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# H.B. City Council spar on list of liaisons

For the second year in a row, Councilman Dan Kalmick is not placed as a council liaison for any boards or committees.

# BY MATT SZABO

To the majority go the spoils, at least in terms of the Huntington Beach City Council.

Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark presented a revised council liaisons list for boards and committees at Tuesday night's meeting. One name was again conspicuously absent from all of them.

For the second straight year, Councilman Dan Kalmick was not selected as council liaison for any of more than 30 city, citizen or community boards or committees.

Kalmick's council minority colleagues, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton, are on two each — the Huntington Central Park Collaborative and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging. Meanwhile, Van Der Mark herself sits on a vast majority of the boards and commissions.

Van Der Mark and Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns both said Friday they simply don't trust Kalmick, who was passed over as mayor last year in favor of Tony Strickland after the conservative majority set aside a 1991 resolution that would have given the gavel to Kalmick, as he was next in line.

"He's trying to get on the [Orange County Sanitation Board of Directors] because this is an election year," Van Der Mark said. "He's using those residents on Rhone Lane [who are battling OC San] as political capital, and that's disgusting. I am just so angry about that ... He did nothing three years ago, and now he's claiming he's going to do something now. I'm not going to allow Dan Kalmick to use the Rhone residents to prop himself up politically.' Burns is currently in his second year as Huntington Beach's representative on the OC San board. Kalmick said he was an alter-

# **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**



James Carbone

THE SAGE HILL girls' basketball team, seen in the Troy Classic Dec. 8, will begin CIF Southern Section Open Division playoffs at Mater Dei today.

# Sage Hill girls ready for another run with the best

## **BY ANDREW TURNER**

The Sage Hill girls' basketball team had done its part, or so it thought, producing a resume that had set it up for its final playoff appearance with its core group of seniors.

Nothing short of brilliant to close out the regular season, the Lightning rattled off a 14-game winning streak that remains intact heading into the CIF Southern Section Open Division playoffs. Sage Hill had risen to No. 4 in recent section polls, moving in front of Mater Dei in three sets of rankings beginning with the Jan. 16 release, which would have given the Lightning two home playoff games in the eight-team, pool-play format. When the rankings came out on Sunday afternoon, however, Sage Hill (24-2) appeared in the bracket with the No. 5 seed next to its name, scheduled to open on the road Saturday against Mater Dei (23-5), seeded fourth. "We scheduled hard played

"We scheduled hard, played solid teams and thought that our body of work warranted us playing two home games," Sage final games in the prep careers of Emily Eadie, Kat Righeimer, Annabelle Spotts and Zoie Lamkin, a core four that stepped in and made an immediate and indelible impact after being brought up under the tutelage of the late Kobe Bryant. They led Sage Hill, along with veteran guard Isabel Gomez, to its first section title as freshmen and

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James Carbone

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# story should end is them winning it, and we're hoping that they do it."

**– Brian Barham** Portola coach on this Sage Hill team

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Hill coach Kerwin Walters said. "We respect Mater Dei and are looking forward to a great matchup."

Sage Hill will now go on the road twice in pool play, scheduled to travel against the two teams it lost to this season. That includes a Valentine's Day date with top-seeded Chatsworth Sierra Canyon (27-1).

This postseason will mark the

then a state title the next year.

Sophomore Amalia Holguin, a dynamic guard, was the last of Bryant's pupils to reach high school last year, when the Lightning first qualified for the Open Division.

They have done so while carrying the heavy hearts of having lost coaches, teammates and

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# Lido House Hotel expansion project OK'd

## **BY LILLY NGUYEN**

Construction for the Lido House hotel expansion project in Newport Beach will begin in about nine months now that the plans were approved Thursday by the Coastal Commission, according to owner Bob Olson.

The hotel opened in April 2018 in the footprint of what was Newport Beach City Hall. The expansion will now push into the old firehouse property on 32nd Street, adding roughly 15,000 square feet to the property.

ty. "We're very happy that the Coastal Commission approved our expansion plan," said Olson. "We are adding five guest

cottages on the back. The cottages have been a great success for the hotels and the community. What they will be are two bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, full kitchens, a rooftop barbecue — everything that you need to live at the beach in Newport Beach. What we did last time was have five different local interior designers design each cottage in their own interpretation of the lifestyle of Newport Beach, and we are looking forward to doing that with the next five."

Olson said construction would be conducted in phases to limit impacts to guests.

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Drew A. Kelley

**THE EXTERIOR** of the Lido House hotel, which opened in April 2018. This week the Coastal Commission gave its approval to a plan the Newport Beach City Council approved in October 2022.

# South Coast Plaza gets mythical makeover to mark new year

### A CENTERPIECE

**DRAGON** display at South Coast Plaza's Jewel Court is one highlight of a Lunar New Year celebration that runs through Feb. 25.



Don Leach Staff Photographer

#### **BY SARA CARDINE**

Paying homage to cultural traditions while stepping confidently into a year anticipated to bring good fortune, nobility, strength and success, South Coast Plaza officials Thursday kicked off the Year of the Dragon in a celebration of epic proportions.

Lavishly decorated in hues of red and anchored by an intricately rendered centerpiece design of a dragon holding a pearl to symbolize wisdom and energy, the complex's Jewel Court was the epicenter of this year's festivities, which continue through Feb. 25. Debra Gunn Downing, executive director of marketing, said the Costa Mesa complex aims each year to provide exclusive and culturally relevant Lunar New Year experiences for visitors, whether they actively participate in the 19-day celebration or just come to observe.

"From limited-edition products from our boutiques and specially created menus by worldclass chefs at select restaurants to our spectacular centerpiece, South Coast Plaza is the mustvisit destination for the Year of the Dragon," Gunn Downing said in a statement ahead of Thurs-

# **COMMENTARY** Measures A, B and C will harm Surf City

s former members of the City Council, we had hoped that with experience and time, the current Huntington Beach City Council majority would govern without controversy and divisiveness in the community. We had hoped that by working with the community many issues of concern would be settled.

However at meeting after meeting they have continued to bring forward new controversial items, which bring more division and continue to cast our city in a negative light. When the newly elected City Council members took office they immediately broke with protocol and selected a new person to be mayor, then they eliminated the participation of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council involvement in the invocation, banned the Pride flag from being flown from city facilities, eliminated important citizen boards and committees, gutted the Human Dignity Statement and established a book banning committee. Citizens came down to City Hall in the hundreds to protest during public comments, but have been largely ignored.

When the new council members came into office in late 2022 they were given a gift of a well run city with many fine institutions. Huntington Beach has a great park system, a beautiful and famous library system, a senior center, miles of beautiful beaches, thousands of acres of wetlands saved and restored, history remembered at the Newland House, a sound financial position and a well educated, experienced staff.

Since then, the city has lost five department heads and our city manager. This council has attacked our much-loved libraries by bringing book-banning to our city.

Now four members of the council have placed Charter Amendments A, B and C, on the March 5 ballot at a cost of over \$450,000. Placing these on the primary ballot is a wasteful expenditure of taxpayer funds. If they had waited for the general election the costs would have been much less, as at that time there would be

When the new council members came into office in late 2022 they were given a gift of a well run city with many fine institutions ... a sound financial position and a well educated, experienced staff.

more cities dividing the costs.

Ballot measures A, B and C are costly and wasteful. Measure A would require voter I.D. when voting. One provides I.D. when you register to vote, and the state does not allow requiring voter I.D. at the polls, so this measure is inconsistent with state law. The state attorney general warned the City Council that Measure A would result in legal action if it passes. Yes, yet another lawsuit at great cost to the city. The supporters of this measure cry voter fraud! There have been no cases of voter fraud prosecuted in Orange County. The county election process has been praised for how well it is run. If this passes the county may not allow our city to participate in the county-run elections,

it on the ballot anyway. Measure B puts a flag policy into our charter. The council already updated a flag ordinance less than a

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year ago. Measure B would require a unanimous vote of the council before any commemorative flag (other than the Olympic flag) could be flown from city facilities. No other

policy requires a unanimous vote of the city. This is just a sneaky way of making it as hard as possible for future councils to fly the Pride flag at City Hall in June.

Measure C is more administrative than the other two but still should receive a no vote. It includes the right for the mayor to unilaterally cancel meetings, which should be the decision of the entire council.

Huntington Beach voters, please join all of us in voting"no" on ballot measures A, B, and C.

Former Huntington Beach City Council members Connie Boardman, Kim Carr, Debbie Cook, Shirely Dettloff, Jill Hardy, Linda Moulton-Patterson, Joe Shaw, Victor Leipzig and Grace Winchell.

# **THE DAILY** COMMUTER PUZZLE

*By Jacqueline* E. Mathews

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## **SUDOKU**

## By the Mepham 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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nate on the OC San district board in 2021, soon after being elected to the City Council.

"They had walked us through and said, 'Hey, we have an issue [regarding the Rhone Lane easement]," Kalmick said Friday. "We all got information in September of last year saying, 'Hey, we're going to move on this shortly.' I said, 'I'm not on the board, but let us know what the final plan is and let us know before you do it.' They never did.

"Pat Burns is the city representative on that board, so I don't understand how that turned into that they don't trust me. We briefed staff and went out there with all of the crew. This isn't something I kept secret."

Kalmick said there was nothing to do three years ago because OC San had yet to move on the easement issue.

"We told them in 2021 to

File Photo

HUNTINGTON BEACH City Council members Dan Kalmick, from left, Natalie Moser, Gracey Van Der Mark, then-Mayor Tony Strickland and Casey McKeon listen to residents speak during a council meeting last August.

go away, if you don't need [the easement] let's come back later," he said. "We didn't hear anything about it again until I got briefed in September 2023. It's not because it's an election year I want to do something, it's because I'm representing the people of Huntington Beach. They're just making up excuses because of

what's currently in front of them ... They don't trust me because they're scared of me."

Then-Mayor Kim Carr was the Surf City representative on the OC San board in 2021.

"We just never heard anything back," Carr said. "As far as I was concerned, this was dead ... [the assertion against Kalmick by Van der Mark] is a false narrative. It's mean, it's vindictive, it's not true."

The chasm between the four majority council members and three minority members remains deep. Burns, in his comments Tuesday night, referenced talking to Kalmick while walking into City Hall from the parking lot early last year.

Burns said when he told Kalmick he wished the council members could get along better on the dais, Kalmick responded that it was just politics.

"He goes, 'That's politics,' then he leans out the door and says, 'And I believe in Burns said. "I'm just standing there going, 'Are you kidding me?' Oh well.

"Dan's about self-service, and I'm all about community service. I'm not a politician, I'm not going to work for votes ... I like being professional on the dais whenever possible. We're not going to agree on a lot of things, but you don't have to be nasty or snippy about it."

five additional cottages for a total of 10 cottages after the full build-out," said assistant city manager Seimone Jurjis. "We look forward to Lido House hotel's continued success in the

Kalmick said the conversation happened after the initial council vote to only allow government or U.S. military flags to be flown on city property. He said he used the term "cowardly,' which he knew would upset Burns, a former longtime police officer.

"What they did was cowardly," Kalmick reiterated Friday. "They should have just come out and said, 'We don't want to fly the Pride

flag' ... but instead they went through a three-meeting process to create bad public policy and now a bad charter amendment.

"This is politics. That's what I meant. I'm not being mean to you, I'm saying your policy is stupid ... The policy was cowardly ... and the fact that Pat called me a liar during [Tuesday night's meeting] is a violation of

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Philip L. Schlegel, D.D.S.

## May 6, 1930 - January 30, 2024

Philip L. Schlegel, DDS passed away peacefully at home on Jan 30th, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Willa, of Corona del Mar; his son, Kurt, of San Francisco; his daughter, Heidi and husband, Sami Saab of San Francisco; his daughter, Kristen and husband, Barry Cobbs of Rogers, Arkansas; two grandsons, Emerson and Sam Cobbs; and one granddaughter, Zazie Schlegel; many nieces and nephews; and two beloved dogs, Eli and Suzie Q

# HOTEL

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"We think it's a great addition to Lido House, and [the hotel] has been what we feel is a tremendous success," he said. "We competed for tearing down the old City Hall back in 2013 and we won that, and I think the community would say that we delivered more than what our proposal set out. We've had great reception from our local community as well as our regional community and worldwide travelers.

"We're very proud to have delivered what we do and continue to want to make it better in every way that we can, and so this is a big step towards that."

In addition to the cottages, the project will include more storage space, expanded breakout meeting rooms, a greenhouse room with seating, expan-

## sion of three hotel rooms and an enclosed area with a rooftop terrace. The City Council approved the plans in October 2022.

As part of their approval on Thursday, the Coastal Commission required an amendment be made to the city's local coastal program to increase the allow-

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able development limit for properties at 3300 Newport Blvd. and 475 32nd St. from 103,470 square feet to 118,572 square feet in addition to other clerical edits.

"We are pleased that the California Coastal Commission has approved the Lido House hotel project expansion, which will add hotel market."

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# **GIRLS' WATER POLO** Mater Dei bounces L.B. in Open Division quarterfinals

#### **BY MATT SZABO**

There is something special about being a part of the Laguna Beach High girls' water polo team.

Maybe that's why the hug between seniors Emmy Hensley and Ava Knepper lasted so long on the Mater Dei High pool deck after Thursday night's match. "Ava and I, we've literally

known each other and played together since we were 7 or 8 years old," Hensley said. "We've been through thick and thin. Regardless of anything, we've just gone through it all, and to have that connection with someone is special."

Hensley and Knepper are now headed to play polo at Brown University and USC, respectively.

There were tears but also reflection after the Breakers fell to the No. 3-seeded host Monarchs 12-6 in the CIF Southern Section Open Division quarterfinals, ending their season.



James Carbone

LAGUNA BEACH'S Kara Carver (7) shoots for the goal against Mater Dei on Thursday night.

Freshman Emerson Mulvey scored a match-high five goals for Mater Dei (24-5), which will play at No. 2 Foothill in a semifinal Wednesday. match on Freshman Delaney Hook and sophomore Riley Johnson combined for five more goals, and Michigan-bound senior goalkeeper Sophia

Bunnell made 12 saves. As for Laguna Beach, the co-Surf League champions ended their season with a 16-12 record. Hensley, Knepper, Claire Turner, Kara Carver, Presley Jones and Sophie Colladay each scored a goal for the Breakers, with junior goalkeeper Siena Jumani making four saves.

The Breakers lost to the Monarchs for the third time this season, but Thursday's result was the most lopsided. Mater Dei scored the match's first four goals and built an 8-3 halftime advantage.

"We showed a lot of maturity with such a young team tonight," Mater Dei coach Chris Segesman said. "For them to handle a moment like that against a really good team, and play that well, was just incredible ... And Sophia is the best goalie in high school and the backbone of our team."

Laguna Beach was left to reflect on what was at times a difficult season, having to get used to typically utilizing just one or two players off the bench.

"Just because you know it's the case doesn't mean you're not fatigued," firstyear Laguna Beach coach Katie Teets said. "Water polo is an extremely tough sport to have to play those type of intense minutes all the way through in an intense, championship type of game ... They stepped up in a lot of ways.'

Hensley did so individually, stepping in as a start-ing center — despite a relative lack of size — following the graduation of Charlotte Riches. As a co-captain, that could be expected, but she said her teammates also stepped up in a lot of ways.

This led to a memorable season, despite the win-loss record.

"We've been together since [10-and-unders], and we're the same group,' Hensley said. "At the end of the day, I'm proud because we can do it with our little community and we have heart. This group, we're original gangsters, we're OGs, and that's something

that no other team has. That's something I'm really proud of."

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Newport Harbor 10, San Marcos 9 (OT): The Sailors earned an upset win on the road against the No. 4seeded Royals in another Open Division quarterfinal match Thursday night at Dos Pueblos High in Goleta.

center Ryan Senior Chalupnik scored five goals for Newport Harbor (17-9), which came back from an early deficit. Freshmen Alexson (three Gabby goals), Madison Mack and Valery Verdugo combined for the other five goals.

Sofia Del Villar had four assists, and goalkeeper Lydia Soderberg made eight saves.

Newport Harbor will play on the road against topseeded Orange Lutheran in a semifinal match Wednesday.

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Executive Board, Harbor Commission and Historic Resources Board in 2021, as selected by Carr.

In 2022, Peterson remained on the same four boards under Mayor Barbara Delgleize.

Van Der Mark said Fridav that Kalmick is just "not an an honest person, I don't care what he says."

"I've known the guy a while, and I don't trust him at all," she said. "Why is it relevant that he wasn't sitting on the [OC San] board? I'm an alternate, Tony's not on there, Casey [McKeon] is not on there, yet we're all doing what we can to try to help. Our responsibility is to do the right thing, and the right thing was to not sweep this under the rug for three years."

She said the minority council members have never approached her to talk about anything outside of meetings, but she would be open to a dialogue.

"We probably could find

ways to be more amicable," Van Der Mark admitted, adding that she gave Moser two of the committees she had expressed interest in. "But I value honestly above all else ... It would be nice if we could get along, but apparently we haven't found a way to do that."

Kalmick believes it probably isn't likely any time soon.

"They continue to ridicule and dismiss three of the council members who were duly elected as if we're second-class citizens," he said. "Once you get elected, there's very little differentiation based on who got how many votes. It does not matter, and for them to completely remove us from all forms of government because they say they don't trust us? ... They're floundering for excuses to try to rationalize their bad governance."

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2607 Ocean Blvd, LLC Residence - The Applicant requests a coastal development permit (CDP) to allow for a 1,490-square-foot addition and remodel of an existing, nonconforming, three-story, singleunit dwelling. The total gross floor area of the residence after the addition will be 3,969 square feet, including attached garage parking for three cars. The project also includes landscape an in-ground spa, drainage hardscape, improvements, site walls, and removal of unpermitted encroachments within the public right-of-way on the slope adjacent to Ocean Boulevard and within Way Lane. The project requires a variance from Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) to allow the proposed development to:

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meetings.

points, none of them speak for themselves." Van Der Mark responded that there's one flag that

represents everyone. "Our goal was to bring unity under one flag, period - no more subcatego-

Both Van Der Mark and Burns pointed to the previous council's treatment of former Councilman Erik Peterson, who was consistently a dissenting vote in a 6-1 vote. According to records, though, Peterson was a liaison of the Design Board (with Review Kalmick), Fourth of July

# MAKEOVER

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day's kickoff.

Dignitaries from the consulate offices of Vietnam, Korea and China assembled at Jewel Court, where LED screens flashed holiday greetings in several different languages as the pearl-wielding dragon came to life, periodically exhaling puffs of steam. Calligraphers painted custom wishes for the year ahead in Chinese characters on red paper with inkfilled brushes. Throughout the celebration, visitors can stroll past several dragon sculptures and store window displays created for the Lunar New Year, take family portraits and enjoy special themed gift promotions and merchandise exclusive to South Coast Plaza.

ries of any kind," she said.

at which time such bids shall be opened

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Prospective bidders may obtain Bid Documents

Robert's Rules. He should be censured for that. They have no evidence of any of this, that I'm lying. They're just upset that someone's pushing back on the [crap] that they say during the

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- c) Encroach 9-feet, 4 inches into the 10-foot rear setback along Way Lane;
- Exceed the 24-foot flat roof height limit of d) the R-1 Zoning District by 3 feet; and
- Exceed the 29-foot sloped roof height limit e) of the R-1 Zoning District by 11 inches.

While the project will exceed the 24- and 29-foot height limits, the project will not exceed the Ocean Boulevard top of curb height restriction. .

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City or before the public hearing. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipa Code Chapter 21.64 (Appeals). A fee is required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the City Council. The project site is located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website

www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Joselyn Perez, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3312 or iperez@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.:	
PA2023-0064	

Zone: Single-Unit Residential (R-1)

**General Plan:** Single Unit Residential Detached (RS-D)

Permit, Variance

**Coastal Development** 

Activity:

Coastal Land Use Plan: Filing Date: Single Unit Residential March 20, 2023 Detached - 6.0-9.9 DU/AC (RSD-B)

Location: 2607 Ocean Boulevard Applicant: Daniel Martinez, Architect

Tristan Harris, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

#### Contractor License Classification(s) required for this project:

#### **General Contractor "A" License**

#### NOTICE:

The work is subject to the payment of not less than prevailing wages pursuant to Chapter 1 (beginning at Section 1720 et seq.) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the California Labor Code, as well as Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. of the California Code

of Regulations ("Prevailing Wage Laws"). The Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) has determined the general prevailing rate of pier diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Agreement which will be awarded to the successful lowest responsible bidder.

The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under them shall comply with all applicable Prevailing Wage Laws

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited

exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial . Relations.

Award of Contract: The City of Newport Beach shall award the Contract to the lowest, responsible bidder that also meets the minimum qualifications as set forth in the Scope of Services of RFB 24-49. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. Issuance of this Notice of Inviting Bids and/or receipt of bids does not commit City to award a contract.



A photo exhibit presented by the Consulate General of the People's Re-

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friends in the helicopter crash that killed Bryant and eight others, fracturing their Mamba Sports Academy family.

Walters addressed their fight through adversity after Sage Hill beat host Portola 84-49 to clinch the Pacific Coast League title on Jan. 26, four years to the day since the tragic incident occurred.

"The one thing I tell these girls is that this is something that happened to you that the entire world knows about," Walters said. "Things happen to everyone every single day. It's never publicized globally. They've always conducted themselves well. I think they've gotten better

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SPECIAL GUESTS from multiple foreign consulates joined South Coast Plaza officials Thursday for a Lunar New Year celebration at South Coast Plaza.

public of China and National Tourist Office will be on display on Level 2 of the site's Nordstrom Wing. On Saturdays and Sundays, from noon to 5 p.m., children can craft their own dragon-shaped paper lanterns for \$8.

\$3,500 in same-day purchases from any combination of South Coast Plaza boutiques and restaurants, guests will receive a Rising Dragon vase crafted by LI-ULI Crystal Art.

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and better about dealing with the situation, and they persevere."

Eadie had 12 points and 13 rebounds in the leagueclinching win over the Bulldogs. Holguin paced the Lightning with 21 points, trading baskets with electric Portola guard Kira Watanabe, who led all scorers with 29 points on the strength of eight threepointers.

"We knew that today was going to be extra hard, but [we wanted] to come out here and finish the job and just rely on each other," Eadie said. "I feel like we had really good team ball, great shooting. Everyone had a great game."

Spotts scored 17 points in the contest, Lamkin had 11 points, and Righeimer spread the ball around with eight assists to go with her nine rebounds.

The Lightning asserted their dominance with an average margin of victory of 40.7 points in Pacific Coast League contests, which included two games against Portola, ranked No.

40 in the state by MaxPreps.com.

"Only two times out of the year I'm not rooting for them," Portola coach Brian Barham said of this Sage Hill team. "I'm always hoping that they have the best high school memories possible. ... The way that the story should end is them winning it, and we're hoping that they do it."

Sage Hill has several college commits, including Eadie (Princeton), Spotts (University of Chicago) and Righeimer (Northwestern). Before that next chapter begins, Holguin spoke to the group's unfinished business after wrapping up the league title.

"I think last year was more of a trial, to get a taste of it," Holguin said. "I feel like we did pretty well, but this time, it's like go time. It's the real time to go. It's like game time, and we can really compete. I think we can compete with all the teams in the Open Division and could win."

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