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**RABBI REUVEN MINTZ** of the Chabad Center for Jewish Life in Newport Beach, discusses the meaning of Hanukkah after the helper candle is lit on the menorah for the celebration of the first day of Hanukkah during the Festival of Lights public menorah lighting ceremony at Fashion Island.

## Fashion Island menorah lighting marks Hanukkah

Where stands a Christmas tree at Fashion Island also stands a menorah to celebrate Hanukkah.

At the shopping center's Atrium Garden Court, the Chabad Center for Jewish Life oversaw the ceremonial lighting late Sunday afternoon of the helper candle, which is used to light all other candles throughout each of the eight nights, as well as the first candle.

The event was marked with a performance from the Los Judios Locos to kick off the festivities and a toy drive to distribute to children in need. Also available to the attending public were holiday treats, Hanukkah crafts, face painting and balloon animals.

"[Hanukkah] is a holiday that enriches our lives and strengthens our tradition," Rabbi Reuven Mintz, of the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, said in a statement. "In ancient times, our ancestors rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, we rededicate ourselves to making this world a better and brighter place. Chanukah also transmits the universal message that ultimately good will prevail over evil, freedom over oppression and light over darkness."

Hanukkah will continue through Dec. 26 this year.  
— Lilly Nguyen



**ABOVE:** Alan Osborn of Costa Mesa, dances with his daughter EllaMae Osborn, 5, during the Festival of Lights public menorah lighting ceremony.



**LEFT:** Guests are all smiles as they stand by the toy drive which was part of the Festival of Lights public menorah lighting ceremony, organized by the Chabad Center for Jewish Life.

## Hundreds join walk in aid of teen mental health

'Nobody can understand what people might be going through,' wrote the late Patrick Turner, who attended Corona del Mar High and died by suicide in 2017.

**BY SUSAN HOFFMAN**

A crowd of nearly 800 on Saturday funneled onto the narrow pedestrian path to exit Bonita Canyon Sports Park for a 2-mile walk on behalf of the Patrick's Purpose Foundation, an organization that boosts awareness of the importance of talking about mental health issues experienced by teens.

Those participating in the fourth annual Walk With Us event eventually circled back onto the greenbelt that winds through the center of Newport Beach's Harbor View tract of homes.

Patrick's Purpose Foundation was created by the family of the late Patrick ("Patty") Turner, who died by suicide shortly after his



Susan Hoffman

**NEARLY 800 PEOPLE** walked through the Harbor View Homes neighborhood Saturday during the Walk With Us event on behalf of the Patrick's Purpose Foundation.

## Group plans to restore, preserve Banning Ranch

The Banning Ranch Conservancy will form a team of volunteer restoration specialists to help preserve the area.

**BY LILLY NGUYEN**

With the acquisition of the Banning Ranch property announced late last week, the area known as the Randall Preserve is officially complete and in public hands.

The 387-acre parcel is home to an estimated 100 acres of marshland, mudflats, riparian scrub and 67 acres of coastal sage scrub with critical habitats for endangered species like burrowing owls, fairy shrimp and peregrine falcons, according to a news release issued Monday by the Trust for Public Land, California Natural Resources Agency, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the Banning Ranch Conservancy.

The property has long been vied for by developers as the last remaining piece of undeveloped coastal property in Southern California. But through the efforts of conservationists, the land will now become a public park and preserve. It will be under the stewardship of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

"Conservation takes a long time to happen," said conservancy executive director Melanie Schlotterbeck in an interview Monday. "In this instance, it was 23 years to get to this day and that persist-

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## OCPA taps industry veteran as new voice of agency

Encinitas resident Joe Mosca will serve as the authority's new director of communications and external affairs.

**BY MATT SZABO**

The Orange County Power Authority has hired someone with both energy and local government experience as its new director of communications and external affairs.

The OCPA announced Monday that Joe Mosca, former mayor of Sierra Madre and deputy mayor of Encinitas, will step into the position.

Mosca, a 50-year-old Encinitas resident, said he decided not to run for reelection to the council in that city this year so he could focus on clean energy.

"I'm really excited to be a part of this team," he said. "I've been in the Community Choice Energy space for some time, and just really enthusiastic about CCAs [Community Choice Aggregators] and the promise that they hold to move our state and communities to a healthy clean energy future. When



Joe Mosca

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16th birthday on Dec. 21, 2017. The hope was to not only honor his life and legacy but also to raise awareness of teen suicide and to advocate for societal changes he desired.

The first year after Patrick's death, his parents Kim and John Turner, wanting to do something, decided to hire the TK Burger truck to come over to the park near their home to honor him.

"We spread the word to Corona del Mar High School students, friends and family and on the last day of school before Christmas vacation about 150 kids, friends, and family turned out," said Kim Turner. "We got such a good turnout we thought maybe we should create a walk, similar to American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. Now we do a walk every year as close to his birthday as possible."

Patrick's feelings in a final message are shared at the foundation's website, [patrickspurposefoundation.org](http://patrickspurposefoundation.org).

"So much pressure is put on kids to do good, and a lot of kids make mistakes. One slip up makes a kid feel like the smallest person in the world. All anyone



Susan Hoffman

**SUPPORTERS FROM** the community came together during the Patrick's Purpose Foundation Walk With Us event held Saturday at Bonita Canyon Sports Park.

*talks about is how great they are or how great their kid is. It's all about how great I am. It's never about the other kid. The kid who maybe does not play a sport, have a 4.0+ GPA, but displays great character ... Nobody can understand what people might be going through. Be nice to everyone, and most importantly*

*be inclusive. If there is a kid out there who is alone it never hurts to sit with them or ask them how they're doing."*

Michele Bethel, a Harbor View neighbor and friend of the Turner family, became a Patrick's Purpose Foundation board member as a way to support the effort.

"When the Turner family suffered their loss, the community came together as a whole when Patrick took his own life," said Bethel. "I just felt having kids the same age it was so important to get the message out by getting more involved and just offering what more we can do to honor Patrick's memory.

"It's a unique neighborhood, we all feel so close in here with neighbors and friends involved in similar activities, our husbands even coached together," she said.

The tight-knit neighborhood looks out for one another with an underlying obligation to lend support to all of the kids in the community.

Bethel explained that the walks have provided an opportunity to talk on a deeper level about personal experience. Participants share why they are there, which she has found overwhelming at times because everyone seems to know someone who has experienced teen mental health issues.

"It's so important for us to be talking about mental health, even at a young age," said Bethel.

She recalled a mom who brought her young children to the 2021 Patrick's Purpose walk. The woman didn't have any specific connection to the community at large or to the Turners specifically, but she felt it was important to bring her boys to the event.

"Well, I saw her again today after the walk was over eating burgers with her three boys on the lawn and I went over to say 'Hi' because I recognized them from last year," said Bethel.

"She shared that since last year's walk, one of her son's friends took his life. She said they will come to the walk every year from now on in support and to spread awareness."

A Cdm classmate of Turner's, Winston Bowyer, now 21, started an official student Patrick's Purpose organization at Texas Christian University to value life and for suicide prevention.

"When he passed on I gravitated to the Turner family and as a way to turn around one of the worst tragedies, I wanted to make something positive come from it," Bowyer said. "I met Patrick in high school because we both had crazy curly hair. I was new to the school, and he made me feel welcome and at home and he looked out for me."

Also participating in Saturday's walk was local resident Imogen Miramadi. She said she was there by herself this year because her son was out of the country.

"My son knew him from Cdm, and it hit deeply for him and us," said Miramadi. "Now, whenever I drive by the baseball field, every time I say hello to Patrick."

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

**OCPA**

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this opportunity came up, I really jumped at it.

"It's our newest CCA in the state of California, the only one in Orange County and it really holds tremendous promise for the future," he continued. "I'm excited to be here at a time when we're kind of moving from that startup mode to that fully operational mode."

He was the chairman of the board of directors and founding member of San Diego Community Power, which launched in 2019,

and also has served on several energy-related boards, including the San Diego County Water Authority.

Mosca said San Diego Community Power has grown to 30 staff members and increased energy production and revenues.

"Certainly, you learn a lot of lessons on how to put together a team and how to inspire the team, how to put together plans and goals and deal with the investor-owned utilities," he said. "You learn how to communicate with your customers and to plan for the future, and also work with all of the other CCAs in the state."

Mosca also previously worked for the Southern California Gas Co. from 2010 to 2011, and as the public affairs lead on major projects for San Diego Gas and Electric from 2015 to 2018.

More recently, he also served two terms as the president of the San Diego Water District.

Mosca, a 20-year member of the California Bar Assn., holds a juris doctorate from Quinnipiac University School of Law and a bachelor's degree in political science from Rhode Island College.

His hiring comes during a key week for the OCPA.

The community CCE program is currently the default energy choice for four Orange County communities — Irvine, Huntington Beach, Fullerton and Buena Park — as well as unincorporated areas.

Surf City started commercial service last spring, and residential service in October, as the OCPA took over for Southern California Edison as a default energy option in Huntington Beach.

But after a pair of audits performed by the county, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to withdraw the unincorporated areas out of the OCPA

during Tuesday's meeting.

Additionally, an item on Tuesday night's Huntington Beach City Council agenda, submitted by new Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark and Councilman Casey McKeon, would change Huntington Beach's OCPA energy rate to basic choice and seeks guidance from staff on how to withdraw from the organization entirely.

The basic choice plan provides 38% renewable energy, instead of the 100% rate that is currently Huntington Beach's default.

"I've spent a large amount of my time in government and public agen-

cies ... so I welcome the conversations," Mosca said. "I think we embrace having these conversations with our member agencies, to make sure that we're giving them what they want and basically tailoring our program to meet the needs of their communities ... Hopefully the conversation doesn't stop [Tuesday]. I think that Community Choice Energy programs have proven to be invaluable for the state and all of our communities as we work toward that clean energy future."

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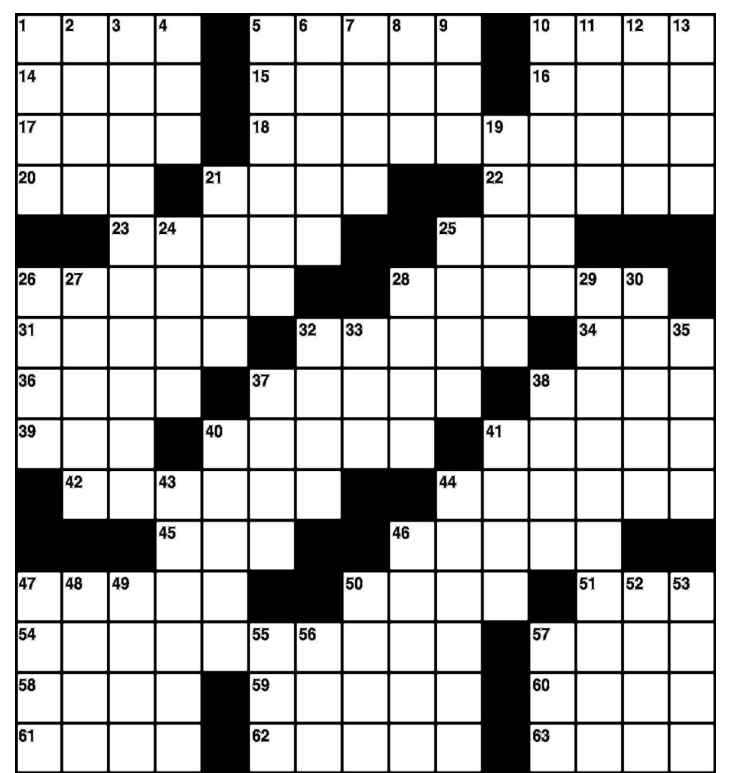


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**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

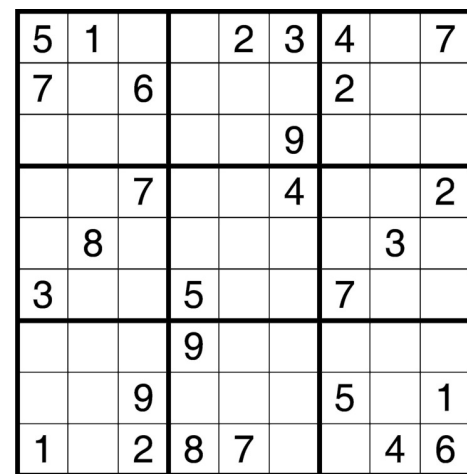
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39 \_ mission; single-minded  
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45 Skedaddled  
46 More devious  
47 Piece of asparagus  
50 Mockery  
51 "\_ Be Home for Christmas"  
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59 In the know  
60 "\_ is not to reason why"  
61 Actress Harper  
62 Sire children  
63 \_ up; runs out



**SUDOKU**

By The Mephram Group

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



**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.**

- 24 Member fees  
25 Bernie & others  
26 Venus de \_; armless statue  
27 \_ ear and out the other  
28 Get one's feet wet  
29 Very funny  
30 Goes bad  
32 Caddie's pocketful  
33 Last biblical bk.  
35 Actress Russo  
37 Bouquet greenery  
38 "How do I love \_?" (Browning)  
40 Boscs & Bartletts  
41 Slim & fit  
43 People movers  
44 Red wine  
46 Coastline  
47 Skirt opening  
48 Parisian pop  
49 Personalities  
50 Male animal  
52 Early harp  
53 Bereavement  
55 Friendly dog  
56 Amusement  
57 "\_ Are My Sunshine"  
predecessor  
10 Xerox machine  
11 Stratford-\_-Avon; Shakespeare's town  
12 Stoopied  
13 Loose \_; unfinished business  
19 Commandment  
verb  
21 Lager

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ence, diligence and col- laboration cannot be lost on this moment. There are a lot of players involved, whether that's people who have been here for 23 years like [conservancy board president] Terry Welsh or some that came, did their good deed and moved on."

Schlotterbeck said protection of Banning Ranch was only possible because of the property owners' willingness to sell the land and because of the \$50-million donation from Newport Beach philanthropists Frank and Joan Randall in 2019.

The land will now enter a remediation phase, which involves the removal of existing oil infrastructure by Aera Energy and its partners over the next two to three years. Schlotterbeck confirmed no public tax dollars will be spent on that work, as Aera will be financing it.

"As a California company, Aera holds the values of Californians: We strive to innovate, we celebrate productivity, and we advocate for the preservation of our beautiful state," Erik Bartsch, president and chief executive of Aera Energy, said in a statement. "Today, we also celebrate the sale of our Newport Banning Ranch property, a historic moment that speaks to our commitment to the environment and people of California."

"We are proud that this land is now in conservation and will forever be open space to be enjoyed by millions of people, in perpetuity."

In the meantime, the Banning Ranch Conservancy will not be resting

on its laurels. Schlotterbeck said the conservancy recently established the PEER — partnerships, engagement, equity and inclusion, and restoration — program to cultivate a team of dedicated volunteers that will gain experience as restoration specialists by working on existing projects in neighboring public lands such as Costa Mesa's Fairview Park and the Huntington Beach wetlands.

"By the time [Banning Ranch's] ready for us, we'll hopefully have several years of experience and a robust volunteer base," Schlotterbeck said. "We do know that our landscapes impact one another. Plants, butterflies and coyotes don't know human boundaries. What's important is that the landscapes that are protected are held to a level of conservation so that all the neighboring lands benefit."

She added that the conservancy will be working with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on a resource management plan and a coastal resilience plan to determine what activities might be suitable for the land and where.

"We hope to be and position ourselves to be a partner on the ground to MRCA when it comes to historical knowledge, connections with the community, relationships with elected officials and decision makers. We will still be engaged. It's just no longer a fight," Schlotterbeck said, adding that they were celebrating now but would roll up their sleeves to do the work next year. "We're in collaboration mode," she said.

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Table with crossword puzzle answers: HUGO, ASKED, CUBE, ORAL, CHARD, OPEN, OGRE, CORRESPOND, KEG, BERN, HINTS, ADEPT, MAE, MINUET, WALRUS, INTERTRACT, POR, LOUS, FEEDS, TRUE, ONA, PEEVE, THORN, ENTERS, CREESE, RAN, SLIER, SPEAR, SHAM, ILL, LEGISLATOR, YOYO, IRON, AWARE, OURS, TESS, BEGET, USES

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**BOYS' BASKETBALL**

## Costa Mesa defends home court against Estancia

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Costa Mesa High boys' basketball team kicked off its Orange Coast League slate in just the manner it would have hoped.

After experiencing their share of bumps and bruises in nonleague play, the host Mustangs earned a comfortable 63-45 victory over crosstown rival Estancia in Friday night's game.

Senior shooting guard Josh Galangam scored 22 points to go with four rebounds and three steals to lead Costa Mesa (4-9 overall). Senior point guard Christian Dasca added 10 points, eight assists and five rebounds, and sophomore guard Garry Sloane also scored in double figures with 10 points.

The Mustangs needed to get their season on track, and as if that was not enough motivation, they were looking at an Estancia (8-4, 0-2 in the Orange Coast League) side that went to the CIF Southern Section Division 5AA quarterfinals last winter.

"Two years ago, we were able to get to the CIF finals, and Estancia wanted that motivation to beat us," Costa Mesa coach Jesse Mercado said. "This last year, obviously, they went further in playoffs, so we've got some extra motivation to want to beat our backyard rival. This rivalry has been going on longer than I've been here, but it's something that's fun for the community."

Costa Mesa outscored Estancia 15-5 in the second

quarter, allowing the Mustangs to go into the halftime locker room with a 33-22 lead.

"We just got to execute a little better," Estancia coach Xavier Castellano said. "We gave a lot of second-chance points in that first half, and we worked on it. Josh [Galangam] is a good shooter. As good as [Christian] Dasca is, Josh is very good, as well, and he had 14 points, I think, in that first half. He kind of killed us."

Senior Riley Weinstein, junior Marco Rosas and sophomore Kembe Howerton totaled 14 points as a frontcourt for Costa Mesa, but their impact was felt in providing second-chance opportunities for the outside shooters of the Mustangs.

"It's nice because this is the biggest team I've ever had since I've been here," Mercado said. "We have three guys inside that can kind of play multiple positions, and they complement each other very well. Definitely, having that size inside helps change shots and helps the rebounding."

Senior small forward Reef Johnson and junior point guard Jaedon Hose-Shea each scored 13 points for Estancia. Junior center Peter Sanchez scored 10 points and senior guard James De La O made two three-pointers.

The sides meet again at Estancia on Jan. 18 in the second half of the Battle for the Bell home-and-home set.

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Photos by James Carbone

**COSTA MESA'S** Kembe Howerton, center, drives to the basket against Estancia in the Battle for the Bell boys' basketball game at Costa Mesa High on Friday. The Mustangs defeated the Eagles 63-45.



**COSTA MESA'S** Riley Weinstein (22) and Estancia's Jagger Steck (15) fight for the rebound.



**COSTA MESA'S** Marlee Sloane (2) attacks the basket during the Battle for the Bell game on Friday.



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