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NANCY CURTIS, left, Nancy Boyd-Batstone, Cat Navetta, Jerry Donohue, Elizabeth Bailey, with California State Parks, and Mel Nutter, all with Amigos de Bolsa Chica, at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands on Wednesday. The nonprofit is co-sponsoring the "Running is for the Birds" event.

Revived run in Surf City is literally for the birds

BY MATT SZABO

It's back, and better than ever. Huntington Beach-based nonprofit Amigos de Bolsa Chica is holding its "Running is for the Birds" 5K/10K run and walk on Saturday morning at Bolsa Chica State Beach.

The run started in 1978, and was done every year up until 2006 before it was discontinued. But the idea to bring it back started to take flight last year, race director Cat Navetta of Amigos de Bolsa Chica said.

"It was definitely time," Navetta said. "This year is unique in that we've partnered with the Bolsa Chica State Beach. They're co-sponsoring this event, and by doing that they're allowing people to get into the beach at no cost, they're giving us the space to use at no cost. And they're having a beach cleanup at the same time."

The race features interesting

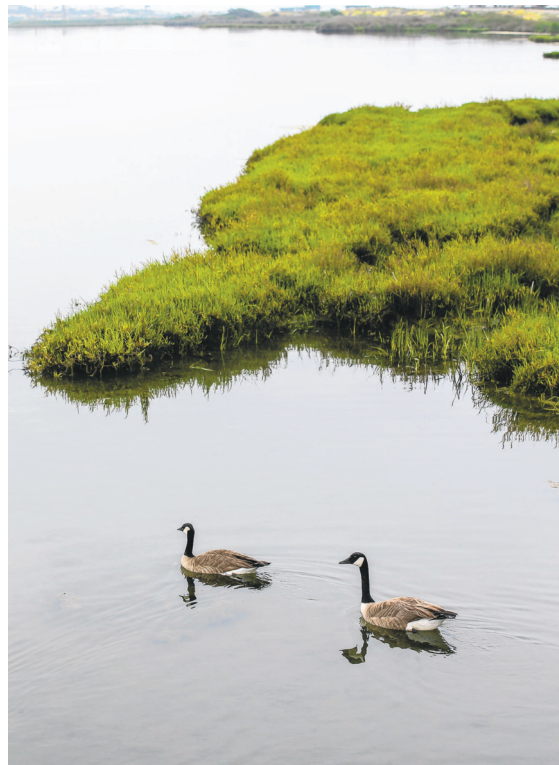
components. The course will have some educational components, Navetta said, and participants are also invited to go "plogging" — picking up litter while jogging.

The Running is for the Birds event is one of the first in the area to incorporate that into the race.

"I read about plogging, I think the week before Cat brought up the run to me," said Elizabeth Bailey, an interpreter for California State Parks. "It was just kind of a weird, fortuitous thing. I brought it up to her, and we both were like, 'Yes, this sounds like so much fun.'"

Proceeds from the race go to benefit Amigos de Bolsa Chica, whose mission continues to be protecting the Bolsa Chica wetlands, which encompasses 1,300 acres. The nonprofit invites school children to come and visit

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TWO GEESE float in the water at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve on Wednesday in Huntington Beach.

All bids rejected for N.B. library project

Lowest bid exceeds the estimate to build Witte Hall by more than \$3M. The city plans to call for more bids later this year.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport Beach City Council Tuesday rejected unanimously all construction bids for the central library's proposed lecture hall at city staff's recommendation after the lowest bid exceeded the estimated \$14-million cost of the project by more than \$3 million.

The Witte Hall project went out to bid in February of this year and received five, the lowest coming from AMG & Associates, Inc. at \$17.1 million.

The current design concept, which first carried a \$13-million price tag, was approved in November 2021 with the expectation that the city would front half of the cost while the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation would raise the rest. More recent estimates pushed the cost of the project to \$14 million.

The matter was included in the council meeting's consent calendar but was pulled for discussion by Councilman Erik Weigand.

City staff met with contractors and design consultant to see what project costs could be reduced while maintaining consistency with the approved plans but were unable to find changes substantial enough to construct the lecture hall within budget or with the intent of the project seen through.

"Unfortunately, the bids came in much higher than projected. Current construction and labor costs are significantly greater than estimated," Newport Beach Public Library Foundation chief executive officer Jerold Kappel said Wednesday.

"The Library Foundation anticipates that the city will rebid the project, and that it will become a reality. The delay in the Witte Hall groundbreaking is disappointing, but in the interim, the foundation will continue to advocate for, and seek additional sup-

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FREDDY MENDEZ, the general manager of Cambalache Grill Argentine and Italian Cuisine, prepares a dish on Tuesday.

Restaurant foundation fund assists local eateries through difficult times

BY ANDREW TURNER

Restrictions that once hamstrung the hospitality industry in an effort to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus pandemic have been lifted, but many restaurants continue down the path of recovery from those trying times.

In the thick of the pandemic, the California Restaurant Foundation started the Restaurants Care resilience fund grant program in hopes of helping local eateries stay afloat.

The resilience fund provided assistance for more than 300 restaurants across eight counties in its first year in 2021. The list of eligible restaurants grew in 2022 to include establishments in Orange County.

There were 58 restaurants countywide that received \$3,000 in funding through the grant program in 2022. Of that number, 13 of the recipients were local restaurants: Costa Mesa (eight), Fountain Valley (two),

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Volunteers answer myriad calls on Community Service Day

BY ANDREW TURNER

Scores of volunteers rose early Saturday morning to take part in a joint day of community service in Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach.

A collective of 25 projects organized with the help of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council required helping hands.

Projects across the two cities ranged from a blood drive and food donations, to beautification tasks such as painting, planting and city sign restoration.

At Mile Square Park, dozens arrived on time to help members of Fountain Valley's public works department revitalize a section of the town's central gathering place. Greeted by Fountain Valley Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Grandis and Councilman Ted Bui, the group proceeded to plant some 500 plants in the soil alongside a walkway on the back side of the park.

Afton Fieldson, a Fountain Valley resident, joined her husband, Tony, and daughters Azalea and Jasmine in the volunteer effort. Azalea stood on a shovel,

helping her dad dig deeper into the dirt.

Fieldson said it was the first time her daughters had taken part in the community service day activities.

"This is the first time that our girls are actually old enough to help, to be honest," Fieldson said. "It's exciting, [to] get out with the community, focus on a project that's benefiting the community together, and we teach them that this is probably going to be our way of life."

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VOLUNTEERS PUT shovels in the dirt for a planting project at Mile Square Park for Community Service Day on Saturday.

Andrew Turner

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THU, APR 27
ANGEL



WED, MAY 3
MORGAN JAMES



THU, MAY 11
BLOOD BROTHERS



SAT, MAY 13
THE ENGLISH BEAT

- 4/27 **ANGEL**
- 4/28 **EASY WIND (GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE)**
- 4/29 **CREAM OF CLAPTON**
- 4/30 **STEVE DEAN / JAMES KELLY BAND**
- 5/2 **BETH HART**
- 5/3 **MORGAN JAMES**
- 5/4 **SERGIO MENDES**
- 5/5 **OINGO BOINGO FORMER MEMBERS**
- 5/6 **MISSING PERSONS / STACEY Q**
- 5/7 **METALACHI**
- 5/11 **BLOOD BROTHERS**
FEAT. MIKE ZITO AND ALBERT CASTIGLIA
- GULF COAST RECORDS ALBUM RELEASE
- 5/12 **QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)**
- 5/13 **THE ENGLISH BEAT**
- 5/14 **HALEY REINHART**
- 5/19 **JOHN CAFFERTY**
& **THE BEAVER BROWN BAND**
- 5/20 **HEARTBEAT CITY (THE CARS TRIBUTE)**
- 5/21 **LET'S HANG ON!**
(FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS TRIBUTE)
- 5/27 **BLINK 180TRUE & GREEN TODAY**
(BLINK 182 & GREEN DAY TRIBUTES)
- 5/28 **BOBBY GRAY**
- 6/1 **TOAD THE WET SPROCKET**
- 6/2 **THE RISING (BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE)**
- 6/3 **JUDY COLLINS**
- 6/4 **THE MOTHER HIPPS**
- 6/7 **THE OUTLAWS**
- 6/8 **BLACK SABBITCH**
(ALL FEMALE BLACK SABBATH TRIBUTE)
- 6/9 **AL DI MEOLA**
- 6/10 **SHAWN COLVIN**
- 6/11 **THE RAT PACK**
- 6/16 **AL JARDINE AND HIS ENDLESS SUMMER BAND**
- 6/17 **AMBROSIA**
- 6/18 **PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE**
- 6/28 **JOHN CRUZ**
- 6/29 **YNOT (RUSH TRIBUTE)**
- 6/30 **THE SWEET**
- 7/1 **MICK ADAMS & THE STONES**
- 7/5 **LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND**
- 7/7 **THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS**
- 7/8 **HENRY KAPONO**
- 7/12 **JIMMY WEBB**
- 7/15 **SHINE ON - PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE**



SUN, MAY 14
HALEY REINHART



FRI, MAY 19
JOHN CAFFERTY



WED, JUN 7
THE OUTLAWS



THU, OCT 19
PAT TRAVERS

- 7/16 **TONY BENNETT SONGBOOK**
(TRIBUTE FEAT. MARK VERABIAN)
- 7/19 **THE JERRY DOUGLAS BAND**
- 7/21 **CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: FLEETWOOD MAC RUMOURS**
- 7/22 **Y & T**
- 7/28 **SPACE ODDITY (DAVID BOWIE TRIBUTE)**
- 7/29 **KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE (STEELY DAN TRIBUTE)**
- 8/2 **ERIC GALES**
- 8/4 **PABLO CRUISE**
- 8/11 **THE HIGHWAYMAN SHOW**
- 8/12 **JOURNEY USA (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)**
- 8/18 **SPYRO GYRA**
- 8/19 **MADELEINE PEYROUX**
- 8/25 **SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)**
- 8/26 **SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)**
- 9/8 **ULI JON ROTH**
- INTERSTELLAR SKY GUITAR TOUR
- 9/15 **DON McLEAN 'THE AMERICAN PIE' 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR**
- 9/17 **BENISE: FIESTA!**
- 9/22 **AL STEWART / THE EMPTY POCKETS**
- 9/23 **BEATLES VS STONES - A MUSICAL SHOWDOWN**
- 9/24 **MOLLY HATCHET**
- 9/28 **KOFI BAKER'S CREAM FAITH**
- 10/5 **GEOFF TATE'S BIG ROCK SHOW**
- 10/7 **RONDSTADT REVIVAL (LINDA RONDSTADT TRIBUTE)**
- 10/12 **CRYSTAL BOWERSOX**
- 10/13 **DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**
- 10/14 **DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**
- 10/15 **JOURNEYMAN (ERIC CLAPTON TRIBUTE)**
- 10/18 **FUNNIEST HOUSEWIVES (COMEDY SHOW)**
- 10/19 **PAT TRAVERS BAND**
- 10/27 **PIANO MEN**
(BILLY JOEL AND ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE)
- 11/1 **RIDERS IN THE SKY**
(ACOUSTIC WESTERN COWBOY MUSIC AND HUMOR)
- 11/9 **THE YOUNG DUBLINERS**
- 11/18 **ABBAFAB (ABBA TRIBUTE)**
- 12/2 **LEE ROCKER OF THE STRAY CATS**

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

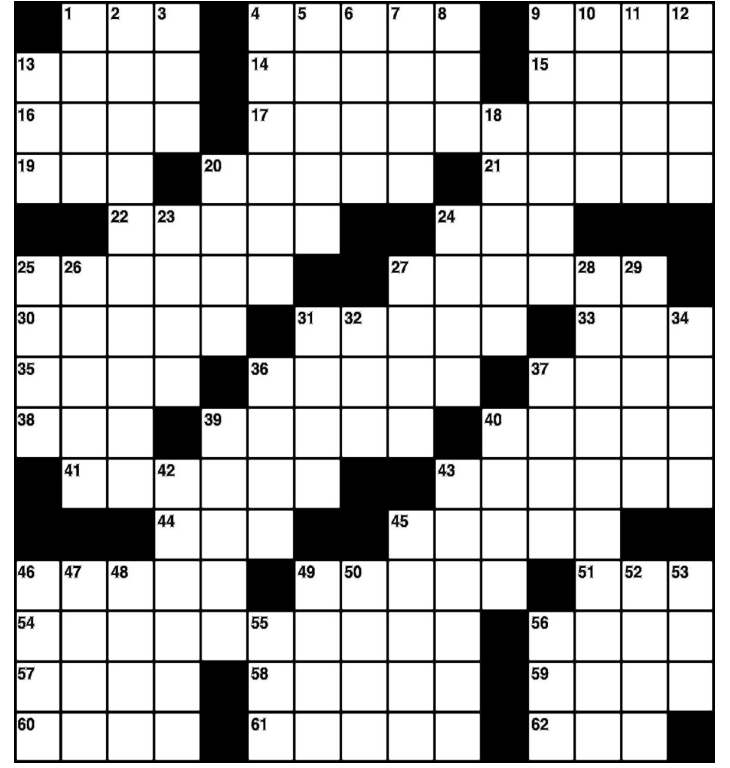
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Go out _ limb
- 4 Push forward; force
- 9 Envelop
- 13 _ around; look for bargains
- 14 Anne Frank's book
- 15 Vagrant
- 16 Put on the payroll
- 17 Hard to believe
- 19 Know-_; expertise
- 20 Wooden piers
- 21 Start
- 22 Thrill
- 24 Girl's nickname
- 25 Fingers & toes
- 27 Supervisors
- 30 Nimble
- 31 Investigation
- 33 Granola bit
- 35 Driver's woe
- 36 Black suit
- 37 Mix with a spoon
- 38 Weight unit
- 39 Story lines
- 40 Author Jules
- 41 Fish hawk
- 43 Go back on a promise
- 44 Big klutz
- 45 China's national animal
- 46 Come _; happen
- 49 Liquid
- 51 Tit for _
- 54 Where game points are displayed
- 56 2 and 3 and 4
- 57 Sculpting tool
- 58 Get up
- 59 Be flexible
- 60 Have to have
- 61 Venomous snake
- 62 Brayer

DOWN

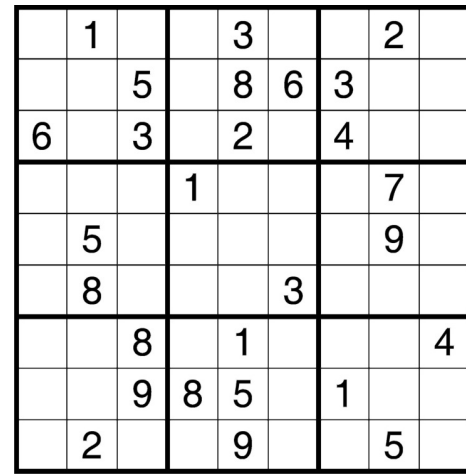
- 1 "The Buckeye State"



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 A4.

- 2 Some Scandinavians
- 3 Make fun of
- 4 Meatheads
- 5 Chop finely
- 6 Prepare for a trip
- 7 Messes up
- 8 Strong alkaline solution
- 9 Moans and groans
- 10 Steals from
- 11 Capable
- 12 Wordsworth or Whitman
- 13 "Be quiet!"
- 18 Throw water on
- 20 Go out with
- 23 Cheerful tune
- 24 Sheds tears
- 25 Insane
- 26 Nome dome home
- 27 Goes up & down
- 28 Pleas
- 29 Claiming damages
- 31 Ruse
- 32 Groove
- 34 Arbor Day planting
- 36 Musical symbol
- 37 Put in the mail
- 39 Chatter
- 40 Peddle
- 42 Rained cats and dogs
- 43 Las Vegas athlete
- 45 Handbag
- 46 _ alternative to; instead of
- 47 F's forerunners
- 48 Leak out slowly
- 49 Mustang or Bronco
- 50 _back; relaxed
- 52 Sothern & Sheridan
- 53 One of the Kennedys
- 55 Pasture cry
- 56 Org. for Pistons & Pacers

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OBITUARY

Costa Mesa's Gordon Bowley remembered as youth sports advocate

BY MATT SZABO

Gordon Bowley, who spent decades championing youth sports in Costa Mesa, has died.

Bowley passed away on April 17. He was diagnosed with colon cancer in November 2021 and it spread to his liver and lungs, said his daughter, Cara Jones.

He was 85 years old. Bowley was the president of Costa Mesa United, a nonprofit that provided grants for youth sports programs and facilities in the city. He also chaired the Youth Sports Council.

"Even when he first started getting sick, he was still going out there and doing stuff," said Costa Mesa United board member Jose De La Jara. "It's hard not to have him around, because he was just such a constant



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GORDON BOWLEY, left, gives a special award to Mesa Verde's Tom Sargent during the 18th annual Jones Cup at Mesa Verde Country Club in 2017. Bowley died on April 17.

figure for our youth sports. He was giving to both Costa Mesa and Estancia. His kids went to Estancia, but he really had a good, keen, even keel [spirit]. He was

really the ultimate diplomat. He would get stuff done, and do it in a very nice, diplomatic way."

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Police seek witness in N.B. fight

BY ERIC LICAS

Newport Beach police are seeking a potential witness of a fight that happened over the weekend who was seen in surveillance footage recorded nearby.

The individual being sought was shown wearing a black baseball cap, long-sleeve heather-gray "Jack's Surfboards" crew-neck sweatshirt, and blue jeans in an image taken

from footage recorded near a parking lot at 3101 Newport Blvd.

That's where a fight took place at about 1:40 a.m. Saturday, Newport Beach police said in a news release.

The person in the photo shared by investigators is not suspected of any wrongdoing, Newport Beach Police Sgt. Sean Dugan said.

However, he may have been an eyewitness to the

altercation on Saturday and detectives hope he might be able to help them piece together what happened.

Officials declined to release further information about the fight, citing an ongoing investigation.

Police described it as an isolated incident, and said there was no related threat to the public.

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FOR THE RECORD

In a story about the new UCI Health medical campus published on Sunday, the correct name of the medical campus is UCI Health-Irvine.

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