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A FULL rainbow appears in a beam of sunlight Friday as a rain storm flurry passes overhead on Lombardy Street in Laguna Beach. A winter storm hit the state on Friday, bringing hail, snow and rain to parts of Southern California. The heaviest rain is expected to fall Saturday in Orange County.

'Historic' SoCal storm sweeps over coastal Orange County

BY LILLY NGUYEN

In what has been described as a "historic" storm that even merited a blizzard warning in the Los Angeles area, Orange County appeared as of late Friday afternoon to have so far escaped the worst of the multiday event. Rain, pounding at times, swept over the coastal cities, but no local agencies had reported significant flooding or damage.

Rainfall totals in Orange County were projected to be anywhere from 1 to 3 inches between Thursday and Sunday both inland and on the coast, while the mountains were expected to see from 4 to 5 inches of the wet stuff. Meteorologists noted in interviews in advance of the storm that the county had already received above-average rainfall for this time of year.

Data at John Wayne Airport noted 8.63 inches of rainfall had been seen there as of



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A RAINBOW appears over Laguna Beach as a rain storm passes.

Conference hopes to aid trafficking victims

BY ERIC LICAS

A two-day conference hosted by the Global Center for Women and Justice at Vanguard University beginning Friday, March 3, invites educators, childcare workers and families to collaborate and learn how they can better support kids and teens who have been the victims of human trafficking.

Child services in Orange county recovered 85 children who had been sexually exploited for profit in 2022, said Dr. Sandra Morgan, director of the Global Center for Women and Justice. And 78 of them were residents of the area.

"I've often heard people say Orange County is a destination [for human trafficking]. But 78 of those kids are our children, so

our community needs to step up and make sure every child has the support they need."

Children who become victims of human trafficking experience prolonged repeated abuse, Morgan said. But when they are taken out of such situations and placed into group homes or some form of shelter, they often run away.

"They're looking for connection, for family," Morgan said.

Trafficked children are less likely to run when they are reunited with relatives and placed into their care, Morgan said. And it's not enough to simply take them off of the street and give them a place to sleep. Guiding them out of a life of exploitation requires the support of

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State bill prompts Costa Mesa to repeal bike law

The new state bicycle omnibus bill claims bike registration laws have been unfairly applied, prohibits the practice.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa officials Tuesday quietly abolished municipal code provisions requiring anyone who owns a bicycle to register it with the police department — a law that since 1977 has inspired little participation but can, and does, result in citations.

Figures indicate only 85 people registered bicycles with the city in 2020. However, 42 individuals were issued citations by police that same year for being in possession of an unlicensed bike.

Tuesday's move brings the city into compliance with a new state bicycle omnibus bill passed in September which in part claims enforcement of municipal bike registration laws has been unfairly applied and prohibits the practice.

That component of the bill may not have been included were it not for the efforts of two Costa Mesa residents and safe streets advocates, who examined local citation records and found what looked like a high concentration of policing on the city's west side.

David Martinez, a USC public policy student who serves on Costa Mesa's Active Transportation Committee, said Thursday he was perplexed years earlier to discover it was illegal to own an unlicensed bike. He went to Costa Mesa police in February 2020 to register his bicycle and asked an officer about the program and who gets cited.

"They said, we might ticket the homeless," the 20-year-old recalled. "It seemed like a rule that was meant to be enforcing certain

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EDUCATORS, CHILDCARE WORKERS and families are invited to a two-day conference hosted by the Global Center for Women and Justice at Vanguard University beginning Friday, March 3.

Pigs Baron and Gunner are 2 happy campers

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Who says a pig can't be treated like part of the family?

Jody and Joe Filkins of Norco wouldn't think of leaving their two family pets — who happen to be pot-bellied pigs — home so they could get away for a long weekend at the beach.

Baron, a pot-belly farm mix, is 3 years old and weighs 160 pounds, and Gunner, a purebred pot-belly, is 4 years old and weighs 125 pounds. And they both seem to fit right in as part of the family, including accompanying the Filkins in an RV adventure.

The pigs and their human companions were found enjoy-

ing the sunshine over the Presidents Day holiday at Newport Dunes, where they set up camp.

"There is no such thing as a 'teacup' piggy," Jody Filkins said. "People breed them and sell them as 'a cute little thing and tell you they're not gonna grow.' But, people gotta do their homework."

She said both Baron and Gunner are rescue animals who needed to live in an area where it's zoned for livestock, so Norco suits them well. She also noted a potbelly can weigh up to 500 pounds, with the average growing to 100 to 200 pounds.

"They need to be neutered and

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Susan Hoffman

JOE AND JODY Filkins enjoy Presidents Day weekend at the Dunes along with their two domesticated pet pot-belly pigs, Gunner, left, and Baron. The rescue animals and their caretakers live in Norco.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH BOYS' VOLLEYBALL EDGES BECKMAN IN EMOTIONAL HOME OPENER

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L.B. to host open house events for new center

BY ANDREW TURNER

Dates have been set for the public to tour the new Laguna Beach Community and Recreation Center, city officials announced at the City Council meeting this week.

Formerly operating as the St. Catherine of Siena School, the city purchased the property — located at 30516 Coast Highway — from the Diocese of Orange for \$23 million.

The city will host open house events on Wednesday, March 8, from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, March 9, from noon to 2 p.m., and Saturday, March 11, from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m.

Walking tours of the South Laguna property will last approximately 20 minutes. Assistant City Manager Gavin Curran said that touring groups would be limited to about 10 to 15 people.

“We are really doing that to manage the crowd,” City Manager Shohreh Dupuis said. “There’s limited parking, so we don’t want to overwhelm the area with hundreds of people coming for the tours, so we’ll try this, and hopefully everyone gets a chance to come in.”

The Laguna Beach City Council approved interim uses for the site earlier this

year. Those programs include adult drop-in basketball, indoor pickleball and gymnastics classes. The former school site has four buildings that amount to 39,500 square feet of indoor space, including a gymnasium and a chapel. There is also an outdoor athletic field.

Long-term uses for the property have yet to be determined.

Registration for tours of the Laguna Beach Community and Recreation Center will open on Monday at lagunabeachcity.net.

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THE CITY of Laguna Beach has three planned open house dates in March for its new community and recreation center in South Laguna.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Oilers edge Beckman in emotional home opener

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Huntington Beach High boys' volleyball team took the court Thursday night dealing with all sorts of feelings.

Just two days prior, news had broken of the passing of Rocky Ciarelli, one of the program's most celebrated alumni who came back to coach for 24 seasons at his alma mater.

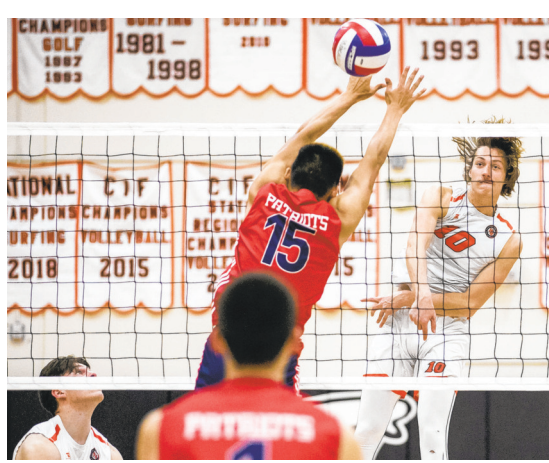
Then there was the on-court matchup, the first meeting with Beckman since the Patriots eliminated the Oilers in five sets in the CIF Southern Section Division 1

quarterfinals last season.

Liam Phinizy had a match-high 22 kills, as Huntington Beach defeated Beckman 20-25, 25-21, 21-25, 25-16, 15-13 in a nonleague thriller at home.

In a fifth set that saw five ties from 9-9, Phinizy, who had three kills from that point to help the Oilers earn the victory, said the crowd provided a late energy boost.

“The last five points was insane,” said Phinizy, an outside hitter committed to Loyola Chicago. “Hearing the crowd back you up, the bench



HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Liam Phinizy hits past Beckman's Noah Huang in a nonleague boys' volleyball match on Thursday.

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BIKE

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people. I wanted to get more information, so I filed a public records request.”

Martinez received roughly two years of citation and arrest data from the Costa Mesa Police Department, collected from before the pandemic, and plotted hundreds of incidents on a map.

“I kept noticing there are more citations going on on the west side than any other part of Costa Mesa,” he said. “I think [the law] is being kind of selectively enforced on the west side because of who lives there.”

Martinez discussed his findings among other safe streets advocates, including Marc Vukcevic, a fellow member of Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets.

Researching the city's or-

inance, it appeared the intent of mandating licensing was to help recover stolen bikes and return them to their owners in a pre-digital era. But as fewer residents registered bikes, the application of the law became less clear, according to Vukcevic.

“It looks like it's a way to trump up the charges against the homeless, which is a citywide issue but is happening more on the west side,” he said Thursday. “That takes away any of the moral merit of keeping people's bikes safe.”

Martinez and Vukcevic shared their concerns with state Assemblywoman Laura Friedman (D-Glen Dale) in 2021 during a virtual talk she'd hosted with cycling advocates statewide. As chair of the Assembly's Committee on Transportation, Friedman was drafting legislation de-

signed to help improve street conditions for cyclists.

Signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom last September, Friedman's “OmniBike” bill requires motorists to change lanes when passing cyclists, allows people on bicycles to use pedestrian leading intervals that give walkers advance notice at crosswalks before lights turn green and allows Class 3 e-bikes to use bike paths, while prohibiting them on hiking and equestrian trails.

Although the licensing enforcement prohibition was but one component of a much larger bill, Friedman credited Vukcevic and Martinez for bringing the issue to her attention.

“The lack of a license is not proof that a bicycle was stolen,” she said. “Registration should be used as a means of recovering a stolen bicycle, not an ex-

cuse to ticket someone for lacking it.”

Costa Mesa Police Department spokeswoman Roxi Fyad explained Friday the licensing requirement initially provided police a means of alerting officers when a stolen bike was found in the possession of a non-registrant.

“The former municipal code was also often used to assist the cleanup of homeless encampments, which often were found with a large amount of unidentified bicycles,” she said in a statement.

“In the past, when illegal encampments were a blight, and quality of life issues were impacted in Costa Mesa, we enforced the bike licensing requirement under our city municipal code to help address the issue and improve use of city parks, bicycle trails and [reduce] complaints from business

owners.” Fyad denied any indication officers were disproportionately citing a particular area or population and said the department is planning to participate in Project 529, an app currently used in Huntington Beach and Newport Beach that allows people to register bikes in a multi-agency database, search recovered bikes and notify police and other users.

For Vukcevic, abolition of the city's outdated municipal code is a “small but resounding” win.

“We're stopping the harassment of individuals by law enforcement,” Vukcevic said. “I think you're just making it a more pleasant experience to ride your bike. That's what you want, and that's what's fair and what's just.”

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VICTIMS

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loved ones and professionals from a wide variety of fields.

“It takes a really long time before they really feel safe, they're able to deal all of the mental health issues, the trauma,” Morgan said.

The Ensure Justice Conference is hosting in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education a forum for those who care for and about exploited teens so they can find ways to better support them. It will feature mock proceedings of G.R.A.C.E. Court, an Orange County family court that specifically handles cases involving trafficked minors. Those demonstrations show attendees the sort of legal issues involved in supporting child victims who have been recovered from the street, and illustrates how many hands are needed to steer them toward brighter futures.

“If you ever go to G.R.A.C.E. court, you may see 14 adults all there for one child,” Morgan said.

The event will also include presentations from experts in child development and welfare, as well as a screening of the documentary “Sextortion: The Hidden Pandemic.” The conference is free, and those interested in attending can register and find a full schedule of speakers and demonstrations at gcwj.org/ensurejustice.

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CAMPERS

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spayed because if they're not fixed they become hormonal and not very nice,” Filkins said. “And then they do not make good pets.”

She also pointed out that pigs and dogs do not get

along, especially if unattended, but chickens and cats are OK, as far as the swine are concerned.

Baron and Gunner's diet typically consists of high fiber, easily digestible feed like pot-belly pig pellets and Timothy hay, but since they are spoiled, they occasionally get a treat like a pinch of a sandwich or a fragment of a corn chip, Filkins said.

Newport Beach resident Sharon Seal was taking a Saturday afternoon walk around the Newport Dunes when the pigs standing by the fenced

area near an RV caught her eye.

“At first glance I thought it was a white Labrador retriever leisurely playing in the assigned RV area,” Seal said. “As I walked closer, I realized it was a pig. [Then I saw it was] not one, but two. I'd never seen a farm animal grazing in the RV park before.”

“The owners reassured me they were friendly and also very intelligent. And they were, they came up to the fence when you called their name with their tails wagging!”

Filkins said her pigs

travel very well, “even though Baron gets car sick, so he has a bed near the front of the RV. And we make sure we cut off [meals] before we start driving.”

Their RV, having been “pig-proofed,” also has a special ramp installed to ease getting in and out.

At home, Baron and Gunner pretty much have the run of the house, even though at first the couple swore they would never allow them on the furniture.

“They sleep on a bed, sofa and chair,” Filkins said. “Baron likes to snuggle close to me on the chair.”

Husband Joe, who at first was not at all keen to take on pigs as pets, said Baron and Gunner have a special “potty regimen.” A dog bell on the door allows them to ring for assistance when they want to go outside.

“They make 20 different sounds. They talk back and tell you all about it,” Jody said. “They bark like a dog when they are excited and



Courtesy of Jody Filkins

BARON, a 3-year-old, 160-pound pot-bellied pig, takes a breather on an armchair at the Filkins' home.

nervous.”

They also cry like a baby, she said.

“It's like having a 2-year-old child ... high maintenance,” Jody said. “They have the same toys as a toddler and baskets of toys.”

The pigs require training and discipline, she adds, especially in their younger years.

“They get bored and eat furniture and chew on

walls,” Jody said. “They need to be entertained or have toys.”

Their favorite toy is an ABC talking airplane with buttons they like to push to make it talk and move, she added.

“They are amazing,” Jody said.

“They are pretty adorable,” Joe agreed.

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

Mark your social calendar for this year's SeaChange Summer Party

Daily Pilot readers seriously connected to ocean preservation given our locale, are responsible custodians of a coastal environment and must remain aware of the challenges faced saving our planet's oceans. Pollution and greed are the two human failings that have poisoned the oceans with waste, destroyed natural reef habitats, and have caused over-fishing for immediate profit without regard for long-term sustainability.

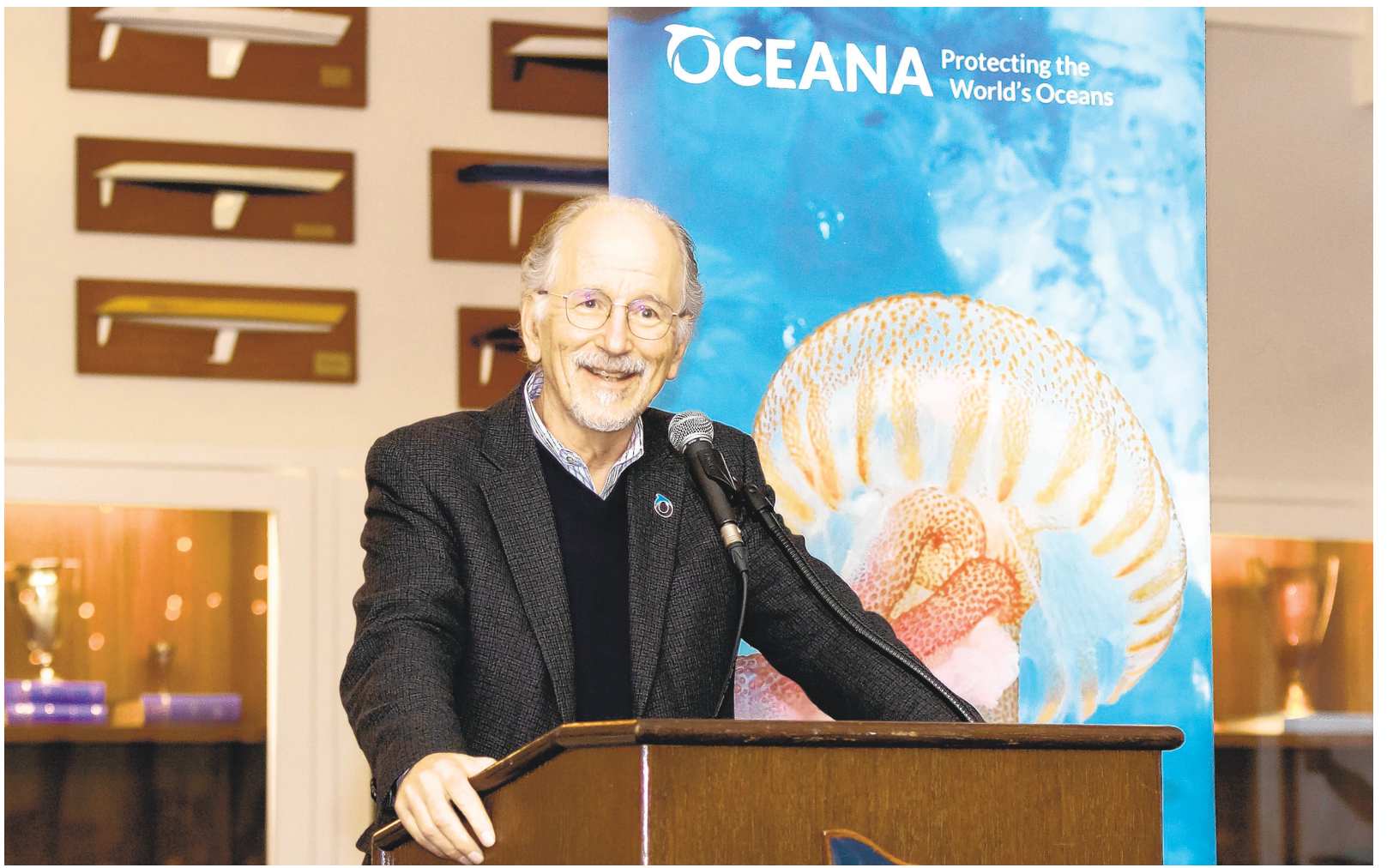
On the Orange Coast, we treasure moments connecting us with a sighting of whales, schools of flying dolphins in ballet format, and yes, even the great white shark fin appearing in the tides beyond the beach. All are in danger.

Oceanographic scientists work globally to find answers. Institutes, universities, private and public research foundations dedicated to ocean restoration raise alarms. Inventors seek funding to create technology to support programs. On the SoCal coast one such invention includes a massive floating barge machine that is designed to gather and remove plastic waste in significant amounts. It can be seen working out of multiple harbors from Los Angeles to Long Beach, and south to Mexico.

Clearly, humans created the crisis. And, humans can also reverse the disaster. Progress is being made. In the case of ocean conservation, it not only "takes a village," but requires a worldwide effort. Foreign adversaries must recognize that the potential catastrophic failure of the ocean eco-system means people perish. Food supplies vanish, livelihoods disappear and economic ruin is far from exaggeration.

Newport-Mesa advocates of ocean conservation stand in support of an organization known as Oceana. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., with a passionate CEO **Andrew Sharpless** at its helm, Oceana is a world force making a difference. On our coast, for the past two decades, Oceana has raised millions for its programs, both local and international, through an adjunct fundraising arm called SeaChange, sponsoring events including educational, political, scientific outreach and a celebratory fundraising annual gala known as the SeaChange Summer Party.

In Newport Beach, dedicated ocean activist and philanthropist **Elizabeth Wahler** serves as co-chair



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OCEANA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Andy Sharpless speaks at the recent Oceana event. Oceana has raised millions for its programs, both local and international, through an adjunct fundraising arm called SeaChange.



JEFF SHERWOOD joins Valarie Van Cleave, Oceana board member and SeaChange founder and chair emeriti, and Valeree Wahler at a luncheon.

of fundraising events, often working side by side with well-known actor and ocean activist **Ted Danson**.

Again this year, the SeaChange Summer Party will be co-chaired by Wahler and Danson, and will unfold July 22 at the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort and Club, Dana Point. This marks the 16th outing for the gala, previously held annually at the Laguna Beach hilltop Italian Mediterranean estate of Karen and Bruce Cahill. Leaving no detail unat-

tended, Wahler, Danson and Sharpless summoned like-minded locals to a pre-event dinner celebration, confab and "thank you" for support gathering recently at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Newport Beach.

"It's because of your passion and support for this wonderful organization that SeaChange has been able to raise nearly \$18 million to support Oceana's campaigns right here in Southern California, across the country, and around the

world," Danson told the guests in Newport.

Those attending included SeaChange Founder, Chair Emeritus and Oceana Board member **Valarie Van Cleave** joining **Tricia and Michael Berns, Carol and Dennis Berryman, Karen and Bruce Cahill, Bonnie Lee and Justin Pham, Barbara and Greg MacGillivray, Britt Meyer, Debbie and Paul Naudé, Gena Reed, Laura and Louis Rohl**.

Paul Naudé, founder of SIMA Environmental Fund



TED DANSON, Oceana Board member and Karen Cahill, SeaChange co-chair.

and chief executive of Vissla, will be recognized as an Ocean Champion at this year's SeaChange Summer Party.

Co-chair Wahler shared positive progress with the guests, offering a look at the impact local efforts achieved, including the fact that the critical funds raised at SeaChange helped deliver major victories for our oceans in 2022, including reducing single-use plastics in California, banning the trade of shark fins in the United States, and prohibiting drift gillnets in U.S. waters.

The Oceana Mission is to campaign for international cooperation to ensure healthy and abundant oceans, feeding the planet. Specifically on the U.S. West Coast, the organization

endeavors with projects protecting whales and other marine life killed by certain types of fishing gear entanglements. A major priority is working with government and business to curtail large corporate polluters using massive quantities of single use plastics. Among the targets are Amazon and Coca-Cola.

Major donors for SeaChange 2023 include presenting sponsor BLANCPAIN, Northern Trust, dropps and BMW to name only a few.

To learn more go to ocean.org. For tickets to the Bay Window, the official publication of the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

A superlative comparison of 'clearer' and 'more clear'

"When is it grammatically correct to use 'more clear' in place of 'clearer'?" an internet user asked on Quora last year.

There are some problems with this question. The first is that the writer was under the impression that "more clear" is the grammatically correct wording in some contexts, while "clearer" is correct in others.

Second: The writer posted this question in a public forum, where people who don't know the answer can pretend that they do and where, as a result, people contradict each other with absolute certainty.

"More clear' is not English," one user replied. "The expression is 'clearer.'"

"The use of either one is grammatically correct," said another.

No one teaches us in school where to turn with questions like this. Even I found this matter tough to research. So you can't blame the questioner for



seeking out help on the internet, where you can get good answers and bad answers, with no way to know which are right, served with a generous helping of spam ads for stock market tips and software products.

So what's a well-meaning English speaker to do?

First, toss out the idea that there's only one correct way to write or say something. English is pretty flexible, so more than one wording can be grammatical. Think about "aren't I" and "amn't I" and you'll see what I mean.

Second, understand where correctness comes from in English. There's no Grammar Penal Code — no official list of what's right and wrong. Instead, there are three elements that determine correctness: syntax, dictionary definitions and common usage.

Syntax means the grammatical mechanics of sentences, for example how subjects should agree with verbs. You don't say, "We knows how," you say, "We know how." "Know" is the correct conjugation for the

first person plural, so "knows" is ungrammatical when paired with "we."

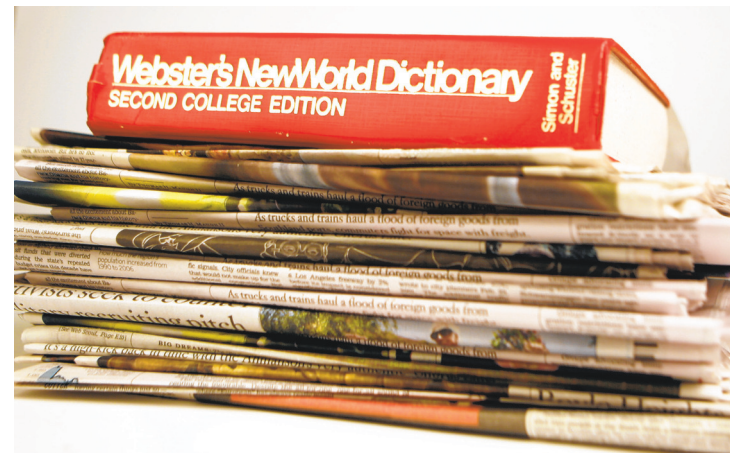
Dictionary definitions are more straightforward. If you say "dog" when you mean "cat," you're using the word "dog" wrong.

The third arbiter of correctness in English, common usage, tells you whether a structure is so well established that it's considered idiomatic — correct despite being ungrammatical. "Aren't I" is the best example. The pronoun "I" usually pairs up with "am," not "are." But at some point, "aren't I" became standard idiom, so it's correct even though it's ungrammatical.

So how does all this apply to the choice between "more clear" and "clearer"?

The idiom standard does not, in my opinion, seem to apply. I would argue "more clear" isn't common enough to be idiomatic, though reasonable people may disagree.

Grammar is helpful here because it tells us that, for some adjectives, you can add "er" on the end to get its comparative form and



JUNE CASAGRANDE suggests curious readers consult the dictionary to find clearer answers about their language questions.

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"est" to get a superlative. So we know that "clearer" is standard and correct.

But to really understand comparatives and superlatives, the dictionary is our most useful tool. First, it can show us which words have comparative forms and which don't. Look up "clearer" and "intelligenter" and you'll see what I mean. "Clearer" is in the dictionary. "Intelligenter" is not. So if you want to say that one person's intelligence is greater than someone else's, you have to piece together your own wording, for example: "more

intelligent."

So we know that the dictionary considers "clearer" correct, but does that mean "more clear" is not? For this answer, we have to closely examine the word "more." Nowhere in any dictionary does it say that you can't add the word "more" to adjectives that already have a comparative form. "More" means "more," whether it comes before "intelligent," "clear" or any other adjective.

So both "clearer" and "more clear" are grammatically correct. But if you're minding your usage, you

might want to avoid "more clear" anyway. According to Google's Ngram viewer, "clearer" is about 12 times more common in published writing than "more clear." Plus, though everyone knows "clearer" is right, some don't know "more clear" is too, and they'll think you're in the wrong if you use it.

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back you up, it's an unreal moment. It's awesome being on the court and having people support you."

Ben Bray dropped in 13 kills and four service aces for Huntington Beach (2-0), which opened the season with a four-set win at San Clemente.

"That's a revenge tour right there," Bray said. "That's for our seniors from last year."

In a match that the Oilers never led until the end, they simply refused to give up. Jake Pazanti, a Long Beach State-bound setter, supplied 48 assists and four total blocks.

Pazanti, who played with the words, "For Rocky," written on tape around his wrist, battled leg cramps in the fourth and fifth sets, but he repeatedly motioned to the sideline to stay on the court.

He missed just one point



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Drew Bjork hits against Beckman's Noah Huang in a nonleague boys' volleyball match on Thursday. The Oilers defeated the Patriots in five sets.

when the trainer was called out to the floor where Pazanti stayed down after a block attempt in the fourth set.

"There was no way I was going out for more than a point," Pazanti said. "I didn't even want to go out for the one, but I had to because the trainer had to come out."

Aidan Dubno had 11 kills, 3½ blocks and two aces. The opposite also made a big impact defensively, making two key digs in an extended point that gave the Oilers a 13-12 lead in the fifth set.

"We had most of the players coming back with only a few new people on the team that are actually playing,"

Dubno said. "We all know each other pretty well. We're grouped together. We feel like we have a lot of chemistry together already because we play on the same club team, too."

Drew Bjork added eight kills, and Bennet Tchaikovsky also had two aces.

Luke Morrison had 20 kills and two blocks for Beckman (1-1). Noah Huang added 15 kills and 2½ blocks, Jack Graves provided 13 kills and Ryan Graves handed out 44 assists to go with 2½ blocks.

Prior to the match, a moment of silence was held for the late Ciarelli. Huntington Beach coach Craig Pazanti acknowledged members of

the Ciarelli family in attendance during his pregame remarks.

"On behalf of the Huntington Beach community, especially the Oiler volleyball family, I want to send out our love and our prayers to the entire Ciarelli family for the unexpected loss of Rocky Ciarelli," said Pazanti, while fighting back tears. "He was a coach and a mentor to so many over his 30-plus years coaching high school volleyball. He is the reason I stand here today, and he will be remembered as a community leader for this and many generations to come."

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, March 09, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Mother's Market – A coastal development permit and traffic study for the modification of the 5,096-square-foot commercial component of a previously approved mixed-use development from an office use to a grocery store.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15332 under Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City or before the public hearing. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapters 20.64 and 21.64. A fee is required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the City Council. The project site is located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact David Lee, Senior Planner, at 949-644-3225, dlee@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2022-101
Activities: Coastal Development Permit and Traffic Study

Zone: Mixed-Use Mariners' Mile (MU-MM)
General Plan: Horizontal 1 (MU-H1)

Coastal Land Use Plan: Mixed-Use Horizontal (MU-H)
Filing Date: May 16, 2022

Location: 2510 and 2530 West Coast Highway
Applicant: SMM 2600 PCH LLC

Sarah Klaustermeier, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

Bids Wanted

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS (BIDS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District invites and will receive sealed proposals (bids) for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, permits, and other items necessary for the construction of the following project:

HQ DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPE RENOVATION

Project No. 342

Bids will be received by the Costa Mesa Sanitary District office at 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, California until Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 10:00 am at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud in the Board Conference Room. Sealed proposals shall bear the title of the project and the name of the bidder. Any bid received after the scheduled bid opening time shown above will not be accepted and returned to the bidder unopened. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to seal and deliver the bid proposal to the District office at or before the time specified in this notice provided. A set of the approved contract documents including plans and specifications may be obtained at the SABP Reprographics, 2372 Morse Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614, (949) 756-1001 (e-mail: workorder@sabp.com).

The project includes generally includes, but not limited to, removing and disposing the existing landscape, installing new hardscape, landscape, plants, civil, electrical, mechanical, and piping, and electrical work associated with the renovation.

There is a mandatory pre-bid meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 15th of March 2023 (Wednesday). The pre-bid meeting will be held at CMSD District Headquarters Conference Room, 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, 92626.

The question deadline during the bid period is 3:00 p.m. on the 29th day of March 2023 (Wednesday).

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, the prevailing rate and scale of wages determined by the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California. Prevailing rates shall be paid to all workers employed in the performance of the contract. Such rates of wages are on file with Department of Industrial Relations and in the office of the District and are available to any interested party upon request. The contractor is responsible for all penalties prescribed for noncompliance to these provisions.

Each bid shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal Form furnished as part of the contract documents, and shall be accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or a bidder's bond in an amount not less than 10-percent of the amount of the bid, made payable to the Costa Mesa Sanitary District. The check or bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract with the District and furnish the required payment and performance bonds and certificates of insurance and endorsements if awarded the work. The check or bond will be declared forfeited if the successful bidder does not enter into the contract or furnish the required bonds and insurance forms under the time frame specified in the construction agreement.

It is imperative that the bidders carefully review this notice and the District's standard construction agreement and insurance forms. The successful bidder will be required to comply with all requirements in the standard construction agreement and insurance forms. In the event of failure or inability to meet these requirements after the award of contract, the District shall have the right to reject the bid and/or declare a forfeiture of the bid bond.

Pursuant to California Contract Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR will be entitled to post approved securities with the District or an approved financial institution in order to have the District release funds retained by the District to insure performance of the contract.

No bidder or subcontractor shall be listed in a bid proposal unless registered with the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Liquidated damages in the sum of \$250 per day shall be imposed for each unexcused day beyond the contract completion date.

The Engineer's Base Bid Estimate for this construction project is \$ 397,000.00
The Engineer's Estimate for ADD ALT #1 is \$ 11,500.00

The Board of Directors of the District reserves the right to select the schedule(s) under which the bids are to be compared and contract(s) awarded, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any and all irregularity in any bid.

Dated: February 14, 2023
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT

STORM

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Feb. 20 this year, up from the typical average of 7.84 inches during the same period.

Harsh winds precluded the storms that began Thursday. The National Weather Service station in San Diego released a statement Friday reporting winds of 43 mph at the

Huntington Beach Pier, 38 mph in Laguna Beach and 35 mph at the Newport Pier.

Wind advisories are in effect through Saturday morning with gusts projected to remain around 25 to 35 mph, but could reach up to 50 mph in Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, San Clemente, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Ful-

lerton and Mission Viejo, according to weather officials.

Flood watches will also remain in place for parts of Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties through Saturday evening. The heaviest rain is expected to fall Saturday with rates expected to be 0.5 to 0.75 inches of rain per hour.

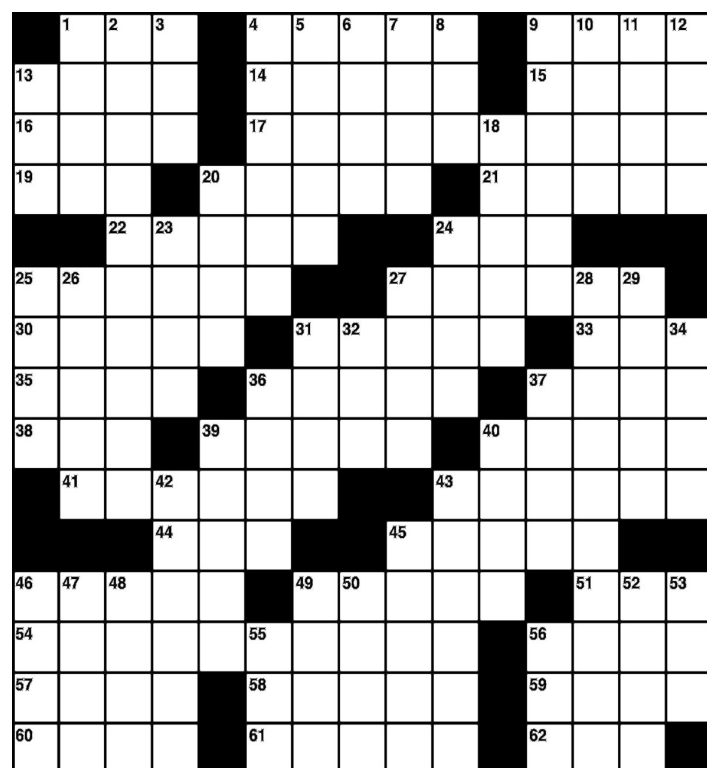
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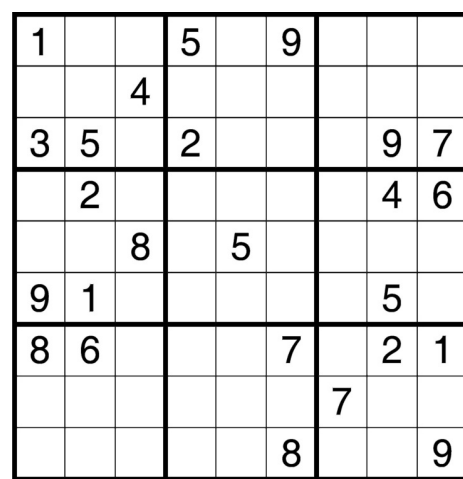
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- 4 "What I Did on My Summer Vacation," e.g.
- 9 Foot part
- 13 Sunbathes
- 14 Walked off with
- 15 "A _ of Two Cities"
- 16 Shrewd
- 17 "and lead us not into _"
- 19 Many times, in poetry
- 20 Makes gentle
- 21 Melon casings
- 22 Alex Haley's famous book
- 24 _ person; each
- 25 Smeary mark
- 27 Actor Borgnine
- 30 Oval brooch, often
- 31 Polynesian island group
- 33 Strike
- 35 Tip jar fillers
- 36 Zoo primate
- 37 Singer Perry
- 38 Toy soldier material
- 39 Spacious
- 40 Showed boldness
- 41 Affirm as true
- 43 Nightclub
- 44 Pillsbury Doughboy's accessory
- 45 Social division
- 46 Thread holder
- 49 Old French currency
- 51 Lakers' league, for short
- 54 Awakener
- 56 One whose pants are on fire?
- 57 Bouquet greenery
- 58 Get clean
- 59 No more than
- 60 As _ as pie



SUDOKU

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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 A2.

- 61 Derisive smile
- 62 Get older
- DOWN!**
- Ragamuffin
- 2 Harp or zither
- 3 90 degrees from ENE
- 4 Subject of a will
- 5 Wineglass parts
- 6 Not all
- 7 Mont Blanc's range
- 8 "Are we there _?"
- 9 Clothing
- 10 Drops from above
- 11 Clumsy person
- 12 Cacklers
- 13 Deuce
- 18 Amphitheater
- 20 Like fast food
- 23 Poetic tributes
- 24 _ up; support from behind

- 25 Dundee fellow
- 26 Wild enthusiasm
- 27 Acting award
- 28 Abbreviating
- 29 Hourglass
- 31 Vaccination, often
- 32 Shoot carefully
- 34 Commotion
- 36 Expense
- 37 Throw
- 39 Kingdom
- 40 Slipped _; back woe
- 42 Like a rosebush
- 43 "Deal or No Deal" ogre
- 45 Hidden supply
- 46 Not in danger
- 47 Appeal
- 48 Doesn't have both _ in the water
- 49 Caramel-topped dessert
- 50 Learn by _; memorize
- 52 Actor Christian
- 53 Suffix for honor or legend
- 55 "NCIS" network
- 56 Hawaii's Mauna
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