Principal Christa Glembocki was the education grand marshal, mixed martial arts star and Huntington Beach resident Cris Cyborg was the sports grand marshal.

The Pai family served as the community grand marshal.

Other parade participants included World War II veterans Doris Zavala and Robert St. Paul, Coast Guard Capt. Ryan Manning and celebrity guest Madison Taylor Baez.

The parade was part of the Surf City Soul festival which started June 30 and also included Tuesday night's fireworks show, the 5K Surf City Run and a new cornhole tournament.

Organizers estimated the Surf City Soul events over the long holiday weekend drew more than 500,000 visitors to Huntington Beach.

— Matt Szabo



Photos by Spencer Grant

PACIFICA DISTRICT Huntington Beach Troop 1 Boy Scouts carry an American flag as they march in the city's 119th annual Fourth of July parade.



HUNTINGTON BEACH Fourth of July Parade grand marshal Steve Garvey and daughter Candace meet an admirer on Main Street.



THE HUNTINGTON BEACH Fourth of July Host Band marches.

Thousands flock to Newport Dunes for Independence Day

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

With the nonstop boom of illicit firecrackers exploding throughout the day and night on July 4 in and around Newport Beach, the Newport Dunes Waterfront Celebration seemed like a safe and sane place to be on the holiday.

Under sunny skies the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina kicked off its annual Independence Day on the Back Bay event, which included food trucks, live music, water sports, games and a fireworks extravaganza.

The gates opened at 8 a.m. to 8,685 guests, according to Phil Ravenna, general manager of Newport Dunes Resort & Marina. About 5,420 came in from the general public toting their beach paraphernalia in, with the balance arriving via recreational vehicles and the Marina. About 95% of the Dunes' parking spaces were sold, Ravenna noted.

Kesha Griffin and Larissa



Susan Hoffman

BEACHGOERS SHARED precious space on the sand Tuesday at the Newport Dunes' annual Independence Day on the Back Bay event.

Reverditto along with their kids, said they arrived from Anaheim at 8 a.m. when the Dunes opened Tuesday to ensure that they would find parking for the

day-long event that included staying for the fireworks show after dark.

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CMPD arrest suspect in shooting

Ryan Rojas, 20, a Costa Mesa resident, is accused of shooting a 38-year-old man who died from his injuries.

BY SARA CARDINE

A 20-year-old Costa Mesa man was arrested Tuesday and is being held on \$1-million bail following the fatal shooting of another man Monday night in a residential alleyway, officials reported.

Costa Mesa Police Department spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said the station received multiple calls shortly before 10:45 p.m. Monday regarding the sound of gunshots near the 2000 block of Sterling Alley, between Pomona and Wallace avenues.

Officers arrived on scene to find a man on the sidewalk who had sustained several gunshot

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Photos courtesy of the Meletiche family

ALFONSO AND SHERRIE Meletiche hold family pet, Baby, after she was returned to them with the help of microchip technology. Baby spent 10 months in Southern California, some of that in Laguna Beach.

After 10 months apart, cat reunites with family

BY ANDREW TURNER

Ten months had passed without a whisper of their whisker-faced friend.

Alfonso and Sherrie Meletiche, a couple from Fort Myers, Fla., had lost their family pet, Baby, while making a long haul truck delivery in Southern California.

When they pulled over to make a delivery at a commercial district near Rancho Santa Margarita, they were going to let their outdoor-air-loving feline take a walk. At the sound of a loud noise, the Maine Coon mix broke loose of her harness.

A search team could not find her, and weeks turned into months. Hope turned into despair.

And then a phone call came in — an unexpected one, but certainly one that Alfonso and Sherrie's daughter Alonna knew was not a prank. Gail Landau, the founder of Catmosphere Laguna Foundation, had reached out, compliments of microchipping technology that was extending a lifeline for family and pet to be reunited.

"I was shocked," Alfonso said of Landau's call. "I couldn't be-



A MAINE COON mix cat named Baby broke free in Orange County.

lieve it because I, myself, gave up. I said, 'There's no way. There's no way that we're ever going to get her back,' but when Gail called, I was overwhelmed, and I was also shocked. ...

"Booked a ticket, I believe that very same day, and then I had to cancel it because she said she got away again. I said, 'Oh my god.' It's like feeling this empti-

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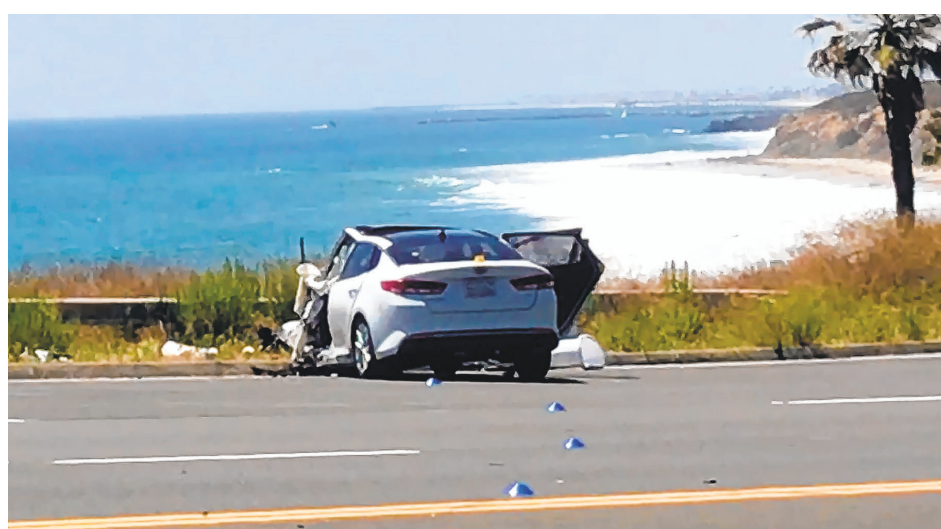
1 killed in Newport Beach crash at Crystal Cove

BY ERIC LICAS

A crash on Pacific Coast Highway at Crystal Cove in Newport Beach left one person dead and another hospitalized Wednesday morning. Several people called 911 to report the collision in-

volving a white sedan and a truck at around 10:15 a.m., Newport Beach police said in a news release. The drivers of both vehicles were taken to a hospital. The driver of the sedan died as a result of their injuries, according to police.

Their identity was withheld pending the notification of relatives. The crash was under investigation, and Newport Beach police were still at the scene as late as 4 p.m. Wednesday, department spokeswoman Heather Rangel said. Eastbound



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

ONE OF two cars involved in an crash, seen here taken from video footage, resulted in a fatality on Pacific Coast Hwy near Crystal Cove State Beach on Wednesday.

PCH was expected to remain closed between Newport Coast Drive and Crystal Drive for several more hours, and only one west-

bound lane was open Wednesday afternoon. Police asked anyone who might have witnessed the crash to contact traffic

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NO. 23FL000454

Petitioner or Attorney (name, state, bar, and address):
Katherine Elizabeth Hinkel
411 Vista Suerte, Newport Beach, CA 92660

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

Katherine Elizabeth Hinkel filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name
Claude Henry Miller V

Proposed Name
Henry Cole Hinkel

THE COURT ORDERS

that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: 7-26-23
TIME: 8:30 AM
DEPT: L74

ROOM: n/a (REMOTE HEARING)

The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Orange 341 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92668 A copy

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of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. Dated: April 27, 2023 DAVID H. YAMASAKI Clerk of the Court Published in the Daily Pilot 06/29/23, 07/06/23, 07/13/23, 07/20/23

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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. 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ness all over again, just when she was right there within reach."

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wounds. They administered CPR and used an automated external defibrillator in an attempt to resuscitate the victim — later identified as Jonathan Ray Valdez, 38, of Costa Mesa.

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue arrived on scene and transported Valdez to Orange County Global Medical Center in Santa Ana, where he succumbed to his injuries.

In their investigation into the incident, CMPD detectives identified a possible suspect, 20-year-old Costa Mesa resident Ryan Rojas. Fyad confirmed Tuesday detectives were able to contact Rojas, who agreed to speak with officers at the station. He was detained and booked on one charge of murder. Police later retrieved what they believe to be the weapon used in the homicide, which Fyad described as a 9-millimeter handgun.

Rojas is currently being held at Orange County's Theo Lacy facility, a maximum security jail. He was scheduled to appear in court Thursday.

CMPD detectives are asking anyone who may have information about this incident to contact Det. Kris Moore at (714) 754-4986 or kmoore@costamesaca.gov, or Sgt. Jose Morales at (714) 754-4933.

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CAT

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In the weeks preceding the call, Baby had been masquerading as a five-star hotel guest at the Montage Laguna Beach. Passersby had taken to feeding the cat, including resident Nancy Welch, who wound up corralling the feline following her second flight.

"The big mystery is how did the cat get down from Mission Viejo to Laguna," said Welch, who commented that Baby was living her best life at the luxury resort. "What I keep laughing about is I keep saying it's like a marketing ad for the Montage, that the cat got herself back to the Montage after being at Gail's house. "She was there. Then Gail had her, was trying to basically foster her until Sherrie and Alfonso could get there, and the cat escaped from her place. She is ... two communities north of the Montage, so the cat had to get from her community back down to the resort."

The Meletiche family received the good news, and Alfonso flew into John Wayne Airport, nervous as a cat in hopes that Baby would still remember him. She did. Alfonso and Baby were on a plane headed home on Monday. In keeping with her recent resort lifestyle, Baby had cabin accommodations — albeit in a carrier — on the flight to Florida. "I must have shared that



Courtesy of the Meletiche family

SHERRIE, LEFT, and Alfonso Meletiche sit on the couch, while family cat, Baby, rests on Sherrie's lap.

story with the whole airport," Alfonso said. "Everyone that can hear me, I told them, and they were in awe. They were shocked. They said, 'What? 10 months?' I said, 'Yes, 10 months.'"

"I sort of gave up a little bit, but my wife never gave up, and as soon as she heard news, she demanded that I book a flight and go over there and pick her up."

Just a year before Baby's great escape in Southern California, Alonna had taken her in for shots. She made the decision at that time to have her microchipped.

Susan Hamil, a founding director of the Blue Bell Foundation for Cats, a sanctuary for senior cats in Laguna Beach, said all Blue Bell cats are microchipped. A native of Baton Rouge, Hamil looked back on her experience providing aid after Hurricane Katrina in discussing the importance of the technology.

"Hurricane Katrina was a life-changing moment in this country for a lot of things, and one was lost pets," Hamil said. "I went back and worked in Katrina and worked at the LSU vet school for a few weeks, and if those pets had been microchipped, they could have gotten back, they could have been reunited with their owners in a matter of days or weeks, once everything settled in."

"But because the vast majority of the pets didn't have chips, then there was no way to reunite them with their owners, and so they just got dispersed all over the Southeast and up in the Northeast and everywhere else. The majority of those pets were never reunited with their owners."

Hamil added that there was an early barrier to acceptance for microchipping, but stories like Baby's are proof to her of how integral pets have become in the lives of their families. "Pets have moved from the backyard, outside, feeding the stray cat, to now sharing the table, sharing the bed, and people willing to drop everything," she said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-Storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by **CubeSmart, 2892 Kelvin Ave Irvine, CA 92614** to satisfy a lien. Auction sale **July 26, 2023**, at approx. 2:00 PM at storage treasures.com.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code)

Escrow No. 105360-GK

- (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: **KATHRYN A. ROSS, M.D., INC., 901 DOVER ST., SUITE 130 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660**
 - (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:
 - (4) The name and business address of the Buyer(s) are: **JOHN EMENIKE AND/OR ASSIGNEE, 11692 SAN VICENTE BLVD #112, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049**
 - (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, GOODWILL, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS** of that certain business located at: **901 DOVER ST., SUITE 130 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660**
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 - (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business name(s) and addresses used by the Seller within three years before such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: **NONE**
- DATED: **JUNE 21, 2023**
TRANSFEREES: **JOHN EMENIKE AND/OR ASSIGNEE**
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Auction is July 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM
A+ Storage
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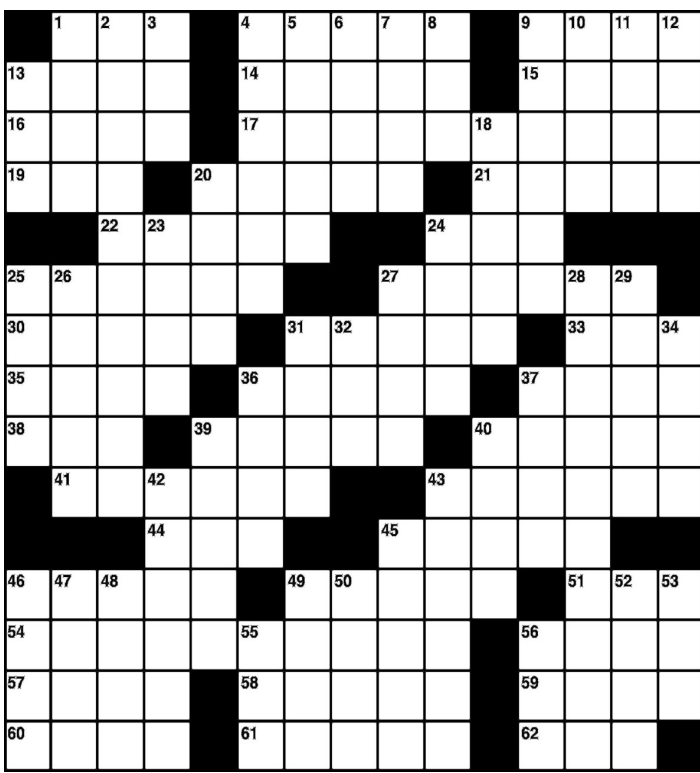
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

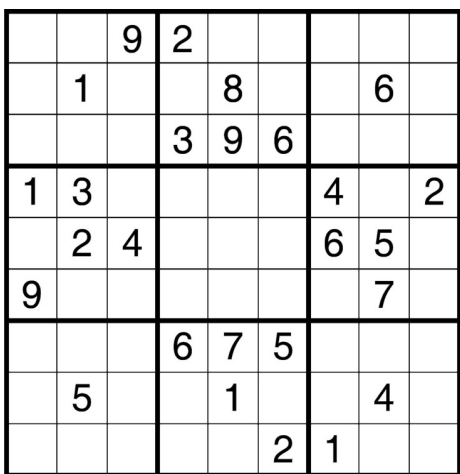
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 45 "Fantastic!"
 46 Moving around
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 54 Outer limits
 56 Sand hill
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 59 Hold _; keep
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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



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

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| 4 Peasant shoes | 11 Examination | 25 Heaven-_; providential |
| 5 Astonish | 12 Makes do with | 26 Uses a crowbar |
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U.S. OPEN OF SURFING

U.S. Open returns to H.B. with new title sponsor

BY MATT SZABO

The turning of the calendar to July means it's not long until hundreds of thousands of people converge on the south side of the Huntington Beach Pier.

The U.S. Open of Surfing returns in 2023 with a new title sponsor — Wallex — and new attractions for attendees like a freestyle motocross competition. This year's event dates are July 29 through Aug. 6.

Officials announced last week that the digital asset service provider has stepped in for Costa Mesa-based Vans, which had been the title sponsor of the event since 2013. The full name for this year's competition is the 2023 Wallex U.S. Open of Surfing Presented by Pacifico.

"Wallex is an international company," Cherie Cohen, World Surf League chief revenue officer, said in a phone interview. "We have been working with them and other acts that they've launched around the world ... and they came to us with a relationship they had with our athlete, Leo Fioravanti. We were ready to move forward based on the timetable with their launch here in the United States."

The U.S. Open is the fourth stop on the 2023 World Surf League Challenger Series, with surfers hoping to rack up points to qualify for the elite Championship Tour (CT) the following year. As part of the event, Surf City will also host the Huntington Beach Longboard Classic, which is the first of four stops on the WSL Longboard Tour.

Two Hawaiians are the defending champions of the U.S. Open, Zeke Lau on the men's side and Bettylou Sakara Johnson on the women's side. Huntington Beach native Kanoa Igarashi, currently ranked



James Carbone

BETTYLOU SAKARA JOHNSON of Hawaii celebrates after winning the 2022 U.S. Open of Surfing women's title last August. This year's event returns July 29 through Aug. 6.

No. 16 on the CT, is a typical fan favorite at the U.S. Open as a two-time champion in 2017 and 2018.

The U.S. Open of Surfing was rebranded to that name in 1994 after previously being called the West Coast Surfing Championships, United States Surfing Championships and OP Pro. It has been held since 1959.

Cohen said it is the event that has the highest onsite attendance on the entire World Surf League calendar for the year.

"I take the legacy of this event very seriously," Cohen said. "Huntington Beach has been celebrating surf for 100 years, right, so we're talking about the capital of surfing in the mainland U.S. We've had talented champions, Olympians even, most recently a guy like Kanoa Igarashi. It's also a sort of headquarters for all of the great California surf culture and surfers on tour, many of which are down in San Clemente or up the coast in Ventura."

"The culture is really, really rich. Jack's Surfboards has been around since 1957, and they're one of our sponsors ... It's an

opportunity for nine days to celebrate what California surf culture is."

One new event at the U.S. Open this year will be Nitro Circus "Full Throttle FMX," a freestyle motocross competition at the beach. Some of the riders expected to compete include Jeremy "Twitch" Stenberg, Jarryd McNeil, Beau Bamburg, Keith Sayers and Brian McCarty.

"We're really excited to partner with Nitro Circus," Cohen said. "We think they're going to bring a lot of energy to the beach. Moto has been a part of the event in the past, so we're bringing it back."

Fans can expect live music, plenty of brand activations, free games and food trucks among the activities during the U.S. Open, Cohen said.

"Even some professional sports like Teqball will be out there demo-ing and playing with fans," she said. "There's something for everyone on the beach."

The event is free and open to the public.

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- 7/19 THE JERRY DOUGLAS BAND
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- 8/4 PABLO CRUISE
- 8/5 HONK / JACK TEMPCHIN
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- 8/11 THE HIGHWAYMAN SHOW
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- 8/18 SPYRO GYRA
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- 8/23 JEFF "SKUNK" BAXTER
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- 8/26 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
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- 10/14 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 10/15 JOURNEYMAN (ERIC CLAPTON TRIBUTE)
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- 10/19 PAT TRAVERS BAND
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- 10/31 OINGO BOINGO FORMER MEMBERS
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- 11/5 BEN OTTEWELL / IAN BALL
- 11/8 RODNEY CROWELL
- 11/9 THE YOUNG DUBLINERS
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- 11/11 WHICH ONE'S PINK? "DARK SIDE OF THE MOON"
- 11/12 WISHBONE ASH
- 11/15 LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)
- 11/16 LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)
- 11/18 ABBAFAB (ABBA TRIBUTE)
- 11/19 COCO MONTOYA
- 11/22 QRST (QUEEN/RUSH/STYX TRIBUTE)
- 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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BATTLE AT THE BEACH PASSING TOURNAMENT

Edison, CdM football teams test the waters

BY ANDREW TURNER

The return of high school football is inching closer, so passing tournaments like the Battle at the Beach provide valuable repetitions for those about to be thrown into the fire.

Corona del Mar and Edison will open the upcoming season on Aug. 11, each preparing to go into battle with a new starting quarterback.

Edison, the host for Saturday's passing tournament, fared well with Savelio Niumata flinging the ball around the yard. The Chargers went undefeated in pool play, before falling to finalist Rancho Cucamonga in Gold Bracket play.

Niumata, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound junior, worked largely with senior Mason York and juniors Aidan Brown and Jake Minter. The Chargers posted wins against Bellflower St. John Bosco, Temecula Chaparral, Poulsbo (Wash.) North Kitsap and Ventura St. Bonaventure.

After transferring from Mission Viejo prior to his sophomore year, Niumata watched an explosive offense put up 37.5 points per game with Parker Awad, last season's Daily Pilot Football Dream Team Player of the Year, running the show.

"Parker is a very, very, very intelligent quarterback, and I feel like I really got a lot of help from him, really breaking down the mental part of the game," Niumata said. "Coach [Jeff] Grady is a genius, in my eyes. I think Edison is a great home for me, and he's teaching me a lot of things."

Edison has had a penchant for playing receivers on both sides of the ball. Minter came away with an interception on North Kitsap's first possession. York, who made a toe-tapping catch in the left corner of the end zone against North



James Carbone

EDISON QUARTERBACK Savelio Niumata drops back to pass against St. John Bosco in the Battle at the Beach passing tournament on Saturday. The Chargers begin the upcoming season on Aug. 11.

Kitsap, also registered an interception against St. Bonaventure.

The unforgiving secondary of the Chargers limited the opposition to 26 total points through its first four games of the tournament, including a 7-0 shutout of Chaparral.

Roughly five weeks from the opener, Edison will play its first two games in Hawaii against Wailuku Baldwin and Lahaina Lahainaluna.

"We got our first two games in Hawaii," Niumata said when asked about the Chargers' non-league schedule. "We're on Maui, which is pretty exciting."

Edison will also take on Lawn-

dale Leuzinger, Palos Verdes and San Clemente before the start of Sunset League play.

Corona del Mar experienced mixed results, albeit a day that new head coach Kevin Hettig felt had his team "on the right trajectory." The Sea Kings went 2-2 in their pool, before being doubled up 28-14 by Mission Viejo in the Gold Bracket.

The Sea Kings' offseason also included a runner-up showing in the Dana Hills Air Strike, in which Oxnard Pacifica edged CdM in overtime in the championship game.

Kaleb Annett, a 6-foot-3, 185-pound senior who saw some

starts with David Rasor missing time due to injury last season, took the majority of the snaps. He is drawing interest from colleges, having been offered by Boise State and Princeton.

"He performed well," Hettig said, who added the tournament brought a high level of speed to contend with. "He led the offense. He was getting everybody kind of right. His eyes, he's seeing some funky coverages and some different things out here. His eyes weren't always in the right spot, but that's all fixable stuff with him. He's such a great kid. He's going to be good. He's going to have a good year."

Corona del Mar started the day against eventual tournament champion Mater Dei, before bouncing back with wins against Inglewood and Downey Warren. Annett had familiar targets in senior tight end Zach Giuliano and senior wide receiver Russell Weir. Giuliano, who stands at 6-foot-5, 225 pounds, has a handful of Division 1 offers, including five from Pac-12 schools.

Annett showed trust in his receivers to take shots down the field on Saturday, even if a couple of the contested throws went for turnovers.

Also among his targets were sophomore Dorsett Stecker in the slot, as well as juniors Emori Davis and Cordell Cook.

"It was really good to get all of our guys, offense [and] defense, myself included, to play some teams like that," Annett said. "Some teams that we normally wouldn't see in the season, which is always good and compare yourself and always try to get better. It's always really good."

"It was just good to see different speeds of things and different corners that we won't always see on the offensive side of the ball, and receivers that the defense won't always see. It was definitely a big day for us today."

Senior linebacker Christian Brooks, who was the second-leading tackler for CdM last season, impressed Hettig in coverage.

"He's got a pulse on our team," Hettig said of Brooks. "He's a leader in every sense of that word, and yes, he is a phenomenal cover [line]backer. That's not even supposed to be what he does. He comes up and bangs, but he had a great day today."

Corona del Mar opens at home against Tesoro on Aug. 11.

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Susan Hoffman

A PROFESSIONAL FIREWORKS extravaganza was the highlight of the Newport Dunes Independence Day celebration Tuesday that drew nearly 8,700 spectators to the beach.

DUNES

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"All the families are having a good time," Griffin said. "There's good energy and good food with all the food trucks."

Visitor Mike Nguyen was playing cornhole with bean bags on the beach with Diana Pham. "We just arrived at 3 p.m. and are staying until fireworks are

over," Nguyen said.

Three friends from Riverside, Jacqueline Ortiz, Jessica Hastings and Corrine Santos Rivera came to celebrate the Fourth with family and friends for the second year in a row, and they arrived with the dawn.

"We arrived at 5 a.m.," said Ortiz. "My family is from New York and we want to make this our tradition to come here every year. We went in the

water inflatables that we rented for an hour, ate at the food trucks, drank at the bar, and listened to the DJ and the band."

At 5 p.m., the Dreamboats took the stage which brought out dancers of all ages moving and grooving to tunes made famous by the Everly Brothers and Elvis.

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

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