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LONGTIME OWNERS Dave Thomas and Kevin Mundt, from left, stand in front of gifts that have made the AREO store in downtown Laguna Beach so popular for 30 years. The duo plan to close the store at the end of February and plan to focus on a wholesale business called HomArt.

Owners reflect on 30 years as they shutter décor shop

Kevin Mundt and Dave Thomas plan to move out of the downtown Laguna Beach storefront at the end of February.

BY ANDREW TURNER

After three decades of being a leader in style in Laguna Beach, AREO, a home décor and gift shop in the downtown area, is set to move out of its brick-and-mortar location at the end of February.

Owners Kevin Mundt and Dave Thomas have made the decision to focus on their primary venture, a wholesale business called HomArt.

The duo have worked to design products and then have them produced. Thomas said they now have nearly 4,000 products that they wholesale to other retailers and have show-

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ABOVE: A woman shops in the AREO store in downtown Laguna Beach. **LOWER RIGHT:** Unique items on display for sale. **LOWER LEFT:** Two holiday gnomes, on sale, are on display at the shop.



Parishioners rally to fund church upgrades

ST. JOACHIM Catholic Church, pictured during a May 2020 virtual Mass, can seat up to 750 parishioners but, for decades, accommodated crowds with just two unisex bathroom stalls. Plans for a new facility are in the works.



File Photo

BY SARA CARDINE

The grounds of St. Joachim Catholic Church in Costa Mesa are modest but well-maintained and fully equipped to meet the spiritual needs of parishioners. The bathrooms, however? Not so much.

Church leaders for years had been grappling over how to accommodate a robust church membership with just two unisex, single-stall restrooms built at the Orange Avenue campus in 1965.

"In 1965, the world was very different than it is today," Fr. Mike Hanifan said, explaining how the Catholic faith urged churchgoers to fast each Sunday until receiving communion at Mass. "You had to go to church first, and then afterward

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GOP Supes hold tight to reins

Don Wagner, Andrew Do selected to serve as chair and vice chair, bypassing the usual rotation list with no discussion.

BY SARA CARDINE

With the swearing-in Tuesday of former Santa Ana Mayor Vicente Sarmiento to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the governing body officially shifted to a Democrat majority for the first time in nearly half a century.

Yet during an annual reorganization during the board's regular meeting, minority Republicans maintained their grasp on leadership of the panel, as supervisors Don Wagner and Andrew Do were narrowly appointed chair and vice chair, respectively.

The motion to nominate the two GOP supervisors together as a slate was made by outgoing Chair Doug Chaffee, a Democrat reelected to a second term in November, and subsequently approved by a 3-2 vote among Chaffee, Wagner and Do.

That act bypassed a seniority-based rotation — intended to offer supervisors from all five districts equal opportunity to serve in leadership roles — that would have seen Supervisor Katrina Foley appointed as vice chair.

"I'm slightly disappointed, but

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Newport Beach OKs contract for Gateway Park project

Completed in 1999, the park is intended to announce the entrance between the Balboa Peninsula and Lido Isle.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The gateway between the Balboa Peninsula and Lido Isle is poised to get a face-lift, following this week's approval of a \$540,233 contract by the Newport Beach City Council.

Gateway Park was completed in 1999 after Lido Isle residents Helen Japenga, Gail Rosenstein and Jim Thomson raised \$217,000 to buy a former gas station and, in an effort to create an inviting entrance between the Balboa Peninsula and Lido Isle, converted it into what it is today.

City staff said the park, which is comprised of two stretches of landscaping on either side of Newport Boulevard and Via Lido, has damaged planter walls

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F.V., H.B. elementary schools earn state accolade

Plavan Elementary and S.A. Moffett Elementary School were awarded California Distinguished Schools honors for 2023.

BY MATT SZABO

Two local elementary schools picked up a significant honor last week as they were named California Distinguished Schools for 2023 by the state Department of Education.

S.A. Moffett Elementary in the Huntington Beach City School District, as well as Urbain H. Plavan Elementary in the Fountain Valley School District, each earned the honor.

They were among 38 elementary schools in Orange County, and 356 statewide, to make the cut.

"We are incredibly proud of Moffett Elementary for receiving



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S.A. MOFFETT Elementary School in Huntington Beach has been named a California Distinguished School for 2023.

the 2023 California Distinguished School award," Huntington Beach City School District Supt.

Leisa Winston said in a statement. "This recognition is a testament to the dedication of Mof-

fett's commitment to academic achievement and a positive school experience that prepares our students for middle school and beyond."

The California Department of Education used multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the California School Dashboard. Specifically, schools were selected for the recognition by analyzing data reported through the 2022 Dashboard, including assessment results, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates and socioeconomic data.

Based on the 2022 dashboard, Moffett ranked very high in mathematics and high in English/language arts. It also had a very low suspension rate.

Plavan, meanwhile, ranked very high in the English learner progress, mathematics and English/language arts benchmarks.

"We are so proud of our Plavan

students, staff and families for receiving the California Distinguished School honor," Fountain Valley School District Supt. Katherine Stopp said in a statement. "The students work hard every day to achieve success. Plavan staff regularly engage in professional learning and reflection, which is encouraged and supported by Principal Patrick Ham. The positive partnership and the shared values between Plavan families and the school help create an environment that helps students grow and achieve their potential."

The California Distinguished Schools Program recognizes elementary and middle and high schools in alternate years. Schools recognized hold the Distinguished Schools title for two years.

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Courtesy of Steven Georges, Diocese of Orange

MEMBERS OF a local mariachi band perform Sunday during a groundbreaking ceremony at Costa Mesa's St. Joachim Church.

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you could eat or drink. So, bathrooms weren't that important."

But nearly 60 years later, as habits and needs shifted, the restrooms began to underperform.

"They were not attractive or useful and were constantly breaking down," Hanifin said Tuesday.

Intent on serving the needs of the community, officials set out to build new ADA-compliant bathrooms with enough stalls to meet the needs of a church with a seating capacity of 750 people. Leaders worked with the city of Costa Mesa and an architect to ensure the new construction complied with all the modern requirements.

When construction estimates for the proposed facilities in early 2020 put the project's price tag at \$600,000, members rallied. Officials kick-started a capital campaign called "75 for 75," encouraging parishioners to donate at least \$75 in honor of St. Joachim's 75th anniversary in 2022.

Many chipped in larger amounts, and plans for the renovation were on track until the COVID-19 pandemic forced a pause on the project.

When St. Joachim leaders returned to the Diocese of Orange in February 2022 to rebid the work,

they were stunned to learn the cost had skyrocketed — the new bathrooms were going to cost \$1.2 million.

Undaunted, they got to work. The collection plate began circulating among the pews twice each week during Mass, and members of the largely Latino parish began selling tacos and pozole outside on Sundays, contributing all proceeds to the church.

Despite their best efforts, church officials were still about \$200,000 shy of what was needed and so reached out to neighboring parishes of Our Lady Queen of Angels and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Newport Beach and St. John Vianney Chapel on Balboa Island, who helped bridge the gap.

On Sunday morning, in between services, a group of leaders and parishioners celebrated the enormous accomplishment in a groundbreaking ceremony. Hanifin said once the ground dries up from the recent rains, the real work can begin.

"We're tremendously grateful, and we've expressed our gratitude for our members and their creativity in coming up with ways to raise money," he added. "All those families who have come to our church and tried to use those bathrooms know this has been a long overdue project."

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rooms in Atlanta, Dallas and Las Vegas.

A loyal customer base allowed AREO to traverse a perilous start, which included opening the doors during turbulent economic times and surviving flooding in its infancy following the 1993 wildfire in Laguna Beach.

"We've had a great run, 30 great years," Thomas said. "We opened when the economy wasn't great back in 1992. We had a lot of local customers coming in asking us why we were opening in such a bad economy, but fortunately, they were buying things as they were asking, so we were able to grow our local customer base immensely."

AREO has been located at 207 Ocean Ave. since its inception. It will continue to operate in an online capacity, an avenue that the owners said they began to explore when they started seeing a different kind of client after the television show "Laguna

CHINESE DOLLS on display for sale at the AREO store in downtown Laguna Beach. The owners plan to close the store at the end of February after 30 years in business.

Don Leach
Staff Photographer



Beach" came out in 2004. "I think maybe the 'Laguna Beach' show pulled more tourists into town, but we're very tourist-friendly," Mundt said. "We have a lot of people walking to the beach right by the shop, so a lot of them stop in."

"That's one of the reasons we went online with areohome.com. ... I think it gives them that connection because they were here

vacationing, and it's this little shop they can order from still. We ship all over."

When the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce began holding a holiday window decorating contest, AREO earned a reputation for joining in the festivities. Its ample window frontage and ever-changing displays, combined with overhang lights, made it a hit during the holidays.

That was evident again

on a busy Hospitality Night, even though the business itself is a short walk over from the Promenade on Forest and the Peppertree Lot, where most of the activities and entertainment were taking place.

AREO won the holiday window decorating contest, but Mundt said the one constant in each year follows the holiday season. "The one thing we do

annually ... is to switch out from Christmas holiday red to the white tumbleweed windows," Mundt said. "We've been doing that since we opened."

Customers came to expect consistency in the look and feel of the shop, as well as the products available at AREO. Thomas has always done the buying, and his partner noted that he has a talent for merchandising displays that helped the retail store stand out.

Personal care products, soaps and candles proved popular with customers, but new stuff would find its way into the store, too. In late December, the store contained handcrafted angels, garden gnomes, reindeer, Santa dolls, and miniature Christmas trees. There were also the customary walls for candles and greeting cards.

Another thing the owners enjoyed providing was their complimentary signature gift wrap service, completed with the use of craft boxes, satin ribbon, and a French gold wax seal.

Mundt and Thomas, who

moved from Chicago to Laguna Beach, recently held a 30th birthday celebration for their AREO family. A few dozen current and former employees showed up to the store in August to commemorate the milestone.

The couple, who now reside in San Juan Capistrano, also took pride in providing first jobs to young people in the community, teaching them good business practices and work ethic along the way.

"That's really been rewarding for us," Thomas said. "Seeing a lot of these younger people grow from being very shy and coming in and not really knowing how to approach people and interact on a business level and see them transform into sales associates, where they go up and greet and are much more confident and competent."

"A lot of them have come back and told us that was really a great experience for them, too, which is nice."

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GIRLS' SOCCER

Golden goal lifts H.B. over Edison in Surf League opener

SOLANA VAN ENOO, center left, hugs Sienna McAthly after she scored the game-winning goal in overtime for Huntington Beach. The Oilers defeated Edison 1-0 in a Surf League match on Tuesday.



Photos by Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

BY MATT SZABO

Most people started to leave the Surf League girls' soccer opener at the end of regulation Tuesday night.

Huntington Beach High athletic director Melissa Vandenbosch hurried over to the stands to let the fans know the situation.

"It's not over," she yelled. "We're going to overtime!"

The confusion was only momentary. Oilers freshman Sienna McAthly did not make the fans wait too long.

McAthly scored the golden goal in the second minute of overtime, lifting Huntington Beach to a 1-0 win over rival Edison in the league opener at the Oilers' field.

Huntington Beach (15-2-1), ranked No. 7 in CIF Southern Section Division 1, appears to have one of its strongest teams in recent years. The Oilers are aiming for their first league title since the 2015-16 season.

"Our preseason has helped us to really define what type of team we are," Huntington Beach coach Raul Ruiz said. "It's allowed us to play tactically different, two or three formations. But I think because the girls apply themselves, there's more that believe that this could be their year to win league again. It brings positive energy to the whole group, and I think we're doing really

well."

McAthly's goal came after a cross from the right from fellow freshman Solana Van Enoo. Edison junior goalkeeper Chloe Pajaro was there at the right post to deflect the ball, but it went to the foot of McAthly, who stuck it in.

McAthly, a midfielder, spent much of the match connecting with the Oilers' USC-committed junior striker Jaiden Anderson. But like Anderson, she also has shown a knack for finding the back of the net. Tuesday's goal was her 11th of the season.

"It's been surreal," McAthly said of playing a key role as a freshman. "It's been so fun. I love the girls. Everyone's so nice. It's just been the best high school experience I could possibly ask for."

Huntington Beach beat Edison (5-6-4) for the second time this season. The Oilers also won 3-0 in the finals of the Best in the West Winter Soccer Classic.

Last year, the teams split two meetings in the last week of the regular season, but Edison won a tie-breaker match to earn the second place in league designation and an automatic trip to the playoffs.

"Every team's special in our league, but there's nothing like that rivalry between Edison and H.B.,"

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THE HUNTINGTON BEACH girls' soccer team celebrates after defeating Edison in a Surf League match Tuesday.

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it's not going to stop me from doing the work voters elected me to do," Foley said Wednesday. "I also think we missed an opportunity as a county board to show the community we can serve in a bipartisan capacity."

Although it is ultimately up to supervisors to determine who will serve as chair and vice chair for the following year, most bodies adhere to a rotation schedule. Speaking in comments before the vote, Sarmiento attempted to nominate Foley as vice chair based on that reasoning.

"For most public agency bodies, when it comes to rotating leadership, it is based upon courtesy, it is based upon making sure everybody has an opportunity to represent the board as chair and vice chair," he said. "It's the logic I've used as a mayor and council member and in most of the other agencies I've served."

Until Tuesday's vote, that logic governed the leader-



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SUPERVISOR DON WAGNER speaks in 2020, as then-Vice Chair Andrew Do looks on. Wagner and Do this week were appointed to serve as chair and vice chair, respectively.

ship appointments of supervisors as well. Wagner served as vice chair last year, and Chaffee was vice chair in 2021 before being appointed chair in 2022.

Do, who served as the board's chairman in 2021,

was also vice chair in the year prior.

But Chaffee, after explaining he would open the floor to all nominations before taking a vote, left no room for Sarmiento's alternative, instead nominating

Wagner and Do together and calling for a vote.

The supervisor explained his decision in a statement following Tuesday's vote, declining to offer further comment.

"I voted for Supervisor



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

COUNTY SUPERVISOR Andrew Do at an Aug. 10, 2021 meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Andrew Do to be our vice chairman because he began the large county projects that are currently underway," Chaffee's statement read. "In his last years in office, I hope he can continue to lead us in our efforts. I also look forward to working with all my supervisor colleagues on these joint initiatives going forward."

Ada Briceño, chair of the Democratic Party of Orange County, said Republicans trying to hold onto the

reins of a majority Democrat body does not reflect the will of the voters.

"I think it was an attempt to remain the same, but that's not what Orange County voters wanted," she said Wednesday. "This is the first time we have a Democratic majority on the board since 1976 — we're going to work hard to make sure Democrats represent our values on that board."

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GATEWAY

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and is in need of repairs to its existing electrical system. Its landscaping is also in need of refreshing and new signage is needed.

The City Council on Tuesday approved the contract to the second-lowest bidder, Armstrong Cal Builders, Inc. as the lowest bidder did not have the license necessary to complete the work.

The contract is roughly 8% higher than the \$497,700 that had first been projected by city engineers, according to staff.

This does not include the construction contingency, which is \$54,000. That brings the total cost of the work, which is expected to get underway in coming weeks, to nearly



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NEWPORT BEACH approved a \$540,233 contract for the Gateway Park Improvements Project, which will refresh the two landscape areas that make up the park.

\$596,000.

The scope of the project includes the removal and replacement of old or overgrown plants; installing new palm trees; adding new lighting and replacement signage and painting the walls. All existing donated trees and

palms will be maintained.

Additionally, a walkway that was previously closed on the north side of the park will be reopened between Lido Marina Village and Newport Boulevard.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Olivia Young, left, and Edison's Gabby Jenkins battle for a ball during a Surf League match on Tuesday. The Oilers defeated the Chargers 1-0 in overtime.

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Staff Photographer

GOAL

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Ruiz said. "That's what makes it unique."

Edison coach Kerry Crooks has a younger team this year, with just three seniors. But the Chargers did well in Tuesday's match, which was fairly even in the run of play.

Edison's best scoring chance came early in the second half, when a cross of junior Harlee Thomas found sophomore Olivia Green in the box. The shot sailed over the cage.

"She's a sophomore, she's just not used to playing at this speed of play," Crooks said. "It's a little bit faster,

but she's getting there ... We had our chances. We're really young, I have quite a few sophomores who start. Huntington's one of the top teams in CIF, so for them to compete, that's a bright future right there. I think we had just as many great chances on goal as they did."

Defensively, the Chargers often marked Anderson with Crooks' daughter, sophomore Riley Crooks, who is on the same Slamers FC club soccer team as Anderson. Edison junior center back Hailey Clingan, who recently committed to UC Irvine, also stood out with her play, and Pajaro made six saves.

Huntington Beach senior

goalkeeper Reese Doyle made three saves. A defense that also included senior center back Charlotte Landis, seniors Isabelle Walsh and Hannah Petteys and junior Julianna Upstill helped the Oilers pitch their eighth shutout of the season.

"It's good to be a part of this team, carry that pride," Doyle said. "We haven't had this opportunity, had this ranking in a while, so it's good to be a part of that."

Edison plays at Newport Harbor on Thursday, while Huntington Beach travels to defending league champion Los Alamitos.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

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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: JACQUELINE RITA MATTHEWS, aka JILL MATTHEWS aka JACQUELINE R. MATTHEWS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOHN R. MATTHEWS & STEVEN E. MATTHEWS in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHN R. MATTHEWS & STEVEN E. MATTHEWS 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 February 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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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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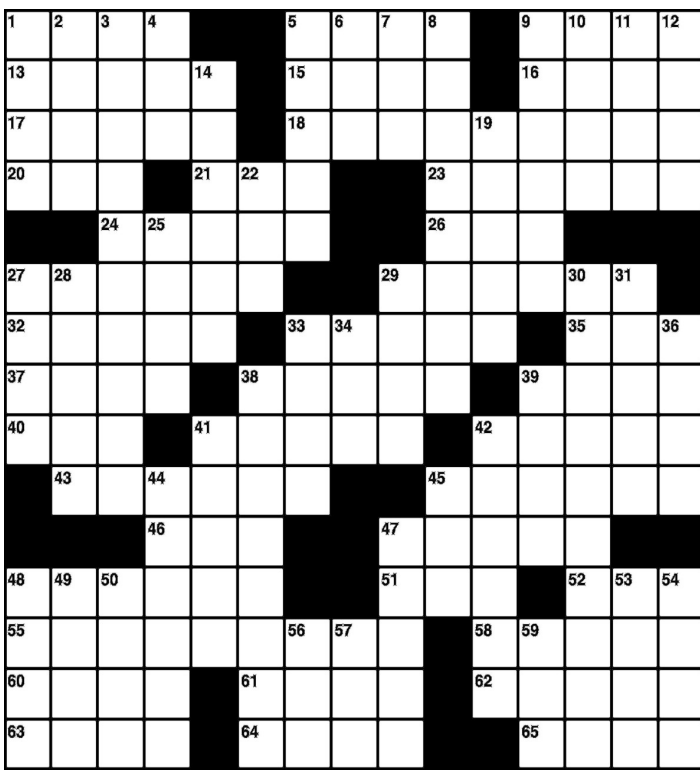
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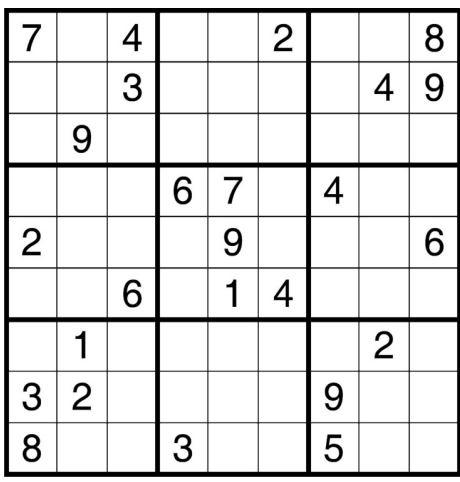
- ACROSS**
 1 Dour; sullen
 5 Shoots carefully
 9 Capable
 13 Lover of solitude
 15 Drop _; visit unannounced
 16 "When all is _ and done"
 17 Thrill
 18 Sending in payment
 20 North Pole toymaker
 21 " _ we having fun yet?"
 23 Attractive
 24 Became dimmer
 26 Two under _; eagle
 27 Exuded lava
 29 Abduct
 32 Stomach ailment
 33 Gloss
 35 Cot or crib
 37 Yoga class needs
 38 "All things _ equal"
 39 _ restaurant; where to get Tom Yum Goong
 40 Afternoon hour
 41 Turned loose
 42 Peasant dress
 43 Albert & Murphy
 45 Evening affair
 46 "Message _ Bottle"; Costner film
 47 Henry VIII's royal house
 48 Lay into
 51 Conclusion
 52 Forest animal
 55 Child's woodcraft project
 58 Banks or Kovacs
 60 Classic board game
 61 Come _; find
 62 1976 Stallone film
 63 _ to be; look like
 64 Keep _ on;



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 A4.

watch closely
 65 Pegs for Tiger

- DOWN**
 1 Delight
 2 Lounge around
 3 _ by; impervious to
 4 Encountered

- 12 Nervous
 14 Bookworm
 19 Swap
 22 Burgundy or maroon
 25 Leaves speechless
 27 Japanese wrestling form
 28 LAX arrival
 29 Good-hearted
 30 Disgust
 31 Calmness
 33 Visits with
 34 Go quickly
 36 Water barrier
 38 Escape from prison
 39 Small musical group
 41 Actor Peter
 42 Silo contents
 44 Crown
 45 Heat source
 47 Most SAT takers
 48 "Sesame Street" lesson
 49 Rummikub piece
 50 Word of agreement
 53 Take a fancy to
 54 Janitor's ringful
 56 Take _ cause; spouse
 57 Bawl
 59 Go bad

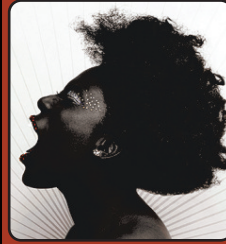
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 2/24 **JOHN TESH – BIG BAND LIVE**
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 3/1 **ARTIMUS PYLE FORMERLY OF LYNYRD SKYNRD**
 3/2 **DAVE ALVIN & JIMMIE DALE GILMORE AND THE GUILTY ONES**
 3/3 **WAR**
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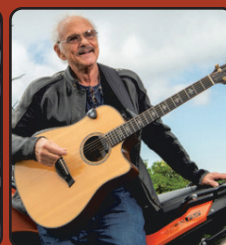
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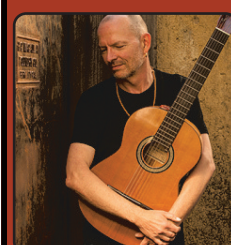


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 4/6 **COLIN HAY ACOUSTIC / LAZIO**
 4/7 **G. LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE**
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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Edison girls' basketball tops H.B. in Wave League opener

The Edison High girls' basketball team delivered the first punch in the Wave League race, as the Chargers earned a 56-51 road victory at Huntington Beach in the teams' league opener on Tuesday night.

Junior forward Mia Cassel scored a team-high 20 points to go with 11 rebounds and three steals for Edison (10-11). Freshman forward Taylor Savage also pulled down 12 rebounds and added three assists.

Senior forward Moxy Freshwater poured in 12 points, and senior guard Bailey Chang also had seven points for the Chargers. Edison plays host to Marina on Thursday.

A career-high 25 points from senior guard Akemi Tanga were not enough for Huntington Beach (8-13), which has lost five of its last six games. Junior guard Isobel Melitas added 10 points for the Oilers.

Laguna Beach 41, Marina 29: The host Breakers rolled to their third straight victory in claiming their Wave League opener on Tuesday.

Laguna Beach (17-4) remains at home to face Huntington Beach on Thursday.

Marina (10-11) has lost its last four games.

Corona del Mar 47, Fountain Valley 39: Senior point guard Kenedie French-Matthews scored a game-high 21 points for the Sea Kings on Tuesday in a Surf League opener at home.

Senior forward Sarah Audiss, senior wing Dorothy Schwenck and sophomore guard Alexa Rokos each scored eight points for Corona del Mar (10-8). The Sea Kings take on visiting Newport Harbor in the Battle of the Bay on Thursday.

Senior guard Mary Nguyen paced the Barons with nine points. Senior guard Malia Kawakubo and sophomore forward Karley Waite each had seven points for Fountain Valley (8-13).

Los Alamitos 57, Newport Harbor 20: The Sailors dropped to 1-19 overall with Tuesday's defeat at home in a Surf League game.

Orange 24, Costa Mesa 19: The Mustangs fell to 5-14 overall and 1-5 in the Orange Coast League following Tuesday's loss at Costa Mesa High.

Santa Ana 37, Estancia 28: The host Eagles lost to the Saints in an Orange Coast League game on Tuesday night.

Estancia (12-9, 1-4) and Santa Ana (5-15, 3-3) were meeting for the first time since their matchup in the CIF Southern Section Division 5A semifinals last season, a game the Saints won 39-37.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Sage Hill 58, Beckman 54 (OT): The Lightning limited the Patriots to 12 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to rally for a win at home on Tuesday in a Pacific Coast League game.

Sage Hill trailed Beckman 42-37 after three quarters. The Lightning improved to 5-11 overall and 3-0 in league play.

BOYS' SOCCER

Beckman 3, Sage Hill 1: The Lightning are now 3-5 overall and 0-3 in the Pacific Coast League following Tuesday's loss on the road.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Laguna Beach 1, Corona del Mar 0: Senior Rylee Goode scored for the Breakers in a Wave League opener on Tuesday at Laguna Beach High.

Laguna Beach (5-7-2) visits Marina (4-3-4) on Thursday, while Corona del Mar (10-3-1) plays host to Fountain Valley (8-5-1) in its next game.

Marina 2, Fountain Valley 1: Riley Crosby scored both goals for the Vikings in a Wave League opener on Tuesday at home.

Costa Mesa 4, Orange 0: The Mustangs won for the seventh time in eight games in an Orange Coast League match on Tuesday at home.

Costa Mesa (11-6, 5-1) hits the road to take on St. Margaret's on Thursday at 5 p.m.

Estancia 2, Santa Ana 1: The Eagles earned their third straight win on Tuesday in an Orange Coast League match at Jim Scott Stadium.

Kayden Vasquez and Jasmin Gutierrez scored the goals for Estancia (4-3-2, 3-1-1). Ava Johner recorded two assists.

Los Alamitos 1, Newport Harbor 0: Sofia Bugarin scored the goal, with Kayla Kanaly drawing the assist, as the Griffins shut out



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EDISON'S MIA CASSEL, seen against Fountain Valley in 2021, scored a team-high 22 points for the Chargers in Tuesday's Wave League opener against Huntington Beach.

the Sailors on Tuesday in a Surf League match at Davidson Field. Newport Harbor (9-6-2) remains at home to face Edison (5-6-4) on Thursday.

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Corona del Mar 22, Marina 3
Costa Mesa 11, Fullerton 6
Los Alamitos 19, Huntington Beach 4

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Marina 66, Huntington Beach 16

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