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## Suspect headed to H.B. after his arrest in Florida

Man is suspected of molesting children from 12 to 16 while he lived in Huntington Beach in the 1990s.

BY ERIC LICAS

Authorities in Florida arrested a former Huntington Beach resident suspected of molesting multiple victims between the ages of 12 and 16 during the 1990s, police announced in a statement Wednesday.

George Philip Foord, 54, is in the custody of the Hernando County Sheriff in Florida and awaiting extradition to California, Huntington Beach Police said in a news release. He faces seven counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a minor, according to online court records.

An alleged victim of Foord came forward to Huntington Beach Police in October. An investigation uncovered three additional people who may have been molested as teenagers by the defendant between 1996 and 2000 while he was living in Orange County.

Huntington Beach Police contacted authorities in Florida, and Foord was arrested Thursday, Nov. 21. His bail was set at \$1 million.

Investigators suspect other people might have been victimized by the suspect and ask anyone with information that might be relevant to the case to reach out to Huntington Beach Police Det. M. Eskes at (714) 536-5967. Anonymous tips can be left with OC Crime Stoppers at (855) TIP-OCCS, or (855) 847-6227.

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Photos by James Carbone

**PAT BURNS** receives the gavel from Gracy Van Der Mark after being sworn in as the new mayor of Huntington Beach on Tuesday.



**ABOVE:** Supporters of Pat Burns, wearing 7-0 "Make Huntington Beach Great Again" hats, stand with Huntington Beach's new mayor.

**RIGHT:** Butch Twining is sworn in as a Huntington Beach City Council member.



## Painted red Huntington Beach seats all-MAGA City Council.

BY MATT SZABO

The seven Huntington Beach City Council members, City Atty. Michael Gates and new City Clerk Lisa Lane Barnes gathered on stage for a picture Tuesday night.

Each put on a red "Make Huntington Beach Great Again" hat, which had "7-0" written on the side.

That is indeed the new makeup of the city council in Surf City. Tony Strickland dubbed it the "MAGA-nificent 7."

Chad Williams, Butch Twining and Don Kennedy were sworn in as the new council members, joining conservative holdovers Gracy Van Der Mark, Pat Burns, Casey McKeon and Strickland.

Burns took the ceremonial gavel from Van Der Mark and is now the new mayor, while McKeon

was sworn in as the mayor pro tempore.

Meanwhile, minority members Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton said their good-byes as they were unseated after one term, their reelection bids losing in favor of Williams, Twining and Kennedy — the so-called "HB3." Each of the newcomers was administered the oath of office by state Sen. Janet Nguyen.

The previous council has been known for its fights with Sacramento over housing mandates, voter identification and other issues, and residents might expect more of the same to come.

"I think we're going to do exactly what we planned on this whole time, to put Huntington Beach first in our agenda," Burns

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



James Carbone

**THE EDISON HIGH** football team poses for pictures with the 2024 CIF Southern Section Division 3 championship plaque after Friday's win against Simi Valley. See page A3 for more analysis.

## Edison charges to Division 3 football title over Simi Valley

BY MATT SZABO

The Edison High football team got the ball first in Friday night's CIF Southern Section Division 3 title game against Simi Valley.

Edison might have been without its top running back, but that doesn't mean the strategy changed.

Sophomore Sam Edmisten

ripped off three good runs to start the game, bringing the ball to the visiting Pioneers' side of the field.

"An unbelievable," said Edison senior offensive tackle and team captain Cooper Cirillo, a two-way lineman. "That first drive, we want the ball. We want to go score. We don't want to defer, we want to ground and

pound."

Edison came out charged up, even without senior running back Julius Gillick, serving a one-game suspension after he was issued two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties in the semifinal win at Murrieta Valley.

Defense again shined for Edi-

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File Photo

**SHOPPERS FILL** South Coast Plaza's Carousel Court on Black Friday, pictured in 2019. This year 40 new stores opened at the mall.

## Dashing all the way: Shoppers convene on South Coast Plaza

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

At 9 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 29, plenty of early shoppers were already bustling into South Coast Plaza, some of them using the new entrance near South Coast Drive, which offers premium valet service.

The past year "has been all about new for us," said Debra Gunn-Downing, executive director of marketing at South Coast Plaza. "There is a whole new sense of arrival at that entrance, and that correlates with what is happening inside."

The shopping destination opened 40 new stores in 2024, making it a popular stop for those looking for gifts of all

kinds.

"We have not only brand-new stores but also expansions of existing stores, boutiques that were completely built from the ground up," said Gunn-Downing. "We built a new flagship Cartier, Harry Winston is also expanding and Rolex will open their new store."

The use of the term Black Friday to indicate the day after Thanksgiving came about in the 1950s, in reference, some believe, to the number of employees calling in sick due to holiday hangovers. Traffic cops were also said to use the phrase to describe the congestion on the

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**SANDRA BERNHARD**



THU, DEC 12  
**THE RAT PACK**



SAT, DEC 14  
**THE HIGHWAYMAN**



THU, DEC 19  
**VERY WHITNEY CHRISTMAS**

- 12/6 WHICH ONE'S PINK? (PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE)
- 12/7 WHICH ONE'S PINK? (PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE)
- 12/8 SANDRA BERNHARD
- 12/11 DAVID BENOIT (CHRISTMAS SHOW)
- 12/12 THE RAT PACK (HOLIDAY SHOW)
- 12/13 ABBA HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS
- 12/14 THE HIGHWAYMAN SHOW
- 12/15 THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA
- 12/18 SAMANTHA FISH (SHAKE EM' DOWN TOUR)  
*FEATURING JON SPENCER, CEDRIC BURNSIDE*
- 12/19 A VERY WHITNEY CHRISTMAS
- 12/20 A FLOCK OF SEAGULLS
- 12/21 AMBROSIA HOLIDAY SHOW
- 12/22 GARY HO-HO-HOEY
- 12/27 BEATLES VS STONES (A MUSICAL SHOWDOWN)
- 12/28 DRAMARAMA
- 12/29 L.A. GUNS
- 12/31 THE ENGLISH BEAT *NEW YEARS EVE!*
- 1/3 QUEEN NATION
- 1/4 QUEEN NATION
- 1/8 QUINN SULLIVAN & HAMISH ANDERSON
- 1/9 ALL FIRED UP (PAT BENATAR TRIBUTE)
- 1/10 TOMMY CASTRO & THE PAINKILLERS
- 1/11 AC/DC vs OZZY
- 1/12 BURTON CUMMINGS (OF THE ORIGINAL THE GUESS WHO)
- 1/17 DADA
- 1/18 DSB (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)
- 1/23 PAT TRAVERS
- 1/24 GENE LOVES JEZEBEL & BOW WOW WOW
- 1/26 WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT? (TOM JONES TRIBUTE)
- 1/30 CANNED HEAT
- 1/31 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 2/1 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 2/2 RICKIE LEE JONES
- 2/5 LEO KOTTKE
- 2/7 DAVID COOK
- 2/8 LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)



FRI, DEC 20  
**FLOCK OF SEAGULLS**



SAT, DEC 21  
**AMBROSIA**



SUN, DEC 22  
**GARY HO-HO-HOEY**



SAT, DEC 28  
**DRAMARAMA**

- 2/14 OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA (VALENTINES SHOW)
- 2/16 INCENDIO with ARDESHIR FARAH (OF STRUNZ & FARAH)
- 2/20 THE HEART OF ROCK & ROLL
- 2/21 CHEST FEVER (TRIBUTE TO THE BAND)
- 2/22 FAST TIMES (ULTIMATE 80'S TRIBUTE)
- 2/23 ALWAYS ADELE
- 2/26 HUMMEL HARP BLOWOUT
- 2/27 VANESSA COLLIER
- 2/28 G LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE
- 3/6 ALTAN
- 3/7 COCO MONTOYA & RONNIE BAKER BROOKS
- 3/8 MARC COHN
- 3/9 MARC COHN
- 3/13 SONS OF CREAM FT KOFI BAKER, MALCOM BRUCE, ROB JOHNSON
- 3/14 THE FENIANS ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
- 3/15 WALTER TROUT
- 3/16 WALTER TROUT
- 3/21 THE THIRD MIND FT. DAVE ALVIN, JESSE SYKES, MARK KARAN, VICTOR KRUMMENACHER, MICHAEL JEROME KING'S X
- 3/22 RUSSELL HOWARD
- 3/28 KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE & PENROSE
- 3/29 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 3/30 COLIN JAMES
- 4/1 JORMA KAUKONEN
- 4/4 THE SMITHEREENS WITH ROBIN WILSON
- 4/5 HERMAN'S HERMITS FT PETER NOONE
- 4/6 HERMAN'S HERMITS FT PETER NOONE
- 4/11 DON CARLOS
- 4/13 BOBBY GRAY
- 4/19 KEVIN NEALON
- 4/24 THE WAILERS
- 4/25 TOM GREEN - HOME TO THE COUNTRY
- 4/26 PIANO MEN: GENERATIONS
- 5/3 THE OCEAN BLUE
- 5/8 ROBERT CRAY
- 5/9 ROBERT CRAY
- 5/11 ISRAEL VIBRATION & ROOTS RADICS
- 5/16 RONSTADT REVIVAL (LINDA RONSTADT TRIBUTE)
- 6/6 THE WINEHOUSE EXPERIENCE

## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

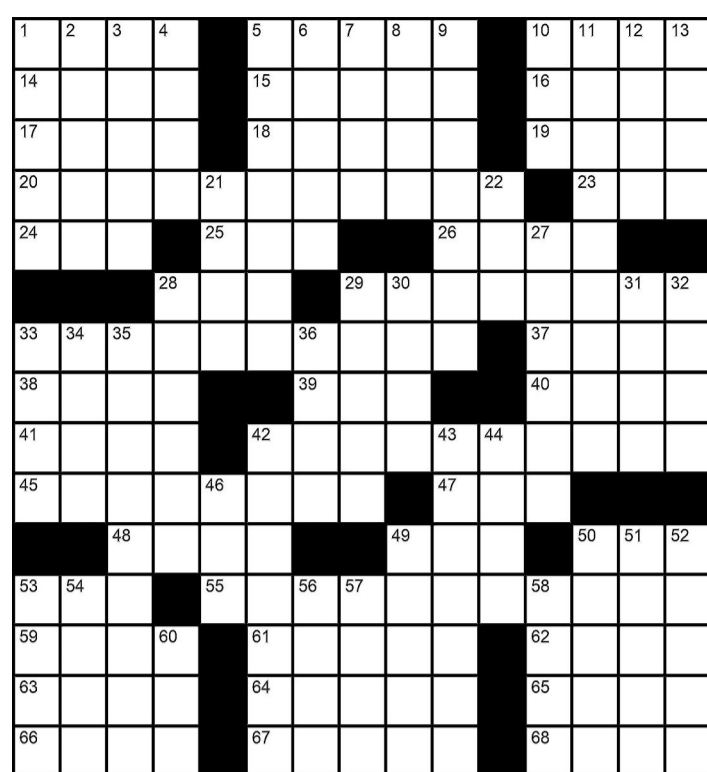
By Stella Zawistowski

### ACROSS

- 1 Baby sheep
- 5 Hair detanglers
- 10 Female sheep
- 14 Natural burn soother
- 15 Not hidden
- 16 Accessory worn with pants
- 17 Dalmatian feature
- 18 Scientist Curie
- 19 Military facility
- 20 "Baby Love" group: 2 wds.
- 23 Agent, for short
- 24 Unhappy
- 25 Plaything
- 26 \_ and carrots
- 28 "Rah rah, \_ boom bah!"
- 29 Guacamole herb
- 33 Event for bargain-hunting brides: 2 wds.
- 37 Sudan's neighbor
- 38 Singapore's continent
- 39 Triage locations: Abbr.
- 40 Bring on board
- 41 Beach surface
- 42 Long-distance runner
- 45 Rapidly
- 47 Rower's tool
- 48 College house with brothers
- 49 Male cat
- 50 Draw upon
- 53 \_ Lanka
- 55 Store sections
- 59 Very perceptive
- 61 Kidney-related
- 62 Ocho \_
- Jamaica
- 63 Doing nothing
- 64 Golfer Els
- 65 Departed
- 66 Fizzy beverage
- 67 Swordfights
- 68 Cameo gemstone

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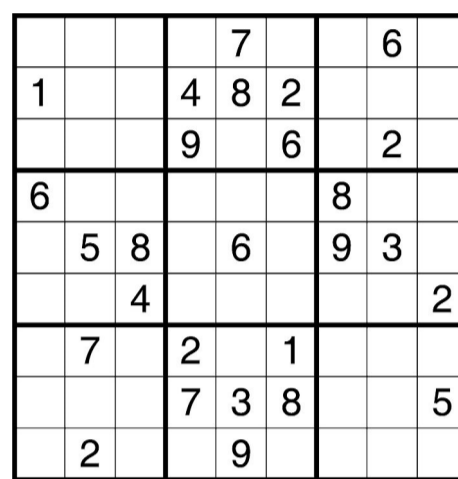
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## SUDOKU

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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



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

- 2 First Greek letter
- 3 Lowed like a cow
- 4 Wagers
- 5 Write music
- 6 Estrogen-producing organ
- 7 \_ mortals (humans)
- 8 Fill to the \_
- 9 Church tower
- 10 Flow back
- 11 Gets tiresome: 2 wds.
- 12 Otherwise
- 13 Part of a process
- 21 Electricity, e.g.:

Abbr.

- 22 Whale's home
- 27 TV newscaster
- 28 Actor James
- 29 Cash and \_
- 30 "Casablanca" role
- 31 Hard to find
- 32 German-Polish river
- 33 Impertinence
- 34 Right away: Abbr.
- 35 Treacherous situation
- 36 Close tightly
- 42 Cut at an angle
- 43 Plays a flute
- 44 Mia of soccer
- 46 Papa
- 49 Hiking path
- 50 Labor organization
- 51 Emotionless
- 52 New Jersey county
- 53 Enjoys the slopes
- 54 Make over
- 56 Lima's country
- 57 Actress Bancroft
- 58 Therefore
- 60 Museum-funding group: Abbr.

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## COUNCIL

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said. "We're going to serve the best we can, and we're going to do what's right. I always say it's easy to do the right thing, and I don't think we're going to break a sweat doing it because we love this city and we put it first."

Outgoing City Clerk Robin Estanislau, who is retiring, announced the vote totals that were certified earlier Tuesday by the Orange County Registrar of Voters. Williams got 52,335 votes, Twining earned 43,924 votes and Kennedy had 43,319 votes.

Barnes, a local Realtor, was elected as clerk with 52,956 votes, while Alisa Backstrom — who ran unopposed — was reelected as city treasurer.

Williams, a former U.S. Navy SEAL, said the new leadership was all motivated by the same bond of love for the city.

"We want to balance that budget and grow revenue responsibly, reduce homelessness and hold the line on local autonomy, which is our right as a charter city in the state of California," Williams said. "We really are up against some unconstitutional mandates, but I think for the first time, we can say collectively we stand together as a treasurer, clerk and council to stand behind our city attorney."

He said that charter city status was "more than just a receipt that you put in your drawer." In October, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Huntington Beach, with a three-judge panel saying that charter cities were subordinate political bodies, not sovereign entities.

Twining, who has been on the Planning Commission along with Kennedy, credited Gates for helping them earn their victory.

"We were running against three incumbents," Twining said, crediting the volunteers. "The only way we were going to win this was by each of you joining our campaign and telling our neighbors, and you did it, and that's why we're up here."



James Carbone

HUNTINGTON BEACH residents give a standing ovation after the new council members are sworn into office Tuesday.

Twining said he'd like to see the city come together more, following that by saying that he's a conservative and he will fight for conservative principles.

Kennedy said he believes Huntington Beach's best days are ahead, emphasizing his Christian faith as the other newcomers did.

"I'm going to pray for favor for the city of Huntington Beach," he said.

Barnes said Tuesday represented an amazing day in the city.

"I would say to the citizens of Huntington Beach, we're going to need a lot of your encouragement, a lot of your continued support, to take the city to places that you want it to go," Barnes said.

Gates said he's waited four years for this day, adding that unseating three incumbents on the council was highly improbable and signified a clear message from the voters.

Kalmick, Moser and Bolton were each given five minutes for comments before leaving the dais. Kalmick went first, thanking the residents of Huntington Beach for the opportunity to serve.

"We need to build more housing," he said. "Every single issue in this city can be traced back to a lack of affordable and attainable housing."

As he continued, Van Der Mark cut him off, saying he had reached his five-minute limit. Kalmick said he didn't see a timer.

"Do you mind if I finish my last page here, mayor?" Kalmick asked, and Van Der

Mark responded that she was going to move on.

"Wild, wild," Kalmick responded, and could be heard saying "That is absolutely a disgrace" after his microphone was turned off.

Bolton quoted from the Bible, a letter from Thomas Jefferson and former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, the final quote reading "There is no Democratic or Republican way of cleaning the streets."

Moser thanked her mentors and late former Huntington Beach mayors Shirley Dettloff and Ralph Bauer. She also quoted from "To Kill a Mockingbird," that real courage is "when you know you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what."

"That courage has driven me to fight for the soul of the city, for our libraries, for public safety, for the vulnerable in our community, and for a Huntington Beach where everyone feels they belong," she said.

Estanislau said she hopes that the divisive nature of the city's politics can lessen.

"We used to not know each other's political parties," she said. "We just didn't, and now it just seems like there's a line drawn between the two parties. I know we want so much of the same thing, so I hope going forward that can happen."

The final Huntington Beach City Council meeting of the year is scheduled for Dec. 17.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Edison athletes dug in defensively to chart their championship course

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Edison football team celebrated a CIF Southern Section championship on its home field on Friday in Huntington Beach, enjoying Ring Pops that were equal parts symbolic of the spoils of victory and of how truly sweet it is to come out the other side of a challenge.

Season-opening losses to Clovis West and Yorba Linda — both by one point — came with the Chargers' defense surrendering the go-ahead score in the closing seconds, surely leaving a sour taste in their mouths.

After back-to-back losses to close out the schedule in the stacked Alpha League, Edison made sure its run through the Division 3 bracket was never in doubt.

It began about as smoothly as possible, Edison delivering shutout victories over North Torrance and La Verne Bonita. At Vista Murrieta in the semifinals, the Mustangs returned a kick for a touchdown, but the Chargers had still allowed only one score while lining up on defense.

Then the latest spate of adversity dropped, the Chargers learning that star running back Julius Gillick would be suspended for the Division 3 final against Simi Valley after he received two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties in the semifinals. The Chargers appealed, but neither penalty was rescinded by the officiating crew of that game.

Jake Minter, who went

both ways as a receiver and a free safety, said the Chargers continued to believe they would win the championship game, adding that the school of thought was to limit "big plays."

Edison did so in a 35-21 win over Simi Valley, holding the Pioneers to 73 rushing yards, producing five sacks, and coming up with timely stops.

"It's just along the season, us connecting more as a family and just building a stronger bond together as a team," Minter said. "I think that's what really separated us in these defensive games, only allowing 28 points [from scrimmage] in the playoffs."

Edison defensive coordinator Troy Thomas held the same position at Westlake when Jim Benkert, now the head coach at Simi Valley, won the first of his six coaching titles in 1999. That added a bit more to the game within the game, though Thomas indicated the Chargers are a quick study.

"They study a ton of film," Thomas said. "We knew some of their plays. When they would line up in certain formations, they would give it away, and our kids were running to the place they were going to go."

"That's a really good offense over there. Jim Benkert's about as good as I've gone up against, and I've coached up against them all."

Thomas has overseen a defense that held opponents to 19.4 points per game in the regular season,

and that allowance has shrunk to 8.8 points per contest since the playoffs started.

Conrad Barrera tallied two sacks, Jack Knudtson added 1½ sacks, Nathan Stevens had a sack, and Devyn Blake picked up two tackles for lost yardage and half a sack.

In a final that did not feature a turnover, the Chargers' ability to create negative plays was a difference-maker.

"Our defensive line, as a linebacker, I love them because they're giving me holes to go through," said Matt Lopez, who had 2½ tackles for a loss. "Our defensive line does a good job at keeping us on their side of the ball, not them moving us."

Thomas said the team has "no superstars" on defense. Lopez echoed those sentiments in sharing that

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James Carbone

EDISON'S DEFENSE converges on a Simi Valley ball carrier in the CIF Southern Section Division 3 championship game at Huntington Beach High on Friday.

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1. BID SUBMISSION AND OPENING: Bids must be submitted electronically via the City of Costa Mesa's PlanetBids portal before the deadline of 2:00 P.M., Friday, January 10, 2025, at which time or shortly thereafter the City will open bids electronically. The bid results will be posted online via PlanetBids. No paper bids or any other form of submittal will be accepted. Any bid received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be rejected. The City is not responsible for and accepts no liability in the event a response is late due to any network, internet, or any other technical difficulty or interruption. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that his/her/its bid is received by the deadline.

To access the bid documents and bid on this project, potential vendors and bidders must first register through the City's PlanetBids portal at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476

2. SCOPE OF WORK AND BID DOCUMENTS: The scope of work generally consists of cleaning, prepping, and reflooring the interior of the first and second floor of the Police Department as well as the first floor and basement corridors. Reflooring will include both rubber base, carpet, and floating LVT. All furniture will be temporary relocated from the area of work. All baseboards are currently removed from the interior repaint project and will need to be reinstalled by the contractor. This project will be completed in multiple phases during off hours - after 5 PM Monday through Friday, to minimize impact on Police Department activities. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine the phasing layout and to work with the Police Department and the City to ensure the Police Department still has access throughout the entire building during construction.

The plans, specifications, and bid documents for this project can be obtained via the City's PlanetBids portal at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the most current version of the solicitation, including any addenda, has been downloaded. Bids received without the applicable addenda will be rejected as incomplete.

3. PRE-BID MEETING OR JOB WALK: A mandatory pre-bid job walk has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. starting in the lobby of the City of Costa Mesa's City Hall located at 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

4. BID CONTENTS: All bids must be submitted on the proposal form included in the bid documents. No bid will be considered unless it is made on the proposal form furnished by the City and made in accordance with the provisions of the bid requirements.

5. BID SECURITY: Each bidder must submit a certified check, cashier's check, or a bid bond, made payable to or in favor of the City of Costa Mesa, in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid, to the Costa Mesa City Clerk PRIOR to the bid submission deadline. No bid will be considered unless such certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond is received by the City Clerk prior to the bid submission deadline.

6. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE: A valid California Contractor's State License C-15 (Flooring and Floor Covering License) issued by the California Contractors State License Board is required at the time the contract is awarded pursuant to California Public Contract Code section 3300. Each bidder must also be qualified as required by law at the time of the bid opening.

7. REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work unless registered and qualified pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

8. PREVAILING WAGES: This project is a "public work" subject to prevailing wage requirements. Pursuant to provisions of Sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code, all works employed on the project shall be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and overtime work. Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file with Costa Mesa Public Services Department and are available to any interested party upon request. The applicable State prevailing wages are also set forth on the Department of Industrial Relations' website: http://www.dir.ca.gov; these rates are subject to predetermined increases. The prime contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

9. PAYMENT BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND: A Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder prior to award of the contract.

10. RETENTION: The City withholds five percent (5%) of each progress payment as retention. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for money withheld by the City to ensure performance of the contract. At the request and expense of the contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the public agency, or with a state or federally chartered bank in this state as the escrow agent, who shall then pay those moneys to the contractor. Securities will be returned to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION: The bidding process and contract are subject to State and Federal non-discrimination requirements, including but not limited to the requirement that no person or business shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or military or veteran status in its solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of individuals or businesses in connection with the bidding process or work performed for the City in connection with the project.

12. CITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: The City of Costa Mesa reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any minor irregularities or informalities in any bid.

13. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: This project is subject to local, State, and Federal regulations and requirements, as detailed in the bid documents.

Brenda Green, City Clerk City of Costa Mesa Dated: December 5, 2024

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NO. 24FL001272**

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PETITION OF:  
Betzy Carolina Vargas Molina FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:**  
Petitioner: Betzy Carolina Vargas Molina filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present Name:**  
Betzy Carolina Vargas Molina  
**Proposed Name:**  
Betzy Carolina Molina Arroyo

**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: 03/06/2025  
TIME: 1:30 PM  
DEPT: REMOTE

**The address of the court is:**  
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Dated: 11/20/2024 2:23 PM  
David H. Yamasaki, Clerk of the Court  
T. Hernandez, Deputy

**BSC 226089  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
LOIS J. SCHMITZ  
30-2024-01440117-PR-LA-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **LOIS J. SCHMITZ.**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Taylor A. Eddleman** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Taylor A. Eddleman** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Jan 16, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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

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

**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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**Advertisement of Public Sale**

In accordance with the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Alton Self Storage LP, 2215 Alton Parkway, Irvine, California 92606, will sell by competitive bid on December 12, 2024. Property to be sold as follows: Miscellaneous household goods, personal items, furniture, clothing, and/or business items/fixtures belonging to the following.  
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**DAILY PILOT**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 023155-TB**

(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: **SHIO TEA BALBOA ISLAND INC, 2233 WEST BALBOA, SUITE 105, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663**  
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: **9728 ARDENDALE AVENUE, ARCADIA, CA 91007**  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: **CH CONCEPTS INC, 5325 ALTON PKWY, SUITE C-754, IRVINE, CA 92604**  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND GOODWILL** of that certain business located at: **2233 WEST BALBOA, SUITE 105, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663**  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: **OINKMOO TEA BAR**  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **DECEMBER 23, 2024** at the office of: **CALIFORNIA ESCROW GROUP, INC., 1110 ROOSEVELT, SUITE #200 IRVINE, CA 92620**, Escrow No. **023155-TB**, Escrow Officer: **TRACIE-UYEN THU BUI**  
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above  
(9) The last date for filing claims is: **DECEMBER 20, 2024.**  
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: **NONE.**  
**DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2024**  
**TRANSFEREES: CH CONCEPTS INC**  
**2991894-PP DAILY PILOT 12/5/24**

**BSC 226126  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
GARY L. WHITENER  
30-2024-01440217-PR-PW-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **GARY L. WHITENER.**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Daniel Whitener and Robert Whitener** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Daniel Whitener and Robert Whitener** 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 **Jan 08, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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**EDISON'S JAKE MINTER** (17) celebrates with his team after beating Simi Valley Friday night for the Division 3 title.

James Carbone

## FOOTBALL

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son as the Chargers earned a 35-21 win at Cap Sheue Field. It's their first CIF championship since 2016, and seventh overall as a program.

Sophomore quarterback Sam Thomson threw three touchdown passes and ran for another one as No. 3-seeded Edison (10-4) knocked off top-seeded Simi Valley (12-2).

The Chargers had a tough start to the season with back-to-back one-point road losses, and ended the regular season with back-to-back losses as well in the tough Alpha League.

In the playoffs, though, they have proved up to the challenge.

"It's all about the guys," Edison coach Jeff Grady said. "When things weren't looking good, they stuck together and kept a great attitude, and we finished strong. We finished the way we wanted to finish it."

Senior captain Jake Minter scored the first two touchdowns for Edison, catching a 21-yard score from Thomson on the Chargers' first drive before an 18-yard score out of the Wildcat formation.

The offensive line of Devyn Blake, Taea Falelaulii, Jayden Pershall, Nathan Stevens and Cirillo helped Edison rush for 173 yards and a pair of touchdowns, even sans Gillick.

"I thought we executed very well offensively," Thomson said. "I think we kind of proved to some of the people out there that we're more of a team than just Julius. Julius is a great

player — can't say enough about how much of a stud he is — but I think we've got a lot of other great guys here."

Gillick, who has rushed for 2,112 yards and 35 touchdowns this year, will return next week as Edison hosts El Cajon Granite Hills in a CIF Southern California Regional game. The game will be played Saturday at 7 p.m., back at Cap Sheue Stadium.

In the Division 3 final, the Edison defense held Simi Valley senior standout Brice Hawkins to 22 yards rushing, though Hawkins did score all three of the Pioneers' touchdowns.

Jack Knudtson and Conrad Barrera each had a pair of sacks for the winners, with Stevens and Blake also combining for a sack. Senior linebacker and captain Matt Lopez chipped in a team-best 2 1/2 tackles for a loss.

"They were awesome, they really were," Grady said of the defensive effort. "I mean, the last four weeks have been incredible."

Edison led 21-7 at halftime, with Ayden DiGiacomo also catching a 35-yard touchdown pass.

Simi Valley cut its deficit in half out of the break. Hawkins ran right, following a block from Cole Kackley, for a 10-yard touchdown on Simi Valley's first drive of the third quarter.

But the Chargers responded explosively, as Thomson found Aidan Brown on a 70-yard bomb on the very next play from scrimmage.

"We pretty much had all hitches on in the play, but he could convert it into a vertical if the [cornerback] is playing up tight," Thom-

son said. "The corner played up tight, he took it vertical and I just saw it. It was just open from there."

From there, the defense came alive. Knudtson and Barrera had back-to-back sacks of Simi Valley quarterback Tagg Harrison, forcing the Pioneers to punt and giving the Chargers excellent field position.

"You know, it happened last week too, so it's pretty funny," Knudtson said. "... It's just been awesome with these guys. Every little play, man, just makes my day."

Edison went 44 yards in eight plays, including a pass to Minter to convert a fourth-and-11 situation. Thomson's nine-yard rushing touchdown gave the Chargers a 35-14 lead.

Simi Valley scored again late, but Edison's Jordan Palaez recovered the ensuing onside kick to dash any hopes of a miracle comeback.

Minter said winning the CIF championship was everything the Chargers had worked for.

Cirillo had a Ring Pop candy on his finger after the game. He knows that the actual CIF championship ring will be even sweeter.

"I've been in this program for four years," Cirillo said. "Even before that, I played Pop Warner here ... It's just really cool to be here. The old teams that didn't make it this far, as an underclassman, you're like, OK. It kind of drives you once it's your senior year to make it this far. It just means the most, it's everything. The amount of memories I'm going to have from this year, it's unbelievable."

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## ATHLETES

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the unit is greater than the sum of its parts.

"We have all 11 players doing their thing," Lopez added. "Once everyone does their part, then there's players who go make that tackle. Our defense doesn't work with[out everyone] doing their job. Everyone has to do their job, so there's no certain credit that goes to one person. Huge team effort by everyone that played defense."

The connectivity of the

Edison defense was on display in the closing seconds of the first half. Simi Valley quarterback Tagg Harrison attempted to run up the middle, but the rushing lane was closed off by Stevens. Harrison then scrambled out to the right, but Gavin Slaughter met him at the edge, and Jeremiah Ross and Cooper Cirillo rallied to the football to finish the play.

Time expired on the first half, leaving Simi Valley 8 yards short of the end zone, and sending Edison into halftime with a 21-7 lead.

"You can hear them," Cir-

illo said outside a raucous Edison locker room after the game. "Everyone's just ecstatic to get this win. It's what we prepared for for so long, and just to finally be here, it's unreal."

Edison (10-4), which plays host to El Cajon Granite Hills (11-2) on Saturday, rattled off six wins in a row after its initial two-game slide, and if it could pull off two more wins, it would have its second six-game winning streak of the season and a state title to boot.

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## SHOPPERS

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streets on the busy shopping day.

Others suggest the term was coined by big retailers because profits from sales on the day after Thanksgiving often moved their ledger from being in the red back to black.

Attempts to rebrand the day as the more cheerful, less negative-sounding "Big Friday" largely failed. (South Coast Plaza refers to the shopping day as Fabulous Friday.)

Whatever its origins, Black Friday has stuck and continues to be one of the biggest shopping days of the year.

This year's holiday season is shorter, however, with only 26 shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Gunn-Downing said South Coast Plaza saw crowds a little early as a result.

"We have five fewer days this year, almost a week, so shopping already started," said Gunn-Downing. "We saw an uptick in shopping by the second week of November, and we think that will continue right through Christmas Eve."

Advent calendars were a hot item last week, with

many retailers offering calendars that included limited-edition trinkets for each day that went beyond chocolate. On Nov. 29, fragrance specialist Diptyque displayed an advent calendar inside its South Coast Plaza store with 25 scented treasures, such as mini candles. At press time the location was sold out, though the store expects to get another shipment.

"Shop early because it is going to be one of those years when the popular items are going to go quickly," said Gunn-Downing.

According to Adobe Analytics, Americans spent \$10.7 billion on online shopping on Black Friday, up 5% from last year. Buying gifts online used to be reserved for Cyber Monday, but this year, statistics showed more people shopping online, particularly on smartphones, with more than 57.6% of all online sales made on mobile devices.

At South Coast Plaza, shoppers come in not only for the deals but the real-time experience.

On Friday many stopped to pose for a photo in front of the traditional Christmas tree at Jewel Court, which boasts a toy soldier theme inspired by "The Nut-

cracker."

"Our decorations are always on a schedule to be fully installed by Veterans Day," said Gunn-Downing. "There is sensitivity to it; no one wants to see it too early, either."

The team works on small details leading up to the holiday season until Santa Claus arrives at South Coast Plaza the week before Thanksgiving, marked by the annual tree-lighting event.

Families can take pictures with Santa at two locations; Santa's Village at Carousel Court and in the Macy's Home Store wing through Dec. 24.

On Friday, some families lined up for pictures with Santa while others rode the carousel, where the horses are transformed into reindeer for the season. Kids' craft activities and letter writing to Santa are offered at both locations.

Gunn-Downing said the team at South Coast Plaza works hard to make sure the experience at the center is a magical one for shoppers of all ages.

"It's like a million little elves in here," Gunn-Downing said.

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