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**KARMEN SANDHU** walks the runway during the Reimagined Fashion Upcycling Club show at Sage Hill School.

## 'Upcycled' fashion show looks at decades of style

BY LILLY NGUYEN

When it comes to sustainable fashion, the students in Sage Hill School's Reimagined Fashion Upcycling Club have a real passion for it.

So much so that the club held its second annual fashion show — "Deja Vu Through the Decades" — to a warm crowd of community members and fans at the school's Black Box theater on Friday. About 60 models were gathered from the school's campus to wear the 80 pieces of "upcycled" clothing fabricated by club members throughout the school year.

All pieces were made to be sold at the Melrose Trading Post in Los Angeles with proceeds to go to nonprofit Remake, an advocacy group for fair pay and climate justice in the fashion industry.

Club co-presidents Anna Yang and Sofia Jellen said the show's theme takes from the concept of "deja vu" in that the featured clothing items were attire many community members may have already seen, but given new life and flair pulled through core aesthetics of every decade from the 1960s until the early 2000s.

Yang said she started the club in 2022 after finishing a summer course at the Parsons School of Design in New York. She said she learned about the concept of "upcycling" there — which, in her case, involved taking old clothes and embellishing it to create a new piece to avoid buying into fast fashion.

"We had just had the club fair and I was thinking, 'Well, why don't I try to upcycle

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**PAUL CAUFFMAN**, above, and Wenny Han model upcycled fashion at "Deja Vu Through the Decades." The event aimed to bring awareness to the effects of fast fashion on the environment and the workers in factories who manufacture clothes and shoes around the world.

## Gun shows at fairgrounds fire back up

After a 2-year state ban, Crossroads of the West returns to Costa Mesa this weekend.

BY SARA CARDINE

Once at an existential crossroads — after state legislators enacted a ban on the sale of firearms and ammunition on state-owned property, first in Orange County and then statewide — gun shows have returned to the fairgrounds in Costa Mesa.

The Crossroads of the West Gun Show reopened to the public on Friday and will run through Sunday, marking a return to the facility and a decades-long tradition at the site, after the last show closed its doors on Nov. 28, 2021.

Its shuttering came on the heels of Senate Bill 264, authored by state Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine), a prohibition that applied only to Orange County and took effect on Jan. 1, 2022.

A second piece of legislation proposed by Min, Senate Bill 915, enacted a statewide ban that became law in 2023 and applied to most county fairgrounds, which serve as districted agricultural associations under the state's Department of Food and Agriculture.

Min claimed the bans closed a "legal loophole," wherein bad actors took advantage of the legal shows to procure firearms and parts for unregistered ghost guns, either through straw sales or theft.

But the plan to put an end to such activities backfired on Oct. 30, when a federal judge granted a preliminary injunction overturning both bills on the grounds they did little to materially restrict people's access to guns and seemed to constitute an effort to ban all aspects of gun culture.

U.S. District Court Judge John W. Holcomb issued his opinion in response to an August 2022 lawsuit filed by a group of gun advocates led by Crossroads of the West, who claimed the bills infringed upon their constitutional rights to freely associate in public. Holcomb ordered state

officials and lawmakers to restrain themselves from "engaging in, committing or performing, directly or indirectly, by any means whatsoever, any enforcement of" both bills.

He further ordered officials with the O.C. Fair & Event Center, who operate the fairgrounds, to allow organizers of the Utah-based Crossroads of the West to resume scheduling shows at the site.

While OCFEC's board of directors would not comment on the matter, center spokeswoman Terry Moore confirmed Tuesday promoters approached the organization on Oct. 30, the day of the federal ruling, to start booking dates in 2024.

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State Sen. Dave Min

In addition to this weekend, for which OCFEC is receiving \$123,291, Moore said another show has been tentatively set for sometime around late March.

Min, who was sitting in session in Sacramento Thursday, maintained there was no solid constitutional basis for Holcomb's injunction, which is being appealed. "The evidence is very clear that more guns lead to more gun violence, and this is particularly true of gun shows, where 'ghost guns,' which do not require background checks or carry serial numbers are sold and secondary unlicensed transactions between patrons regularly take place," Min said in a statement.

"I am beyond disappointed that the gun show has temporarily returned to Orange County, but I am confident that this extremist decision will be overturned on appeal."

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Courtesy of Hyundai Motor America

**HYUNDAI REPRESENTATIVES** present a donation at the Fountain Valley City Council meeting on Tuesday.

## Hyundai supports community groups in Fountain Valley

BY ANDREW TURNER

Fountain Valley community groups received a boost on Tuesday, as Hyundai Motor America presented multiple checks in support of the area the company calls home.

Hyundai, which has a headquarters in Fountain Valley just north of the 405 freeway, has become a leading sponsor in several

community events, including the annual Summerfest, the holiday tree lighting, and a local 5K and color run.

"Hyundai's vision is progress for humanity, and for us, that means giving back to the community where we live and work," Brandon Ramirez, director of corporate social respon-

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## Eatery has big plans for National Pie Day

BY MATT SZABO

They are known for their pies, giant cinnamon rolls and plenty of other eats in between.

Polly's Pies Restaurant & Bakery in Huntington Beach recently reopened following a renovation.

The eatery held a VIP event on Thursday night, featuring a ribbon cutting with local officials including Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark and members of the Chamber of Commerce.

"When you make changes, especially to a legacy brand, you're really taking a chance and trying to use your best judgment to make sure you're not changing it too much," Polly's Pies director of brand Jacklyn Mitosinka said. "But I think we kept such a percentage of who we are in this remodel, with upgrading and doing a twist of modern, so I think it really balanced out."

Mitosinka is well aware of the history of the company, which started in Fullerton in 1968 and now features 13 restaurants in Southern California. She's a granddaughter of co-founder Eddie Shel Drake and great-niece of the other co-founder, Donald Shel Drake.

The Huntington Beach location of Polly's Pies opened in 1983. The renovation knocked it out of service from mid-August until the week after Thanksgiving, Mitosinka said, though the company opened a pop-up shop



James Carbone

**POLLY'S PIES** founder Donald Shel Drake, from left, CEO Eric Stenta, Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce board member Victoria Alberty, Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark and interim City Manager and Police Chief Eric Parra cut the ribbon at a VIP reopening event Thursday night.

a couple of doors down where it continued to sell pies and other baked goods.

The renovation features brighter, canned lighting as well as retro colors like kiwi green, moss green, a bluish teal and plenty of orange.

"A lot of people thought it was wild and crazy for me to do these colors," Mitosinka said. "It just really pops. My inspiration was from a lot of our original artwork from 1968 and the early '70s, and make it modern — but not too modern — and not too fancy."

A breakfast bar has been upgraded to a wine bar, with beer also on tap. Additionally, a covered patio with heaters and retractable awnings has been added outside.

"Especially in Huntington Beach, I feel like it's such a great asset to have a patio for breakfast, get a bottomless mimosa or an orange juice," Mitosinka said.

She said the restaurant seats 35 more customers than before.

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Seal Beach law enforcement officials have been partnering with local retail businesses to help minimize organized thefts and other related offenses in operations that were continuing this week, police said. According to the Seal Beach Police Department, several targeted enforcement operations during the 2023 holiday season resulted in multiple suspects being arrested and the recovery of stolen vehicles and merchandise. However, the city continues to experience a noticeable increase in retail crime, including "pushout" thefts, in which offenders exit a store with loaded merchandise without purchase,

along with return scams and grab-and-runs. Seal Beach police detectives conducted six organized retail crime-directed enforcement operations during October, November and December. The operations consisted of investigators conducting surveillance at retail establishments and making arrests as crimes occurred. Twenty-five arrests were made during the operations, with five identified suspects related to crimes outside Seal Beach. Detectives also recovered two allegedly stolen vehicles and \$13,300 in stolen merchandise. "Throughout the holiday season, combating escalating organized retail crime enforcement becomes increasingly important to ensure the safety of our community," Seal Beach Police Chief Michael Henderson said in a statement. "The Seal Beach Police Department continues to work diligently to show our dedication and commitment to the safety of our community and its consumers and to safeguard our local shopping centers by partnering with local retailers to take a proactive approach in combating these types of crimes as they occur." Officials estimate that retail businesses in California lose \$7 billion annually to organized retail theft.

who were institutionalized for medical treatment and were seriously disabled or medically incapacitated. He was accused of exposing himself to another woman and assaulting a fourth victim, according to the complaint. Blackshear was accused of assaulting the women Aug. 1. Further details were not immediately available from a police spokeswoman. — City News Service

## Man charged with attacking 4 women in Huntington Beach

A 60-year-old San Pedro man was charged Thursday with sexual assaults on four women — including two who were disabled or medically incapacitated — in Huntington Beach, according to court records. Earl Wayne Blackshear Jr. was charged with two counts of sexual battery on an institutional victim, assault with the intent to commit a sexual offense in a burglary and dissuading a witness from reporting a

crime, all felonies. He was also charged with a misdemeanor count of indecent exposure. Blackshear was arrested Tuesday and appeared Thursday in the jail courtroom in Santa Ana for his arraignment, which was rescheduled for Feb. 9 in the West Justice Center in Westminster. According to the criminal complaint, Blackshear was accused of sexual battery against two women

who were institutionalized for medical treatment and were seriously disabled or medically incapacitated. He was accused of exposing himself to another woman and assaulting a fourth victim, according to the complaint. Blackshear was accused of assaulting the women Aug. 1. Further details were not immediately available from a police spokeswoman. — City News Service

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**PIES STEAM UP**  
a display case at the renovated Polly's Pies Restaurant & Bakery in Huntington Beach.

James Carbone

## PLANS

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Polly's Pies will be having a grand-reopening party at its Huntington Beach location on Tuesday, which is National Pie Day. Giveaways will be held all day, and the first 200 guests will receive a goody bag filled with swag. Lori Sueki, a Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce ambassador, said she's been coming to the

Surf City location for decades. Her father will often still visit to bring a giant cinnamon roll home to her son, and Sueki said she's especially a fan of the dinner rolls and banberry pie.

"It's a good family restaurant, it was just kind of dated," Sueki said. "I still would come here and stuff, but this feels more cheerful. It's refreshing, like a breath of fresh air."

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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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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](http://sudoku.org.uk).

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

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## SUPPORTS

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sibility for Hyundai Motor America, said in a statement. "Our longstanding partnership with the city of Fountain Valley supports local businesses, community programs, and special events in the area.

"These contributions assist with seasonal events, community grants distributed by the Fountain Valley Community Foundation, and the flagship Hyundai Hope on Wheels Fun Run and 5K, which benefits one of our most cherished causes — Hyundai Hope on Wheels, a nonprofit organization committed to finding a cure for childhood cancer. Fountain Valley has been an important part of Hyundai's history for over 30 years, and we are proud to invest in the people and places that also call it home."

Hyundai representatives first presented a check for \$100,000, which supports community events and provides grant funding for local businesses. In a successive presentation, a couple of groups that came out in bulk for the Hyundai Hope on Wheels 5K were rewarded for their substantial participation. The Fountain Valley High dance team brought in an event-best 63 runners and received \$2,835 on Tuesday night. Masuda Middle School had 45 runners and was awarded \$2,025.

Fountain Valley Community Services Director Rob Frizzelle said the 844 registered runners last year were the most that have come out for the event. The race raised \$17,200 for Hyundai Hope on Wheels and \$16,200 for local community groups. A total of seven schools within the Fountain Valley School District combined to earn \$8,190.

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**BOYS' WRESTLING**

## Newport Harbor turns tide in Battle of the Bay

BY ANDREW TURNER

Newport Harbor has its hands back on the Golden Singlet for the first time in five meetings, an early surge and a late triumph doing the honors.

The feat had not been accomplished since the coronavirus pandemic, one not achieved by any of the current Sailors, including their head coach.

"I couldn't breathe, I couldn't swallow, I thought I was going to faint," Newport Harbor coach Rigo Pinon said of the sensations he felt when the victory was clinched. "I wanted this. I wanted this for the team, for the program, for everything we've done. ... Sometimes, you put in so much work, and if you don't get anything in return, it's hard."

"We needed this. Our program needed this. We needed this so the kids understand that we need to level up."

Everett Heninger, a true heavyweight, pinned Reid Butler in the second period of the final match, setting off the Sailors' celebration following their 45-33 road victory.

"I like to say my conditioning is pretty good," Heninger said. "His is probably better than me because I'm like 60 pounds more than him, but I just had to use my strength. I had to use my heavy hands, just wear him down, get him tired, and then take top, finish in the end."

A pin the other way would have



**THE NEWPORT HARBOR** boys' wrestling team poses for a picture with the Golden Singlet after beating Corona del Mar in the Battle of the Bay on Wednesday.

brought the fate of the teams down to tiebreaker criteria.

Newport Harbor (10-4, 1-2 in the Surf League) looked to be in command, a run through the lower weights sending the Sailors to a 39-6 advantage. Christopher Lopez (113), Matthew Pinon (138), Seth Parry (144) and Anthony Manno (150) had kills through the first eight matches.

Dual meets often see walkovers occur, as teams attempt to gain favorable matchups. It led to Rikki Villasenor going unchallenged to begin the proceedings, leaving the onus on Lopez, a freshman, to seize the momentum, which he did with a third-period pin.

"The only thing that was going through my head was, 'I need to

pin them. I need a win for our team," Lopez said. "This is my first year, and I wanted to do something big for the seniors."

Corona del Mar (4-6, 1-2) stormed back in claiming the points in five consecutive matches. It included walkovers for Antonio Aramburu and Porter Sharp, as well as pins for Eugenio Franco and Tony Leon.



**EVERETT HENINGER** raises his arm in victory after winning the decisive heavyweight match

In between, Zion Hernandez secured a hard-earned 3-2 decision over Ayden Solomon at 165 pounds, a result that proved just enough to keep the Sailors in the running at the end.

Luke Miller also recorded a first-period victory by fall at 120 pounds, a necessary six points to keep the Sea Kings in the contest into the latter stages.

"We saw each other in four tournaments before the end of the year, so we see them a lot," CdM coach Mark Alex said. "We knew all their wrestlers. They knew all our wrestlers. ...

"There's not very many surprises in high school wrestling now. It just comes down to who's going to perform, and they had a couple of kids that performed a little better than our kids. That's what makes the difference."

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Photos by James Carbone

**BOYS' SOCCER**

## Costa Mesa captures sweep of rival Estancia

BY SCOTT FRENCH

There were no expectations for Costa Mesa's boys' soccer team when it kicked off the season two months ago.

Not after five straight losing campaigns, not after going 6-21-5 in Orange Coast League play the past three years, not after a dozen Battle for the Bell showdowns with archrival Estancia without a win, and certainly not after the Mustangs opened with four defeats, three of them shutouts.

That makes the triumphs all the sweeter, and Wednesday night's — a 2-1 Battle for the Bell win over the visiting Eagles — was undeniably sweet. A late goal by Jay Parra, product of a sizzling Daniel Henriquez run, and three big moments from goalkeeper Kevin Perez Henriquez prodded Costa Mesa to its first outright Bell since 2016, with a hugely rare sweep in the series.

Mission accomplished. "It's amazing," said Santiago Guzman, who has been part of the program for eight years and is in his third season as head coach of the Mustangs. "Seeing these guys [succeed] after eight years of not taking Battle [for] the Bell and not being able to beat [Estancia] ... I'm just very proud of those boys."

"The difference was heart. We are heart. We wanted it. The whole team has bought into our goals, and this is one of our goals, to get the Bell and win city champs, and we did it."

It was all but assured following the Mustangs' 5-0 mid-December road romp, their first victory over Estancia in 13 outings since 2017 — goal differential is the tiebreaker if each team wins once — but holds additional weight as their unbeaten streak, since the start of December, grew to nine games, eight of those wins.

That run has put an unexpected aim within reach: a first league championship in 22 years, and Costa Mesa (8-4-1, 7-0-1 in the Orange Coast League, 22 points) pushed six points ahead of longtime powerhouse Saddleback (8-3-4, 5-1-1), which had a bye but figures to trim the gap back to



**COSTA MESA'S** Miguel Reyes, seen against San Clemente in 2022, scores a goal for the Mustangs versus Estancia on Wednesday.

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three against fifth-place St. Margaret's (2-9-2, 2-4-2) on Friday, when the Mustangs are off. The first meeting with Saddleback finished 1-1; Costa Mesa is home for next Friday's rematch.

"We're shooting for the league title," Guzman said. "That's something we didn't have in mind at the beginning of the season, but as the season kept going and we started winning and being a better team out there, that's now our second goal."

Estancia (5-8-4, 3-3-2) holds a one-point lead in the fight for third place over two-time defending Orange Coast League champion Santa Ana (6-6-5, 3-3-1), which drew, 3-3, at St. Margaret's and has a game in hand on the Eagles. They'll face off in a league finale Jan. 31 at Estancia. The league's top four claim CIF Southern Section playoff berths.

Estancia and Costa Mesa traded first-half penalty kicks after fouls in the boxes — Christian Gomez converting for the Eagles in the 32nd minute, Miguel Reyes answering four minutes later for the Mustangs — and then Perez Henriquez twice prevented his team from falling behind again.

The junior netminder made a point-blank stop on Gabe Johner at the right post from a throw-in just before halftime, then made a spectacular foot save, with the ball ricocheting off the crossbar, off the dynamic Gomez's one-on-one foray 12 minutes into the second half.

Eagles goalkeeper Joel Perez came up big in the 65th minute, parrying wide Noe Martinez's blast from a nifty Roman Serpas chip, but he had no chance on Parra's winner. The junior forward, who played at Estancia as a freshman, fired into the open right side of the net from the left edge of

the box after Henriquez dribbled past three defenders.

"I was just in the right place at the right time," said Parra, who had the first goal in the first game against Estancia. "Lifted my head, and I saw that it was open, and I just slotted it in."

Perez Henriquez, who is unbeaten in five games since returning from a fifth-metatarsal injury two weeks ago, made sure it was enough, handling two sharp Gomez shots from distance, and most important, holding off two attackers to snag a loose ball off a rebound in the goalmouth five minutes into stoppage time.

"Our goalkeeper saved the day," said midfield leader Gabe Garcia, the Mustangs' most dynamic attacker. "Thanks to Kevin, we're on top right now."

If Guzman is surprised by Costa Mesa's trajectory, Garcia isn't.

"I knew it was going to happen," he said. "We knew because everyone was more focused than last year, we became more of a family, and we started picking each other up together. ... We all want it, and we're tired of being the underdog."

Parra sees it differently. Two months ago, the idea that the Mustangs would be on target for a league championship would have seemed a fantasy.

"I wouldn't have believed it, to be honest," he said. "But thank God that we are."

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**FASHION**

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something? I took one of my old shirts that I didn't wear and added gemstones and lace at the bottom and went, 'Oh my God, this works,'" she said. "You can be a beginner like me and have access to all of these and create all of these new things from old clothing. [We] ran with that concept and started 'Reimagined.'"

Jellen joined on as a vice president in its first year but is now a co-president alongside Yang, who will be graduating this spring.

The club, Jellen said, is about focusing on sustainability and creating a circular economy between

thrifting and upcycling to decrease the amount of textile waste produced by the fashion industry. She said the group hosts about three workshops a week and that all the pieces for the fashion show Friday were made from clothes that were donated in a community clothes drive that they ran last year. Jellen estimates about 650 gallons of clothes were put in their hands.

"It looked like a landfill," she joked.

The pieces shown Friday were made by students with varying degrees of skill. Some were decorated through fabric paint or spray paint while others might have taken up needle and thread to sew on additions.

Yang said the focus of

the club was not just about designing and giving old clothes new life but "about imagination, and we're reimagining ... what is the future of the fashion industry and future for all of us."

"It's about trying to save our planet and show people that there's a way you can reuse your clothes without creating more waste," said Jellen. "We want to show how accessible it is to thrift and up-cycle and show how good it can look too. There's a stigma around thrifting because it's 'used' clothes, but it's always pieces you can wear. It's not that it's unwearable. It might just be out of style."

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