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JEFF HALUCK watches his son Finley indulge in cotton candy during opening day at the OC Fair on Friday.

Summer meets its promise at the fair

BY ERIC LICAS

Gigi Silva's smile grew brighter and brighter as the clock approached 11 a.m. on opening day at the OC Fair Friday. The people she chatted with while waiting in line could barely keep up with the excited middle-schooler as she listed the cutest animals in the petting zoo, loosely ranked the carnival games and went into great detail about her snack of choice at the event: crisp, savory homemade potato chips.

She's been going to the fair with her mom, Krista Silva, for as long as she can remember. And although some of her favorite attractions have come and gone (like a monster-themed house of mirrors, for example), she knows change is needed to make sure the OC Fair remains a fresh experi-

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ABOVE: Adrian Silva tosses a ring at rubber ducks during opening day at the OC Fair on Friday.

RIGHT: A family chows down on fried chicken strips and lemonade while a Ferris wheel and another ride spin, at the OC Fair on opening day, Friday.



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STAINED-GLASS ARTIST Barbara Bond hangs her work in her booth at the Sawdust Art Festival in Laguna Beach.

New artists welcomed at the Sawdust

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach's summer art festival season is in full swing, and where the Sawdust Art Festival is concerned, that means that a handful of local artists are getting their opportunity to shine.

The festival has 20 new faces gracing its booths, adding to the assortment of creative works found throughout the grounds.

Barbara Bond, 74, who resides in the Laguna neighborhood known as the Village, is bringing an old artform into modern times. The mixed-media artist is using glass and metal to put her own spin

on stained-glass windows.

"I devised a way to hang them on the wall, rather than just display them in a window," Bond said of her stained-glass projects, which are framed in steel. "If you have an overhead light on, it reflects the piece itself onto the wall with all the colors."

Formerly the dean of the physical education and athletics department at Orange Coast College, Bond recently threw herself fully into her passion project. In 35 years at the college, she coached badminton, basketball, field hockey, soccer and soft-

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MARINA HIGH School recently renovated and resurfaced its tennis courts.

Don Leach

Refreshed courts pay off at Marina

BY MATT SZABO

A bulldozer motored by on the walkway in front of the tennis courts at Marina High School earlier this month.

Marina tennis coach Chuck Kingman did not flinch.

Kingman is all for improvement, and the Vikings' 16 tennis courts were recently upgraded in a major way.

Kingman said that the Huntington Beach Union High School District paid for their renovation and resurfacing in January. Now the tennis program is reaping the benefits.

He and his program have partnered with United States Tennis Assn. Southern California to host events like youth and adult tennis tournaments, camps and other educational opportunities.

In those short few months, that has netted more than \$10,000 for the Vikings' tennis program.

"That money pays for everything from signage to balls, equipment, things like that," Kingman said. "And it provides playing opportunities for my kids. We create tournaments for my kids, they

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

Balboa Bay Club hosts 2,000 visitors to annual car show

Amazing auto art filled the upper deck parking garage of Balboa Bay Resort for the 17th annual Balboa Bay Club Car Show on a recent Sunday summer afternoon.

The impressive assemblage of man's machines attracted some 2,000 guests. Upon arrival, a gleaming vintage cloud-white Rolls Royce set the tone.

Just beyond the Rolls, a stunning 1956 300 SC Mercedes Benz Roadster from owner **John Word** of Newport Beach was a showstopper. The bright, burgundy convertible won the Chairman's Award, also taking a top prize at the renowned Amelia Island Concourse d' Elegance Show. That was just the beginning of the event, with more than 100 en-



trants in multiple categories.

John Wortmann, chairman of the board of governors for the Balboa Bay Club, served as both host and producer. "We had Team Penske/Shell NASCAR driven by Joey Lugano, a first for the show. The crowd went wild when the car was fired up. The noise and reverberation was so strong we feared windows would shatter in the nearby hotel," Wortmann said.

Also on display were the first ever Ferrari-hybrid and the first SUV made by Ferrari Purosangue. From one-of-a-kind Ferraris to vintage Cadillacs, Lincolns, Jaguars, Thunderbirds, Woodys, Chevys and classic 21-window VW buses, the presentation was one

of the best in Newport Beach.

On hand with his showroom-new 1953 red Cadillac convertible, classic car enthusiast **Gary Katsaris**, with his wife, **Sharon**, welcomed guests who were admiring the very special 71-year-old American dream machine.

In case the cars were not enough to behold, a personal helicopter was also on display.

Under Wortmann's guidance, credit for the successful event belongs to **Cindy Racco**, managing director, Balboa Bay Resort and Club; **Leticia Rice**, general manager; **Aaron Trent** and **Melanie Hertrick**, who coordinated all elements of the event. Spotted in the crowd were **Todd and Natalie Pickup**, **Joe Moody**, **Mark Larson**

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TODD PICKUP, John Wortmann, Joe Moody, Mark Larson and Bill Blaise, all governors of the Balboa Bay Club, attend and support the 2024 Car Show, which attracted a crowd of some 2,000 guests.



Photos by Eric Licas

FAIRGOERS CLING to their seats on a carnival ride at the OC Fair.

FAIR

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ence for newbies and fair veterans for years to come.

“Sometimes it can feel disappointing, but sometimes I know they have to make room for things I might be fascinated in,” Gigi Silva said.

Krista Silva grew up in Orange County and has been going to the fair every year since she was 7. And even though she has seen the price of admission, parking food and attractions creep up over the years, she still considers it one of the best values for a summer outing with family and friends.

“You’re walking around, you’re getting to people watch, and I don’t think the food is extremely expensive, out of range,” she said.

One new item on the menu at concessions stands this year is the Dr. Pepper Pickle Drink. It joins classics like kettle corn, funnel cakes, turkey legs, all manner of loaded fries and deep-fried Twinkies, Oreos and candy bars.

Jeff and Ashley Haluck,



MARINA TAAGA gets her face painted by Kathy Hepler on Friday at the OC Fair.

AN AWARD-WINNING massive lemon sits on display at the 2024 OC Fair.



along with their kids, Finley and Logan, cooled off with ice cream served over cotton candy and topped with Fruity Pebbles cereal underneath a shaded bench as temperatures peaked into the 80s on opening day. They’re also longtime fairgoers who, like the Silvas, are happy with the what the event has evolved into

today. “I feel like it’s better than it’s been. I feel like it’s a lot cleaner,” Ashley Haluck said. “I think the rides look a lot more modern. And the concerts have gotten a lot better. I would say over all it’s progressed.”

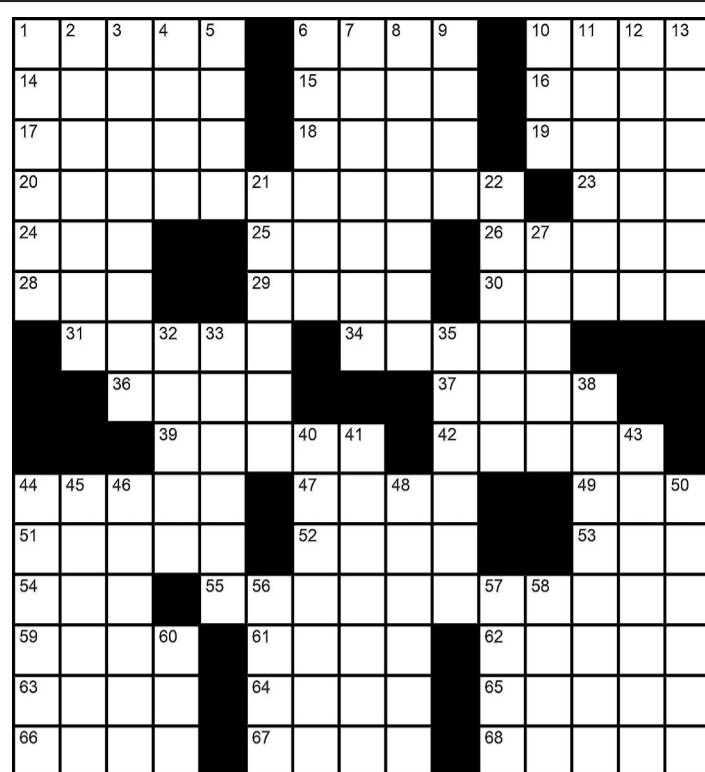
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By Stella Zawistowski

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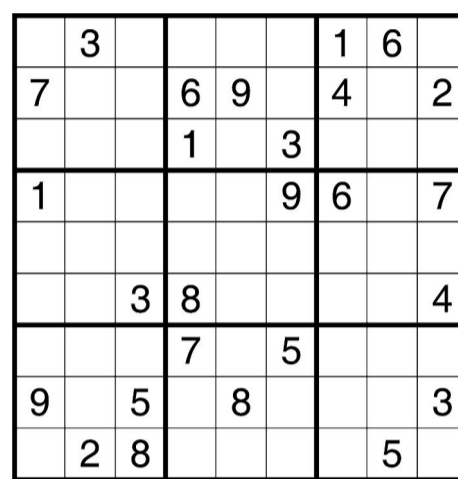
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- 18 Ring like a bell
- 19 Son of Rebekah
- 20 “Jolene” singer: 2 wds.
- 23 “Big Blue” company
- 24 Charlottesville school: Abbr.
- 25 With the bow
- 26 Pipe instrument
- 28 Dog or hamster, often
- 29 Agenda part
- 30 Country near Fiji
- 31 Scout’s job, for short
- 34 Losing battery power
- 36 “That’s a no-no!”
- 37 Person, place, or thing
- 39 Not neat
- 42 Baby bird’s sound
- 44 Meaty flavor
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- 49 Creative pursuit
- 51 “How terrible!”: 2 wds.
- 52 “You said it!”
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- 55 Blow-up place to sleep: 2 wds.
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- 62 “Grand” hotel
- 63 Group of three
- 64 Get stuck
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- 66 Sole



SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

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



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

- 67 First Lady Truman
- 68 Dissuade

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- 44 Familiar with: 2 wds.
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ball, and she also served as athletic director.

She was juried into the Festival of Arts fine art show in 2017 and 2018, which served as validation of her talents in what had been a hobby for 45 years.

"When I retired, instead of doing it just as a hobby, I wanted to be juried, so I juried into the Festival of Arts, which was really a bonus," Bond said. "I loved it. Most of the people would come through my house, and my friends would say, 'Oh, I like it,' but I wanted a jury to tell me that."

After years of coming to the Sawdust, Steve Lerum said he felt he had finally compiled enough photography to showcase on site. His initial experience as an exhibitor has surprised him, as customers have keyed in on unexpected images.

"It's really funny because the stuff that I thought would be more popular is actually the least popular," Lerum said. "[I thought] some of the flowers would



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

CLAIRE HYNES, a clothing artist, displays her work at the Sawdust Art Festival in Laguna Beach on Thursday.

be a big hit this year. It's actually been the series from Venice, Italy, with these clothes lines hanging from these buildings [that] has been the main one."

Lerum, 43, also brought a series that he shot about a decade ago, showing oil rigs out in the ocean near Long Beach as seen from South Laguna after a storm.

The beginnings of Lerum's time in Laguna had him working at Victoria Skimboards, producing

photography and video for the local business. The Vic skimboarding competition will be Aug. 17 and 18, and Lerum has a fun wrinkle planned to recognize his roots.

"I'm actually going to switch this booth into a bunch of skim photos, and I'm going to do a little Vic promotion on my booth," Lerum added. "That's what I used to do ... all skim photography."

On the more practical

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CROWD

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and **Bill Blaine**. Also attending were **Anne Wortmann**, **Devon and Jared Miller**, **Darryl and Susan Tschirn**, **Michelle and Mark Larson**, sharing car talk over Sunday barbecue served by the harbor shoreline adjacent to the exhibition.

The highlight of the afternoon was the award ceremony honoring legendary car dealer **Fletcher "Ted" Jones**, purveyor of Mercedes Benz, Newport Beach (the largest-selling Mercedes dealership in the world, including Germany) and **Jimmy Smith**, owner of Ultra Wheels, one of the nation's largest wheel-manufacturing companies. Smith was recently inducted into the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame, honored not only for the



NELSON AND MESCHELL Holdo attend the 2024 Balboa Bay Club Car Show at the Balboa Bay Resort.

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excellence of his company's products but also for its philanthropy.

The winners of the 2024 Balboa Bay Club Car Show, voted upon by guests:

Best Stich & Interior: Cary Katsaris, 1953 Cadillac El Dorado Convertible

Best British Car: Graham Reed, 1963 Austin Mini Cooper Rally Racer

Most Colorful: Jorge Robledo, 1945 Mercury

Chairman's Award: John Word, 1956 Mercedes 300 SC Roadster

Governor's Choice Awards: Andy Stavros, 1973 Ford Bronco; Condren Hampton, 1952 Chevrolet Suburban; Daniel Dawes, 1967 Chevy Camaro; Jerry Marquez, 1958 Cadillac Biaritz El Dorado; Brad and Sally LaPoint, 1964 Porsche 356 C Convertible; Ron Newman, 1961 Jaguar XK150 and Bill Lyon, 1967 Porsche S-Targa 911

Exotic Award: Robert and Tami Ervolina, 1971 For De Tomaso Pantera
Icon Award #1: Fletcher

"Ted" Jones
Icon Award #2: Jimmy Smith

Best Muscle Car: Danny Prosser, 1969 Chevy Camaro

Best Classic Car: Jarrod Word, 1959 Oldsmobile 98

Best Luxury Car: Barto Family 1962 Bentley S2 Continental Coupe

Fast and Furious Award: Bob Koop Sr., 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06

Diamond Trophy: John Bemis, 1971 Ferrari Daytona Spyder

Favorite in Show: Bill Stellmacher, 1968 Volkswagen Shorty Bus

Sexiest Car: Robert and Tami Ervolina, 1971 Ford De Tomaso Pantera

Dad's Pick: Andy Stavros, 1973 Ford Bronco

Best Paint: Nick Berger, 1968 Jaguar XKE

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, this notice is to advise that the City of Newport Beach intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed project described below.

Lead Agency: City of Newport Beach

Contact: Robert Stein, Assistant City Engineer, 949.644.3311

Project Title: Collins Island Bridge Replacement Project

Project Applicant: City of Newport Beach Public Works Department

Project Location: The project site is the Collins Island Bridge and its immediate vicinity located on Balboa Island in Newport Bay. Collins Island is located on the western tip of Balboa Island and is connected to the greater Balboa Island via the Collins Island Bridge.

Project Description: The proposed project has three major components: 1) bridge replacement, 2) seawall improvements, and 3) future pump station accommodations. The proposed bridge would be designed to be a total of 20 feet and 6 inches in width to accommodate one vehicle travel lane, one sidewalk, and concrete barriers on each side to provide protection from projected sea level rise. The slope profile along the roadway and sidewalk bridge approaches would be adjusted to comply with ADA standards. Street, sidewalk, and landscaping improvements are also proposed on the Balboa Island side along the Bay Front sidewalk and Park Avenue. The proposed seawall improvements would be designed to have an increased top of wall coping elevation to mitigate sea level rise impacts. The City is currently in the process of designing a new storm water pump station on Park Avenue near the Collins Island Bridge as part of a separate project. Therefore, future pump station accommodations are also proposed to accommodate this separate project.

Anticipated City discretionary approvals include CEQA clearance and a Coastal Development Permit. The project also requires approvals from additional agencies including, but not limited to, a Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission, Section 10 and Section 404 Permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Section 401 Permit and Construction General Permit from the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Environmental Determination: The City has prepared an Initial Study to determine the proposed project's potential impact on the environment. The City has determined that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, but by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the project's impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels. Accordingly, the City intends to adopt an MND.

Public Review: A public review period will begin on July 23, 2024 and end on August 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The Initial Study is available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Newport Beach Public Works Department, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660;
- Newport Beach Public Library Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660;
- Newport Beach Public Library Balboa Branch, 100 East Balboa Boulevard, Newport Beach, CA 92660;
- Newport Beach Public Library Corona del Mar Branch, 410 Marigold Avenue, Corona del Mar, CA 92625;
- Newport Beach Public Library Mariners Branch, 1300 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660; and
- City's Website: <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa>

Any interested person or agency may comment on this matter by submitting comments via email to rstein@newportbeachca.gov or via postal mail or in person delivery to the City of Newport Beach Public Works Department, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Public Hearing: A public hearing has not yet been scheduled. A separate notice of public hearing will be circulated pursuant to all applicable City of Newport Beach public noticing requirements once a public hearing has been scheduled.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not listed pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

COURTS

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play in it and we earn some money to help our program."

It's a partnership that made sense, given that the Vikings have more tennis courts than other neighboring high schools.

And, with the pickleball craze and a similar sport called padel also quickly emerging, that's more courts than even some other local tennis facilities have. Kingman said he can remember when Los Caballeros in Fountain Valley had 50 tennis courts.

"Right now, they're down to six," he said. "All the rest have been converted to pickleball ... We're very fortunate to have 16 courts. That's usually the response when people come — 'Oh my God, you have 16 courts.'"

Kingman enjoys pickleball and he believes there's a place for it, though he said the big question is what kind of staying power it's going to have.

"Pickleball is the new, exciting thing, the shiny object," he said. "All of the marketing is about pickleball ... [but] the numbers for tennis have never been stronger."

Trevor Kronemann, a longtime Orange County tennis staple who is now the executive director of USTA Southern California, is well aware of this fact.

He said his organization is trying to get courts wherever it can find them — high schools, elementary schools, homeowner's associations.

The USTA has a goal of 35 million tennis players nationally by 2035. In Southern California, he said there are currently about 2.5 million players, and the goal is to increase that by a million in that next decade.

"Our goal is to hit 40 resurfaced courts this year," Kronemann said. "They cost about \$7,500 each, so it's a \$300,000 grant. Now we just have to find those locations that are willing to partner with us, maybe make some revenue, have a revenue split. We're not asking for them to run the site

or even bring anything else, just allow us to resurface your courts and do programming on them. I think it's kind of a win-win."

Kronemann again emphasized that pickleball is not the enemy. He foresees weekend tournaments where each sport can be highlighted.

"Friday night it's pickleball and Jimmy Buffett," he said. "Saturday night, it's tennis and it's the Rolling Stones. Sunday, it's padel with Jason Mraz. I don't know what it really looks like, but I do know that people want to be social. I think tennis needs to react to that and it needs to be more than a 'go play your match and leave' situation."

Kingman's Marina program is certainly reaping the benefits of its new courts. He said a long-term goal is to add eight more courts, bringing the total to 24, which could secure bigger USTA tournaments and generate massive revenue that could fund the entire athletic program.

Kingman said he did research and got bids for the



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CHUCK KINGMAN, Marina High tennis coach, saw the school's 16 tennis recently renovated and resurfaced.

district for the resurfacing job. Trueline Construction & Surfacing, based in Riverside, did the courts.

"Most high schools have a lot of court availability and don't really utilize it," Kingman said. "I'm a tennis coach, not a teacher, but so many of the programs have people who are teachers and are really busy and don't have the time. Or, they don't have the information available to help with their facilities. So the USTA is

reaching out to high schools to say, 'We need courts for programming. We're willing to help you refurbish your courts and help your facility.'"

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