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Costa Mesa feted in State of the City

Mayor joins panel on topics from housing to public safety at the annual luncheon, where tacos were served.

BY MATT SZABO

Costa Mesa Mayor John Stephens understands the importance of having strong business partners.

With the popular Northgate Market set to open its first Costa Mesa mercado-style location in November, Stephens sat down with Northgate Market strategist Joshua Gonzalez for an appropriate meal.

"He did exactly the right thing," Stephens said with a smile. "He served us tacos."

While many have an affinity for tacos, more than 200 people in the room Thursday also had an affinity for the city of Costa Mesa.

Gonzalez was one of three special business panelists at the annual State of the City luncheon at Hilton Costa Mesa, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Stephens, who became mayor in March 2021, offered his thoughts on the city's progress before moderating the panel with chamber member Tom Johnson. The panel also included Matt Grimm, co-founder and chief operating officer of Costa Mesa-based defense company Anduril Industries, as well as South Coast Plaza General Manager Molly Unger.

"Stronger every day" was the

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Megan Robison

CAT RESCUERS TJ Kelley and Megan Robison initially fed the cats at the 20th Street property on Aug. 27.

Rescuers answer cats' call in C.M.

Felines left on vacant property set volunteers, animal control at odds.

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Prompted by a social media post three weeks ago describing two dozen cats at risk in their community, two Costa Mesa animal lovers jumped into action.

TJ Kelley and Megan Robison said they didn't hesitate to answer the call to help the cats that had been living on a vacant property at 734 W. 20th St.

"This home had numerous violations over decades because of a fully hoarding situation,"



Susan Hoffman

TJ KELLEY, left, and Megan Robison prepare a trap with food to lure the remaining black cat, in the background, to be transported for medical care.

Kelley said. "After the owners died in 2019 and 2020 [respectively], the city stepped in, forcing

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Newport plans to overrule airport decision

City officials cite state housing mandates as reason to plan for more residences close to John Wayne Airport.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport Beach City Council announced this week its intention to override a decision made by the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission in order to adopt a series of amendments to alter its land use and noise elements and zoning codes to accommodate for housing.

This is not the first time the Newport Beach City Council has done so.

In September 2021, when the panel was adopting its mandated housing element plan, the city submitted its plans to the commission for a consistency review. At that time the commission found the plans to be inconsistent with the 2008 John Wayne Airport Environs Land Use Plan with respect to noise, safety and land use incompatibility. The City Council overrode that decision and adopted the housing element in

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Access, concerts on tap in Laguna Beach

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach will soon begin a beach access improvement project at Moss Street.

The city received \$1.225 million in funding to rehabilitate the Moss Street beach access area via Assembly Bill 102, which was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on June 29.

Moss Street overlooks Moss Cove, which is located south of Woods Cove in Laguna Beach. City officials announced that a groundbreaking ceremony marking the beginning of construc-

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StyleWeekOC returns to Fashion Island with emphasis on fashion



Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer

AN INVITATION-ONLY runway presentation fashion show kicked off StyleWeekOC at the Orange County Neiman Marcus store in Newport Beach on Thursday. The event also benefited the nonprofit CASA OC.



A MODEL WALKS the runway during a StyleWeekOC show.

Fashion Island comes by its name honestly.

On Thursday, models strutted down a runway at the shopping mecca's Neiman Marcus as part of the opening event for the 12th annual StyleWeekOC — an event touted as one of the largest fashion events in Orange County.

The show kicked off a four-day-long "week," raising benefit funds for CASA OC, an Orange nonprofit that advocates for abused or neglected children.

Following Thursday's event will be the reveal of the Fashion Island Magazine's fall edition in addition to a private VIP party at VEA Newport Beach and, on

Saturday, a panel presentation by Women's Wear Daily. This year's keynote speaker is actress Vanessa Hudgens ("Thirteen," "High School Musical"), who will take part in a "fireside" conversation with WWD Editor Ryma Chikhouna.

In-store celebrations will also be held on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at select retailers, and some stores will have promotions and special offers.

For a full look at which stores will be participating or more details on the scheduling for StyleWeekOC's events, visit StyleWeekOC.com.

— Lilly Nguyen

Fair's rodeo 'unlikely' to return in '24

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Next year's Orange County Fair will likely not include a rodeo, fair officials said Monday, but a different type of animal attraction could be added in the future.

Terry Moore, director of communications for the fair, told City News Service that the decision was made for business reasons related to the provider for this year's rodeo, Flying U Rodeo, and had nothing to do with a catastrophic injury suffered by a bull during this year's event.

On Aug. 3, a bucking bull broke his hind leg almost immediately after leaving the chute. It took several minutes for wranglers to get the badly injured animal into a trailer for medical attention, while hundreds of horrified fans looked on.

Some animal rights activists used the injury to prod officials with the fair and the city of Costa Mesa to reconsider holding rodeos in the future.

The matter came up at the Sept. 5 City Council meeting, but council members noted that they have no authority over the lineup at the annual fair, which takes place on state property at the Orange County Fair & Events Center.

"We have limited influ-

ence to be sure ... but we do have friends, many friends, over at the fairgrounds, that we can have discussions with — honest discussions about whether that's the best use of that asset, and I intend to do that. I intend to initiate those discussions," Mayor John Stephens said.

Indeed, Moore told CNS that the mayor held a "very informal" talk with OC Fair & Events Center CEO Michele Richards.

"It is very unlikely that we would have rodeo back at the fair next year, for business reasons," Moore said, adding that "we may have another animal attraction in the future."

"Animals will always be part of the fair because they're a part of our agricultural history," Moore said. "That's the whole reason that fairs exist."

A few California cities, including Irvine and Pasadena, have banned rodeos in recent years due to concerns about animal cruelty.

A proposed ordinance that would effectively ban rodeos in Los Angeles passed a City Council committee in late 2022 but still awaits final council approval.

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REBECCA DESIDERIO waves from the 1975 VW Westfalia "Aloha PhotoBooth Bus." Along with sister Desi, she's raising money for sister Mila, who was burned out of her home in the Maui fires.

Photos by Spencer Grant

Surf City Days returned with a splash

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The eighth annual Surf City Days made a splashy return on Saturday with a schedule jam-packed with surf competitions and other events up and down Main Street.

In Huntington Beach, where vast beaches are usually inundated with summer tourists, locals and visitors from nearby cities came out to have some fun of their own. Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District executive director Jaime Strong said the turnout and weather this weekend were great.

The Rockin' Fig Vintage Surf Festival, which honors Huntington Beach local and surfing legend Rick "Rockin' Fig" Fignetti, who died in 2021, was just one of the activities. Additionally,

the city's annual surf contest ran both days of the weekend.

"The city is fortunate to have such great community partners in Huntington Surf & Sport and Duke's, which has allowed us to maintain this longstanding surf contest. In its 51st year, the annual Huntington Beach Surf Contest provides those in Huntington Beach, and our surrounding cities, with an opportunity to compete against locals and have a lot of fun doing it," said city spokeswoman Jennifer Carey. "We look forward to continuing to host this great event for years to come."

Thehe Kowabunga Van Klan VW Bus Show, which shut down Main Street on Saturday, also took place, along with a demo day at Huntington Surf and Sport.

The event is inspired by



ROCKIN' FIG owner Michael Fernandez at the store's exhibit on Main Street.

the Duke Kahanamoku Ocean Festival on Oahu and the Ocean Festival in San Clemente. It started in 2012 with current Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District president Brett Barnes, who said he wanted to host an event around the city's annual surf contest for locals.

"We had a great turnout at the CBVA Volleyball Tournament, the city surf contest. The He'e Nalu

Aloha Pier Festival was a hit, especially with the fire dancing at night. Main Street was full of activity, and we had people enjoying the volkswagon buses ... people were trying out surfboards, wetsuits," Strong said. "Overall, it was just a really fun couple of days in downtown [Huntington Beach]."

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AIRPORT

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September 2022.

The changes discussed by the City Council Tuesday focused on several sites near the airport and within the 65 db Community Noise Equivalent Level contour, which indicates the level of noise that people living near the airport may face. The Federal Aviation Administration indicates that its Day-Night Average Sound Level threshold for significant noise exposure is 65 dBA.

In a report prepared for the item, city staff said existing policies and regulations prevent this specific area from being used for residential purposes, but the sites identified are criti-

cal in order for the city to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers. An estimated 4,834 housing units must be accounted for on paper over the next decade in Newport Beach, and as a result, those regulations must be updated for residential use.

The airport area is one of five subject to the city's scrutiny for possible places to add housing. City staff say it alone has 62 potential new housing opportunity sites that could account for up to 2,577 housing units — almost 25% of the units needed.

The amendments, as proposed, were to update existing noise contours, to update the land use and noise policies to include those for new noise contours and additional noise attenuation

measures, and to allow for residential units identified in the existing housing element to be located there.

City Atty. Aaron Harp stressed during the hearing that the action taken Tuesday only announces the city's intent. At least two-thirds of the dais was required to make the findings to overrule the commission to remain consistent. A resolution will later come up before the City Council for adoption.

Residents during public comment on Tuesday were overwhelmingly against any move to override the commission's ruling and allow for residential projects close to the airport. One individual played a recording of airplane noise.

"It's clear by the amount of letters that you've re-

ceived that this plan has not been well-vetted," said Charles Klobe, president of Still Protecting Our Newport, a nonprofit that focuses on the preservation of the city. "It seems there needs to be more outreach that's done, and ... it makes it much harder to get the vote in 2024 to approve the land use element when you keep piling more and more distasteful things into it."

In her remarks, resident Sue Dvorak told the council, "Clearly, this [RHNA] mandate presents significant challenges for our community, but it doesn't justify allowing residential units to be built in an area which would expose Newport Beach residents to the adverse effects of increased aircraft noise and pollution. This housing proposal has

the potential to create problems for the city and its residents for decades to come.

"More importantly, fulfilling the mandate in this manner should not be undertaken if it has any potential at all to jeopardize our Spheres Agreement" — a cooperative agreement signed by the city and county in November 2006 — "[and] subject the city to legal challenges during upcoming settlement discussions or weaken the city's ability to advocate on behalf of residents where the airport is concerned."

Mayor Noah Blom acknowledged residents' concerns, adding that he also was not enthused by the prospect. Blom said the dais wanted to protect the settlement agreement and did

not want to do anything to jeopardize it, stressing that council was "very, very, very concerned with the curfews, the times the planes take off. We get it."

"I understand where we're coming from and just know that we're not here to take away anything, to change the quality of life; we're working in a way to make sure that we can protect the quality of life in Newport, and I know it sometimes doesn't always seem from your perspective that is the way, but this is a letter to say, 'Hey, these are where we're looking to put housing because these private people that own this land want to put something there,'" Blom said.

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CATS

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family to evacuate and sell."

According to public records, the property sold in August for lot value at \$950,000.

"The first night [we visited] we found 24 cats and gave them 40 cans of food," Kelley said.

Robison said she and Kelley were concerned for the felines' health and didn't want any of them to suffer or die needlessly. "We wanted to make sure everyone was fed in the interim until we could get all of them rescued," she said.

Kelley and Robison, both of whom hold down full-time day jobs, have been working nights and weekends on saving the cats for the last three weeks.

"Megan and I stepped in right after night to get them to vet appointments in the morning and find a place to stay while they



Susan Hoffman

THE PROPERTY at 734 W. 20th St. Costa Mesa was red-tagged and recently sold awaiting demolition. Animal advocates are removing dozens of feral cats discovered on the property, but they're unsure of the animals' future.

decompress after surgery until we find them a permanent place to stay," Kelley said.

They have so far trapped 13 cats that have been spayed/neutered and medically treated as a result. "Other [rescue] groups have picked up some," said Kelley. "In the process of constructing a process of

moving to someone who has a dedicated space, we evaluate who's feral and who's not."

Robison explained their rescue process has been to set two traps at a time until they are able to get all of the cats.

"There are a lot of moving parts and not a lot of resources," she said.

"[We're] looking for now to try to find a farm, winery, a place to welcome feral cats as mousers on a property," said Kelley, "a shelter where they can come and clean up rodents and still need a place where they can go safe from coyotes and predators."

"We realized that we were going to need help from the community, which is how the GoFund Me "Help Save The Cats Of 20th St. in Costa Mesa, Ca." came about," said Robison. "Now really comes the hard part of finding long-term homes for them."

Both women expressed disappointment with the way Costa Mesa has handled the problem. Kelley said once the house was red-tagged, the city should have reached out to animal advocacy groups to help relocate the cats.

"Why are we doing a job when it's the responsibility of city animal control?" Kelley said.

In response to a phone call seeking comment, city

spokesperson Tony Dodero on Wednesday emailed the Daily Pilot a bullet-pointed official statement that maintains, among other things, that the city's animal control team continues to "work on this issue," visiting the site daily "to monitor and resolve this issue in concert with the property owner."

It further states signage would be posted at the property asking that the cats "not be fed as the City works to safely trap any remaining cats" and that any cat food found at the site by the animal control staffs will be removed so as to prevent other cats from being attracted to the property.

"The City of Costa Mesa cares about and is dedicated to the safety, protection and well-being of all animals through our Animal Services unit, managed by the Police Department," the statement concludes.

Kelley said the city did not appear to have taken any measures toward as-

sisting the cats until after officials knew she and Robison were going to appear before the City Council earlier this month with a PowerPoint presentation on the subject.

"The very next day they posted the sign on the chain-link fence," Kelley said.

Meanwhile, the work she and Robison have undertaken on behalf of the cats continues.

"Basically what we're looking for right now is to feed them, house them, vet medical costs transportation, relocation costs to be covered through GoFundMe," said Kelley. "We're scrambling to find a place for them to go. Neighbors don't want them roaming. They're not adoptable, they need alternate placement and any help from the public even providing transportation out of the area if necessary."

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

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Vu named public works director in H.B.

BY MATT SZABO

Even as a child who lived close by, Chau Vu always appreciated Huntington Beach.

"I grew up in Westminster, and Huntington Beach was the place to hang out at the beach, Main Street," she said in a phone interview Friday.

Now she has been promoted to a major role in Surf City, having been named its new public works director.

Vu has held the role of deputy director of public works in Huntington Beach since 2021. She led the development and implementation of city projects like the Oak View Streetscape Project, the city's Mobility Plan, Circuit Rideshare and the Technical Committee for the Infrastructure Report Card.

She takes over in the public works director position for Sean Crumby, who left for Irvine in March.

"It's a dream come true," Vu said. "I'm very proud."

Vu has more than 20 years of experience in the public works industry and was previously the public works director in Bell Gar-



Courtesy of the city of Huntington Beach

CHAU VU has more than 20 years of experience in the public works field.

dens for nine years before joining Huntington Beach. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Irvine and a master's in public administration from Cal State Fullerton.

Now a Garden Grove resident, she spends her free time with her husband of 20 years and four children, and she enjoys fishing.

"We're very much outdoor, water people," she said.

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CITY

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theme, and the song "Feelin' Stronger Every Day" by the band Chicago — which performed last month at the Pacific Amphitheatre — played as Stephens made his way to the stage.

"I'll go quicker than last year," said Stephens, whose State of the City comments lasted about 20 minutes. "Last year, the theme was, 'Does anybody know what time it is?'"

He commended the police and fire departments.

"We have six new firefighters, and 100 people applied for those jobs," Stephens said. "We are truly a destination fire department."

Stephens said he was proud that the city, which is 47% low-income or below according to a 2021 community housing characteristics report, has committed to housing, including Project Homekey for veterans, seniors and others at risk of homelessness. He also noted Costa Mesa has \$57.8 million in its reserves, nearly \$3 million more than its goal.

The city also is touting a new Totally Electronic Self Service Application (TESSA) system, which can help track city permit and license applications online.

Stephens noted that several local high school



Spencer Grant

COSTA MESA Mayor John Stephens introduces panel discussion members, from left, Matt Grimm of Anduril Industries; Molly Unger of South Coast Plaza and Joshua Gonzalez of Northgate Market at the State of the City luncheon Thursday.

teams have won CIF Southern Section titles in the last year, while Orange Coast College women's basketball captured a state title. But one team that is leaving town is the Los Angeles Chargers, who are expected to start holding their training camp practices at a new facility in El Segundo in 2024.

"We gave them the key to the city, and off they go to the dreaded El Segundo," Stephens said. "But you know what they say, you can take the football team out of the town, but you can't take the town out of the football

team. They'll always be the Costa Mesa Chargers."

The State of the City panelists were asked, among other questions, about the current job market. Unger said that South Coast Plaza has more than 300 retailers that employ up to 9,500 people during the holiday season. The mall itself has more than 300 employees, she said.

"This year, we've had over 55 construction jobs happening at South Coast Plaza overnight," she said. "That means over 300 contract jobs overnight, when most of you are at home sleeping."

Grimm said that his company's 1,100 employees in Orange County have an average salary of about \$164,000 a year.

"On salaries alone, that's about 170-some odd million dollars floating into the community," he said. "All of those folks are our neighbors, they're customers, they're vendors, they're partners in the community. We're proud that John and the city of Costa Mesa have been partners with us in helping scale that growth."

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tion will occur on Monday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m.

LAGUNA BEACH POLICE LEAD SPEED AND LOUD EXHAUST ENFORCEMENT

In a continuation of efforts to curtail speeding and loud exhaust as quality-of-life issues for coastal Orange County residents, the Laguna Beach police department led a multi-agency task force on Sunday, marking the third time the department has headed such an enforcement op-

eration this year.

The Newport Beach and Seal Beach police departments, as well as Orange County Sheriff's Department deputies, also participated in Sunday's action.

Authorities conducted 58 traffic stops, which included 10 written citations for speeding and 17 violations related to exhaust and emissions issues.

"Speed and loud exhaust violations continue to compromise the safety and quality of life of our residents," Laguna Beach Police Chief Jeff Calvert said in a statement. "Consequently, we are left with no choice but to take a zero-tolerance approach to en-

forcement."

Calvert added that joint enforcement operations would continue to be carried out through the end of the year.

SUNSET SERENADES CONCERTS

Laguna Beach kicked off its Sunset Serenades concert series last week with a performance by Jodi Siegel, but there are still three shows on the books this month.

The Sunset Serenades shows bring live music to the Heisler Park Amphitheater on Friday evenings during September. Performances begin at 5:30 p.m. and

run until sunset.

Remaining musical performances still on the schedule include Brad Wilson Trio on Friday, followed by Pacific Opera Project on Sept. 22 and the mariachi music of Las Colibri on Sept. 29.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to utilize the free trolley service to avoid potential parking and traffic congestion. The nearest stop to the amphitheater is located at Cliff Drive and Jasmine Street.

Laguna Beach reverted to its non-summer trolley schedule on Sept. 5. The Coastal Route transportation service now runs from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday

through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Trolleys run along Coast Highway from North Laguna to the Ritz Carlton in Dana Point and arrive every 20 to 30 minutes. The Canyon Route is also available on weekends.

Free parking is available in the Act V lot at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. The trolley into downtown Laguna Beach runs from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **Oct 25, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. in Dept. CM5** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Anh Huynh Duong, a single woman and Yvonne Uyen Lan Lam, a single woman, as Joint Tenants Beneficiary Name: NINH DUNG NGUYEN Duly Appointed Trustee: INTEGRATED LENDER SERVICES INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/25/2022 as Instrument No. 2022000156355 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, California, Date of Sale: 9/28/2023 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: On the front steps to the entrance of the Orange Civic Center located at 300 East Chapman, Orange, CA 92866 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,139,195.89 The property heretofore is being sold "as is." The street Address or other common designation of real property is purported to be: 19142 STINGRAY LANE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92646 Legal Description: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N.: 153-372-21 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. 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Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: WE REQUIRE CERTIFIED FUNDS AT SALE BY CASHIER'S CHECK(S) PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO "INTEGRATED LENDER SERVICES, INC." TO AVOID DELAYS IN ISSUING THE FINAL DEED". THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 8/28/2023 INTEGRATED LENDER SERVICES INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, as Trustee 1551 N. Tustin Avenue, Suite 840 Santa Ana, California 92705 (800) 232-8787 For Sale Information please call: 1-844-477-7869 MICHAEL REAGAN, TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER

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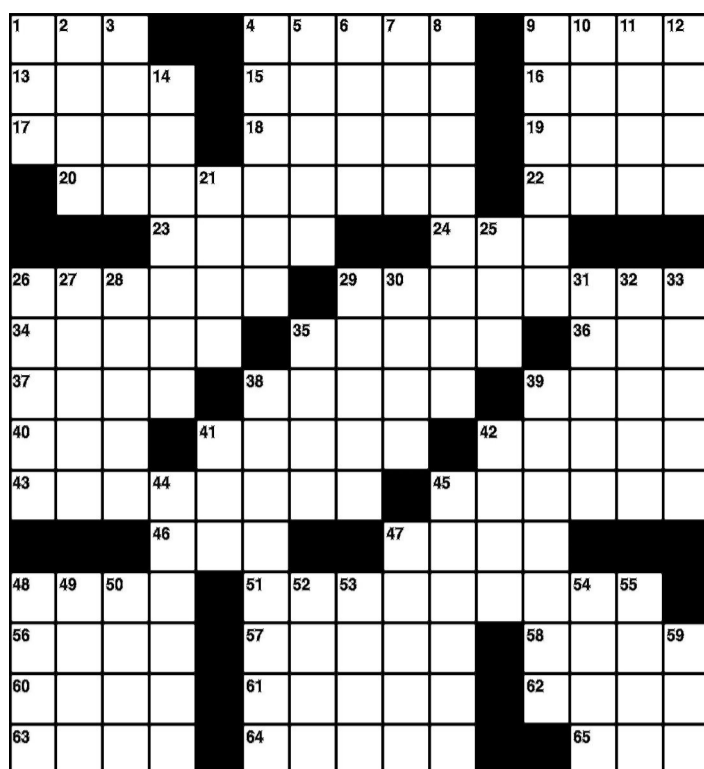
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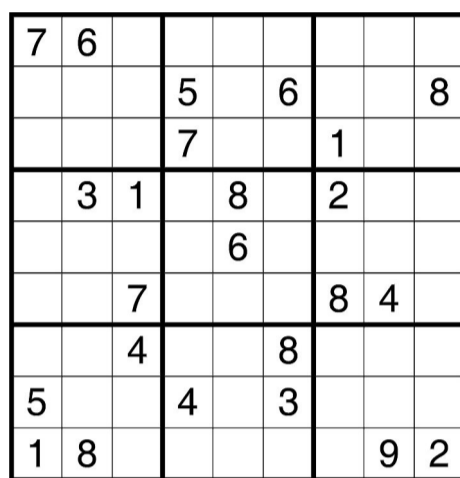
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SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A5.

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- 3 Pigeon coop
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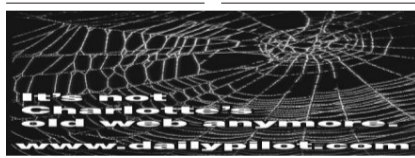
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GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL

Edison outlasts rival H.B. in first meeting

BY MATT SZABO

With a running clock for most of the game, a CIF Southern Section girls' flag football contest goes quickly.

But the adrenaline rush that comes from playing a rival is still very much there.

Flag football is in its inaugural season as an official CIF sport, and Edison met rival Huntington Beach in the teams' first Sunset League matchup on Wednesday afternoon.

It lived up to the hype.

Senior quarterback Mia Cassel threw three touchdown passes, including the deciding one to junior Riley Crooks in the closing minutes, as host Edison earned a 19-13 victory.

Edison coach Mike Walters said the team got a late start this year due to the girls' other sports commitments, but there's one very positive sign he's seen from the Chargers.

"None of the girls are afraid to make a play," he said. "They are all willing to go out and be aggressive and make a play. With the boys, you get kids that are like that, but not all of them."

The Chargers (5-1, 2-1 in league) indeed made the plays on their final drive in



EDISON RECEIVER Emma Valenzuela looks for a gap in the defense as she runs upfield during a Sunset League flag football game against Huntington Beach on Wednesday.

Don Leach | Staff Photographer

a tie game. Cassel, a basketball player at Edison, unleashed a deep bomb to sophomore Taylor Savage

that got Edison to the one-yard line.

After two incomplete passes, she then found

Crooks in the right side of the end zone. The conversion try was intercepted by Huntington Beach's Kendall

Ciara, so Edison had to settle for a 19-13 lead.

Huntington Beach (3-3, 0-3) got the ball back with

exactly two minutes left. The Oilers, led by freshman quarterback Roxie Shaia, got just past midfield but couldn't find the end zone in the closing seconds.

"We've got a good team, and so does everybody else," Oilers coach Zach Pannel said. "We started off the year 3-0 and faced some solid teams. Coming into league, it's next-level stuff, and we realized that. It's been an uphill battle. Every game we've had in league has been close, it's just getting over the hump and making that push. That's the biggest thing for us right now."

Newport Harbor and Corona del Mar are both undefeated in the league in the early going and among the top teams in the county, but Edison and Huntington Beach are firmly part of that next group. Emma Valenzuela helped the Chargers' cause Wednesday, catching a pair of first-half touchdown passes from Cassel.

Center Avea Niumata — the sister of Edison football starting quarterback Save Niumata — also played a series at quarterback. Walters noted that Edison also has sisters Preslee and Harlee Thomas on the

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF 2022-2023 PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT for the Federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program

Notice is hereby given that the City of Costa Mesa's Housing and Community Development Division has completed the 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (22-23 CAPER). The 22-23 CAPER has been completed in compliance with federal program regulations and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The 22-23 CAPER covers the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The CAPER provides an overview of the City's activities and use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) funds during the report period for the purpose of meeting community housing needs. The CAPER also includes information regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds authorized by the CARES Act of 2020.

CDBG and HOME funded activities undertaken during the report period were consistent with the City's 2020/21 - 2024/25 Consolidated Plan and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) national objectives. Activities focused on preserving and expanding housing opportunities, elimination of impediments to fair housing choice, and public services for youth, seniors, and lower income persons. The use of CDBG-CV funds is consistent with the CARES Act, which requires that funds be used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to local impacts of the Coronavirus.

15-Day Public Comment Period Extended
The City is required to make a draft of the CAPER available for public review for 15 days. The Draft 22-23 CAPER has been available for public review since August 29, 2023 at the public counter at Costa Mesa City Hall 2nd Floor - 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, 8 AM to 5 PM. The draft is also posted on the City of Costa Mesa website at <https://www.costamesaca.gov/government/departments-and-divisions/economic-and-development-services/housing-and-community-development>. Written comments regarding the CAPER must be submitted to the attention of Mikelle Daily, Grant Administrator at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 or by email to HCD@costamesaca.gov. All written comments must be received by the City no later than 3:00 PM September 26, 2023.

Public Hearing
NOTICE IS GIVEN that the previously noticed City of Costa Mesa Housing and Public Service Grants Committee public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Conference Room 1A at Costa Mesa City Hall, 1st Floor - 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA. The Committee will take public comment and consider approving the report for submission to HUD.

The agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at <https://www.costamesaca.gov/government/commissions-and-committees/housing-and-public-service-grants-committee/agendas-and-minutes>. 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. If the aforementioned action is challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to HCD@costamesaca.gov at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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AVISO PÚBLICO

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA Y DISPONIBILIDAD DEL INFORME DE RENDIMIENTO Y EVALUACIÓN 2022-2023 para el Programa Federal de Subsidios en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario y Programa de Colaboración de Inversiones

Se notifica que la División de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Costa Mesa ha completado el 2022-2023 Informe de Evaluación y Desempeño Anual Consolidado (22-23 CAPER). El 22-23 CAPER se ha completado de conformidad con las normas del programa federal y el Plan de Participación Ciudadana de la Ciudad. El 22-23 CAPER cubre el período del 1 de julio de 2022 al 30 de junio de 2023. El CAPER proporciona una descripción general de las actividades de la Ciudad y el uso de los fondos federales del Programa de Subsidios en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) y el Programa de Colaboración de Inversiones (HOME) durante el período del informe con el fin de satisfacer las necesidades de vivienda de la comunidad. El CAPER también incluye información sobre el uso de los fondos del Programa de Coronavirus Subsidios en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG-CV) autorizados por la Ley CARES de 2020.

Las actividades suministradas por CDBG y HOME realizadas durante el período del informe fueron consistentes con el 2020/21 - 2024/25 Plan Consolidado de la Ciudad y objetivos nacionales del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE. UU. (HUD). Las actividades se centraron en preservar y ampliar las oportunidades de vivienda, la eliminación de los impedimentos de vivienda justa y los servicios públicos para jóvenes, personas de la tercera edad, y personas de bajos ingresos. El uso de los fondos de CDBG-CV es consistente con la Ley CARES, que requiere que los fondos se usen para prevenir, preparar o responder a los impactos locales del Coronavirus.

Período de Comentario Público de 15 días
La Ciudad está requerida hacer un borrador de CAPER disponible para revisión pública durante 15 días. El Borrador 22-23 CAPER ha estado disponible para revisión pública desde el 29 de agosto de 2023 en el mostrador en el segundo piso del Ayuntamiento de Costa Mesa - 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA. El Ayuntamiento está abierto de lunes a jueves y cada otro viernes, de 8 am a 5 pm. El borrador también está publicado en el sitio web de la Ciudad de Costa Mesa: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/government/departments-and-divisions/economic-and-development-services/housing-and-community-development>. Los comentarios escritos sobre el CAPER deben ser enviados a la atención de Mikelle Daily, Administrador de Subvenciones al Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Costa Mesa, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 o por correo electrónico a HCD@costamesaca.gov. Todos los comentarios escritos deben ser recibidos por la Ciudad a más tardar 3:00 p. m. del 26 de septiembre de 2023.

Audiencia Pública
SE NOTIFICA que la audiencia pública del Comité de Subvenciones para la Vivienda y los Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad de Costa Mesa que se publicó para llevar a cabo el miércoles 13 de septiembre de 2023 se ha reprogramado para el miércoles 27 de septiembre de 2023 a las 6:00 p. m. en el Conference Room 1A (Cuarto de Conferencia 1A) en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Costa Mesa, 1er piso - 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA. El comité tomará comentario público y considera aprobar el reporte para entrega al HUD.

La agenda y los documentos relacionados también se pueden ver en el sitio web de la Ciudad en <https://www.costamesaca.gov/government/commissions-and-committees/housing-and-public-service-grants-committee/agendas-and-minutes>. 72 horas antes de la fecha de la audiencia pública. Si la acción antes mencionada se impugna ante un tribunal, la impugnación puede limitarse únicamente a las cuestiones planteadas en la audiencia pública descrita en el aviso, o en la correspondencia escrita enviada a HCD@costamesaca.gov en la audiencia pública o antes de ella.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL

The Laguna Beach City Council will hold a hybrid virtual/in-person Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 505 Forest Avenue, to consider: **An Appeal of the Planning Commission's conditional approval of Conditional Use Permit 20-5984, Design Review 20-5985, Coastal Development Permit 20-5986, Variance 23-0523, Revocable Encroachment Permit 23-0726, and CEQA Categorical Exemption to demolish an existing car wash facility and construct a new mixed-use retail and residential project at 1890 South Coast Highway and within the C-1, Local Business District. A Conditional Use Permit is required in order to provide residential uses above the ground floor of the building. A Variance is required in order to exceed the maximum allowable driveway slope, to provide less than minimum required open space immediately accessible to each living unit, and to encroach into the residential front yard setback with an elevated deck. A Revocable Encroachment Permit is required in order to install an irrigated landscaped area within City right-of-way along Center Street, and a Coastal Development Permit is required to construct a new building.** On June 7, 2023, the Planning Commission conditionally approved the project. The City has received two separate appeals from neighbors. The appeals generally contend that the Planning Commission did not make adequate findings for the requested variances, failed to adequately address the reasonableness of the revocable encroachment permit, failed to consider issues related to neighborhood compatibility, design articulation, view equity, public health and safety, General Plan consistency, and construction staging, and made a procedural error by eliminating the variance for covered parking without requiring that the project be re-staked. The appellants also challenge the Planning Commission's determination that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions), Sections 15303, Class 3 (New Construction), and 15332, Class 32 (Infill Development Projects) of the State CEQA Guidelines. SAID PUBLIC MEETING to be held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter. For additional information, contact City staff: Anthony Viera, Principal Planner (949) 497-0398 or aviera@lagunabeachcity.net. You may also communicate comments about the proposed application and the appeal to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net). Comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, in writing prior to the hearing (when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office), or in-person in Council Chambers. Written correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office as soon as possible or by 5:00 p.m., two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing. Procedures for participating in the virtual meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda. If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Meeting. This project is located within a non-appealable area of the Coastal Zone. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, may request such modification or accommodation from the City Clerk's Office at (949) 497-0705 (telephone) or (949) 497-0771 (facsimile). Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

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GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Edison fends off upset bid from CdM

BY ANDREW TURNER

It was getting late early for the Edison girls' volleyball team, down two sets and deep in the hole in the third when its senior pin hitters began to find the range.

The Chargers trailed by as many as six points in the third set, and they were eight points from defeat at Corona del Mar when back-to-back kills by Summer Witherby breathed life back into the team.

Edison had closed the gap to 17-15. Three kills in a four-point span by Adia McCown set up Witherby's match-extending strike to end the third.

McCown and Witherby each recorded 19 kills, as the Chargers went on to complete a backdoor sweep of the Sea Kings 20-25, 18-25, 25-23, 25-19, 15-5 on Wednesday in a Sunset Conference crossover match.

"We get off to these slow starts, and we kind of dig ourselves in a hole," Edison coach Elias Perez said. "Luckily, we got those seniors to kind of wake up in that third set. I think it was kind of just a matter of us bettering the ball the whole night. ... If it wasn't a great pass, we were trying too much with the set. If the set's not quite there, we were trying to do a little

too much. I think we found our rhythm late."

Opposite Molly McCluskey chimed in with 15 kills, two total blocks and two service aces for Edison (10-8), which is ranked ninth in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 and 2 combined poll.

Morgan Gillinger made her presence felt in the middle with five kills, four total blocks and two aces. Setter Sophie Vienna had 52 assists and two block assists.

As the comeback commenced, Perez was dealt a yellow card in the fourth set after he contested a call that a ball ruled out had not been touched by a CdM player.

"I told them, 'I'm willing to fight for you guys about something like that. I'm hoping that you guys are willing to fight just the same,'" Perez said. "I thought that kind of got us going a little bit, and that's credit to the girls for kind of stepping up and having some attitude."

The Chargers responded in kind. No moment was more symbolic of their fight than when Ava King crashed into a tripod at the back wall retrieving a ball. Playing effectively with five players on its side of the net for the remainder of the point, Edison forced a hitting error from the Sea Kings to take a 20-17 lead in the fourth and



James Carbone

EDISON'S MOLLY MCCLUSKEY (2) scores past Corona del Mar's Sofia Dajnowiec (18) and Hailey Shaw (11) in a Sunset Conference crossover match on Wednesday.

reward King's effort. Perez lauded King's hustle and said she was "totally good" after the collision.

"I thought that was very good," Witherby said of King's scrambling. "She was all-in for the point, was very aggressive and went for everything."

Edison plays host to Newport Harbor (8-9) for its Surf League opener on Friday.

Reiley Murphy had 20 kills and 10 digs to lead Corona del Mar

(10-8). Eva Link produced 40 assists and 14 digs. Sofia Dajnowiec contributed nine kills and 10 digs, Hailey Shaw pounded out eight kills, and Molly Machoskie and Lauren Esquino each had six kills for the Sea Kings. Libero Kirsten Dauderman had 16 digs.

Corona del Mar coach Bailey Humes said she hoped the loss would serve as fuel to a fire for her team. The Sea Kings will look for such a response with Wave

League play beginning Friday at Marina (13-7).

"I think we got a little complacent being up 2-0 and didn't take care of all the things we needed to take care of, started making too many errors, and just let them go on some runs that in the first two sets we were eliminating," Humes said.

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EDISON QUARTERBACK Mia Cassel looks for a receiver during Wednesday's game.

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team. They're the daughters of longtime Servite football coach Troy Thomas, who has joined the Edison football staff this year as a defensive backs coach.

"We've got this whole football family thing going on," Walters said. "It's super-cool."

Huntington Beach got a first-half touchdown pass from Shaia to senior girls' soccer standout Jaiden Anderson, and Kelly Reid caught the conversion pass. Anderson, a USC commit for soccer, then tied the score at 13-13 in the second

half with an electric defensive play.

She intercepted a deflected ball near the goal line and took it back nearly the whole way for a touchdown.

"It felt great," Anderson said. "We were scared of them scoring again, and it just turned into our point."

Anderson also had fun matching up with her Slammers FC club soccer teammate in Crooks. Crooks also had an interception on defense for Edison, and she batted away a long pass to Anderson in the closing moments of the game.

Both girls played safety on defense for their respec-

tive teams.

"I think the game plan was just 'mark Jaiden,'" Crooks said with a laugh after the final whistle. "We've been really working on discipline, and I think that kind of showed in this game, but we definitely still have a lot to learn."

Huntington Beach plays at Laguna Beach on Monday in continued league action, while Edison hosts Fountain Valley.

It's a double-round format, and the Chargers and Oilers play for the second time in league at Huntington Beach on Oct. 9.

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