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Irvine makes aquatic center priority

The \$90-million facility will now be included in the first phase of the Orange County Great Park framework plan.

BY MATT SZABO

The local aquatics community earned a major victory Tuesday, as the Orange County Great Park Board voted to fast-track a \$90-million aquatics complex in the Irvine park for both USA Water Polo and community water polo and swimming use.

The board, which is made up entirely of Irvine City Council members, voted 3-2 to make the aquatics facility a priority in the first phase of the Great Park framework plan. Coming into the meeting, the complex was a part of the second phase, at least five years down the road.

But after Tuesday's split vote, the USA Water Polo men's and women's national teams should have a training center on the west side of the Great Park locked in prior to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Councilman Mike Carroll and Mayor Farrah Khan voted yes. Vice Mayor Tammy Kim and Councilwoman Kathleen Treseder voted no, indicating that they wanted to move forward with previously planned projects and seemed less excited about

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N.B. may redefine fractional property ownership

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Change appears to be on the horizon for participants of fractional ownerships of Newport Beach residential properties as the city's definition and regulations around timeshares will likely be expanded to include them, according to direction given to city staff by the Newport Beach City Council Tuesday night.

Fractional ownership, according to a staff report prepared when the issue was first addressed in a September study session, is a practice in which several owners band together to purchase a property. They then divvy up the time they're each allowed to use it throughout the year

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Rain tapers off in O.C. — for now



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

A LONE WALKER carries an umbrella in the rain across Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley on Tuesday. Forecasters say the next chance of rain isn't until Tuesday morning, and Orange County residents should enjoy sunny skies through the weekend with temperatures reaching the low 60s.

Laguna to create bluff overlay district



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

HOMES ALONG the oceanfront bluffs at Rock Ledge in South Laguna on Wednesday.

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Following guidelines in proposed ordinance, properties could receive site-specific blufftop setbacks, encroachments.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach plans to make changes to its zoning code that will create a bluff overlay district, providing guidance for those considering development on oceanfront lots.

The Laguna Beach City Council voted 4-1 at its March 7 meeting to advance an ordinance concerning oceanfront development and major remodels to a second reading.

If determined to be in an area with a low rate of coastal erosion, a property could be added to the bluff overlay district, according to the ordinance. It could then receive a site-specific blufftop setback or encroachment.

"With this ordinance, property owners may request that their property be added to the

'Like Water for Chocolate' makes magic

Ballet adaptation of the novel of the same name comes to Segerstrom for its premiere North American performance.

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Traditional cooking can make a feast. Traditional dance can make a ballet. Melding the two together can make magic.

On March 29, the Segerstrom Center for the Arts will present the North American premiere of Christopher Wheeldon's latest ballet, "Like Water for Chocolate," from American Ballet Theatre. Running through April 2, the show comes straight from its world premiere at the Royal Opera House in London to Costa Mesa, before heading to the Metropolitan Opera House at New York's Lincoln Center for the summer season.

Named for the novel by Laura Esquivel of the same name, the ballet tells a story set in 19th-century Mexico of Tita, a woman forbidden from marrying her wealthy neighbor Pedro because of a family tradition requiring the youngest daughter to care for her mother until her death. Tita pours her emotions into her cooking, resulting in food that is capable of mystical powers.

The novel, which begins each chapter with a recipe, has sold more than 4.5 million copies around the world and has been translated into more than 30 languages. It was adapted into a film in 1992, and now Wheeldon,



Fabrizio Ferri

DANCERS CASSANDRA TRENARY and Daniel Camargo perform in the ballet "Like Water for Chocolate," scheduled to open March 29 at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts for its North American premiere.

working closely with Esquivel, has shaped her story of magical realism into a ballet.

"Having Christopher and his team transform my story into a ballet is truly magical for me," Esquivel said in a statement. "I can't wait to see this wonderful creative adventure unfold."

The show includes a newly commissioned score by Joby Talbot, with designs by Bob Crowley. Mexican conductor Alondra de la Parra will lead Pacific Symphony.

The show's artistic director, Susan Jaffe, said the novel is not only honored in this adaptation

but enhanced.

"It really follows the novel so beautifully," Jaffe said. "It is really told like a story, almost cinematically so."

Jaffe notes that often in classical ballet, a scene will pause and

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **RONALD JOSEPH HERNANDEZ, aka RONALD J. HERNANDEZ** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **RONALD JOSEPH HERNANDEZ, aka RONALD J. HERNANDEZ** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **April 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **REBECCA CROGHAN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on **April 06, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ASTRID JOYCE HOSKINSON, aka A JOYCE HOSKINSON, aka JOYCE HOSKINSON.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **MICHAEL D. HOSKINSON** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **MICHAEL D. HOSKINSON** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on: **April 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C10** located at: 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **PAMELA J. DAILEY** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **PAMELA J. DAILEY** 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 **April 06, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JOANN SHIMA, aka JO ANN G. CHISHOLM.**

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **KEN SHIMA** 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: **April 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at: 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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PROPERTY

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based on each party's respective percentage of ownership.

There are about 11 such properties in Newport Beach, primarily along the Balboa Peninsula, on Balboa Island and in Corona del Mar, according to city officials.

Full-time residents who objected to the fractionally owned properties in their neighborhoods complained last year to Diane Dixon, then a member of the City Council, that the turnover rates of the homes' occupants created extra traffic, noise and parking issues — all very similar concerns to those raised about short-term rentals in the city, for which Newport Beach has implemented greater restrictions than had previously been in place.

Following the City Council's September session on fractional ownerships, the matter of how best to categorize them was sent to the Planning Commission for its consideration. An ad hoc committee studying the issue proposed the properties be defined as time-shares, which would then bind them to the same regulations that guide time-shares. That means fractionally owned properties would be prohibited in all residential zones of the city.

Additionally, they would face other restrictions that deal with unit maximums, development agreements and require sales, operating, management and contingency plans, in step with the approaches of other California cities such as Palm Desert, Truckee and St. Helena, the latter of which is in active litigation with real estate broker and property manager Pacaso over fractional ownerships.

These suggestions were brought to the City Council Tuesday night as an agenda item, drawing many members of the public who stood up to voice their discontent with the fractional home ownerships, even as some acknowledged that they could understand why people wanted to live in Newport Beach even if it was only part time.

For nearly an hour, residents weighed in on what they thought should be done about the issue. While most who spoke were against the practice, some participants in fractional ownership properties within the city also turned out to say they felt their part-time homes shouldn't be considered as time-shares, noting that they contribute to the local economy when and while they occupy their properties. Some were met with jeers from a nearly full room.

Several speakers asked the City Council to consider adopting regulations for properties that might be grandfathered in, if and when the definition of fractional ownerships would fall under the umbrella term of timeshare properties.

Councilwoman Lauren Kleiman said she viewed fractional home ownership as a “market disrupter,” similar to Uber, noting that she was also cognizant that Newport wasn't the only jurisdiction working through how to contend with the issue.

“What we know is we cannot preclude owner occupants from purchasing property in an LLC, nor do I think we want to do that. We cannot prevent property owners from hiring a company to manage their properties, nor do I think we want to do that,” Kleiman said. “What we can look at is the use of the property and whether it's consistent with the neighboring uses as intended by our general plan and our zoning code. This is obviously a very transient use that has the potential for impacts that can be differentiated from the typical residential use in our neighborhoods.

“What I'll say is, for the record,” Kleiman continued, “I'm not confident that the law will be on our side in the interpretation of land use here, but what I am clear about from the many, many, many emails that we received and from all of you here tonight is the community's desire to disallow this type of use to the extent that we're able.”

At the close of the discussion — and to cheers from the audience — the council voted unanimously to send the matter back to the Planning Commission for further discussion.

In a statement from a Pacaso spokesperson on Wednesday, the company said, “Pacaso is not a time-share. We help families co-own second homes, an established practice in Newport Beach and around the country. Co-ownership has been used by friends, families and individuals to own real estate for generations.

“Many existing homes within Newport Beach are co-owned through a multi-owner arrangement like an LLC or trust, no different than how Pacaso homeowners own their homes,” the statement read. “It is important that property rights are protected for all residents in the city, full time and part time. Pacaso will continue to engage with city officials to help them correctly understand our model and how co-ownership can benefit the community.”

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Pedestrian struck, killed in collision in Laguna Beach

A vehicle strike killed a woman crossing South Coast Highway in Laguna Beach on Friday evening, officials said.

In a news release late Friday, city officials said Laguna Beach police responded to the area of South Coast Highway and Mountain Road at 6:24 p.m. Marine safety officers had begun attending to a pedestrian lying in the roadway, and fire department personnel continued life-saving efforts.

Eve Amanda Corinne Bartlet, 25, was identified as the deceased, said Sgt. Mike Woodruff, a spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Woodruff added that Bartlett had been experiencing homelessness.

Authorities said a preliminary investigation showed Bartlett was hit by a sedan while crossing the highway in the south-bound lanes. She was not in a crosswalk when the incident occurred, according to witnesses.

Police did not suspect that drugs or alcohol factored into the collision. The driver of the involved vehicle remained at the scene of the crash and cooperated with law enforcement.

As of Friday's media release, the Laguna Beach police department's traffic bureau was still investigating the incident.

Authorities are asking anyone with information about the collision to call the city's police department at (949) 497-0701.

— Andrew Turner

Man pleads guilty to drowning dog, gets time served

A 48-year-old man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to time already served in jail for drowning a family dog in Laguna Beach, according to court records obtained Wednesday.

Jason Douglas Creager pleaded guilty Tuesday to a felony count of cruelty to animals, according to court records. He was sentenced to a year in jail, but he had already served that time.

Creager accepted a plea deal from Orange County Superior Court Judge Derek Johnson, who placed him on one year of informal probation.

Police were called to a "family disturbance" about 8:05 p.m. on April 27, Laguna Beach Police Department Sgt. Cornelius Ashton said. Jason Douglas Creager's family said he drowned their pet dog, Ashton said.

The dog was 13 years old, blind and nearly unable to walk, Creager's attorney Cameron Talley said.

"Mr. Creager has no memory of what happened as he was suffering a psychotic episode and found the dog only after

he recovered his state of mind," Talley said.

— City News Service

Woman involved in melee granted pretrial diversion

A woman involved in a melee at a Costa Mesa nightclub parking lot that left three victims stabbed was granted a request Wednesday to participate in a misdemeanor pretrial diversion program.

Nancy Ahmad Bakir, 23, of Newport Beach was ordered to perform 40 hours of community service and participate in a "personal empowerment program" by Orange County Superior Court Judge Kevin Haskins, who granted the motion for a pretrial diversion program over the objections of prosecutors.

When Bakir has completed her participation in the program she can have her case dismissed, according to court records.

Tremere Robert Armani Mason, 23, also of Newport Beach, was charged with three counts of attempted murder, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon, all felonies, and a misdemeanor count of battery. He also faces sentencing enhancements for inflicting great bodily injury. Mason is awaiting trial.

Bakir was charged originally with a felony count of accessory after the fact.

Police were called about 11:15 p.m. Aug. 2 to a parking lot in the 1800 block of Harbor Boulevard, according to Roxi Fyad, a spokeswoman for the Costa Mesa Police Department.

One man was found with a "severe" cut to his arm on site, and officers were told another man was rushed by friends to an area hospital with a stab wound to the chest, Fyad said. That victim was admitted in critical condition and required surgery but was expected to survive, Fyad said.

The two other men wounded in the attack were treated and released from a hospital the next day, Fyad said.

The violence stemmed from a dispute in a nightclub. Security kicked out everyone involved in the conflict, she said.

As a victim was messaging his friends that he had been kicked out, Mason and Bakir followed the man and his friends to the parking lot, she said.

Bakir took video while Mason confronted the group of men and stabbed one of them in the lower back area and slashed another in the arm, she said. Mason was accused of following another man and stabbing him in the chest, she said.

Bakir and Mason fled the scene but were arrested the next day, she said.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
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CASE NO. 30-2023-01308373-PR-LA-CJC
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TAMZIANA MARIE RICHARDSON AKA TAMZIANNA MARIE DELFOSSE.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES D. CIRAR in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES D. CIRAR 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: 03/30/23 at 1:30PM in Dept. C08 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701 CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER.
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JANICE FAY FLYNN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
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A HEARING on the petition will be held on: **April 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at: 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
SEBASTIAN RAY HUBBARD
30-2023-01308795-PR-LA-CJC
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **SEBASTIAN RAY HUBBARD.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **NATIA R. HUBBARD** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **NATIA R. HUBBARD** 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: **April 06, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at: 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **NORMAN R. SELLERS.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **TREANA ANN HANSEN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **TREANA ANN HANSEN** 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 **March 08, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C10** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
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GEORGE W. LIEBLANG
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **GEORGE W. LIEBLANG.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **SEAN LIEBLANG** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **SEAN LIEBLANG** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
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A HEARING on the petition will be held on **March 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C10** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JANICE FAY FLYNN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**
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CalOptima warns O.C. senior, low-income Medi-Cal beneficiaries about scammers

Victims were told they can use their subsidized health insurance benefits to get a free phone, wireless service.

BY ERIC LICAS

Fraudsters pretending to offer free cellphone service apparently stole social security numbers and other sensitive data in a scam that has been targeting beneficiaries of subsidized healthcare throughout Orange County since last fall.

The victims received a knock on the door from someone posing as a representative of CalOptima, the agency providing health insurance to Orange County residents who qualify for Medi-Cal. The scammers tell potential victims they can use their benefits to get a free phone and wireless service. Some of those targeted shared their driver's license, health insurance documentation and other personal records to sign up, according to CalOptima officials.

But no such program exists through the health insurance provider. The setup is "pure fraud," Cal Optima Chief Executive Michael Hunn said Monday.

"Unless we had a prearranged appointment with you for some reason, we would never come to your apartment," Hunn said. "We would never knock on your door. We would never come to your house. We would never ring your doorbell."

Those getting caught up in the scheme represent Orange County's "low-income population: a family of four making under \$38,000 a year or an individual making less than \$18,000," Hunn said. They are among the roughly 984,000 people insured by CalOptima, just under one-



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CALOPTIMA cautions that scammers are telling potential victims they can use their subsidized health insurance benefits to get a free phone and wireless service, when no such service exists.

third of the county's 3.1 million residents.

There are publicly funded programs that offer phone and internet service. But CalOptima has nothing to do with those, nor any door-to-door solicitors.

One woman claiming to be a representative of the agency told a victim she had been sent from the government to provide them with a new phone, according to summarized reports shared by CalOptima. She took information from the resident's driver's license and health insurance ID card, entered it into a tablet and told them the phone should have been delivered. But they never received one.

Another person was approached by people who said they were supposed to sign their brother up for a free cellphone, but they didn't even know his name. When the resident declined, the solicitors said they'd keep coming back unless the would-be-victim changed their mind.

"It's alarming that people are lying about who they represent and gathering all this personal information," supervising attorney for the Consumer Health Action Center, Sara Lee, said Monday. "Obviously, in this day and age, they can do a lot with their Medi-Cal ID number, their driver's license, the last four dig-

its of their social [security number]."

CalOptima began hearing about these and similar cases last fall, Hunn said. The agency immediately began alerting their members, and the number of reports appeared to subside temporarily. But new cases started popping up in January.

The publicly funded health insurance provider began operating in 1993, and has steadily gained the trust of the communities it serves over the past three decades, Hunn said. He's concerned that the damage done by bad actors posing as CalOptima agents might cause people to mistake legitimate aid

programs as a scam.

"We may reach out about a benefit that could help the [CalOptima] member and their family and their children tremendously, and they may think 'oh this looks like fraud to me,' and delete [that message]," Hunn said. "So when you have people knocking on doors, they're undermining the public's trust in us."

Last year, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill making all Californians over the age of 50 eligible for Medi-Cal regardless of their immigration status, and announced a policy that would allow all adults to file for state-subsidized health insurance. CalOptima has worked especially hard to earn the confidence of immigrant communities and hopes to increase the number of undocumented people they cover, Hunn said. Those efforts are particularly jeopardized by apparent bad actors posing as the health insurer's employees.

Hunn and Lee urged anyone who thinks they may have been contacted by phony CalOptima representatives to reach out to them immediately to file a report and discuss methods to secure their health insurance account. However, they acknowledged that can be difficult to do for people who feel like they have been duped.

"They might feel so embarrassed they might not do anything and think 'I was at fault for being a fool,'" Lee said. "But no, all of us are vulnerable, especially when people are pushy or trying to take advantage of you by building trust, making you feel bad or saying they're offering all these services, whatever."

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BLUFF

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bluff overlay district only if it is determined that the property is subject to a stable rate of erosion, which the ordinance defines as an erosion rate of less than 0.2 feet per year," Anthony Viera, a senior planner for the city, said. "Lots that are subject to greater erosion would continue to be subject to the [already existing] 25-foot blufftop setback requirement. This greater erosion category would also include sites that are subject to adverse geology, such as prone to landsliding."

Consideration of a property's eligibility for the bluff overlay district also depends on its consistency with the historic pattern of development, potential for geologic hazard and protection of coastal resources.

"We think [the ordinance] achieves a balance between a property owner's right to maintain and improve their property, but also between the policies of the Coastal Act," Director of Community Development Marc Wiener said. "We want this to be a model program for other coastal cities in the state. ... [The Coastal Commission is] certainly very interested in this program because they know it can be a program that other cities may choose to go with and may be a path forward."

The new regulations represent an attempt by city staff to be fair to property owners while working within the confines of the Coastal Act, which city staffers believe will lead to fewer substantial issue findings on projects appealed to the Coastal Commission.

A study prepared by geotechnical engineering firm ENGEO showed that the vast majority of Laguna Beach's seven-mile coastline consists of erosion-resistant bluffs.

Oceanfront property owners who request to be included in the bluff overlay district will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

A proposed amendment to the municipal code also sets thresholds for a project to be classified as a major remodel. On oceanfront property, demolition or reinforcement of at

least 50% of the linear feet of the exterior walls or the foundation will trigger designation as a major remodel. The tear down or reinforcement of at least half of the combined total linear feet of the exterior walls and the square footage of the foundation and the structural roof components will also signal a major remodel, as will exceeding a 50% expansion of the property.

Viera explained that cumulative additions to a property would track from 1993, the date that the city had its local coastal program certified by the Coastal Commission. The one exception to this is for sites that are supported by shoreline protection devices, which would instead use the 1977 Coastal Act date.

"For non-oceanfront properties, we have different standards. Major remodel would be met if a project proposed to demolish 50% or more of the exterior walls, and [for] additions that result in a more than 50% addition to the existing structure, with an exception that single-family homes can expand to a total gross floor area of 1,500 square feet."

The council will be asked to adopt a local coastal program amendment during the second reading of the ordinance. It will then be sent to the Coastal Commission for certification.

Mayor Pro Tem Sue Kempf said it has been approximately a three-year process to provide clarity to property owners about what they are able to build along the coast.

"We want to make it clear for the homeowners, the property owners, and we also want to have as little discrepancy [as possible] between what Coastal Commission thinks and the way we make our determinations," Kempf said. "We're just trying to clean it up a little bit, even though it's a difficult situation."

"Our whole city is in the coastal zone. Most of the cities are not. We have a little bit more challenging time there with that because of the fact that we have our whole city in the coastal zone, but mainly, the primary issue is what can we allow and what can't we allow."

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add the \$90 million aquatic facility there without taking away other projects.

Carroll's passed motion included a list of projects that couldn't be taken out of Phase One, including a 14,000-seat amphitheater and a botanical garden.

"The struggle I'm having is there's only \$720 million and the guardrails you've provided don't provide enough flexibility," Chi said.

Carroll quickly responded.

"The struggle I have is I got 300 emails, and a lot of residents out here that wanted a water polo facility that was voted on three



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CHAIRMAN MIKE CARROLL speaks at the Great Park Board special meeting in Irvine on Tuesday.

times," he said.

City staff will come back April 11 with options for fitting the aquatic center into the first phase.

Tuesday's vote pleased Vivienne Follman-Otta of Villa Park, the lone child to speak during public comments. Vivienne, 12, plays

goalkeeper for SOCAL Water Polo Club and credits water polo for helping her make friends as she has dealt with depression.

Krikorian came to chat with Vivienne after the meeting, and posed for a picture with her. Vivienne, a seventh-grader at El Rancho Charter School, said her goal is to make the Olympics one day and attend Stanford University.

"Two years ago I was in the hospital for a suicide attempt," she said during public comments. "Water polo is how I got myself out of that mess ... I hope this [complex] makes the difference in the life of another 12-year-old soon."

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then a pas de deux will follow.

"In classical ballet, everything stops and then they do a big pas de deux, and then they applaud," said Jaffe, "and then it's, variation, variation, coda. That is not this. This is all of one thread, going from one scene to the next."

Jaffe said strong acting also sets this show apart.

"There are wonderful roles for our amazing dancers to sink their teeth into," said Jaffe.

The acting is so well done, Jaffe said, that despite working closely with the show she often finds herself in awe of the performance.

"Even when I am sitting in the studio, and I know all of these things and how they have been rehearsed, I even get very moved while I am watching these scenes," Jaffe said. "I am moved very deeply by it."

Dance has a way of taking great stories and making them greater.

"Ballet has done that through the millennium," said Jaffe. "'Romeo and Juliet' ... 'Taming of the Shrew,' there so many stories that were originally Shakespeare or another storyteller."

Segerstrom Center for the Arts is highlighting that tie to literature by hosting a book discussion series in conjunction with the ballet, as part of a partnership with the Orange County Public Library. Curated chapter readings are intended to bring awareness to the novel and the ballet.

Attendees to the event also receive copies of Esquivel's book. So far, the series has included an interactive event with Orange County Poet Laureate Natalie J. Graham at Cypress Library. Author Marytza K. Rubio will lead the next book discussion on March 23 at San Juan Capistrano Library.

Jaffe recommends reading the book or at least a summary beforehand to truly comprehend the show.

"It is very dense, and there are a lot of characters in it," said Jaffe, "but if



Emma Jordan

CASSANDRA TRENARY and Daniel Camargo in American Ballet Theatre's "Like Water for Chocolate," inspired by Laura Esquivel's novel of the same name.

you know who they are, you will be able to watch this story as if you are reading the book."

Although using dance as a vehicle for storytelling isn't a new kind of magic, when it is done properly, it can be hard not fall under its spell.

"It is a glorious representation of today's standards, today's storytelling," said Jaffe.

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