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A COASTAL great horned owl watches the world go by from the high branch of a eucalyptus tree, above, and from a pine tree after sunset, below, in Bluebird Canyon in Laguna Beach. Although common in Orange County, great horned owls are rarely seen during the daytime.

Owl on the prowl



Man suspected of attempted murder in Newport Beach

BY LILLY NGUYEN

A 31-year-old Riverside man was arrested Monday by Newport Beach police on suspicion of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon and discharging of a firearm from a moving vehicle.

Officers were alerted to reports about the sound of multiple gun shots in the 2700 block of Newport Boulevard at around 1:50 a.m. Sunday, according to a news release issued about the arrest Thursday.

Authorities later determined the suspect and another adult

man were involved in an altercation, from which the suspect later fled. The victim, who was not identified in the release, and other witnesses reported the suspect left in a vehicle but not before firing three shots from a semiautomatic handgun at the victim.

No injuries were reported.

Newport Beach police later identified Tristen Skylar Parker as a suspect in the shooting. He was taken into custody on Monday evening with assistance from Irvine police. Authorities said evidence linked

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H.B. mobile home owners back state bill

AB 1035 proposes a rent increase cap of 5% statewide for mobile homes over the course of any 12-month period.

BY MATT SZABO

Mobile home residents in Huntington Beach, who say they have been feeling the heat for the last couple of years, are supporting a new bill that could ease some of their rent concerns.

Assembly Bill 1035 was introduced Feb. 15 by state Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance), and is set to be reviewed by the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on Wednesday.

According to its text, the bill would enact the Mobile Home Affordability Act. It would prohibit the management of a mobile home park from increasing the gross rental rate for a tenancy for a space more than 3% plus the percentage change in the cost of living — or 5%, whichever is lower — over the course of any 12-month period.

AB 1035 would also prohibit management from increasing the gross rental rate for a tenancy in more than two increments over a 12-month period, after the tenant maintains the tenancy for a year.

“We’re feeling very hopeful,” said Teri Williams, chief operating officer for the Huntington Beach Mobile Home Resident Coalition.

Williams noted the bill could move quickly, passing immediately to a vote on the Assembly

See **Bill**, page A3



Courtesy of the Festival of Arts

COLLEEN PREMER will be among 17 first-time Festival of Arts exhibitors showcased in the Fresh Faces exhibit opening April 15. Premer’s mother exhibited at the Sawdust Art Festival when Colleen was growing up.

Fresh Faces exhibit to display works from a dozen new artists

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach’s art festival season has not quite arrived, but those anxiously awaiting it can get a preview of what is to come beginning this weekend.

The Festival of Arts will showcase the work of a dozen new artists juried into its Fine Art Show for this summer in the Fresh Faces exhibit set to open Saturday. The introductory show will run April 15 through June 1 at the foaSOUTH gallery located inside Active Culture, 1006 S. Coast Hwy.

Some of the artists waited a long time to make their debut at

the festival. Jill Maytorena, a mixed media artist, will be featured in the show for the first time at the age of 57.

Maytorena has established local connections, having earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in fine arts from the Laguna College of Art and Design. The Dana Point resident also spent a decade as an art teacher at Saddleback Valley Christian schools.

“As far as the late blooming, all of that, I have made a decision to ignore that completely and to not be in that headspace for me, where it’s like, ‘Oh, is it too late? Is there enough time?’” May-

torena said. “... This is the journey that I’ve been on. The wealth of years that I have show in my work. I bring my life experience to my easel, and in a way that is very rich.”

Colleen Premer, 60, is also among a group of 17 artists that will exhibit in the Festival of Arts Fine Art Show for the first time this summer. Her mother, Elaine Kennedy, exhibited at the Sawdust Art Festival, primarily as a painter, when Colleen was growing up.

“I was always exposed to art my whole life, just growing up

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H.B. man with outstanding felony warrant arrested after hotel stabbing

BY SARA CARDINE

Huntington Beach police on Wednesday arrested a 38-year-old man for allegedly stabbing another man at an extended-stay hotel, only to discover the suspect had an outstanding felony warrant related to previous drug charges.

HBPD spokeswoman Jessica Cuchilla confirmed Glenn Richard Wright, 38, of Huntington Beach was booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon following Wednesday's incident, which took place at around 11:30 p.m. at an Extended Stay America on Skylab Road Circle.

"One of the parties involved called the police for assistance," Cuchilla said Wednesday. "Both the victim and the suspect knew each other, so this is an isolated incident, and there is no threat to the public."

Police did not say where the man was stabbed or



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

A MAN was stabbed Wednesday night at an Extended Stay America in Huntington Beach, leading to the arrest of 38-year-old city resident Glenn Wright.

what kind of weapon was used but indicated Wright had already bonded out of jail by Thursday morning. The victim, who was hospitalized for his injuries, was reportedly in stable condition, according to Cuchilla.

Orange County Superior Court records show Wright was previously arrested on suspicion of possessing a

controlled substance while carrying a firearm and two counts of possession with the intent to sell, all felonies, along with two misdemeanor drug charges, stemming from an incident that took place on March 11, 2022.

When he failed to appear in court, a warrant was issued for his arrest and his fugitive status was

made known to Huntington Beach police at Wednesday's scene, Cuchilla said. The county district attorney's office had not yet filed charges as of Thursday, as no court record pertaining to Wednesday's incident could be found.

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Courtesy of the Festival of Arts

JILL MAYTORENA will be among the first-time Festival of Arts exhibitors showcased in the Fresh Faces exhibit.

EXHIBIT

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with a mom that was a very prolific artist," Premier, a Newport Beach resident, said. "[I] always drew and colored and painted, but I always thought she was the artist, not me. I was a writer, so I had that side. That's why I was a journalism major in college.

"In the '80s, she bought me a birthday gift, a weekend at Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts, a printmaking weekend, and I fell in love with the process and have been doing that for almost 40 years."

Maytorena and Premier said in separate interviews Thursday they were honored to be juried into the Festival of Arts Fine Art Show, which will open to the public on July 5. It was the first time that either had submitted an applica-

tion for consideration. "We are very excited to have 12 of the 17 new artists joining us for [the Fresh Faces] exhibit," Christine Georgantas, director of exhibits for the Festival of Arts, said in a statement. "This exhibit presents an incredible array of artworks that reflect the creativity and high-quality standards that have become synonymous with the Festival of Arts."

The other artists featured in the Fresh Faces exhibit are Kevin Avery, Mustapha El Barsi, Rowan Foley, Beau Johnston, Daniel Monroe, Cindy Motley, James Pearce, Dominic Petrucci, Courtney Ryan and Eri Sugimoto. The range of mediums includes ceramics, drawing, mixed media, painting, photography and printmaking.

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Police chase ends in arrest of suspect, 62

BY SARA CARDINE

A 62-year-old man with ties to Long Beach was arrested by Costa Mesa police Monday, after an attempted traffic stop led to a pursuit that ended in a tactical PIT maneuver on Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach.

The incident took place at around 11 a.m., when patrol officers on Newport Boulevard attempted to stop a blue Chevrolet Camaro whose driver was believed to have had a felony warrant, according to a Costa Mesa Police Department social media post Monday.

A moderate-speed pursuit ensued, as officers followed the vehicle into the city of Huntington Beach

and a helicopter deployed by the Orange County Sheriff's Department circled overhead to track the car's whereabouts, the release indicated.

Officers from Huntington Beach took over and, in about 25 minutes, ended the pursuit on PCH using a "precision immobilization technique," in which a patrol vehicle makes contact with another vehicle to push it off course and force the driver to stop.

The driver — later identified by CMPD spokeswoman Roxi Fyad as 62-year-old Dean Joseph Backlund, whose last known address is in Long Beach — was taken into custody and booked into the Costa Mesa jail on sus-

picion of felony evading and for the felony warrant related to an alleged assault on a police officer.

While no one was injured, people on social media reported seeing a blue Camaro in the area running through multiple red lights on PCH at the time of the pursuit.

Orange County court records show Backlund pleaded guilty to resisting an executive officer on Feb. 8, stemming from an incident that took place on Dec. 24, and was sentenced to serve 94 days in jail, two year's probation and ordered to pay a fine.

While it is unclear why the Long Beach resident was not still serving out that sentence on Monday, court records showed

Tuesday that Backlund had violated the terms of his probation.

Los Angeles Superior Court records indicate Backlund was convicted on Nov. 17 for committing battery on a police officer and sentenced to eight days in jail and one year of probation. He also has several other charges, incurred from incidents that reportedly took place between September and March, including taking property without the owner's consent. Those cases are all pending.

Backlund is due in Orange County Court Wednesday morning for an arraignment hearing.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Timid around others
- 4 Sabal _; Florida's state trees
- 9 CBS drama series
- 13 Part of every wk.
- 15 " _ and his money are soon parted"
- 16 As _ as pie
- 17 Business rating website
- 18 Money, slangily
- 19 Mouse catcher
- 20 Dawdlers
- 22 Actress Daly
- 23 "Be _ as it may"
- 24 Hurry
- 26 Gives a speech
- 29 Termite
- 34 Sire children
- 35 Smoothing appliances
- 36 Brit's restroom
- 37 Still snoozing
- 38 Fork part
- 39 Move about erratically
- 40 Guys
- 41 Pencil sharpener part
- 42 Within reach
- 43 Modifying
- 45 Brief rainfall
- 46 Fitness center
- 47 Egg on
- 48 Unexceptional
- 51 Be the perfect example of
- 56 Bangkok native
- 57 Ballot caster
- 58 _ up; absorb
- 60 Engine additives
- 61 Item of value
- 62 _ off; left suddenly
- 63 Sonnet or limerick
- 64 Starring roles
- 65 Devious

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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 A4.

DOWN

- 1 Hog haven
- 2 Green & gray
- 3 Shout
- 4 South American plains
- 5 Underway
- 6 _-alikes; twins
- 7 Internal spy
- 8 Cutting prices drastically

- 9 Love seat
- 10 Cautious
- 11 As sturdy _ oak
- 12 Blood _; AB negative, e.g.
- 14 Like a dalmatian
- 21 Sharpen
- 25 " _ Impossible"; Perry Como song
- 26 Trump's

- predecessor
 - 27 Renegade
 - 28 GEICO employee
 - 29 Mistaken
 - 30 Sound the horn
 - 31 Give permission to
 - 32 Clamor
 - 33 Carrier
 - 35 Asian nation
 - 38 Ancient
 - 39 Bouquet arranger
 - 41 Bawl
 - 42 Buddy
 - 44 Conceit
 - 45 Baseball & tennis
 - 47 Trusty horse
 - 48 Say no more
 - 49 Cleveland's place
 - 50 Business deal
 - 52 Prepare for a selfie
 - 53 " _ Living"; 1980-82 ABC sitcom
 - 54 Animal lovers' tourist stops
 - 55 _ Grey tea
 - 59 C minor or A major
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