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A RAINBOW is seen just over the Huntington Beach High School campus following a storm on Tuesday.

Storm brings heavy rain, strong winds to county

BY ANDREW TURNER

The wind picked up the sand and whipped it from west to east in Huntington Beach Tuesday, demonstrating the strength of a storm that announced the coming of winter to Orange County residents.

Rocky seas with whitecap waves, flags fully unveiling themselves, overturned trash cans and a volleyball net threatening to leave its posts were some of the visuals at the Huntington Beach pier in the early afternoon.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning due to heavy rain for the surrounding area just before 1 p.m., advising people to avoid travel unless they were attempting to leave an area subject to flooding or under an evacuation order.

Nate Kosova, 51, of Newport Beach could not be deterred from his daily exercise routine, a trek to the Huntington Beach pier.

Stopped as he headed back in the direction of his hometown, Kosova, dressed in shorts, said he liked the cold weather. But he acknowledged the sand racing across the beach stung his skin as he walked into the wind. "It hurts," he said.

There was also a surfer on the east side of the pier that chose to brave the high-surf conditions. It would be a short stay, as the waves refused to break in the desired fashion.

Jon Barry of Ice-America was tending to the Surf City Winter Wonderland outdoor ice rink that has been at Pier Plaza since Thanksgiving. Barry skated around the rink

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braves strong wind and rain as she crosses an empty Broadway Boulevard Tuesday morning in Laguna Beach.

BELOW: A city worker clears debris from a drain that began to clog at

began to clog at
Jasmine and South
Coast Highway during
the storm on Tuesday
in Laguna Beach.

Photos by Don Leach Staff Photographer



Families named winners in decorating contest



LINDA AND TERRY MORGAN, who live on Sierks Avenue, won Best Overall in the Costa Mesa holiday home decorating contest.

SANTA POSES with the Doyle family, who won Best Theme, "Santa Gone Fishing," during the awards party held Saturday at Neat Coffee.



BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

A handful of local Costa Mesa business leaders joined forces in recent weeks to renew a forgotten holiday home-decorating competition once celebrated decades ago, drawing several dozen entries that were considered by judges on Friday night.

In the 1950s and '60s, the Intercity Yule Contest was an annual

citywide event, with trophies awarded and newspaper recognition given to the big winners. This year's contest creator, Kendra Fisher, asked the Daily Pilot last month to help get the word out that she hoped to revive the old tradition.

"After the article ran, we got so many submissions," said Fisher,

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Photos by Susan Hoffman

MOST CREATIVE went to Toni Elliott, seated with her grandchildren Brooklyn and Rigley, during the home decorating awards party.

Masks return as new variant spreads

State announces new indoor masking after coronavirus cases grow 50% since Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Orange County residents, along with their counterparts statewide, are being told to mask up again through mid-January in an effort state officials describe as an "added layer of protection" from the Omicron variant of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, identified by South African scientists in late November.

The state announced the mandate for mask-wearing in all indoor public spaces, irrespective of vaccine status, on Monday. The mandate goes into effect Wednesday and is tentatively set to be in place through Jan. 15.

According to data released by the Orange County Health Care Agency on Tuesday, there have been no identified cases of the variant in the county yet but the Centers for Disease Control's COVID Data Tracker identifies Orange County as having "substantial" transmission of the coronavirus on a four-tier scale that ranges from "low" to "high." California as a whole is deemed by the CDC to have a high rate of transmission.

State officials said the sevenday average case rate has increased by about 47% and hospitalizations by 14% since Thanksgiving weekend.

"As expected, we are beginning to experience a rise in cases, not only here in Orange County but statewide and nationwide, due to

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C.M. woman pleads not guilty in theft case

Ekaterina Zharkova, 38, who allegedly stole \$328K from retailers, was arrested on Nov. 23 and posted \$20K bond.

BY SARA CARDINE

A woman suspected of stealing \$328,000 in designer merchandise from local retailers and attempting to sell it online appeared in court Tuesday, pleading not guilty to felony grand theft charges and responding to a failure to appear in another felony

Ekaterina Zharkova, 38, of Costa Mesa, was arrested on Nov. 23 by members of the California Highway Patrol's Organized Retail Crime Task Force, after an investigator witnessed her allegedly stealing thousands of dollars worth of items from a Nordstrom Rack in Costa Mesa, Orange County District Atty. Todd Spitzer announced Friday.

The cache from Zharkova's activities were discovered after a search warrant was executed at her home in Costa Mesa and officers learned she'd been attempting to sell stolen merchandise through a luxury item online consignment store, according to the district attorney's news release.

Prosecutors described in a Dec. 12 criminal complaint how, between Oct. 7 and Nov. 23, Zharkova made repeated trips to the Nordstrom Rack and TJ Maxx

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FOR THE RECORD

In a story published Friday under the headline "Vendors display of political materials decried," it was reported a vendor selling conservative-leaning merchandise at the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce's Dec. 3 holiday event led to criticism of and a public apology from the chamber, whose leader said she wasn't told such items would be offered for sale.

The vendor, however, said in an email to the Los Angeles Times, the parent company of the Daily Pilot, that she sells donated items from across the political spectrum to benefit her animal-rights organization and that the chamber, a councilman and the initial report in the Daily Pilot mischaracterized her. She said her group, San Fernando Valley-based Recycled Pets, is nonpartisan and assists in animal-rescue efforts.

BOYS' SOCCER

Los Amigos strikes early, holds on against Estancia

BY ANDREW TURNER

The dark skies above opened to a downpour just as the match was ending on Monday.

As swiftly as the raindrops came, so too did the goals for the Los Amigos High School boys' soccer team, which did all its scoring in the first half in a 4-2 win over Estancia at home.

In rapid succession, the Lobos got goals from Izaiah Franco, Omar Arciga, Anthony Gutierrez and Humberto Rincon, sending Los Amigos to halftime with a 4-0 lead.

"We practice all week, come out with the ball, come out playing together, find our strikers, and just putting pressure on the team from the get-go," Los Amigos coach Jesus Razo said. "I think that's what helped us...just following the game plan and how we wanted to play.'

Los Amigos (4-2) has its second winning streak of the season, as the win over the Eagles follows a 3-0 shutout of Marina last Thursday. Monday's result marked the first time that the Lobos have come away victorious in a match in which they have conceded a goal.

"It shows that we were dedicated, and we wanted to come out and play," Los Amigos senior captain and defender Omar Martinez said of his team's fast start to the match. "The second half didn't go our way. We hope we can fix it for the next game and just work on what we're messing up

and do better each game." Arturo Mota and Rincon each recorded an assist for Los Amigos.

It would be a tale of two halves, as Estancia played with the energy and competitive fire to give itself a chance in the second half. The Eagles took 18 shots in



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

LOS AMIGOS' Omar Arciga, left, congratulates Arturo Mota after he scores a goal during a nonleague boys' soccer match on Monday.

their bid to get back into the game after the break, and 11 of those shots were put on target.

Richard Cervantes scored on a well-struck shot while making a run on the right side in the 52nd minute. Moments later, a red card against Los Amigos' right back David Macias with Kevin Flores forcing the action to the left of the box put the Lobos down a man for the remainder of the contest.

Estancia (0-6) continued to push the ball forward, and in the 59th minute, Felix Solis brought the Eagles closer when he deposited Cruz Valdovinos' cross in from the left into the back of the net.

The Eagles continued to put the pressure on. As clouds rolled in and daylight faded, Los Amigos goalkeeper Jorge Sanchez did well to stop the remaining six shots that came his way.

"It felt like the game wasn't going to end," Sanchez said. "They were pressuring and pressuring, and they kept getting closer and closer, especially since we didn't have our 11th man, it felt like the game was going to get tied

Sanchez gave insight into his mindset while his goal was under siege.

"My only goal is to make my team proud," Sanchez added. "I kept saying, 'You got this. Don't worry about it.' I wasn't trying to overthink anything."

The Lobos made a point

of running back to their goal when the final whistle blew to recognize the effort of their goalkeeper, who made nine saves after entering the match for the second half. Daniel Terrones manned the net in the first half.

Estancia coach Robert Castellano was encouraged by the response from his team in the second half.

"Every season, every team, they go through cycles, they their through their ups and downs," Castellano said. "It's never a straight line, but we haven't played consistently yet. Every team hits a good moment within a season. We just haven't hit ours. ...

"I believe in them, I believe in myself, and I know that we're going to get there. It's only a matter of time."

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We're honored to have

been chosen as Best Over-

Morgan and her hus-

band, Terry, started out

slowly decorating their

house, also known as the

"tree house," which has evolved over the last five

years. This season they

have been working on the

set up since Thanksgiving.

decorating, mostly random stuff," said Morgan.

"There's a vintage blow-

mold 5-foot Santa and a

dummy-board snowman

attached to a tree, a life-

sized hard-plastic goat

called Sir William, or 'Billy'

for short. There's vertical

lights or whatever we feel

house won Most Creative,

thought it was the cutest

thing ever. "This is the first

prize that I won in my

whole life," she said.

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Toni Elliott,

"There's no theme to

THE DAILY **COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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SUDOKU

By The Mepham 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.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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from hiding

STORM

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with a squeegee to get rid of some of the standing water, but he said that the rain was not as problematic as the wind.

"When it's sunny, it does get a little wet, but it holds up," Barry said. "Obviously, the rain is not our best friend, but what's worse is the wind, because once the water's on top and the wind's blowing on it, it keeps an ambient temperature warmth, so it won't freeze. It will take forever. That's the reason I'm trying to get as much water off it as possible. After that, it should start to freeze up again fully, but you've just got to kind of wait out the rain and work when you

On Main Street, businesses remained open, although the downtown area was understandably more quiet than normal. Cali Ĉlothing had laid some towels down at its entrance, but the rainfall had yet to become a concern otherwise.

Jonathan Kearney, 33, of Huntington Beach, a Chicago transplant, said he knew what to expect coming into the day because he had been following the

"The wind is there," Kearney said of his former hometown. "The rain is kind of similar, too, but it's still not as cold [or] frigid [here]. Laguna Beach city offi-

cials provided an update



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

THE APPLEBEE SIBLINGS, Crusade, 4, left, Selah, 6, center, and Weslee, 3, right, play in a rain puddle on Tuesday at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa.

on the impact of the storm in the early afternoon. The city was receiving a high volume of calls related to downed trees and power lines. Businesses were also advised to put up their floodgates to protect prop-

The way out of Laguna Beach via Laguna Canyon Road was shut down at El Toro Road because of flooding just before noon, the city said in an advisory message. The closure was related to an evacuation plan for Anneliese School, which was experiencing flooding, Laguna Beach Fire Chief Mike Garcia told the Laguna Beach City Council on Tuesday.

Whether a car simply won't start or there are traffic incidents, inclement weather can make for a tough day for drivers.

There were a couple of tow trucks seen on Brookhurst Avenue on the way from Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley to Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach.

A flash flood warning was also issued by the National Weather Service for the Bond fire burn area. Modjeska, Silverado and Williams canyons were under mandatory evacuation orders Tuesday morning, necessitated by rainfall in the amount of 0.5 to 0.75 inches per hour, according to a City News Service report. Orange County Fire Authority personnel was called upon to make several rescues of residents from debris flows caused by the storm.

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CONTEST

a new member of the Torrelli Realty team who learned about the previous contest when she was cleaning out her grandfather's garage and found news clippings. "Submissions have been sent to me the last few weeks and people have also signed up in person at Neat Coffee [in Costa Mesa]. We've had about 50 submissions.'

Among the judges who drove through the community Friday night to check out the entries were Stefanie D'Alesssandro representing Sift Bakery in Costa Mesa, Jaclyn Sanchez of MOXI3 Fitness studio, Neat Coffee's owner Ally Garvin, Chelsea Freeman of the UPLIFT Foundation, as well as Fisher and her grandfather, John O'Brien, the proud winner of more than one annual trophy in the old Intercity Yule Con-

On Saturday night during its movie night intermission, Neat Coffee hosted the holiday homedecorating awards party with popcorn and hot cocoa. Trophies were presented to the winners along with "Winner" signs to be displayed in their frontyards. Gift certificates were also donated by Newport Rib Co., El Ranchito and Descanso

The winners of the four categories were:

Best Overall: Morgan Family, 252 Sierks St.

Family, 2060 Continental

Brightest Lights: Bahena family, 1070 Townhouse Drive.

restaurants.

Best Theme: Doyle Family, 3134 Barbados St. Most Creative: Elliott

"I saw the Daily Pilot article and thought it might be kind of fun," said Costa Mesa native Linda Morgan. "I like anything that has Costa Mesa history.

SUSAN HOFFMAN is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

THEFT

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stores in Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley and Tustin.

She allegedly walked into the locations and filled empty shopping bags with stolen merchandise, then left without paying. As a result, she faces five felony counts of grand theft and receiving, selling or concealing stolen goods and seven misdemeanor counts of petty theft under \$950.

Zharkova was released from custody on Nov. 25, after posting \$20,000 bail, with court dates pending not only for her most recent spree but also for a previous felony arrest on March 15 for grand theft and possession of burglary tools.

In that case, for which she entered a not guilty plea on Sept. 29 after charges were filed June 10, she was reported to have stolen merchandise valued at more than \$950 and was found in possession of a tool used to remove store security tags.

Zharkova was scheduled to appear in court Friday

for that crime, but when she failed to appear, a judge issued a warrant for her arrest and a criminal complaint was filed in the second, more recent matter.

D.A. spokeswoman Kimberly Edds confirmed Monday Zharkova was found and rearrested by CHP officers on Sunday, after the warrant was issued for her failure to appear, and on the new charge. In a Santa Ana courtroom Tuesday, she pleaded not guilty to the latter charge.

Orange County isn't the jurisdiction

charges against Zharkova. She was arrested and booked at Los Angeles County's Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station on June 10 and faces at least one charge of felony grand theft in L.A. County. Court records indicate she had been scheduled to appear in a Pasadena courtroom on Wednesday in that matter.

Spitzer on Friday blamed California laws like Proposition 47, which reduce punishment for certain nonviolent offenses, for an increase in retail crimes.

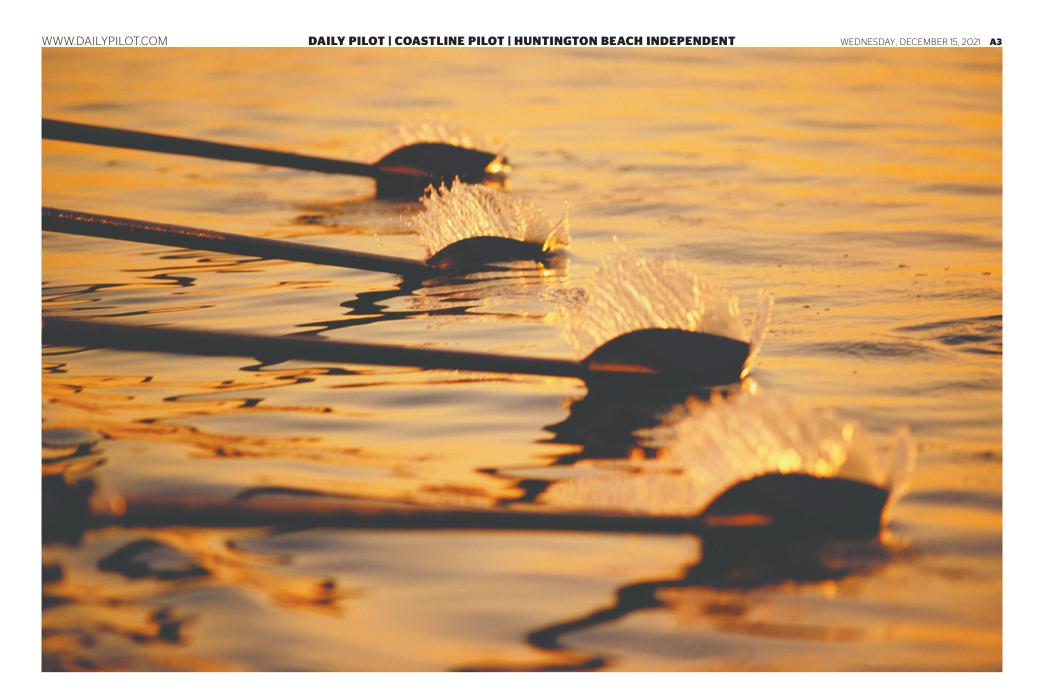
The district attorney fur-

ther said he's assigned some of his most experienced investigators to work with the CHP task force and the sheriff's department to "help protect Orange County businesses from victimization and consumers from increased costs.

"Shoplifting and other retail theft is out of control across California as a result of reckless laws that have made the risk far less than the potential reward," he continued in Friday's news release. "These are not victimless crimes, and if you engage in these kinds of outrageous theft schemes. we're going to arrest you, we're going to prosecute you, and we're putting you behind bars."

Zharkova, who retained the services of Glendale attorney Jilbert Tahmazian, is set to appear in Orange County Superior Court on Jan. 28 in a hearing related to both felony cases against her. Tahmazian could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

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Moving forward together

We've been through a lot together and have proved to be resilient. The approaching new year brings with it new possibilities to help our clients, communities and teammates move forward and prosper — safely.

Using our industry-leading digital tools, like mobile check deposits, Erica, CashPro and access to Zelle, individuals and businesses are finding it easier to do their everyday banking. Across the country, the expertise of our specialists and our teammates in financial centers is helping clients meet all their financial needs at every stage of their lives.

In our communities, we continue to collaborate with local partners, business leaders, experts and academics across the public and private sectors to fuel job growth and financial stability. More than \$400 million of our \$1.25 billion commitment to advance racial equality and economic opportunity is already supporting diverse small businesses and partners, including many recipients here in Orange County who provide job skilling and hiring programs.

We've also increased resources to support our teammates' emotional and financial well-being. Recently, we raised our minimum hourly wage for U.S. employees to \$21 per hour, moving closer to our goal of \$25 by 2025.

My teammates and I look forward to growing existing partnerships and creating new ones as we work together to make a difference. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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MASKS

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increased holiday gatherings and travel," said Dr. Clayton Chau, county health agency director and county health officer, in a statement released Tuesday afternoon.

"We support the state's latest measures intended to bring additional protection to us all and our loved ones," Chau said.

David Souleles, head of UC Irvine's COVID-19 response team and former deputy director of public health services for the Orange County Health Care

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Agency, said early evidence suggests the Omicron variant is more transmissible when compared to the Delta variant but that it is too early to say whether or not the illness will be more severe in those infected by the latter.

Much of the reaction to the new variant, Souleles thinks, comes out of concerns about its transmissibility and fear among some members of the public that current vaccines do not effectively prevent transmission. Experts believe that vaccines and boosters will protect against severe illness, however.

"Vaccines are still important and boosting is important, but there is good scientific evidence that masking is an effective tool in reducing COVID-19 transmission," said Souleles.

"The Centers for Disease Control and the California Department of Public Health have been recommending all this time that in communities with substantial to high levels of community transmission people should be masking indoors, regardless of vaccination status because of the potential for breakthrough cases," Souleles said. "That's been the recommendation until now.

"I think what we're seeing the state doing now is that, with this announcement, [California's] doubling down on that because of what appears to be higher transmissibility and the likelihood of breakthrough cases in the fully vaccinated. It goes from a recommendation to a statewide requirement."

Steven Rosansky, the president and chief executive of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, said he expects the mandate to impact businesses and for signs requiring masks indoors to go up in storefronts again soon, especially in larger businesses.

nesses.

"It's kind of a one-size-fits-all strategy for the state," said Rosansky, noting that about 70.5% of the county's population over the age of 5 have been fully vaccinated. "I was looking at the Orange County numbers ... and interestingly, we have seen an uptick in cases but hospitalizations and ICU rates have stayed fairly constant."

County officials said that between Dec. 8 and 13, the seven-day average case rate increased from 7.7 to 9.9 per 100,000 people and that the average number of daily coronavirus cases also grew from 250 to 322. Meanwhile, positivity rates slightly dipped from 3.4 to 3.2% and hospitalizations from 196 to 194.

Intensive care units saw occupancy grow from 59 to 63 per day.

Laguna Beach spa owner Lesli Del Rio Burt said the mask mandate won't impact her estheticians or massage therapists, as she said it is industry standard to wear masks while working closely with clients. However, she does expect the announcement itself to cause business to slow down because of public concerns.

"Any time something like this is announced, it creates a lot of fear. I anticipate that with this just being announced everywhere on television and the media and on social media, I do anticipate business to slow down, which is very unfortunate, but it's just the pattern we saw on the last few times," said Burt, who opened Spa Del Rio with her family in the middle of the pandemic last year.

"This is something that I'm predicting, unfortunately. It's the situation we're currently in," Burt said.

For hoteliers and the hospitality industry, Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce chief executive officer Carla Valenzuela said the mask mandate could be potentially devastating for the same reasons.

"They were seeing people make reservations at the hotels and starting to book events; but with this notification, they're just waiting for the calls for people to cancel," said Valenzuela. "You're looking at 1,000 people on a weekend at various events ... [hoteliers] are worried that the mandate might be extended."

State officials said there is no discussion on a stayat-home order this winter and Souleles stressed that both Orange County and the state of California are not in the same position that they were a year ago when vaccines were just beginning to be made available to frontline workers.

"We're seeing this [winter] surge occurring at a much better place, but it's the behaviors that caused transmission is what's going on here. It's not a cyclical weather-related change," said Souleles. "What are our patterns of behavior that change? It's the travel, the holidays, the gatherings; it's the fact that even though we are doing reasonably well getting vaccinated, in Orange County, when you look at the entire [population] including children over 5. only [70.5%] are fully vaccinated. When you look at the U.S., we're about [61%]. That's an awful lot of people still unvaccinated,"

"We saw the Delta surge being fueled by the unvaccinated population, even though we've been seeing breakthrough cases. The overwhelming majority of cases and hospitalizations ... speak to the importance of vaccination and of boosting anybody who is eligible," he added.

said Souleles.

"This is really where our challenge is. As long as COVID has an opportunity to transmit from person to person, it has the opportunity to evolve and for variants to emerge. That's exactly what we're seeing here," said Souleles. "I wish I could just say what only happens in Orange County or in California or in the United States matters, but it's a global pandemic and what happens in South Africa or in other parts of the globe ... very quickly becomes a global issue."

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DAILY PILOT

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BSC 220890 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES BRYAN CARUTHERS 30-2021-01223953-PR-PL-CJC

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JENNIFER DIANE STEIN in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JENNIFER DIANE STEIN 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 January 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using the court's designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court's website at http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mentalhealth.html to appear for probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.

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.

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Bids Wanted

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COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS (BIDS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District invites and will receive sealed proposals (bids) for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, permits, and other items necessary for the construction of the following project:

GRADE 4 SEWER REPAIRS

Project No. 336

Bids will be received by the Costa Mesa Sanitary District office at 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, California until the hour of 10:00 a.m. on the 19th day of January 2022 (Wednesday), at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud in the Board Conference Room. Sealed proposals shall bear the title of the project and the name of the bidder. Any bid received after the scheduled bid opening time shown above will not be accepted and returned to the bidder unopened. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to seal and deliver the bid proposal to the District office at or before the time specified in this notice provided. A set of the approved contract documents including plans and specifications may be obtained at the SABP Reprographics, 2372 Morse Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614, (949) 756-1001 (e-mail: workorder@sabp.com).

There is a mandatory pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th of January 2022 (Thursday). The pre-bid meeting will be held at CMSD District Headquarters Conference Room, 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, 92626.

All pre-bid attendees are required to wear a face mask and observe social distancing guidelines as described in the Orange County Health Guidelines.

The question deadline during the bid period is 5:00 p.m. on the 10th day of January 2022 (Monday).

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, the prevailing rate and scale of wages determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California. Prevailing rates shall be paid to all workers employed in the performance of the contract. Such rates of wages are on file with Department of Industrial Relations and in the office of the District and are available to any interested party upon request. The contractor is responsible for all penalties prescribed for noncompliance to these provisions.

Each bid shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal Form furnished as part of the contract documents, and shall be accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or a bidder's bond in an amount not less than 10-percent of the amount of the bid, made payable to the Costa Mesa Sanitary District. The check or bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract with the District and furnish the required payment and performance bonds and certificates of insurance and endorsements if awarded the work. The check or bond will be declared forfeited if the successful bidder does not enter into the contract or furnish the required bonds and insurance forms under the time frame specified in the construction agreement.

It is imperative that the bidders carefully review this notice and the District's standard construction agreement and insurance forms. The successful bidder will be required to comply with all requirements in the standard construction agreement and insurance forms. In the event of failure or inability to meet these requirements after the award of contract, the District shall have the right to reject the bid and/or declare a forfeiture of the bid bond.

Pursuant to California Contract Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR will be entitled to post approved securities with the District or an approved financial institution in order to have the District release funds retained by the District to insure performance of the contract.

No bidder or subcontractor shall be listed in a bid proposal unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Liquidated damages in the sum of \$250 per day shall be imposed for each unexcused day beyond the contract completion date.

Project Description:

The project includes cleaning and installing cured in place liners in 4 sections of VCP sewer pipe. Sewer segments vary in length from 270 to 330 feet. Pipe diameters include 8", 10" and 15".

The Engineer's Estimate for this construction project is \$93,000.00.

The Board of Directors of the District reserves the right to select the schedule(s) under which the bids are to be compared and contract(s) awarded, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any and all irregularity in any bid.

Dated: **December 15, 2021**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to the California Self Service Storage

Facility Act (1982) Code 24700 FT cost) The

Facility Act (B&P Code 21700 ET seq.) The undersigned will sell at public auction on **Wednesday December 22, 2021 at 2:30 pm**Personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools and/or other household items located at: The sale will take place online at www.selfstorageauction.com

Barker, Myron E. Barker, Myron E. Sircello, Alexander V. Araiza, Wendy S. Ray, Vonta J. Dang, Nick A

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All sales are subject to prior cancellation. All terms, rules and regulations are available online at www.selfstorageauction.com.

Dated this 8th of December and 15th of

December 2021 by Irvine Self Storage 2960 Maine St. Irvine, CA 92614 (949) 851-7900 12/8. 12/15/21

Legal Notices

CNS-3536352#

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. **214536-CS**

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: ASHISH B. RAY, 3100 AIRWAY AVENUE, SUITE 113, COSTA MESA, CA 92626

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s)

(4) The names and Dusiness address of the Buyer(s) are: HUAN NGUYEN AND KRISTIE TRAN, 14531
MORAN STREET, WESTMINSTER, CS 92683
(5) The location and general description of the assets

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 3100 AIRWAY AVENUE, SUITE 113, COSTA MESA, CA 92626

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said

location is: ATOMIC CAFE

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is IANUAR

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **JANUARY 3, 2022**, at the office of **R ESCROW**, **1205 E CHAPMAN AVE, ORANGE, CA 92866** Escrow No. **214536-CS**, Escrow Officer **CANDICE SILVA**(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.

(9) The last date for filing claims is: **DECEMBER 31, 2021**(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the

Uniform Commercial Code.
(11) 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

DATED: **DECEMBER 8, 2021**TRANSFEREES: **HUAN NGUYEN AND KRISTIE TRAN 729218 DAILY PILOT 12/15/21**

Legal Notices

Buyer are: NONE.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.) Escrow No. **102875-JK**

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and address of the Seller/Licensee are: KOBA BISTRO INC, 14370 CULVER DR #J, IRVINE, CA 92604

The business is known as: **KOBA TOFU GRILL**The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: **PK INVESTMENTS CORP**, **14370 CULVER DR #J**, **IRVINE, CA 92604**As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business

As isseed 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: **NONE**The assets to be sold are described in general as:

FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, GOODWILL, TRADE-NAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, ABC LICENSE and are located at: 14370 CULVER DR #J, IRVINE, CA 92604

The kind of license to be transferred is: ON-SALE BEER & WINE-EATING PLACE, now issued for the premises located at: 14370 CULVER DR #J, IRVINE, CA 92604

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is JANUARY 14, 2022 at the office of: OPEN TREE ESCROW, 6301 BEACH BLVD. #301, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 The amount of the purchase price or consideration in

connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory \$4,000.00 is the sum of \$554,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CHECK #19,500.00; DEMAND NOTE \$534,000.00

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 paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

DATED: **DECEMBER 3, 2021**

SELLERS: KOBA BISTRO INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
BUYERS: PK INVESTMENTS CORP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
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