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## Oil sheen reported in same location as H.B. spill

Authorities from the Coast Guard and the Department of Fish and Wildlife are investigating the 70-by-30-foot spot that was discovered by divers.

BY JOE MOZINGO

State and federal authorities are investigating an oil sheen spotted in the ocean near the ruptured pipeline that caused last month's oil spill off Orange County, officials said.

"It is a light sheen, not a slick," said U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Richard Braham. "The Coast Guard and [California Depart-

ment of Fish and Wildlife] launched a team. They are currently investigating it."

He said the sheen was reported to cover an area of 70 feet by 30 feet and likened it to the multicolored swirls that appear in the water when diesel gas is spilled at a boat dock. Divers working for Amplified Energy, the company that operates the oil platforms and pipeline that caused the spill,

reported the sheen.

Braham said the state and federal responders, using boats and a helicopter, have been unable to find the sheen, and its cause was not determined.

"That's not really unexpected; if you know these things, they break up pretty fast," he said.

State Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine)

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**BEACH CLEANUP** after last month's oil spill. An oil sheen was reported Saturday around the same location.

Allen J. Schaben  
L.A. Times



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**TELEPHONE POLES** are shown in an alley between La Brea and Fairview in North Laguna. Signatures were collected from 57 property owners in a district with 91 parcels to support an utility undergrounding project. Undergrounding is a "benefit for all of the town," according to one resident.

## Undergrounding plans move forward in North Laguna area

The City Council votes at Tuesday's meeting to create a fund and set aside money for the proposed Fairview-La Brea utility assessment district.

BY ANDREW TURNER

A neighborhood on the north side of Laguna Beach is taking steps to move its utility lines underground. The Laguna Beach City Council on Tues-

day voted unanimously to establish a fund and set aside money for the proposed Fairview-La Brea underground utility assessment district.

The city will appropriate \$296,500 from its street light and utility fund, which will go toward the cost of assessment engineering and the preparation of bid documents, as well as legal, financial and design services.

There are 91 properties within the district boundaries. From that number, 57 property owners signed a petition to support the proposed undergrounding project.

Laguna Beach's underground utility assessment district formation policy, which was established in 2012, requires at least 60% of the affected property owners to petition the city. Cash deposits of \$500 must also be made by each of those petitioners.

The deposits, which help offset some of the cost for utility design and assessment engineering, are viewed as a commitment from the neighborhood to support forming the district. The 57 signatures collected repre-

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## Upgrades at Edison Park in H.B. move forward

The City Council votes on Tuesday to approve a reconfiguration plan, which includes new athletic courts.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday night voted to approve a conceptual plan that would add several fields to Edison Park while also keeping dozens of mature trees in the space.

The council unanimously voted to approve one of three options presented by the city's Community & Library Services Department. The main distinction between the option chosen and the other two was that it would nix a proposed 57-stall parking area and dedicated dog area in the north area of the park along Stillwell Drive.

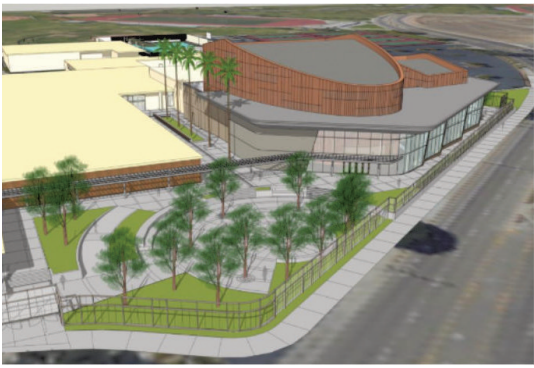
"Staff will certainly address off-site parking alternatives, to address parking needs during peak usage," Community & Library Services director Chris Slama said. "We've already had some conversations with Edison High School, as well as the [Huntington Beach] City School District. They're definitely open to the discussion, to see what kind of options there would be to share some space."

At nearly 40 acres, Edison Park is one of the largest parks in the

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**A RENDERING** of an Estancia High School performing arts complex due to be completed in 2024.

Courtesy of Newport-Mesa Unified School District



## Costa Mesa's challenge to theater project denied

BY SARA CARDINE

A lawsuit filed by the city of Costa Mesa to halt construction of a \$32-million performing arts complex at Estancia High School, on the grounds school district officials failed to provide public review of the proposal, has been denied.

The dispute hinged on whether a 180-day deadline for legally challenging a project — under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) — began after Newport-Mesa Unified School District initially approved the work in October

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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Newport Harbor outlasts Dominguez to reach title game in CIF Division 6

BY MATT SZABO

The Compton Dominguez High football team couldn't keep Newport Harbor sophomore Josiah Lamarque out of the end zone during Friday night's CIF Southern Section Division 6 playoff semifinal game.

Lamarque's teammates actually did that.

A week after finding the end zone five times in a quarterfinal win at Santa Barbara, he had a first-half kickoff return and punt return for a touchdown both called back due to Newport Harbor penalties.

Earlier in the year, coach Peter Lofthouse said the Sailors would have got down on themselves and

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**AFTER A CATCH**, Newport Harbor's Kashton Henjum sprints away from Ormanie Arnold into the end zone during the semifinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 6 playoffs against Compton Dominguez on Friday.



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# Just what you always wanted: a refresher on family names during the holidays

Are the Williamses coming to your house for the holidays? Or are you going to the Williamses'? Maybe you're planning to celebrate Christmas with the Maciases or the Sanchezes, perhaps at the Nashes' house or the Ngos' cabin?

Or maybe you and the rest of the Berrys just want to send a Christmas card to the Antonellis or inquire about the Tanakas' new baby.

That's all lovely — till you try to write about it. The holiday season is rife with opportunities to make embarrassing mistakes forming plurals and plural possessives of family names on holiday cards and other correspondence. So strap in for the 2021 edition of our "A Word, Please" holiday tradition: a refresher on how to make family names plural or plural possessive.

The most embarrassing holiday typos occur when you're writing your own name, usually when signing a Christmas card from the whole gang: "Happy holidays from the Smith's!" That should be Smiths, not Smith's, because you want a plural and not a possessive.

The most important rule here: Never use an apostrophe to form a plural. Mr. Antonelli and Mrs. Antonelli are the Antonellis. You may be tempted to insert an apostrophe there because adding an S after a vowel seems to change the pronunciation. Don't. To form a plural for most names, even names that end in vowels, just add S: the Chos, the Smiths, the Wilsons, the Micelis, the DiAngelos.

If the name ends in S or another "sibilant" like Z, X, Ch or Sh, make it plural by adding ES. Mr. Jones and Ms. Jones are the Joneses. Jane Nash and Sarah Nash are the Nashes. Two people named Williams are the Williamses. A family named Gonzalez are the Gonzalezes.

Names that end in Y are disorienting because we're taught that most words that end in Y have irregular plurals: berries, cherries, bodies, skies, flies, allies. But names aren't like these generic words.

As proper nouns, they never change their spelling. You make them plural by adding S. Mrs. and Mr. Berry are the Berrys, not the Berries. Mr. and Ms. Kennedy are the Kennedys. Family members named Riley are the Rileys, and if they're named Avery they're the Averys.

None of these plurals takes an apostrophe. The only time you'll insert an apostrophe is when you're showing possession, for example by talking about someone's house



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**GUESTS WALK** among the Technicolor light tunnel during the Sherman Library and Gardens' Nights of a 1,000 Lights holiday event.

or son or vacation.

To show possession, ask yourself whether one person possesses the thing or plural people do. When you're using a family name to talk about multiple people, that's a plural. Making these plural names possessive is easy. Just add an apostrophe. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones are the Joneses and their house is the Joneses' house. Ms. Avery and her sons are the Averys and their house is the Averys' house. There are no exceptions for names that end in Z or Ch or similar sounds because every name you make plural will end with an S: Deitriches. Just put an apostrophe after the S to make it possessive: the Deitriches' house.

Sound too simple to be true? Perhaps that's because you're remembering that irregular plurals usually complicate things: children, men, women, people, sheep, cattle. These generic nouns are all plural even though they don't end in S. You form their possessives by adding both an apostrophe and an S: children's, men's, people's, etc. You don't have to worry about that with proper names because their plurals always end in S.

So to wish someone happy holidays from the whole gang, just add S or ES at the end of your last name. Merry Christmas from the Baileys! If you want to say you're going to someone's house, just put an apostrophe after the possessive S: Have fun at the Baileys' house!

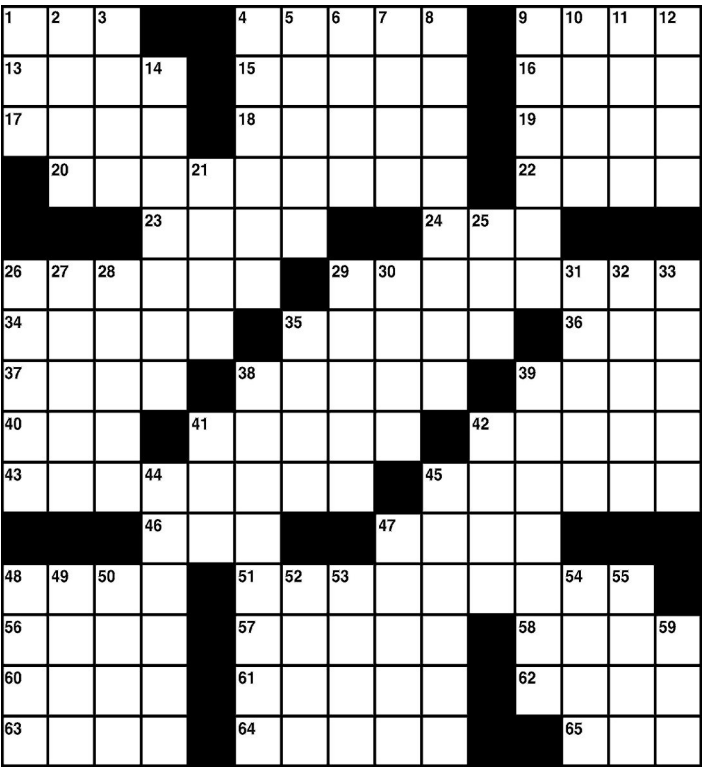
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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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22 Hospital furnishings  
23 Somewhat improper  
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36 Body of water  
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40 Barrel of nails  
41 Actor Tim \_  
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63 South \_, Indiana  
64 Smallest amount  
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**DOWN**



## SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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

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

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4 Heart \_; leading cause of death  
5 Suspicious  
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- 7 As slippery \_ eel  
8 Took as an insult  
9 Worldwide  
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11 Enthusiastic  
12 Bookie's collections  
14 Boot camp

- attendee  
21 Diplomacy  
25 Greyhound vehicle  
26 Quarterback's woes  
27 Twitter post  
28 Grazing area  
29 Harley rider  
30 Whirlpool appliance  
31 Dad to Jacob & Esau  
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35 Strong wind  
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41 "Much \_ About Nothing"  
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44 Arise  
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MAILBAG

MALE AND female mallards are released in the Semeniuk Slough in west Newport Beach.

Don Leach



Released mallards call to mind Fred and Wilma

It's been about two years since I've seen the two mallard ducks that used to hang out near my condo unit in Newport Beach waiting for me to throw them pieces of bread. At times they appeared every day for a long while, then they didn't show themselves for long periods, even more than a year. When they did show up for their handout I would gently knock on my sliding glass door just prior to tossing out the pieces of bread thereby alerting them to their forthcoming breakfast. After a while it got to the point that as soon as they heard the knocking on the glass they would turn toward me no matter where they were on the grass and slowly waddle for the food not unlike Pavlov's dogs. I have a video of this little procedure.

I don't know anything in detail regarding ducks, but I've a feeling that since the two were the same ducks every time and one of them always allowed the other to eat first, that the one who ate first was probably the female in the duo with her partner being the male and always the gentleman.

Reading the article in

Wednesday's issue of the Pilot I couldn't help but think that maybe Fred and Wilma (my two former feathered friends) might be among the 100 mallards released to the open after being housed at the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center for a while. If that is the case, then perhaps I may again throw some bread crumbs to that cute pair that once frequented my home.

In any case, seeing all those ducks set free was a grand sight with an ending that was simply ducky.

**Bill Spitalnick**  
Newport Beach

Irvine poaches Huntington city manager

Oliver Chi has done a commendable job during tumultuous times as Surf City's municipal manager.

As city manager for Huntington Beach Mr. Chi earns \$260,000 annually; managing city matters for Irvine, Mr. Chi will be paid \$301,246. Apparently money talks and has encouraged Mr. Chi to walk. Huntington Beach's loss is Irvine's gain.

**Ben Miles**  
Huntington Beach

AROUND TOWN

O.C. approves elimination of library late fines

Starting Tuesday, Orange County Public Libraries will no longer be charging late fines for overdue materials, following a decision this week by the county Board of Supervisors.

The move comes as the library system celebrates 100 years of service.

"Public libraries play an essential role in providing safe, accessible, and free educational resources for every member in our community," stated Chairman Andrew Do, 1st District supervisor, in a news release. "Eliminating late fines will incentivize residents to take advantage of county library resources once again and not be hesitant to take a book home during their next visit."

In 2019, the American Library Assn. passed a resolution asserting that library fines create an economic barrier to access library materials and services and urged libraries to actively

move toward eliminating fines.

Beginning Tuesday all overdue fines will be waived for all library cardholders. Those with outstanding items are invited back to the library to return overdue or lost items and will be given a fresh start, officials say.

The library will still collect fines for lost or damaged items.

For more information on OC Public Libraries and the elimination of late fines, visit [ocpl.org/nolatefines](http://ocpl.org/nolatefines).

**HBPd partners with Robyn's Nest for food drive**

The Huntington Beach Police Department is partnering with local nonprofit Robyn's Nest on a holiday food drive through Nov. 30.

Donations are requested to be dropped off at the police department at 2000 Main St. There is a box in the lobby.

Items that will be accepted include peanut butter and/or jelly, canned veg-

etables, fruit or chicken and boxes of instant potatoes, cereal and macaroni and cheese. Other items include one-pound bags of rice or beans, packs of gravy, pasta and pasta sauce and \$25 gift cards to grocery stores.

Donators are asked to avoid perishable items or glass jars.

**Surf City Winter Wonderland opens Friday**

The Surf City Winter Wonderland, an ice-skating rink at Pier Plaza, opens Friday and will continue through Jan. 2.

General admission tickets are \$15, and skate rentals are \$5. Group packages are available. For more information, email [surfcitywv@gmail.com](mailto:surfcitywv@gmail.com).

**Volunteers are sought for Gobble Gobble Give 2021**

Gobble Gobble Give 2021 in Orange County will take place from 8 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. Thursday at Moongoat Coffee, 1985 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa, where volunteers will gather to donate food and clothing to be distributed to those living on the streets.

Those who would like to lend a hand can help in a variety of ways: donating food or clothing items, helping to assemble Thanksgiving plates and hygiene kits, delivering food and supplies from Gobble Gobble Give to charities or encampments or making monetary donations to [gobblegobblegive.org](http://gobblegobblegive.org).

Since its inception 24 years ago, the organization has delivered a total of 800,000 meals along with clothing and toiletries to the homeless across the country on Thanksgiving morning.

**Costa Mesa police to host Coyote Town Hall**

Wildlife experts will share

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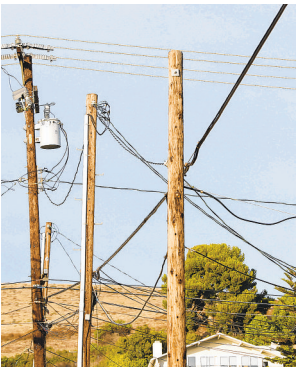
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sents 62.6% of affected property owners, and the city accepted deposits totaling \$28,500 from the petitioners.

Those who addressed the council to support the undergrounding largely pointed to safety as a motivation for the project. Stories were told of downed wires and exploding transformers.

"The benefit is for all of the town ...," resident Mark Gold said. "Eventually, we all hope that more assessment districts will form. We will be an example of other districts and inspire other areas of North Laguna to do the same, which in the end benefits our entire city."

Concerns brought up by residents about the project included a request for the district boundaries to be re-



Don Leach

**LAGUNA BEACH MAYOR**

Bob Whalen said the city has a part to play in funding underground utility districts.

made to include only those properties that expressed interest in the undergrounding plan.

One resident said that he had already paid to be part of an undergrounding district previously.

"I've already undergrounded my property in

the Hillcrest district," resident Curt Alderson said. "... I paid a lot of money, and I did my undergrounding — and happy to do it — but now they've included me in this new district, and I don't think it's fair, so that's my complaint."

"I've already paid over \$25,000 to get mine undergrounded, and I don't think I should have to pay it again."

Later in the discussion, Tom Perez, a capital program manager for the city, indicated that the cost associated with the undergrounding project for a property owner could, in part, be based on the benefits that came with having nearby utility poles removed.

"Part of the work that the assessment engineer does is he rates each property, so there's a weighted score for each property," Perez said.

"So each of those [ben-

efits] — safety, aesthetics and views — will lead to what their overall assessment is, so if there is a reduced impact because say the poles were previously removed on one side, then it typically works out that their assessment would be lower."

Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen said the city has a part to play in funding underground utility districts.

"There is a contribution the city makes, because the assessment engineer also has to decide, or will decide, whether there is general benefit to certain of these improvements, beyond the special benefit to these properties," Whalen said.

"Typically, there is general benefit, and the city has to pay for that."

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EDISON

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city. Neighbors spoke up at the council meeting about traffic concerns, as well as environmental concerns with the removal of the mature trees.

Tamara McClory of the RGM Design Group said in a presentation that the process of the Edison Park renovation was started in May, to develop a conceptual master plan based on community input and professional analysis. She said the various online surveys and community workshops had a total of 623 participants.

The Edison Park conceptual plan would include four new full- and half-court basketball courts, and two new tennis courts.

Two existing tennis

courts would be converted to eight pickleball courts. The new sports courts along Magnolia Street would result in the removal of several large eucalyptus trees.

Two new under-10 soccer fields would be overlaid with the two existing softball fields. Plus, three more 50-by-70-yard soccer fields would be added in the southern part of the park along Hamilton Avenue, owned by Southern California Edison.

“In talking with the soccer groups that would be using these, these would be primarily be used for practice space,” Slama said. “We don’t need to be limited to those particular dimensions. From what I’m gathering from the soccer groups, the more space the better.”

The Edison Park skate

spot which launched in July would be expanded, and a pump track would be provided for bike riders.

Though Slama said about 200 new trees would be planted, tree advocates showed up to Tuesday’s meeting in protest after last week’s initially approved plan would have eliminated about 20 large trees, primarily pines, and put the parking lot along Stillwell Drive.

Longtime southeast Huntington Beach resident Nancy Buchoz told the council that the adjustments needed to be made to protect the trees “on the chopping block.”

She formed a group with her friend Betty Flynn called Friends of Edison Park about a year ago, to schedule cleanings and discussions of the park.

“I didn’t think I was a



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**ALYSSA WHITSON**, 21, ollies a curb at the Edison Park skate spot when it was launched in July.

tree-hugger, but I guess I am,” she said. “By removing the gates and fencing and making the fields longer ... the trees are going to get cut.

“Those are like 50-year-old trees, 48 years to be exact, and there’s got to be a way that we can accommodate all of the needs.”

Bill Craig said he frequents the park with his family to play tennis and basketball, as well as just to hang out.

“I think the team did a good job with the park,” he said.

“I’m especially excited to see an addition of a pump track. It’s something that

people of all ages can enjoy — people using skateboards, scooters, bikes, anything on wheels. It’s something different and something cool.”

In the end, the council voted for the amended plan. Councilman Erik Peterson suggested hanging banners around the park to spur more community involvement.

“Thank you for listening and making some changes,” Peterson said to Slama. “If you’re going to take more input, banners are pretty cheap.”

The next steps will be to perform geotechnical and engineering studies, and more community outreach, to put together a more formal plan. Slama said much more research needs to be done before figuring out a price tag.

The project website is [bit.ly/hbedisonpark](http://bit.ly/hbedisonpark).

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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THEATER

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2019 or after they declared the project exempt from CEQA review in December 2020.

In a Jan. 15 petition for writ of mandate, Costa Mesa City Atty. Kimberly Hall Barlow acknowledged school board members approved plans for a 46,000-square-foot complex with a 350-seat theater and lobby,

a black box theater and new concession, storage and backstage areas on the Costa Mesa campus during an Oct. 7, 2019, meeting.

NMUSD had not yet conducted any environmental review, a step that allows the public to weigh in on plans that could present significant impacts to an area.

In December 2020, trustees adopted a resolution finding the scope of work exempt from CEQA review, thus precluding any public feedback.

Newport-Mesa officials maintained that, because the project would not increase Estancia’s student population, or require a change in facility use, it did not require such review.

City officials argued the project and its construction present significant impacts to aesthetics, open space, air quality, traffic and public access to the campus and said a proper CEQA review, not the board’s 2019 vote, should trigger the 180-day complaint window.

In a tentative ruling filed on Nov. 12, Orange County Superior Court judge Randall J. Sherman sided with Newport-Mesa Unified, saying the clock began ticking when the board approved the project and determining the city’s objection had not been filed within the required 180 days.

“Respondents have shown that on Oct. 7, 2019, the district made a 7-0 decision to approve the site plan and the schematic design of the project, which committed the district to a definite course of action,” Sherman wrote.

“The board made a formal and official decision when it approved the sche-

matic design for the Estancia High School Theater,” he continued. “This decision triggered the 180-day statute of limitations, barring the petition, which was filed over a year later on Jan. 15, 2021.”

School district officials may proceed with their plans for Estancia, which include repurposing an existing theater into a lecture hall, installing perimeter fencing and demolishing a nearly 1-acre senior lawn, containing more than 30 mature sycamore trees, to accommodate the build.

“We are pleased with the ruling and are excited to continue moving forward with the project, which is expected to begin construction in early 2022,” NMUSD spokeswoman Annette Franco wrote in an email Friday.

The project is anticipated to be completed by summer of 2024. But Costa Mesa officials still have the option to appeal Sherman’s decision.

Hall Barlow said Friday the City Council would discuss the matter in a Dec. 7 closed session meeting.

The attorney said she believes the district engaged in a bait and switch, telling the public when they approved the project, an environmental review and a chance to provide feedback would be forthcoming and then later exempting the project from such review.

“It deprived the entire public an opportunity to weigh in on the project — I don’t think that’s what the public expected,” Hall Barlow added. “That’s not a very good moral lesson for the students of the school district.”

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CITY OF COSTA MESA

NOTICE ANNUAL REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REPORT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa City Council at the regular meeting on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California and virtual locations will consider the following item:

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITYWIDE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**

California Government Code Section 66000-66008 requires an annual review and accounting of the Citywide Development Impact Fee Activity for the Fiscal Year.

Agency description of specified activity is posted in the City Clerk’s Office.

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Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa  
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CITY OF COSTA MESA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITYWIDE TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE PROGRAM**

California Government Code Section 66006(b) requires an annual review and accounting of the Citywide Traffic Impact Fee Program. The Fund Balance Account Sheet is posted in the City Clerk’s Office.

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Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa  
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In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager’s lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below:

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Crystal Montoya	Hsld gds/Furn
Inga Warren	Hsld gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip
Tanisha Robinson	Hsld gds/Furn
Dakota Brown	Hsld gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip
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Gustavo Rodriguez	Hsld gds/Furn
Jacques Christofilis	Hsld gds/Furn
<b>LS #529, 10025 Muirlands Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618, 949-768-8051</b>	
JoAnn Spence	Hsld gds/Furn
Garry Calcott	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Tools/Applnces, Landscpng/Cnstrctn Equip,Bikes
Anibal Lopez Gonzalez	Tools/Applnces, Lndscpng/Cnstrctn Equip
<b>LS #527, 3190 Pullman St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626, 714-979-4100</b>	
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Derik Roy	Hsld gds/Furn
Kelly Cook	Hsld gds/Furn
Michelle Tabony	Office Furn/Mach/Equip
Kelly Mcgettrick	Hsld gds/Furn,Tools/ Applnces,Actcng rcrds/ Sales Sampls
Bridget Chowen	Hsld gds/Furn
Justin Tijerina	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Tools/Applnces, Off Furn/Mach/Equip
Donna Haith	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Acct Rcrds/Sales Sampls
Jessica Hosey	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip
Cesar Gutierrez	Hsld gds/Furn
Josh Samuels	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip
Jason Bennett	Hsld gds/Furn
Nour Kassem	Hsld gds/Furn
Chelsea Morrison	Hsld gds/Furn
Ryan Smith	Tools/Applnces
Jamila Majesty	Hsld gds/Furn
Vic Bueno	Hsld gds/Furn
Clarissa Thompson	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Tools/Applnces,Off Furn/Mach/Equip
Clarissa Thompson	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Tools/Applnces,Off Furn/Mach/Equip
Derik Hansen	Off Furn/Mach/Equip
Jeff Cohen	Hsld gds/Furn
<b>LS #605, 17392 Murphy Ave, Irvine, CA 92614, 949-222-0270</b>	
Ray A Smith	Hsld gds/Furn,Tools/ Applnces
Gregory Leal	Hsld gds/Furn,Off Furn/ Mach/Equip,Tools, Applnces,Supplmnts/ Hlth Prdcts
Jestin D Flowers	Off Furn/Mach/Equip

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## Matthew Arnold Schultz

October 16, 1963 - November 2, 2021

Matthew Arnold Schultz, 58, of Riverside County, passed away at Loma Linda Medical Center as a result of an unexpected illness on November 2, 2021. He is survived by his mother, Bettie Schultz, of Corona, California; and siblings, Mark Schultz, of Corona, California; Anne Sturdevant, of Alamogordo, New Mexico; and Marie Malloy, of Mentone, California. Matt was born in Michigan to Ray and Bettie Schultz and moved to California as a young child. He grew up in Fountain Valley, California, and attended Los Amigos high school. He loved music and was an accomplished guitarist. He also loved the outdoors and frequently disappeared to go camping. Another of Matt’s passions was woodworking, as anyone lucky enough to be gifted with one of his beautiful creations can attest.

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BOYS' WATER POLO

Newport caps season with SoCal Regional crown

BY MATT SZABO

The Newport Harbor High boys' water polo team held a senior dinner a couple of weeks ago.

Senior co-captain Mason Hunt said a slideshow was played, with pictures of the boys when they were in 10-and-under club water polo for Newport.

"I think there's one with Ben [Liechty] on my shoulders, Billy [Rankin] next to me, Cole [Borggreve] next to me," Hunt said.

"Just those looking at those pictures, it makes me smile. It's not a team of superstars who have been recruited from different areas. It's our local kids who have grinded together for 10 years, and it feels good to be able to showcase that."

When they won the inaugural CIF Southern Section Open Division title on Nov. 13, the Sailors became the first public school since 2009 to win the title in the top division. But regardless of any metric, Newport Harbor had a season that can only be defined as extraordinary.

They capped it off Saturday night in their home pool. Top-seeded Newport Harbor beat No. 3-seeded Mater Dei 10-6 to win the CIF State Southern California Regional Division I title.

To be sure, the seniors did not go out quietly for coach Ross Sinclair's Sailors (29-5). Senior left-hander and co-captain Gage Verdegaal had a match-high four goals, while Hunt had two goals and two assists.

Rankin had three steals and an

assist for the Sailors, and Richie Rimlinger had a goal, an assist and a field block.

"I think it's just a culmination of hard work and belief in each other that's allowed us to be successful," said the Harvard-bound Hunt, who has a 4.0 unweighted grade-point average during his time at Newport Harbor.

"Every team's unique, but it's a great feeling. We've played together for almost 10 years now. I've trusted these guys for 10 years. I think that was showcased tonight, but also, last Saturday in our win against Huntington."

Sophomore center Peter Castillo had two goals and four exclusions drawn for the Sailors. Liechty, a junior left-hander, had a goal, four assists and four steals.

Junior goalkeeper Cooper Mathisrud, whose play has impressed throughout the postseason run, made eight saves.

"It's great to see his improvement," Hunt said. "I think he's still trending up."

The Sailors definitely were trending that way at the end of the season. They earned their second win over Mater Dei (26-4) in 11 days, after also beating the Monarchs in the Open Division semifinals on Nov. 10.

Newport Harbor never trailed in the second half. After Carter Loth scored at two meters for Mater Dei to bring the visitors within 6-5 with 2:56 left in the third quarter, the Monarchs could score just once more.

"I think it was just the energy,"



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

**NEWPORT HARBOR HIGH'S** Gage Verdegaal scores one of his four goals as the Sailors captured the CIF State Southern California Regional Division I title by beating Mater Dei on Saturday, their second win over the Monarchs in 11 days.

Verdegaal said. "Cooper had another phenomenal game ... and that really gave us the energy to get back on the other end and start producing on the offensive side."

Hunt and Verdegaal both scored counterattack strikes assisted by Liechty.

And after Castillo punched in a rebound goal, the Sailors suddenly had a 9-5 lead with 5:35 remaining in the game.

Loth led Mater Dei with three goals, and Luke Redoutey added two.

Newport Harbor ended its season on an eight-match winning streak, and as Hunt pointed out,

made the finals of every tournament in which it participated.

"We lost to Mater Dei in the South Coast Tournament and we lost to Sacred Heart in the Elite 12 Tournament, but regardless, it's really good experience," Hunt said. "At the end of the day, our real goal was winning CIF, and those were the building blocks that helped get us to that."

"This is kind of the cherry on top, to be able to play together one more time and feel that brotherhood, that chemistry. It felt good. It was a special opportunity."

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AROUND

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coyote safety tips, emerging coyote trends, the importance of reporting coyote sightings and hazing techniques Monday night at a Coyote Town Hall hosted by the Costa Mesa Police Department.

The town hall will be held in the Community Room at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive.

Hours for the event are 6 to 8 p.m.

The city has implemented a coyote management plan and makes information to the public available on its website.

Winter Fantasy at Sawdust Festival

The 31st annual Winter Fantasy features 150 artists at the Sawdust Festival in Laguna Beach through Dec. 19.

The grounds will be open to shop at on weekends during the above period, as well as on Black Friday.

Visitors will have the chance to meet Santa, listen to music performed on three stages, and enjoy art classes and demonstrations.

Winter Fantasy will be open on the weekends between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children between the ages of 6 and 12.

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folded. What he has seen during this team's postseason run has been different.

"The players have started to learn the process of how to win and to overcome adversity," he said.

Newport Harbor did more than stay in it. The Sailors found a way to make plays at the end against a good football team.

Kashton Henjum caught the go-ahead touchdown pass from AJ Guitron-Moore in the fourth quarter, and a late defensive stand helped the Sailors earn a 20-19 victory Friday night at Davidson Field.

No. 3-seeded Newport Harbor (6-7) has made a CIF final for the first time since 2013.

The Sailors will play on the road against No. 4-seeded Temecula Valley in the Division 6 title game Saturday, looking for their first CIF title since 2005.

Temecula Valley upset top-seeded Camarillo in overtime 37-31 in the other



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**NEWPORT HARBOR** running back Henry Slater fights off a tackle by Ormanie Arnold for a touchdown Friday night.

Division 6 semifinal.

Few may have expected the Sailors to be in this position. They weren't even sure they would make the postseason.

"It's a really cool thing," Lofthouse said. "It really is. We heard a lot of people say we didn't belong in the playoffs at 3-7, and now we've put together a three-game stretch and really started playing some of our best football. We feel like

we're peaking at the right time. Now we get the opportunity to go play for a CIF title."

The Sailors rallied from a two-touchdown deficit in the first half against No. 2-seeded Dominguez (10-3). Dominguez senior left-handed quarterback Jordan Ford made plays with his arm and his feet.

He had a 21-yard touchdown pass to Cieonta Davis on the Dons' first pos-

session, then scored on a six-yard keeper to end the visitors' second possession. The extra-point attempt was blocked, so Dominguez had to settle for a 13-0 lead.

The Sailors, who missed a field goal on their opening drive, wouldn't get any points until midway through the second quarter.

That was when Guitron-Moore found Henjum on a 35-yard touchdown pass. Henjum outmuscled the defensive back for the catch, then broke his tackle and strolled into the end zone for the score.

After Dominguez went three-and-out, Sailors running back Henry Slater scored on a six-yard carry just before the half, giving Newport Harbor a 14-13 advantage at the intermission.

The Dons answered in the fourth quarter on a two-yard run by Cyrus Finnie, though the conversion run failed so their lead was just 19-14.

The Sailors came right back on their next drive, with Guitron-Moore placing a perfectly placed ball to Henjum down the right

sideline on a 20-yard score.

"We've practiced that play probably 1,000 times," Guitron-Moore said. "I just trust him to catch that."

Newport Harbor's conversion pass was broken up, so the Sailors held a narrow 20-19 lead. And Dominguez looked to be putting together a game-winning drive late.

Ford's 11-yard pass to Damente Bias gave the Dons a first down at the Sailors' 30-yard line with about three minutes left. But that was as close as Dominguez would get.

After an incomplete pass, Nathan Peters and Connor Chenier combined to sack Ford for an eight-yard loss. On third-and-18, Ford found Bilal Musaddiq on a quick screen pass, but that was quickly gobbled up by the Sailors' Carson De Avila for just a three-yard gain.

Ford's next pass downfield was incomplete, and the Sailors took over on downs. With Dominguez out of timeouts, they could go in victory formation.

"Our defense has been very strong all year for us,

and they've been very consistent," Lofthouse said. "Go figure. At the biggest moments and the brightest lights, when we needed our defense, they showed up and finished this off. It's a testament to what they've been doing all year."

The Newport Harbor offensive line of left tackle Peters, left guard Emilio Marquez, center Carter Gomez, right guard Makai Sagiao and right tackle Grayson Simon did not allow Guitron-Moore to be sacked in the game.

Perhaps symbolizing the Sailors' underdog status, Guitron-Moore was a third-string quarterback earlier in the year and did not start until the Fountain Valley win on Oct. 8.

Now, he's a game away from leading the Sailors to a CIF title in his senior year.

"It's crazy," he said. "This is great. I can't really describe how I feel. We've been through a lot of adversity, and we just kept fighting."

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OIL

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said he was in touch with officials of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, who were continuing the search.

"Maybe it's just some residue coming off one of the pipe repairs," he said in an

interview.

"But whether or not this is another oil spill," he added, a future one is an "inevitability until we get rid of these oil platforms off our coast."

The Oct. 2 spill released between 24,696 and 131,000 gallons of oil into the San Pedro Channel. Authorities believe the leak was caused by a ship's anchor rupturing a pipeline that runs from an oil processing platform off Huntington Beach to the Port of Long Beach.

The October spill closed beaches from Huntington

to San Clemente and sparked fears of an environmental catastrophe that would kill wildlife and befoul beaches for years. But the oil was mostly contained off the coast and did not cause significant destruction of tidal habitat.

However, the pipe rupture renewed calls to end drilling before a more devastating accident does occur.

Min pointed out that the aging infrastructure is no longer operated by corporations like the Shell Oil Co. — which built the unit off

Huntington — but by smaller, "thinly capitalized" energy companies like Amplified that can't afford the proper upkeep.

Maritime officials say the platforms off Orange County have always been hazardous because of heavy shipping out of the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

During the pandemic, a supply chain bottleneck has left dozens of cargo ships anchored in oil-drilling areas off the coast. Federal authorities believe one of their anchors

dragged the Amplified pipeline, leading to the rupture. On Thursday, agents boarded the container vessel Beijing in Long Beach, identifying it as a second ship under investigation in the spill.

A Coast Guard investigator determined that the Beijing was involved in an anchor-dragging incident Jan. 25 during heavy weather at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, officials said in a statement, and the Coast Guard has designated the ship's owner, Capetanissa Maritime

Corp. of Liberia, and operator, VShips Greece Ltd., as parties of interest.

Another cargo vessel, MSC Danit, had previously been identified as under investigation for anchor-dragging.

Coast Guard Capt. Jason Neubauer, who is leading the investigation, told The Times "both vessels could be involved" in dragging the pipeline off Huntington Beach with their anchors earlier this year.

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