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Photos by James Carbone

PEOPLE WALK up and down the pier enjoying the lighted snowflakes during Huntington Beach's Light a Light of Love ceremony on Sunday.

Snowflakes light up for love

Giant snowflakes on the Huntington Beach Pier got people in the holiday spirit Sunday night, during the annual Light a Light of Love ceremony.

At 6 p.m., after a countdown by Mayor Barbara Delgleize and a drum roll by the Marina High band, more than 80 snowflakes were simultaneously lit on the pier and Main Street.

Light a Light of Love raises funds for Waymakers Huntington Beach Youth Shelter, a 12-bed emergency crisis inter-

vention refuge for homeless, runaway, abused and at-risk youth ages 11 to 17. Each of the 6-foot-tall snowflakes features a plaque below that can feature a saying or company logo.

The event featured preshow entertainment by Beach Boys tribute band "Surf's Up," as well as a craft booth, the annual children's holiday parade and photo opportunities with Santa Claus.

This year marked the 26th year of the annual event.

— Matt Szabo



SANTA CLAUS, Huntington Beach Mayor Barbara Delgleize and local dignitaries get ready for the light countdown at the Light a Light of Love ceremony.



MEMBERS OF the Marina High School band smile as they wait for the annual Light a Light of Love ceremony on Sunday night.



MISS HUNTINGTON BEACH Katie Chrisman, 19, passes out candy canes to local children at the ceremony.

H.B. woman killed, 3 teens hospitalized in crash

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

An 18-year-old Huntington Beach woman died and three other teens were injured when the vehicle they were riding in crashed into a construction site in Westminster Tuesday.

The car had apparently crashed through concrete barriers near Westminster Boulevard and Rancho Road and was tee-

tering over a "huge trench" that had been dug for a county sewer construction project when people arrived at about 9:38 p.m. A chain-link fence held the vehicle back from going over the edge and into the gap.

One woman died in the crash and was later identified as Jayda Jean Feeney, Orange County Sheriff's Sgt. Scott Steinle said.

Three other teens who were hurt in the crash underwent surgery, Westminster Police Cmdr. Kevin MacCormack said. The car's driver, also 18, was expected to remain hospitalized for another eight to 10 days.

Further information about the collision was not immediately released. Investigators had been in the process of obtaining a search warrant for a sample of

the driver's blood to determine if drugs or alcohol might have been involved.

Anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to call Sgt. Anil Adam at (714) 548-3770. Orange County Crime Stoppers will accept anonymous tips at (855) TIP-OCCS.

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Constantine sworn in as new F.V. mayor, Grandis is mayor pro tem

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Fountain Valley City Council on Tuesday unanimously elected Kim Constantine to serve as mayor for the year ahead.

Constantine, who was mayor pro tem last year, earned a second four-year term on the dais through the general election on Nov. 8, as did outgoing mayor Patrick Harper.

"As our new mayor, I will continue to make decisions in the absolute best interest of this community," Constantine said, while thanking her colleagues for

giving her the gavel. "Residents and businesses can look forward to our stable leadership and more awareness about city-related matters, City Council agenda items, next-steps events, and valuable resources."

Glenn Grandis will serve as Fountain Valley's mayor pro tem.

Jim Cunneen, a former Fountain Valley School District board member, received the most votes in the race for three seats on the panel. He takes the place of Michael Vo, who vacates the

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FOUNTAIN VALLEY City Council members Kim Constantine, Patrick Harper and Jim Cunneen, from left, are sworn in on Tuesday.

Andrew Turner

Call for recount follows narrow K win

County voting officials confirmed opponent filed request for recount on divisive Costa Mesa development measure.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa's Measure K passed by a narrow margin — 22 votes — in a contest that amassed 32,944 ballots, but its fate may hang in the balance as county voting officials confirmed a request for a recount has been filed.

The Orange County Registrar of Voters reported Thursday a written request to have Measure K ballots recounted was submitted Tuesday by Costa Mesa resident Mary Spadoni. Such requests must be filed within five days of the certification of results, which occurred Dec. 2.

An outspoken opponent of the initiative, Spadoni addressed the City Council in a regular meeting Tuesday, accusing city officials of selling out to developers by backing Measure K.

"The 22 votes that passed this measure was certainly no mandate," Spadoni said in a public comment via Zoom. "The residents who opposed 'Yes on K' saw \$150,000 of developer money plus

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New plan to reduce copper in Newport Bay OK'd

Local water quality board says discharges from boats' antifouling copper paints can be toxic to aquatic life.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board recently passed a plan to regulate the amount of copper in Newport Bay, but officials with the city of Newport Beach contend that the path forward to address the issue is murkier than it seems.

In 2002, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established thresholds of toxic substances for both Newport Bay and San Diego Creek, the latter being the primary tributary into the bay.

The total maximum daily loads — known as TMDLs — define the amount of a pollutant that can enter a body of water without resulting in violations of water quality standards set forth by the U.S. Clean Water Act. The

See **Copper**, page A3

H.B. dedicates new Memorial Hall, 17th Street Park



Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

AMERICAN LEGION POST 133 color guard Dennis Bauer, center, folds an American flag after the dedication ceremony for the new 17th Street Park and Memorial Hall on Saturday. The new additions sit on the land formerly occupied by the Michael E. Rodgers Senior Center.

American Legion Post 133 has a renovated home, and Huntington Beach residents have plenty of space at a new park alongside it.

City officials on Saturday celebrated the new 17th Street Park and Memorial Hall with a dedication ceremony.

Both the hall and the 2.01-acre park sit on the land formerly occupied by the Michael E. Rodgers' Senior Center, which was demolished earlier this year.

The Rodgers' Senior Center's days were numbered when Huntington Beach opened the Senior Center in Central Park in 2016. But in 2020, the Huntington Beach City Council approved a plan to redevelop the Rodgers' Senior Center site.

A nearly \$2.4-million contract was awarded in December 2021 to Legion Contractors Inc.

Memorial Hall is the old outreach building at the Rodgers' Senior Center property.

The 17th Street Park includes a big lawn, as well as landscaping and picnic benches and is the 79th park within the city's boundaries.

— Matt Szabo



RUSS DOHRMANN, American Legion Post 133 commander, speaks during a dedication ceremony for the new 17th Street Park and Memorial Hall on Saturday.



MAYOR BARBARA DELGLEIZE, center, celebrates after cutting the ceremonial ribbon during a dedication ceremony for the new 17th Street Park and Memorial Hall.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 4 Hate
- 9 Plane part
- 13 All tucked in
- 15 Long-legged bird
- 16 Little bit
- 17 Albacore or bluefin
- 18 About
- 19 Fyodor II or Ivan VI
- 20 Afflicted
- 22 Islets off Florida
- 23 Easy stride
- 24 In _; dumbfounded
- 26 Short fast race
- 29 Ability to get around
- 34 Large piece of luggage
- 35 Simon & Reiser
- 36 Writer Tolstoy
- 37 Wedding band
- 38 Sample
- 39 Pet store purchase
- 40 Friend at the Sorbonne
- 41 Pays a landlord
- 42 Razz
- 43 Necklace ornaments
- 45 "Messiah" composer
- 46 Aardvark snack
- 47 Dull speaker
- 48 Wraparound garment
- 51 Determine for sure
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- 57 Committee leader
- 58 In good shape
- 60 Beef or pork
- 61 Shop talk
- 62 Sharpen
- 63 Catch sight of
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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.

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

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- 1 Persian or Siamese
- 2 Share a border with
- 3 Gambler's vacation city
- 4 Agree to take
- 5 Seawater

- 6 Male red deer
- 7 _ in a blue moon
- 8 Legible
- 9 Bit of change
- 10 Seep out
- 11 Linger
- 12 Dumbo's "wings"
- 14 Word of affection

21 Man with a habit

25 Oshkosh's state: abbr.

26 Sandal part

27 Choice; top-notch

28 Altercation

29 Ship poles

30 On the _ with; not speaking to

31 Epic by Homer

32 Brief and to the point

33 Alpine song

35 Breathe heavily

38 Feeler

39 Under

41 Trotted

42 Sharp-tasting

44 Delicate

45 Intense fear

47 Neutral color

48 Nonspecific amount

49 Logging tools

50 Harvest a crop

52 Part of the leg

53 Isn't able to

54 Flat-faced golf club

55 Reasonable bedtime

59 Feline cry

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RECOUNT

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all of the tens of thousands of funds the unions flooded into this election, and we gave it a damn good fight.”

Spadoni said Thursday the closeness of the results of Measure K — which received 16,483 yes votes and 16,461 against — and the fact that 1,311 more ballots were cast in that contest than in the city’s mayoral race were the two primary reasons behind the request for a recount.

“As of this time, we are awaiting information on moving forward with the ROV process of a recount,” she wrote in an email.

The passage of Measure K allows for the easing of an existing rule requiring voter approval of certain large-scale developments in identified commercial and industrial corridors in town, a move advocates say will allow city officials to amend outdated zoning codes and make room for needed housing.

Opponents like Spadoni, however, claim the initiative overrides the say of residents who would normally be allowed to vote on projects that exceed the parameters of the city’s General Plan and zoning code (granted by Measure Y, passed in 2016) without creating affordable housing.

Registrar Bob Page said voting officials are devel-



James Carbone

SIGNS FOR a Nov. 3 rally supporting Measure K in Costa Mesa. The initiative, which passed by 22 votes, is being challenged.

oping a cost estimate for the recount, indicating if Spadoni provides a deposit for the first day of work, recounting would begin Tuesday, according to laws that give the registrar seven days after a request is made to begin the process.

The by-precinct results of the recount would be released in daily updates at ocvote.gov and would include an original tally alongside the recounted tally, the registrar explained in an email Thursday.

County officials certified final election results last Friday, after nearly one month of counting in-person ballots and votes re-

ceived by mail. In turn, the City Council certified the returns in its meeting Tuesday.

Those results indicated Costa Mesa voters granted council incumbents Andrea Marr, Manuel Chavez and Arlis Reynolds, in districts 3, 4 and 5, respectively, another four years in office.

Mayor John Stephens was also reelected over challenger John Moorlach, a former state senator and Orange County supervisor, to serve two more years in the at-large position.

Marr beat out two challengers in District 3, earning 2,220 votes to JT Patton’s 2,142 and Jorge

Miron’s 651. Chavez ran unopposed in District 4 but still saw 1,881 ballots cast in his favor.

Reynolds earned 3,175 votes, or 64% approval, over challenger Rob Dickson’s 1,784 ballots, while Stephens led with 54.7% of the vote, or 17,297 ballots, over Moorlach’s 45.3% with 14,336 ballots cast.

Stephens noted at Tuesday’s council meeting this was only the second time in the city’s 70-year history voters backed all the incumbents running for reelection, keeping the council as it was after the last cycle.

“It happened one other



Susan Hoffman

MARY SPADONI, pictured in August 2021 at her home in Costa Mesa, submitted a request to the Orange County Registrar of Voters Tuesday to recount Measure K ballots cast in the November election.



Courtesy of Miss Darcy Photography

COSTA MESA Mayor John Stephens is sworn in to office during a regular City Council meeting Tuesday by City Clerk Brenda Green.

time in 1982, exactly 40 years ago,” he said. “People on that council were names like Norma Hertzog, Arlene Schafer, Don Hall and Ed

McFarland, so this is really quite something.”

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A PADDLE

boarder explores Newport Bay at the Newport Aquatic Center. The water quality officials recently approved a plan to reduce the concentration of copper in Newport Bay.



Kevin Chang
Staff Photographer

COPPER

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TMDLs included copper, which the federal agency determined was impairing Newport Bay, and have been on the books for years, but there has never been an implementation plan formally put into place.

At high concentrations, copper is toxic to aquatic life. Staff with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board noted in a report prepared for its December meeting that discharges from copper antifouling paints on boats are the most significant contributor of the mineral in the water.

As approved, the implementation plan will require continued monitoring of copper concentrations in Newport Bay and require responsible dischargers — the city of Newport Beach, the county of Orange and others — to develop plans and schedules to address the total maximum daily loads for copper.

Board staff identified a few compliance strategies such as the use of boat-cleaning best management practices (BMPs) and the conversion of paints. But city staff contend that implementing this plan won’t succeed.

“BMPs are things like public education, having hull cleaners do their job correctly, but from seeing our partners in the port of San Diego and Marina del Rey, we know these BMPs won’t get us into compliance,” senior civil engineer John Kappeler said in an interview Thursday.

Kappeler noted San Diego had implemented a number of these strategies but still wasn’t able to bring the copper content in the water down to what is defined in the EPA’s California Toxics Rule. Acute concentrations of copper are defined to be 4.8 parts per billion while chronic concentrations are at 3.1.

Kappeler contends the rates of copper in Newport Bay aren’t nearly as high as is suggested, though he acknowledged there are parts of the bay where concen-

trations are higher but do not reach toxic levels.

“The city of Newport Beach remains committed to improving water quality. Regarding copper, the BMPs our partners have implemented to date haven’t produced the results we’re all hoping for,” said Kappeler, adding that the city is partnered with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to study the results of a law that went into effect in 2018 that established a maximum leach rate for copper paints.

“The California Department of Pesticide Regulation is currently implementing a new solution, and the city of Newport has and will continue to actively partner with them,” Kappeler said.

In addition, Kappeler noted Newport Harbor is not solely a recreational harbor and that while the city holds a certain amount of jurisdiction over its waterways, it does not have sway over the vessels that travel in and out of them.

“The challenge we have is the city of Newport Beach maintains the roads within the city of Newport Beach. We do not regulate the cars that drive up and down those roads. If there’s cars that don’t pass their smog checks, we have no regulatory authority,” said Kappeler. “We also maintain the waterways in Newport Harbor, but we have no legal authority to regulate the boats coming in and out of harbor.

“If boats were painted in Mexico, Oregon, how do we know that? How do we regulate that? We have no clue how to do that.”

What’s more is that the 2018 law is only applicable to recreational boats, not commercial boats.

Still, those at OC Coastkeeper argued taking the regulatory actions were still necessary in order to address water quality of Newport Bay, even as they acknowledged the limitations of some of the possible solutions.

“There’s this new formulation. [The city] wants to see if that works, but the problem is the scientists

have already done the math. Using this low copper paint, ... you’re not going to make it. You’re still going to have to do something else,” said OC Coastkeeper associate director of programs Ray Hiemstra. “... There’s strategies to reduce the amount of boat cleaning, to do a better job of cleaning and then the most controversial ... is the use of non-copper bottom paints.”

Zinc-based paints are available but could lead to a similar issue with leaching experienced with copper paints. Slippery, non-biocide paints could potentially leach other chemicals into the water. There’s also the matter of high costs associated with making those conversions.

“There’s a variety of options that we know work. We’ve seen progress in San Diego. San Diego was supposed to meet their goal of their TMDL this year, but they’re not going to meet it. Still, they reduced it by 40%,” said Hiemstra. “That’s a big reduction and how they did that was by implementing the bottom-cleaner certification program, educating boaters on copper paint, encouraging as soon as possible to get that lower copper paint and if at all possible use another alternative.”

Hiemstra noted that the crux of the issue comes down to embedded behaviors between paint manufacturers, boatyards, maintenance crews and boat owners themselves.

“This is how [they] make their money. Why rock the boat? This seriously rocks the boat,” said Hiemstra. “... This is one of those things where this is just ... requiring a lot of work that nobody wants to do. We don’t drive the same type of cars we did 20 years ago. Things need to evolve, and boat-bottom paint needs to evolve, and it’s been a slow and very painful process.”

The implementation plan will next go to the California State Water Resources Control Board for further review.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Edison boys' basketball advances to CdM Beach Bash semifinals

Dylan Hugues scored 16 points as the Edison High boys' basketball team earned a 63-54 win over Crean Lutheran on Wednesday night in a CdM Beach Bash tournament quarterfinal game at Corona del Mar High.

Kaz Hampton added 13 points for Edison (5-3), and Tucker Tripp scored 10 points as the Chargers picked up their third straight win.

Crean Lutheran fell to 3-2 overall.

Edison will play the winner of Thursday night's quarterfinal game between Pacifica Christian Orange County and JSerra in the Beach Bash semifinals on Friday at 8 p.m. at CdM.

Pacifica Christian Orange County 75, Portola 36: EJ Spillman led the Tritons with 14 points in their blowout victory Wednesday night at the CdM Beach Bash.

Tanner Deal scored 13 points for Pacifica Christian (5-1), ranked No. 2 in the CIF Southern Section Division 2A poll. Parker Strauss notched 11 points

and 11 rebounds.

Corona del Mar 64, Churchie (Australia) B 40: Ilan Agranovich and Takeshi Chang each scored 10 points to lead the Sea Kings in a CdM Beach Bash consolation game Wednesday.

Jackson Harlan added seven points for CdM (5-2), ranked No. 9 in Division 3AA.

CdM plays Foothill in a consolation semifinal game Thursday.

Newport Harbor 83, Churchie (Australia) A 49: Dash Bastido paced the Sailors with 20 points in Wednesday's CdM Beach Bash consolation game. The Sailors (8-3), ranked



EDISON'S DYLAN HUGUES battles for a rebound against Crean Lutheran's Patrick Miranda during the Corona del Mar Beach Bash on Wednesday.

Scott Smeltzer
Staff Photographer

No. 3 in Division 3A, play Sage Hill in a consolation semifinal game Thursday.

Fountain Valley 64, Sonora 63: The Barons improved to 4-3 overall with a win over the host Raiders on Wednesday in the Sonora Tournament.

Fountain Valley was coming off a one-point defeat to Canyon, 51-50, in its tournament opener on

Tuesday.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Fountain Valley 52, Whittier Christian 37: Karley Waite had a team-high 17 points to lead the Barons to a win in their opening game of the Norwalk-John Glenn Tournament on Wednesday night.

Sophie Hsieh added 11

points for Fountain Valley (3-5).

BOYS' SOCCER

Edison 2, Anaheim 0: The host Chargers received goals from Brady Powell and Trevor Dodge on Wednesday in a nonleague game.

Edison (2-1) lines up against Canyon on Friday at home.

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FOUNTAIN VALLEY City Clerk Rick Miller, right, administers the oath of office to Kim Constantine as she is sworn in as mayor on Tuesday.

MAYOR

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council after serving three consecutive terms.

"I do feel the gravity and the importance of this position," Cunneen said. "I don't take it lightly. I promise to work hard, and if I don't, I'm sure I'll be told."

During his tenure as mayor, Harper set goals to keep Fountain Valley "safe, clean, efficient and together." In this week's meeting he highlighted what he called a "banner year" for community services, noting three new summer festivals held at Fountain Valley Sports Park — the Crawfish Festival, the BBQ Music Festival, and the Original Lobster Festival.

Harper also pointed to the city getting its housing element certified and efforts made concerning outreach with individuals experiencing homelessness.

"We all see people on the streets," Harper said. "We want to help them and do what's right, so we hired



ORANGE COUNTY Supervisor Andrew Do, left, presents a plaque to Michael Vo recognizing his 12 years of service on the Fountain Valley City Council.

City Net, which is an outreach organization, to help connect homeless people with services, and so far [there are] more than 38 people that we've helped connect with services, which is fantastic, so we're really happy about that.

"We also entered an agreement with Garden Grove and Westminster and the County of Orange to build that homeless cen-

ter. It's going to be located in Garden Grove, but we'll have access to use it for Fountain Valley homeless."

Before stepping down from the dais, Vo was recognized by several agencies, including Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do and a representative from the office of Rep. Michelle Steel.

Vo served as mayor of Fountain Valley three times — in 2014, 2018 and 2021.

"Back in 2010, when I had a desire to serve my community, obviously, the first person I asked was my wife to see if she was willing to give up her private life so I could serve our community. One of the reasons I explained to her was that now I have a chance to serve this country, this community."

"Back in 1980, I came to this country with only a shirt on my back," Vo said. "I was a refugee from Vietnam. I lived in the refugee camp. With the acceptance and embracement and nurturing of the American public, the Vietnamese Americans [were] able to come here and call this country home."

"I'm never able to pay that debt, and the only way I could think of was how to serve my city, Fountain Valley, where my children were born and raised."

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