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Spring flowers in bloom



TOP: A family walk the along the beach-front pathway in matching pink floppy hats under the spring sun at the Montage in Laguna Beach.

MIDDLE: An array of garden flowers is in full bloom on the first day of spring at Sherman Gardens on Thursday.

RIGHT: A honey bee hovers next to succulent tiny white flowers at Sherman Gardens.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Newport Harbor staying strong in the face of a player's unexpected loss

BY MATT SZABO

Newport Harbor High senior Parker Chavez was umpiring a youth baseball game when he got the life-changing news.

This was a normal way for Parker to spend his weekends. It appeared to be a typical Saturday in late February.

Then, it wasn't. Not by a long shot.

His uncle texted Parker and told him that he needed help fixing his truck. When he got face-to-face with his nephew, he delivered the reality in much more devastating words.

Parker's father, Paul Chavez, had died while on vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. He was just 43 years old.

"It's still an actual nightmare that none of us are going to wake up from," said Taryn Chavez, Paul's wife and mother to Parker and his younger sister, Teagan. Nearly a month later, Parker is

in the middle of his senior season with the Sailors baseball team. The squad is looking impressive. Newport Harbor beat rival Corona del Mar 1-0 on Wednesday for the second time in as many days, improving to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the Sunset League.

The Sailors go for the Battle of the Bay series sweep on Friday at their home field. Parker, who typically plays first base, will be behind the dish as last year's No. 1 pitcher, fellow senior Lucas Perez, takes the mound.

On the diamond is where the team is supposed to be on most days. But on Sunday, Parker's teammates found themselves at a different kind of park, Marina Park in Newport Beach, for Paul Chavez's celebration of life.

Every single player was there to support Parker. They brought flowers for Taryn and shared up-beat stories. Paul had coached some of them when they were



Courtesy of Taryn Chavez

PAUL CHAVEZ, pictured with his son Parker at a 10-and-under baseball tournament in Newport Beach in 2017.

younger, coming up through the Newport Harbor Baseball Assn.

"It's definitely one of the coolest brotherhoods I've ever

witnessed," Taryn Chavez said. "Without them, I don't think

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Costa Mesa plan for housing lines up

Officials have eyed the 2.66-acre parking lot for senior housing since the Costa Mesa Senior Center opened in 1992.

BY SARA CARDINE

Officials this week unanimously supported granting entitlements for a 70-unit affordable senior housing complex on the parking lot of the city-owned Costa Mesa Senior Center, a project that would be overseen by a nonprofit housing developer.

It's a proposal that's been wending its way through City Hall for the past several years, but a vision that's been in the pipeline since 2008, when city leaders first identified a portion of the 2.66-acre parcel, located at 695 W. 19th St., as an ideal place to house people 55 and up.

Not only would residents of the complex be able to access programs and services at the center, but they would be in close proximity to transit hubs that could help get them to nearby shopping and amenities.

For those reasons and more, the site has been eyed for potential senior housing since the center opened its doors in 1992 and

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Major projects in the works for Newport

About \$108 million has been budgeted for capital improvement projects in the upcoming fiscal year.

BY ERIC LICAS

The Newport Beach City Council on Tuesday heard a rundown of the public works projects slated for 2025 and 2026. They also reviewed details for a charity event at Peninsula Park that will benefit a nonprofit organization based in Hemet.

NEWPORT BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PREVIEW

Public Works officials expect to spend approximately \$108 million over the course of the next fiscal year improving facilities, streets, water infrastructure, parks, harbors and beaches.

That estimate was included in

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SWIMMING

Newport Harbor team sweeps Battle of the Bay

BY MATT SZABO

A swimmer can compete in two individual events and two relays in a high school dual meet, allowing for a considerable amount of points to be earned.

Still, it takes a big team effort to get past the 85-point mark and clinch the meet.

Newport Harbor used its depth to sweep the Battle of the Bay meet at rival Corona del Mar on Tuesday afternoon. The Sailors girls won, 95-75, while the boys were victorious by a 99-71 score.

Newport Harbor, which beat Edison last week to open Sunset League competition, improved to 2-0 in league in both genders.

The Sailors girls won just one individual event and one relay against CdM (1-2 in league), but that 200-yard freestyle relay win helped shift the momentum in the middle of the meet. Newport Harbor's "A" team was disqualified as a swimmer left the blocks early, but the depth shined through.

The Newport Harbor "B" team of Sophia Verdugo, Kennedy Fahey, Italia Molina and Harper Price still ended up winning the race. And the Sailors' "C" team of Addison Ting, Sadie Ricks, Kylie Robison and Malia Cottriel touched second.

Despite the disqualification, Newport Harbor gained 10 points from the event, took a 12-point lead and did not look back.

"When one of our teammates is down, you just have to step up and come together as a team," said Price, one of two Newport girls' water polo seniors out for swimming along with Caitlin Stayt. "You can push through the hard times and work really hard and be consistent in practice. Something like that [DQ] can happen, and if you all come together you can still succeed and do great."



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AIDAN ARIE of Newport Harbor swims the freestyle in the boys' 200-yard IM during Tuesday's Battle of the Bay swim meet.

Stayt finished second in both the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke. Sailors senior Ariana Amoroso, a talented club swimmer committed to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, won the backstroke in a minute flat and was second in the 50 free.

Molina and Ricks — both freshmen — and sophomore Madison Mack all earned top three finishes in both of their individual events to help guide the Sailors to victory.

CdM's three girls' club swimmers, seniors Alex Milisavljevic and Nikki Lahey and sophomore Sofia Szymanowski, were all double event winners. Milisavljevic won the 200 and 500 freestyle, Lahey the 50 and 100 free and Szymanowski the individual medley and 100 breaststroke.

Milisavljevic, bound for the University of Chicago, won the 500 free in 5:10.66 but said she'd like to be sub-five minutes by the end of the season. She's accomplished that twice in club swimming, but never in high school.

"It's always fun compet-

ing against Harbor," she said. "The rivalry's fun. They definitely have depth. It's kind of hard, we have to be really strategic about who's swimming what, especially since we only have three girls' club swimmers. The senior water polo girls are stepping up a lot this season with the relays and stuff, which we appreciate."

A water polo senior, Didi Evans, won the girls' butterfly event for the hosts.

On the boys' side, Newport Harbor used double event wins by senior club swimmer Aidan Arie and junior boys' water polo player Connor Ohl to come out on top.

Arie won the 200 freestyle (1:44.35) and IM (1:57.09), while Ohl captured the 50 and 100 free in quick times of 20.91 and 47.10.

Arie has always enjoyed the teamwork between club swimmers and water polo players. He grinned as Newport Harbor freshman Mateo Micheloni-Creazzo had a big celebration after touching first to win the open boys' 400 free relay.

"You don't really get that

with swim kids, just water polo kids," Arie said. "It's so fun ... The swimmers just think about their times, and he was just thinking about winning."

Ohl said he never went under 21 seconds last year in the 50 free without a technical suit on, so he's already ahead of that pace this season. The Sailors swept the top three spots in the 50 free, with Ohl, Dash D'Ambrosia and James Mulvey. All three are water polo players.

"It's amazing," Ohl said. "It just shows the pure power and strength of water polo players. We can do everything. We can play water polo and we can swim fast."

Mulvey won the butterfly event for the Sailors, with Tyler Jameson capturing the 500 free.

CdM out-touched Newport Harbor to win the medley relay, though the Sailors won both freestyle relays. The Sea Kings (0-3 in league) also got individual event wins from Henry Chang in the backstroke, and Will Weir in the breaststroke.



SOFIA SZYMANOWSKI of Corona del Mar swims the breaststroke in the girls' 200-yard IM during Tuesday's meet.



NEWPORT HARBOR'S James Mulvey swims the boys' 100-yard butterfly during Battle of the Bay swim meet.



CORONA DEL MAR'S Cooper Harlan swims the butterfly leg of the boys' 200 yard medley relay on Tuesday.

Newport Harbor swims at Los Alamitos on Monday in a key league meet, while Corona del Mar swims at Edison on Tuesday.

The Sailors girls are going for their third straight league title, after winning the Wave League two years ago and the Surf League last year. This year, there is one larger seven-team league instead of the two-

league format that the Sunset Conference had in the past.

"I think we have a really good shot," Sophia Verdugo said. "We're all really competitive, and we're going to do the best we can to win it again and put our best foot forward."

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THE COSTA MESA

City Council Tuesday approved plans for a 70-unit senior housing development to be built on a portion of the Costa Mesa Senior Center parking lot.



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HOUSING

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has been included in various iterations of the housing element section of Costa Mesa's general plan since 2008.

But only now, with Irvine developer Jamboree Housing Corp. at the helm and the funding commitments coming in, is the plan becoming shovel ready. It's estimated that construction could start in November and wrap by September 2027.

Members of the Costa Mesa City Council approved Tuesday, in a 7-0 vote, splitting the Senior Center lot into two separate parcels and a master plan update recognizing the project's eligibility for a density bonus under state affordable housing laws.

The vote also sanctioned a disposition and development agreement, along with an affordable housing agreement and an annual ground lease of \$1 for the next 99 years. The city would also defer \$700,000 in impact and development fees and provide another \$1.5 million in federal housing-related funding now, allowing Jamboree to pay those back as loans.

City Atty. Kimberly Hall Barlow explained why the city opted for a ground lease, as opposed to selling the property to a private developer who would build out the project to the city's specifications.

"It's not really surplus

land — it's the land the city has targeted for decades to be developed specifically for this purpose," she said. "With this long term and a qualified, quality developer like Jamboree, it gives us the option in 100 years, when none of us are here anymore, to have the city take over the project if it becomes necessary."

Jamboree's plan specifies about half the units would be for seniors earning less than 60% of Orange County's average median income, roughly calculated at \$88,400, while the remainder would be for very-low and extremely low-income seniors and those at risk of homelessness.

Under a contracted provider, residents could receive case management, mental health counseling, food assistance and enrichment activities.

While a few citizens at Tuesday's hearing shared concerns about the inconvenience of 22 months of construction activity for seniors at the center, a reduction in parking or even too many parking spaces at the site, affordable housing advocates spoke on the need for more living options for seniors.

Former Costa Mesa mayor and now County Supervisor Katrina Foley addressed the council, recalling her early support for including the site in the city's housing element and reaffirming the county's investment of \$13.5 million in funding and vouch-

ers toward the project.

"I voted on having this site be housing at the Senior Center, and 17 years later here we are," Foley said, sharing that seniors considered to be extremely low income only earn about \$33,150 annually.

"These are people who are in our community, they've invested and they want to stay local, but they cannot afford to live here, so let's get seniors into the Senior Center housing development. I know the community will be grateful."

Council members roundly approved moving plans forward, acknowledging the many years of outreach, analysis and refinement the proposal underwent.

"This project centers seniors in the middle of our community, where they're going to continue to have opportunities to continue to be involved in our community," said Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds. "We've done a lot of tweaking, but every tweak has made it a little bit better."

City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison agreed.

"I'm just really proud of all the work that we've all done here collectively — this thing has been in the housing element since 2008 and we got it done," she said. "It's been a push to get us here, and this is a fantastic moment."

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

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- 5 Big Asian desert
- 9 "Below Deck" network
- 14 _ Romeo
- 15 Garden of Eden resident
- 16 Lubricated
- 17 Egg on
- 18 _ your loins
- 19 Rapidity
- 20 3/20/25 event: 2 wds.
- 23 Charles _ (the UK's king)
- 24 Round before the finals
- 25 Angry
- 28 Close pal: Abbr.
- 30 Touched gently
- 34 Amazement
- 35 Deer with antlers
- 38 Brazenness
- 39 Male sheep
- 40 Some medical tests
- 42 Snakelike fish
- 43 Cookie fragment
- 46 Run off to get married
- 48 Historical period
- 49 Miami newspaper
- 51 Dryly funny
- 52 Pig's digs
- 53 Capital of Egypt
- 56 "_ the ramparts..."
- 58 Cape Cod's state
- 63 Disbelieve
- 65 Rhythmic pulse
- 66 Neighborhood
- 67 Very bizarre
- 68 Military installation
- 69 Coast competitor
- 70 Avarice
- 71 Having crisp resolution: 2 wds.
- 72 Olden times

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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.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

- 3 Off in the distance
- 4 Diameter halves
- 5 Jokey presents: 2 wds.
- 6 "Garfield" dog
- 7 Root beer brand
- 8 "My turn to shine!": 2 wds.
- 9 Sarajevo native
- 10 Clever retort
- 11 Trebek or Rodriguez
- 12 Neckline shape
- 13 Peculiar
- 21 Pen ends
- 22 Little demon
- 25 Third month

- 26 In the know
- 27 Raise an objection
- 29 Clock part
- 31 Pines and firs
- 32 Chris of tennis
- 33 Cause to be late
- 36 Lady at a square dance
- 37 Winter precipitation
- 41 Had a growth spurt
- 44 Disturbingly grim
- 45 Played at top volume
- 47 Looks over
- 50 Talk trash about
- 54 Synagogue leader
- 55 Atlantic or Pacific
- 57 Good to go
- 58 Silence
- 59 _ browns (breakfast potatoes)
- 60 Group of three
- 61 Rip
- 62 Store transaction
- 63 Pup
- 64 Communal pronoun
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TRACK AND FIELD

CdM's Douglass wins Eric Hulst race in Laguna Trophy Invite

BY ANDREW TURNER

After a breakthrough cross-country season, Corona del Mar senior Max Douglass says he is running straight into the unknown, finding out with everyone else what he is capable of as he continues his ascent.

Douglass laid waste to his prior personal-best time in the 3,200 meters on Saturday, when he dropped below nine minutes for the first time in winning the Eric Hulst Invitational, the featured race in the Laguna Beach Trophy Invitational.

The Sea Kings' star distance runner raced to the finish line, flexing his muscle and shouting in celebration after clocking in at 8 minutes 59.28 seconds. The race produced the fastest two times in the state so far this season. Trabuco Hills senior Dylan Jubak completed the eight laps in 9:06.09 to take second place.

"This was a mystery race for me because I've never been in this kind of shape before," said Douglass, whose time is currently third in the nation. "The two-mile [event], I haven't had too much experience running it. I ran it a couple times last season, but I ultimately wanted to focus on the mile.

"I opened up my season with a 4:15 [in the 1,600] and a 1:56 [in the 800 at the Irvine Invitational] on tired legs, so I was looking at this race. My PR was 20 seconds slower than what I ran today from last year."

Corona del Mar coach Bill Sumner said Douglass does everything asked of

him, although he's inquisitive in the process. After the race?



NEWPORT HARBOR'S Marley McCullough leads the chase pack during the Eric Hulst 3,200-meter race on Saturday.

him, although he's inquisitive in the process. After the race?

"Today's questions [from Douglass] — one, was I happy? 'Of course,'" Sumner said. "What are we going to do at Arcadia? I said, 'Let's do some other stuff first.'"

The Arcadia Invitational, where many of the nation's best athletes compete under the lights, will be held April 11-12. The Orange County track and field championships will take place March 29 at Mission Viejo High.

Douglass was the CIF Southern Section Division 4 champion and a Foot Locker National Championships qualifier in earning Daily Pilot Boys' Cross-Country Dream Team Ath-

lete of the Year honors in the fall.

Huntington Beach sophomore Sydney Rubio, who qualified for the Nike Cross Nationals as a freshman, delivered a third-place (10:59.86) showing in the Eric Hulst race on the girls' side. She's back after being limited to one race in the cross-country season due to injury.

"In the fall, I was behind a lot," Rubio said. "I was climbing a wall in the harbor. I fell, and I sliced my knee on barnacles, and I had to get like 15 stitches. I couldn't run or [do other] stuff for a while."

Rubio slotted in behind Temescal Canyon's Megan Crum (10:35.62) and Tesoro's Amber Dazey (10:36.78). Newport Har-



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MAX DOUGLASS of Corona del Mar (4) gains on Tesoro's Griffin Kushen (2) during the Eric Hulst 3,200-meter race in the Laguna Beach Trophy Invitational on Saturday.

bor's Marley McCullough placed fourth (11:07.20).

"I felt good at the finish," Rubio said. "I wasn't wobbly and stuff, a lot better than my last two miles."

The Back Bay rivals traded wins in the jumps in the boys' competition on Friday. Corona del Mar junior Colton Eggelston had a leap of 21 feet, 8 1/2 inches in the long jump.

Newport Harbor's Callan Allende was the lone competitor to conquer the 6-foot bar in the high jump. The senior had a lifetime-best clearance of 6-5 in the Eagle Invite at Santa Margarita on Feb. 22.

Huntington Beach senior Alia Pasternak topped the field in the girls' triple jump with a mark of 35 feet, 1/2 inch. She improved upon her personal-best in the

event with a jump of 35-11 in a Sunset League meet at Fountain Valley on Wednesday.

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a preview of the city's capital improvement program presented by Public Works Director Dave Webb during a City Council study session on March 11. It's roughly 21% more than the \$88.9 million that had been budgeted for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

As much as \$40.6 million allocated in this year's improvement plan covers work that was scheduled for last year, but not yet completed. Notable ongoing projects include the reconstruction of the Balboa Library and adjacent Fire Station No.1, the rehabilitation of the city's fueling yard, the restoration of the Big Canyon Reservoir in Corona del Mar and replacement of the Balboa Yacht Basin Dock. Crews were also completing street and drainage improvements on MacArthur Boulevard, Old Newport Road and Von Karman Avenue.

Streets take up the bulk of funding in the improvement plan, with over \$21.7 million set aside for such projects. Work on the city's parks, harbors and beaches, like the restoration of Bonita Creek Park and upgrades to seawalls could cost over \$16.4 million. Major maintenance and enhancements to the city's water infrastructure will cost upward of \$13.4 million, and include the drilling of new wells in a joint-funded project with the city of Laguna Beach.

COUNCIL OKS EXCEPTION TO ALCOHOL BAN FOR CHARITY POLO EVENT Last week, the City Council also discussed details of a charity polo event benefiting the Celebrity Foundation for Children scheduled Saturday, May 3. The nonprofit runs a ranch in Hemet that hosts educational camps and events for youth.

The polo event has been hosted at Peninsula Park since 2016, according to a

report by city staff. Alcohol is normally prohibited at the park, but organizers were approved for a waiver in 2023 to serve it. Due to its success, in 2024 the event was granted an indefinite exception to serve adult beverages.

At last week's meeting, however, the council decided to rescind the blanket exception, allowing city officials to review the matter on a year-by-year basis. They also voted to allow alcohol service at the park for this year, pending additional approvals from California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

One speaker at last week's meeting, Balboa Village Merchants Assn. President Kelly Carlson, took issue with the event. She claimed that it did not promote additional customers or revenue at local businesses. She also noted the charity it benefits is based about 90 miles away, in Riverside County.

"Our biggest concern with this event this year is, where are the local ties?" Carlson said. "We are being told that our customers and our businesses are going to be displaced for a nonprofit with no local connection."

Councilman Noah Blom empathized with Carlson's position, but also spoke out in favor of the nonprofit's mission and their charity event. He said the impact large public gatherings can have on the nearby economy may not be felt immediately, especially in areas that typically don't draw as many visitors as the pier and Newport Center.

"Sometimes it is very difficult to understand the connection between an event that you feel takes things away," Blom said. "... I do think sometimes it's nice to remind people of districts in our city that still exist. And I think that sometimes is part of the crux of being all the way down the peninsula."

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[Parker] maybe would be as strong. They are really special kids, and parents. That goes hand in hand. They're such good kids, because their parents are such good people."

A few weeks before the ceremony, Sailors coach Josh Lee called Parker's teammates in on a Sunday. It was Feb. 23, the day after Paul Chavez died, and the team was just one game into the season. The players and coaches discussed how to be there for their teammate and friend.

It reminded Lee, a bit eerily, of when Orange Coast College baseball catcher Jordan Watanabe died at age 20 in 2009. Lee, who was playing baseball at OCC at the time, was called to a special Sunday team meeting by late longtime Pirates coach John Altobelli.

The Pirates went on to win their fourth state championship.

"Even though we won that year, the most important thing was life and brotherhood and family and loving each other," Lee said. "I remember as a teenager, probably only 6 months older than Parker at the time, how impactful that was for me."

Lee said last month's meeting with his own Sailors players weighed heavily on him.

Altobelli, along with his wife and daughter, lost his own life in the 2020 helicopter crash that also killed basketball superstar Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and four other people.

"I wanted to make 'Alto' proud with how we can frame to teenagers how important love and support is



NEWPORT HARBOR'S Lucas Perez (34) pumps up the bench as he stops at second base after a double Wednesday.



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NEWPORT HARBOR starting pitcher Keaton Anderson (21) throws in the third inning of Wednesday's Battle of the Bay baseball game at CdM.

right now," Lee said. "I was very lucky to have someone like him in my life, and I hope that all of us as coaches and players can be that level of support for Parker as he goes through something even more traumatic than losing a teammate, losing his father and his best friend."

Paul Chavez and his own father, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, have been regulars at the Sailors baseball field. Taryn said she still isn't sure exactly what happened to her husband.

Taryn, Paul and a large group of friends were in Cabo San Lucas to celebrate Taryn's 40th birthday. Paul was getting over a cold and had a lingering cough, but his condition deteriorated on the vacation.

Taryn said she woke up the day after her birthday to Paul saying, "I can't breathe." He ended up passing away at the Nobu Hotel. Though the autopsy said he died of a heart attack, she isn't sure.

"To me, it just seemed like whatever virus he got, his throat closed and he suffocated," Taryn Chavez

said. "He died in my arms. It was really traumatizing."

Support has come in other forms, too. A GoFundMe for the Chavez family started by a friend has raised more than \$130,000.

Taryn, a Newport Harbor alumna herself who owns a local dance studio, said that Parker has handled the situation exceptionally well, almost seamlessly stepping into that role of man of the house.

"[My dad] really taught me a lot of things throughout my life," Parker Chavez said. "It's a role that I had prepared to take on 20 or 30 years from now, and I'm taking it on now. I'm glad he taught me those lessons very early, because now I have to apply them, and I can apply them very well to stay strong for both my mother and my sister."

The team has dedicated its season to Paul Chavez and has been coming up clutch. Five of the Sailors' six victories have been by a single run.

Newport Harbor beat CdM on Tuesday and Wednesday behind stand-out pitching performances

from junior Gavin Guy and sophomore Keaton Anderson, respectively.

Anderson pitched six innings in Wednesday's win, keeping the game scoreless until the Sailors scratched out a run in the top of the seventh against standout CdM junior left-handed starting pitcher Stevie Jones.

Perez, a senior co-captain, roped a one-out double to left field. He eventually came in to score on a single by Elijah Haseth. Junior co-captain Ryan Williams slammed the door on the Sea Kings (6-3 overall, 0-2 in league) in the bottom of the frame, retiring them in order for the save.

Lee said the camaraderie on this year's team reminds him of the 2022 Sailors, who advanced to the semifinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 3 playoffs

and then won the CIF Southern California Regional Division III title game.

Again, Lee believes that the winning for that year's Newport Harbor team came because of the close bond, not the other way around.

"Our complete goal for this season has shifted," Lee said Thursday. "Yes, we want to win, we want to go to CIF, we want to do that. But we want to make sure that we're taking care and supporting Parker. That's No. 1."

"I'm grateful and I thank God that Parker, going through this, is able to have an additional family to surround him with. Hopefully his mom and sister, they have a second family in the stands, too. That's the hope."

Parker Chavez, who has played baseball in the com-

munity since he was 4, has long counted his teammates among his best friends.

Over the last few weeks it's been different, though. He said the Sailors have never been closer.

They no longer see one of their biggest fans at the ballpark, but they still feel Paul Chavez's spirit.

"It's very good to have my teammates here," Parker Chavez said. "I think we've got a great thing going."

Taryn, suddenly cast into a role of a single mom of two teenagers, would agree. She feels the love.

"They've always had a great friendship, but it's definitely on another level," she said. "It just feels like they're doing it for Paul. It's pretty cool to watch, and be a part of."

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BSC 226570 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDWARD HENRY COLLINS, aka EDWARD H. COLLINS, aka EDWARD COLLINS

30-2025-01465946-PR-LA-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **EDWARD HENRY COLLINS, aka EDWARD H. COLLINS, aka EDWARD COLLINS** has been filed by **MICHAEL J. COLLINS** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **MICHAEL J. COLLINS** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **April 30, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** 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.

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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BSC 226568 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DOUGLAS C. MOREHEAD

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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 **DOUGLAS C. MOREHEAD** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JUSTIN MOREHEAD** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **JUSTIN MOREHEAD** 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 **April 30, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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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 **LUCILLE G. NORRIS** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **THOMAS P. NORRIS** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **THOMAS P. NORRIS** 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 **May 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** 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.

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