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Thanksgiving in the county may be a bit windy



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A FISHERMAN fishes off the Balboa Pier on a balmy November day.

The National Weather Service issued a red flag warning through Friday evening.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Turkey won't be the only thing that might be dry this Thanksgiving.

Santa Ana winds will be sweeping across Orange County, bringing with it a red flag warning from the National Weather Service that will continue through Friday evening.

The warning has also been issued in parts of the Inland Empire, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Winds are expected to reach 40 to 50 miles per hour.

Meteorologists expect humidity to remain at around 7% to 10% in inland Orange County on Thursday and begin to recover Saturday.

"The combination of those gusty winds and those really dry conditions is going to create critical fire weather conditions. If a fire were to start outside, there's a very high chance that it will spread rapidly and could be difficult to get under control for fire officials," said meteorologist Casey Oswant.

Temperatures are expected to be in the 80s this weekend, but

closer to the lower 80s in coastal Orange County, consistent with recent weather conditions. On Sunday, Newport Beach reached 85 degrees, breaking its previous high set in 1998 by one degree.

Oswant said the arrival of the Santa Ana winds is relatively common for this time of year, though the strongest gusts will be confined to the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains and Fremont Canyon.

The oncoming winds and dry conditions are a point of concern

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Owner of H.B. restaurant settles with SCE

Bernie Bischof filed the negligence lawsuit against the utility in June 2020 after a transformer exploded.

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A Huntington Beach restaurant owner who suffered severe burns and brain damage when an underground transformer exploded during a 2019 Oktoberfest celebration has reached a conditional settlement with Southern California Edison Co. and General Electric Co.

Bernie Bischof, owner of Old World German Restaurant, filed the negligence lawsuit in June 2020 in Los Angeles County Superior Court, alleging the utility created a "death trap" that nearly killed him and injured some of his family members when a fireball erupted on the patio of his restaurant Oct. 5, 2019, in the middle of a crowded celebration.

Attorneys for the 62-year-old Huntington Beach resident filed a notice of conditional settlement with Judge Michael L. Stern on Nov. 5, stating that the accord was subject to a fully executed settlement and release, but no anticipated terms were divulged.

Bischof suffered second- and third-degree burns over nearly half of his body and required multiple skin graft procedures to repair much of the damaged tissue that extended from his head to the bottom of his legs, according to his court papers.

"Sadly, the transformer explosion was preventable," the suit alleged. "It resulted from years of shoddy maintenance, cursory and ineffective visual inspections and a refusal to upgrade aging equipment, practices that reflect SCE's company-wide policy of placing profits over public safety."

The blast also caused Bischof significant brain damage and permanent cognitive deficits that will not improve for the single father, whose wife died of cancer in 2017, and also makes him more susceptible to developing dementia, according to the suit.

"This is the new harsh reality for Bernie, who is left to worry about his future, about who will care for his sons and if he will

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File Photo

UTILITY CONTRACTORS work at Old World German Bar & Restaurant in Huntington Beach, two days after there was a transformer explosion on Oct. 5, 2019, that injured five people, including the restaurant's owner, Bernie Bischof.



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NEWPORT BEACH resident Amy Von Der Ahe poses with a portrait of her son Johnny and his dog Koda, a 5-year-old husky. Von Der Ahe is in the process of creating a yoga program for those suffering with loss of a child. Johnny, who was 15, died in the summer of 2020 after he was hit by a car.

Son's untimely death leads Newport woman to help others through yoga

"Sometimes I just want to cry, and sometimes I just want other people to agree with me about how much it hurts. But I also think there's a need for a forum ... to help people take a step forward and continue to find a way to live and find joy again. The pain will never go away emotionally, but physically it can."

— Amy Von Der Ahe

BY MATT SZABO

Johnny Von Der Ahe loved to surf. He would catch waves at 56th Street or the Wedge, or Trestles if he could get someone to drive him there.

The morning of July 1, 2020, the 15-year-old from Newport Beach had just logged an epic surf session and returned home. Johnny was skateboarding in front of his house in the Dover Shores community with his cousin and younger brothers Jack and Charlie when he was hit by a car.

An incoming sophomore at Mater Dei High School, Johnny died from his injuries.

Johnny's death rocked the Dover Shores community. Last year on Oct. 28, which would have been Johnny's 16th birthday, families decorated their homes with green lights — Johnny's favorite color.

Johnny's 17th birthday would have been just a couple of weeks ago, and community kids wore green, or clothing from the "Ride On VDA" foundation that the family started.

Amy Von Der Ahe, who has been a yoga teacher for about 15 years, believes yoga saved her own life after she lost her oldest son. It took her about nine months after the tragedy before she leaned back into the practice.

"I thought about it a lot and I tried many times, but I just couldn't," she said. "I couldn't do any of it. Then one day, I just did it. I kind of forced myself to do it. Then every day, it got a little bit better. Some days, I take a few steps back and everything hurts again. But then I just keep going. Little by little, as I leaned into my yoga practice, it started to strengthen me emotionally and physically so that I could take another step forward."

Amy has long known the rewards of yoga. And she knew, especially during the coronavirus pandemic, there had to be people hurting. She connected with some of them in Newport Beach and in Laguna Beach, where she's a longtime teacher at Pacific Blue Yoga.

See **Yoga**, page A3

Police seek masked suspects who robbed restaurant

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa police are searching for a group of masked men who entered a South Coast Plaza restaurant patio Monday evening and ordered patrons on the ground at gunpoint, making off with one handbag before fleeing the scene.

Costa Mesa Police Department spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said officers were called to the 3300 block of Bristol Street by reports of an armed robbery that had taken place in the patio area of Seasons 52 shortly before 7:15 p.m. Monday.

There, witnesses reported three to five Black men wearing masks, black clothes and hooded sweatshirts had entered the patio area during the restaurant's dinner rush. One of the suspects was believed to be possibly armed with a handgun, Fyad said Tuesday.

day.

The suspects told patrons to get down on the ground. They reportedly stole one purse before fleeing the area in a white Buick sedan that was seen heading southbound on Bristol Street, according to police. By the time officers arrived on scene, the suspects were gone.

None of the individuals involved in the incident reported any injuries, and no arrests had been made as of Tuesday morning, Fyad said. No further information was being released to the public.

Costa Mesa police are asking anyone who might have information about the suspects to contact Det. Jerad Korte at (714) 754-5051 or Sgt. Det. Jose Morales at (714) 754-4933.

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THE SEASONS 52 RESTAURANT at South Coast Plaza, where a group of masked men attempted Monday evening to rob patrons, a Costa Mesa Police Department spokeswoman reported Tuesday.

AROUND TOWN

Orangewood Foundation luncheon raises more than \$300,000 for foster youth

The Orangewood Foundation had its 24th annual Ambassador Luncheon recently at the Renaissance Hotel in Newport Beach.

The event honored the foundation's ambassadors and also raised more than \$305,000 for youth in the Orange County community who are currently in foster care. It included a special message from Oprah Winfrey.

Sandi and Doug Jackson were awarded the General William Lyon Crystal Vision Philanthropy Award.

The William G. Steiner Heart of Service Award was given to longtime volunteer Judy Nicholls.

Keynote speaker Dr. Bruce Perry, an authority on child trauma and a senior fellow at the Child Trauma Academy in Houston, received Orangewood's first Youth Champion Award.

Newport Dunes set to light up the bay on Friday, opens Christmas tree lot

The 31st annual Lighting of the Bay is coming back this Thanksgiving weekend.

At the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and Marina on Friday, Newport Bay will be lit up at dusk to usher in the holiday season.

Interested readers can visit to see the lights through Jan. 1. Viewing is free, though parking at the resort will be \$2 an hour.

Public fire pits will be first come first served and the resort will be selling s'mores kits at its on-site market.

The Christmas tree lot will also be opening up Sunday at the Newport Dunes and will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 21 or while supplies last.

Guests will be able to pick from trees brought down from Salem, Ore. Wreaths, garlands and ornaments will also be available for purchase. Entry is free. For more information, visit [newportdunes.com/christmas-tree-lot](#).

Rossmoor Woman's Club plans Dec. 5 holiday bazaar

For the first time in its modern history, the Rossmoor Woman's Club is planning a holiday bazaar fundraiser set for Dec. 5 in the parking lot behind Farmers and Merchants Bank in Rossmoor Center, 12535 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The bazaar replaces the group's annual

Holiday Home Tour, which, after more than 30 years, had to be canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

The bazaar will include a craft and plant booth, raffle baskets and vendors offering gift and seasonal items for sale.

A silent auction features five professionally decorated, 3-foot-tall artificial Christmas trees donated by Green Street Interiors, Aegean Design Studio, Tarlton Designs, Jennifer Lathrop of Pampered Chef and floral designer Darrell Poper.

Santa will be on hand for free selfies, courtesy of Team Chamberlain Real Estate.

Net proceeds from the event will be earmarked to fund college scholarships for Los Alamitos High School students and to support local charities including We Care, the Youth Center, Bikers Against Child Abuse, Precious Life Shelter, St. Isidore Community Center, Fix Long Beach and others.

Newport-based foundation joins effort to create water safety coalition

The Ben Carlson Memorial and Scholarship Foundation based in Newport Beach is partnering with the Zac Foundation, a nonprofit that focuses on improving water safety by funding education and programming, to establish the California Water Safety Coalition.

It's being put in place to establish a centralized authority on the development, implementation and evaluation of water safety policy, education and programs across the state. The foundations held a collaborative workshop earlier this week to outline the coalition's mission and vision.

The coalition aims to prepare participants for the implementation of the National Water Safety Action Plan, which will be announced in 2022.

Pacific Marine Mammal Center reports record donations from gala

Pacific Marine Mammal Center's 50th annual gala raised an estimated \$638,000, Peter Chang, executive director of the center, announced this week.

The event took place at the Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach on Nov. 7, and it had about 375 attendees.

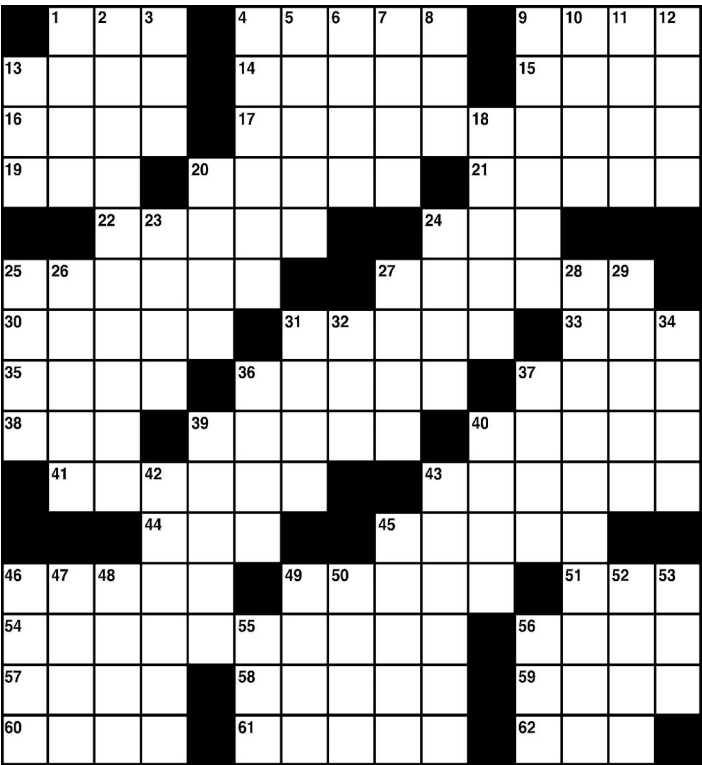
"The impact of your giving will inspire the next generation of ocean explorers and conservationists, strengthen our research and expand our reach throughout the communities we proudly serve,"

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- 1 Antelope with a mane
4 Actor Alan & his kin
9 Lopsided
13 Thunder's boom
14 "Walk _ in My Shoes"; song from 1970
15 Soft cheese
16 Yours and mine
17 Summer Olympics sport
19 Time just ahead of us: abbr.
20 Minnelli & others
21 Fend off
22 Deliver a speech
24 "He Ain't Heavy, My Brother"
25 Crab Louie & coleslaw
27 Complete failure
30 Each
31 Beside the _; irrelevant
33 Actor Holbrook
35 "Ain't gonna happen"
36 Tally up
37 Exposed
38 "_ the season to be jolly"
39 Stops
40 Shoe bottoms
41 Energetic person
43 Berates
44 Dined
45 At _; being risked
46 White adhesive
49 Lobster recipe verb
51 "This Is Us" network
54 Like finger pointers
56 No longer youthful
57 Blacken
58 Do the honors on Thanksgiving
59 Coral & Caribbean
60 Actress Daly
61 Cornered
62 Flood refuge
- DOWN**



SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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

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

- 1 Epoxy
2 Sleep disorder
3 Hang-_; emotional problems
4 Daily routines
5 Astound
6 _ Marie Presley
7 BPOE folks
8 Observe
- 9 Convent superior
10 Envelop
11 Irritate
12 Holler
13 Fish-and-chips fish, often
18 Special goody
20 "_ and the Tramp"

- 23 Steak orderer's request
24 Insinuate
25 Heaven-_; providential
26 Stay away from
27 Swim _; diver's flippers
28 Boxer vying for the title
29 Rowed
31 Explorer Marco
32 Umpire's cry
34 _ than; <
36 Arrived
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40 Con game
42 Sierra Club's focus
43 Didn't go anywhere
45 Work as a waiter
46 Treaty
47 Sore
48 CT or MRI
49 Asterisk
50 _ off; left quickly
52 Bird's bill
53 Safe investments, for short
55 "Hamlet" division
56 As fresh _ daisy
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AMY VON DER AHE IS in the process of creating a yoga program, Yoga For Grieving Parents, for those suffering with loss of a child. "I really just have to believe that I'm supposed to do something with this tragedy," she said.

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YOGA

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She decided to start a program called Yoga for Grieving Parents. She's writing and developing the program, which she hopes to formally launch in January, and has started Facebook and Instagram pages to develop a sense of community.

She said it's a natural step to help people in similar circumstances learn and develop methodologies to survive what she called "an indescribable pain."

"I really just have to believe that I'm supposed to do something with this tragedy," she said, tears welling up in her eyes. "This is a new task, a new challenge, but I just have to know that there's a higher purpose to all of this."

Amy Von Der Ahe said the program will likely be six to eight weeks and feature both one-on-one work with her, either in person or via Zoom, and self-study she'll guide.

This is a positive thing for her and also for those who she hopes to reach, said Andrea Martin, a Newport Beach-based yoga friend who introduced Von Der

Ahe to the vinyasa style of yoga. Both Martin and Von Der Ahe now teach at Ekam Yoga & Pilates, located on Mariner's Mile in Newport Beach.

"Though I'm not a grieving parent, I'm an empath," Martin said. "When [Johnny's death] happened to Amy, we became so close. There's this thing about yoga that has this connection."

"Yoga gave her a place to go, and that's what I know she's hoping for with her Yoga for Grieving Parents. They're going to have a place to go. Not just a place to sit and talk about their child in a group community, but an actual physical way to move your body. Through your nervous system calming, it actually does wonders to your body."

Amy has felt the physical improvements, even if the mental side can still be a struggle. She remains a strong mother to Jack, now a sophomore at Newport Harbor High, and Charlie, an eighth-grader at Ensign Middle School.

She said eventually she would like to do workshops in local studios and other places, where people dealing with loss and grief can

come and work together.

"There are lots of Facebook groups and Instagram groups that are dedicated to grieving parents, but it's a lot of commiserating, which is also necessary at times," she said. "Sometimes I just want to cry, and sometimes I just want other people to agree with me about how much it hurts. But I also think there's a need for a forum like that to help people take a step forward and continue to find a way to live and find joy again. The pain will never go away emotionally, but physically it can."

Amy enjoys talking about Johnny, keeping his memory as fresh as possible to those around her. She knows intimately how much others in her position could also use some help.

"If using this experience, both with my yoga and my pain, will help just one person, then I will have done something to make Johnny proud," she said.

Her voice sounds faint again, but that's OK.

It's the voice of someone who continues to ride the waves of life, and wants to help others do the same.

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WINDY

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for Southern California Edison, which on Tuesday was considering public power safety shutoffs in parts of Rancho Santa Margarita.

Spokesman Ben Gallagher said shutoffs would depend on weather conditions and what on-the-ground experts determined would be safe or not, particularly in high fire risk areas as debris could fly into equipment and cause sparking.

Edison estimates 8,571 customers in Orange County could be potentially impacted between midday Wednesday and midday

Friday, though the company said it would try to restore power during periods of calm wind conditions.

"We also know that this is a time of year when people are getting together, especially we also understand this is the first time in a long time that people have been able to get together," Gallagher said.

"We know the hardship [a power outage] creates. We live here too in the service area and our families too; it's not something that we take lightly.

"It's something that we're only going to do as a last resort if we feel it absolutely has to happen. It's really being caught between a couple of different decisions:

we can de-energize the lines and potentially have people without power on Thanksgiving or we don't do it and it's sort of a gamble," he added. "These winds are really ... high speed.

"Are we going to take that chance? Maybe it won't happen, but that's the formula you're looking at. It's a difficult decision and it's one that there's a lot of deliberation over," Gallagher said.

Readers can check if they will be impacted by a public power safety shutoff by Southern California Edison at [sce.com/wildfire/psps](https://www.sce.com/wildfire/psps).

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SETTLES

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become a burden on his boys as he ages," the suit stated.

General Electric Co. was later identified in the litigation as the manufacturer of the transformer and was a defendant on both the Bischof case and in a cross-complaint for indemnity and apportionment of fault filed by SCE.

Other plaintiffs were four members of Bischof's family who were injured in the incident: Markus Bischof, his son; Josef Bischof, his father; Cyndie Kasko, his sister; and Jason Kasko, his brother-in-law.

Both SCE and General Electric had filed motions challenging some of the claims of those plaintiffs before the case conditionally settled.

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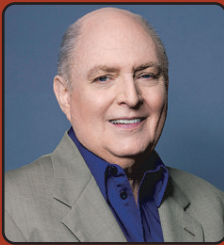


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11/26 LA GUNS
11/27 METALACHI
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12/2 THE PLATTERS
12/3 LOS LOBOS
12/4 DSB (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)
12/8 MARC BROUSSARD
12/9 LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)
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12/12 ROBERT CRAY
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12/19 GARY "HO HO" HOEY
12/23 DAVID BENOIT
CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS
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1/15 THE BLASTERS
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1/21 BEATLES VS STONES
– A MUSICAL SHOWDOWN
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1/23 DOUG STARKS' HIGHERGROUND (MUSIC OF STEVIE WONDER)
1/27 RAUL MALO OF THE MAVERICKS
1/28 PONCHO SANCHEZ
2/1 MOLLY TUTTLE & GOLDEN HIGHWAY



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SUN, DEC 19
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- 2/3 THE GILMOUR PROJECT
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2/6 AN EVENING WITH DAMIEN ESCOBAR
2/9 JON FOREMAN / PHILLIP PHILLIPS
2/12 OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA
2/13 THE KINGSTON TRIO
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2/18 SKELETON CREW
2/19 PIANO MEN (BILLY JOEL / ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE)
2/20 DAVID WILCOX
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PRO SOCCER

Orange County SC ready for visit to Florida

A date to play for the league championship at Tampa Bay Sunday awaits after a shootout win over San Antonio.

BY ANDREW TURNER

IRVINE — Orange County Soccer Club edged San Antonio FC in a penalty-kick shootout on Saturday to capture the Western Conference title of the United Soccer League Championship.

Sean Okoli netted the final tally, as Orange County won the shootout 5-3 in front of a sellout crowd of 5,386 at Championship Soccer Stadium in Irvine.

“This is why we started the game as kids, for big moments like this,” Orange County coach Richard Chaplow said. “I said to them before we went out that pressure is a privilege, that they’ve worked to get that pressure, and I thought they handled it incredibly well again.”

Seth Casiple, Dillon Powers, Ben Mines and Thomas Enevoldsen also scored in the shootout for Orange County (16-10-9).

Orange County will travel to take on the Tampa Bay Rowdies (26-7-2) in the USL Championship final on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. The game can be seen on ESPN.

Justin Dhillon missed wide left in the fourth round of penalty kicks, opening the door for Okoli to clinch the match.

The teams went to penalty kicks after the score was tied at 1-1 after 120 minutes of play.

Chaplow gave high marks to his team’s fitness to go through back-to-back games that went to extra time.



James Carbone

ORANGE COUNTY Soccer Club celebrates after winning the Western Conference finals of the United Soccer League Championship against San Antonio FC at Championship Soccer Stadium in Irvine on Saturday night.

“We looked like we could have gone another 120 minutes,” Chaplow said.

The walls were covered and the floor sopping wet inside the Orange County locker room, evidence of a champagne-popping celebration. During the trophy presentation at midfield, Orange County general manager Oliver Wyss referred to the local club as a team of destiny.

“It’s a season of a lot of ups and downs — as a club, individually, each and every one of us,” Okoli said.

“So to have the character, the

perseverance, the resilience to bounce back and keep going week after week, it shows the true character in that locker room, and I’m very proud to be part of this group.”

A long throw-in by Brent Richards led to the opening goal in the 39th minute, as Ronaldo Damus pivoted on the spot and sent a pirouetting kick inside the left post.

“Every time I make a goal, it makes my job feel satisfying that we come out here and we work so hard,” Damus said through an interpreter after scoring his

team-leading 16th goal of the season. “But it’s also the coaches that help me perform better each week and help motivate me to keep going.”

Richards’ impact would be felt throughout much of regulation. The right back made a couple of successful challenges, and he looked to join the attack in transition.

Defense has been the subject of much praise during Orange County’s eight-game unbeaten streak. A three-match run of clean sheets came to an end in the second half. Connor Ma-

loney’s cross found the head of Marcus Epps in the center of the box, and his bid beat Orange County goalkeeper Patrick Rakovsky in the 67th minute.

Over its previous seven matches, Orange County had conceded one goal.

Orange County poured on the pressure at the end of the first extra period. Jordan Farr was forced to make a leaping stop when center back Michael Orozco crashed the net, part of a three-save sequence by the San Antonio goalkeeper.

A crowd on edge wanted to believe that Casiple had the go-ahead marker in the 116th minute. His screaming liner narrowly missed the right post, leaving some with their hands on their heads.

“We kept attacking them, and it showed,” Orange County midfielder Eric Calvillo said. “It showed a lot. We had a lot of chances going toward the end of the game that we probably could have scored and should have scored, but at the end of the day, we got the job done. We got the win, and ... we got one more game to go.”

The second-half turnaround that has led to Orange County’s playoff run has been keyed by a commitment made on the defensive end. Rakovsky has been unapologetic about the way his team has grinded out games down the stretch.

“No one asks you, ‘How did you play? Did you score 10 goals?’” Rakovsky said. “No, they just say, ‘Champions of the West,’ and that’s all that matters.”

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NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
BRETT JON LAKIN, aka

BRETT J. LAKIN, aka BRETT LAKIN
30-2021-01231179-PR-PW-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BRETT JON LAKIN, aka BRETT J. LAKIN, aka BRETT LAKIN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by EILEEN T. HIPPS in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that EILEEN T. HIPPS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using the court’s designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court’s website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mentalhealth.html> to appear for probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DOUGLAS CHARLES ELM

30-2021-01229363-PR-PW-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DOUGLAS CHARLES ELM

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DONALD EDWARD ELM in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DONALD EDWARD ELM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using the court’s designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court’s website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mentalhealth.html> to appear for probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

CdM girls’ basketball opens own tournament with win

Haley Esquino had a team-high 19 points to lead the Corona del Mar High School girls’ basketball team to a 59-37 win over Segerstrom on Monday to open the CdM Tip-off Tournament.

Makena Tomlinson added 15 points for the Sea Kings, and Megan Martodam scored 10 points. Julia Mork and Dorothy Schwenck each contributed five points for CdM.

Sage Hill 67, Palos Verdes 31: Kat Righeimer had 21 points, 11 rebounds, three assists and three steals for the Lightning in a CdM Tip-off Tournament game on Monday.

Zoie Lamkin provided 14 points, 13 rebounds and three steals for Sage Hill (4-1). Isabel Gomez had 12 points and seven assists, Emily Eadie added 14 points and seven rebounds, and Kiana Hosseinzadeh chipped in with six points and two steals.

Newport Harbor 54, Tustin 39: Chase Dionio had a team-high 18 points to go with five steals and four assists for the Sailors in the CdM Tip-off Tournament on Monday.

Kate Bland added 12 points, converting on 10 of 12 free-throw attempts for Newport Harbor (3-0). Cydney Jover scored eight points, and Emma Fults had five

points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Santiago 51, Edison 16: The Chargers took their third straight loss on Monday, dropping to 1-3 overall.

BOYS’ BASKETBALL

Estancia 61, El Monte 32: James De La O and Jaedon Hose-Shea each scored 11 points for the Eagles in a San Gabriel Tournament game Monday.

The Eagles (2-0) play La Puente in the tournament Tuesday.

Newport Harbor 37, Laguna Hills 30: The Sailors won their season opener in the Foothill Feast Week tournament Monday.

Marina 65, Kennedy 50: Eric Hodgkins scored 22 points for the Vikings in their Foothill Feast Week tournament game Monday.

Bodhi Armstrong added 17 points for Marina (4-2).

BOYS’ SOCCER

Portola 3, Laguna Beach 1: Yasser Mallisho, Shaya Sharifi and Ryan Truong scored a goal apiece for the host Bulldogs on Monday in a nonleague game.

Laguna Beach dropped to 0-2 overall.

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Chang wrote to the organization’s supporters.

“There were so many wonderful moments throughout the evening, but the highlight was honoring and recognizing two of our co-founders, Jim Stauffer and John Cunningham, and their families.

“Their vision and passion started us on this journey of ocean and marine mammal conservation and research a half a century ago, and the world is very much a better place because of them. We feel very fortunate to carry on their legacy.”

Art and Nature Gala raises more than \$350,000

The Art and Nature Gala, held at the Sherman Library and Gardens in Corona del Mar on Nov. 6, raised more than \$350,000, the Laguna Art Museum announced this week.

Rebeca Mendez, the artist behind the featured exhibit *Any-Instant-Whatever*, spoke at the event, which is a celebration of Art and Nature, which is now in its ninth year at the museum.

“We are so grateful for our guests and sponsors who made this year’s Art and Nature Gala a memorable evening celebrating art, nature and our honorees,” Julie Perlin

Lee, executive director of the Laguna Art Museum, said in a news release.

“This was an opportunity to reaffirm Laguna Art Museum’s commitment to our community and our dedication to the environment through art.

“We are grateful to those that helped us reach our fundraising goal. With this generosity, we aim to reach 10 times the amount of school-aged children and to quadruple the amount of individuals we serve annually by connecting them to the arts.”

“Any-Instant-Whatever” will remain at the museum through April 25.

Other exhibits included as part of Art and Nature this year are “A Fanciful World: Jessie Arms Botke” and “Sky Space Time Change.”

Laguna Playhouse artistic director ready to step down

Laguna Playhouse announced Thursday that Ann E. Wareham will be stepping down from her role as the artistic director of the playhouse at the end of the year.

“It has been a tremendous honor to be able to guide the Laguna Playhouse over this past decade and to serve the extraordinary arts community of Laguna Beach,” Wareham said in a statement.

“It is such a vibrant and truly special place, and I will be forever grateful for this opportunity.”

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