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UCI study aims to help save bumblebees

Ecology professor and a team of researchers are studying how pathogens affect the pollinators through their gut.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

UC Irvine assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology Tobin Hammer, along with his team of researchers, has spent the last few years chasing down bumblebee populations to try to better understand a vitally important part of bee physiology: the bee gut microbiome.

"Bumblebees and honeybees have very specific and beneficial bacteria in their gut, but they also

do get infected by pathogens," Hammer said in a recent interview. "We're looking at the whole microbial system in the bee gut. It's fundamental curiosity. The field fairly recently has had cheap and easy tools for characterizing those bacteria ... and all sorts of people are investigating microbial systems."

"Bees are just one of those many environments. Because many bee populations are declining, there's this urgent need to find out what is causing that and what we might be able to do to stop those declines."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has documented significant bee declines in recent years, with theories ranging from

invasive varroa mites, emerging bee diseases including the gut parasite *Nosema*, pesticide poisoning, stress, changes to habitat and inadequate foraging or nutrition. Environmentalists have raised the alarm, and scientists and laypeople have rallied behind the cause of "Save the Bees," seeking out ways to help native bees and other pollinators.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture stated in 2020 that more than 80% of the world's flowering plants need pollinators to reproduce, and most food comes from flowering plants. The federal agency estimates one out of every three bites of food is created with

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Krystle Hickman

A CLOSE-UP OF a *Bombus crotchii*, commonly called Crotch's bumblebee, named after entomologist George Robert Crotch. It is one of roughly 45 bumblebee species in America.



Photos by James Carbone

U.S. AIR FORCE Thunderbirds pilots step into their aircraft for a test flight during the Pacific Air Show preview event at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos on Thursday. The show begins today and runs through Sunday.

Pacific Airshow, bigger than ever, is ready to rip

BY MATT SZABO

The United States Air Force F-22 Raptor fighter jets are debuting at the Pacific Airshow in Huntington Beach this weekend.

Kevin Elliott, the founder and chief executive of event operator Code Four, expects thousands of fans to be excited by that news.

"It's been the No. 1 comment we've gotten on social media for all of these years," Elliott said. "When is it coming? When is it coming? And now it's here. Yeah, really stoked about that."

Elliott, local officials and media attended a military aircraft kickoff event Thursday afternoon at Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos.

The three-day Pacific Airshow launches to-

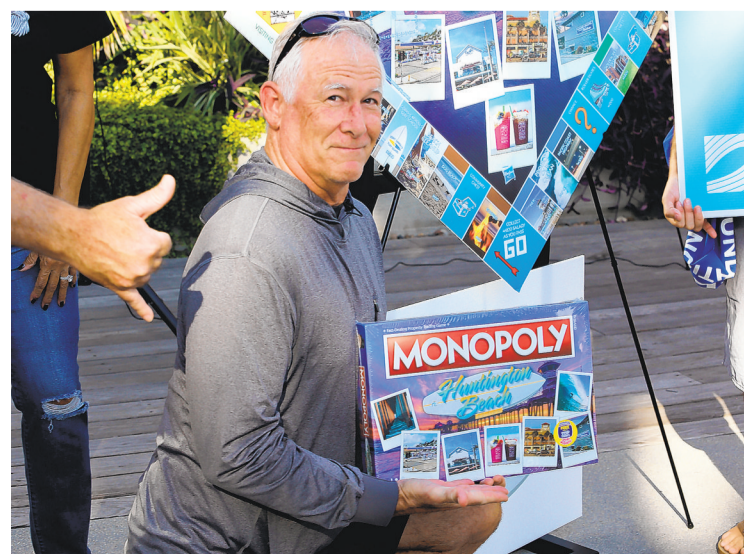
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GUESTS WATCH

as the Thunderbirds flight team takes off for a test flight in Los Alamitos on Thursday.

Surf City passes Go, collects its own 'Monopoly'



James Carbone

KC FOCKLER from the Surfrider Foundation poses with the brand-new "Monopoly: Huntington Beach edition" board game.

BY MATT SZABO

Purchasing the Huntington Beach Pier and Pacific Coast Highway will set a player up for success in "Monopoly: Huntington Beach Edition."

They represent Boardwalk and Park Place in the Surf City edition of the classic board game, launched Wednesday with an event at Pacific City.

The locally themed game, announced in February, is a sort of love letter to Huntington Beach, featuring many famous landmarks. Huntington Beach is the first Orange County city with its own officially licensed Monopoly game, said Jennifer Tripsea, a representative of game producer Top Trumps USA Inc., which is a licensee of Hasbro.

"When we chose Huntington Beach, we were just so excited,"

Tripsea said. "One of the things we look for when we create these special city editions is local pride, and that's exactly what Huntington Beach has."

The Bolsa Chica Wetlands, a lifeguard tower and Golden West College represent the more expensive green properties. Other well-known locales on the board include Pacific City, Main Street, Jack's Surfboards, the skate park, the Surfing Walk of Fame and the International Surfing Museum.

The least expensive purple properties, Mediterranean and Baltic avenues, are represented by two Huntington Beach favorites — bonfires and the dog beach.

Instead of railroads, the Huntington Beach edition of the game features other modes of

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Church finishes up a stalled project

Saint Joachim leaders bless facilities that, due to COVID-19 and inflation, took 4 years and \$1.1 M to build.

BY SARA CARDINE

Leaders at Costa Mesa's Saint Joachim Catholic Church broke out the holy water last Friday, celebrating the fulfillment of a years-long effort to replace two in-commodious commodes — at the cost of \$1.1 million — with a blessing of brand-new facilities.

Fr. Mike Hanifin led a small outdoor ceremony attended by a handful of church faithful with a prayer and remarks recognizing an undertaking that, thanks to a worldwide pandemic and ransomware attack, turned out to be more colossal than anyone had anticipated.

"We recognize the selfless generosity and sacrifice of so many parishioners and benefactors who contributed toward this project that will benefit the Saint Joachim community presently and in the future," he said.

"We pray that health and healing may abide within these walls and teach each person to respect the dignity of their bodies."

Concluding the rite, Hanifin walked among the new restrooms and an attached bride's room sprinkling holy water from a handheld aspergillum. All in all, seven women's stalls and four stalls and three urinals in the men's room were attended to.

The previous accommodations comprised two unisex restrooms with one stall apiece. Not easily accessible, the two toilets simply could not adequately serve the needs of churchgoers, whose population during Sunday Mass can swell to 750 strong, according to parish director Ree Taylor.

"They're terrible — they're small and old, and I don't think you could get a wheelchair in the doors," Taylor said of the 1960s-era fixtures, adding church members have been known to trek

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School's Green Team continues to blossom

BY MATT SZABO

Fictional movie character Joe Dirt once said, "Life's a garden, dig it."

Huntington Beach resident Daya Oyarzabal has a similar philosophy.

The Green Team that Oyarzabal launched two years ago at Kinetic Academy West, a public TK to fifth-grade charter school in Huntington Beach, is stronger than ever.

There are now five custom raised garden beds on campus, some containing butterfly gardens and some vegetable gardens. The fifth bed, which debuted last week, will be dedicated for use by the teaching staff.

Oyarzabal had 14 Kinetic Academy West students come out Friday to volunteer filling the beds with soil, adding sweet potatoes to the vegetable garden and cleaning up fallen leaves around the garden beds. Several of them put their handprints in paint on the side of the new bed.

Of course, it's a team effort. Kinetic fifth-grade teacher Julie Rierson, who gardens herself at home, brought some sweet potatoes to school for the kids to plant.

Rierson has a team of fifth-graders that typically comes out on Fridays to help Oyarzabal with the garden, which also includes two donated industrial planters and a garden shelf. Vermiculture compost bins sit in the corner of the garden area.

"It's just so fun to get to see them learning and to see them be interested in it," Rierson said. "And it's nice to see something other than concrete out here."

Oyarzabal, whose fourth-grade son Salvador is a student at the school, said she



KIDS FROM the Kinetic Academy Green Team pack a new wooden garden bed to be used for various projects.



KINETIC ACADEMY Green Team students water existing plants during a recent project in Huntington Beach.

has raised all the money to keep the garden going herself. She applied for mini-grants through a Jane Goodall Institute children's program called Roots & Shoots.

Members of the Hunt-

ington Harbour Garden Club have also made private donations, she said. Oyarzabal met the club president while working at her job at Trader Joe's in Huntington Harbour.

"I'm not part of the staff,



DAYA OYARZABAL helps kids from the Green Team pack and water wooden garden boxes in Huntington Beach.

"I'm not getting paid," she said. "But boy, do I love organizing all of this stuff for all of these kids."

Oyarzabal recently made an Instagram page, @greenteam_inspirations, to highlight the work. Not

including Kinetic Academy in the handle is intentional, she said, because she hopes to inspire other schools to start Green Teams.

In addition to the garden work, Oyarzabal also sets

up beach or park cleanups on Saturday mornings. That's a win-win for the Kinetic Academy students, who are required to do 10 hours of community service each year, school Principal Tricia Gallagher said.

"Daya's extraordinary, and we're happy to have her," Gallagher said of Oyarzabal. "She's a rock star."

Katie Milano, the school's physical education teacher who is better known as simply "Coach," spends a lot of her time outdoors. She sees the effect that the garden has on the school's students.

"I see them interact with it all the time, even if it's just to look at it," Milano said. "They don't necessarily harvest all the time, but even when they walk by, they say, 'Oh, there's a butterfly, there's a bug, there's worms.' It stops them and kind of distracts them a little bit from their day, which is cool."

Over the summer, Milano helped a group of Kinetic Academy West students make caprese salad bites. She purchased the mozzarella and balsamic, but the basil and tomatoes used were from the garden.

Milano said she used a mandolin to slice the little cherry tomatoes, making sure there was a bite for everyone. Some of the students didn't want to try them, but the majority did.

"Especially as a P.E. teacher, it's cool to see them exposed to fruits and vegetables and things that they often wouldn't be supplied with," she said. "They grew it themselves, they tried it and they enjoyed it."

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STALLED

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across the courtyard to use newer facilities at the church school or nearby fellowship hall.

Recognizing a need for new restrooms, church leaders set out in 2019 to determine if the parish could sustain a capital campaign large enough to fund the work, then estimated at \$554,000.

Fundraising was halted due to pandemic shutdowns, but by 2021, officials launched "75 for 75," asking each parish family to donate \$75 in honor of Saint Joachim's 75th anniversary in 2022. The ask raised more than \$25,000.

Pledge promises and fundraisers, combined with the addition of a second collection at each weekend mass generated another \$24,306. When a ransomware attack wiped out the church's records of pledges and online payments, churchgoers persevered.

"We had some hurdles to overcome, but the commu-



PARISHONERS OF Saint Joachim Catholic Church in Costa Mesa pray during a ceremony led by Fr. Mike Hanifin.

nity stepped up," said Taylor's husband, Mike Flores, who led the campaign, which had raised \$480,000 by October 2021.

But the plan hit a snag when church leaders put out a request for proposals to complete the work and learned the project cost had swelled to more than \$900,000. Undaunted, the community looked for elegant solutions — and found them.

The church's Comite Hispano, a congregation of Spanish-

speaking parishioners, decided to sell tamales, pozole and tacos after mass. In a period of about five months, they managed to contribute \$23,451 to the cause.

"We'd make around 3,000 tamales each weekend, and we donated everything. For the Hispanic community, that was the best way to give," said Costa Mesa resident Alma Cortes, 48. "We not only raised money, we built a community through this."

When the church still fell



Photos by Drew Kelley | Diocese of Orange

FR. MIKE HANIFIN Friday sprinkles holy water to bless the new restrooms at Saint Joachim Catholic Church in Costa Mesa, which took years to fund.

short of its target goal, leaders from the nearby parishes of Our Lady Queen of Angels and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Newport Beach and Saint John Vianney Chapel on Balboa Island rallied to bridge the gap.

The new restrooms are due to open to the church-going public on Saturday. After that, leaders will look at needs still remaining. The air-conditioning system, for example, could use an upgrade. But maybe not just yet, Flores said.

"For right now, we'll take a deep breath and say, 'Thank you, God, for giving us the spirit and motivation to make this happen,'" he said.

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AIRSHOW

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day at 10:30 a.m. at the beach, continuing Saturday and Sunday until about 4:30 p.m. each day.

The F-22 pilots are stoked to be performing in Surf City for the first time.

"This air show is known for being one of the biggest in America, in terms of spectator size, but also just one of the best, well-run air shows," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Samuel "RaZZ" Larson, from Davenport, Ia., who will be piloting one of the two F-22 planes at the show this weekend. "It's just in an iconic location, being over Huntington Beach. It's very popular amongst military and civilian performers, with all of those aspects tied in. We've been trying to get here for years, and we're thrilled we got to finally get here."

Larson said spectators will see the world's first fifth-generation fighter showcased, with aspects like thrust vectoring and supermaneuverability.

"They'll see a controlled flight spin, a tail slide where we slide backward, back flips, cartwheels," Larson said. "Things that no other combat aircraft can perform. While we're doing all of those moves, since we are an over-water show here, we're going to be dispensing flares out of the

jet. We think that adds a lot to the show, and at 70,000 pounds of thrust, it's also the most powerful jet in the inventory."

Col. Brandon Tellez, who grew up in Brea and Huntington Beach, returns to Orange County this weekend as part of the F-22 crew that calls Langley Air Force Base in Virginia home.

"Seeing the beach from that perspective, that's a new look at my hometown," Tellez said. "And golly, it looked beautiful, I tell you what."

The F-22s will join familiar headlining air show performers like the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and Canadian Forces Snowbirds.

Gates are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day for ticketed areas, and the Pier Plaza Festival area is open until 8 p.m. throughout the show.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$50 to \$75 for pier seating and \$199 to \$299 for premiere club tickets. To encourage the element of surprise, a schedule for each day is not available on the show website but will be given to those who sign up for the Pacific Airshow's newsletter.

The Pacific Airshow has been in the news a lot this year for other reasons, as the city settled a multimillion-dollar lawsuit with Code Four in May. Elliott, a Huntington Beach native and resident, had sued last fall after the final

day of the 2021 air show was canceled due to an oil spill. Though the city settled, a lawsuit against then-Mayor Kim Carr remains active.

Current Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland has said saving the air show from going elsewhere has been his top accomplishment as mayor, and he reiterated that during his remarks at Thursday's event. But full terms of the settlement have not been released, leading Ocean View School District vice-president Gina Clayton-Tarvin to file a pending lawsuit against the city and City Atty. Michael Gates.

"The air show is really for everybody," Elliott said Thursday. "I'm just a community guy. I didn't even go to City Hall to so much as pay my water bill before I got involved with the air show ... To be thrust into that situation where it became very political was uncomfortable."

"We're still suffering a little bit of that reputational damage as a result of the oil spill and all of the politics around it. But I'm focused, and our team is focused, on putting on a bitchin' event, right? I think ultimately, that will go away, and I'm really excited for that to go away so we can focus on this event and making it as [great] as it can be."

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Photos by James Carbone

AIR FORCE ground crew inspects the F-22 Raptor aircraft during the Pacific Air Show preview event at the Joint Forces Training Base.



A MEMBER OF the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team lands during the Pacific Air Show preview event in Los Alamitos on Thursday.

COLLECTS

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transportation: roller skates, a skateboard, Rad Power Bikes and Corky Carroll's Surf School. There are also customized "community chest" and "chance" cards.

Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland and Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark both attended and gave quick remarks at Wednesday's event, as did Visit HB representative Assemblywoman Diane Dixon and a representative

for Assemblyman Tri Ta. Mr. Monopoly, also known as "Rich Uncle" Pennybags, was another special guest, played by a performer in costume. He was kind enough to stay after the ceremony for photo opportunities.

"It's a wonderful board game, and it creates memories that last a lifetime," Strickland said. "I have so many great memories with my now-deceased father and my family playing 'Monopoly.'"

Van Der Mark said it was a huge honor for the city to have its own "Monopoly"

game. She also has played the game with her children as they've grown up.

"That's when they learned about taxes," she said. "They learned they didn't like them. [The] first time [playing they said], 'Why are you asking me for this money?' Well, taxes, buddy, get used to it."

The new board game is now available online as well as at Banzai Bowls and Jack's Surfboards in downtown Huntington Beach, Tripsea said.

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THE HUNTINGTON BEACH edition of the "Monopoly" board game has "chance cards" that feature a local flavor.

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STUDY

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the assistance of pollinators.

Hammer's research focuses specifically on native bumblebee species. Around 45 such species exist in North America, but that does not include the honeybee — a nonnative species that was imported from Europe in the 17th century, according to the U.S. Geographical Survey. Both have similar characteristics, Hammer noted, that include being social, living in colonies and making honey, though bumblebees do that significantly less than honeybees do. Both are important pollinators.

But bumblebees tend to be bigger than honeybees. They're fuzzier and better adapted to cold environments, and Hammer said there are some agrarian plants — tomatoes, eggplants and peppers, for example — that can only be pollinated by bumblebees because of *how* they pollinate.

In recent weeks, Hammer and his team were in the Eastern Sierra Nevada studying bumblebee populations across a variety of species. The researchers asked questions about the kinds of gut bacteria the bees have, what functions the pathogens serve and their prevalence and diversity inside their hosts.



Photos courtesy of Tobin Hammer

FIELD ASSISTANT Erica Pitcavage traps a bee on a flower in the White Mountains at the UC Barcroft Field Station as part of a study into the microbiome inside bumblebees.

"These are very remote, relatively undisturbed places. In these mountain environments, they're especially important pollinators. It's a good opportunity to see how they're doing and characterize their gut microbes without the same kind of exposure to stressors and other factors you would get with bumblebees in our region for example," said Hammer, who added they've also been studying bee populations and their pathogens in Laguna Niguel and how those

change over the seasons. "We're also doing lab experiments to see how those pathogens establish in the bee gut. We're seeing that the kind of native bacteria specific to bumblebees have an important role in defending bees from pathogen infection. They're more vulnerable when they're young, similar to humans ... but, we still see these infections in the wild. What drives that? And are stressors involved? What are things [humans are] doing to the landscape that might

exacerbate disease in bee populations?" he said of their studies.

Hammer and his team have been looking at the relationship between the gut and the brain in addition to other potential factors such as flight performance as bees fly farther and longer to locate food.

"One question is: Does this increased flight effort intersect with disease? Does it affect their immunity? Are there particular microbes that make them better able to fly? One long-



UC IRVINE assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology Tobin Hammer attempts to net bumblebees in a meadow near Mammoth Lake in early September.

term goal that we have is to develop probiotics for bumblebees to improve various measures of health, and that could involve disease resistance, lifespan, reproduction, flight performance and pollination effectiveness," Hammer said.

Understanding the bee microbiome is just one important piece of that.

"[Microbes] can attribute to declines, but might also provide a solution via probiotics. It could include potentially planting certain flowers or modifying the landscape to support gut health. We know that it's a really critical contributor to their health. The gut is where they digest food and absorb nutrients and it's a vulnerable organ for infection. In humans, the micro-

biome is referred to as a missing organ because it's almost like there's this organ that we're just beginning to understand what it does and how it interacts with the rest of the body.

"This field is very recent. Maybe 10 to 15 years ago, we didn't know these beneficial bacteria existed [in bees]. We're really exploring ... but the data are already pretty clear that these microbes have major effects on bee health and also on behavior. Everybody loves bumblebees. They're charismatic, adorable and important parts of our local biodiversity, and we should strive to keep them around as best we can."

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Close friend
- 4 BBQ skewers
- 9 "A _ Grows in Brooklyn"
- 13 Wading bird
- 15 Overwhelming fear
- 16 Dirty trick
- 17 Twice-a-month tide
- 18 Fall bloom
- 19 Hard to find
- 20 Pharmacy
- 22 Traveler's stops
- 23 European capital city
- 24 Mischievous sprite
- 26 Concert venues
- 29 Canadian province
- 34 Shifted
- 35 Lost color
- 36 Not well
- 37 Past one's prime
- 38 Boston _ beans
- 39 Plastic wrap brand
- 40 Source of heat
- 41 Hamburger accompaniment
- 42 Napped leather
- 43 Homesteaders
- 45 Las Vegas athlete
- 46 Paint choice
- 47 Lion's share
- 48 Soft drink
- 51 French pastry
- 56 Curry & others
- 57 Reddish dye
- 58 "Follow the Yellow Brick _"
- 60 Escape
- 61 Go into
- 62 Japanese wrestling form
- 63 Watches
- 64 Fable
- 65 Butterfly catcher

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SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

DOWN

- 1 Brooch
- 2 All tucked in
- 3 Con man
- 4 Charley horses
- 5 Wallpaper stickum
- 6 Turn _; become
- 7 Bleachers level
- 8 Examined job applicants
- 9 _ store; bargain-hunter's paradise
- 10 Animal with a reddish coat
- 11 Merit
- 12 Alimony recipients
- 14 Treated with disdain
- 21 Prod into action

- 25 Pot cover
- 26 Accumulate
- 27 One not to be trusted
- 28 "The Main _"; Streisand/O'Neal film
- 29 Manufactures
- 30 Tavern orders
- 31 Spray WD-40 on
- 32 Ice skate feature
- 33 Toothed-leaved birch
- 35 Not-so-great poker hand
- 38 Pants
- 39 Stringed instruments
- 41 Reason to call in sick
- 42 Be impudent
- 44 Grad school papers
- 45 Prayer beads
- 47 Ore seeker
- 48 Eatery
- 49 Merely
- 50 ACL tear site
- 52 Tenant's expense
- 53 Hold _; keep
- 54 Sentence subject, usually
- 55 Make gentle
- 59 Period

Tribune Media Services

by **Octavio Solis**
Directed by **Lisa Portes**
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BSC 224014 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Maybert Alice Davis 30-2023-01350314-PR-PL-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Maybert Alice Davis.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Craig Robert Davis** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Craig Robert Davis** 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 16, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Breitwieser helps Estancia top Katella

BY ANDREW TURNER



Don Leach

The Estancia girls' golf team bested Katella, 251-344, in an Orange Coast League match at Costa Mesa Country Club on Wednesday.

Danielle Breitwieser earned medalist honors for Estancia (8-3, 8-2 in league). She carded a 10-over-par round on the par-35 Mesa Linda course.

Estancia tees off against league-leading St. Margaret's (13-0, 10-0) on Oct. 3 at San Juan Hills Golf Club.

Ocean View 218, Costa Mesa 220: Laney Bae shot a two-under-par 29 to lead the host Seahawks in an Orange Coast League match on Wednesday at David L. Baker Golf Course.

Ocean View improved to 4-6 overall and in league, while Costa Mesa dropped to 5-5.

BOYS' WATER POLO

Huntington Beach 11, Los Alamitos 9 (OT): The Oilers won their sixth straight game to improve to 11-5 overall and 2-0 in the Surf League.

The sides were tied at 8-8 at the end of regulation.

Huntington Beach plays host to Newport Harbor (9-2, 2-0) on Oct. 4 in a battle for sole possession of first place through the first half of league play.

Newport Harbor 16, Laguna Beach 9: The Sailors extended their winning streak to three games on Wednesday in a Surf League match at Newport Harbor.

Cade Anderton had four goals, and Diego Audebert

ESTANCIA'S DANIELLE BREITWIESER, seen against Costa Mesa on Sept. 29, 2021, led the Eagles in an Orange Coast League win over Katella on Wednesday.

recorded a hat-trick for Laguna Beach (9-7, 0-2).

Edison 11, Fountain Valley 7: The host Chargers moved their record to 7-8 overall and 2-0 in the Wave League with Wednesday's result.

Fountain Valley dropped to 6-5 overall and 0-2 in league.

Costa Mesa 21, Orange 2: The visiting Mustangs opened their Orange Coast League schedule with a blowout win over the Panthers on Wednesday, taking their record to 3-5 on the season.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Corona del Mar 35, Los Alamitos 0

Edison 20, Marina 13

Newport Harbor 27, Laguna Beach 0

Ocean View 32, Orange 15

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