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**NEWPORT SEA BASE'S** Pierce Edwards, Cooper Sitzman, Taryn Graves, Cooper Larkin and Parker Johnson, left to right, are all smiles after winning the national championship in the men's youth 4+ competition.

# Newport Sea Base rowing wins second national title

BY MATT SZABO

The five teenagers in the Newport Sea Base junior rowing men's youth 4-+ boat came into the USRowing Youth National Championships brimming with confidence.

Coxswain Taryn Graves, the lone female in the boat, explained why. Spoiler: an undefeated season was a big reason.

"We felt so confident going into it, because we just knew the work that we had put in the entire year," Graves said. "It was a boat of seniors, except for one guy. Every single stroke was just to get past that finish line first."

Mission accomplished, as Newport Sea Base finished the 2,000-meter race in 6 minutes, 36.35 seconds — nearly four

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**THE NEWPORT** Sea Base junior rowing teams.

## Man arrested in hit-and-run crash in Laguna

## BY LILLY NGUYEN

One suspect has been arrested in a traffic collision that shut down eastbound traffic lanes on Laguna Canyon Road for at least an hour Wednesday night, according to law enforcement officials.

An officer was patrolling eastbound on Laguna Canyon Road at Canyon Acres Drive when he spotted a black Mercedes and a white BMW speeding westbound, authorities said in a news release issued Thursday.

The officer turned on his emergency lights and attempted to catch up to the vehicles, but one of the speeding cars struck an uninvolved vehicle that caused it to cross the center median and

collide head-on with other traffic. Both suspect vehicles fled the scene, officials said.

Police secured the area and fire personnel administered first aid. Four people were transported to a trauma hospital and three others were taken to a hospital for

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minor injuries.

The department later identified the Mercedes and learned it was registered to a Fullerton resi-

Fullerton police officers located the damaged vehicle and arrested Rajvir Mann on "various" charges," according to the news release, including felony hit-and-run.

Court and jail records do not indicate if Mann remains in custody or the date he was expected to be arraigned, but court records

do indicate he has faced previous infractions, as recently as February of this year, for running a red light. He was also previously found guilty by a court for traveling at unsafe speeds for an Occarried and previous speeds for an Occarried spee

tober 2023 incident.
Police are still searching for the driver of the white BMW. Those with any information on the collision are being asked to call (949) 497-0701.

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# Horse center's tenants corral legal aid

As rent hikes are handed down, allegations the O.C. fair board violated state open meeting laws are under review.

#### **BY SARA CARDINE**

Tensions between the operators of the Orange County fairgrounds and tenants of the site's Equestrian Center are mounting, after several occupants received notices this month requiring them to accept recent rent hikes and new contract terms or vacate the premises.

Twenty-three notification slips were posted during a June 15 horse show at the Costa Mesa site, the first public event of its kind since Orange County Fair & Event Center officials took over the management reins from a contracted operator in 2023.

Recipients were given 30 days to sign new rental agreements — accepting phased rent hikes amounting to a 52% increase by January 2025, when a new contract term would begin — or to pack up their horses, gear and leave the facility.

As of Friday, only two of those recipients had agreed to the new terms. One tenant moved for reasons unrelated to the increase and another 19 returned signed versions of the agreement with multiple edits, according to OCFEC Chief Executive Michele Richards. They were not accepted, and any payments that did not reflect the June 15 phased increase were returned.

"They wanted to pay the new rate, and we refused to accept payment," Richards said Friday. "We

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# Fire-damaged El Ranchito shuttered permanently

## BY MATT SZABO

Avila's El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant owners announced Friday that they will not reopen the location on Main Street in Huntington Beach, which had been out of commission since last November due to a two-alarm fire.

The fire, believed to have started in the restaurant's kitchen, was quickly extinguished on the morning of Nov. 8 by firefighters from Huntington Beach and neighboring Costa Mesa and Fountain Valley.

But El Ranchito owners said in an Instagram post Friday that the process of cleaning up and rebuilding has taken longer than anticipated. The restaurant had been open since 1999.

"We were confident we would be open by summer 2024, but we realized over time that would not be possible," said the post, signed by the Avila family of Sergio, Marybell, Bianca, Maribel and Valerie. "We feel honored to have served the Huntington Beach community for 25 years. We are blessed to have been a part of all your birthdays, engagements, date nights and beach days. Our customers felt like family to us and our staff."

The restaurant was located in the 300 block of Main Street, flanked by Makin' Waves hair salon and Rockin' Fig Surf Headquarters.

The Avila's El Ranchito owners encouraged patrons to visit them at their other area locations, which include Corona del Mar, Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach and Seal Beach.

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**A TWO-ALARM FIRE** started in the kitchen of the popular Avila's El Ranchito restaurant last November in Huntington Beach. The owners announced Friday that they will not reopen the location on Main Street.

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### **AROUND TOWN**

#### Tickets on sale now for O.C. Fair

The Orange County Fair returns this month and the required advance tickets are on sale now.

This year's theme is "Always a Good Time!" The fair will open at the OC Fair & Event Center on Friday, July 19 and close Thursday, Aug. 18.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. General admission on Wednesday and Thursday is \$13. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it's \$15. Seniors 60 and older as well as children ages 6 through 12 can get into the fair for \$9 every day. There is no charge for kids 5 years and under. Parking is \$15 for cars and motorcycles, \$30 for buses and limos.

Those looking for a deal might want to consider the fair's Every Day Passports, which will provide access to the fair any day or every day for \$60, while supplies last. Carnival tickets and wristbands can be purchased online in advance until opening day at discounted prices. The \$5 Taste of Fair will be offered every day until 4 p.m., when fairgoers can enjoy taste-size portions foods for \$5 each.

The fairgrounds are located at 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. Tickets can be purchased at ocfair.com.

The live music shows scheduled for the Pacific Amphitheatre, the Hangar and Action Sports Arena



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**THE THEME** for this year's O.C. Fair is "Always a Good Time!" It will open at the OC Fair & Event Center on Friday, July 19 and close Thursday, Aug. 18.

are on sale now, with some already selling out. Shows start July 9 and run through Sept. 14. More information on the shows can be found at ocfair.com/entertainment.

## Caltrans to do work on PCH

The California Department of Transportation has announced traffic closures next week related to construction on Pacific Coast Highway. Closures will be in the northbound right lane between Jamboree Road to Bayside Drive and the southbound right lane between Bayside Drive to Jamboree Road. The closures will take place from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 1 through July 3.

### Speak Up Newport to talk sea level rise

Speak Up Newport an-

nounced that its next panel will be on how sea level rise is expected to affect Newport Beach, featuring Don Schmitz from Smart Coast California. The discussion will be held at the Civic Center Community Room on July 10.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. and be simulcast on Zoom. Registration is required for the Zoom cast, but not to attend the meeting in person. For more information, visit speakupnewport.com/sea-level-rise-2024.

#### Tickets still on sale for Pageant of the Masters

The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce announced this week tickets were going fast for the final dress rehearsal for the Pageant of the Masters on July 3.

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# THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

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### **SUDOKU**

By the Mepham 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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## FOR THE RECORD

In a story that appeared Friday, "NMUSD advised to wait on bond," it was reported the school district had been hoping to float a \$688-million bond before voters. While that number accurately reflects what would be feasible if voters surveyed would be willing to commit to \$24 per \$100,000 assessed value of their properties, the actual dollar figure the district will seek in a bond has not yet been decided. Also, a paragraph listing the projects that might be completed with money raised through a new bond has also been removed, as the officials say they do not currently have a list of such projects.

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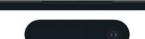
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California State Parks seasonal lifeguard Sierra Fockler discovered a 14-inch Pacific football fish aroun 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. near the lifeguard station located at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. It's the second such case of the fish washing ashore over the last three years. (Courtesy of California State Parks)

Good morning. It's Wednesday, Oct. 25. I'm Carol Cormaci, bringing you this week's <u>TimesOC newsletter</u> with a look at the latest local news and events.

Watch where you're stepping on O.C.'s famed sands, because you may encounter a rare specimen of marine life. One, in fact, that has very sharp teeth.

That's what happened on a recent afternoon to lifeguard Sierra Fockler, who found a spooky-looking black angler fish, specifically a Pacific football fish, while she was walking near the lifeguard headquarters building on Moro Beach, located within Crystal Cove State Park.

# Parades, runs, festivals to usher in Fourth

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

With the Independence Day holiday coming up Thursday, residents coastal Orange County may be looking for ways to celebrate the occasion outside of the many fireworks displays. The following is list of a few parades and marathons that readers in the Daily Pilot's coverage area can look forward to:

#### **OLD GLORY BOAT PARADE TO SET SAIL**

Organized by American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291, the Old Glory Boat Parade will return to Newport Harbor this Independence Day to celebrate not only the founding of America but the post's 100th birthday.

Boats will compete for best decorated, best music, spirit award, best theme, the commodore's award and the sweepstakes grand prize. The parade will begin at 1 p.m.

For more details, visit alyc.com/page-1754585.

#### AMERICAN LEGION POST **291 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

In addition to the Old Glory Boat Parade, the American Legion post will host its centennial celebration at its location, 215 15th St., for three days, starting July 4. The event includes a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. on Independence Day for a \$12 donation for adults and \$8 for those 12 and under; live music; a community and family day with a \$5 breakfast menu from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 5 and a \$10 breakfast menu on July 6, along with a silent auction and raffle.

For more information, visit al291.com/fourth-ofjuly-100-years-of-service.

#### **MARINERS AND DOVER SHORES BIKE PARADE**

Residents in the Mariners and Dover Shores community will be organizing its 51st annual 4th of July Family Bike Parade and Celebration on Independence Day.

The parade will begin at Santiago and Mariners Drive at 10:30 a.m. and will end at Dover Drive. Live music will be at Mariners Park. There's no reason to go hungry: TK Burger, Mom's Kitchen and Kona Ice will have food available for purchase.

Mason Taylor Associates, Dog Republic, Tekne Development/Construction, Range Sports Therapy and the Law Office of Scott C. Thomas are sponsoring the

#### **4TH OF JULY IS FOR FAMILIES NEWPORT PENINSULA BIKE PARADE AND FESTIVAL**

The city of Newport Beach will hold its own bike parade and festival on the Fourth of July.

The parade will begin at west Balboa Boulevard and 36th Street at 9 a.m., and the community event will be held at Channel Place Park, which will begin at 9 and continue to 11:30 a.m.

The festival will include carnival games, arts and crafts, lawn activities and

#### **STREET CLOSURES IN NEWPORT BEACH FOR HOLIDAY**

The Newport Beach Police Department nounced the following street closures on Thursday, July 4:

From approximately 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Balboa Boulevard from 32nd Street to Channel Place will be closed, and no left turns will be allowed from westbound Balboa Boulevard at 34th, 36th, 39th, 43rd and 46th Streets for the parade.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m.



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FLAGS AND waves on the foredeck of My Way in the Old Glory Boat Parade at Newport Harbor in 2021.

and continuing until early Friday morning, southbound Orange Street at West Coast Highway will be closed, as will Via Malaga, from Via Oporto to Via

approximately From noon to 10 p.m., Back Bay Drive and San Joaquin Hills Road between Back Bay Drive and the entrance to the Park Newport Apartment Community will be

#### **SURF CITY 5K RUN SCHEDULED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The Surf City 5K is back for another year. From 7 to 10 a.m. on Thursday participants will run along Main

Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

Sign-ups are still open for all events, which includes the titular 5K, a stroller 5K and the Kids Fun Run. Pacific Coast Highway will be closed between Goldenwest Street and Beach Boulevard to accommodate the event, as will Main Street between Pacific Coast Highway to Gothard Street. For more information, visit runsign up.com/Race/CA/Hunting-Beach/HBSURFCI TYRUN.

#### **KIWANIS CLUB OF H.B. HOSTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Kiwanis Club of

Huntington Beach will hold its annual breakfast at Lake Park, 1035 11th St., from 7 to 10 a.m. on Thursday.

The breakfast costs \$10 and all proceeds will benefit children in need across the city.

#### H.B. 4TH OF JULY **PARADE**

Starting at 10 a.m. and following the Surf City 5K run will be the 120th annual Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade, which is expected to feature more than 100 groups including elected officials, military veterans, public safety and performers.

The parade route begins at Pacific Coast Highway and 9th Street and will conclude just past Yorktown Avenue.

Tickets for reserved seating at Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway can be purchased at psqproductions.ticketspice.com/huntington-beach-independence-day-2024 for \$27 a person.

The city of Huntington Beach will host a block party downtown on the Fourth, with live music from 5 to 9 p.m.

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## **HORSE**

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can't accept payment if we don't have a valid rental agreement in place. Plus, the payments were in the wrong amount."

A group of outstanding renters told OCFEC board members in a meeting Thursday they could not accept the new terms, which include a \$400 monthly facility use fee for trainers who use the site for lessons and other activities, require a one-time security deposit equalling 50% of the monthly rent of each stall and make occupants responsible for damages on an already aging facility.

"I don't even know if I can make programs that can sustain the rent increase," trainer Lisa Sabo said in a public comment. "How can I put [a \$10,000 deposit] on facility repairs when there's so much deferred maintenance?"

Some equestrian tenants further allege board members violated portions of the Bagley-Keene Act — a state law requiring open meetings and providing guidance on how they should be run — to sanction the new contracts while evading protestations by the public.

Gibran Stout, who runs the 501(c)3 nonprofit OC Equestrian Vaulting from the fairgrounds' center, said when board members approved the rental hikes on March 28 in 3-2 vote, with director Dimetria Jackson abstaining, it violated board policy stating passage of a proposal requires a majority of members present, not a majority of voting members.

Stout and others attempted to speak out on this issue during a May 23 hearing, pulling the final vote on the increases from a consent calendar, in which items are approved in bulk without discussion unless pulled by a director or member of the public.

They also took issue with another item on that May agenda, a motion to approve minutes from the March 28 meeting codifying the 3-2 vote on the



**GIBRAN STOUT** and horse Finn participate in a demonstration at Costa Mesa City Hall Thursday in protest of increased horse boarding fees at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

rent increases as a passing

But while they waited for their turn to speak, board members called an unscheduled closed session meeting, came back with no report on their discussion (another requirement under Bagley-Keene) and hastily approved the entire consent calendar, eschewing public comments.

We all went and asked to have it pulled — they ignored us," Stout said Tuesday, ahead of the board meeting. "They denied the public any further comment, then they summarily approved it. It was shocking."

Stout wasn't the only person whose comments went unheard. Attorney Whitney Hodges, a partner at the law firm Sheppard Mullin based in San Diego, was also in the queue on May 23, waiting on Zoom to share her concerns about the board's recent

"They'd just taken so many things out of order on that agenda," Hodges recalled Friday. "The point of an agenda is so people will understand how a meeting is going to be run. If you reorder the agenda on the dais, it is chaos."

After speaking with some equestrians who'd declined to submit to the new contract terms, Hodges drafted a letter and submitted it to the board's leadership on

Explaining multiple instances when the board failed to act in accordance with open meeting laws, the letter calls out board members for unilaterally reducing public comment periods with no explanation and for not providing information on contracts rental agreements listed in meetings' consent calendars, as well as providing insufficient notice of general topics being discussed in closed session.

"Before convening in closed session, the OCFEC Board must provide an opportunity for the public to comment at the open meeting on a closed-session item," reads the letter, which advises the board to correct its violations.

"To do so, the OCFEC Board would need to identify a point before the violation occurred, and then repeat the process from that point forward. To the extent the [board] already engaged in discussions or received information, [it] should include such events on the records to make sure that everyone is aware and has an opportunity to respond."

Richards on Friday acknowledged receipt of the letter, saying it was forwarded to the office of California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta

'We are represented by the state attorney general's office, and they received a copy of the letter and are evaluating the allegations,"

she said, adding that she could not directly respond to Hodge's claims.

Speaking about the March 28 vote to approve the contract, and whether an abstaining board member should be counted when determining majority approval, Richards said OCFEC board policy contradicted itself, by saying in one section the abstention should be included and the opposite in another sec-

To correct the issue, board members in April voted anew on the rent hikes, approving them in a unanimous vote that allowed them to continue a visioning process under which the aging Equestrian Center would be transformed into a more publicfacing community equine

center called the Ranch. Although many trainers at the center — even those still unwilling to capitulate to the revised contract terms - have expressed their desire to participate in talks about the Ranch.

Richards said while she still maintains an optimistic outlook in general, she's not so sure how that kind of collaboration could work.

"Actions speak louder than words, and I just don't believe there's much intention to help us realize this vision," she said.

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## ROWING

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seconds ahead of the second-place team Northern California.

Graves and Cooper Sitzman (stroke seat) are both recent Newport Harbor High graduates. Corona del Mar graduate Pierce Edwards, Pacifica Christian Orange County graduate Cooper Larkin and Pacifica Christian incoming junior Parker Johnson (bow seat) made up the rest of the winning quin-

With that, Newport Sea Base had its second national championship in program history crossing that finish line first on June 9. They joined the men's youth 4x boat, featuring Newport Harbor alumni and twins Clay and Sean Rybus, which won the national title in 2022.

"Really, the club restarted in 2018, and then COVID happened," said coach James Long-Lerno, who's also the club's executive director. "It's not only our second, but our second since [the pandemic] ended. It's pretty good results, for such a short period of time."

Long-Lerno sees the Newport Sea Base boys eventually building a powerhouse, similar to what rival Newport Aquatic Center has accomplished on the girls' side. Graves, Sitzman and Edwards actually transferred from NAC for their final year of high school eligibility.

Edwards called the boat a group of "scrappy guys," noting that some competitors were bigger in stature. Graves, who will continue in the University of Tennessee women's rowing program, is the only one of the five who plans to row in college.

For me, it was proving to myself that I knew my value," Edwards said. "Being able to finish my rowing career winning nationals, there's no greater feat in the rowing world. It was really special. It makes every sacrifice that I've made missing graduations, missing my friends' birth-

Friday night going to bed at 8 o'clock — it made everything worth it at the

day parties, every single

Graves would agree with that sentiment. As the coxswain, she had to be the female ordering males around, which is not always an easy task.

"Especially being on the men's team, it was a very tedious role, having to boss around guys who are a foot taller than you," she said. "You just have to learn how to get respect. You're basically a minicoach in the boat.'

Sitzman is headed to the University of Alabama for school.

"Just being able to finish off my rowing career winning a national championship is the best feeling," he said. "The team's expanding and they've got a pretty big future ahead of them."

Indeed, Long-Lerno said the team brought a youth 8+ boat to Youth Nationals for the first time this year, meaning the boys in the youth 4+ boat had to pull double duty.

"With the doubling up and the heat, it was a pretty impressive result by those boys and by Taryn, the coxswain, to keep their composure," he said. "The mission was to do just enough to get to the next race, and in the finals to go ahead and gun it."

The boys didn't have all the fun. The Newport Sea Base women's Under-16 4x+ boat earned silver at Youth Nationals, with coxswain Zarah Gilani and boat-mates Riley Kwan, Abella Levassiur, Sophia Glass-Vendetti and Riley Gutzwiller crossing the finish line in 8:04.12.

Newport Aquatic Center, which came into the season-ending regatta with high hopes for its girls' program, had its women's youth boat finish a program-best second place with Alex Pearson in the stroke seat. The 2V eight boat, with Sydney Harris in the stroke seat, took third place.

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## **AROUND**

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Guests will be given a sneak peek at "À La Mode: The Art of Fashion."

## A NOTE TO OUR **SUBSCRIBERS**

To allow our staff to enjoy the Independence Day holiday Thursday, there will not be a print edition of the Daily Pilot on Friday, July 5. The newspaper will resume its regular delivery schedule on Saturday, July 6.

Tickets can be purchased \$70 at laguna beachchamber.org. The Pageant of the Masters begins officially on July 6 and will continue through Aug. 30.

## Vanguard's Lyceum Theater hosts mystery

The American Coast Theater presents the murder "An Inspector mystery Calls" at Vanguard University's Lyceum Theater in Costa Mesa, with shows

running through June 30. Written by British novelist John Boynton Priestley in 1944, and directed by Connor Berkompas, the reimagined thriller sets off as a mysterious "Inspector" unexpectedly arrives at the prosperous Birling family home, and a celebratory dinner is shattered by his investigations into the death of a young woman.

A suspense-filled investigation forces family members to reexamine their responsibilities to the outside world and each other in the popular "drawing room" murder mystery.

located at 55 Fair Drive, in Costa Mesa. General admission is \$16 to \$20.

Vanguard University is

For more, or to purchase tickets, visit ACTCtickets.com or contact theatresw@vanguard.edu

(714) 668-6145.

## 'Camelot' comes to Laguna Playhouse

A transfer production from North Coast Repertory Theatre of Lerner & Lowe's "Camelot" opens next week at Laguna Playhouse. It will feature new orchestrations by Steve Orich, musical direction by Daniel Lincoln and choreography by Jill Gorrie Rovatsos. Jeffrey B. Moss is director.

Previews are July 24 to 27. Opening night is Sunday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. and performances will run through Sunday, Aug. 11.

Tickets range from \$55 to \$94 and can be purchased online at lagunaplayhouse-.com or by calling (949) 497-2787. Laguna Playhouse is locted at 606 Laguna Canyon Drive. — From staff reports

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## **Keith Brooks Smith**

December 12, 1929 - May 27, 2024

Keith Brooks Smith of Newport Beach passed away on Memorial Day after a wonderful and very full 94 years. He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Florence, their 2 sons, 4 grandsons, 3 great-grandchildren and a brother and sister. For additional information, and his full obituary, please visit: dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/Corona-Del-Mar-CA-Keith-Smith-11837757

#### **COMMENTARY | DR. LORRAINE PRINSKY, DR. ALICE MARTANEGARA**

# Nursing bachelor's degree programs at community colleges could be a game changer

s hospitals in Orange County continue to contend with high nursing vacancy rates following the COVID-19 pandemic, the California State Legislature is poised to pass Senate Bill 895, vital legislation that would make bachelor of science in nursing degrees more accessible through the creation of a BSN pilot program in 15 community college districts across the state.

We support this legislation because it promises to alleviate the statewide nursing shortage and bridge the gap between the industry's growing preference for BSN degrees and the limited space in nursing programs at public universities, by far the most affordable option for many aspiring nurses. This issue is particularly pressing in Orange County where nine hospitals have achieved "Magnet Recognition" from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, widely considered the gold standard for professional nursing practice. To qualify for Magnet Recognition, hospitals must show that 100% of nurse leaders have a baccalaureate degree or higher.

However, nursing programs at public universities in Southern California are heavily impacted. In 2022-23, less than 8% of applicants to a public university BSN program in the Los Angeles/Orange County area were accepted. This is



Eric Licas

**INSTRUCTOR JU-AN BROYLES**, center, trains second-year nursing students at Golden West College in March 2023.

equivalent to roughly 700 enrolled students out of more than 9,000 qualified applicants.

Those unable to secure admission at a public university often turn to private institutions, resulting in substantial student debt. For example, a for-profit institution with one of the state's largest nursing programs charges approximately \$146,000 for a BSN degree. This high cost can be prohibitive for lowincome communities and may explain why some

communities of color are underrepresented in the nursing profession. In California, Hispanics and Latinos make up 40% of the population, but only 9% of the Registered Nurse work-

Community colleges are poised to help address this problem. Ten California community colleges already have an existing framework for a BSN through formal concurrent enrollment nursing programs with California State University campuses. Golden West College's School of Nursing is one of the 10, having partnered in 2023 with California State University, San Bernardino to establish a Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) that allows students to earn credit for both their associate degree in nursing and BSN simultaneously, significantly reducing tuition costs

California community colleges also have a demonstrated history of success. In 2022 California community college nursing

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programs had an 88% overall pass rate for the NCLEX, the standardized test required for nursing graduates to become a registered nurse in the U.S. This pass rate is on par with, if not higher than, that of many nursing programs at public and private institutions. At GWC, 99% of nursing students pass the NCLEX with a score above 90%

Finally, community colleges have the ability to build dual enrollment career pathways from high schools to offer opportuni-

ties in the field to students from many different backgrounds — this is something that community colleges are uniquely positioned to do. Traditionally, it can take nursing students up to six years to complete their bachelor's degree. Dual and concurrent enrollment programs at community colleges can reduce that time to three or four years, further reducing tuition costs. For example, GWC's "Running Start to Nursing" dual enrollment program allows high school students to start take nursing prerequisite classes for free as early as 10th grade.

We know that California's community colleges are ready to take on the challenge of graduating students with a BSN degree. The pilot program proposed by SB 895 would be a game changer for Orange County hospitals as it would help address workforce shortages, provide affordable education for underserved students and help hospitals with Magnet Recognition maintain the excellent standard of care for which Orange County is known.

#### **DR. LORRAINE PRINSKY**

is the president of the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees, and a professor emeritus at CSU

Fullerton. **DR. ALICE MARTANEGARA** is the

associate dean and director of nursing at Golden West College in Huntington Beach.

### LEGAL NOTICES 1300-

**Fictitious Business** 

Name Statement

## **Business Names**

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Greer's Mom, Druann, Made by Greer's Mom, Bark-Err's by Greer's Mom, 3205 Nebraska Place, Costa Mesa, CA. 92626-9262, County, Druann Louise Greer-Cisneros 3205 Nebraska Place, Costa Mesa, CA. 92626-9262 This business is conducted by: an Individual The Registrant(s) Commenced to transact business under

Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 05/12/2024 Signed Druann Louise Greer-Cisneros This statement was filed with the County of Orange on May 16th. 2024 20246690382

MERCHANDISE 800

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**NOTICE OF UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES** 

The City of Newport Beach is currently accepting vacancies:

(two seats - term is for the duration of the General Plan update process). The General Plan Advisory Committee meets as necessary on weeknights or weekdays (M-Th),

General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)

at a time convenient for the Committee at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. All applicants must be qualified electors of the

City, none of whom shall hold any paid office or

employment in City government (Section 702 of

the City Charter). The deadline for filing applications is **noon on** Monday, July 15, 2024, or until the vacancies are filled. The application and additional The application and additional information about the Boards and Commissions

be found http://www.newportbeachca.gov/vacancv or by calling 949-644-3005. The application and information about the Boards and Commissions can also be accessed through the City's website at http://www.newportbeachca.gov/bcc.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 949-644-3005.

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH** 

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Residences at 1600 Dove Street Project – Notice of Intent to Override the Airport Land Use Commission Determination of Inconsistency – Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 21676(b), the City Council will consider the adoption of a resolution notifying the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission and the State Department of Transportation of Aeronautics Program of their intention to override a determination of inconsistency with the 2008 John Wayne Airport Environs Land Use Plan made by the Airport Land Use Commission with respect to the proposed Residences at 1600 Dove Street Project consisting of the following components:

— Seneral Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to and 49 Awelling units above the General Plan Amendment — A request to a section of the contraction of the Amendment — A request Plan Amendment — A request to a section of the Amendment — A request Plan Amendment — A request to a section of the Amendment — A request Plan Amendment — A request to a section of the Amendment — A request Plan Amendm

General Plan Amendment - A request to add 49 dwelling units above the General Plan allowance, and amend Anomaly 12 of the General Plan Table LU2 (Anomaly Locations) to allow 49 residential dwell-

- amend Anomaly 12 of the General Plan Table LUZ (Anomaly Locations) to allow 49 residential dwelling units at the Property;
  Affordable Housing Implementation Plan A plan specifying how the Project would meet the City's
  affordable housing requirements, in exchange for a request of 50% increase in density including
  a request for three development standard walvers related to height, park dedication requirement,
  and overall residential density along with two development concessions related to the payment of
  partial park in-lieu fees and mix of affordable units pursuant to Chapter 20.32 (Density Bonus) of the
  Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) and Government Code Section 65915 et seq. ("State Density
  Bonus Law")
- Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) and Government Code Section 65915 et seq. ("State Density Bonus Law");

  Development Agreement A Development Agreement between the Applicant and the City, pursuant to Section 15.45.020 (Development Agreement Required) of the NBMC, which would provide the Applicant with the vested right to develop the Project for a term of 10 years and to provide negotiated public benefits to the City;

  Addendum to the 2006 General Plan Lindste Program Environmental Impact Report Pursuant to the

Addendum to the 2006 General Plan Update Program Environmental Impact Report - Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Addendum addresses reasonably foreseeable envi-ronmental impacts resulting from the Project; and Traffic Study - A traffic study pursuant to Chapter 15.40 (Traffic Phasing Ordinance) of the NBMC.

The Project would require a future Site Development Review approval prior to building permit issuance as no specific design for the Project is included. The City Council may also discuss the merits of the proposal, but

specinic design for the Project is included. The City Council may also discuss the ments of the proposal, but they will not be taking final action on the project.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this resolution is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

MOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on May 23, 2024, by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 no (with 2 absent/ recused), the Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach recommended that the City Council approve

the proposed Project.

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, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The request may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Prior to the public hearing the agenda, staff report, and documents may be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov. 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.

For questions reparding details of the project please contact Liz Westroreland. Senior Planner, at 949-644-For questions regarding details of the project please contact Liz Westmoreland, Senior Planner, at 949-644 3234, lwestmoreland@newportbeachca.gov.

Project File No.: PA2022-0297 Activity: General Plan Amendment, Affordable Housing Implementation Plan, Development Agreement, Addendum to EIR & Traffic Study

Zone: PC-11 (Newport Place)
Location: 1600 Dove Street
Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

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## **NOTICE OF UNSCHEDULED VACANCY**

The City of Newport Beach is currently accepting

· Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission (one seat - term expires June 30, 2025)

Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach (Council Chambers).

All applicants must be qualified electors of the City, none of whom shall hold any paid office or employment in City government (Section 702 of the City Charter).

The deadline for filing applications is **noon on** Wednesday, July 10, 2024, or until the vacancy is filled. The application and additional information about the Boards and Commissions can be found at http://www.newportbeachca.gov/vacancy or by calling 949-644-3005. The application and information about the Boards and Commissions can also be accessed through the City's website at http://www.newportbeachca.gov/bcc.

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#### CITY OF COSTA MESA **SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NOS. 2024-**05, 2024-06, and 2024-07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 18, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-05, Ordinance No. 2024-06, and Ordinance No. 2024-07.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DA-20-02 BETWEEN** THE CITY OF COSTA MESA AND COSTA MESA SUNFLOWER, LLC

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE **CITY OF COSTA MESA APPROVING REZONE 20-01** TO REZONE A 15.23-ACRE SITE TO PLANNED **DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL-HIGH DENSITY**

(PDR-HD) AND ESTABLISH A SITE-SPECIFIC **DENSITY OF 80 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE AND** MAXIMUM 1,057 UNITS FOR THE PROPERTY **GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1683 SUNFLOWER ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07** 

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA APPROVING SPECIFIC PLAN 20-01 APPLYING ZONING STANDARDS TO A 15.23-ACRE PROPERTY REZONED TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL-HIGH DENSITY (PDR-HD) WITH A SITE-SPECIFIC DENSITY OF 80 **DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1683 SUNFLOWER AVENUE** 

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 2024-05, Ordinance No. 2024-06, and Ordinance No. 2024-07 were duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on June 18, 2024, by the following roll call vote, to wit: AYES:

COUNCILMEMBERS: GAMEROS, MARR, HARLAN, STEPHENS. NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: HARPER. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE.

I hereby certify that the summary of the adopted ordinances was published in the Daily Pilot on

Saturday, June 29, 2024. Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

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