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**LOCAL ACTIVISTS** and LGBTQ+ supporters cheer as a giant rainbow Pride flag measuring 33 feet by 24 feet is displayed on the side of the Huntington Beach Pier on Sunday. The flag was displayed over both the north and south sides of the pier for about 30 minutes each.

## Largest Pride flag in O.C. history drapes H.B. Pier

BY MATT SZABO

More than 100 LGBTQ+ activists and supporters unveiled a giant Pride flag at the end of the Huntington Beach Pier on Sunday, chanting in unison, "Love wins in H.B."

The crowd gathered for "Pride at the Pier" on a busy day that also included a pro beach volleyball tournament happening on the north side and a junior surfing tournament on the south side.

The 33-by-24-foot flag, which also featured the colors of the Progress Pride flag, was hard to miss despite all the other activities. Organizers said it was the largest Pride flag ever flown in Orange

County.

The peaceful event featured several speakers at the front of the pier before a march to the end. The flag was hung over both the north and south sides of the pier for about 30 minutes each, visible to those on the beach and Pacific Coast Highway.

Huntington Beach resident Lena Osborne and her wife, Sal, brought their seven children to the rally.

"I'm so touched by the amount of people who are here to represent the LGBTQ+ community," Osborne said. "To have this feeling of

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## C.M. man arrested on suspicion of Newport shooting, wounding 1

BY ERIC LICAS

A Costa Mesa man remained in custody Monday on suspicion of a shooting that left one person wounded in Newport Beach last week.

Officers were summoned to an assault with a deadly weapon on the 100 block of McFadden Place, near the pier, at about 10:30 p.m. Friday, Newport Beach police wrote in a news release.

Preliminary investigation suggested two men had been in a verbal argument that esca-

lated to gunfire, police said.

The man who was shot was treated at a hospital, and has since been released, police said. The other was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, possession of a dirk or dagger and being a felon in possession of ammunition.

The suspect was identified as 30-year-old Austin Knott by police.

He was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

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## Laguna officials warn against erroneous fentanyl death reports

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Laguna Beach officials sought to reassure the public Tuesday that there have not been a string of fentanyl-related deaths in the city over the past week.

City officials said a social media report on the Nextdoor app about the death of a student was not true. The post came out of a discussion of a recent meeting of the Laguna Beach Woman's Club, officials said.

"This information is inaccurate, misleading and has created an exaggerated community concern," officials said in a statement. "The person who posted

the erroneous information has been notified directly but has not removed the post."

Officials said two "older adult men" died from suspected fentanyl overdoses this month, but no high school student succumbed to the drug.

Authorities say some drug dealers are lacing products with the synthetic opioid in dangerous levels that are leading to poisoning deaths. In many cases, the buyers are not aware there is fentanyl in the drug they are receiving.

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## Families invited to Walk & Roll Festival

Catered to elementary and middle school students, Saturday's free event aims to improve neighborhood safety.

BY SARA CARDINE

Children and families are invited to "Walk & Roll" to Costa Mesa's Estancia High School Saturday morning for a day of fun and learning geared toward bicycle and pedestrian safety and a chance to win a free cruiser or e-bike.

Safety instructors, active transportation advocates and Costa Mesa officials will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Walk & Roll Festival, which will offer up 250 free bicycle helmets and fittings, bicycle tuneups, skills courses and group safety rides for pedal and electric bikes.

"We call it a festival because we want it to be a fun place where people can hang out, meet their neighbors and maybe decide to go for a bike ride or a walk together," Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds said of the day, which includes a deejay, free food truck and activities like build-a-skateboard and helmet decorating.

Aimed at elementary and middle school students, and made possible by a grant from Orange County Transportation Authority's Safe Transportation Education Program (STEP), the event is focused at improving safety in neighborhoods with a high risk for pedestrian and bicycle injuries and fatalities.

Jim Shanman, an organizer and the executive director of Los Angeles-based nonprofit Walk 'n Rollers, which provides safety

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Courtesy of Arlis Reynolds

**A YOUNG** rider is fitted for a helmet at a 2022 bike safety event in Costa Mesa. About 250 helmets will be distributed Saturday.

**A MOTHER** and daughter walk between rows of American flags posted on the pathways during the 14th annual Field of Honor at Castaways Park in Newport Beach on Saturday.



Don Leach  
Staff Photographer

## 14th annual Field of Honor in Castaways Park salutes armed forces, first responders

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Ahead of Memorial Day, flags are already flying high at Castaways Park to honor members of the armed forces and first responders.

The 14th annual Field of Honor, hosted by the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor, displays 1,776 flags to reflect the year that the U.S. was founded. This year's display celebrates both Armed Forces Day, cele-

brated every third Saturday of May, and Memorial Day, observed every last Monday of May. The display went up on Friday, where it will remain

See **Honor**, page A2

## AVP HUNTINGTON BEACH OPEN

### Hughes, Cheng win second straight title

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach was where Sara Hughes fell in love with beach volleyball.

She remembers the court where it happened at age 8. It was just a stone's throw from where she competed on a big stage Sunday afternoon.

"It's truly my home beach,"

Hughes said. "I was 8 years old, and I said, 'I want to do this for the rest of my life.'"

That choice is going just fine for the Costa Mesa native.

Hughes and partner Kelly Cheng, from Placentia, won the AVP Huntington Beach Open for the second straight year on

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**KELLY CHENG** and Sara Hughes won their second straight AVP Huntington Beach Open title on Sunday.

Courtesy of  
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## FESTIVAL

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training for area schools, said participants can come to the festival and get the helmets and tune-ups necessary to ensure a safe ride.

From there, they will have a chance to ride around a course comprising several stations that teach about stopping, arm signals, proper yielding techniques and hazard avoidance. One course is for pedal bikes, while a second is designed especially for e-bikes.

Loaner bikes and e-bikes will be available for people who don't already have their own. Once a course has been completed, attendees can participate in a group ride led by a certified instructor to put what they've learned into practice.

Shanman said pedestrian safety is also a focus of Saturday's event. Organizers plan to walk with students to nearby Wilson Elementary School and allow them to observe signal phases and see what cars actually do at inter-



**THE FREE**  
Walk &  
Roll  
bike-safety  
festival  
takes place  
Saturday at  
Estancia  
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Courtesy of  
Arlis  
Reynolds

sections.

"If you stay for a few phases, you're going to see awful behavior, not just from drivers but pedestrians that will really cement the lessons they've learned," he said.

Andrew Barnes, a member of Costa Mesa's Active Transportation Committee, said the festival presents a rare opportunity for people to learn about e-bikes, take them for a test ride and learn the unique safety and handling issues they present.

"E-bike safety is really a safety issue of prominent concern," he said, adding teens and pre-teens with no training are witnessed exhibiting unsafe behaviors at high speeds.

"That's a whole second parallel path for this festi-

val which, to me, is something the community really needs. We're hoping children and adults who attend will be able to practice some of the skills that are crucial for accident avoidance."

Those who complete the e-bike skills course will be entered to win a raffle for a free e-bike. Another electronic bike and two additional cruiser bikes will be auctioned off to people who RSVP online at [walkmorebike.org/costa-mesa](http://walkmorebike.org/costa-mesa) or register at the event.

Estancia High School is located at 2323 Placentia Ave., in Costa Mesa. For more visit [walkmorebike.org/costa-mesa](http://walkmorebike.org/costa-mesa).

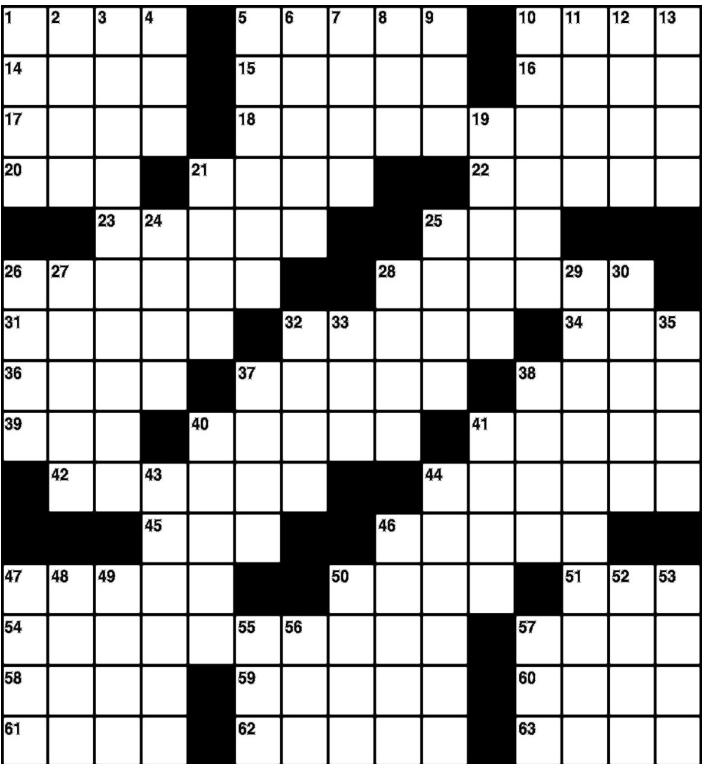
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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline  
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For answers to the crossword, see page A3.

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## HONOR

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through Memorial Day.

The display itself is free, but donations are appreciated.

Those interested in dedicating a flag can visit [exchangeclubofnewportharbor.com](http://exchangeclubofnewportharbor.com).

Flags can be dedicated for armed forces members or first responders,

both past and present, in any arm of service for \$50.

When the event ends, individuals will be able to pick up their dedicated flags between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the following Tuesday, May 30. Half of the net proceeds are expected to go to organizations dedicated to supporting military members and their families.

The remainder will be donated to programs to promote the prevention of child abuse, primary and secondary programs in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, educational scholarships and other charitable organizations, according to the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor.

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## FOR THE RECORD

The article "City of Hope Huntington Beach offers respite to patient with rare lung cancer," published May 16, incorrectly stated that John Ryan went to City of Hope Huntington Beach and met with Dr. Danny Nguyen in 2019. The location at that time was known as Pacific Shores Medical Group, as it had yet to be acquired by City of Hope.

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# Wildlife Baby Shower supports area center

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

About 1,500 people attended a Wildlife Baby Shower on Saturday, some standing in line for up to an hour, for an annual fundraiser held at Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center in Huntington Beach.

"I'm really excited about the baby shower after not being able to do it for three years," said Executive Director Debbie McGuire. "Two years [without public events] was because of [the COVID-19 pandemic] and last year was because of the highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N1, which appeared for the first time in California and is 99% fatal to bird species."

Center officials felt confident that after biosecurity screening protocols were in place — including closed-toe shoes and step-through foot baths — they could safely open up for the baby shower this year.

The Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center, which serves injured animals and orphaned wildlife, is able to rehabilitate over 400 animals at a time with the help of experienced professionals and volunteers including veterinarians and trained wildlife technicians, officials said.

During the event, veterinarian Elizabeth Wood and wildlife technician Lindsey Campbell were found medicating and feeding a juvenile red-tailed hawk, a two-person task. The hawk had recently undergone surgery to repair a broken leg but seemed to have no problem exercising its independence by fanning

its enormous wings.

Wood held the hawk's wings down to allow Campbell to place a dropper of antibiotics into the patient's mouth. Once the dosage was administered, the boisterous raptor was rewarded with a meal consisting of pieces of a mouse.

"Every day is different," Wood said. "Each day we encounter all sorts of new medical issues and apply what we know from previous cases."

She explained that with the ever changing job they have to be flexible with their treatment plans.

"I've always loved applying veterinary medicine to the field of conservation and wildlife, which is a way to make a healthy impact [on] our local ecosystem," Wood said.

Mark Ontkane, who lives nearby, said he frequently visits the center both for enjoyment and to do his part to support the care and rehabilitation of native wildlife. He said he has brought injured birds like sparrows, wrens and others to the care center.

"We love and want to support the conservation," Ontkane said. "A facility like this is really important in helping various species to survive."

According to McGuire, people frequently drop off all kinds of wildlife. Most recently, a Costa Mesa resident who had been camping in the San Bernardino Mountains brought in a family of orphaned baby chipmunks that had found their way inside the family camper.

"We'll raise them, and



Photos by Susan Hoffman

**KIDS STAY** engaged painting bird houses during the Wildlife Baby Shower on Saturday at Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center.

then when they are big enough to be released and socialized we'll let them go and take them back where they came from," said McGuire, who added she was hopeful the creatures would reunite with their family.

The Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center offers tips for what to do if you encounter a wild creature that might be in need of assistance. For more information go to [wuccc.org](http://wuccc.org).

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.



**THREE 2-WEEK-OLD** house finches are fed with a dropper during the Wildlife Baby Shower at the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center.

## FLAG

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community and love, honestly I've been crying over and over again. I can't stop. The tears just keep coming, watching this huge flag fly. It stopped all of the Huntington Beach surfers, and they all just watched the flag fly on the pier. It's really inspiring and so touching and so beautiful."

Osborne said the gathering occurred the day before their first wedding anniversary.

Monday was also Harvey Milk Day, named in honor of the late first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California. That was formerly the day, starting in 2021, that Huntington Beach would begin flying the Pride rainbow flag at City Hall and the pier. The city flew the banner for about six weeks, through June, which is Pride Month.

But in February, the new City Council conservative majority squashed that. Councilman Pat Burns introduced an item that only government and military flags could be flown on city property, and it passed 4-3.

Burns said the item was introduced so that all Surf City residents would be represented equally. But Sal Osborne said it felt more like a silencing measure.

"People just want us to be quiet," she said. "They're like, 'You can exist, just don't be loud about it, don't shove it in our face.' I heard that a lot at the City Council meeting, and that's the vibe here. It's like, 'I'm not going to hurt you, but I will be outwardly very uncomfortable with you being yourself.' That's the vibe."

"We even have a couple of queer people in our little gated community, and they pretend like they're not gay here in Huntington Beach. They are clearly gay, but they don't fly flags and they don't hold hands."

Ashley Williamson, who attended the City Council meetings earlier this year and spoke out against the new rule, started the "Pride at the Pier" events shortly after the council's final vote. A group has met each Sunday since March.

Williamson, who identifies as bisexual, said the turnout for this larger event exceeded her expectations.

"[The Pride flag] is a symbol of safety for people who have been pushed out by their community,"



Photos by James Carbone

**LOCAL ACTIVISTS** of all ages and LGBTQ+ supporters cheer during a demonstration at the Huntington Beach Pier on Sunday. The crowd gathered for "Pride at the Pier."



**A GIANT** Pride flag measuring 33 feet by 24 feet is hung off the north side of the Huntington Beach Pier on Sunday. The flag was displayed on both the north and south sides of the pier for about 30 minutes each, visible to those on the beach and Pacific Coast Highway.

Williamson said. "The more that we can show it, maybe we can make people feel safer. [For] the people who didn't feel comfortable coming out today, that's why we're doing this."

The fabric for the flag itself was purchased with the help of Huntington Beach-based Orange Coast Huddle.

Two of the dissenting votes from February's City Council decision, Councilwomen Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton, attended Sunday's event.

Moser addressed the crowd.

"To our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters, friends, neighbors and visitors, we extend our warmest welcome," she said. "Let this be a testament to the fact that you are not alone. Your voices matter, and your presence enriches the tapestry of our city ... Together we will build a beautiful, brighter, more colorful Huntington

Beach."

California District 47 Congressional candidates Dom Jones and Joanna Weiss, as well as state Senate candidate Alex Mohajer, also were among those who spoke to the dozens of people in attendance.

"We are being attacked because there are certain people who don't want to see this nation move forward," Jones said. "But I tell you, we're moving forward. We are pushing and we are fighting for what is right ... Never dim your light. Because when people tell you to dim your light, it's because they don't know how to shine theirs."

The ages of attendees ran the gamut. Julie Johnson of Laguna Niguel, 74, said it was important to show up to support the cause.

"I'm here because I support human rights, and I support the Constitution of the United States that says all people are created equal," said Johnson, who

identifies as a lesbian. "The Gay Pride flag should be flown everywhere that the California flag, the P.O.W. flag, any flag is flown. We should have that right."

Kane Durham, who emceed the event, said organizers want to set up a Huntington Beach Pride event each year.

The giant flag will next be unfurled at a Pride event in Seal Beach on June 10.

As she watched her kids run around near the end of the pier, many of them carrying tiny rainbow flags, Lena Osborne smiled.

"Today's effort is to remind people that there's still room to grow," she said. "We're here, we're queer and we're not going away. Love is love. Our family might look different than other families, but we're just a couple of soccer moms taking our kids to soccer on Saturdays."

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Local quartet moves on to state meet

BY ANDREW TURNER

Eleven local track and field athletes found themselves journeying to Moorpark High for the second consecutive weekend, but only one had a chance to make a return trip to the step beyond.

Newport Harbor senior Leo Davis made good on that opportunity, placing second in the boys' pole vault competition at the CIF Southern Section Masters Meet on Saturday.

The top six in each event, plus those who achieved at-large qualifying marks and times, moved on to the CIF State track and field championships, being held Friday and Saturday at Clovis Buchanan High.

Davis twice surpassed his personal record — set with a clearance of 15 feet, 5 inches in the Masters Meet last year and matched in winning at the Orange County championships on April 15 — over the weekend to advance to his second state meet. He cleared the bar at 16 feet, moving into a three-way tie for the fifth-best mark in the state.

"I was way over [16-6], too, so I can't wait for next week," said Davis, who competed on a sprained ankle at the state meet last year.

Corona del Mar junior sprinter Ava Simos had a far more dramatic experience. She finished outside of the top six in both the 100 meters (11.96 seconds) and the 200 (24.28), but her times — albeit wind-aided with tailwinds of 3.5 and 3.9 meters per second, respectively — were fast enough to



Andrew Turner

**NEWPORT HARBOR'S** Leo Davis, left, stands with Redondo Union's Dylan Curtis, center, and King's Jaden McKee after medaling in boys' pole vault in the CIF Masters Meet at Moorpark High on Saturday.

qualify for the state meet.

"I'm so happy about it," said Simos, who credited CdM sprints coach Kayvan Aminzadeh for helping her progress. "I really cannot believe it. At the start of the season, I was just hoping to even get to Masters, so the fact that I've qualified for state in more than one event is just unbelievable. I'm so happy. It's so good to see the months of work that me and my coaches have done,

it's really good to finally see it paying off."

Newport Harbor sophomore Keaton Robar was also competing in her first Masters Meet, but a stretch of new lifetime-best performances early in the spring indicated this might be a longer season.

Robar placed fourth in 2:10.19 in a loaded field representative of the one she ran her lifetime-best time of 2:09.13 against at the Ar-

cadia Invitational. Both elite races were won by Riverside JW North senior MacKenzie Browne.

"Now that MacKenzie Browne is out of the mile, I know she's going to go really fast at state," Robar said. "At this point, I'm looking at [Ventura sophomore] Sadie Engelhardt. I'm going to try to stay on her. I know she has a hard double for state with the 1,600 and the 800, and we're going to see what happens."

Huntington Beach junior Makenzie McRae punched her ticket to the state meet in a methodical 3,200-meter race. She knew by the completion of the first mile that only the top six would be making it past the weekend.

"Once we came in through that first mile, I kind of knew ... it probably won't cut down as much," McRae, who rounded out the area's state qualifiers with a fourth-place finish in 10:31.21, said. "We went out, I think it was 5:20 or 5:21. I kind of just tried to stay in contact with that front pack and then just keep consistent with every move that they made."

Edison senior Lindy Tarvin felt the sting of being the first competitor to miss the cut — by a tenth of a second — finishing seventh in the 300 intermediate hurdles in 44.02 seconds.

Corona del Mar junior Melisse Djomby Enyawe placed eighth in the 1,600 (4:58.92). Newport Harbor senior Kenny Wanlass crossed the finish line in 9:38.07 in the 3,200.

Local high jumpers Natalie McCarty, a freshman from Newport Harbor, and Caeden Connell, a senior at Pacifica Christian Orange County, each cleared the opening height in their events.

Edison junior Alexa Sheldon was ninth in the girls' shot put (40-6), and Marina senior Khang Nguyen posted a mark of 43-1 (12th) in the boys' triple jump.

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Costa Mesa Sanitary District

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors will be holding a public hearing at **4:30 pm on Monday, June 26, 2023**, via hybrid in-person and Zoom teleconference (<https://zoom.us/join>), to hear any protests to the adoption of the proposed biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the District's website at [www.cmsdca.gov](http://www.cmsdca.gov) as of **Thursday, June 22, 2023**.

To join the teleconference by phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 850 1825 3471#.

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The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are:  
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The assets being sold are described in general as: BOBA TEA SHOP and are located at: 4255 Campus Drive Suite A124, Irvine, CA 92612-2646  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Central Escrow Group, Inc., 515 West Garvey Ave., Suite 118, Monterey Park, CA 91754 and the anticipated sale date is 06/12/23  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2 YES  
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Central Escrow Group, Inc., 515 West Garvey Ave., Suite 118, Monterey Park, CA 91754 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be 06/09/23, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: MAY 16, 2023  
BUYER:  
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**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Annual Solid Waste Charges Proposed Rate**  
**Increase Costa Mesa Sanitary District**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors will be holding a public hearing at 4:30 pm on Monday, June 26, 2023, via a hybrid in-person meeting and Zoom teleconference (<https://zoom.us/join>), to hear any protests to the imposition of wastewater charges and solid waste charges on the annual assessment roll.

In 2019, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District conducted a Solid Waste Rate Study and the Board of Directors adopted a five-year rate increase. The rate increase will go into effect on July 1, 2023. The solid waste rates will be as listed below. The annual charge for this service will be collected on the property taxes in November 2023.

Customer Class	Current Rates	FY 2023-2024 Rates
Annual Flat rate	\$277.88	\$289.20
Monthly Flat rate	\$22.74	\$24.10

Written protests can be sent to the District Clerk/Public Information Officer, Noelani Middenway, at 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. To join the teleconference by phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 850 1825 3471#.

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On June 26, 2019, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board of Directors adopted a five-year rate increase for its wastewater services. It was necessary to adjust the annual service rate to cover the increasing wastewater collection costs. The rate increase will go into effect on July 1, 2023. The wastewater rates will be as listed below. The annual charge for this service will be collected on the property taxes in November 2023

Customer Class	Current Rates	FY 2023-2024 Rates
Single Family Residential	\$101.22	\$118.43
Multi-Family Residential	\$76.83	\$89.89
Commercial Average Strength	\$44.13	\$51.63
Commercial High Strength	\$49.14	\$57.49
Industrial	\$113.64	\$132.96
Trailer	\$71.35	\$83.48
ADU	\$37.21	\$43.54

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**ANDY BENESH**, left, and Miles Partain won the AVP Huntington Beach Open on Sunday.

TITLE

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Sunday. Top-seeded Hughes and Cheng rallied for a 21-18, 21-18 victory over No. 4-seeded Betsi Flint and Julia Scoles in the championship match on the north side of the pier.

No. 5-seeded Andy Benesh and Miles Partain upset top-seeded Tri Bourne and Chaim Schalk, 20-22, 21-11, 15-12 in the men's title match.

Hughes and Cheng earned their fourth tournament title together and split the \$14,000 first prize.

In her comments after the match, Hughes dedicated the victory to her first coach, the late Bill Lovelace.

Last year's Huntington Beach Open win occurred further down the beach, at Newland Street.

"Being at the pier is completely different," said Hughes, 28, a former star at Mater Dei High and USC. "It's absolutely incredible, and I'm so happy Kelly and I won it together."

They rallied from deficits of 12-4 and 17-15 in the second set of the title match. Cheng slid over for a big block at 18-18, giving



**SARA HUGHES** of Costa Mesa, right, spikes the ball during the AVP Huntington Beach Open.

James Carbone

the duo their first lead of the set, and they won it shortly after.

Hughes and Cheng had almost lost in the semifinals, but saved five match points in a marathon 21-19, 17-21, 23-21 victory over No. 5 Terese Cannon and Sarah Sponcil.

"We're fighters," Cheng said. "Don't count us out. I think Sara and I just have some really unique chemistry, and we love to fight and we never give up ... Everybody's good out here. Any opportunity you can take advantage of is really important, and Sara and I know that if one of us brings the fire, that just brings our level of play up. We really try to use that as much as we can."

Benesh, from Rancho Palos Verdes, and Partain, from Pacific Palisades, won the men's Huntington Beach Open for the first time.

They had lost to the top seeds earlier in the tournament but found a way to survive with the title on the line.

"I thought we made some defensive adjustments," said Benesh, a former USC star who won

his third AVP title. "I thought we served a little bit better, especially in that second set. They're a great team. They made a lot of really good plays, especially at the end of the first set. We just had to stay calm."

Partain, just 21, quit as a setter for the UCLA men's indoor volleyball team earlier this year to pursue his dream of making the Olympics in beach volleyball. He was acclaimed in indoor volleyball, earning 2022 MPSF Player of the Year and first-team All-American selection.

Partain said winning a tournament so steeped in tradition, like Huntington Beach, was definitely significant. This was his second AVP title, as he won in Atlanta last year with then-partner Paul Lotman.

"It's awesome to be able to play in front of a home crowd," Partain said. "Some friends from college came down, some local people. It's cool to see them and know they're supporting."

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NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
WILLIAM K. DAVIS  
30-2023-01325911-PR-OP-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **WILLIAM K. DAVIS.** **A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **The Northern Trust Company** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.** **THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **The Northern Trust Company** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. **THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **June 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM5** 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 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. Attorney for the Petitioner: LORI WINDER LIVINGSTON, ESQ. GLASER WEIL FINK HOWARD JORDAN & SHAPIRO LLP 520 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, STE 420 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 Published in the The NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS combined with the DAILY PILOT on: 5/24, 5/26 & 5/31/2023

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NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
RAY D. AGOSTINO,  
aka RAY AGOSTINO  
30-2023-01325571-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: **RAY D. AGOSTINO, aka RAY AGOSTINO.** **A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **RANDY FINEFROCK**, in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.** **THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **RANDY FINEFROCK** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. **THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **June 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM5** 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 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. Attorney for the Petitioner: MICHAEL J. GERTNER, ESQ. ATTORNEY AT LAW 20241 SW BIRCH ST., STE 100 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 Published in the NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS combined with the DAILY PILOT on: 5/24, 5/26 & 5/31/2023

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
FOR BIDS  
BID NO. 2189  
Golden West College General Education Building Abatement

COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
1370 Adams Ave.  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

The Coast Community College District is inviting bids from firms, partnerships, and corporations to provide construction services related to the new **Golden West College General Education Building Abatement.**

Golden West College in Huntington Beach, CA will be abating the existing General Education Building (fka Math & Science Building). The project will be procured via Multiple Prime Contracts to the District with Sundt Construction acting as the District's Construction Manager.

The anticipated Construction schedule will be from June 2023 to March 2024. The anticipated prime contract bid packages for which the District is seeking bids are listed below.

Bid Package	Trade	License	Engineer's Estimate
BP 02A	Abatement	C22 (ASB/HAZ))	\$474,399

**Bids and supporting documents must be submitted electronically via the District's PlanetBids Vendor Portal prior to 10:00 a.m. on June 6th, 2023.**

Completed Bids should be electronically submitted within the PlanetBids Vendor Portal (see link below) **ONLY.** Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be accepted.

<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/36722/bo/bo-detail/105787>

It is the responsibility of the Proposer to submit the response by the proper time. No oral, telegraphic, electronic, facsimile, or telephone statements will be considered. Bids received after June 6th, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. will not be considered.

ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M.

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On June 21, 2023 at 01:30 PM, at the North front entrance to the County Courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on May 7, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003000515890, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Orange County, California, executed by JOSEPH MANCUSO AND LELA MANCUSO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Trustor(s), in favor of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 34 STATEHOUSE PLACE, IRVINE, CA 92602 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$214,384.56 (Estimated). 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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. 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 Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000091-22-1. 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 Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER 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 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case CA05000091-22-1 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. Date: May 12, 2023 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000091-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bernardo Sotelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0435109 To: NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT 05/24/2023, 05/31/2023, 06/07/2023

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)  
(UCC Sec. 6105 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)  
Escrow No. 01402970-861-DF  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s) are: CASA WEST 19TH STREET LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 820 W. 19TH ST, COSTA MESA, CA 92627  
Doing Business as: DONKEY D'S  
All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are: CASA, 820 W. 19TH ST, COSTA MESA, CA 92627  
The name(s) and business address of the Buyer(s) are: SIPS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 2336 LITTLETON CIRCLE, COSTA MESA, CA 92626  
The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, LIQUOR LICENSE & INVENTORY, GOODWILL/COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND LEASEHOLD AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: DONKEY D'S, 820 W. 19TH ST, COSTA MESA, CA 92627  
The type of license(s) and license no(s) to be transferred is/are: Type: 48-ON-SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISES, 58-CATERER PERMIT, 77-EVENT PERMIT LICENSE # 534322, and are now issued for the premises located at: 820 W. 19TH ST, COSTA MESA, CA 92627  
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, 920 GLENNEYRE, STE N, LAGUNA BEACH, CA 92651 and the anticipated date of sale/transfer is AUGUST 10, 2023  
The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$325,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION: CASH AMOUNT: \$325,000.00  
It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/applicant(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.  
Dated: MAY 10, 2023  
CASA WEST 19TH STREET LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,)  
SIPS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
1672838-PP DAILY PILOT 5/24/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
RICHARD JAMES GABRIEL  
CASE NO. 30-2023-01323438-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 RICHARD JAMES GABRIEL. **A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by NANCY JOYCE GABRIEL AND THOMAS LEVON GABRIEL in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. **THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that NANCY JOYCE GABRIEL AND THOMAS LEVON GABRIEL 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: 06/15/23 at 1:30PM in Dept. CM06 located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA 92626 **NOTICE IN PROBATE CASES** 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. Attorney for Petitioner SCOTT R. MAGEE - SBN 120001 SCOTT E. HINSCH - SBN 221761 MAGEE & ADLER, APC 400 OCEANGATE, STE 1030 LONG BEACH CA 90802 5/17, 5/18, 5/24/23 **CNS-3701396#** **NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT**

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BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Newport Harbor denied CIF regional title

BY SCOTT FRENCH

Newport Harbor's greatest run as a boys' volleyball powerhouse has been built on power and precision, and dominance at the net

The rewards have been substantial.

Back-to-back CIF Southern Section championships, a second trip to the Southern California Regional final and a stab at a second successive national championship and third in four campaigns, to name a few.

It's been a spectacular few years for the Sailors, but it wasn't their day Saturday.

Los Angeles Loyola, behind superstar Sean Kelly and a tremendous supporting cast, was devastating at the net and efficient in turning strong defense into quick points, rolling to a straight-sets triumph to claim their record fifth Division I regional crown and first in six years.

Kelly delivered 22 kills and UCLA-bound middle blocker Spencer Graves added five kills and five blocks as the Cubs, making their third straight title-game appearance, sealed a 25-19, 25-22, 25-18 win over the nation's top-ranked prep team.

It was sweet confirmation for Loyola (27-2), which had won the previous meeting with the Sailors nearly two months ago and was the Southern Section's No. 1 team until the Cubs were upset by Corona del Mar in the Division 1 Pool A decider two weeks ago.

"We knew we were good," said Loyola coach Michael Boehle, whose team avenged the loss to



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**NEWPORT HARBOR'S** Jake Read (6) kills a ball past Sean Kelly (12) during CIF Southern California Regional Division I State boys' volleyball final against Los Angeles Loyola at Newport Harbor High on Saturday.

CdM in Thursday's regional semifinal. "We took a tumble in the CIF playoffs, and it's hard for these guys to bounce back from something like that. For them to come out the way they did [in three regional sweeps], that's impressive, considering who we're playing. ...

"We've been right on the cusp so many years [since winning in 2017] and pushing that envelope. And to do it with this team—nobody knew what these guys were going to do, what they were capable of doing. They're young. We had an unbelievable, talented

group last year, and we graduated all of them, so it's great to bring [a title] back. We got one of the two [championships that matter], so we're excited."

Two-time champion Newport Harbor (36-3), playing in the final for the fourth time in five seasons, arrived with a 15-game winning streak — a dozen of those sweeps — and great confidence after topping CdM in the section final.

The Sailors went on to dominate Tesoro and San Diego Cathedral Catholic in regional play, they had no answers for Kelly and

company.

"I thought Loyola played great," said Newport Harbor coach Andrew Mabry, who set a noon start with the school's prom slated for the evening. "I think we've got to give credit to the opponent. They played a very, very good match in a very tough circumstance.

"I'm really proud of our guys. We had an amazing season. I'm proud of the way that they fought. They never backed down from this today, and Loyola played a really good match."

Newport Harbor, which swept Loyola in last year's regional final, took leads to start each set but struggled to keep up with the Cubs, whose net defense limited Luca Curci to 12 kills, Jake Read to seven kills, and Riggs Guy to just three kills — along with two blocks and two aces — as Kelly and Graves gave commanding performances.

Kelly, a 6-foot-7 junior outside hitter, scored eight kills in the first set and nine in the third, when Loyola took control with early runs — 10-2 in the first, 14-4 in the third — to knock the Sailors out.

Newport Harbor led just three times, at 1-0 in the first and at 1-0 and 2-1 in the third — in these sets.

"Sean Kelly is the real deal," Boehle said. "If anybody thinks otherwise, I'd like to talk to them about it because he showed what he's all about tonight. It's pretty incredible what he was able to do against a very good Newport Harbor team. Very stoked and hon-

ored we get to bring this [championship plaque] back home."

The second set was a real battle. The Sailors built a quick lead, surged ahead four times after Loyola pulled even, then extended it to 11-8 behind two Curci kills. The Cubs, behind four kills by 6-6 freshman outside hitter Blake Fahlbusch, then went on an 13-7 spree to take charge, and Harbor pulled within a point twice before succumbing.

"Right from the start, they applied a ton of pressure," senior setter Korbin Francisco said. "We felt it, and no matter where we went, they always had a game plan for it, and we kind of lost all our energy. They basically knew everything we were going to do. They knew what they wanted to do blocking-wise, defense, stuff like that. And their attacking is incredible, so once they get the ball, they can put it away anywhere."

Mabry, a Newport Harbor assistant last year, praised his team's achievements afterward.

"It's been an amazing group for us," he said. "Their career has been outstanding. We've been in three sectional finals, won back-to-back CIF section titles. Defending regional champion this year. To make this match, host this match, is a big, big deal.

"This group's been amazing. They'll go down in history as a tremendous class in Newport Harbor volleyball, and we're very thankful for the opportunity to be together."

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BOYS' TENNIS

CdM junior advances to CIF Individuals semifinals

BY MATT SZABO

CLAREMONT — Corona del Mar High junior Niels Hoffmann is the top singles seed at the CIF Southern Section Individuals boys' tennis tournament.

He is now two wins away from joining his older brother Bjorn, who won the singles title in 2016.

Brothers who each won CIF titles would be a definite rarity, but it's one that would be special to the younger Hoffmann, who already was a CIF doubles finalist last year with teammate Jack Cross.

"It'd be supercool," Niels said. "I mean, [don't want to] count my chickens before they're hatched ... but there would be some cool lore behind our plaques. We hang them up at home, so it would be cool if they were side-by-side."

Niels appeared focused and relaxed Wednesday, as the tournament was pared down to the final four at

Bisantz Family Tennis Center in Claremont. The Surf League singles champion eased through his two matches.

He beat Amrith Kodumuri of Burbank 6-1, 6-1 in the round of 16, before dispatching Will Lokier of Palos Verdes 6-2, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

"It's good," Hoffmann said. "It's good to stay focused against people that maybe you're projected to win against. I feel like I did that, so it was a success."

Hoffmann, the Ojai singles finalist, will play No. 4-seeded Avery Tallakson of Woodbridge in the semifinals at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Claremont. No. 2-seeded Sean Ferguson of Palos Verdes Peninsula will face David James Brownlee of Claremont in the other semifinal, with the title match to follow.

Hoffmann, a USC commit, has split two matches against Tallakson so far this season. He lost to Tal-

lakson in a tiebreaker in a nonleague match at Woodbridge, but beat him 6-4, 3-0 (retired) in the semifinals of the CIF/USTA Southern California Regionals tournament last weekend.

"It was a great match, he came out firing," Hoffmann said. "He's definitely a formidable foe."

Tallakson, bound for the University of New Mexico, denied an all-CdM semifinal by beating Cross 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

"I couldn't get any rhythm because he was forcing so much," Cross said. "I thought he actually played very well, and I just couldn't get rhythm. He's applying so much pressure, I feel like I have to come up with all of these shots. The times I got chances, I felt like I needed to win them ... so it's just tough with a lot of pressure."

Cross had outlasted Caleb Settles of Clare-



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**CDM JUNIOR** Niels Hoffmann has advanced to the singles semifinals of the CIF Southern Section Individuals boys' tennis tournament without dropping a set.

mont, 6-4, 7-6, in the round of 16.

CdM's doubles team of junior Jonathan Hinkel and sophomore Roger Genc also won one match Tuesday. They beat Kayvon Kasravi and Ethan Nguyen of San Marino 6-1, 6-3 in the round of 32 before falling to No. 4-seeded Chris

Koeberle and Kyle Shigekawa of Peninsula 6-2, 6-3 in the round of 16.

Hinkel and Genc couldn't hold a 3-0 lead in the second set, losing to the Peninsula pairing for the third time this season.

"The third time's the charm," Hinkel said. "I thought we'd get them this

time. Overall, I thought they just played a really good match. We could definitely clean up on some small things up at the net, and be a little bit more aggressive. But they're a really good team."

Hinkel and Genc barely won the Surf League title this year, saving five match points in a semifinal win over a team from Marina before rallying to beat Alan Ton and Colin Nguyen of Fountain Valley in the title match.

Still, they finished the season with a very solid 35-8 record, Genc said.

"We've had a lot of tight matches, and I think we were lucky to have them go our way," Hinkel said. "We're glad to be here."

Ton and Nguyen fell in the CIF Individuals doubles round of 32 to Charlie and Joey Friedman of San Marcos, 6-4, 6-4.

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BOYS' TENNIS

Sea Kings come close before finishing runner-up to University

BY MATT SZABO

CLAREMONT — Corona del Mar High boys' tennis coach Jamie Gresh walked briskly at The Claremont Club on Saturday afternoon, before his Sea Kings played rival University for the CIF/USTA Southern California Regional title.

Gresh said the same two words a few times: "Underdog mentality."

That was what he wanted CdM to come into the match with. His players obliged, putting up a better effort than a week before in the CIF Southern Section Open Division title match.

The Trojans were still just a bit too strong.

University's Cedric Lichsteiner and Zitong Chen won the decisive match at No. 3 doubles, as CdM suffered a 4-3 season-ending loss.

It was a highlight-filled season for the Sea Kings, who made it to a CIF Southern Section and So-Cal Regional title match in the same year for the first time in Gresh's 11-year tenure as boys' tennis head coach.

"If you asked us at the start of this tournament if we could beat them, the answer would probably be no," said CdM junior Niels Hoffmann, the team's top singles player, of rival Uni-



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**CDM BOYS' TENNIS** finished second in the CIF/USTA Southern California Regional tournament on Saturday.

versity. "We just got our clocks cleaned by them, and they look pretty deep. But after playing Uni and putting some of the pieces together as far as [doubles] teams and some good plays, we were right in there. We kind of felt that. It contributes to the [feeling of] loss of it all, but it comes with the game. It's the name of the game."

Corona del Mar, which edged Woodbridge 4-3 in a regional semifinal match Friday evening to make the title match, battled back Saturday.

University took a 2-0 lead

in the format of four singles matches and three doubles matches, all best of three sets. At No. 3 singles, the Trojans' Ari Len topped CdM's Ivan Pflueger, 6-0, 6-3. University then got a 6-4, 6-4 win at No. 1 doubles, with SangHyuk Im and Bradley Yung edging CdM's Jonathan Hinkel and Roger Geng.

But CdM responded. Hoffmann beat University senior James MacDonald for the first time in their last three meetings, earning a 7-5, 7-5 win at No. 1 singles.

"He's a tough matchup for me," Hoffmann said of

MacDonald, the Ojai singles champion. "I don't really love the way he takes my ball, but it was definitely pretty fun. It was very angry, so I'm very happy that I got the 'dub,' but I know it can go either way any certain day."

CdM's Jack Knox and Jack Barnes then rallied for a 3-6, 6-0, 6-4 win over University's Andrew Ke and Langston Walter-Wu at No. 2 doubles, evening the match at 2-2.

The tension heightened. University's Anil Gupta edged CdM's Jack Cross 6-4, 7-5 at No. 2 singles to

give the Trojans a 3-2 lead, but Sea Kings sophomore Ansel Lee beat the Trojans' Mimo Alajeely 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 at No. 4 singles to tie it again.

It came down to No. 3 doubles. CdM graduate Kyle Pham, who won the deciding set as a freshman when the Sea Kings won their lone regional title in 2016, was on hand to try to root his younger brother Tristan Pham and Lincoln Lin to victory in doubles.

Time flies; Kyle Pham just graduated from Southern Methodist University last week. Tristan Pham

and Lin battled, but University's Lichsteiner and Chen posted a 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 three-set win to help their team earn the title.

The Sea Kings gathered after the match, a bit deflated but still proud.

"What's not to be proud of?" Hoffmann said. "We're No. 2 in the Southern Section, so that's dope, but there's always room for improvement when you feel that sense of defeat. What can I do better? What makes us better?"

CdM will graduate no senior starters, so there is still much hope for the future, but Gresh made sure to tell his current team how proud he was.

"We had a hell of a run," he told them. "Keep your heads up, keep plugging away. I know it stings right now, but to be here on the final day is pretty amazing."

Four CdM players — Hoffmann and Cross in singles, and the doubles team of Hinkel and Genc — will continue individual competition next week. The CIF Southern Section Individuals tournament picks up again Tuesday with the round of 32, round of 16 and quarterfinal matches at Bisantz Family Tennis Center, back in Claremont.

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