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RH CHAIRMAN and chief executive officer Gary Friedman, left, and Newport Beach Mayor Joe Stapleton speak before cutting the ribbon at the RH Gallery in Newport Beach, the former location of a Circuit City.

Newport fetes showroom with ocean-view dining

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Restaurant hospitality merges with luxury retail at the recently opened RH Newport Beach, the Gallery at Fashion Island.

Formerly known as Restoration Hardware, the upscale home furnishing and interior design company based in Corte Madera officially opened its new 97,000-square-foot store on Dec. 13. Stretching four stories, the space is filled with home furnishings from RH Collections, installed to feel like a house rather than a showroom.

"It's hard to believe we are standing at the

site of the old Circuit City," Newport Beach Mayor Joe Stapleton said at a ribbon cutting for the store on Friday.

Glass and steel French doors on the Venetian plaster exterior building open up to multiple fully styled floors, a Waterworks showroom, an RH Rugs showroom and a full-service restaurant.

RH interior design offices are housed within the space, providing clients with the expertise of interior designers who can help tailor what they see in the store to fit their own homes.

The development of RH Newport Beach

took nearly three years, and RH chairman and chief executive officer Gary Friedman thanked the Irvine Co. and the city of Newport Beach for their support.

"Leaders have to be comfortable making others uncomfortable, and what we mean by that is leaders are generally leading people somewhere they have never been, doing something they have never done," said Friedman. "Thank you to everyone for allowing us to make you uncomfortable ... there has just been an incredible, incredible effort to bring

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Outside agency hired to enforce parking in F.V.

Citing increased demand for such services, city contracts with Universal Protection Service in initial 3-year agreement.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Fountain Valley has made plans to outsource its parking enforcement efforts, with city officials seeing an opportunity to enhance responses to "more pressing" issues.

The City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved an agreement to have parking enforcement handled by Universal Protection Service for an initial three-year period at a cost of \$519,182, with options for two additional one-year extensions.

Police Sgt. Brian Mosher said there has been an increase in demand for such services. Contributing factors have included parking congestion associated with community events and complaints regarding recreational vehicles. Staffing shortages have led to inconsistent street sweeping enforcement, he said.

Fountain Valley has five police service officers, but Mosher said there is a high turnover rate for the part-time positions, resulting in more time spent on recruitment and training.

"These staffing challenges have resulted in sub-optimal en-

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Motorcyclist killed in 3-vehicle H.B. crash

BY ERIC LICAS

A motorcyclist died and police arrested a 25-year-old motorist with a prior DUI conviction on suspicion of drunk driving in the wake of a three-vehicle crash in Huntington Beach Thursday evening.

The motorcyclist was riding a Harley Davidson Dyna traveling south on Springdale Street at about 7:20 p.m., Huntington

Beach police said in a news release. He was struck by a Lexus GX460 in northbound lanes as the SUV attempted to make a left into a strip mall just south of Warner Avenue. The man on the Harley lost control and slammed into a Lexus CT200H that was exiting a driveway at 17101 Springdale St., police said.

The rider of the Harley Davidson died before first responders arrived, police said. He was a 28-

year old man from Huntington Beach whose identity was withheld pending the notification of relatives.

The drivers of the other vehicles in the collision were not injured, police said.

Officers suspect the 25-year-old woman behind the wheel of the CT200H may have been impaired by alcohol at the time. She was identified as Kayla Danielle Morrison of Huntington Beach in

the Huntington Beach Police Department's arrest log and arrested on suspicion of DUI, driving with a suspended or revoked license and other offenses.

She had pleaded guilty in October 2022 to a misdemeanor count of driving with a blood alcohol content higher than .08%, according to online records.

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THE CROWD: ELTON JOHN SERENADES SEGERSTROM AT 50TH ANNUAL CANDELIGHT CONCERT PAGE A4



Courtesy of Office of Supervisor Katrina Foley

ORANGE COUNTY Supervisor Katrina Foley and first responders hold a coat distribution event at the Boys & Girls Club in Laguna Beach.

Drive delivers warmth to kids for the holidays

BY ANDREW TURNER

The winter solstice falls on Saturday, and in anticipation of cooler temperatures, coats have been distributed around town leading up to the holidays.

Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley joined first responders at the Boys & Girls Club in Laguna Beach on Thursday to hand out coats, one of several

distribution events that have taken place as part of an annual drive.

"Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this year's coat drive a smashing success," Foley said in a statement. "I started this tradition 16 years ago, collecting approximately 100 coats. This year, I'm happy to share we broke records together with nearly 1,000 donated new



Courtesy of Matt Fitt

FIRST RESPONDERS join local officials at a coat distribution event at the Boys & Girls Club in Costa Mesa.

coats for kids across District 5. I'm grateful for the generosity of our fellow community members in helping us keep kids warm this Christmas."

Distribution events have also been held with first responders in Costa Mesa and San Juan Capi-

strano.

At the Boys & Girls Club in Costa Mesa, members of the city's public safety teams participated in a push-up contest.

Costa Mesa Mayor John Stephens, Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris and Newport-

Mesa school board president Carol Crane were among those in attendance.

Cheerleaders from Costa Mesa High performed at the event.

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GIRLS' WATER POLO

Corona del Mar doubles up San Clemente, stays unbeaten

BY MATT SZABO



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

REAGAN WEIR of Corona Del Mar scores between two defenders during a girls' water polo game against San Clemente on Friday.

A Christmas tree with many signed water polo balls currently sits on the pool deck at Corona del Mar High School.

The balls are filled with signatures of players from previous CdM girls' water polo teams, and some of those former players will be greeted as CdM hosts its annual alumni game on Saturday.

Though the program has a considerable tradition, it wouldn't be wise to bet against the current squad in that alumni game.

Corona del Mar showcased its depth Friday afternoon in a key non-league match against San Clemente.

Seven different players scored as the Sea Kings earned a 12-6 victory, staying unbeaten early in the season with an 8-0 record.

"A lot of respect to San Clemente," CdM coach Marc Hunt said. "I think

they're an extremely good team. You've got to play very good water polo and keep your turnovers down. We kept our turnovers low today, we weren't throwing the ball away."

Stanford-bound senior center Reagan Weir scored three goals for the winners, while fellow seniors Piper Sidebotham, Audrey Long and Kiana Wells each

scored twice.

Each of those players is a returner from last year's Division 1 title team, but new pieces abound to give CdM more depth than a year ago.

Junior Josie Alaluf and sophomore Morgan Dolander, both transfers from Newport Harbor, made

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PARKING

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forcement and the inability for us to meet the expectations of the community," Mosher said. "Residents and businesses deserve reliable, consistent and proactive parking enforcement services. To achieve this, it is necessary to enhance the capacity through a trusted private partner."

The agreement will supply two full-time patrol officers dedicated to parking enforcement. They will each have a fully equipped vehicle and a mobile reporting device.

"This will lead to a significant increase in enforcement activity, particularly for street sweep-

stitute approximately 75% of our total parking citations annually," Mosher said. "It will improve resource allocation. Outsourcing the parking enforcement will allow the city to relocate existing police service officers to address more pressing quality-of-life issues, citing complaints and first-responder priorities."

City staffers believe the program should pay for itself and project \$320,000 in annual revenue due to an uptick in parking tickets.

Councilman Glenn Grandis asked about the estimated incremental revenue through increased enforcement. Mosher said the projection was conservative, noting that while the police service officers had

been positioned to work Wednesday through Friday, the city still collected an average of about \$35,000 per month from citation issuance.

As for the shift in direction, Councilman Patrick Harper wondered if outsourcing parking enforcement was becoming the norm in Orange County.

"Most agencies are moving this route because of hiring and sustainability of a part-time employee," said Mosher, who added that Anaheim, Huntington Beach and Santa Ana are all using the same vendor. "Huntington Beach ran into the same issue. ... I find that a lot of agencies are going to be going to this."

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

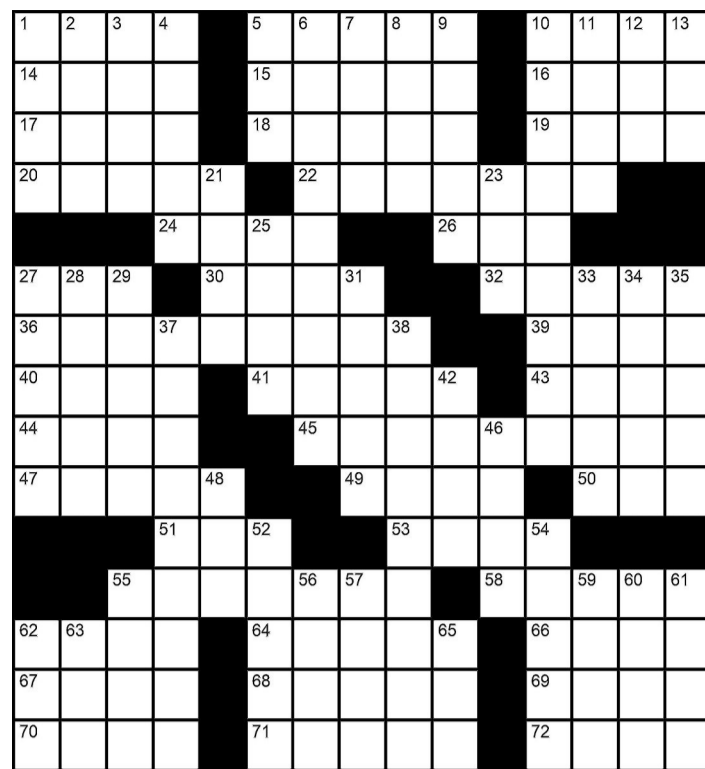
By Stella Zawistowski

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- 15 Place to shop
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- 18 Big
- 19 Prepare a cake
- 20 Very expensive
- 22 Gymnast's uniform
- 24 Have a fancy meal
- 26 "Succession" network
- 27 Perform in a cast
- 30 Burial vault
- 32 Ravi Shankar's instrument
- 36 Memorable times gone by: 2 wds.
- 39 Scientific info
- 40 Car or truck
- 41 Piece of tape
- 43 Study of business: Abbr.
- 44 Track competition
- 45 Lovable
- 47 Writing assignment
- 49 Long, skinny fish
- 50 Casual shirt
- 51 Media mogul
- 53 Big name in elevators
- 55 Hotel amenity
- 58 Map book
- 62 Group of three
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- 71 Detects a sound
- 72 Gone by

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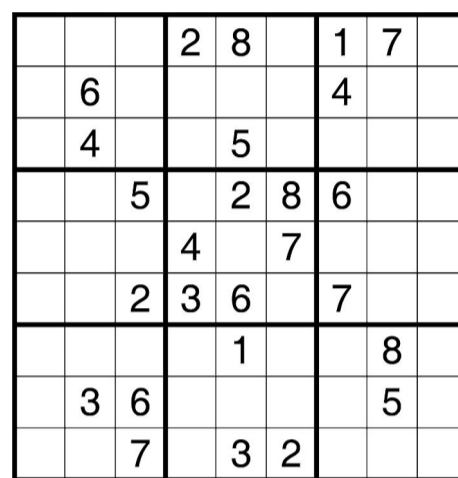
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SUDOKU

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.



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

- 2 Water around a castle
- 3 "Do it or _!"
- 4 Observed
- 5 Manual communication system: Abbr.
- 6 Draw in chess
- 7 Angry

- 8 Therefore
- 9 Parts of a comb
- 10 Do decorative sewing
- 11 Highway or street
- 12 Noah's _
- 13 Catch sight of
- 21 Feel sorry for

- 23 Sit-up muscles
 - 25 Nonverbal yeses
 - 27 Best effort: 2 wds.
 - 28 Hints
 - 29 Reusable bags
 - 31 David of Talking Heads
 - 33 Unspoken
 - 34 Do penance
 - 35 "Home on the _"
 - 37 Pitching lineup
 - 38 French fries, e.g.: 2 wds.
 - 42 Rain hard
 - 46 Japan's continent
 - 48 Japan's currency
 - 52 Get rid of
 - 54 Handbag feature
 - 55 Not very spicy
 - 56 Unadorned
 - 57 Opera song
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UNBEATEN

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their season debuts after the 30-day sit-out period. Alaluf scored a first-half goal and Dollander, a left-handed attacker, added a late steal.

“Last year, we didn’t have a lot of depth, but now we do,” Long said. “When we’re out there, we’re able to give 100% throughout the entire game and we can get rest. Josie and Morgan make a huge difference ... and with all of the freshmen, it’s cool to see that the program is going and there’s a bright future.”

Freshmen Camryn Spruill and Keira Bethell both contributed to the vic-

KIANA WELLS (10) of Corona del Mar shoots a long shot for a goal against San Clemente on Friday.

Don Leach



tory. Spruill, who had the match-winning goal in the season opener against Laguna Beach, had two exclusions drawn and two steals. Bethell scored on a quick scoop shot from center and also drew a penalty shot.

“They’re just a little unassuming [at center],” Hunt

said. “People aren’t really ready for it. You deal with Reagan the whole time, and they look back and they don’t see No. 11 back there, but they don’t realize that No. 12 [Spruill] and No. 6 [Bethell] are going to cause you problems.”

CdM senior left-handed

attacker Didi Evans also scored and dished out a team-best four assists in the team effort. Senior goalkeeper Gabby MacAfee made 11 saves, a few of them highlight-worthy, including a left-hand stop from close range and a penalty shot stuff.

CdM took a 3-0 lead after the first quarter on goals by Alaluf, Wells and Sidebotham. But San Clemente (2-2) rallied to tie the score at 3-3 late in the first half as Adley Dawson, Hazel Thrash and Phoebe DeMoss on the counterattack each found the back of the net.

The hosts, who won the Troy tournament earlier this month, quickly restored order. Long scored a

power-play goal assisted by Evans to give the Sea Kings a 4-3 halftime lead, before they broke out for six goals in the third quarter.

Defensively, CdM held San Clemente to three goals in each half, with DeMoss, a UC Santa Barbara commit, pacing the Tritons by scoring twice.

“I thought our defense was pretty good,” said Wells, who plays two-meter defense. “We can still practice crashing back, but I

thought overall we’ve improved from previous games that we’ve had. This was a more challenging opponent compared to the previous teams, so I felt like this was a good test going into the tournaments coming up.”

Corona del Mar competes next in the Bill Barnett Holiday Cup on Jan. 3-4.

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SHOWROOM

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this gallery to life.”

The impressive retail space has the feel of a fancy hotel, but the addition of two wine bars flanking the staircase create an additional level of hospitality not typically found in a furniture store. Shoppers can sip Champagne and wines from Napa Valley while pursuing the gallery. Should they work up a larger appetite, RH Ocean Grill is open for brunch, lunch and dinner on the top level.

Stapleton called the 270-person rooftop restaurant the store’s “crown jewel.”

RH first broke into the hospitality industry in 2015 when the company opened the Three Arts Café at the RH Gallery in Chicago. Since then, the company has opened 24 restaurants inside of RH Gallery locations.

RH Ocean Grill offers indoor and outdoor seating



Courtesy of RH Newport Beach, the Gallery at Fashion Island

RH NEWPORT BEACH is a four-level store with a rooftop restaurant that seats 270.

with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. The menu is centered around seafood and caviar specialties but also features salads, sandwiches and steaks. The first seating of the restaurant on Friday saw servers shuttling seafood towers and boards filled with prosciutto, cheese and grapes to tables.

RH Newport Beach joins a growing trend of luxury brands adding food and beverage programs to their Orange County locations.

In August Giorgio Armani

opened a boutique and cafe in Costa Mesa at South Coast Plaza, following Tiffany & Co.’s caviar-centric Petrossian at Tiffany, which opened in 2022.

By bringing in a fully integrated hospitality team, the retailer is providing a service that goes beyond furniture shopping or even interior design, in a market that values elite and unique experiences.

“At RH, our vision is to create an endless reflection of hope, inspiration and

love that will ignite the human spirit and change the world,” said Friedman. “By chasing our hopes and dreams, we can inspire others to chase theirs.”

While the new space is a major boon for RH, Stapleton said it is also an asset for Fashion Island and Newport Beach as a whole.

“Newport Beach is known as a destination for visitors coming here to vacation. I think it is safe to say we will continue to be known as a destination for retail and shopping,” said Stapleton.

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FOR THE RECORD

A story about a local surfer resuscitated after suffering a heart attack at Blackies Beach transposed attribution for a pair of quotes from two different Newport Beach lifeguards. In the story, Capt. Andy Matsuyama commented on the condition of the patient when they arrived. Capt. Andy White spoke of their relief as the man regained consciousness.



Thank You & Happy Holidays from Mayor Ted Bui & Family

Thank you, Fountain Valley, and thank you to everyone in Orange County for exercising their civic duty. I’m extremely humbled and grateful for the 14,276 constituents who placed their trust in me—the greatest number in our city’s history—and I want to reaffirm my commitment to representing all of Fountain Valley.

Our shared vision is simple: preserving Fountain Valley as “A Nice Place to Live”. I am committed to transparency, and you can read my goals on my website.



During this special season, let us reflect on the blessings we share as a community and look ahead to the opportunities that await us. May your holiday season be filled with peace, joy, and cherished moments.

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In Loving Memory of Nancy Louise Robison January 20, 1934 – December 3, 2024
 Nancy Louise Robison, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 3, 2024, at the age of 90.
 Born in Los Angeles, California, to Ivar and May Johnson, Nancy was lovingly adopted by family friend Esther Remple during the Great Depression. She enjoyed a rich and adventurous childhood, traveling the world with Esther and forming cherished memories with her adopted brother, Bob.
 At 14, Nancy met the love of her life, Robert Robison, and they married when she was 19. Together, they raised four sons while enjoying a life filled with skiing, sailing, tennis, and beach days. Nancy also pursued a brief Hollywood career, appearing in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers and other musicals of the 1950s.
 A talented writer, Nancy authored over 100 children's books, including the award-winning Ten Tall Soldiers. Later in life, she explored her love of history, writing about World War II and serving as a docent at the Lyon Air Museum.
 Her greatest joy was her family. Nancy is survived by her three sons, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

The late Henry Segerstrom was surely smiling down from the heavens above as the 50th anniversary Candlelight Concert held at Segerstrom Center for the Arts unfolded on a recent Friday night, heralding the holiday season in Costa Mesa.

The modern building was ablaze with celebratory laser beams of lights as bustling valets shuttled the stream of automobiles delivering black-tie patrons arriving for the event of the year on the Orange Coast.

A milestone Candlelight Concert would unfold starring the legendary musician representing the dreams and aspirations of a once youthful boomer generation. Sir Elton John, at 77, reportedly ending his globetrotting concert touring, delivered a flashback reminder of the energy and passion of his 1969 debut on the world musical stage.

While the clarity and depth of his rich vocal range is now augmented by high-power delivery, the icon apologized to the audience for the sound levels as he began his concert performance that lasted for more than 90 minutes. There were brilliant moments when the purity of his range thrilled, especially with John's rendition of his famous tribute to Marilyn Monroe, "Candle In The Wind."

Before the concert, a welcome reception held on multiple levels of the Segerstrom featured handsomely curated graphics and images of the splendid cultural history and evolution of the Center. The large multi-generational crowd were all very busy chatting, jockeying for photos and toasting the great life in Orange County as champagne flowed.

THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

Elton John serenades Segerstrom at 50th annual Candlelight Concert



And it flowed for good reason. The evening was record breaking, raising some \$19.2 million in support of SCFTA nonprofit artistic, educational and Orange County community initiatives.

Moving from the receptions into Segerstrom Hall, guests including Howard and Roberta Ahmanson, Idit and Moti Ferder, Mark and Wendy Hales, John and Sherry Phelan, Elizabeth Segerstrom, Sally Segerstrom, Sandy Segerstrom Daniels, Susie and Steve Perry and Jane Fujishige Yada filled a section of the upper orchestra section. The VIP seating fronted a stage constructed over the lower orchestra for Elton John's incredible band, which included several musicians that have been part of his close musical family for decades.

As the crowd settled, a surprise warm-up act appeared. David Foster, 19 Grammy Award-winning pop composer, sauntered out in nonchalant Foster style as if he just happened to be in the neighborhood, sat at the grand piano and brought the audience into his inner circle.

Praising the rare talent of the headliner to come in a self-deprecating manner, which is not in Foster's typical wheelhouse, he then delighted the throng by bringing on stage his beautiful and talented wife, Katharine McPhee. She also acted if she had just walked in off the street in a floor-length holiday-red sheath proceeding to sing "Sleigh Ride" with definite country rhythm. Just as Foster invited her to sing another Christmas number, an offstage voice signaled that all was ready for Elton John, and the couple vanished as formal introductions ensued.

Candlelight Concert co-chairs Stephanie Argyros and John Ginger joined Center Board Chair John Phelan and Center President Casey Reitz with heartfelt remarks praising generous donors and sponsors making the evening a success. Argyros, attired in a spectacular glittering ball gown, shared an emotional tribute.

"John and I could not be more honored to celebrate this remarkable milestone with you all tonight," she said. "As I look around the room, I see the faces of so many pioneers who have helped create positive change in our arts commu-



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SIR ELTON JOHN performs live on stage in Costa Mesa at SCFTA for the 50th Candlelight Concert.

nity. My family has been involved in supporting the Center for decades, and together we all have built something truly special."

She added that she was sorry her parents, Julia and George Argyros, could not attend the event, "but it is the greatest privilege to follow in their footsteps and co-chair this historic event. I know my parents are proud to have my three children here this evening, Gunnar, Lola and Ashley along with my sister, Lisa Argyros, my nephew, G3, my sister-in-law, Shannon, to carry forward their legacy. Tonight is a testament to the collective power of our shared commitment. I want to give thanks to all of the previous Candlelight co-chairs, to the many Segerstrom Center supporters and to everyone in this room for your unwavering support."

John Ginger, joining his wife, Toni, at the event, followed. "Fifty years of artistic excellence, and 50 years of cultivating this vibrant, art-loving community," he said of the milestone. "As we celebrate this incredible moment in Segerstrom's history, we are reminded that this is just the beginning. With your generosity and passion to bring performing arts to Orange County, we will continue to shape a future filled with transformative art, available to all and inspiring countless generations to come. Cheers to 50 more years!"

Après the Elton John concert, the stage parted to reveal a dining wonderland. Tables centered by candelabras were surrounded by shimmering votive candles and arrangements of cloud-white floral blooms, setting the romantic holiday tone.

James Beard Award-winning chef Timothy Hollingsworth, who cut his teeth as chef de cuisine at

the French Laundry and went on to win first place in Netflix's "The Final Table," crafted a rich variation of dishes for guests to enjoy, in partnership with Patina Catering. The three-course meal menu was a nod to Elton John's songs and lyrics. The starting course, Tiny Dancer, featured a cauliflower panna cotta topped with caviar. The main course was Earth and Water, a duet of beef tenderloin and lobster tail with King Trumpet mushrooms, leeks and a beautiful bordelaise sauce. For dessert there was A Taste of Love, a gilded chocolate ganache torte.

Hollingsworth has appeared as a guest judge on "Top Chef" and is one of the judges on season 3 of the PBS series "The Great American Recipe." He was also the owner of Otium, a contemporary American restaurant, and has won multiple awards throughout his career, including the Rising Star Chef Award from the San Francisco Chronicle.

Spotted in the dinner crowd were Eric Crabtree, Malissa Feruzzi Shriver, Tammy and Samuel Tang, Larry and Deborah Bridges, Maralou Harrington, Bernie Griffin, Connie Spenuzza, Kate Levering, Jerrod Blandino, Lisa Middleton, Brian Fink, Barbara Johnson, Dee and Larry Higby, Carol and John Curci.

At the Cinderella hour, the golden glow faded and the revelers departed into the cool December Friday night on the coast. One silver sequin shoe was left behind. Perhaps belonging to a real Cinderella? Or was it one of Stephanie Argyro's silver pumps? Or perhaps it was one of Elton's missing silver platform shoes from a 1970s-era concert, an imaginary reminder of a magical and memorable five decades of entertainment from the Rocket Man.

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 Meetings are as necessary, on weeknights or weekdays (M-Th), at a time convenient for the Committee at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach

All scheduled vacancies will become vacant when the existing terms expire on June 30, 2024, or until the seat is filled.

All applicants must be qualified electors of the City, none of whom shall hold any paid office or employment in City government (Section 702 of the City Charter).

The deadline for filing applications is **noon on Monday, January 6, 2025, or until the vacancies are filled.** The application and additional information about the Boards and Commissions can be found at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/vacancy> or by calling 949-644-3005. The application and information about the Boards and Commissions can also be accessed through the City's website at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/bcc>.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 949-644-3005.

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