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THE STAND Natural Foods, an iconic eatery with its famous hand-painted menu facade, is closing after 48 years in business in Laguna Beach.

Rising costs set the Stand to shutter after 48 years

BY ANDREW TURNER

Longtime residents of Laguna Beach often cite a small-town feel they had grown accustomed to in the community, rich in charm and local flavor.

For its niche customer base, the Stand Natural Foods possessed those qualities, enabling the vegan eatery to have a lifespan that covered parts of six decades.

The last chance to order from the Stand's extensive menu may be in the coming days, as the walk-up restaurant is set to close on Sept. 5, following Labor Day weekend.

Elizabeth Arciniaga, the owner of the Stand, got emotional in discussing the decision to shutter the hangout, which Edward Brancard opened for business in 1975.

Financial factors have made it difficult for Arciniaga to keep the Stand, which is located in a barn-like property at 238 Thalia Street. Her hopes for a long-term lease went unanswered, and the rising cost of organic food contributed to the challenges of making ends meet.

Since buying the business from Brancard



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ALIZABETH ARCINIAGA, owner of the Stand Natural Foods, closes for the day on Wednesday.

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COVID cases climb in Orange County

While positive tests are increasing, health data show hospital stays due to coronavirus infection remain relatively low.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

While state data indicate that COVID-19 testing in Orange County has declined, the positivity rates for those tests have made a steady upward trajectory since June — reflecting concerns made public in early August by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

County health officer Dr. Regina Chinsio-Kwong encouraged residents to take greater measures to protect those at risk: taking tests if they come into close contact with anyone infected with the virus, staying home if they are sick, wearing a mask in crowded spaces, continuing good hand and cough hygiene and staying up to date with vaccinations.

"Now is the time for everyone to reassess and implement mitigation strategies — especially for those who are or who work or live with at-risk individuals. Improving indoor ventilation and the use of face masks can offer protection and reduce transmission," Chinsio-Kwong said, as residents head into the start of the Labor Day weekend.

As of Thursday, the Orange County Health Care Agency reported 60 individuals in hospitals being treated for COVID-19, but Chinsio-Kwong said it would not be appropriate to characterize that as a spike in cases. Hospitalizations remain relatively low, even though admission of patients continues to grow.

About 1,053 positive cases were reported this week to the county of the 6,696 tests reported. Three deaths related to COVID-19 were also recorded.

Numbers here mirror those in the rest of the state of California.

"The immunity is stronger today than at any other point in the outbreak," Dr. Mandy Cohen, the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,



Courtesy of Segerstrom Center for the Arts

MARLEENA BARBER, a singer born legally blind from albinism, will perform in "A Million Dreams," a benefit concert set to take place at Segerstrom Center for the Arts' Samueli Theater on Sept. 8.

Blind cabaret singer to join students with disabilities in concert

BY SARA CARDINE

For vocalist, cabaret artist and disabilities advocate Marleena Barber — born legally blind due to a genetic condition called albinism that affects pigmentation and causes sensitivity to sunlight — music played a vital role on her personal journey toward self-acceptance.

And in "A Million Dreams," a Sept. 8 performance at Segerstrom Center for the Arts' Samueli

Theater in Costa Mesa, Barber will bring her personal story to life in a song and spoken word concert benefiting the arts nonprofit's Studio D, which provides music, dance and theater education for children and adults with disabilities.

The event aims to support the programs of Studio D, which give those age 4 or older a chance to sing, dance, move and perform in

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Pacific Airshow, lawsuits remain hot topics in Huntington Beach

BY MATT SZABO

The Pacific Airshow is less than a month from returning to Huntington Beach on Sept. 29. Though the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Canadian Forces Snowbirds and other planes remain right on schedule, the event continues to be politically charged following the May settlement of a lawsuit against the city.

About 100 people attended Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland's monthly town hall meeting at the Senior Center on Wednesday night. Strickland, City Atty. Michael Gates, Visit

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HUNTINGTON BEACH Mayor Tony Strickland opens Thursday night's town hall meeting at the Senior Center.



DIANE BENTLEY addresses the panel, followed by fellow speakers Bill Nees, Don Kennedy and Steve Albant.

Photos by Spencer Grant

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Huntington Beach CEO Kelly Miller and Visit HB chief marketing officer Omark Holmes gave remarks on the air show and its benefits before a question-and-answer period.

Strickland has laid claim to saving the show, with the settlement ensuring that Code Four CEO Kevin Elliott didn't take it elsewhere. The settlement, related to the cancellation of the final day of the 2021 Pacific Airshow due to a massive oil spill, calls for the city to pay Code 4 at least \$4,999,000 over the next six years, with an additional up to \$2 million possible if Huntington Beach recovers money in its own to-be-filed oil spill lawsuit against the alleged

polluters. "It's crystal clear to me, no settlement, no air show," Strickland said Wednesday night. "When we talk about the numbers, the settlement, yes, is a little bit higher than I wanted it to be. But I will tell you, that pales in comparison to the value that we're going to have from this air show moving forward in perpetuity. The goal is that we have this air show every year in perpetuity."

Gates said the process of negotiating the settlement was long — about five months — and arduous. But two lawsuits related to the Pacific Airshow remain unresolved, though a judge ruled against former Mayor Connie Boardman and Mark Bixby in their attempt to stop the settlement payouts from occurring.

Gina Clayton-Tarvin, vice president of the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees, filed a lawsuit demanding Gates release the full settlement with Code Four. And though the city itself has settled with the Pacific Airshow, former Mayor Kim Carr remains a defendant in a pending case.

Both Clayton-Tarvin and Carr attended Wednesday night's meeting.

Gates said he has not released the full details of the settlement because attorneys representing the city in the pending, larger oil spill lawsuit advised him against it.

"It was my judgment that doing so would compromise the success of the city in that lawsuit," he said. "Under state law, I was not required to. There's an ex-

ception under the Public Records Act."

He reiterated that he would release the full settlement if a judge ordered him to do so.

"We're not hiding anything," Gates said. "We're trying to be careful and diligent toward the city. My job is to protect the best interests of the city, period."

Gates and Strickland both said that Code Four's Elliott did not donate to their 2022 election campaigns, though Code Four did produce a campaign event for the four eventual winning conservative City Council candidates prior to the election.

"I am a member of the State Bar of California," Gates said. "I could lose my entire livelihood over something like that."

But town hall attendees



Spencer Grant

HUNTINGTON BEACH City Atty. Michael Gates speaks Thursday night at the town hall meeting.

Bill Nees, who identified himself as a 79-year-old retired attorney and U.S. Marine Corps veteran, questioned the settlement. He said he saw no evidence that the show cost \$21 million to put on, if the loss of a day was worth up to \$7 million.

"A lot of information was shared during confidential settlement negotiations," Gates responded to Nees' comments. "I will say that their demands were on an order of magnitude much higher than it was settled for."

Resident Diane Bentley asked why the city wouldn't open the air show contract to a competitive bid.

"[Code Four has] done a remarkable job ... and why wouldn't we want to go with a company from Huntington Beach if we can?" Strickland replied.

Strickland, who has about three months left in his stint as mayor, said that saving the air show would be at the top of his list of accomplishments. According to the 2022 Pacific Airshow economic impact report conducted by Destination Analysts, the show

brought in a total direct economic impact of \$70.4 million spent by people coming from outside Surf City.

Carr, who was mayor in 2021, remains a party to the lawsuit, with the Pacific Airshow seeking unspecified damages and the city defending her.

An amended complaint submitted by Pacific Airshow lawyer Suoo Lee in late June alleges that Carr and former Interim Police Chief Julian Harvey halted the air show because of animosity toward Elliott and a "personal need for media attention, in furtherance of [Carr's] political career." Harvey is not named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

"If you read the amended complaint, it wasn't so much that [the air show] was canceled ... but how it was canceled," Gates said at the town hall.

Carr responded Thursday in a phone interview.

"My answer to him is that, oh, you saved the air show?" she said. "Well, we're not talking about that you saved the air show, but

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ADOPTION OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1692**
AMENDING LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 25.95 REGARDING REGULATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ONE- AND TWO-UNIT DEVELOPMENTS AND URBAN LOT SPLITS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 9
Adoption of Ordinance No. 1692 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 25.95 OF THE LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ONE- AND TWO-UNIT DEVELOPMENTS AND URBAN LOT SPLITS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 9 (SB 9)," was introduced at the City Council meeting of August 8, 2023, and adopted on August 22, 2023, on the following 5-0 vote: AYES: Orgill, Rounaghi, Weiss, Kempf, Whalen; NOES: None; ABSENT: None. Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF

ZONE 3 COLLECTORS PAVEMENT REHABILITATION
PHASE 1 (CIP NO. 22-9458)

N-1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids with online bid price submittal will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for furnishing all labor services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, utilities, and all other items and facilities necessary therefore, as provided in the contract documents for the ZONE 3 COLLECTORS PAVEMENT REHABILITATION - PHASE 1 (CIP PROJECT NO. 22-9458), together with appurtenances thereto, in accordance with the specifications on file at the Office of the City Engineer of the City of Laguna Beach, located at 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California.

N-2 DATE OF OPENING BIDS: Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-15, B-18 through B-26) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system in accordance with the instructions beginning on page B-16 no later than **2:00 p.m. on September 19, 2023**. No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.

N-3 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: In general, the work comprises of mobilization, clearing & grubbing, sawcut, removal and reconstruction of asphalt concrete (A.C.) pavement, Caltrans traffic loop replacements, weed killing and crack sealing, application of Type II slurry seal, traffic control, storm water pollution prevention, pavement striping and markings, utility adjustments, and other miscellaneous improvements as required to complete the contemplated scope of work in The Village neighborhood in the City of Laguna Beach.

N-4 AWARD OF CONTRACT: (a) The City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and reject all other bids, as it may best serve the interest of the City. (b) As a condition of award, the successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

N-5 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: All work is to be completed in a total of **30 (thirty)** working days excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be October 18, 2023. Slurry work to be completed by December 1, 2023. Liquidated damages shall be \$2,000 per calendar day.

N-6 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: The Contractor shall possess a valid Class A, General Engineering, or C-12, Earthwork and Paving Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Profession's Code.

N-7 WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations are available on the Internet at the World Wide Web site of the State Department of Industrial Relations at www.dir.ca.gov under Statistics and Research. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

N-8 RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS: The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the Contract Documents from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payments by the City, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

N-9 OBTAINING OR INSPECTING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents, in digital Adobe Acrobat (.PDF) format, are available at the City of Laguna Beach's website at <https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/do-business-here/rfps-bids>. Click on the "Click here to access the City of Laguna Beach PlanetBids portal". If you are not currently registered with the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the "New Vendor Registration" button and then complete the electronic supplier registration process, including selecting Category Code(s) describing the goods and/or services you provide, as well as entering your Contractors State License information. After registering your firm, click on the "Bid Opportunities" button to view and download the Bid Documents. Interested firms must be registered on the City's website and download the Bid Documents in order to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to download any and all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

N-10 REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

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Judge on sex case drops more charges

Prosecutors have 10 days to refile counts 'sufficiently' alleging charges against Dr. Grant Robicheau, Cerissa Riley.

BY PAUL ANDERSON

Prosecutors were dealt another legal setback this week in the case against a Newport Beach hand surgeon and his girlfriend when an Orange County Superior Court judge granted a motion to dismiss charges alleging they drugged a woman.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Michael Leversen, however, gave prosecutors with the Attorney General's Office 10 days to refile charges against Dr. Grant Robicheau, who turned 43 on Monday, and Cerissa Riley, 36.

Prosecutors said they intend to do so. During a hearing Monday, Leversen granted a demurrer motion that dismisses felony counts of poisoning and sale of phencyclidine against Robicheau and Riley, and a felony count of sale or transport of cocaine against Riley.

Robicheau still faces four misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance — psilocybin, Ecstasy, cocaine and GHB — as well as two felony counts of possession of an assault weapon. With the judge granting the demurrer, Riley no longer faces any charges. A demurrer is a legal move to dismiss charges based on an argument that there are not enough facts to support the allegations.

On July 7, Leversen gutted much of the case after a preliminary hearing, dismissing charges that the pair had drugged and assaulted two women.

Robicheau's attorney, Philip Cohen, argued Monday that the

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AROUND TOWN

Fundraiser for Julian's Lego Corner at CHOC underway

Sgt. Pepperoni's Pizza Store on Friday is kicking off its ninth annual fundraising cycle for Julian's Lego Corner, which pays for Lego sets for patients undergoing treatment at the Children's Hospital of Orange County. The fund was created in memory of Julian Dunn, who died in 2013 at the age of 9.

"All of us at Sgt. Pepperoni's are proud to support Julian's Lego Corner and CHOC during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month," said Sgt. Pepperoni's Pizza Store co-owner Jeff Roberts in a statement on Wednesday. "We are grateful and very humbled to stand beside Julian's parents, Andrea and Rich Dunn, who have shown so much strength and love. What started as a lemonade stand by our kids, has grown to become very near to our hearts."

Last year, Sgt. Pepperoni raised about \$55,000 and collected 125 Lego kits. This year's goal is \$65,000 and hopes for hundreds more Lego sets.

Readers can donate Lego sets, cash or by purchasing select items at Sgt. Pepperoni's Newport Beach, Aliso Viejo and Irvine locations throughout the month of September. All proceeds from the "Pizza of the Month,"

Grandpa's Pie and all house-made desserts will go directly to Julian's Lego Corner. Those locations are as follows:

- **Newport Beach**
2300 S.E. Bristol St. F
Newport Beach, CA 92660
- **Aliso Viejo**
26601 Aliso Creek Rd., Suite D
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
- **Irvine**
4533 Campus Drive
Irvine, CA 92612

O.C.'s first 2023 human West Nile virus infection identified

The Orange County Health Care Agency announced Monday that the first human West Nile virus infection this year was identified this year in a woman from Orange. County officials said she is asymptomatic and that the virus was discovered through a blood donation. As with most cases, it is unclear when or where she was bitten by a mosquito.

In 2022, about 11 people were infected with the virus, and two West Nile Virus related deaths were reported in the county.

"West Nile Virus is endemic in Orange County, recurring every year during the sum-

mer months and continuing into the fall," Dr. Matthew Zahn, deputy county health officer, said in a statement.

"The best way to avoid West Nile Virus infection is to take precautionary measures to avoid mosquito bites," Zahn said.

Newport Rib Co. supports Suicide Prevention Month

The Newport Rib Co. is fundraising for the Patrick's Purpose Foundation for the entire month of September, which is Suicide Prevention Month. The restaurant will be donating \$3 for select items ordered, which includes the Mindful Martini, deep fried zucchini, Patrick's Favorite Brownie Surprise and selected wines. The goal is to raise enough for two buddy benches to be placed in local schools.

"We are honored to partner with the ever-generous Newport Rib Co. to bring awareness of suicide prevention throughout September. Let's move the conversation around mental health forward, break down the stigma of talking about it, and prevent the tragedy of suicide," said Patrick's Purpose founder Kim Turner in a statement.

People can either dine in the restaurant or purchase takeout meals to help the cause.

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CONCERT

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classes and, in the process, develop a sense of pride in accomplishment, according to organizer Susan Condrey.

"It's not just something to do — it's so much more than that," she said of the curriculum offered to both paying students and those able to attend through scholarships. "It just allows people to be the best they can be or to do something they never thought of before."

Condrey serves as chairwoman for the Guilds of the Center, the fundraising arm of the nonprofit, as well as the guild's Sound of Music chapter, which directly supports Studio D and is hosting next Friday's concert.

She said Barber performed at a similar Studio D benefit concert in 2022 and enchanted audiences with her cabaret-style performance of her one-woman show, "Thank You for the Music."

"A lot of people attended and said, she's so great, when is she coming back?," Condrey recalled Thursday. "She sings and speaks about how music changed her life, helped her combat bullying and grew her to be the confident



STUDENTS OF Segerstrom Center for the Arts' Studio D perform in a Spring Show in 2022. A Sept. 8 benefit concert with singer Marleena Barber will feature a live performance by Studio D students.

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woman she is today."

A resident of Anaheim, Barber began her singing career at the age of 12, singing solo in a recorded children's chorus and singing TV jingles before enrolling in Whittier College, where she earned a degree in music performance, and later performing in a cover band Ray and the Idols.

Even as she performed in numerous theatrical and musical productions in the years that followed, Barber continued to foster connections with people of all abilities, directing a choir of blind and visually impaired students at Los Angeles' Braille In-

stitute for 11 years and serving as a disability advocate.

Today, Barber is the executive director of the Orange County Arts and Disability, a nonprofit that provides arts, education and cultural opportunities for, by and with people with disabilities.

In "Thank You for the Music," Barber tells the story of her life, struggles and accomplishments through spoken word and song, encouraging audiences to live their dreams despite the challenges they face.

The Sept. 8 benefit concert will feature a live performance by Studio D students and a raffle and silent auction with tickets to

see Gwen Stefani at the Honda Center on Sept. 9, a 14-ticket and suite package for the Jonas Brothers on Oct. 29 and admission to an Oct. 7 P!nk live in concert with Brandi Carlile at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, among others.

Admission costs \$100 to \$150 and includes a 6:30 p.m. reception with wine and light bites and a post-performance meet-and-greet with the cast. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For tickets, visit scfta.org/events/2023/a-million-dreams.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS:
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For Bid Number: FVSD 23-02
Bid Deadline:
 1:00 pm October 5, 2023
Place of Bid:
 Fountain Valley School District
 17330 Mt. Herrmann St
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NOTICE IS HERENY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Fountain Valley School District of Orange County, California will receive bids up to and including **1:00p.m. on October 5, 2023**. At this time, date, and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for Bid No. FVSD 23-02 Fencing & Gate Upgrades at Courreges, Cox, Newland, and Talbert Schools as indicated in the bid specifications. A **Job Site Walk** has been scheduled for **September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** at Talbert Middle School 9101 Brabham Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92646 All bids shall be submitted only on the forms supplied by the School District as part of the bid package. Bid documents available @ <https://www.fvsd.us/apps/pages/Facilities>. All Firms submitting a proposal to this project must be prequalified with the District pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6 (b)-(m) without exception prior to submitting a proposal. Any Firm that submits a proposal and is not prequalified will be deemed non-responsive and that Firm's proposal will be rejected and returned to the Firm unopened. The **FVSD prequalification process** is web based. Information can be found at www.qualitybidders.com. Prequalification documents must be submitted prior to **September 21, 2023**. The Board of Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity therein. The right is also reserved by the Board of Trustees to select items and/or scope of work which in their opinion will best serve the needs of the District. All bidders must be properly licensed at bid time and during the entire project per Public Contract Code Section 3300 and Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15. Dated this August 29, 2023. Joe Hastie, Director - Maintenance Director Published: Daily Pilot Newport Beach/Costa Mesa September 1, 2023 and September 8, 2023.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA P. HART

Case No. 30-2023-01343630-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 BARBARA P. HART
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Karen E. Mercier in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Karen E. Mercier 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 Oct. 4, 2023 at 1:30 PM in Dept. No. CM05 located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA CA 92626.

The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.

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 a 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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BSC 223877 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: John W. Fitzgibbon aka John William Fitzgibbon aka Jack Fitzgibbon aka John Fitzgibbon 30-2023-01343779-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: **John W. Fitzgibbon aka John William Fitzgibbon aka Jack Fitzgibbon aka John Fitzgibbon.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Pamela Fitzgibbon** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Pamela Fitzgibbon** 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 **Oct 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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BSC 223894 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID JOE MURO aka DAVID J. MURO aka DAVID MURO aka DAVID JOE MURO, SR. aka DAVID J. MURO, SR. 30-2023-01344812-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: **DAVID JOE MURO aka DAVID J. MURO aka DAVID MURO aka DAVID JOE MURO, SR. aka DAVID J. MURO, SR.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **ANTHONY RYAN MURO** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **ANTHONY RYAN MURO** 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 **August 19, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California and virtual locations on **Monday, September 11, 2023** at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:
Application No.: PA-22-30
Applicant/Agent: David Davutoglu/BuildGroup Properties
Site Address: 1711-1719 Pomona Avenue
Zone: General Industrial (MG)

Description: Planning Application 22-30 is a request for a Master Plan and Tentative Tract Map (NO.19244) for a proposed eight unit live/work residential development. The project proposes to demolish the existing industrial development, and to construct eight new live/work units with attached garages and open parking spaces. Each unit will be three floors (plus a roof deck) and will be 42 feet in height. In addition, the project proposes a variety of site improvements including new hardscape and landscaping.

Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (Class 32), In-Fill Development.

Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Members of the public may submit comments via email to PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov. Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing via email or submitted to the Planning Department on a flash drive, or mailed to the Planning Department. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted. A direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov, or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) Case Number (Numero del Caso): 23NWCV01610

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
 Wei Xu, an individual; Trans Pacific Group Inc., a Florida corporation; Yanping Li, an individual, and DOES 1-20, inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
 China Auto Parts, a Chinese Company

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web Site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
 Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles
 12720 Norwalk Blvd.
 Norwalk, CA 90650

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
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Date: (Fecha) 5/30/2023

David W, Slayton Clerk (Secretario)
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A COUPLE TAKE in the view of a sailboat and ocean from Inspiration Point in Corona Del Mar on Thursday.

CASES

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said in a video briefing last week. "That means we're moving toward COVID-19 being a more manageable illness with less severe illness."

But those unvaccinated continue to face the greatest threat of severe illness, which grows riskier in older age groups and in those who have not yet experienced an infection. Underlying health conditions also play a major factor, and the

risk of developing long COVID remains persistent.

Subvariants of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus lead the infections in Orange County, and health officials are now on the lookout for another subvariant, BA.2.86, which scientists are calling Pirola. Few cases have been identified in the U.S. so far, but there are concerns it may be more capable of causing infection in those who have already had COVID-19.

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Spencer Grant

BILL NEES addresses the panel during Thursday's mayor's town hall meeting in Huntington Beach.

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how you saved the air show, which is that you settled a frivolous lawsuit to pay off your political ally, friend and donor ... [Gates] should have recused himself from the get-go on this.

"Again, this is a frivolous lawsuit. I have no doubt that we will be victorious on this. It's really sad now that the air show has this cloud over it, because it really is something to be celebrated. There's numerous videos of me promoting the air show prior to the

oil spill."

Carr added that she was a fan of Elliott at the time and hoped that year's air show would be successful, especially since it had to be canceled due to the pandemic in the previous year of 2020.

"This was the first time that we were actually going to be able to get together and celebrate," she said. "I was totally looking forward to this. Any kind of idea that Julian Harvey and I had some sort of personal vendetta against Kevin [Elliott] is absolutely false."

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CHARGES

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statute of limitations precludes prosecutors from pursuing remaining charges.

"The statute has run and [the new case] can't be attached to something that no longer" exists, Cohen argued.

Deputy Attorney General James Toohey argued, however, that prosecutors met the three-year deadline for filing the case. The dispute is about when the clock began ticking on prosecuting the filed case, which dates back to 2018.

In issuing his decision, the judge said, "The real question I have in front of me is counts one through three and whether they're sufficiently alleged, and they're not. The demurrer is sustained. But I'll give you leave to amend and that has to be done in 10 days."

Deputy Attorney General Namita Patel told Leversen, "Yes, your honor, we intend to file an amended information."

The attorneys will return to court Sept. 25 to consider another expected demurrer from defense attorneys.

The embattled case sparked headlines when it was filed, with then-Orange County Dist. Atty. Tony Rackauckas touting allegations that the reality TV personality Robicheaux

and his girlfriend lured women they met at Newport Beach bars, drugged their drinks and sexually assaulted the victims.

It turned into a political football when current Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer was running to unseat Rackauckas, and Spitzer criticized his predecessor's handling of the case.

Spitzer as a candidate questioned why Rackauckas waited as long as he did to file charges. After ordering a review of the case when he was elected the county's top prosecutor, Spitzer moved to drop the case. But when one of the alleged victims objected in court, that move was denied, and Spitzer's office was eventually thrown off the case.

After the Attorney General's Office took over, the case was pared down. What began as a case that included a total of 13 accusers was eventually boiled down to two victims.

One of the judges involved in the case recused himself because he foresaw a potential conflict of interest. Another judge backed out of the case when his temperament was questioned by defense attorneys, and another judge died while overseeing it.

The defense attorneys failed in earlier attempts to have the case dismissed based on arguments of outrageous governmental conduct and defects in an original search warrant.

Patel indicated in court Monday that prosecutors are discussing a possible settlement with defense attorneys.

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STAND

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in 2015, Arciniaga had also picked up work in the mortgage industry to help navigate through the light foot-traffic winters of a beach town. The timing of the decision comes in advance of another upcoming off season.

"I've worked for various mortgage companies because I had to because the Stand cannot cover the expenses in the winter," Arciniaga said. "You go into debt in the winter. ... Laguna, it's a tourist town, and for a business like us, we depend on the tourists and the locals."

As the end nears, Arciniaga has thought back to how it all began. As a freshman at Laguna Beach High, she wanted to go to the Sadie Hawkins dance and needed some money to pay for the outing. Alfredo Arciniaga, her father and a plein air painter who exhibited at the Festival of Arts and the Sawdust Festival, suggested she see if the Stand was hiring to make her dream come true.

Arciniaga, 1982 graduate of Laguna Beach High, got a job after demonstrating to Brancard's then-girlfriend, Cindy Constantine, that she could cut carrots.

"Whenever I was in Laguna Beach, I would always come to the Stand," Arciniaga said. "I feel like that's what everybody does. If you're anywhere near Laguna and you've eaten here before, something just draws you back. Even when you walk up, you smell the smells of the Stand. ... We get people all the time that are like, 'I came here 10 years ago,' ... 'I came here 30 years ago.' It's just that kind of place."

And what did people come back for? Arciniaga suspects it's the romanticized model of making their offerings from scratch, an old-school style she likened to "the way your grandma used to" get things done in the kitchen. That has included fresh-squeezed apple and orange



Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer

THE STAND Natural Foods opened for business in Laguna Beach in 1975. The eatery is closing after 48 years in business in Laguna Beach.

juices and nut milk made in house. The soft-serve was made exclusively from fruit. Arciniaga condensed the menu, but added acai bowls during her time in charge.

The Stand provided a first job to many community teenagers, including Arciniaga and Leslie Lance, a former manager of the eatery. The interior of the Stand almost demanded that its team members form close bonds, the intimate kitchen and narrow hallway leading back to the refrigerator affording little chance to take a break from each other throughout the shift.

A 1983 graduate of Laguna Beach High, Lance worked weekends at the

Stand with Arciniaga when she was in school, before returning later under the latter's leadership.

"It was a great experience for me," said Lance, who added that the Stand was a place where its workers learned necessary life skills. "Those girls took me under their wing when I was that young and just nurtured me."

Looking back, Lance recalled Laguna Beach as a place that was home to artists, hippies and surfers. The Stand became a local landmark to a loyal base.

"I want to say that the hippies really kind of were the stronghold for the base," Lance said. "Obviously, you need a strong base of your community

for any restaurant or business to grow and continue flourishing. I know that over the years, back in the 1990s, that's when the tapestry kind of changed here in Laguna."

Arciniaga has left a goodbye message for fans of the Stand on its Instagram page. It includes a video of her with Brancard after she bought the business.

"Thank you to everyone that has supported us during the last 48 years," the post said. "It has been a groovy and amazing time! As heartbreaking as saying goodbye is, we are so grateful for all of the wonderful memories."

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A DESIGN for the Stand Natural Foods is displayed in a window of the business on Wednesday.

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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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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				7		2		
9	5					3		
		8		1	4		2	
1				5				6
	4		7	9	6	1		
		4				5	1	
		3		6				
		6		7				

For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A2.

- 62 Walk into
63 Periods of time
- DOWN**
- 1 Adorable
 - 2 Son of Adam
 - 3 Retirees
 - 4 Pausing syllables
 - 5 _ Amos cookies
 - 6 Representative

- 25 In the _; abed
 - 26 Clothing fastener
 - 27 Crme de _; sweet liqueur
 - 28 Hamm & Farrow
 - 29 Stubborn
 - 30 Straighten
 - 32 Assassinate
 - 33 _ person; apiece
 - 35 Guitar ridge
 - 37 " _ there, done that"
 - 38 Gas or coal
 - 40 Trim branches
 - 41 Wrestling match
 - 43 Refracting crystals
 - 44 Jeopardy
 - 46 Good judgment
 - 47 Run-in
 - 48 Well-_; prosperous
 - 49 As strong _ ox
 - 50 Grime
 - 52 _-bodied; robust
 - 53 Gifts for kids
 - 55 "Ain't _ Sweet"
 - 56 Close relation
 - 57 Hawaii's Mauna _
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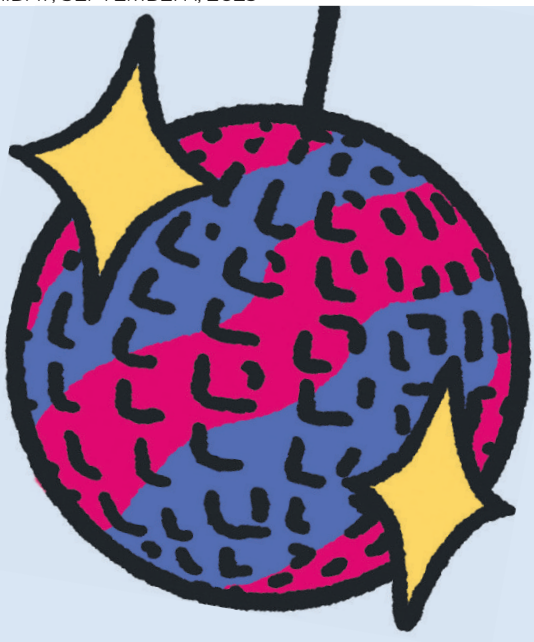
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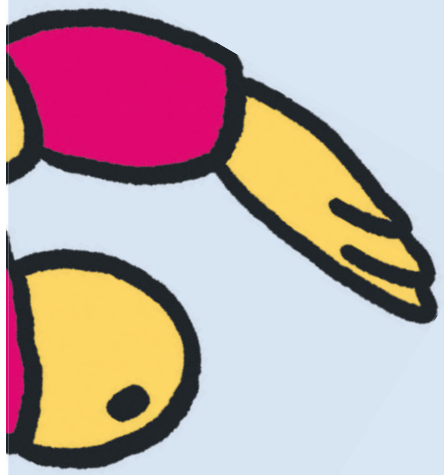


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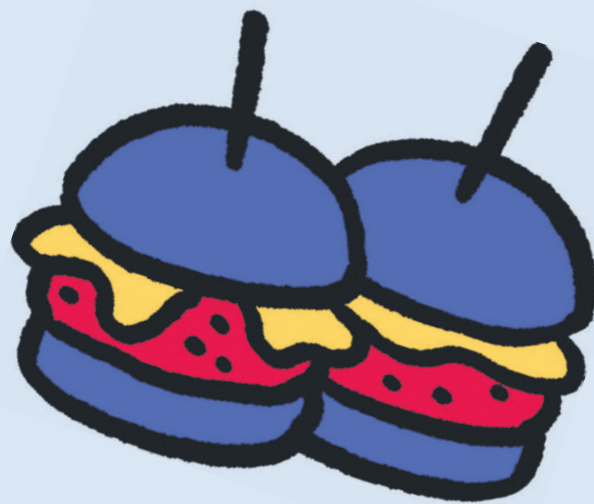
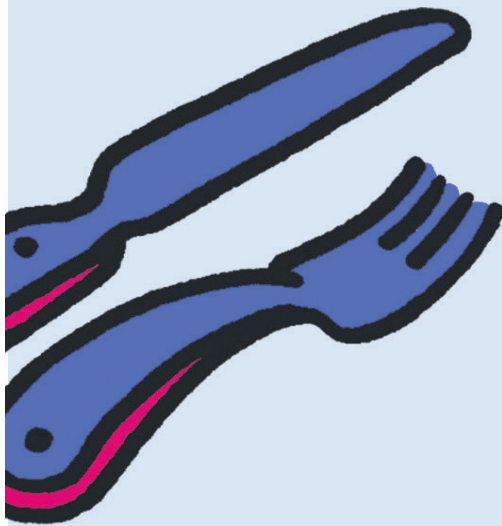
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