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Another couple files lawsuit against clinic

At least 12 couples claim Ovation Fertility's negligence led to the destruction of their embryos.

BY ERIC LICAS

One more couple came forward in a lawsuit filed last month alleging a Newport Beach fertility clinic of negligence and fraud after an apparent laboratory error resulted in the destruction of their fertilized embryo.

The couple, identified only by the initials R.N. and E.K in a new lawsuit filed Aug. 6, are at least the 12th to make such claims against Ovation Fertility since April. They say their embryos were killed after hydrogen peroxide instead of a sterile solution was used to clean the incubator their fertilized eggs were stored in.

Representatives for Ovation could not immediately be reached for comment. The Tennessee-based company was founded in 2015 and runs 22 facilities across the country.

Attorneys representing the latest couple to sue the company say R.N. underwent hormone therapy, frequent testing and paid thousands of dollars with E.K. for

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NMUSD officials approve employee contracts

Tentative agreements were approved with the district's two employee unions, offering 7% raises and benefit enhancements.

BY SARA CARDINE

Newport-Mesa Unified officials unanimously approved two tentative agreements with the school district's teachers and classified employees unions on Tuesday, offering 7% salary increases and other benefit and workplace enhancements for the 2024-25 school year.

The pay bump, retroactive to July 1, also applies to members of the superintendent's executive team, school administrators, directors and confidential employees not represented by bargaining units.

All told, the newly negotiated

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NEWPORT HARBOR'S Skylie Cid (33) runs into the end zone in the second half of the Battle of the Bay girls' flag football game against Corona del Mar on Wednesday. The host Sailors shut out the rival Sea Kings 20-0 to take sole possession of first place in the Sunset League.

Newport Harbor tops CdM, takes lead in Sunset League

BY ANDREW TURNER



CORONA DEL MAR'S Addison Stern (9) eludes a tackle as she runs for a first down.

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Girls' flag football has experienced growth that rivals the pace of play of the game itself.

A game with few clock stoppages and non-stop action has many coming out to add more memories to their time in high school.

Take the Battle of the Bay game on Wednesday night at Davidson Field, for example, where the field was sprinkled with multi-sport athletes.

Newport Harbor coach Jason Guyser said his roster is riddled with girls who also play basketball, soccer and softball.

"They love the game," Guyser said while also noting that flag football is not yet offered as a Division 1 college sport. "The game is so much fun. At the end of the day, they love the game. They have a blast out here, and they play it just for the love of the game, not for trying to earn a scholarship, which to me is the purest form of sport."

Newport Harbor beat crosstown rival Corona del Mar 20-0 in the teams' first meeting at home in a battle between the last of the unbeaten in the Sunset League.

Cooper Dick, who has committed to Texas Tech for women's soccer, was among the stars of the show. She opened the scoring with a 30-yard rushing touchdown on the Sailors' initial drive.

OBITUARY

Artist G. Ray Kerciu led movement to save Laguna Art Museum and won

BY SARA CARDINE

Laguna Beach artist G. Ray Kerciu — who spoke truth to power in the Civil Rights-era south and helped save the Laguna Art Museum from a takeover in the 1990s — died peacefully in his home Aug. 25 at age 93, according to his wife, Mihae Park.

Those who knew him recalled Kerciu as a passionate activist willing to stand up for his beliefs and skilled at rallying the community to a cause, yet humble enough to step back after a victory and let others lead.

"He was willing to go to battle when something didn't seem right," said Julie Perlin Lee, executive director of the Laguna Art Museum. "And when he had the right people in place, he passed the mantle and moved on — he

was very much a fixture in our community."

Kerciu is also remembered as a prolific and versatile creator who worked in many different media including, in later years, an iPad that provided a new canvas for the nonagenarian's ever-expanding expression.

A celebration of life to honor the artist's life and work is planned for Sept. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Laguna Art Museum, located at 307 Cliff Drive.

Barbara McMurray, a neighbor and contributor to the Laguna Beach Independent, interviewed the celebrated artist for a profile coinciding with his 90th birthday on Oct. 24, 2023.

Her piece details a life centered around art, activism and adventure, from his birth in 1933

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LAGUNA BEACH artist G. Ray Kerciu campaigned to stop a 1996 merger between the Laguna and Newport Harbor art museums.

Barbara McMurray

BOYS' WATER POLO

Newport Harbor sprints to South Coast tourney title

BY MATT SZABO

The final of the South Coast Tournament was played across the bay at Corona del Mar High School on Saturday.

Newport Harbor's aquatics complex on campus is being renovated, and expected to reopen next fall.

For the Sailors boys, that has meant morning practices at Estancia High School. The girls are practicing at Costa Mesa High, Newport Harbor coach Ross Sinclair said.

Sinclair said it's been a sort of Rubik's Cube for him to organize, but his players are doing fine.

"I think it was a little adjustment at first, and I think they're in a nice little groove now," he said.

No kidding. Newport Harbor romped to the South Coast Tournament title, topping rival JSerra 14-6 on Saturday in the title match to snap the Lions' 40-match winning streak that dated to 2022.

Junior Kai Kaneko led with five goals, three on penalty shots, for the Sailors (9-0). Emerging junior center Geoff Slutzky added three goals, along with two exclusions drawn and two penalty shots drawn.

Senior attacker Weston Hartel scored twice and had a match-high five steals, while senior defender Lucca Van Der Woude, a transfer from Studio City Harvard-



James Carbone

NEWPORT HARBOR'S Connor Ohl (14) takes a shot against Harvard-Westlake in the South Coast Tournament semifinals at Corona del Mar High on Saturday.

Westlake, also scored twice.

Junior Dash D'Ambrosia and freshman Caruso Polenzani added goals for the winners. Junior standout Connor Ohl, who returned recently from injury, did not score in the final but had two steals and drew several exclusions.

Newport senior goalkeeper Luke Harris made nine saves and set the tone early, stuffing a point-blank power play shot by JSerra in the opening moments of the match.

"It's a good group," Sin-

clair said. "They're together, they're around each other. It's a good vibe for this group, good camaraderie. Obviously, if you put it together and have some success it makes it a lot of fun as well. For us, it's how can we get better from this?"

The Sailors led just 4-3 late in the second quarter after Porter Birdsall, who led JSerra (7-1) with three goals, scored on a penalty shot. But Newport used Kaneko's power play goal, then a quick drawn exclu-

sion and goal by Slutzky, to

take a 6-3 advantage into halftime.

Newport Harbor then scored the first four goals of the second half, opening a 10-3 advantage on another power-play strike by Kaneko. After competing for the U.S. Cadet national team in Malta this summer at the World Aquatics U16 Water Polo Championships, he has come into the high school season a more confident player.

"That tournament was really fun, getting to play new roles and see how I

could shoot," Kaneko said. "I think mindset-wise, it's carried on here for sure. Just being more relaxed in the water helps a lot, and having fun too."

Newport Harbor and JSerra have met in the last two CIF Southern Section Open Division title matches, with the Sailors prevailing in 2022 and JSerra last year. Saturday's result was the Lions' first loss since that 2022 CIF title match.

Newport Harbor made the final by blitzing Harvard-Westlake 17-6 in the semifinals earlier Saturday. Ohl had a team-best four goals, while junior left-hander Mason Netzer scored three.

The Sailors are deep and will get deeper. Senior center/defender Santino Rossi and senior left-hander James Mulvey, transfers from Mater Dei and JSerra respectively, will become eligible on Tuesday after serving their sit-out period.

But the Sailors also know that JSerra has some key transfers coming eligible as well.

"[Winning the South Coast Tournament] feels great, but it's still early in the season," Slutzky said. "They're going to get better, we're going to get better. We're going to see each other a lot this season. They're going to get their guys back, we're going to get some new guys.

It'll be fun."

CDM PLACES EIGHTH IN SOUTH COAST TOURNAMENT

Host Corona del Mar finished eighth in the tournament after a pair of close losses Saturday.

The Sea Kings couldn't hold a three-goal lead and fell 12-10 to Mater Dei in a fifth-place semifinal, before falling 14-13 in sudden-death overtime to Miramonte in the seventh-place match.

In the latter match, CdM (10-3) couldn't quite hold a two-goal lead in the final minute.

"I think today showed a little bit of our inexperience, but I think my guys can learn from it," CdM coach Lucas Reynolds said. "We're going to be a better team from it. We're young, but we're rapidly improving, and I'm really proud of our position here. Being top eight in this tournament is a big deal. It's the biggest tournament of the year. I think my guys battled hard this weekend and I'm proud of what they did."

Laguna Beach finished 21st, capping its tournament with a win over San Juan Hills, and Huntington Beach won its final match against Ventura to finish 25th. Edison placed 32nd in the tournament.

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NMUSD

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salary and benefits increases across all employee groups amount to a collective \$25,440,297, according to district staff reports.

"This is an issue the board cares about deeply, making sure our employees at every level have the resources they need to live

here and be a part of these communities," Supt. Wes Smith said during Tuesday's regular board meeting. "It's a great night, not just for employees but for every single student that they support and serve."

Trustees reviewed agreements reached between district negotiators and employees represented by the California School Employees Assn. (CSEA) — which

represents clerical and office workers, instructional aides and custodians, cafeteria workers and bus drivers — and teachers organized under the Newport-Mesa Federation of Teachers (NMFT).

Instructors will receive an additional 0.8% pay, on average, for regular salary schedule increases they receive as they gain experience and seniority with the



Sara Cardine

THE PAY BUMP approved by trustees of Newport-Mesa Unified School District, retroactive to July 1, applies to teachers as well as members of the superintendent's executive team, school administrators, directors and confidential employees not represented by bargaining units.

district. Under the agreement, overall expenditures for teacher salaries will increase from \$150.3 million to \$160.9 million.

Negotiations also netted an increase in preparation time for teachers in grades TK through 3, simplification of the grievance process and clarifications in provisions regarding transfers, staff meetings and late-start/early-release days, according to Assistant Supt. Kurt Suhr, who represented the district in talks with union reps.

"This agreement reflects the high value the district

has for our employees and represents changes to support and increase student achievement," Suhr said Tuesday.

CSEA representatives bargained not only for pay raises, but to have Newport-Mesa Unified participate in the California Department of Education's Classified Employee Summer Assistance Program starting in 2025-26.

Because many classified employee positions follow academic schedules that do not last throughout the entire calendar year, workers facing income loss during

the summer months are often forced to scramble for low-paying temporary and part-time jobs.

Some elect to bank a portion of their paychecks throughout the year, meaning they have less to live on during the months they're employed, but the statewide summer assistance program offers millions in matching funds for workers from participating districts when state dollars are available. NMUSD joining the program will likely incur \$133,155 in associated administrative costs and the continued payment of statutory benefits for enrolled workers.

Amy Ching, president of the local chapter of CSEA, expressed appreciation to the board and district negotiating team Tuesday for supporting employees, particularly those who work part time.

"They have tough, unglamorous jobs but they are an important part of supporting positive student outcomes," Ching said. "By approving participation in [the summer assistance program], you have shown your support for these valuable employees — this is the good work."

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Good morning. It's Wednesday, Oct. 25. I'm Carol Cormaci, bringing you this week's TimesOC newsletter with a look at the latest local news and events.

Watch where you're stepping on O.C.'s famed sands, because you may encounter a rare specimen of marine life. Ore, in fact, that has very sharp teeth.

That's what happened on a recent afternoon to lifeguard Sierra Fockler, who found a spookily-looking black angler fish, specifically a Pacific football fish, while she was walking near the lifeguard headquarters building on Moro Beach, located within Crystal Cove State Park.



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FERTILITY

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Ovation's services. After one previous unsuccessful attempt to conceive a boy, their final, supposedly viable, male embryo was transferred last May. But that procedure also failed.

"The Plaintiffs worried — and continue to worry to this day — that their shared dream of having a son might never become a reality," attorneys for R.N. and E.K. wrote in the suit.

The lawsuit claims that second male embryo had already been killed in a "toxic incubator" and that Ovation should have known but failed to inform the plaintiffs. It also alleges the clinic failed to adequately follow safety measures and also called promotional material claiming the company runs a "pre-



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

SINCE APRIL, at least 12 couples have alleged negligence and fraud against Ovation Fertility in Newport Beach.

mier laboratory" with "the highest standards" false.

In a statement issued in April, representatives for Ovation said they have pro-

ocols in place "to protect the health and integrity of every embryo under our care." They also described the destruction of embryos at their Newport Beach site an "isolated incident that impacted a very small number of patients."

Lawyers for others who have sued Ovation have suggested that systemic issues are present at their Newport Beach location and that other people who have not yet come forward may have also been affected.

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FOOTBALL

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Following a three-and-out by its defense, Newport Harbor (11-2, 6-0 in the Sunset League) would again find the end zone, this time through the air. Maia Helmar found Dick open on the right sideline for an eight-yard score on a fourth-down play, doubling the Sailors' lead to 14-0.

Ashlyn Spicer then intercepted CdM quarterback Alexa Rokos, giving Newport Harbor a chance to add on further. The Sailors came close to doing so when freshman speedster Skylic Cid pulled in a catch and went for the goal line, but the play was ruled dead a yard short as Anna Sofia Dickens and Isabelle Morris converged on her. Then the half expired.

Cid would not be denied later on a 15-yard catch-and-run for a score with four minutes remaining. In establishing a three-possession lead, the Sailors celebrated by leapfrogging each other in the end zone.

"We were planning that specifically for this game," Cid said of the celebration. "It was leapfrog. We just got so excited and got [an unsportsmanlike conduct] penalty for that, but it still counted as a touchdown. It was 100% worth it."

For the first time this fall, the CIF Southern Section will host championships for girls' flag football.



NEWPORT HARBOR quarterback Maia Helmar (23) throws a pass under pressure by CdM's Addison Stern (9).

"Last year was the first year that [flag football] was CIF [sanctioned]," Guyser said. "Last year, our goal was to win every single game because we wanted to finish first in the state, which we did, but that was because there were

no CIF playoffs. "Now this year, our goal was a little bit different. ... We don't need to win every single game. We want to get as good as we possibly can, get as many reps in as possible for different players, so

that by the end of the year when CIF playoffs come around, we're playing our best football."

Helmar finished with 241 passing yards and two touchdowns, showing an ability to find receivers all over the field. She had the

help to make downfield throws, as Abigail George made a grab in double coverage for a 36-yard gain in the second half.

Cid compiled 129 total yards (91 receiving), and Dick had four catches for 58 yards.

"I've been playing flag football since first grade with my friends," said Cid, who is the daughter of Newport Harbor boys' soccer coach Ignacio Cid. "The friendships that I've gained [through] the sport definitely encourage me to keep it going. Winning is my favorite thing. I'm very competitive."

Rokos produced 187 yards of total offense, including 89 rushing yards on 11 carries for CdM (10-3, 5-1).

"There's never a moment that she doesn't have 100% for you," CdM coach Yvonne Sturgeon said of Rokos. "It just doesn't register for her any other way."

Dickens was the Sea Kings' leading receiver with five catches for 42 yards. Addison Stern contributed a sack and batted down another pass attempt rushing Helmar on defense.

Corona del Mar will host Newport Harbor in the season finale on Oct. 14.

Sturgeon said she found the Sea Kings' performance to be short of a collective effort, particularly on defense, but she vowed that CdM would be "more than prepared" for the rematch.

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KERCIU

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Detroit to Romanian immigrant parents, to his service in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, to his education under the GI bill at Michigan State and, later, the state's Cranbrook Academy of Art.

"He was always such a positive person, always complimentary and sweet, even though he was this artist who'd done all these things in his life," McMurray said Tuesday.

While serving as a visiting professor at the University of Mississippi in 1962 — when a Supreme Court ruling allowed Black student James Meredith to attend classes on the segregated

campus — Kerciu created works for an exhibition centered around themes of bigotry and racial justice.

One painting, "Never," features a depiction of a pin worn by segregationists at the time, with Confederacy-inspired stars and bars in the background. "America the Beautiful," portrayed the same flag covered by racial slurs, McMurray's story details.

For his so-called desecration of the Confederate flag, Kerciu was imprisoned in what would attract a media frenzy and letters of support from John Steinbeck and Malcolm X, who reportedly told the artist, "Get those Dixie rats!"

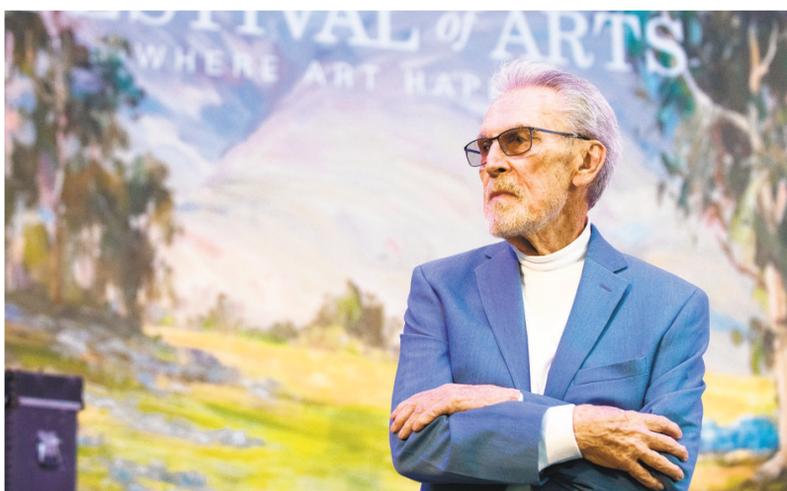
After a brief time in New York, Kerciu moved to California and accepted a job at

what is now Cal State Fullerton, where he helped grow the university's art department. He moved to Laguna Beach in 1967, buying a cottage on Crestview Drive that would be his home for nearly 60 years.

Mihae Park met Kerciu in the early 1990s, when she enrolled in a stained glass class at Cal State Fullerton with a friend. He was a great teacher and artist who had an unassuming attitude, even about his own accomplishments. The two married on March 25, 1995.

"He was so incredibly loved by everybody," Park recalled Tuesday. "I think that comes from his having so much grace to meet people where they're at and not

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Eric Licas

ARTIST AND ACTIVIST G. Ray Kerciu received the lifetime achievement award at the 2024 Art Star Awards in Laguna Beach in April. Kerciu died Aug. 25 at age 93.

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 At any time
- 5 Greek S
- 10 Acid neutralizer
- 14 "The Godfather" role
- 15 Take down the sails
- 16 Gets older
- 17 Absorbed by
- 18 Group of lions
- 19 Creative pursuits
- 20 Fall foliage activity: 2 wds.
- 23 Train schedule letters: Abbr.
- 24 Mess up
- 25 At the right moment
- 27 Wowed
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- 34 Honda product
- 35 Blackmail tactics
- 37 Sense of self
- 38 Many Yemenis
- 39 "Now I get it!"
- 42 Hauls to the station
- 44 World Wide _
- 45 Not well
- 48 Fashion industry pros
- 51 Egg dish
- 53 Whale's home
- 54 Fitting
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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 A3.

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- 5 Big celebrity
- 6 As to: 2 wds.
- 7 Clutch tightly
- 8 Longish skirt style
- 9 Representative
- 10 Sheep's sound
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- 13 Op-ed pieces
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- 26 Grad school degrees: Abbr.
- 27 Frozen water
- 28 GQ or Cosmo, for short
- 29 Paid player
- 30 Tear to bits
- 31 Remove from a page
- 32 Amounts to be repaid
- 36 Magician's helper
- 39 Wonderment
- 40 That lady
- 41 Sit-up muscles
- 42 Nothing but
- 43 Some whiskeys
- 45 Brags
- 46 Current unit
- 47 Fine point
- 49 Former GM brand
- 50 Italian city
- 52 Eighth Greek letter
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The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: **SAME AS ABOVE**
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The names and addresses of the buyer are: **BRAGGUPS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 37 VANTIS DRIVE, ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656**
The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, AND GOODWILL** and are located at: **1916 PLACENTIA AVENUE, BUILDING A, COSTA MESA, CA 92627**
The business name used by the Seller at that location is: **CARMART OC**
The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **OCTOBER 8, 2024** at the office of: **CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, 3780 KILROY AIRPORT WAY, SUITE 100, LONG BEACH, CA 90806** ESCROW NO. **FSBC2401099**
This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **COLLEEN CANTLAY, CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, 3780 KILROY AIRPORT WAY, SUITE 100, LONG BEACH, CA 90806**, ESCROW NO. **FSBC2401099**, and the last date for filing claims shall be **OCTOBER 7, 2024**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MARIE ROGALLO SAMUELS

CASE NO. 30-2024-01423968-PR-LA-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of **MARIE ROGALLO SAMUELS**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **TODD SAMUELS** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **TODD SAMUELS** 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 in this court as follows: **October 24, 2024 at 1:30 PM** in Dept. **CM07** located at **3390 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Costa Mesa Justice Complex**

NOTICE IN PROBATE CASES

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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 a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: **T. OWEN RASSMAN, ESQ., 1901 CAMINO VIDA ROBLE, STE. 112, CARLSBAD, CA 92008**. Telephone: **760-278-1116**. 9/20, 9/26, 9/27/24
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JAMES FRED ARDARY

30-2024-01423843-PR-LA-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **JAMES FRED ARDARY**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **CHERYL ARDARY** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **CHERYL ARDARY** 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 **Oct 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** located at: **3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY

In accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 21700, et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California the under-signed will be sold at public auction conducted on STORAGETREASURES.COM on October 7, 2024, ending at 10am. The personal property including but not limited to: Personal and household items stored at Baker Fairview Self Storage, 2955 Fairview RD, Costa Mesa 92626, County of Orange, by the following persons:

Will sell at public auction on October 7, 2024 10 AM at above premises the misc. household and personal property of:

Tenant	Unit Size	Unit #
Boris Del Cid	10x30	B105
Juan Baez	7.5x10	C407
Kevin Patton	10x30	B118

Publish Date: September 20, 2024

CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California on **Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, to introduce:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-xx

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 3 (ANIMAL REGULATIONS) OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER I (IN GENERAL) AND CHAPTER VI (SPECIAL ANIMAL PERMIT) TO PROVIDE FOR BEEKEEPING AND TO CLARIFY APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL ANIMAL PERMITS, AND FINDING CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA REVIEW

Public Comments:

Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be emailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk's Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m.** on the day of the hearing, **October 1, 2024**. All materials, pictures, PowerPoint, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at <http://costamesaca.gov>, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. **IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT**, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council, at or prior to, the public hearing. Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
Published September 20, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

LOUISE MAE MILTENBURG,

aka LOUISE MILTENBURG

30-2024-01418018-PR-LA-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **LOUISE MAE MILTENBURG, aka LOUISE MILTENBURG**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **James Miltenburg** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **James Miltenburg** 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.

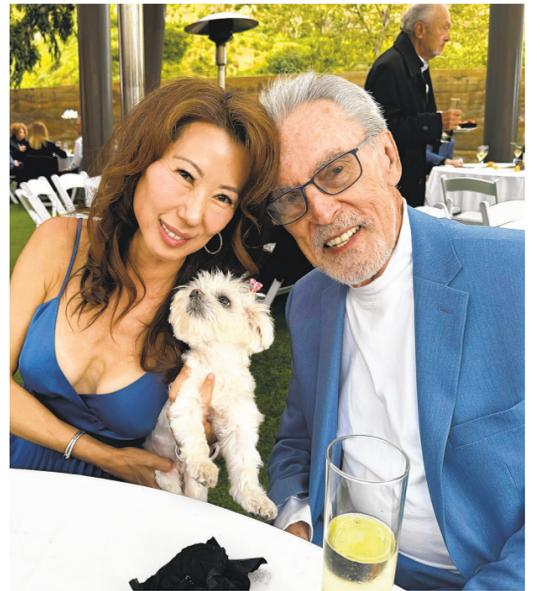
A HEARING on the petition will be held on **Oct 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** located at: **3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626**

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Courtesy of Mihae Park

G. RAY KERCIU, right, with wife Mihae Park and dog Hopper at April's 2024 Art Star Awards in Laguna Beach, where Kerciu received a lifetime achievement award.

KERCIU

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imposing his values or beliefs onto them."

The artist and sculptor was well known by the mid 1990s, when the board of Laguna Art Museum quietly approved a merger with the Newport Harbor Art Museum, now the Orange County Museum of Art. Concerned for the fate of the institution and its 3,800-piece collection, Kerciu led the Save Laguna Art Museum (SLAM) campaign, which succeeded in disrupting the move.

"It was a big wake-up call and the community responded positively, based on G. Ray's [advocacy]," Perlin Lee said Wednesday. "It's incredible to think of all the good things that have come out of the muse-

um since then."

After the museum's reincorporation in 1996, Kerciu served as board president but later stepped down, continuing a close affiliation and serving with other organizations as he continued to create works in his home studio. His art appears in collections held by his home museum, as well as the Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Gallery of Art. In later years, when art making became physically taxing, the artist took to creating digital works on an iPad bought for him by his wife and continued to create.

"All my adult life I was with him," Park said Tuesday. "I am the person I am because of him — he is woven into my cells."

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