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**MICROJET PILOT** Torrey Ward stands next to his SubSonex JSX-2 micro jet during a press conference for the Pacific Airshow on Thursday.

# Pacific Airshow set to zoom back into Surf City

Three-day show begins today, as the sting over a controversial lawsuit settlement has some residents sitting it out.

#### BY MATT SZABO

Kevin Elliott's son is now 20 months old, and Elliott was quick to pull up pictures on his phone Thursday morning at a Pacific Airshow press event held at Lyon Air Museum in Santa Ana.

The name of Elliott's son is no surprise to anyone who knows him well: Jett.

"Future air show owner," said Huntington Beach Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, smiling to the toddler's dad.

Elliott, the Pacific Airshow executive director, has always loved aviation. Growing up in the area, he would build and fly remote control airplanes with his own father in the garage and remembers spending plenty of afternoons flying gliders at Fairview

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**PACIFIC AIRSHOW** executive director Kevin Elliott, at podium, is flanked by Huntington Beach Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, microjet pilot Torrey Ward and T-33 pilot Greg Colyer, from left, during a press conference Thursday at Lyon Air Museum. The three-day air show opens today.

# F.V. City Council reverses course on raise

Two members change their votes on increasing member's monthly compensation to \$1,200, which passed on Sept. 3.

#### BY ANDREW TURNER

A month after the Fountain Valley City Council appeared poised to raise its monthly stipend to \$1,200 per month, the balance of the council rejected the pay increase during the second reading of the ordinance on Tuesday night.

Mayor Glenn Grandis and Vice Mayor Ted Bui, both of whom are up for reelection in November, joined Councilman Jim Cunneen in voting against the pay bump, which would have marked an increase of 140% from the current stipend of \$500.

Several votes have been taken on the matter by the council members. The panel passed on giving itself a raise 16 months ago, with Grandis, Bui and Cunneen casting the deciding votes in a 3-2 decision.

Grandis, who has repeatedly said he donates all of his earnings from serving on the council to autism charities, and Bui opened the door to a potential compensation increase by voting in the affirmative on Sept. 3.

Bui had suggested that the

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## Costa Mesa a wing-beat away from legalizing beekeeping at home

#### BY SARA CARDINE

Honeybees buzzing about backyards in Orange County have no idea or care where mankind has elected to draw lines demarcating one city from another, but for humans wishing to keep bees on their properties, such details are vital.

While many cities permit residential beekeeping, including

Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach, Fullerton, Santa Ana and Irvine, other cities, like Costa Mesa, have historically made such practices illegal.

But plans for change are on the wing, as the Costa Mesa City Council Tuesday lent initial support to an ordinance that would allow residents to keep and main-

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File Photo

**BALLOT DROP** boxes will be available around Orange County for the Nov. 5 general election.

# Over 1.8 million vote-by-mail ballots ship out across O.C.

#### BY ERIC LICAS

Almost two million mail-in ballots loaded onto U.S. Postal Service trucks this weekend will reach local voters on Monday, and the Orange County Registrar of Voters, Bob Page, is confident he and 1,900 election season workers are ready to conduct an accurate and fair count.

According to data from the Registrar's office, more than 1.8 million registered voters in Orange County are being asked to

decide the race for the offices of president and vice-president as well as 170 other contests. Ten statewide initiatives and 30 local initiatives are also on this year's

The county will open 123 ballot boxes across the region Monday where voters can drop off their ballots through Nov. 5. Their specific locations can be found on the Registrar's website, ocvote.gov. Select locations will

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# South Coast Rep opens its season with musical comedy 'Little Shop of Horrors'

#### BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

South Coast Repertory in Costa Mesa opened its 2024-25 season with the cult classic "Little Shop of Horrors" the weekend of Sept. 21, and it's the first time the theater has produced the popular musical creature feature. Jenn Thompson directs the cult classic about a mean green plant monster from outer space, with showings just in time for the spooky season.

"I do think it is the perfect bite of a musical. It is equal measure funny, scary, thrilling, sexy, dangerous, all of those things," said Thompson said in a statement. "The scale of it is perfect. It's accessible, it's relatable."

Most fans are familiar with the 1986 film of the same name that stars Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and Steve Martin, but the seeds for "Little Shop of Horrors" were planted long before the success of director Frank Oz's film.

Its first iteration was as a campy 1960s horror film directed by Roger Corman, which inspired an off-Broadway version written by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken in 1982 and led to the 1986 film adaptation.

The musical follows two coworkers at Mushnik's flower shop on Skid Row; nerdy plant enthusiast Seymour and the lovely Audrey secretly pine for each other, though the latter is tied up in a relationship with a sadistic dentist. Seymour discovers a strange plant in the shop that promises to help him win Audrey's affections as long as he quells the plant's thirst for human blood

for human blood.

The music takes cues from du-wop and Motown and remains a favorite today.

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Robert Huskey

**SOUTH COAST** Repertory presents the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" on the Segerstrom Stage Sept. 21 through Oct. 20.

# Motorist arrested after cyclist killed in hit-and-run DUI

BY SARA CARDINE

Huntington Beach police Monday arrested a 68-yearold Orange resident on suspicion of second-degree murder and DUI, after he allegedly struck and killed a bicyclist near the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Glencoe Drive, officials reported.

The incident took place

after midnight, when first responders were called to the scene and found the bicyclist, a 51-year-old woman, unresponsive, according to a Huntington Beach Police Department release issued Monday.

She was transported to a local hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries. Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Matthew Parrish on Monday said officials with the Orange County coroner's office had identified the woman Kristin Bellovich, whose city of residence was unknown.

The driver of the gray 2023 Ford Bronco that reportedly struck the bicyclist fled the scene following the crash but was later found by police, the release indicated.

The driver of that vehicle, Elias Madriz Gutierrez, was arrested just before 1 a.m. and booked on charges of DUI causing bodily injury, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and a hit-andrun resulting in death or injury, according to HBPD's online arrest log.

Gutierrez is currently being held in an Orange County jail. He was previously convicted on two misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence in 2018, stemming from an incident that occurred on Feb. 18 of that year, and was sentenced to three years' probation, Orange County Superior Court records indicate.

Investigation into the crash is being handled by Huntington Beach Police's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is encouraged to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator Vishal Rattanchandani at (714) 536-5231.

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#### **AIRSHOW**

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Park in Costa Mesa.

He and his company, Code Four, have built the Pacific Airshow into one of the biggest air shows in the world. The eighth edition of the three-day event, which has also been held in Australia the last two years, hits the beach in Surf City beginning Friday. It will again feature favorites like the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team.

Officials said an estimated 700,000 people attended last year. But the reaction among locals has been decidedly mixed.

Some have said the air show now feels political after, in May 2023, the city settled a lawsuit with Pacific Airshow LLC for up to \$7 million. Elliott had sued the city and then-Mayor Kim Carr after the third day of the 2021 air show was canceled due to an oil spill. Carr has said publicly multiple times that she did not cancel the air show and in fact did not have the authority to do so.

"Obviously, the settlement and all of that was hard fought on both sides," Elliott said Thursday in an interview with the Daily Pilot. "People can have their opinions about it. I know what my opinion is, and that is that we were financially completely devastated by that situation and that the city breached the permit, and a bunch of other things that I'm really not able to talk about because of the confidentiality."

The full settlement was ordered to be disclosed by an Orange County Superior Court judge in July, after Ocean View School District clerk Gina Clayton-Tarvin won a lawsuit demanding it be



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**ACTORS PLAYING** Iceman and Maverick from the movie "Top Gun" are welcomed during a press conference opening the Pacific Airshow, which starts Friday in Huntington Beach.

unsealed by City Atty. Michael

After the full settlement was released, Clayton-Tarvin called it "a shameless giveaway to air show operator Kevin Elliott."

There is currently no long-term contract between the city and Pacific Airshow LLC, though the settlement includes potential terms and conditions that could be used for such a deal.

"I never wanted it to go down that way," Elliott said of his law-suit Thursday. "Who wants to have to be a position to have to sue their hometown? Not me. That's the last thing I ever wanted to do. To the extent that the event has become political, it's really unfortunate. It's not what I wanted. You know as well as everybody, I was friendly with all of the politicians regardless of their political affiliation until that oil spill happened. Then it sort of pitted folks against each other, to a degree.'

Elliott said tickets are selling better than ever, but there is certainly a local contingent that now refuses to support the air show and the negative aspects they believe it represents.

As a 23-year retired veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, Tamantha Bowman seems like a good candidate to enjoy the show. But the Huntington Beach resident said she will be doing more mundane

things like cleaning her garage this weekend, before she leaves town on Sunday.

"It feels dirty to me," Bowman said. "To be honest, even last year we weren't really for it. It's just really sad ... Kevin Elliott has done some things in poor taste, I feel like. As a businessperson and someone that lives here in Huntington Beach, him making fun of the settlement, from what I've seen, it's not really cool."

In June, Elliott posted a picture of himself on Facebook forums with digital sunglasses and a gold chain, as well as smoking something. The words "Airshow Life" are written above him.

The post reads, in part, that El-

liott was "toying with a new look for [Surf City Sentinel page owner] Mark Bixby and his pack of sycophants. Do you think Gina Clayton-Tarvin will still try to date me? I'm happily married so NOT INTERESTED."

"That probably was very counter-productive," Elliott ad-mitted Thursday. "I should be smarter, but I had it up to here and I was trolling them ... They posted pictures of my children

Lifelong Huntington Beach resident Christine Mulholland said she worries about the effects of the loud jets for pets and elders, as well as wildlife in the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

She said the air show would be better as a one-day event and that she is not too outspoken about her views in her hometown.

"They want to shame you immediately and put you in the 'Karen' box, not caring about being patriotic," Mulholland said. "How does an air show have anything to do with if I'm patriotic? It's so much more nuanced than that."

Darby Ziegler, by contrast, looks forward to the Pacific Airshow's arrival each fall. She has been working part time for the last five years as a concierge at the Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton

Ziegler, who lives in Huntington Beach, said most of the people who get the oceanfront suites will book their room for next year when they check out on Sunday, so they can get the same experi-

"At our hotel, people are renting out the oceanfront cabanas for like \$3,000 or \$4,000," Ziegler said. "Those all include a 20%

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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, October 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:

Application No.: PODA-24-0001 and PMCP-24-0008 **Applicant/Agent**: Tyler Hertzske / Roland Barrera Site Address: 814 West 19th Street **Zone**: C1 (Local Business District)

Description: A "call to review" for the Zoning Administrator approval of an outdoor dining permit and associated construction of a new outdoor patio structure, expanding the hours of operation for service of alcoholic beverages, and to allow for live entertainment at an existing food and beverage establishment ("Westend"). The purpose of the "call for review" is for the Planning Commission to consider "adequate parking for both the applicant and the surrounding businesses"

Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3), New Construction and Conversion of Small

Additional Information: For more information, call 754-5245, 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

https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx. Members of the public may submit comments via  $email \quad to \quad \underline{PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov}.$ 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash CubeSmart Management, LLC 2892 Kelvin Ave. Irvine, CA 92614 to satisfy a lien on October 24, 2024 at approx. 2:00P.M. at www.storagetreasures.com: Carolina Vargas, Daniel Byun, Navid Nazar, Sarah Kim. Jay Klester, Pariza Gholamzadeh, Natalie Mcelhany, Erwin Santa Ana, Benjamin C. Diamond

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**Application No.:** PA-23-07 Applicant/Agent: Gregg Ramirez / Playa Mesa Property LLC

Site Address: 428 East 17th Street Zone: Local Business (C-1)

Description: Conditional Use Permit (PA-23-07) for valet services at Playa Mesa Restaurant located at 428 East 17th Street. Environmental Determination: The project is

categorically exempt from the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities. Additional Information: For more information, call 754-5245, planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday

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By Stella Zawistowski

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service charge, and guess who that goes to? The kids that are working. I know the owners of a lot of restaurants, and they've got their tables booked. I've got a table at BLK, they are sold out. They would never be sold out Friday, Saturday and Sunday at that restaurant, you know?

"I know people get all mad because the lot gets shut down and parking [costs] more. That money, I get it, it goes to the city coffers, but I look at all of these people that I know who are trying to run businesses and how much money it brings to them."

Ziegler said she was at the same BLK Earth Sea Spirits restaurant, located in Pierside Pavilion, during the air show's first year. She was sitting next to a group of Japanese people who spoke no English — that is, until the Air Force Thunderbirds showed up.

"They all started, in English, singing the theme song from 'Top Ziegler recalled with a laugh. "I mean, [the air show] inspires patriotism, in my opinion."

Torrey "Superman" Ward, from Van Nuys, is one of the civilian pilots flying in this year's event. Ward, who has been a pilot for 42 years, is flying at the Pacific Airshow for the first time in a Sub-Sonex JSX-2 microjet that weighs in at just 490 pounds.

"I am humbled to be at this air show," Ward said. "It's over water, and it's not a common environment for air show pilots to fly over water, so it's super-exciting.'

Elliott is also looking forward to a good weekend, despite the controversy, especially if the pesky fog at the beach clears out each day. New features include short takeoff and landing (STOL) planes that will land on the beach during the show, allowing spectators to sit in and interact with the pilots.

"We're just trying to move this event forward," he said. "We're



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**MEMBERS OF** the Huntington Beach Fire and Marine departments listen to pilot Mark Foster as he talks about the parked B-25 behind him in preparation for the Pacific Airshow.

going to move past the baggage, and it may take a little bit of time. Hopefully time will heal these wounds, and people will realize that this is really a community event ... The air show should be

for everyone. This isn't an event for half the community, it's an event for everybody."

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#### BEEKEEPING

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tain beehives under certain conditions and with a city-issued permit.

Presented by Costa Mesa Police Lt. Stephanie Selinske, who manages the city's Animal Services Unit, a proposal was put together with input from members of an advisory Animal Services Committee, who presented their own recommendations to the council in May 2023.

Tuesday's draft law included several restrictions and requirements, such as limiting residential beekeeping to single-family lots larger than 3,000 square feet, requiring would-be apiarists to obtain permission from their adjacent neighbors and mandating them to post warning signs indicating the presence of active

"It would be something to alert any city workers, Amazon drivers or anybody else coming on your property that you're keeping bees," Selinske said of the signage. "If you do have an allergy that could be lethal, it would at least be a warning."

The initial iteration of the ordinance also mandated home beekeepers to register with the county Agricultural Commissioner office and provide proof they had attended a beginners

beekeeping course from a reputable institution. They would also be required to pay a \$150 fee as part of a permitting process that would include review and home inspections by city staff.

Once obtained, the permit would be good for two years, at which time a beekeeper would have to essentially start the process all over again. Selinske said the law and its tenets were intended to ensure the safety of hive tenders and neighbors alike.

But several in the local beekeeping community, including professional rescuers and hive relocators with decades of experience, took a different view of the draft legislation when addressing the council in public comments.

They said warning signs would only make bee-friendly homeowners targets of harassment from those who feared the insects and maintained too-restrictive laws would simply inspire the continuance of unpermitted bee-

"It's going to basically make it impossible to get a permit, and if you were to get a permit it would be so restrictive it would be difficult to continue beekeeping in your city" said Sean Crowley, a commercial beekeeper who's taught hundreds of students and authored best practices manuals adopted by Fullerton, Irvine and Santa Ana.

"As a long-term beekeeper I

would not be able to qualify, because I've never taken a beginners beekeeping class, yet I teach them up through an advanced

Several bee enthusiasts urged the council to loosen up the ordinance to make it more user friendly and to encourage people to become educated about bees and the vital role they play as pollinators of flower and food crops, rather than stoking fears of

"This ordinance has been on the books for three years in January, and I'd love to see it pass soon," said Costa Mesa resident Alberta Mirisciotti, who runs Hey Honey, a licensed bee rescue and relocation business. "We know many people who do go underground, but I won't do that. I don't feel I should have to do that in my city."

Council members sided with speakers, supporting a motion from Councilman Loren Gameros to remove requirements mandating proof of education, neighbor notification and all zoning and size restrictions in Selinske's draft ordinance.

"I don't think we should require someone to attend a beekeeping course — I don't think someone is going to start willy nilly dropping bees in their backyards if they don't know what they're doing," he said. "I don't think anyone is going to try and drop a beehive in their apartment living room or their balcony. If you have a smaller house, and you have a backyard, you should be able to

Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds recommended adding language that would give anyone with currently illegal hives six months to comply and create a similar window for non-compliant people to come up to speed with the new

"I want to be sensitive to the scenario that folks may not be aware, immediately upon enacting an ordinance, that we have one," she said.

While some officials balked slightly at removing nearly all the guardrails from the original version of the law, they agreed the language could be refined when the ordinance returns to the council for a second reading.

Mayor John Stephens said he would not vote for the law unless it provided police and city staff the authority to deny a permit if they deemed it presented a medical threat to any resident.

"I don't think we should kid ourselves, there are people who are allergic to bees and could die if they get stung," he said. "If there is a legitimate health issue of a neighboring property, there shouldn't be bees, period.'

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#### **MUSICAL**

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"'Little Shop of Horrors' continues to feel invigorating, fresh and totally entertaining. I'm inspired by the musical's strong dramaturgy, it's dark and hilarious obsession with the cost of fame, and it's infectious and delightful score," South Coast Repertory artistic director David Ivers said in a statement. "Those components, in harmony with a terrific cast and creative team, make it a not-to-miss opener of our 61st season."

The show, which runs through Oct. 20, has an additional matinee performance scheduled on the final day of its run due to popular demand. There are also several special events planned, including post-show discussions with members of the cast on Oct. 10 and Oct. 18.

Tomorrow, "Inside the Season," hosted by South Coast Repertory's literary staff, shares in-depth interviews with cast members and artists from the production from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (tickets are \$14).

In September, South Coast Repertory partnered with Santa Ana's Frida Cinema for a screening of a special director's cut of the 1986 "Little Shop of Horrors" movie.

The musical production at South Coast Repertory features Emerson Boatwright as Seymour, Michelle Veintimilla as Audrey and Derek Manson as Dr. Orin Scrivello, the role played by Martin in the 1986 film. Thompson has experience directing classics, comedies and musicals and as a New York-based director she said has one other characteristic that makes her the right person to helm this production.

"I'm from the Lower East Side, so I feel at home on Skid Row."

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#### **IF YOU GO**

Tickets for "Little Shop of Horrors" range in price from \$40 to \$121 at the South Coast Repertory box office or at scfta.org.



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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Marcia Elizabeth Sparks.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Mary Elizabeth Sparks in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Mary Elizabeth Sparks be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

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 Nov 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08 located at: 3390 HARBOR BVLD. 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

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classified T.S. No. 124513-CA APN: 157-381-19 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/28/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 11/7/2024 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 1/6/2016 as Instrument No. 2016000003506 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Orange County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: SANDRA JEAN HARMON, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE SANDRA JEAN HARMON REVOCABLE TRUST DATED APRIL 14, 2010 AND SANDRA JEAN HARMON WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; ON THE FRONT STEPS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE ORANGE CIVIC CENTER, 300 E. CHAPMAN, ORANGE, CA 92866 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 19 OF TRACT 2699, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 84 PAGES 29 AND 30 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPT THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBONS, BELOW A DEPTH OF 500 FEET, WITHOUT THE RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY, AS RESERVED IN INSTRUMENTS OF RECORD. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 18101 WHARTON LN. HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92646-1556 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$21,440.73 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 124513-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 124513-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or

"eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real

estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to

purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333

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BSC 225668

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: **Robin Tompkins** 30-2024-01419393-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: Robin Tompkins. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by

**Roxanna Livermore** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kimberly Troup be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

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

October 24, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07 located at: 3390 HARBOR BVLD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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Attorney for the Petitioner: PEILIN NGO, ESQ. & DEBORAH COEL, ESQ NGO LEGAL GROUP 4255 CAMPUS DR., STE A10O, 5582 IRVINE, CA 92616 Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 10/3, 10/4 & 10/10/2024

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BSC 225787 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SHELDON POWELL RILEY, aka SHELDON RILEY

30-2024-01426088-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: SHELDON POWELL RILEY, aka SHELDON RILEY A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LAUREN SIGNOL in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LAUREN SIGNOL 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.

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Attorney for the Petitioner: CYNTHIA V. ROEHL, ESQ & KATHERINE F. BIADASZ KHAMIS, ESQ ROEHL LAW GROUP, P.C. 25910 ACERO, STE 150 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH** 

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS** 

Sealed bids shall be submitted electronically via PlanetBids to office of the City Clerk, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 Before 10:00 AM on the 24th day

of October 2024,

at which time such bids shall be opened and

read for

WATER WELL REHABILITATION TAMURA SHALLOW, DOLPHIN SHALLOW, AND DOLPHIN **DEEP** 

Contract No. 9598-2

\$2,650,000 **Engineer's Estimate** 



Approved by **Deputy PWD/City Engineer** 

Prospective bidders may obtain Bid Documents, Project Specifications and Plans via PlanetBids:

http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm? CompanyID=22078 MANDATORY PRE-BID SITE WALK:

A mandatory job walk will be conducted for this project on October 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM, located at 9649 Dolphin Ave., Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Contractor License Classification(s) required for this project: "C-57" Water Well Drilling
For further information, call Ben Davis, <u>Project</u> Manager at (949) 644-3317

BID INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE https://www.newportbeachca.gov/ government/data-hub/online-services/bidsrfps-vendor-registration

NOTICE:

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.

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER **ESTATE OF: EDGAR H. BARBER** CASE NO. 30-2023-01358281-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 EDGAR H.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRETT BARBER in the Superior Court of California, County

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRETT BARBER 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 in this court as follows: 10/16/24 at 1:30PM in Dept. CM08 located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA, CA

NOTICE IN PROBATE CASES

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Attorney for Petitioner JOSHUA M. SEARCY - SBN 273932 835 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 201 SAN DIEGO CA 92101 Telephone (619) 316-4871 10/4, 10/5, 10/11/24

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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, October 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:

**Application No.:** PMAP-24-0003 Applicant/Agent: City of Costa Mesa / PBK

Site Address: 800 Baker Street

Zone: I&R (Institutional and Recreational) Description: Master Plan (PMAP-24-0003) with Minor Conditional Use Permit to allow the development of a new Costa Mesa Fire Station No. 2 consisting of a new 8,360-square-foot fire station with a double-deep apparatus bay and administrative, storage, and living areas. Additional site improvements include a new drive aisle, two visitor parking spaces, and bike rack at the front of the property; a new covered crew parking area in the rear parking lot; new perimeter walls, new landscaping, and new utility connections. Accessory structures including a hose tower, generator, and fuel tank will be relocated. The development will be constructed in two phases and will include temporary crew quarters, apparatus bay, and storage to ensure that the facility remains operational during construction.

**Environmental Determination**: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2) "Replacement or Reconstruction."

Additional Information: For more information, call 754-5245, 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

 $\underline{https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx}.$ 

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  ${\color{red} {\rm NO}}$  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.

#### BSC 225788 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KARL DREWS -01425892-PR-

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Grace Margaret Carroll Drews in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Grace

Margaret Carroll Drews 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

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Attorney for the Petitioner: EDWARD ALLEBEST, ESO LAW OFFICES OF EDWARD F. ALLEBEST, INC. 15615 ALTON PARKWAY, STE 175

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Council meets in

**VALLEY** City

Chambers on

Tuesday. After a

vote to increase

council member

compensation to

\$1,200 per month

passed 4-1 on

Sept. 3, Mayor

Glenn Grandis

and Vice Mayor

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whom are seeking

reelection, flipped

their votes this

Andrew Turner

Council

#### **RAISE**

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county average of \$1,453 cited in the staff report would be fair. Grandis, at the time, had voiced agreement with council candidate Katy Wright that increasing the pay for council members might make a difference for some looking to serve on the dais in the future.

The panel heard arguments for and against the pay increase. By and large, those against the raise called council members public servants who should be good stewards of taxpay-

er money.
Alicia "Rudy" Huebner and Wright, the challengers running for council, were consistent in their position.

"I strongly encourage you to vote 'no' on this item, to remember that your calling is, as public servants, to serve the community,"

Huebner said. "I believe that the stipend that is currently in place is appropriate. Serving on City Council is not a full-time job. You all have careers. You're all making a living. This isn't a vehicle for self-enrichment."

Wright called on council members to look past how the public might view a pay increase, reasoning that it would make it possible for more people to consider running for office.

"It would be a sign of bravery, in my view, ... that you're bucking the system and bucking worrying about what the public's going to think of you," Wright said. "It's not all about you. A couple of you and a candidate are perfectly fine. They say they would do it for nothing, and that is noble, and that is wonderful, but most people can't do it for nothing. Most people aren't in that position. We want young people to be interested in government and to think about running.'

Councilwoman Constantine followed the public testimony with almost 17 minutes of uninterrupted advocacy for the council to consider taking its pay to \$1,600 per month, the maximum allowed under current state law for municipalities with a population between 50,000 and 75,000.

Fountain Valley council members do not receive benefits and have received a monthly stipend of \$500 dating back to at least 1997, according to Colin Burns, who serves as the city's legal counsel.

Constantine pointed to the various ways in which council members represent the city at the local, county and state levels, as well as at community events and meetings.

"As City Council members, we are not going



around Fountain Valley collecting bags of money and filling our bellies with free food," Constantine said. "It just doesn't happen. There are monetary gift limits, and we appropriately declare anything applicable on the Fair Political Practices Commission

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forms that are also available for public viewing at City Hall and on the city's web-

Constantine went on to say that the council would be "facilitating a challenge for a future City Council" by declining to raise its compensation to \$1,600 per month.

Grandis said he views serving on the council as a "volunteer job," adding moments before the vote that he had "no skin in the game, either way."

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#### **BALLOTS**

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open for in-person voting beginning Oct. 26, and the remainder are expected to go live by Nov. 2. They'll stay open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Election staff are constantly checking their rosters against data from the Postal Service, Secretary of State, Department of Corrections, the Orange County Health Care Agency other government sources, Page said during an online seminar Wednesday. His staff also use information from credit agencies and other third-party sources to help verify the identities and residences of

"This is something we are working on daily," Page said. "We actually average about 60,000 updates to voter registration records every month."

Only 1.59% of the voteby-mail ballots sent out by the Registrar ahead of the primary election in March were returned by post offices as undeliverable, Page said. In comparison, 4.23% of all first-class mail sent in the U.S. in 2023 was marked as such.

Concerned residents are welcome to keep an eye on officials as they tally votes at the Registrar's office, located at 1300 Grand Ave. in Santa Ana. The room where staff conduct the count has windows allowing people in an adjacent observation area to watch what they're doing. And the screens election officials look at as they verify signatures are mirrored to large monitors visible to members of the public.

The Registrar of Voters occasionally receives complaints of ballots allegedly sent to incorrect, duplicate, ineligible or even fictional persons and does investigate those claims, Page said. But to date, no significant allegations of fraud have been substantiated.

"What we find is we'll randomly select some names and find we've already made the update to the record," Page said.

About 85% of ballots processed by the Registrar's office are received by mail. Those must by postmarked by Nov. 5.

A growing number of ballots wind up getting delivered to the Registrar's office



district attorney's office," Page said. "They have in-

vestigators out in the field

when our vote centers are

open [in case] we get a

complaint about election-

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dress a little more easily

than a police officer can. We had a few [such] calls in

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are not instructed by law to

check for identification.

While observers are al-

the primary."

after election night, Page said. During the most recent primary, 333,068 were before polls received closed, and 251,265 came in

afterward. The Registrar's office encourages early voting because it facilitates a faster tally. However, he said every voter has the right to wait all the way up to election day to weigh their options.

"We can't take that away from them, obviously, and we don't want to," Page said. "We do encourage early voting, but we know that a lot of voters still want to use that full period to continue to think about and monitor the news as they cast a ballot."

Seeing that trend, Orange County officials invested \$4.1 million after the 2022 midterm election to boost the Registrar's capacity to process mail-in ballots. That allowed Page's office to essentially double the equipment necessary to both send and receive

Page said he immediately saw improvement in the efficiency of vote counting as a result. As many as 91% of ballots cast in Orange County were included in the first round of preliminary results announced after the 2024 primaries, compared to 85% following the 2022 midterms.

On election night, counts from voting stations will be monitored and updated electronically in real time. An Orange County Sheriff's Department sergeant will also be stationed at the command center coordinating the count so authorities can be quickly dispatched to any sort of disruption at the polls.

#### Registrar of Voters, Bob Page, reported this week that ballots for the Nov. 5 general election are ready to be delivered to registered voters

Don Leach Staff Photographer

Monday.

said. "They can't just say 'that person's not eligible." And then the under state law that we have to follow, the fix to that challenge is to ask the voter: 'Are you el-

"My job as the election administrator is to make sure we're prepared no matter what the turnout is so that if we had 100% turnout, that we have the staff and the facilities and we have the equipment to be able to handle those voters," Page said, adding that it's typical for a presidential election to draw the highest voter turnout in a cycle.

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**George Weiss Bob Whalen** 

For City Clerk Ann Marie McKay

Vote for no more than one:

Vote for no more than two:

For City Treasurer Laura Parisi

Vote for no more than one:

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#### **GIRLS' GOLF**

## CdM battles back to earn split with Newport Harbor

#### **BY ANDREW TURNER**

Multiple high school girls' golf matches were going on at once at Costa Mesa Country Club on Wednesday, and while nothing may have been as loud as the sound of passing carts, there was plenty of noise being made late in the Battle of the Bay.

Corona del Mar came from behind to rally past Newport Harbor, 221-227, on the front nine of the Mesa Linda course, earning a split with its crosstown rival in the Sunset League series.

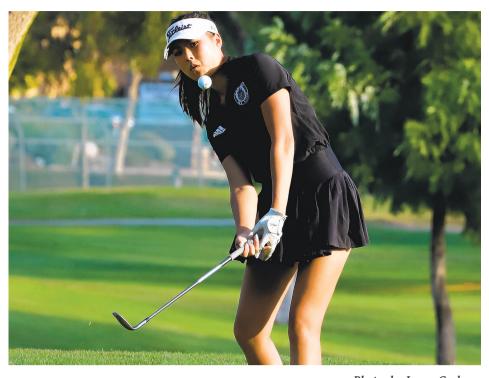
It was as much an exercise in damage control as anything else that allowed for the comeback. Freshman Sophie Martin saw her ball drop into the hole after striking the flagstick on Nos. 7 and 8.

The first came from just off the green, a chip of about 40 feet from the apron. After playing a tee shot over the water hazard and past the green on the next hole, Martin again rattled in a shot from the rough.

"Really shocked," Martin said of what she was feeling when the shots went in from off the green. "I'm actually really, really awful at putting, and I was like in

Corona del Mar (5-6, 3-6 in the Sunset League) finished with a flourish, winding up with five of the top eight scores to par in the nine-hole match.

Senior captain Bailey Kuo topped the Sea Kings' lineup in carding a score of 39,



Photos by James Carbone

**CORONA DEL MAR'S** Bailey Kuo attempts a chip shot on Wednesday during the Battle of the Bay against Newport Harbor at Costa Mesa Country Club.

which was four over par on the course. Junior Zixuan Li (42), freshman Adriana Bezrukov (45), Martin (45) and sophomore Anika Shorey (50) also factored into the scoring.

Senior Ilana Gaber also finished among the top 10 in individual scoring, sinking a 12-foot putt on No. 9 to close at 53.

"I think it felt really good because this is a school we were very close to," Gaber said of beating Newport Harbor, which won the previous meeting 223-226 on Sept. 10. "It was really important to focus on putts and keep track of other people's scores, as well."

Corona del Mar coach Bryan Middleton said the Sea Kings were down by about a dozen strokes before mounting the comeback.

"Just play all the way through," Middleton said. "If you have a bad shot, shake it off and move on to the next one. You never know what can happen at the end of the match."

Kuo was exemplary in that regard, bouncing back from a double bogey on No. 4 to play her final five holes at one under par, the birdie coming on the par-three No. 8. Newport Harbor senior Malia Cottriel finished as the medalist with a threeunder-par 32. She put an opening-hole bogey behind her by stringing together four consecutive birdies on Nos. 5 to 8, two each of the par-three and par-five variety.

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"I think that what's my goal this year, playing high school golf, is to be the first person in school history to be MVP of the league four years in a row," said Cottriel, who has claimed that title in the Wave League the past three before the return of the Sunset League this year.



CORONA DEL MAR'S Anika

Anika Shorey high-fives Bailey Kuo after a tee shot against Newport Harbor in the Battle of the Bay.

Cottriel added that she had nearly a decade of experience on the course, as she previously took lessons from John Ortega, the director of instruction at the club.

Junior Hazel Cottriel ended the round at even, an afternoon that included three birdies. The sisters have both committed to the University of Memphis women's golf program.

"That's a perfect ending for them, for them to play golf together," Newport Harbor coach Scott Tarnow said. "Malia will leave and be there for a year, and Hazel will then join and have someone to show her around and show her the ropes. Then she's going to get years of hanging out with her sister, and they do everything together, so couldn't have written a better script for them.

"Both of them are playing amazing. Malia, her last 81 holes on Mesa Linda, she's now 32 under par, which is ridiculous."

Juniors Colleen Raad (49) and Lucy Kirk (52), as well as senior Madison Shinder (59) rounded out the scoring group for Newport Harbor (3-6 overall and in league). Sophomore Siena Salvucci finished at 61.

#### ADDITIONAL GIRLS' GOLF RESULTS:

Estancia 251, Western 339: Senior Landry Harder carded a four-over-par 39 to lead the Eagles over the Pioneers on Monday in a Coast League match on the Mesa Linda course at Costa Mesa Country Club.

Estancia improved to 8-0 overall and 6-0 in league.

Valencia 213, Costa Mesa 291: Kaavya Kotamraju shot a two-over-par 37 as the medalist for the Tigers on Monday in an Empire League match on the front nine of the Mesa Linda course at Costa Mesa Country Club on Monday.

Costa Mesa won by forfeit against Calvary Chapel on Wednesday, taking the Mustangs' record to 2-5 overall and 2-4 in league.

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California State Parks seasonal lifeguard Sierra Fockler discovered a 14-inch Pacific football fish around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. near the lifeguard station located at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. It's the second such case of the fish washing ashore over the last three years. (Courtesy of California State Parks)

Good morning. It's Wednesday, Oct. 25. I'm Carol Cormaci, bringing you this week's <u>TimesOC newsletter</u> with a look at the latest local news and events

Watch where you're stepping on O.C.'s famed sands, because you may encounter a rare specimen of marine life. One, in fact, that has very sharp teeth.

That's what happened on a recent afternoon to lifeguard Sierra Fockler, who found a spooky-looking black angler fish, specifically a Pacific football fish, while she was walking near the lifeguard headquarters building on Moro Beach, located within Crystal Cove State Park.