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A BOAT TURNS at the Balboa Island Bridge on opening night of the 115th annual Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade Wednesday evening.

Flotilla brings light to Newport Harbor

n many parts of the country the magic of winter holidays might be heralded by the first arrival of snow, ice skating atop a frozen lake or cuddling under blankets during a festive sleigh ride.

In the city of Newport Beach, however, Christmas arrives by boat.

What started in 1908 as an Independence Day celebration conjured up by an assortment of small boat and ferry operators — who amassed a small illuminated procession consisting of a gondola and canoes — has since become a wintertime tradition cherished by thousands.

Newport Beach's 115th annual Christmas Boat Parade kicked off Wednesday with a fireworks show as a flotilla of nearly 100 watercraft decked out in holiday lights floated from Lido Isle through Newport Harbor in a dazzling display.

Sponsored by the Commodores Club of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, the parade will recur nightly through Sunday, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Participants will follow a 14-mile course in Newport Harbor with more than 53 viewing locations on the waterfront.

Wednesday's opening night featured a Holiday Market showcasing more than 35 local makers, food vendors, live music, entertainment, photo opportunities and kid

Riding in the grand marshal boat were Hallmark Channel stars Andrew Walker and Nikki Deloach, who've appeared together in at least five Hallmark productions but have many more credits to their names.

Other grand marshals during the following nights of the parade include first responders from the Newport Beach Police and Fire departments on Friday and a lineup of former Pasadena Tournament of Roses Rose Queens Saturday.

Corona del Mar High School's drumline will lead the procession on its final night Sunday, when fireworks will be set off from the Balboa Pier, closing out another chapter in the storied local tradition.

For more, including special priced viewing opportunities and a digital event program, visit *christmasboatparade.com*.

— Sara Cardine



THE "MERRY GRINCHMAS" boat turns around at the Balboa Island Bridge in Newport Harbor.



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Tourism report outlines efforts, goals

Visit Laguna Beach stresses environmental stewardship in look at last year's accomplishments, future plans.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Visit Laguna Beach, the city's marketing arm, has been increasing its efforts to advance the cause of environmental stewardship, according to an annual report presented to the City Council during its meeting Tuesday.

"I'm very happy with the work that's been done, particularly in the last year, by Visit Laguna on taking on more of a stewardship role, as opposed to kind of a marketing role," Mayor Pro Tem Alex Rounaghi said. "You don't really need to market Laguna Beach. What we need to do is preserve Laguna Beach and the beauty of what makes it so special."

Among the efforts to achieve that goal is a partnership with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics that got underway in April, calling on the public to be partners in environmental sus-

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Hearing center opens space in H.B.

New Hearing Center of the Future features a rare training ground for West Coast hearing care professionals.

BY MATT SZABO

Like many medical issues, early screening can be a benefit to detect hearing loss.

According to the Hearing Loss Assn. of America, it takes the average person seven years from the time they suspect they might have a hearing loss to the time they seek treatment.

One local option to get on top of things recently opened in Huntington Beach, where leading hearing care retailer HearUSA has opened a new Hearing Center of the Future.

The center features include state-of-the-art technologies, interactive displays and expert advice from licensed hearing care professionals, or HCPs. The new location also features a HearUSA

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Food drive draws kids eager to help other kids

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Like trick-or-treaters one might encounter on Halloween, a slew of kids could be seen running from car to car Tuesday filling their bags with food items retrieved from the trunks of 22 vehicles parked in the lot at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach.

They were there for a unique food drive and fundraiser called Trunk & Pack, hosted by beek, a locally owned footwear company founded by Kenna Florie and Birgit Klett. The duo partnered with Project Hope Alliance, an organization that serves the needs of homeless children in Orange County.

"From the beginning we focused our charity on giving back to children, with a hyper focus on feeding children," said Florie. "For ev-

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CO-FOUNDERS

of footwear company beek, Kenna Florie, right, and Birgit Klett, hand out instant oatmeal and chewy fruit snacks to kids volunteering to collect food for homeless children during the Trunk & Pack food drive Tuesday.

Susan Hoffman

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BSC 224340 NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: **LEWIS LEE LEWIS**

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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: LEWIS I FF I FWIS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Zell S.H. Lewis in the Superior Court of California,

County of ORANGE.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Zell **S.H. Lewis** 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

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 or Jan 24, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM05 located at: 3390 HARBOR BVLD. 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 (<u>occourts.org</u>) 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

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

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: SCOTT G. NATHAN, ESQ LAW OFFICES OF SCOTT G. NATHAN 12241 NEWPORT AVE., STE 100 NORTH TUSTIN, CA 92705 Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 12/8, 12/14&12/15/2023

BSC 224348 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RITA CLAUDINE MANNEY, aka RITA C. MANNEY, aka RITA MANNEY 30-2023-01363346-PR-PL-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent and persons who may otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of: RITA CLAUDINE MANNEY, aka RITA C. MANNEY, aka RITA MANNEY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT MANNEY JR in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that

ROBERT MANNEY JR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

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

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb 08, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM06 located at: 3390 HARBOR BVLD.

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

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Attorney for the Petitioner: ROBERT MANNEY JR IN PRO PER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 ET SEQ. AND B & P 24073 et seq.) Escrow No. 28637SL

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made:

The name and address of the Seller/Licensee is: BASIL RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., 1907 HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

92627 known **MEDITERRANEAN GRILL**

names addresses the and Buyers/Transferees are: JACKELINE SALAZAR AND GUSTAVO MARTINEZ, 261 WEST ALTON AVENUE UNIT B, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: **BASIL RESTAURANT**

The assets to be sold are described in general as: INVENTORY, FIXED ASSETS (FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT), LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND ALCOHOLIC **BEVERAGE LICENSE**

And are located at: 1900 HAYES STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117.

The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: 41 ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE, #587927, now issued for the premises located at: HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA, **CALIFORNIA 92627**

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is JANUARY 5, 2024 at : CRESCENT LAND TITLE COMPANY, 890 3RD ST, CRESCENT CITY, CA 9553 The amount of the purchase price or consideration

in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$100,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$100,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be released from escrow only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Dated: **DECEMBER 11, 2023** Buyer: JACKELINE SALAZAR AND GUSTAVO MÁRTINEZ

Seller: BASIL RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 2025217-PP DAILY PILOT 12/15/23 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 131768 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE I rustee sale No. 131/68
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UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/19/2005.
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ALAWYED OR 1/09/20/24 at 1.30 PM. The Mortagare PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/08/2024 at 1:30 PM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/25/2005, as Instrument No. 2005000144630, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Orange County, State of California, executed by Edgar Vazquez, a Single Man, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH FOILIVALENT or other form CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the North front entrance to the County Courthouse, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701. 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: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 141o32-05 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1396 Shannon Lane, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, the purpose the street address and other common designation, if any, the purpose here is Said solville to made when the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay 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 said Deed of Trust, 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 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: \$751,048.46 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 written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated:12/12/2023 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Addiana. Purham/Authorized. Signature, 27368 Via Dated:12/12/2023 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, Suite 201 Temecula, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 758-8052 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 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 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 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 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 (800) 758-8052 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site -www.Xome.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 131768. 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: 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 (800) 758-

8052 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or

visit this internet website www.Xome.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using

the file number assigned to this case 131768 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

you must submit a bid so that the trustee's 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. A-4804437 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/22/2023

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By the Mepham Group

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Man pleads guilty to vandalizing Christ Church by the Sea in N.B.

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A 27-year-old San Dimas man pleaded guilty Monday and was immediately sentenced to 16 months in jail for vandalizing a Newport Beach church.

Nicolas Alexandro Briones pleaded guilty to one count each of vandalism and vandalism of religious property, both felonies. He vandalized Christ Church by the Sea, 1400 W. Balboa Blvd., days after be- to court records. ing released from jail for vandalism in an unrelated case.

Briones was released from jail April 11 after pleading guilty March 29 to a felony count of vandalism, according to court and jail records. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail on March 29 and placed on two years of formal probation in connection with the March 10 crime, according

At about 2:45 a.m. April 16, police responded to a vandalism call at Christ Church by the Sea, Newport Beach Police Department Sgt. Shawn Dugan said.

Stained glass windows were shattered, causing an estimated \$100,000 in dam-

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ery pair of shoes sold we donate a full day's worth of meals for a child in need, which is done through Second Harvest Food Bank."

For the Trunk & Pack event, each car trunk was filled with \$250 worth of food items such as goldfish crackers and fruit cups. Each of the kids participating from Orange County schools prepurchased a bag for \$25 and filled it with items collected from the open trunks. The full bags were then carried to an awaiting truck to later be distributed to children in need. A total of 115 bags were filled this year.

both "Since we are moms, we wanted to create an event where children could be involved," Florie said. "By working in their community there is real satisfaction that comes out of physically doing the labor."

Among the parents who contributed food items for the drive was Newport Beach resident Katy Hanke.

"It was fun to fill a trunk with Pop-Tarts," something her daughter happens to love, Hanke said. "Ît's a way to teach my kids and give them the opportunity of giving back at holidays.'

Carden Hall students Holly Hedley and Colette Scott Fleming, both 11, said they were eager to attend



Susan Hoffman

A BROWNIE TROOP lines up to fill food bags for homeless kids during the Trunk & Pack food drive at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach on Tuesday.

the event and happy to help the homeless.

"I was excited to be here and help the homeless and provide food," Colette said. "And [to] help to make sure they survive.'

Allen Burnett, community engagement coordinator for Project Hope Alliance, was on hand to educate the families about the organization's work.

"It's the first time Project Hope Alliance has been supported [by the event], and we're excited about this partnership," said Burnett. "We serve kids experiencing homelessness in Orange County, and I'm definitely thrilled to see kids helping other kids."

Newport Beach resident Ryan Tomalas, who arrived with a trunkful of Rice-A-Roni for the cause, said he wanted to be there to support his daughter's water polo team. "It's a great community event," Tomalas said. "It's an import thing to support and the right time of year to do something like

Emily Krout of Newport Beach was a volunteer this year along with her kids, Skye, 7, and 10-year-old Pax, who were stationed in the trunk of their car amid dozens of fruit cups. Both kids decided they liked putting the food into the bags.

"We couldn't attend last year so we put money toward it instead," Krout said. "And [participating] this year was so much more fun than writing a check."

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

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tainability. Also, a collaboration with the Surfrider Foundation has led to quarterly beach cleanups, and the Pacific Marine Mammal Center is using the Visit Laguna Beach visitors center for a gift shop while renovations continue on its primary location in the canyon.

Overnight room rentals bring in the money to cover the work, with businesses in the tourism marketing district - comprised of local lodging establishments paying an annual selfassessment of 2% of their gross revenue in exchange for promotional benefits.



Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

A VIEW OF Treasure Island Beach and the Montage Laguna Beach in Laguna Beach in September 2020.

The projected assessment year is just shy of \$3.5 million, according to the rebudget for the current fiscal

port, including a balance of \$259,578 left over from previous years.

Visit Laguna Beach will receive \$1.6 million of that total for its sales, marketing and communications efforts, as well as the administration and operations budget. The rest of the budget is allocated to the arts, Visit Laguna Beach president and chief executive Rachel O'Neill-Cusey said.

Funding generated from the assessments is used to support programming for the Arts Commission, Laguna College of Art and Design, Laguna Playhouse, Laguna Art Museum and grants for the cultural arts.

Visit Laguna Beach is responsible for programming related to the tourism marketing district, while the city collects the assessments on a quarterly basis. The tourism marketing district is in effect for an initial five-year period that runs through June 30, 2025.

Visit Laguna Beach's website refers to the town "Southern California's premier coastal destination" and points interested parties to the arts, outdoor activities, hotels and restaurants, and annual events.

A couple of residents speaking during public comments during the City Council meeting called on the organization to make efforts to attract overnight visitors, as opposed to campaigns that would bring in visitors from nearby cities.

Resident Chris Catsimanes said day-trippers add to the issues in town by crowding streets, taking parking spaces in the neighborhoods and trashing beaches.

You can't keep them away, but you can surely keep from advertising to those people," Catsimanes said. "You can advertise internationally, you can advertise statewide or nationally, but why on earth should you want to be attracting more and more of those kinds of people that do nothing but cause a lowering of the quality of life and cost us money?

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HEARING

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HearAcademy Learning Center, one of just two in the country, where current HCPs can stay up to date on new technologies, and those looking to forward their careers can participate in the Hearing Instrument Specialist (HIS) Apprentice Program.

The other HearAcademy Learning Center opened in Pam Beach Gardens, Fla. earlier this year, so the Surf City location serves as a West Coast hub, said Dr. Katherine Yeh, a HearUSA doctor of audiology who works there. Recently, a representative from Widex hearing aids made an appearance to show off the product and how to program it and make adjustments.

"Every couple of months or so, we have a deep dive," Yeh said. "There are students who come in and go through training. We have a whole classroom in the back and they're trained to make sure they're ready for their licensing exam, and they get sponsored by an HCP too to kind of show them the ropes. You have to have a sponsor for about a year, and then you can take the exam to become a licensed hearing aid dispenser."

Yeh works with hearing aid dispenser Vanessa Espinoza to see patients at the Huntington Beach location all day. She performs a comprehensive hearing test on potential patients, consisting of three parts — tones, words and



James Carbone

6 South Coast Repertory

DR. KATHERINE YEH holds a pair of "insert headphones," what a patient would use to have their hearing tested, at the recently opened HearUSA Hearing Center of the Future in Huntington Beach on Thursday.

full sentences with background

She will then go over options for hearing aids if necessary, either behind-the-ear or in-ear models. HearUSA is contracted with Kaiser medical insurance, Yeh said, but will work with different insurance companies and third-party groups.

She added that purchases comes with a three-year warranty.

"I always have a demo pair ready," Yeh said. "It's very immediate, which is good. We can do same-day fits. If they're willing to move forward and they want to try it out, we can fit them and they can go home with a pair to-

Though hearing aids are expensive, they are less cumbersome than they used to be. Espinoza has been with the company as an HCP for six years, but in the industry for nearly two decades.

"We're not the cheapest out there, but we're also not the most expensive, from my experience," Espinoza said. "I've seen people

go up to like \$12,000 on hearing aids. We never really do that. Even if you didn't have insurance, we would still give you promotional pricing."

HearUSA moved out of its previously listed Huntington Beach location, which was technically near the city border and in Westminster, earlier this year. The new space has a layout to accommodate the learning center, which also accommodates employees from the corporate office in Flor-

"It's still very new, but it's giving [the apprentices] an opportunity to learn everything and get ready for the practical exam and the written test, too, which is a little bit harder to pass," Espinoza said. "They learn how to go inside of people's ears, what to look for, how to make impressions of ears for people that need ear molds, how to repair hearing aids in office, reading hearing tests.

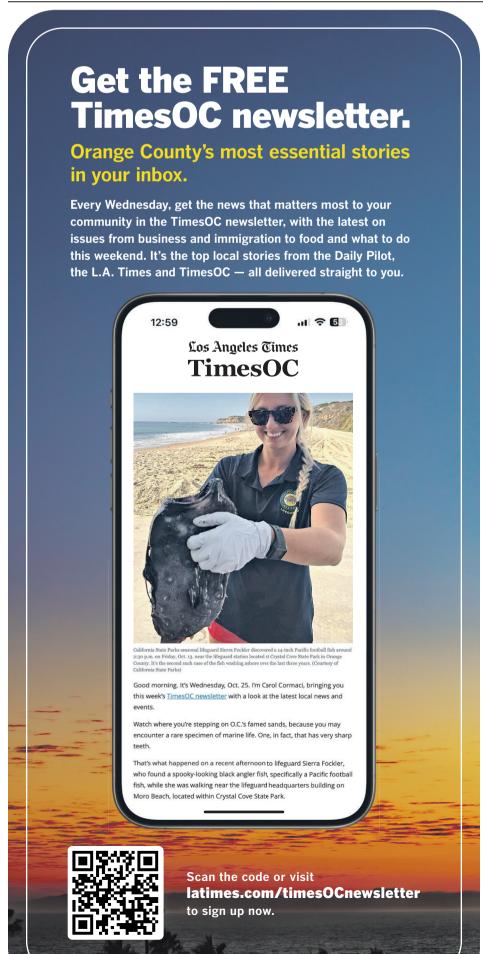
"It's an actual classroom setting, which is pretty exciting."

The company also offers room for growth, she said, as many of the HCPs start as front desk staff before working their way up.

"It's good, because then clients get to see you grow too," Espinoza said. "It's a familiar face, somebody that they're comfortable with and they've been seeing for years.

HearUSA also has several other Orange County hearing centers, including one in Costa Mesa.

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Sports

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

F.V. wrestling places first at Mann Classic

BY ANDREW TURNER

If the top of the leaderboard held a surprise, it certainly did not come from among the schools duking it out for the team title at the end of the Mann Classic at Marina High.

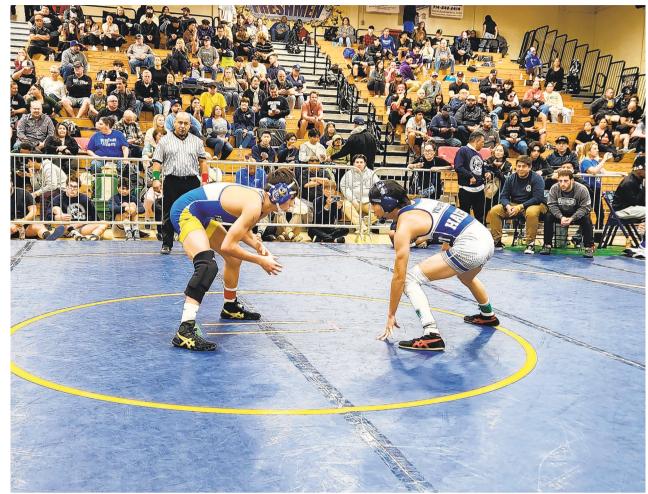
Behind the strength of four individual champions, the Fountain Valley wrestling team surged in the final round Saturday to claim first in the tournament by a narrow margin of 220.5-217.5 over Servite.

Hunter Jauregui (106 pounds), Hercules Windrath (150), Khale McDonnell (175) and Ryland Whitworth (215) won their weight classes for the Bar-

The Friars, with four finalists, were unable to pick up any team points within those matches, the drama remaining until Villa Park's Santiago Benitez pinned Servite's Brandon Bass in the second period of the heavyweight division final to bring the event to a

A decision in favor of the Friars would have been enough to assure at least a share of the tournament title for Servite.

"I'm so blessed to be part of this team," Jauregui said. "I think that this is where I'm meant to be. I feel a special connection with everyone on our team. I think everyone's such a great wrestler, everyone works really hard, we have good team chemistry. Every day we go to



Andrew Turner

FOUNTAIN VALLEY'S Hunter Jauregui, left, and Newport Harbor's Rikki Villasenor square off in the 106-pound final of the Mann Classic on Saturday.

practice, we're ready to wrestle.

"We all just put in our effort, and we just support our team. We want the best for our team. I think everybody works hard. I don't think anybody on our team doesn't give 100%,

and I love that about my team."

Jauregui, Windrath and Whitworth have each gone undefeated through the first two tournaments of their season, also running the table in Westminster's Cossarek Classic, where

Fountain Valley placed third as a team.

Newport Harbor made waves, presenting itself as an upstart contender with its third-place showing in the 42-team tournament. Demian Pryima edged out Huntington Beach's Gavvin Stephens with a 7-6 decision in the 132-pound fi-

Pryima acknowledged the Sailors appear to be on the upswing, but he didn't attribute the success to a specific aspect of the pro-

"I think everything just breeds winning, at this point," Pryima said. "It's like more of a result of

everything." Rikki Villasenor (106) and Ayden Solomon (165) placed second in their respective divisions for the Sailors, as each was defeated by fall in the third period.

Corona del Mar has had the edge over crosstown rival Newport Harbor of late, but the Battle of the Bay is expected to be a tightlycontested affair this time around. The rivals will square off with the Golden Singlet on the line on Jan. 17 at CdM.

The Sea Kings did not insert all of their regulars into the brackets, and CdM went on to place 11th as a

Antonio Aramburu, the lone finalist for CdM, managed to finish off Xingyu Chen of Rancho Cucamonga Los Osos as the clock was expiring in the first period of the 157pound championship match.

"They have a good team," Aramburu said after seeing Newport Harbor's performance in the two-day event. "They're young. I'm confident in our team. I think we can win it. It will definitely be closer than other years, but I want to keep the Golden Singlet for four vears.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David M. Harmon in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David M. Harmon be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

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 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the

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BOYS' SOCCER

Brock Paz's 2 goals lead CdM over Sage Hill

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Corona del Mar boys' soccer team defeated visiting Sage Hill 5-1 on Wednesday, a line score that, on the surface, told little of two programs whose respective goals are not so far apart.

Both programs look to build after introducing a number of new faces to the fold, and after both missed the playoffs a season ago, their coaches have new aspirations in mind.

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"I think automatic playoff berth is the way to go, to always be sure, but you only play six games in [the Surf] League," said CdM coach Eddie Bairam after the Sea Kings were left out of the playoffs with an 11-6-3 record at the end of last season. "It's really difficult. You're playing Edison and Los Al and [Newport] Harbor. It's a local rival and two of the powerhouses in the [Sunset] Conference, so it's going to be tough.

"It's going be difficult, but

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you know, it's a challenge, and that's why we play." Still among their ranks are goalkeeper Matt Wood

and midfielder Brock Paz, both four-year varsity players for CdM (3-1-2) who have developed a special bond. Paz said it was Wood who taught him how to do a back flip, and he performed one in celebration of a critical second-half goal.

Clinging to a 2-1 lead, Paz rolled a wet ball through Sage Hill goalkeeper Max Van Dooren (two saves), as the Sea Kings regained a two-goal advantage with 15 minutes left in the contest.

"It felt awesome," Paz said of the Sea Kings matching a season-high with five goals scored. "After them getting that one goal and then going into the second half, I kind of just talked to the team, and I said, 'We got to get in there. First five minutes, we got to get a goal.'

"They just got a goal, so they can get one more and tie it up. I'm stoked. Everyone kind of went in full attack mode, our defense, as

Two minutes later, Ryan Peloso had found the back of the net, the second sequence in which Sage Hill (4-1-1) had conceded in the immediate aftermath of a CdM scoring strike. Logan Walsh bolted in off the left wing and scored in the right-side netting for the game's final tally.

"I felt like the goalkeep-

ers, for key moments, for us came up strong," Bairam said of the tandem of Sean Shirvani and Wood. "I thought theirs was a bit unfortunate with that third goal. I thought that took the stuffing out of them a little bit. We were 2-1 up. We weren't looking too composed

Van Dooren made a couple of stops early on, including a denial of a bruising shot by Paz in transition in the 13th minute.

in the middle of the second

The Sea Kings got on the board in the 24th minute, as Rodrigo Fabregas crossed a ball in from the right edge for Bryce Roberts, who slid in and touched the ball into the back of the net.

Paz doubled the lead a minute later, Peloso playing the ball into space behind a Sage Hill back line that was playing high. The senior midfielder won the race and cashed in.

Sage Hill coach Raphael Alves said scheduling CdM was about exposing his team to another level of play. The Lightning went 0-7-1 against Pacific Coast League competition last season. Alves added he wants to break the ice in the win column more than once this time around.

Freshman striker Jack Weisberg scored on a rising left-footed shot in the 40th minute for Sage Hill, which already has more wins than it had all of last season. The Lightning came in with a four-game winning streak - twice against Capistrano Valley Christian, the others against Cerritos Valley Christian and Tarbut V'Torah.

"It is great, for me, because they tried as much as possible," Alves said of his team's effort against CdM. "Even though they got affected after the goals, it's something to learn. They need to work with that, to understand that the game model we're applying is staying there regardless of the opponent or whatever happened."

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