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A GROUP of four, decked out in shark costumes, participates in the Run 4 Sharks event Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort on Saturday.

From prey to fan

After a shark attack off Corona del Mar 7 years ago, triathlete Maria Korcsmoros became an advocate for the finned fish, starting a run and health fair.

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Triathlete Maria Korcsmoros was swimming at Corona del Mar beach seven years ago when she was bitten by a great white shark.

Some might be surprised to learn Korcsmoros, who was 52 at the time of the attack, has become an advocate for shark preservation. To that end, she hosts an annual Run 4 Sharks & Ocean Health Fair, which took place Saturday at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and featured a 5K run followed by a 1-mile walk.

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RUN 4 SHARKS coordinator Maria Korcsmoros hands out a shark-themed bracelet to Corey Hernandez, who helped hand out medals as his mom, Shannon Worrell looks on.

Aquatic Center's lease is extended

The sports facility stands on land leased to it by Newport Beach and the county.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport Aquatic Center will continue to operate at its current location for at least a 30-year term, thanks to approval given Tuesday by the Newport Beach City Council to extend its existing ground lease.

The Newport Aquatic Center is a nonprofit dedicated to the promotion of human-powered aquatic sports — rowing, kayaking and outriggering. In 1987, the city and the county, which share ownership of the land the center operates on, leased about 4 acres to the center. After a facility expansion in 1997, an addendum to the ground lease was granted that extended the lease's terms for an

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Adults with disabilities prepare for the 'Big One'

Project Independence training event empowers clients to be disaster ready.

BY SARA CARDINE

If a natural disaster like an earthquake, flood or fire were to strike today, what would you do?

While many might panic, a group of clients served by the nonprofit Project Independence now know to recall the preparedness triangle — evacuate, communicate, reunify — and to grab the essentials before they flee to safety.

Brenda Emrick, acting emergency services manager with the Costa Mesa Fire Department on Wednesday stopped by the Costa Mesa nonprofit to lead a disaster preparedness training for

See **Prepare**, page A5

100 Women Who Care event benefits local cancer nonprofit

BY MATT SZABO

Brandi Marshall is a reality television star on "Selling the OC," an unscripted Netflix show which chronicles life at the Oppenheim Group real estate brokerage.

Marshall also knows that life itself doesn't always stick to a script.

Her mother, Angela Johnson, passed away last December after a battle with brain cancer.

"After that, I really felt compelled to really get more involved in charity and fundraising and things like that," Marshall said. "I'm on a reality show, but people don't know the other side of me. This is a good way for me to show who I really am, outside of the cameras."

Marshall is one of three co-chairs for Orange County 100 Women Who Care, which hosted



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

JENNIFER ANNES, Kristy Olson and Brandi Marshall, from left, announce the winners in the Orange County 100 Women Who Care charity event at the Oppenheim Group Corona Del Mar office.

its relaunch event Tuesday night at the Oppenheim Group office in Corona del Mar.

Kure It Cancer Research, a

Newport Beach-based nonprofit that funds underfunded cancer

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THE WELCOME wall, written in 15 languages, is displayed during the Language Arts Complex Grand Opening Ceremony reception at Golden West College.

Don Leach

Golden West introduces Language Arts Complex

BY MATT SZABO

Golden West College Interim President Meridith Randall remarked last Thursday that former President Wes Bryant got the ball rolling on the new Language Arts Complex.

When it was Coast Community College District Chancellor Whitney Yamamora's turn to talk, he mentioned that it was just his 13th month in that role.

"Not only does it take multiple presidents to build a building, it takes multiple chancellors to build a building as well," Yamamora joked.

Those assembled at Golden West College in Huntington Beach for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new complex would agree that it was worth the wait.

The three-story Language Arts

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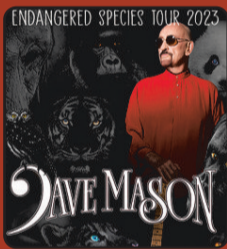


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PAT BOONE

- 10/12 CRYSTAL BOWERSOX / TAYLOR RAE
- 10/13 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
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- 10/15 JOURNEYMAN (ERIC CLAPTON TRIBUTE)
- 10/18 FUNNIEST HOUSEWIVES (COMEDY SHOW)
- 10/19 PAT TRAVERS BAND
- 10/20 ORIANTHI
- 10/21 PAT BOONE
- 10/22 MIKE PETERS PRESENTS THE ALARM ACOUSTIC
- 10/25 CHRISTOPHER CROSS
- 10/26 DAVE MASON
- 10/27 PIANO MEN (BILLY JOEL AND ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE)
- 10/28 ALO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SHIRA ELIAS
- 10/29 MARTIN SEXTON
- 10/31 OINGO BOINGO FORMER MEMBERS
- 11/1 RIDERS IN THE SKY (ACOUSTIC WESTERN COWBOY MUSIC AND HUMOR)
- 11/2 ZEBRA
- 11/3 LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)
- 11/4 LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)
- 11/5 BEN OTTEWELL / IAN BALL (OF GOMEZ)
- 11/7 CARE FOR THE GIVERS ALZHEIMER'S BENEFIT CONCERT
- 11/8 RODNEY CROWELL
- 11/9 THE YOUNG DUBLINERS
- 11/10 WHICH ONE'S PINK? "WISH YOU WERE HERE"
- 11/11 WHICH ONE'S PINK? "DARK SIDE OF THE MOON"
- 11/12 WISHBONE ASH
- 11/15 LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)
- 11/16 LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)
- 11/17 FOGHAT
- 11/18 ABBAFAB (ABBA TRIBUTE)
- 11/19 COCO MONTOYA
- 11/22 QRST (QUEEN/RUSH/STYX TRIBUTE)
- 11/24 JUMPING JACK FLASH (STONES TRIBUTE)



SUN, OCT 22
MIKE PETERS of The Alarm



THU, OCT 26
DAVE MASON



SAT, OCT 28
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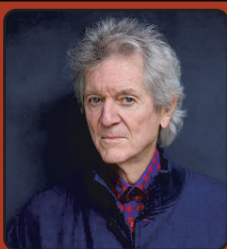


SUN, OCT 29
MARTIN SEXTON

- 11/25 BUFFETT BEACH (JIMMY BUFFETT TRIBUTE)
- 11/26 ARETHA STARRING CHARITY LOCKHART
- 11/30 THE MUSICAL BOX - SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND
- 12/1 THE MUSICAL BOX - SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND
- 12/2 LEE ROCKER OF THE STRAY CATS
- 12/8 GENE LOVES JEZEBEL / BOW WOW WOW
- 12/16 GARY HOEY'S ROCKIN HOLIDAY SHOW
- 12/22 AMBROSIA: A VERY SPECIAL HOLIDAY SHOW
- 12/23 FLOCK OF SEAGULLS
- 12/28 L.A. GUNS
- 12/29 DONAVON FRANKENREITER / GOODNIGHT, TEXAS
- 12/30 DONAVON FRANKENREITER / GOODNIGHT, TEXAS
- 12/31 LOS LOBOS **NEW YEAR'S EVE!**
- 1/5 QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)
- 1/6 QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)
- 1/7 BOBBY GRAY
- 1/12 TOMMY CASTRO
- 1/13 WILD CHILD (THE DOORS TRIBUTE)
- 1/19 MARC COHN
- 1/20 MARC COHN
- 1/26 PETTY BREAKERS (TOM PETTY TRIBUTE)
- 2/3 GLENN HUGHES DEEP PURPLE SET - 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BURN
- 2/9 FAST TIMES (80s CONCERT EXPERIENCE)
- 2/10 JOURNEY USA (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)
- 2/14 OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA
- 2/17 THE MOTELS
- 2/22 SHAWN PHILLIPS
- 2/24 DADA
- 4/5 ULI JON ROTH - INTERSTELLAR SKY GUITAR TOUR
- 4/14 THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS
- 4/19 RICHIE FURAY



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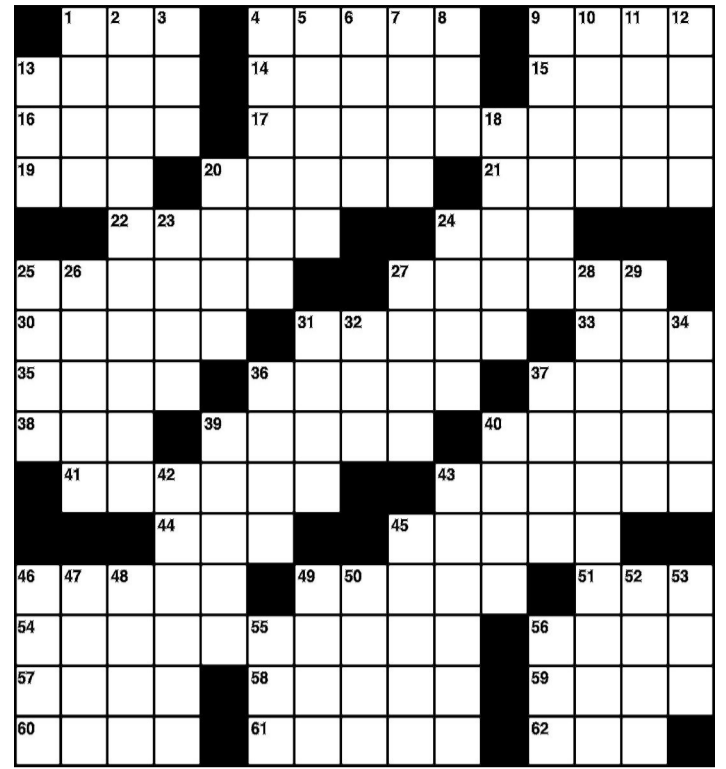
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

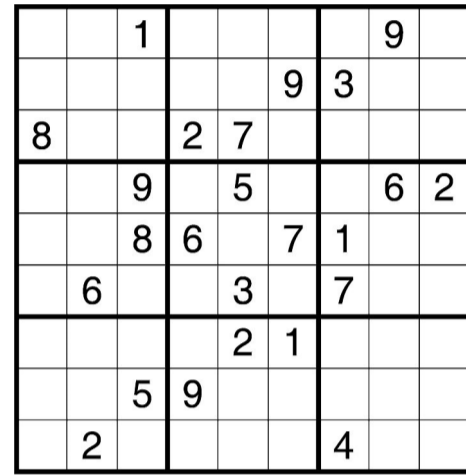
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- 1 Greek letter
 - 4 Mea _
 - 9 Biblical beggar's request
 - 13 Potter's oven
 - 14 Korean or Malaysian
 - 15 Suitor
 - 16 Put _ practice; apply
 - 17 Imbue with new vigor
 - 19 Go blond
 - 20 Punctured
 - 21 Vapors
 - 22 Dinner table basketful
 - 24 Tasseled hat
 - 25 Practical jokes
 - 27 Tendons
 - 30 Many times
 - 31 Quick
 - 33 Tease
 - 35 Picnic spoiler
 - 36 USNA newbie
 - 37 Baby in a pouch
 - 38 Years _; in the past
 - 39 Burrito contents
 - 40 "Home on the _"
 - 41 Get-up-and-go
 - 43 BPOE meeting halls
 - 44 _ Alamos, NM
 - 45 No longer in style
 - 46 Shakespearean lover
 - 49 Driving hazard
 - 51 _-Wan Kenobi
 - 54 Giggling slyly
 - 56 Van Gogh's paintings
 - 57 Slight coloring
 - 58 Cut into bits
 - 59 Med school course: abbr.
 - 60 Plains tribe
 - 61 Say; articulate
 - 62 Former Soviet security agcy.



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 A5.

- 1 Itty-bitty
- 2 Tailor's job
- 3 _ , dos, tres
- 4 Christmas songs
- 5 Moochers
- 6 TV's "One Life to _"
- 7 _ for; bought
- 8 Colony member
- 9 Burning
- 10 "Laze"
- homonym
- 11 Lab rat's path
- 12 Takes to court
- 13 Child
- 18 Insurance policy seller
- 20 Narrow valley
- 23 Plow pullers
- 24 Marching band instrument
- 25 Bat Mitzvah
- dance
- 26 No longer a minor
- 27 Erin & Jim-Bob, to John-Boy
- 28 Sin
- 29 Prolonged attack
- 31 Murder
- 32 Ming-Na of film & TV fame
- 34 Farewells
- 36 Cribbage markers
- 37 Green gem
- 39 Stream
- 40 Learn by _; memorize
- 42 Votes into office
- 43 Bigger
- 45 Tango or twist
- 46 VW forerunners
- 47 "Step _"; cry to a slowpoke
- 48 Dig for ore
- 49 "True _"; John Wayne film
- 50 Fuzzy residue
- 52 Spill the beans
- 53 Suffix for art or real
- 55 Australian bird
- 56 Furniture wood

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AROUND TOWN

N.B. Film Festival returns today

The 24th annual Newport Beach Film Festival kicks off this evening. The festival will run until Oct. 19 and is expected to screen about 91 films throughout its seven-day run. Tonight on opening night, the Newport Beach Film Festival will show "The Absence of Eden" at the Regal Edwards Big Newport on 300 Newport Center Drive at 7:30 p.m. The screening will include the film's director, Marco Perego, followed by the festival's opening night celebration at Fashion Island. Tickets for the festival's closing night film, "The Holdovers," are already sold out. To purchase tickets or see the lineup, visit newportbeachfilmfest.com.

Edison STEM scholarships open

Edison International annually awards scholarships to some 30 high school seniors with goals of entering a STEM field. Students within Southern California Edison's service area are able to apply for the \$50,000 scholarship award paid over four years and receive a paid summer internship with the company after their first year of school. The deadline to apply is Jan. 23. For more details and to apply, visit edison.com/community/edison-scholars.

OCC Planetarium to host solar eclipse viewing

The OCC Planetarium is opening its doors to the public to participate in a viewing event of an annual solar eclipse on the planetarium's telescopes on Saturday. The so-called "Ring of Fire" solar eclipse will cross North, Central and South America and is said to be



Sarahi Apaez

AUDIENCES GATHER outside the theater during the Newport Beach Film Festival's opening night screening of "WEIRD: The Al Yankovic Story" at the Regal Edwards Big Newport in 2022. This year's event starts tonight.

the last visible solar eclipse from the U.S. until June 21, 2039. Solar telescopes will be available during the event and located in Lot E and the telescope farm near the planetarium. Eclipse glasses will also be available for purchase. Guests are invited to come at 8 a.m. to see the peak of the solar eclipse at between 9:15 to 9:25 a.m. The event will conclude at noon. A special presentation will be held inside of the dome theater. Parking is free and will be available at Lot E and Lot D.

Jan's Health Bar opens sixth shop

Jan's Health Bar is opening its second location in Huntington Beach this month at Bella Terra. The new location comes on the heels of the brand's 50th anniversary. Owner Poppy Holguin, who purchased the original restaurant from founder Jan Gaffney in 2010, said in a statement announcing the new location last week, "To open a second store in Huntington Beach is truly special."

Vanguard U. names new hires

The Costa Mesa-based private university announced late September three new key staff on its team — one of whom is a new faculty director. Michael Shurance has joined on as the associate vice president, graduate and professional strategy and enrollment, Stacey Sandeford-Lyons as the dean of student success and academic services and Joanne Van Boxtel as the associate professor and faculty director of special education. "We are excited to share

The restaurant also has other locations in Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach, Corona del Mar and Irvine. — From staff reports

Costa Mesa babysitter convicted of molesting 16 boys

BY PAUL ANDERSON

A 34-year-old childcare service provider from Costa Mesa was convicted Tuesday of molesting 16 boys, aged 2 to 14, and showing another victim child pornography.

Matthew Antonio Zakrzewski was convicted by the Orange County Superior Court jury of 34 felony sex charges related to 17 victims in crimes that prosecutors said took place from 2014 through 2019.

Jurors also heard evidence relating to two other boys, including one who was allegedly molested, but the defendant was not charged with attacking those victims, Deputy District Attorney Juliet Oliver said.

He faces a maximum of 690 years to life in prison when he's sentenced Nov. 17.

"The entire book is in defendant's hard drive," Deputy Dist. Atty. Juliet Oliver said during her closing argument of the trial Monday, referencing a pedophilia book on Zakrzewski's computer. "In it there's a chapter titled Hunting Season. ... When the defendant reached out to [one of his victims] saying 'Let me be his occasional babysitter,' he was hunting [the boy]. He was hunting every family in this case. ... He wasn't just reading the book, he could have written the book."

Oliver argued that the defendant videotaped much of the evidence against

him. "He's as brazen as he can be," Oliver said.

In one of the videos, a victim was seen lying on him nude as the defendant "caressed" him to "normalize" the molestation, Oliver argued.

Zakrzewski is seen in another video touching himself with a boy in his lap, the prosecutor argued. When he finished, the defendant allegedly said, "Thank you," Oliver said, adding, "There are no words."

With one of the boys he played a game the defendant called "rocket ship," with the victim on his lap, and he declared, "It feels like we're having sex," Oliver said.

"All of this was video-

taped," she said.

"None of the parents knew each other," Oliver told the jury. "The children didn't know each other. ... The defendant was a mastermind ... grooming the parents to believe he was the perfect fit to protect each of the children. ... It is every parent's worst nightmare."

Zakrzewski touted his work with children with behavioral disabilities and advertised that he had years of experience, was CPR trained and had background checks, Oliver said.

Many of the victims were 6 to 9 years old, the prosecutor said.

Jennifer Ryan of the Orange County Public Defender's Office argued that while her client was

charged with showing pornography to some of the victims, photos depicting nudity and sex acts are not necessarily "harmful" matter as charged.

"Each charge has separate laws, separate guides," she cautioned jurors.

She rebutted one charge of her client directing a dog to lick the private parts of one of the victims, saying there was no evidence of Zakrzewski directing the canine to perform such an act.

"Cameras are running all the time," she said. "But they want you to believe something that was not depicted happened. ... That is not in evidence."

Ryan also argued that some of the evidence in the trial showed "two kids run-

ning around" in their underwear.

"That's not harmful material," she argued. "Sometimes kids run around without their clothes. ... There's nothing wrong with a little boy running around in shorts. ... That's not against the law."

Oliver countered that there was a staggering volume of videos, and investigators never even went through all of them.

"There was no suggestion — by me or anyone else — that cameras were running all the time," Oliver said. "Do not let defendant's arguments fool you. ... He deserves nothing short of 34 verdicts of guilt."

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EVENT

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research projects across the United States, walked away with a check for \$11,051.70.

The 100 Women Who Care idea, which has grown to include chapters around the country, was started in 2006 by Karen Dunigan of Michigan. The premise is simple, as 100 philanthropic women get together and each donate \$100 for the event.

On Tuesday night, the women heard five-minute pitches from three different local nonprofit organizations: Extraordinary Lives Foundation, Kure It and the Jessie Rees Foundation.

They then voted for the winner to receive all of the funds collected, which were in excess of the \$10,000 goal. The event had no overhead, co-chair Jennifer Annes said, due to generous sponsorships, meaning Kure It got the totality of the money raised.

"It's nationwide, but it's great to have this here in Orange County," Annes said. "The difference between Orange County and some of the other areas is



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

COCONUT DRINKS were a hit at the Orange County 100 Women Who Care event at Oppenheim Group Corona Del Mar.

that we have a great number of charities here. There's a lot of events going on, but sometimes people get stuck in their typical galas and their typical circles. It's hard for some of these smaller charities to have the opportunity to break through and get in

front of some of these people who have plenty of funds and means to support."

Brooke Adams, director for Kure It, said that staff will work with the medical advisory board to determine what currently needs the most funding. The

nonprofit was founded by Barry Hoeven, who passed away due to kidney cancer in 2016.

Through its Kure It Cares initiative, Adams said the nonprofit is currently working with under-served communities in Orange County to emphasize the

importance of screening in fighting treatable cancers.

Kerri Hatfield, president of the Kure It women's guild, said with a smile she didn't get to her finishing line of the pitch, as the five-minute time limit was strictly enforced. But she emphasized the power of

the 100 Women Who Cares idea.

More than the money, the idea is raising awareness, Kristy Olson agreed. Olson, who works at the Oppenheim Group with Marshall, was the third co-chair for the group.

"We're all a bunch of successful, powerful women," Olson said. "If somebody in the audience is like, 'You know what, that charity really resonates with me,' you can either donate your time or donate your money directly to them. It's still a win-win [if they aren't selected], because you didn't know about them before ... It just spirals into more ways to give back to the community."

The OC 100 Women Who Care plan to meet quarterly, Olson said, with the next event in January.

The three Orange County-based nonprofits chosen to present at the next event — nominated by those in attendance Tuesday and chosen by drawing — were Tilly's Life Center, Farmhouse Rescue and Orangewood Foundation.

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"I'm fully functional and train for triathlons, and now I just have some nerve damage and numbness in my foot," said Korcsmoros, who had to have 160 staples to repair the damage from the attack and also suffered a punctured lung and several cracked ribs. "I'm generally back to training within the fitness community network with triathlons training."

The event she established benefits the non-profit Shark Stewards, which is dedicated to restoring ocean health by saving sharks and protecting marine habitat, with efforts that include youth ocean education programs and beach cleanups in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

"I'm excited this year about the event with the increased attendance registration over 100. Also, we have more volunteers and booth sponsors," said Korcsmoros. "We are building the event by connecting



Susan Hoffman

AROUND 100 participants attended the Run 4 Sharks & Ocean Health Fair, with some joining the 5k run and 1-mile walk Saturday at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort.

with people, which is what we want to do."

Korcsmoros, who lives in Yorba Linda, is a fitness instructor who operates her own business, Kissed by a

Shark Wellness. She divides her work time between Trilogy at Glen Ivy Senior Community in Corona and TZone OC in Costa Mesa.

Among the 1-mile runners Saturday was 8-year-old Penny Boyer of Mission Viejo. Thanks to her grandmother, Ruth Seamark of Lake Forest, Penny was able to maintain her six-

year attendance record participating in the Run 4 Sharks race.

"Her dad usually brings her, but he was coaching her brother's soccer team," Seamark said. "I didn't want her to miss it so I volunteered to bring her."

Not a runner herself, Seamark established a way with her granddaughter to stick together during the event.

"I just trotted and fast walked, so Penny had to wait for me," said Seamark. "She would run ahead and stop until I would catch up, and run ahead a little more until I caught up."

Seamark added that Penny is very concerned for the environment and all its creatures.

"I hold lizards in my hand and help bees," her granddaughter chimed in.

One of the 5K runners, a man who goes by a single name, Chayu, said he and his girlfriend, Katia Irina, both from Laguna Niguel, wanted to do something fun together that would offer some exercise while supporting a good cause.

"Today was my first time

doing a run like this," Chayu said. "I heard footsteps behind me so I didn't stop."

The couple then spent time asking questions about sharks at Ranger Jim's Mini Museum table, which was covered with all things shark, including jaws with teeth from local species who live in our coastal waters.

"I surf quite a bit and I'm interested in gaining knowledge about sharks since I've seen 10 to 12 sharks when I've been surfing," Chayu said.

Bill Brooks, a marine science teacher, and retired park ranger Jim Serpa (aka "Ranger Jim") gladly shared facts about sharks to attendees.

"During my career, I've collected all this stuff and lectured all over California at educational events," Serpa said. "The [shark] teeth, for example, are adapted to eating prey, meaning every shark has a tooth specially evolved for prey it eats."

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

AQUATIC

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additional 25 years, which was to end later this month.

The agenda item to approve the new lease was originally folded into the council's consent calendar but was pulled by Councilman Brad Avery for discussion.

The terms of the amended contract provide an initial 30-year term with two 10-year extension options for a total possible term of 50 years. It maintains past points of agreement, such as being a no-fee lease for the continued operations of the center at no cost to the city, being held to a city-approved facilities management plan

and abiding by all entitlements and permits issued by the city, county, state and federal agencies.

The city's real property manager Lauren Wooding Whitlinger said the newly-approved agreement requires the Newport Aquatic Center to spend 3% of its gross revenues on repairs, maintenance and refurbishments to the facility. It also requires inspections, includes internal control language, and specifically defines the period of time that the center will have to ameliorate any identified issues.

Council members spoke highly of the Newport Aquatic Center, though Avery noted he pulled the item so the council could more fully discuss the non-

profit's way forward.

Avery said he was in favor of the new agreement and described it as "far more robust" than the existing document but did raise concerns about some of the legal troubles the Newport Aquatic Center faced in 2018 and 2019, including allegations of financial misconduct, harassment and retaliation. Court records indicate deliberations in some of those lawsuits continued until early 2023.

"I have no idea what has transpired in those, but it just, to me, when you see that, it makes you wonder what was going on there," Avery said.

Avery noted the new agreement includes new requirements for reporting and requested that an addi-

tion be made that would allow for impromptu city inspections to review the property. He said he brought up the matter because, prior to his retirement, Avery ran a similar facility on behalf of Orange Coast College.

"[The county] just did site walks. You never knew when they were coming. They would just be random and it worked out fine. We never had a problem. They would write us up if there were a couple of things that needed fixing up or attention and that would help keep me on my game and I just think with a self-perpetuating board and under the spirit of [Council Policy F-7], you would have members voting on the board," Avery said. "But here, we

don't have that. So, what do we have to guarantee to everybody that it's going to run properly? That's my concern.

"But at the same time, I'm very satisfied with the effort of staff and NAC coming together and coming up with this agreement."

Avery's council colleagues were supportive of the addition. Councilwoman Robyn Grant suggested a potential addition of a city-appointed member to the board of directors and Councilwoman Lauren Kleiman requested the possible requirement of closing restrooms and to disallow overnight parking of vehicles not owned by the center.

On Wednesday, Chris

Blank, president of the Newport Aquatic Center's board of directors, said officials there were "very pleased" with the extended agreement.

"It was a team effort, with several folks from the city and from Newport Aquatic center working together to get this done," Blank said. "The requested revisions that were passed by the City Council are acceptable to us, and we expect to be signing the lease any day."

Blank noted the center's next big event is its "Off Da Couch" outrigger race on Oct. 21 and that it is now raising funds for the renovation of its weight-lifting facilities.

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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: Anne Innis (aka "Anne C. Innis"). A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Diederick Oscar van der Meyden in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Diederick Oscar van der Meyden 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 Nov 30, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6 located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626. The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing. 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. Attorney for the Petitioner: RENE E. C. LLOYD-NASIRI, ESQ LLOYDS & ASSOCIATES, PLC 4630 CAMPUS DR., STE 211 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 Published in the HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENT on: 10/12, 10/19 & 10/26/2023

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KAY VLASEK, aka BARBARA KAY VLASEK

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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: KAY VLASEK, aka BARBARA KAY VLASEK. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by VANCE KERRY VLASEK in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that VANCE KERRY VLASEK 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 Nov 08, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM5 located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626. The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing. 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. Attorney for the Petitioner: CYNTHIA V. ROEHL, ESQ & KATHERINE F. BIADAZ KHAMIS, ESQ ROEHL LAW GROUP, P.C. 25910 ACERO, STE 150 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 Published in the HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENT on: 9/28, 10/5 & 10/12/2023

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CLAIRE THERESE DAL CORSO

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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: CLAIRE THERESE DAL CORSO. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ARTHUR DAL CORSO in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ARTHUR DAL CORSO 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. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov 30, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6 located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626. The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing. 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. Attorney for the Petitioner: MARK A. FITTER HISKEY LAW FIRM, APC 151 N. KRAEMER BLVD., #204 PLACENTIA, CA 92870 Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 10/5, 10/6 & 10/12/2023



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MEMBERS OF THE faculty pose for a ribbon-cutting ceremony during the Language Arts Complex Grand Opening Ceremony at Golden West College on Oct. 5.

LANGUAGE

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Complex, which opened for the fall semester, houses the division of offices for the college's language arts department, as well as faculty offices for both language arts and social sciences.

It features 30 standard classrooms, 10 specialized instructional spaces, a student resource center and four group study rooms. The architecture features promote natural ventilation and lighting.

Also in the space is a three-story tall "welcome wall," which says hello and welcome in 15 languages, including American Sign Language and braille. There's also a special skylight featuring a phrase in Esperanto; translated to English it means "the essence of beauty is unity in diversity."

"If you come any day in the morning or the afternoon, you will see the students distributed throughout the building, studying and relaxing," Randall said. "Certainly, post-COVID, this is what we like to see, students returning to the campus. It's not only good for us, but it's good for them. The more time they spend with us, the more successful they are."

The \$55-million building was funded through both state funding and Measure M, a \$698-million bond measure voters passed in

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of the Coast Community College District comments on the project.

2012. Sundt was the construction manager on the project. Board of Trustees President Mary Hornbuckle, acting Dean of Arts & Letters Martie Ramm Engle and Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee chair Steve Rosansky also made remarks Thursday. Paul Kareem Tayyar, an English professor, read from "The Book of Magic."

Also in attendance and on the list of speakers were Assemblywoman Diane Dixon, Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland and Westminster Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen. Huntington Beach Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark and City Council members Natalie Moser and Dan Kalmick, as well as Westminster Councilwoman Kimberly Ho, also gave remarks.

"Three of my children came to Golden West and I took a few semesters here," Van Der Mark said. "It's actually changed dramatically. Thank you for keeping this college going and improving it, it looks beautiful. It actually looks nothing like it did when I was here."

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN R. ORTIZ
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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: **JOHN R. ORTIZ.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **DUSTIN JOE PESQUERA** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **DUSTIN JOE PESQUERA** 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 **Nov 29, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM5** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Chris Todero, aka Christopher Alexander Todero, aka Christopher A. Todero, aka Chris A. Todero
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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: **Chris Todero, aka Christopher Alexander Todero, aka Christopher A. Todero, aka Chris A. Todero.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Linda Todero** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Linda Todero** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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A HEARING on the petition will be held on **Dec 07, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT E. CAMPBELL
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Daniel L. Campbell and Robert A. Campbell** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Daniel L. Campbell and Robert A. Campbell** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT A. COVENEY, aka ROBERT COVENEY
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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: **ROBERT A. COVENEY, aka ROBERT COVENEY.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **CATHY L. EUSEY** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **CATHY L. EUSEY** 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.
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Man convicted of 3 rapes, sex assault on teen

BY PAUL ANDERSON

The victim was at a bank in Irvine trying to order an Uber ride, but she could not get cell service, McDonough said. The defendant offered her a ride, he said.

The defendant took her to Newport Beach, where he raped her on a trail and then took her to Echo Park and Universal Studios before driving back to Orange County and sexually assaulting her again before taking her home, McDonough said.

"She reported it so it wouldn't happen again," the prosecutor said.

The defendant's DNA was found inside both victims, the prosecutor said. Gonzalez was also accused of twice touching a 13-year-old girl who was the daughter of his girlfriend while driving her home from school in June 2014, McDonough said. Both times the girl told him "no" when he touched her leg and he stopped, the prosecutor said.

Another woman said she was 19 in 2012 when the defendant groped her at a 24 Hour Fitness in Costa Mesa, McDonough said. The defendant is not charged in that allegation, but the woman testified as part of evidence to help establish a pattern of behavior, the prosecutor said.

The defendant's attorney, Jason Phlaum of the Alternator Defender's Office, said his client occasionally lived out of vehicles he owned to save money for his children. He worked as a "street mechanic," the attorney said.

The defense attorney characterized the day spent with the Japanese volleyball player as a "long day." He said the accuser's phone contained hundreds of photos she took documenting where they went, including photos of Newport Beach and the Los Angeles skyline.

"These photos do not point to a rape," Phlaum said. "She said he never threatened or menaced her at any time."

McDonough said the accuser was frightened and took the photos to go along with the defendant.

The 17-year-old accuser "had a history of erratic behavior," Phlaum said, adding she had substance abuse issues and would run away from home.

Phlaum also accused the teen of at times making "outlandish allegations" at others.

She would experience "hallucinations" and "paranoid thinking," and her medication "didn't work well when she mixed it with street drugs," Phlaum said.

As for the 13-year-old girl, Phlaum said the alleged victim and her older sister did not like the defendant and wanted their mother to get back with their father. The girl reported the inappropriate touching after a stay with her father, Phlaum said.

A 46-year-old man was convicted last week of raping a teen in Santa Ana and a volleyball player visiting from Japan in Newport Beach in addition to sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl.

Luis Arturo Gonzalez Monroy was convicted of three counts of rape, one count of sexual penetration by a foreign object and two counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a minor younger than 14, all felonies.

Sentencing was set for Dec. 8.

One of the accusers testified she was 17 when the defendant raped her in his van on Dec. 30, 2020.

The victim said she was staying with her mother in Buena Park on winter break from high school when she went out to meet some friends. She said her friends would sometimes use her phone, and they apparently had been texting with the defendant, who they had met previously. But that night was the "first time I had seen him," she testified.

Gonzalez went to a convenience store with the teens and bought alcohol for them, she testified. She said she got "tipsy" in his van as they drove around.

Meanwhile, her mother kept calling her, reminding her of an 11 p.m. curfew, she said.

"She was getting upset," the accuser testified. "I told my friends I had to leave."

The victim asked her mother if her male friend, who had just turned 18, could stay with them that night, but her mother said no, so Gonzalez dropped off all of her friends, leaving the teen alone with him, she testified.

"I was trying to keep my eyes open," she said, adding she hadn't eaten all day so she felt weak and tired.

On the way to her mother's apartment, he said he had to stop somewhere to relieve himself so he stopped in what appeared to be an industrial neighborhood without anyone around, she testified. Then he came back into the van and climbed on top of her, she testified.

"I told him no, I didn't want it," she testified. "I was in shock, and I didn't know that was going to happen to me."

The defendant pulled down her pants and raped her, she testified.

"I tried to push him away, but I couldn't," she testified. "His whole weight was on me and I felt weak. ... I didn't eat all day."

Gonzalez later dropped the victim off a couple of blocks away from her mother's apartment, she testified.

"I walked home, crying," she testified.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Shane McDonough told jurors in his opening statement of the trial last month that the defendant also twice raped a 26-year-old volleyball player visiting Irvine from Japan on Aug. 9, 2017.

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UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE

Orange County SC shuts out San Antonio FC

BY ANDREW TURNER

IRVINE — Orange County Soccer Club is headed back to the playoffs with momentum and the home crowd behind it, a familiar refrain for those dreaming of a repeat of its United Soccer League Championship title season of two years ago.

Milan Iloski's first-half goal stood up for a 1-0 win over San Antonio FC in the home finale, before a sell-out crowd of 5,500 on Saturday at Championship Soccer Stadium.

A short while after the final whistle, Orange County (16-11-6, 54 points) learned that it would have the chance to play in front of its fans again this season, New Mexico United's 2-1 win over Phoenix Rising assuring the Irvine-based club a home game in the first round of the playoffs.

That match is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m., per an announcement made at the stadium following Saturday night's match.

"We get a home game now," Iloski said. "I think it was official tonight, so we're dreaming about winning each game, going game by game, and making a run at the championship again. We already have one title as a club, so we'd love to add another. We're going to fight every day, especially in the matches, to give ourselves the best chance."

A mid-season coaching change was a precursor to



James Carbone

ORANGE COUNTY SC's Milan Iloski (7) dribbles past San Antonio defenders at Championship Soccer Stadium at Great Park in Irvine on Saturday.

Orange County's last post-season appearance, when Richard Chaplow took the reins for Braeden Cloutier. Orange County is now headed by Morten Karlsen, the change being made after the club managed one win in its first eight games.

"He's done brilliant," midfielder Kevin Partida said of Karlsen. "When you

look at the table and where we are now, where we came from. ... I think you can see the personality of the team under him when you watch our matches. It's a team that's hard-working and confident on the ball."

Orange County fought back against a San Antonio (14-6-13, 55 points) side that had beaten it 4-0 on

the road two weeks prior. The sequel was a contentious affair, featuring nine cards, including a red card against forward Marc McNulty that had the hosts playing a man down 10 minutes into the second half.

"It was a very, very intense game," Karlsen said. "Obviously, we had to ad-

just, also, being a man down. I think today, for us, was about after losing the first game down there, we got absolutely bullied, and I think we manned ourselves up for the challenge today, matched their intensity.

Iloski, who got four cracks at goal, finally broke through in the 44th min-

ute. He was played into the box by midfielder Kyle Scott, ripping a low shot inside the left post for his team-leading 15th goal of the season.

"I felt the pressure coming on my hip," Iloski said. "All night, they're always so close to me, and anytime I touch the ball, they're trying to kick me anytime they can. I kind of used that against them. I knew I was in the box, so he really couldn't touch me, otherwise it would have been a [penalty kick]."

"I just kind of felt his momentum and put the ball around him. From there, it was a pretty easy finish, to be honest, because the goalie's blinded and anything low and on target is probably going to go in."

San Antonio threatened to equalize in stoppage time, Tani Oluwaseyi lobbing a bid off the crossbar before it was played out by Andrew Fox. Goalkeeper Colin Shutler had to react quickly when the clearance was played back toward goal, making a lunging save to preserve the three points.

"Foxy being on the line there, he really saved my butt," Shutler said. "My heart dropped, and when he saved me and just put me back into a position where I could help my team out again, thankfully I got in the right spot, and I was able to save that last effort for them."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Explosive Los Alamitos too much for Newport Harbor

BY ANDREW TURNER

A track meet broke out on Friday night, and within moments, the Los Alamitos High football team was off to the races at Boswell Field.

Isaiah Rubin returned an interception on the first series, an early indicator of the quick-strike ability of Newport Harbor's hosts in the only battle of unbeaten in the Sunset League in its second week of competition on the gridiron.

The seemingly limitless big-play potential of the Griffins proved too much to handle, as Los Alamitos blew out Newport Harbor 62-14 on the campus of Westminster High.

Los Alamitos (5-2, 2-0) produced more than 600 yards of total offense in a statement win, one that left the Griffins and Edison (4-3, 2-0) as the last of the undefeated teams in the Sunset League. The sides meet in the regular season finale on Oct. 27.

Anthony League rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns, Lenny Ibarra turned 11 carries into 134 yards and another score, and quarterback Alonzo Esparza accounted for three total touchdowns for the Griffins.

"If we're moving really quick and we're moving efficient, that means we're doing good," said Esparza, who threw his two touchdown passes to Carson Clark and Davon Mitchell.

The defensive touchdown from Rubin was answered on the third drive for Newport Harbor (3-4, 1-1). It ended with a passing touchdown from Jaden O'Neal to Cade Fegel, who tapped his toe down in the left corner of the end zone.

An unrelenting Los Alamitos offense took over from there, scoring touchdowns on five consecutive drives to close out the first half with a 42-14 lead.

Los Alamitos produced six sacks on defense, including 2½ sacks from defensive end Pearson Sapiga. Nose



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NEWPORT HARBOR'S Jaden O'Neal (1) can't escape the grasp of Los Alamitos defender Ivrick Carrigan (26), who brings him down during a Sunset League football game.



NEWPORT HARBOR'S Jacob Carlon (10) and Tanner Muir bring down Los Alamitos' Alonzo Esparza (12) during the game on Friday.

guard Manoah Faupusa, who stands 6-foot-2 and 310 pounds, had a solo sack and was brought in for a goal-line touchdown run in the second quarter.

"We want to take [the] Sunset [League], and we definitely will this year," Sapiga said.

O'Neal, who transferred from Los Alamitos to Newport Harbor, showed remarkable chemistry with Jordan Anderson, despite the result. The duo connected seven times for 160 yards and a touchdown, including two deep balls that went for 54 and 52 yards.

"He's a really explosive player, able to get off the ball and make a couple moves, get a defender off of him," Anderson said. "I feel like with his speed and explosive power, I don't think that I can really overthrow him."

Newport Harbor travels to take on Edison on Thursday, before closing out the season against Corona del Mar and Fountain Valley.

"There is a lot of valuable lessons to be learned from this game," Newport Harbor coach Peter Lofthouse said. "I felt like our kids played hard the entire time. They never really gave up or truly quit. There were good things in the first half we really saw out of our defense, trying to get some stops at times."

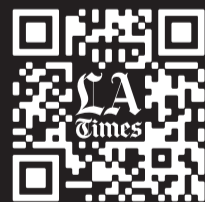
"I think offensively, we're going to see things that we missed that we could have been better at, and we just got to get back to practice next week and fix that because we got Edison. You go Edison and then CdM, and the league's not forgiving."

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