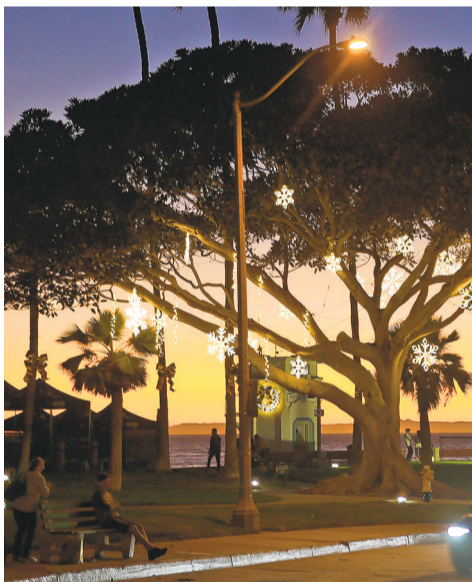


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## Laguna Aglow



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**TOP AND LEFT:** Snowflake lights hang above the highway as people walk along the brightened sidewalks at Main Beach Park in downtown Laguna Beach on a recent night.

**ABOVE:** A life sized walk-through snowflake light brightens the night at Coast Highway and Forest Avenue in downtown Laguna Beach.



James Carbone

**THE INCOMING MAYOR** of Newport Beach, Joe Stapleton, left, shakes hands with outgoing Mayor Will O'Neil on Tuesday.

## N.B. City Council appoints Stapleton as mayor

Newport Beach City Council has a majority of women members for the first time in the city's history.

**BY ERIC LICAS**

The Newport Beach City Council appointed the head of an investment management company as its mayor Tuesday, and welcomed newcomers to the panel, which is now comprised of a majority of women for the first time in the city's history.

New Mayor Joe Stapleton is the co-founder of the Spinnaker Investment group, and has been a member of the City Council since 2022. He previously served as a member of the Harbor and Finance commissions.

He thanked his current and outgoing colleagues on the governing body, his family as well as the Newport Beach community as a whole shortly after his appointment Tuesday evening.

"I can't wait to see what we accomplish together," Stapleton said. "This is not something I take lightly, and I'm so blessed to have a dedicated group of leaders working toward the same goal."

Stapleton declared "Celebrate Newport" as his theme for 2025, and announced plans to set aside time at future council meetings to recognize key moments in the city's history.

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## Laguna Beach Council appoints lifelong resident as new mayor

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

Laguna Beach has a hometown mayor, and Alex Rounaghi wasted no time after being appointed to the position in expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to represent the city of his roots.

Rounaghi, 27, was elected to the City Council two years ago. He graduated from Laguna Beach High in 2016, before earning bachelor's degrees in government and history from Dartmouth College.

"Laguna's history has been shaped by visionary leaders, entrepreneurs, artists," said Rounaghi, a development associate and project manager at City Ventures. "All of us here are standing, I feel, on the shoulders of giants who came before us and who provided the leadership that really is essential to what makes Laguna such a unique and special place. Living up to that legacy is adopting responsibility, and it's something that I think all of us up here really care a lot about and spend a lot of



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New mayor Alex Rounaghi makes his first comments to the public after being sworn-in to office during the Special Laguna Beach City Council reorganization meeting on Monday, Dec 9th in Laguna Beach.

time thinking about." on its centennial. Rounaghi  
Laguna Beach, which was incorporated in 1927, is closing in

See [Rounaghi](#), page A4

## Authorities make arrests after weekend brawl

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

Authorities this week released details of a brawl that led to multiple arrests in the early morning hours of Saturday, Dec. 7.

Officers responded to the 200 block of Beach Street in downtown Laguna Beach at 2:19 a.m. after receiving a report that a driver had hit a pedestrian with a vehicle.

At the scene, police found two men who allegedly had been struck by the vehicle intentionally. One of the men had "significant but non-life-threatening" injuries to his lower extremities, while another had minor injuries.

The suspected vehicle was located near the scene, and authorities detained two men.

Nicholas Tasooji, 39, the alleged driver of the vehicle, was booked into the Orange County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon. Tasooji mounted the sidewalk on the eastbound side

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ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA 25 CENTS

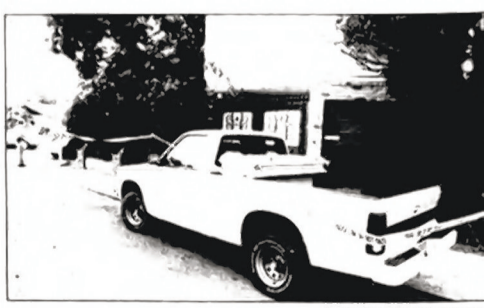
## Newport man slain; police seek motive

By STEVE MARBLE

Robbery appears to have been ruled out as a motive in the brutal, beating death of a 35-year-old Newport Beach man found Wednesday face-down in a hallway of his Newport Shores home.

Ronald Dean Gaskey, police said, apparently was clubbed on the head and face with an unknown object sometime late Tuesday. An autopsy was to be performed today to pinpoint the cause and time of death.

Police said they have no clues on the identity of the killer. Gaskey, a construction worker, lived alone and had taken painstaking steps to secure his



Newport death scene was sealed off by police.

Courtesy of the Newport Beach Public Library

**AN ARCHIVED REPORT** about the death of Ronald Gaskey in the Dec. 15, 1983 edition of the Daily Pilot.

## Possible suspect named in 1983 Newport Beach homicide, charges not immediately filed

**BY ERIC LICAS**

Police named a 70-year-old Huntington Beach man last week as a potential suspect in the killing of a construction worker in Newport Beach 41 years ago.

Detectives looking into the death of Ronald Gaskey poured over evidence and conducted additional interviews that led them to obtain a warrant for the arrest of Michael Larry Manatt. He was booked Friday on suspicion of murder and has since been re-

leased. No formal charges had been filed against him as of Tuesday. Investigators did not immediately go into further detail about the case in a news release announcing Manatt's arrest.

Gaskey was found bludgeoned to death on the second floor of his Newport Shores home in the 400 block of Lugonia Street, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1983, according to an archived

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## OBITUARY

## Janet Hilbert fell in love with Calif. scenes, gifted art to Chapman

BY SARA CARDINE

Janet “Jan” Hilbert — whose passion for artwork that told meaningful stories about the Golden State and its denizens inspired her and husband Mark to establish Chapman University’s Hilbert Museum of California Art — died Saturday in Newport Beach following a prolonged illness.

News of her passing, at age 83, was shared Tuesday in a release issued by Chapman University President Daniele C. Struppa, who recalled her generosity and dedication to fostering creativity and learning. “Beyond her professional achievements, Jan was known for her effervescent aura, which could be felt whenever she entered a room,” Struppa said. “[Her] warmth, generosity and unwavering commitment to the values she held dear will always remain inspiring and uplifting to us all.”

Born in North Dakota on March 24, 1941, Jan moved to the Los Angeles area as a child before settling in Newport Beach. In addition to teaching business courses at Santa Ana College for 35 years, she also taught at Redondo Union High School, according to a forthcoming biography

**JANET HILBERT**, third from left, with Chapman University officials at a Hilbert Museum expansion groundbreaking in Feb. 2023.



Courtesy of Hilbert Museum at Chapman University

of the Hilberts by Liz Goldner.

She recalled meeting the man who would become her husband, Mark Hilbert, completely by happenstance while she was rollerblading on Balboa Peninsula in 1991. As he drove by in a 1947 Packard, he caught her eye.

“My friend recognized him and waved him down, as he also had a Packard,” she recounted to her biographer. “There we were on a February morning, not expecting a new life to begin. But a bell went off and so did we.”

The pair became close, purchasing a home in Palm Springs in 1992. Cash strapped and looking to

decorate the residence in original art, the couple chanced upon a watercolor painting at a local consignment shop. It would be a fateful moment, Hilbert Museum director Mary Platt recalled Tuesday.

“They loved that so much, they came back the next day and bought some more,” Platt said. “Then they started educating themselves about what that type of art was.”

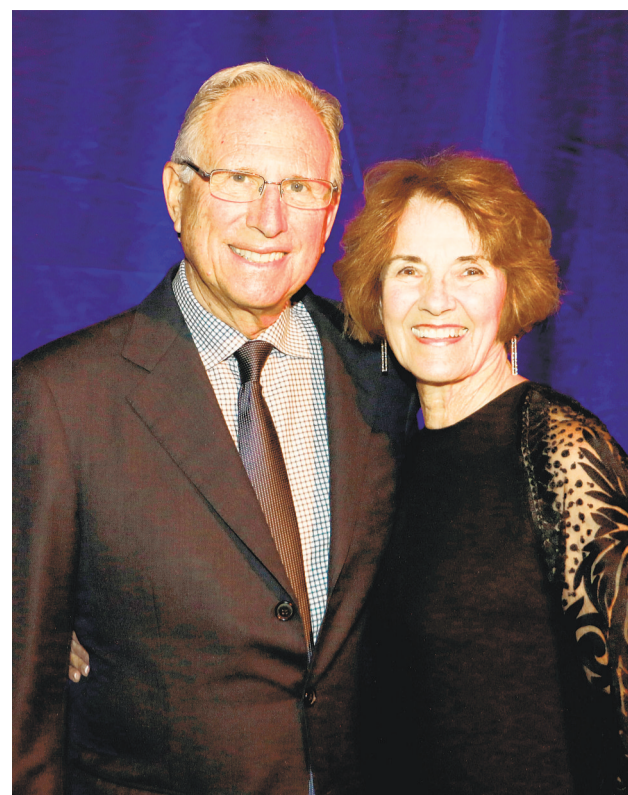
Referred to as California Scene paintings, the core works in the couple’s collection date back to the 1920s, depicting subjects engaging in everyday activities in a particular landscape or venue.

That collection today

comprises more than 3,000 watercolors, oil paintings and prints along with major animation and movie production art, American illustrations and Native American artifacts.

Hoping to share their love and vision of narrative art with a wider audience, particularly students, the Hilberts in 2014 donated \$3 million to Chapman University, along with 240 artworks valued at more than \$7 million, allowing the Orange campus to open its first museum two years later.

This February, the Hilberts celebrated with museum officials the opening of a 22,000-square-foot expansion that



Courtesy of Hilbert Museum at Chapman University

**MARK AND JANET** Hilbert established the Hilbert Museum of California Art in 2014 with the donation of \$3 million and art valued at more than \$7 million.

tripled the original footprint and features 26 galleries, a cafe, community room for lectures and classes and a research library.

Although she’d been battling an illness for some time, Jan rallied for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new facility, speaking to those assembled. Platt said an outdoor space in the new complex has been named the Janet Hilbert Arts Courtyard.

“There’s a beautiful oak tree in the middle,” she said Tuesday. “I think of

that representing how long lasting her vision, and [Mark’s] vision, is for the museum. That will be ever-growing, just like this oak tree.”

Jan Hilbert is survived by her husband, Mark, their children and grandchildren. A private memorial service is being planned by her family, but Platt said talks are in the works for a more public celebration of life, likely sometime in the spring.

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## OBITUARY

## South Coast Repertory co-founder led players to renown

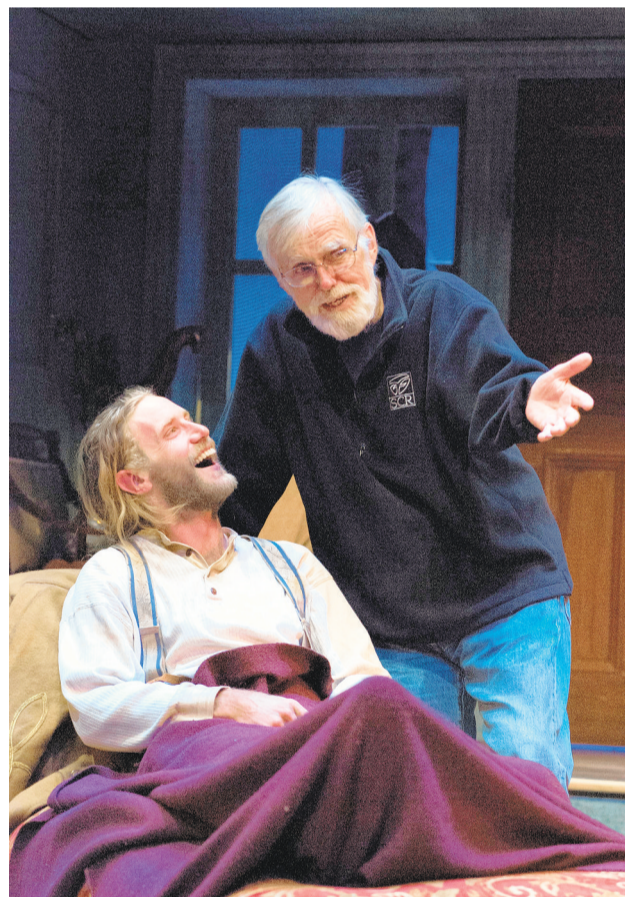
BY SARA CARDINE

Martin Benson — who with friends and fellow lovers of the stage developed South Coast Repertory from a single summertime performance to an award-winning theater company and who directed 119 productions across its 60-year history — died Saturday at age 87.

In addition to forming the company alongside co-founder and colleague David Emmes, and serving with him as a co-artistic director for 46 years, Benson built and painted sets, designed costumes and constructed and fixed props for many of the performances he also directed.

Leaders of the Costa Mesa-based nonprofit Tuesday recalled Benson’s pivotal role in establishing the regional theater and staging Orange County productions at a time when theatrical endeavors and careers were only possible in major metropolitan areas.

“Martin was a shining light for South Coast Repertory, a pioneer here and in our field,” current Artistic Director David Ivers said in a statement. “Kind, thoughtful and deeply curious, Martin was always ready with a poignant word, a handshake of support and an appetite for the work. He will be sorely



Courtesy of South Coast Repertory

**MARTIN BENSON**, right, directs an actor for a 2015 production of “The Whipping Man” at South Coast Repertory.

missed, but his fine example of craft and leadership endures.”

In his honor, the theater company will dedicate its Dec. 20 performance of “A Christmas Carol” to Benson, dimming the theater’s

lights in recognition of his legacy. A celebration of life is being planned, in collaboration with the Costa Mesa resident’s family, for sometime in January.

In an interview with the Pilot, Emmes recalled the

incredible happenstance behind South Coast Repertory’s inception, when he and Benson were no more than friendly classmates who’d attended theater courses at San Francisco State University.

A Northern California native bitten by the acting bug, Benson and a friend had moved out to L.A. after graduation to make a name for themselves but weren’t having much luck.

During a 1963 sojourn to visit Emmes, who’d gone the directorial route and was teaching classes at Long Beach City College, a conversation sprung up about attracting the attention of agents with a one-time performance at a local community theater.

“I thought maybe we could actually produce a showcase for Martin and Ed. That way, people would come and see it, maybe agents from Los Angeles would come down and see the work of that,” Emmes recounted. “Little did we know driving to Long Beach, for an agent in Los Angeles, was like going to Siberia.”

No agent attended the show, a staging of Arthur Schnitzler’s “La Ronde,” and no contracts were offered or signed. But a bit of theater magic happened all the same.

In crafting the show, a group of San Francisco

State-trained thespians had joined their erstwhile schoolmates and formed a bit of an ensemble under Emmes and Benson.

On a fateful trip to a local diner, the story goes, the duo began sketching out plans for a three-play series they would put on the following summer at the same Long Beach venue, the Off-Broadway Theatre.

What began as scribbles on a napkin turned into the experience of a lifetime, Emmes recalled of the 1964 productions.

“It ended up being artistically exhilarating for all of us,” he said Wednesday. “The takeaway was, what we’re doing is so exciting, we should keep doing this, we should become a company. That’s the real genesis of South Coast Repertory.”

In the decades that followed the company moved from rented venues, such as marine shops and converted dime stores, to a 75-seat theater on Balboa Peninsula in 1965 and two years later to a 217-seat space in Costa Mesa.

The current headquarters, at 655 Town Center Drive, was initially named the Folino Theatre Center but was renamed the David Emmes/Martin Benson Theatre Center in 2014.

“It has meant far more to me than I thought,” Benson told Daily Pilot theater re-

viewer Tom Titus at the time. “There is in it a sense of permanence, which is the opposite of the transitory nature of theater itself.”

A seven-time winner of the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for Distinguished Achievement in Directing, Benson helped South Coast Repertory secure a Tony Award for Distinguished Achievement in 1988. In 1995, he and Emmes were recognized with an L.A. Ovation lifetime achievement.

Although the pair stepped down from their positions as artistic directors in 2011, Benson continued directing one play each season, helming the 2020 production of John Patrick Shanley’s “Outside Mullingar.”

In their decades together, Benson and Emmes jointly decided on every production at the company. Although they granted one another veto power, it was a privilege neither ever invoked.

“He was there to support the work,” Emmes said Wednesday. “There was never any pretense, never any ego. It was always about what we could do to move the theater forward ever more — that was a great gift.”

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## Man leads police from Irvine to Newport Beach

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A 22-year old San Diego man led police in a pursuit in Orange County that began in Irvine and ended in Newport Beach Sunday after he got into a kayak and rowed to a boat in the harbor.

The Irvine Police Department received a call at about 7 a.m. regarding a man who appeared to have blood on him standing outside a vehicle near Rockefeller and Jamboree Road. When officers arrived, he jumped into the vehicle and drove away, Irvine Police Department spokesman Kyle Oldoerp told City News Service.

Police then pursued the suspect into Newport Beach, where he jumped

out of the vehicle, got into a kayak near the harbor and then rowed to a boat in the marina, Oldoerp said.

Members of the Orange County Sheriff’s Department Harbor Patrol joined Irvine police and began to negotiate a surrender. The suspect eventually gave up and was taken to a hospital.

Oldoerp told CNS that the man sustained self-inflicted wounds from a razor blade, which he threw into the harbor prior to his arrest.

After being released from the hospital, the suspect would likely be facing felony evading charges, Oldoerp said.

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## Costa Mesa man behind investment fraud scheme sentenced to 15 years, 1 month

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A Costa Mesa man was sentenced Monday to 15 years and one month behind bars for helping operate what investigators describe as a fraudulent investment scheme that raised \$13.8 million by promising investors returns of up to 10% through real estate.

Brett Barber, 45, who was a co-owner of Newport Beach-based BNZ Capital One, pleaded guilty in October 2023 to two counts of wire fraud and one count of criminal contempt.

A restitution hearing is scheduled for Jan. 9, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Another owner of BNZ Capital — Louis Zimmerman, 65, of Sacramento — pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud and

was sentenced in June to five years’ probation and fined \$10,000. He was ordered to pay restitution of \$684,500, documents show.

The Securities and Exchange Commission launched a civil case in 2021 naming Barber, Zimmerman and their company as defendants.

Barber and Zimmerman told investors that their company was in the business of real estate and other investments. They promised returns of 8% to 10% annually, according to court documents.

Investigators said that while the company did make some investments, those investments could not have generated enough profit to return principal investments or make good on the returns promised by Barber and Zimmerman.

Between June 2019 and February 2020, they raised \$6.9 million from investors but only invested \$2.7 million and generated less than \$5,000 in profits.

Barber and Zimmerman admitted using investor funds to pay returns in addition to paying themselves and those involved with the scheme. They are said to have raised an additional \$6.6 million since March 2020, according to court documents.

The company invested only \$6.4 million of the total \$13.5 million raised in real estate and alternative investment funds but barely generated \$300,000 in profits and made at least \$1.7 million in “Ponzi-like” payments to investors, federal prosecutors said.

Investigators believe

the actual losses are more than \$9 million. Zimmerman admitted keeping about \$582,815 of investor money, according to his plea agreement.

The criminal contempt charge against Barber stems from October 2021 when he was indicted and released on an \$800,000 bond. In January 2023, a Los Angeles federal judge revoked Barber’s bond and ordered him detained pending trial.

The court required Barber to self-surrender to the U.S. Marshals Service, but he instead went on the lam, according to his plea agreement. He was arrested four months later and jailed in Santa Cruz before being brought back to Los Angeles, court papers show.

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# Vanguard trains next generation of Latina/o leaders

BY MATT SZABO

Vanguard University President Michael Beals' remarks Monday morning were brief yet powerful.

Beals spoke at the completion ceremony for this year's Leadership and Latina/o Identity course, as 37 first-year and transfer Latino students at Vanguard completed a six-week program.

Beals focused on some different numbers. In the hallway to his office, 10 pictures of presidents of the university date to 1920.

"There are nine men and one woman," Beals said. "They share one commonality: We're all white."

"I plan to be here for quite a number of years," added Beals, who has been Vanguard president since 2013. "But it could be as soon as my successor — but likely no more than two presidents from me — the president of Vanguard will be a Latino or a Latina. I truly believe that."

About 47% of Vanguard students are of Latino heritage, the most of any demographic. Nationwide, about a quarter of first-generation students are also Latino.

Celina Canales started as director of the Jesse Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership in August, when Norlan Hernandez left for an opportunity at Fresno Pacific University.

It's more than just a job for Canales, who's also the director of university engagement and was previously the director of academic operations in the office of the provost.

"I have been personally influenced by the life of Dr. Jesse Miranda," said Canales of the leader of the Hispanic Evangelical movement, who died at age 82 in 2019. "He was like a surrogate grandfather to me."

Members of Miranda's family attended Monday's ceremony. They heard from some students who graduated the program; each student got a crew-neck sweatshirt and laptop sleeve as a gift.

Benito De La Rosa commutes from Riverside by train and bus to attend Vanguard and participate in the program.

"In high school, I was in a lot of leadership classes," De La Rosa said. "After these sessions, I kind of learned

that being a leader is more than just what you're able to impact on people, it's what you're able to impact on yourself as well. The only true way to be able to lead people is to lead yourself first."

Emiliano Sosa was in the program last year. Now, the third-year Vanguard student has stepped into leadership with the Intercultural Student Programs.

Canales said the vast majority of the ISP leadership team is Jesse Miranda Center alumni.

"When I said yes to this journey, it was a turning point in my life," said Sosa, who is originally from the Central Valley and whose father and mother are both from Mexico. "I wanted to develop my leadership skills and my professional skills. Taking this course not only did that, but it helped identify who I was culturally, where my roots came from and how I could be in the workforce as a Hispanic. We learned a lot about different leaders."

The keynote speaker at Monday's event was Dr. Michael Jimenez, an associate professor at Vanguard



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**STUDENTS FERNANDO BARRETO**, left, and Jose Garcia smile after completing the Latina/o Leadership and Identity course from the Jesse Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership at Vanguard University on Monday.

who worked with students on a deep dive into Miranda's life over the summer as part of the university's Summer Undergraduate Research Program.

Canales said she plans to expand the Leadership and Latina/o Identity program. This fall, faculty and administrative leaders taught on topics including cultural identity, self-awareness, emotional intelligence, integrity, mentorship, goal setting, legacy building and

more. Currently, the program is voluntary and students don't get academic credit, though they do get chapel credit.

"The plan is to make this a credit, and then to build a leadership course that goes throughout their college experience," she said. "We did personal leadership this year, next year I want to take this class and whoever else wants to opt in for credited, one-on-one leadership.

Then their junior year, team leadership. Their senior year, organizational leadership. We're scaffolding leadership as they are growing and getting ready to be launched."

Her goal for the Jesse Miranda Center as a whole is also in focus. She said she wants each Latino student to leave Vanguard with a sense of confidence and ownership, and to know that they are equipped to walk into work situations or leadership opportunities and know they are "right-sized," just like their white counterparts.

"Not over-sized where they're loud and obnoxious, not small where they're not truly themselves at any table they're invited to, but right-sized, completely who they are created and called to be," Canales said. "If all of our students can walk and talk and move with that kind of confidence, then we have accomplished our goal."

A future Vanguard president may just be the end result.

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## ROUNAGHI

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called it a time for reflection with the milestone approaching.

"One hundred years, that's a long time," Rounaghi said. "This really is a pivotal moment to achieve results on long-standing issues, from reducing wildfire risk to ensuring local water and sewer reliability — not always an interesting issue, but nothing's more important — protecting our environment, revitalizing our downtown, creating housing for artists and seniors, and mitigating visitor impacts. We have important work ahead, and while complex challenges rarely have easy solutions, I'm



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**LAGUNA BEACH** Mayor Alex Rounaghi and Mayor Pro Tem Mark Orgill, from left, shake hands after being named to their new roles on Monday.

really confident in this council [and] this city manager [Dave Kiff's] ability to

deliver meaningful progress for our community." Mark Orgill was selected

to serve as mayor pro tem. Both Rounaghi and Orgill received unanimous support from the council for their appointments.

Laguna Beach also swore in Bob Whalen for a fourth term on the council and Hallie Jones for her first, as well as Ann Marie McKay as city clerk and Laura Parisi as city treasurer. The latter pair ran unopposed during the Nov. 5 election to return to their respective offices.

The evening included significant turnout from supporters of an outgoing member of the City Council, George Weiss, and the city provided him with a proclamation that recognized, among other things, his contributions on environmental issues and a campaign to restore the

1931 Seagrave fire engine, the city's first fire apparatus.

"I'm very grateful for the support I received from so many residents," said Weiss, who added he would keep his campaign committee alive while considering whether to run again in 2026. "I wouldn't have been able to accomplish what I did without you. My intention for running was to be an advocate for Laguna residents. I've never intended to be a politician, and despite the election results, my commitment to the city and to its residents will not change. I will be here."

The Orange County Registrar of Voters certified the election on Dec. 3. Laguna Beach had 15,231 ballots cast. Whalen led the four

candidates vying for two seats on the city council with 7,029 votes. Jones secured 6,851 votes, Weiss had 5,141 votes, and Judie Mancuso finished with 4,013 votes. There are 18,296 registered voters citywide.

"We have an active and engaged community, which I think is why so many of us love living here and being involved," said Whalen, remarking on a turnout that exceeded 80% of the registered voters in Laguna Beach. "Thank you again to the entire community, and we look forward to continuing to communicate with all of you on issues and move the city forward, as we always try to do."

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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

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- 5 Facet
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- 14 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- 15 \_ del Fuego
- 16 Spanish cheer
- 17 Side with a burger: 2 wds.
- 19 Avail oneself of
- 20 Stuff oneself: 3 wds.
- 21 Provided food for
- 23 Orderly procedure
- 24 "Chopped" host Allen
- 25 Mined rock
- 26 Justice Dept. agency: Abbr.
- 28 Barbie, e.g.
- 32 Grimly harsh
- 35 Italian "goodbye"
- 36 By way of
- 37 Corn servings
- 38 Language of old Rome
- 39 Encounter
- 40 Gorilla or bonobo
- 41 Dastardly
- 42 Handbag
- 43 Enjoy a magazine
- 45 Five times two
- 46 Revolutionary Guevara
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- 65 Driver's license, e.g.: 2 wds.

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## SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk).

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A5.

66 Singer Chappell

### DOWN

- 1 Storage vaults
- 2 Assortment
- 3 Undoes a deletion
- 4 Capitol Hill politicians
- 5 In one's house: 2 wds.
- 6 Refine flour
- 7 According to
- 8 "The Little Mermaid" prince
- 9 Genesis event
- 10 Have a sip of
- 11 "In \_ face!"
- 12 Otherwise
- 13 Sesame- \_ bun
- 18 Store worker
- 22 Actor Byrnes

- 26 Belong: 2 wds.
- 27 Scoop out water
- 29 Finished
- 30 Untruths
- 31 Not on time
- 32 Cook in a hot pan
- 33 Adhesive strip
- 34 Locality
- 35 Stone Age dwelling
- 38 Did calligraphy
- 39 Mild cheese type
- 42 Call up
- 44 Radio pros: Abbr.
- 46 Shut
- 48 Cook-off dish
- 50 Reached: 2 wds.
- 51 Kagan of SCOTUS
- 52 Showed again
- 53 All- \_ (cookware brand)
- 54 Very uncommon
- 55 "So be it"
- 56 The D in CD
- 57 "Dark Lady" singer
- 60 Federal entitlement agency: Abbr.

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BRAWL

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of Beach Street with his vehicle during the incident, police said.

The altercation originated with two groups of men arguing in a local bar on Forest Avenue. Authorities added that differences on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict surfaced during the disagreement but were not the genesis of the argu-

ment.

The incident carried on outside. Itay Zaiger, 25, of Huntington Beach chased after and tackled a man, authorities said in the release. Tasooji then struck one of Zaiger's companions with his vehicle.

A man identified in the news release as Tasooji's companion claimed Zaiger kicked him in the head several times once he had been taken to the ground. Authorities said Zaiger was

booked into the Laguna Beach City Jail for assault likely to cause great bodily injury. He posted bond and was released with a future date to appear in court.

The Laguna Beach police department's major crimes unit is investigating the incident. Anyone with information should contact Detective Tanner Flagstad at (949) 715-0984.

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COLD CASE

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edition of the Daily Pilot. At least one neighbor reported seeing him arrive home from work early that Tuesday evening. But he failed to show up to a job site in Hollywood the following day, and so a former girl-

friend was sent to check on him.

Neighbors described Gaskey as security-conscious and said his home had an elaborate alarm system. However, investigators found his front door and gate unlocked. Police at the time told the Daily Pilot the house had not been ransacked and there were no

signs of a break in.

Police ask anyone with information that might help investigators to contact Newport Beach Det. Kyle Markwald at (949) 644-3762 or kmarkwald@nbpd.org.

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James Carbone

MICHELLE BARTO is sworn into the Newport Beach City Council on Tuesday.

STAPLETON

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He also highlighted projects he expects to make progress on, like the implementation of an automated surveillance network, drone program and other technological upgrades for the police department. Over the next year, officials also plan to break ground on the overhaul of Fire Station 1 on Balboa Island and bring a \$4 million "trash wheel" online to help prevent garbage from accumulating in the Harbor, Stapleton noted.

He'll share the dais with two newcomers to the council, former Newport-Mesa Unified School District Trustee Michelle Barto and businesswoman and certified public accountant Sara Weber. Both were supported by Stapleton and other sitting council members in the November election, and campaigned on platforms that aligned with many of their new colleagues' positions.

Incumbent District 5 Councilman Noah Blom won his bid for reelection and will return for another term.

"I'm very thankful to be part of this wonderful city," Barto said. "I'm very honored by all the support that I had and by all of the hard working people in the city."

Weber also expressed gratitude to the people of Newport Beach. She specifically thanked O'Neill and outgoing Councilman Brad Avery, whom she described as mentors.

Costa Mesa Mayor John Stephens and Huntington Beach Councilman Tony Strickland were among the officials from neighboring communities who joined Newport Beach in congratulating Avery and O'Neill for their years of service. Stephens praised them for overcoming the

challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and supporting a partnership with Costa Mesa that led to the development of an emergency homeless shelter.

Strickland called outgoing and current Newport Beach council members his friends and colleagues. He also said he was excited at the prospect of their future collaboration with the city of Huntington Beach.

"I look forward to civilian life, and a great reduction in emails and phone calls," Avery said, drawing a chuckle from some of those in attendance at City Hall. "However, I will follow the City Council's work, since my interest in our city's success is unwavering. Newport has given me so much — friendships, opportunity and the honor of contributing to an amazing town that means a great deal to me."

O'Neill also expressed optimism for the future of Newport Beach. He re-

called when one resident, then-sixth grader Alexis Portillo, attended a council meeting years ago. She said her sister had disabilities that prevented her from using the swings at public parks, and suggested that the city install ADA accessible equipment so more children could enjoy a day at the playground.

"Frankly, the issue had escaped the attention of everyone on the dais," O'Neill said. "But here was someone who came forward with a problem, offered a solution and made sure the lives of people in the city improved."

"We're better off as a community when we have the Alexis Portillos of the world coming up and solving problems," he went on to say in his closing address to the city he has helped govern for the past eight years.

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Edison outlasts Granite Hills to advance to state final

BY ANDREW TURNER

to close the gap to six points.

Perhaps for the first time this postseason, the Edison football team found itself in a pressure-packed situation late in the game.

Twice ahead by 20 points, the Chargers had seen their lead slip to an uncomfortable margin, one that demanded execution in all three phases to extend the season.

Edison ensured there would be another chapter to write, as the Chargers held off El Cajon Granite Hills 34-28 on Saturday in the CIF State Southern California Regional Division 1-A final at ‘Cap’ Sheue Field.

“It certainly got really, really interesting, more interesting than we wanted it to get,” Edison coach Jeff Grady said. “We had a good lead, and we needed to build on it, but in the end, we came out on top.”

Julius Gillick had 39 carries for 238 yards and three touchdowns, but a fumble by the senior running back played a part in the Eagles getting back into the game.

Two plays and 37 seconds later, Max Turner powered into the end zone for his third rushing touchdown (fourth score overall)

Granite Hills (11-3) then forced a punt. The Chargers had been fortunate to recover two fumbled long snaps earlier in the game, and in a key situation, Nico Bammer flipped the field with a punt that made the Eagles begin a potential go-ahead drive at their own 29-yard line.

Following a Devyn Blake sack, Granite Hills converted fourth-and-11 when Zachary Benitez connected with Lathan Fry, who made a sliding catch over the middle for a 14-yard gain.

The Chargers made good on their next chance to get off the field. On fourth-and-6, Benitez's pass was tipped by Blake, and Matt Lopez made a diving catch for the interception at mid-field.

“Our main part of our defense is ‘do your job,’” said Blake, a junior defensive lineman. “My job is just [to] take on the double, the triple [team], whatever I need to do. ... That chance, I was blocked, and so I just put my hands up, tipped the ball, and Matt got the pick.”

Edison (11-4) will face Fresno Central (12-2) in the Division 1-A state championship game at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Saddleback College. Central beat San Francisco St. Ignatius College Prep 33-23 in the Northern California regional final.

“We just knew that we had to stay together and



**EDISON'S JULIUS GILLICK**, seen versus Los Alamitos on Oct. 18, rushed for 238 yards and three touchdowns in a win over Granite Hills on Saturday.

Don Leach  
Staff Photographer

have each other's back,” senior defensive back Carson Schmidt said. “When the moment got big, we just stuck together, and that's what it took to get the win.”

Granite Hills scored its initial possession of each half, but in between, Edison rattled off 27 unanswered points. Gillick had three red-zone touchdown runs in that span.

“We tend to get comfortable, and that's something that we cannot do on Saturday — and will not do on Saturday,” Gillick said in looking ahead to the state final. “These trials and

tribulations just make us better. Tight games, it's an experience. It's a lesson learned. We can't let this happen again, and I'm pretty confident that we won't.”

The heavy usage of Gillick in the running game resulted in just a dozen passing attempts for Sam Thomson, who had touchdown throws of 35 yards to Jacob Martin and 17 yards to Jake Minter.

Turner, a Utah Tech signee, rushed 26 times for 108 yards. In the second half, he charged toward the line of scrimmage before

making a leaping pass over the oncoming defenders. Behind the defense, Tristan Diaz completed the play for a 44-yard receiving score.

Gillick missed the CIF Southern Section Division 3 final after being suspended for one game for picking up two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties in the semifinals against Vista Murrieta.

The senior standout has rushed for 2,350 yards and 35 touchdowns this season, setting the Chargers' single-season rushing record.

“It's awesome,” Gillick said after the Chargers

played their final game at home. “This city, although I'm [from Seattle], it means a whole lot to me and my family. I'll always be grateful for the community and the love that they show. I'm starting to feel like a little bit of a hometown hero. ...

“It's a really good feeling at the end of the game, looking at the crowd. I'm kind of not feeling great that this is the last time I ever got to do that, soaking it all up. I don't really want to leave yet.”

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**NOTICE OF PETITION**  
**TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**Michael Kelly Rowan aka Michael K. Rowan**  
**30-2024-01443594-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: **Michael Kelly Rowan aka Michael K. Rowan.**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **HUNTER ROWAN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **HUNTER ROWAN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
**THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Jan 16, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626  
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**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
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**TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**Gary L. Whitener**  
**30-2024-01440217-PR-PW-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Gary L. Whitener.**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Daniel Whitener and Robert Whitener** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Daniel Whitener and Robert Whitener** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
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**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Jan 08, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626  
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**  
**CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NO. 24FL001272**

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PETITION OF:  
Betsy Carolina Vargas Molina FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:**  
Petitioner: Betsy Carolina Vargas Molina filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**Present Name:**  
Betsy Carolina Vargas Molina  
**Proposed Name:**  
Betsy Carolina Molina Arroyo

**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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

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(SECS. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)  
Escrow No. **LECR2400569**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below.  
The names and business addresses of the seller are: **MARK WOOD ENTERTAINMENT INC, 18005 SKY PARK CIRCLE, SUITE K, IRVINE, CA 92614**  
The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller(s) is: **18005 SKY PARK CIRCLE, SUITE K, IRVINE, CA 92614**  
As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: **NONE**  
The names and addresses of the buyer are: **MICHAEL JAMES ALBANESE, 833 TULAROSA, IRVINE, CA 92618**  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, AND ASSETS** and are located at: **18005 SKY PARK CIRCLE, SUITE K, IRVINE, CA 92614**  
The business name used by the seller at that location is **MARK WOOD ENTERTAINMENT INC**.  
The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **DECEMBER 31, 2024** at the office of: **LAWYERS TITLE COMPANY, 2275 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 101A, CORONA, CA 92882**. This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. If so subject, the name and address of the person with who claims may be filed is: **TERRI MALCOLM-NAPIER, EMERALD ESCROW A DIVISION OF LAWYERS TITLE COMPANY, 2275 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 101A, CORONA, CA 92882**, and the last date for filing claims by shall be **DECEMBER 30, 2024**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: 11/25/2024  
**MICHAEL JAMES ALBANESE, BUYER**  
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The business name used by the seller at that location is **MARK WOOD ENTERTAINMENT INC**.  
The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **DECEMBER 31, 2024** at the office of: **LAWYERS TITLE COMPANY, 2275 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 101A, CORONA, CA 92882**. This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. If so subject, the name and address of the person with who claims may be filed is: **TERRI MALCOLM-NAPIER, EMERALD ESCROW A DIVISION OF LAWYERS TITLE COMPANY, 2275 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 101A, CORONA, CA 92882**, and the last date for filing claims by shall be **DECEMBER 30, 2024**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: 11/25/2024  
**MICHAEL JAMES ALBANESE, BUYER**  
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