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A GUEST IS MET by an attendant upon arriving at the Pavilion at South Coast Plaza on Friday. The Pavilion is accessible only by appointment.

South Coast Plaza opens up 'the Pavilion' for in-person shopping in a parking garage

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Past an ivy partition, a concierge greets a guest with bottled water.

As staff bustles back and forth asking customers for their names to confirm their appointments, partitions for 14 newly-built suites — each labeled with a different plant, such as camellia, jasmine and peony — are pulled backward to reveal the interior, equipped with a fitting room and minor furnishings for displays.

One guest examines a clothing rack while others wait in chairs for their boutique associate to escort them to their suite.

On Friday, Costa Mesa's South Coast Plaza officially opened "the Pavilion" in its northern parking structure, located nearest to Bris-

tol Street and Nordstrom's, in an effort to provide an in-person shopping experience for interested customers to do safely during the coronavirus pandemic.

Over 100 of South Coast Plaza's more than 250 boutiques are participating, including brands such as Omega, Prada and Versace. And in Orange County, people find ways to shop for high-end products.

The Pavilion is accessible by appointment only and customers are asked to call or email participating boutiques ahead of arrival to discuss what they would like to see, try on or purchase, and what times work best for both clients and staff.

After booking an appointment,

See **Pavilion**, page A3



YALE AND LAURI SMITH shop for a bag from Louis Vuitton with the assistance of Maggie Cheng at South Coast Plaza's the Pavilion on Friday.

See **Poseidon**, page A5

O.C. restaurants can get paid for masks, other pandemic costs

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Orange County is trying to incentivize restaurant owners to keep their businesses clean and safe with a grant program that reimburses for masks, cleaning supplies and other expenses to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The \$1,000 SafeDineOC grants will cover expenses incurred from March through September and come from federal CARES Act relief funds. The Orange County Business Council will manage the

program on behalf of the county. "These grants reward restaurants trying to do the right thing by reimbursing them for the costs of masks, cleaning supplies, reconfiguring tables and chairs, for distancing protocols, et cetera," OCBC President Lucy Dunn said Thursday.

Approved eateries will be added to a list online and receive a sign they can post at their establishments.

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THE SOUTH COAST THEATER building in downtown Laguna Beach is shown. It's been closed since 2015.

Laguna Beach's historic movie theater undergoes concept review for revival

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The lights may come back on at Laguna Beach's only movie theater.

The theater on South Coast Highway closed its doors in 2015 when Regency Theaters decided to pull the plug for its lease for the building at 162 S. Coast Hwy. after it was unable to secure a long enough extension on its lease to make changes to improve the theater and convert to digital projection. Since its closure, the building has remained vacant, though adjacent stores have continued to operate.

Rivian, an electric vehicle manufacturer, announced on July 30 that it would be pursuing the purchase of the historic property as part of the company's retail strategy. The organiza-

tion said it aims for a 2021 opening, pending city approvals.

The current two-story building was constructed in 1934 by the Aufdenkamp family and named the New Lynn Theatre when it opened in 1935, but the theater's roots date to 1921. City staff said it is the first concrete and steel building constructed in Laguna Beach and is listed on the city's local historic inventory.

"A high concentration of our preorder customer community lives in Southern California, and the opportunity to put our philosophy of adaptive reuse into practice at such a landmark location was really a great fit for us," Amy Mast, a spokeswoman for Rivian, said in an email. The purchase is still in escrow.

Concept plans were submit-

ted to the city on July 16 with the goal of restoration to "transform the historic theater to a community-focused hub that will include retail space, food and beverage and a restored theater for public programming."

"Rivian sees this project as an opportunity to invest into the community of Laguna Beach by restoring the historic facade, modernizing the theater interior and introducing new public programming to make it an activated development year-round," the company said, according to a staff report.

The current proposal would reduce the current two-screen, 674-seat theater to a single, 130-seat theater and restore the original proscenium arch and stage

See **Theater**, page A3

No vote yet on desal plant

Regional water board continues debate over controversial Poseidon facility and agrees to meet again on Sept. 17.

BY MATT SZABO

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board on Friday again delayed a vote on Poseidon Water's controversial desalination plant proposal in Huntington Beach.

Following an eight-hour online Zoom meeting, board members agreed to reconvene on Sept. 17 to discuss whether to renew a permit that would allow the \$1.4-billion project to move forward. Should Poseidon get the permit from the water quality board, it would still need a permit from the California Coastal Commission before it could potentially forge a contract with the Orange County Water District and begin construction of the facility.

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board chairman William Ruh, vice chair William von Blasingame and director Daniel Selmi were among those who indicated significant concerns about the project. It would be located adjacent to the AES Huntington Beach Generating Station on Newland Avenue, which is soon to cease operation. Poseidon plans to produce 50 million gallons of desalted drinking water per day.

"From the data I've seen, it's not a need issue, it's a diversification issue," von Blasingame said. "There is value in locally sourced water. I do hope the agency has put a value on conservation because that's the most environmentally friendly way ... and we wouldn't be talking about mitigation and arguing about what the carbon footprint is."

Proponents of the Poseidon project, which was first proposed in 1998, have cited securing a large, drought-proof water supply

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PAVILION

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customers arrive at the scheduled date and time at the North parking structure and are asked to provide their name and the details of their appointment.

Boutique associates, upon arrival, then escort them to one of the suites, where they're able to try on and purchase merchandise.

Masks are required and hand sanitizer stations are scattered throughout the area. Maintenance staff are also present to sanitize all suites before and after use. Social distancing measures are also in place, according to a statement by South Coast Plaza.

"We wanted to give our guests a way to shop in person safely from our boutiques when we had to temporarily close to comply with Gov. [Gavin] Newsom's July 13 order," said Debra Gunn Downing, spokeswoman for South Coast Plaza.

"The Pavilion and its suites are designed for guests who want to try on, touch, feel and smell merchandise before buying and want the immediate gratification of taking home their purchase," Downing said.

"These can't be done when browsing and shopping online. The experience aspect is important for these shoppers."

The Pavilion is in addition to South Coast Plaza's SCP 2 Go program, a curbside pick-up program that launched in May with 80 stores and restaurants participating at the time. It now includes more than 120.

Aliso Viejo resident Kristi Conlon said she heard about the Pavilion through a sales associate with Yves Saint Laurent.



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

LAURI AND YALE SMITH shop for a bag from Louis Vuitton with the assistance of Maggie Cheng.

"I think [the Pavilion]'s nice. It actually just dawned on me that we're still in a parking structure," Conlon said.

"It's the best they can do under the circumstances, so it's nice."

Conlon said she felt making an appointment was easy, adding that she had texted one of the sales associates and was sent pictures of things that she was interested in.

She said she had seen something that she liked and that her appointment Friday was to select which one she wanted to purchase in-person and leave.

Lauri Smith, wearing a cheetah print mask, was looking at purses from Louis Vuitton, wanting to exchange an anniversary present that her husband, Yale, bought her because she already had it.

"They mailed [the purse] to me because the store's closed, but then they set [the Pavilion] up and we went, 'Let's just drive down and see other purses,'" Smith said.

She and her husband drove 64 miles to South Coast Plaza from Murrieta.

"I love [the Pavilion], but it's also overkill in my opinion," Smith said.

"I'm not that worried

about it, but it's OK. I mean, what are you going to do? You just can't shop."

"It was easy. Louis Vuitton knows how to do it. I think South Coast Plaza knows how to do it. They want to get customers, so they made it as convenient as they could under the circumstances, but it's still overkill in my opinion," Smith said.

"It was convenient. Everybody was there to tell you where to go and we didn't drive in circles and the consultant met us right out, we had an appointment, easy."

Yale Smith said the process was convenient if the shopper knew what they wanted, but that it was hard to do window shopping.

"[Our consultant] was sending us pictures, so we knew what we were ... it was just coming here to exchange, it was easy," he said. "But, you can't really shop this way."

Lauri Smith said she'd come again if she really needed to go buy something, but added that she does most of her shopping online now during the pandemic.

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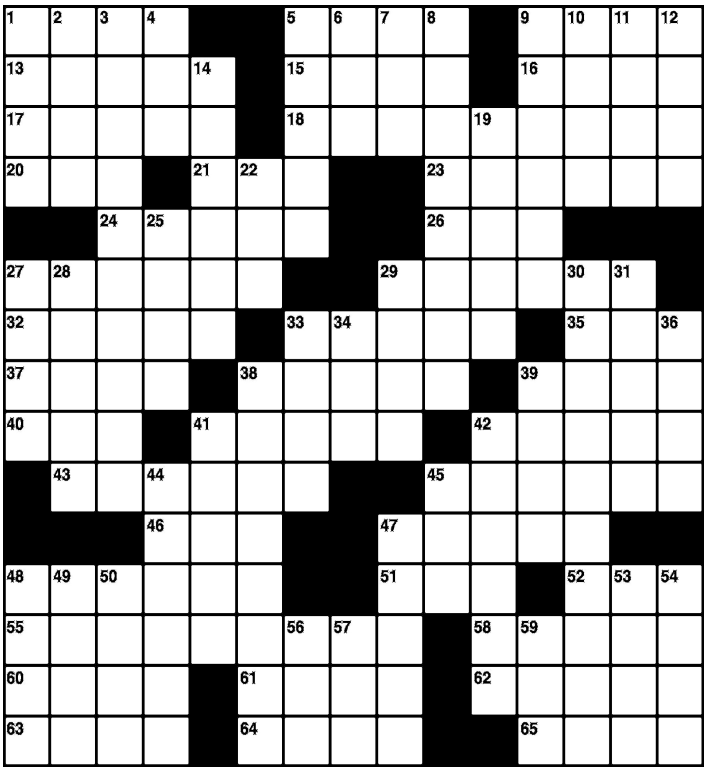
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

1 Little Jack Horner's prize
5 Piece of concrete
9 Mt. Weisshorn's range
13 Company shunner
15 Throw
16 Perform alone
17 Come together
18 Short pleasure trip
20 Actor Alastair

21 Hippie's home
23 Noises
24 Iron
26 Ho-; boring
27 Singer Carey
29 Ocean ;
cruise ships
32 High in the sky
33 Lacking much flavor
35 _ humble pie; admit error
37 Sheltered bay
38 Regretting
39 One of the "Little Women" sisters
40 That girl
41 Penalized monetarily
42 Cheerful sprite
43 Floating aimlessly
45 Suave; polished
46 Little rascal
47 Charley horse
48 Old MacDonald, for one
51 Bowler or Stetson
52 " _ a Small World"
55 Fair to everyone
58 Bert's buddy
60 Em or Bee
61 Stable newborn
62 Item in a bedding package
63 Tattered clothing
64 Quails & roosters
65 Chances

DOWN



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 A5.

1 Two _ two is four
2 Actress Anderson
3 No better than before
4 "When Harry _ Sally"
5 Loses fur
6 Bar soap brand
7 St. Joan of _

8 Red-faced
9 Take for granted
10 _ of pork; holiday entrée
11 Walk with heavy steps
12 "My Three _" of old TV
14 Say again
19 Circular

22 Hardwood tree
25 Abundant
27 Big _; fast-food burgers
28 Lanai greeting
29 Come to shore
30 Analyzed again
31 Coat-lining fabric
33 Tap the baseball
34 Recline
36 You, to Shakespeare
38 Disreputable folks
39 Baby's accessories
41 _ mignon; tender steak
42 Babbles
44 Sends in payment
45 Take _ hobby; find a pastime
47 Snail's home
48 Terror
49 Light greenish-blue
50 Ladder step
53 _ up; very busy
54 Beautician's offerings
56 Yogi's pal, for short
57 Statute
59 Letter before sigma

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THEATER

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for screenings and live performances. The reduction in seating would allow for expansion in the lobby, which would include public seating and additional space for education and community programming.

The two retail spaces would be modified to have direct access to the lobby while the second floor would be altered to have additional seating and workspaces.

Two Rivian vehicles would be showcased in the lobby.

Commissioners raised the question of whether or not cars would be sold at the location, which Denise Cherry, senior director of facilities design at Rivian, said the rehabilitation and display of cars at the historic building would be a form of "brand education."

"We think of this as truly as a war to educate people on the mission of electrifying vehicles, whether that's our car or a Volt or a Tesla or whatever that might be," Cherry said.

Commissioners also

asked whether or not Rivian would pursue registering the property on the state historic register, the reason for the reduction in seats and suggested the possibility for artists to work onsite. Commission Chair Pro Tem Anne Johnson raised the proposed concerns about how the display vehicles would be rotated.

Cherry said that discussions with current tenants of the adjacent storefronts have not begun because the transaction is not yet final.

No members of the public spoke on the concept review.

"I think it's conceptually great. I know there's some details and things to work out, but I'm so encouraged that this project is finally potentially being realized in terms of redevelopment of the movie theater for something that will provide the community," Commissioner Jorg Dubin said.

Johnson and Commission Chair Susan McLintock Whitin both encouraged the application of the property to the state register and for the restoration to be in-line with state standards.

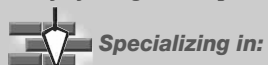
"We're, of course, striv-

ing for a 2021 opening and so depending on how feedback on this goes and other things, we hope to be back in front of you guys before the end of the year for sure," Cherry said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Corona del Mar 76 Service Station Remodel and Convenience Store – The Applicant proposes a coastal development permit and conditional use permit to allow the demolition of the existing vehicle service building and convenience market and construct a new, two-story, 2,590-square-foot convenience store. The application includes a request for deviations from minimum lot size, setbacks for the retail building and air/water dispenser, and minimum landscaping requirements pursuant to Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 20.48.210 (Service Stations). The application includes the addition of a Type 20 (Off-Sale Beer and Wine) Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”) license. The existing pump canopy, eight fuel dispensers, and below grade fuel infrastructure are to remain unchanged. The convenience market would operate from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., daily, with alcohol sales from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. If approved, this conditional use permit and coastal development permit would supersede Use Permit No. 1580 that authorizes the existing development and use.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 - Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to 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 application 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19
Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for Planning Commission consideration by sending them to the Community Development Department at PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Planning Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by **Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** In addition, members of the public will have the ability to participate in this meeting telephonically. Please review the Planning Commission Agenda for further instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission, by end of business day on **Friday, August 14, 2020**. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact the Planning Division at 949-644-3200 or CDD@newportbeachca.gov and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Chelsea Crager, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3227 ccrager@newportbeachca.gov.

Project File No.: PA2019-027
Activity No.: CD2019-005, UP2019-004

Zone: CC (Commercial Corridor)
General Plan: CC (Corridor Commercial)

Coastal Land Use Plan: CC-B (Corridor)
FILING DATE: February 13, 2019
Commercial (0.0-0.75 FAR)

Location: 2201 East Coast Highway
Applicant: Laidlaw Schultz Architects

Lauren Kleiman, Secretary, Planning Commission,
City of Newport Beach

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Industrial Zoning (IG) Zoning District Code Amendments – Amendments to Sections 20.24.020 (Industrial Zoning District Land Uses and Permit Requirements), 20.40.040 (Off-Street Parking Spaces Required), 20.48.090 (Eating and Drinking Establishments), and Sections 20.70.020 (Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases) of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC). These amendments would allow the operation of wine tasting rooms, subject to obtaining a conditional use permit, within the IG Zoning District.

The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 under Class 5 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN on July 23, 2020, the Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach reviewed the proposed changes to Title 20 of the NBMC and, by a vote of 4-2, recommended the City Council approve the Code Amendment.

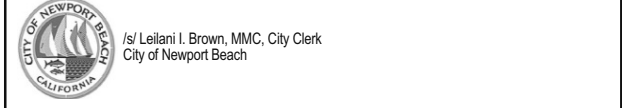
All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application 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.

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Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for City Council consideration by sending them to cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov. To give the City Council adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by **Monday, August 24, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** In addition, members of the public will have the ability to participate in this meeting telephonically. Please review the Agenda for further instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov, by end of business day on **Friday, August 21, 2020**. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact David Blumenthal, AICP, Planning Consultant, at 949-644-3200 or dblumenthal@newportbeachca.gov.

Project File No.: PA2020-042
Activity No.: CA2020-005

Applicant: City of Newport Beach
Location: The Industrial (IG) Zoning District is in the northwest corner of the City near Costa Mesa along Production Place, 16th Street, and portions of Monrovia Avenue



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EXPANDED SERVICE for noncommercial flights at John Wayne Airport under a proposed 35-year contract would drastically expand private jet service in the general aviation sector with added noise and pollution, writes columnist Lee Pearl.

Expanded service at John Wayne Airport would harm O.C. for decades

Newport Beach is rushing headlong toward a colossal mistake that our community will regret for at least 35 years. If citizens and impacted cities don't intervene decisively and soon, an airport expansion will inundate our communities with noise and pollution and provide no plausible benefit to residents.

Under the proposed 35-year contract, two newly selected companies operating at John Wayne Airport will drastically expand private jet service in the general aviation sector.

After offering a major capital investment, these two new fixed base operators (FBOs) will expect a return on their investment, meaning as many private jet flights as possible including during nighttime hours.

The plan could not be more poorly suited to our community or the times we're living in. Anyone living within a few miles of JWA can already attest to

the problem of noise, but what's more, a study performed at Santa Monica Airport showed that residents living nearby were exposed to more pollution than a freeway during that airport's busiest hours.

In terms of flight availability for most Orange County residents, nothing will change. There still won't be commercial jet flights in the late evening and early morning thanks to the established rules.

But rich private jet owners in the general aviation area will play by their own rule book — flying more frequently and at all hours — and pass the cost, in terms of noise and pollution, onto the community below them. General aviation (private) jets can currently fly at all hours of the day or night as long as they meet outdated nighttime noise requirements. The new plan would park more jets and allow the expansion of late-night flights to be a burden on our communities.

Most Newport Beach

residents don't have any idea of the significance of this general aviation FBO decision. Representatives of activist groups and elected officials with good intentions like Still Protecting Our Newport (SPON), Airfair, Airport Working Group, Citizens Against Airport Pollution, as well as neighborhood organizations in Dover Shores, the Bluffs, Balboa Island Improvement Assn. and impacted cities including Newport Beach and Costa Mesa have been virtually excluded from this selection process. Orange County officials (operators of the airport) want to meet their revenue goals, and they have designed the approval process for this contract in order to breeze past watchdog groups and de-fang anyone with interests that contradict those goals. For instance, those against the change have not been able to see the initial proposals in their entirety, and possible behind-the-scenes revisions may never be made public.

The process has been made to appear democratic, but when the inevitable complaints arise after the consequences of this expansion become widespread public knowledge, the county will point to the paltry disclosures it has offered up and claim that documents have been shared.

Local government agencies representing us should have never compromised at the beginning of this process putting residents in a position where all we can do is beg the county to not hurt us. We are now in that position.

The only way to fix this problem is to change gears and attempt to force measures to safeguard our communities or possibly

protest the process legally. Playing nice didn't work, and what we will see at the Tuesday Board of Supervisors meeting to select the two FBOs is a sham process where the public will be given their three minutes to speak but all the decisions will have been made prior to the meeting.


It is troubling when everything has been decided by a public agency that does not have the same goals as our communities.

Without the guarantee in the contract of these four things we all lose: 1.) the critical issue to close general aviation during nighttime hours to comply with commercial hours of operation; 2.) no Uber/charter jets in the general aviation area ever — all commercial operators must be located at the main terminal; 3.) no international processing facility as a part of either operation; 4.) preservation of space for small planes in a fair ratio to limit the lucrative expansion of private jet parking and flights at the airport.

The county will say its legal counsel will not allow the community-requested provisions to be written into the 35-year lease agreements.

Not true. This must be guaranteed prior to the conclusion of the selection process of the new operators or we lose. We must make sure these decisions do as much as possible to protect all county residents. If these provisions are not set in stone now we won't be able to fix them for 35 years, and by then, I will be over 100 years old or most likely dead.

LEE PEARL is the local government liaison to the Balboa Island Improvement Assn.



Lawrence Erwin Klein

1933 - 2020

Lawrence Erwin Klein, aka Poppy, died peacefully on July 17, 2020 from COVID-19. He was 86 years old.

Larry was born in Brooklyn on July 24, 1933 and quickly moved to Texas where he acquired his signature southern drawl. Growing up in the hardscrabble Jewish section of South Dallas, Larry was determined to make something of himself after his father died before his thirteenth birthday.

Larry attended UT-Austin where he played on the football team. After setbacks and considering dropping out of college, Larry applied the work ethic he learned as an athlete to his academics and graduated in 1955. Soon after, he fell in love with Carla Jean Langert and they married in 1957.

Working as a physical therapist, Larry developed an interest in medicine. With three toddlers at home, he enrolled at UT-Southwestern Medical School and graduated at the top of his class in 1965. As a resident at Parkland Memorial Hospital, he was the first medical professional to take care of President John F. Kennedy after he was shot on November 22, 1963.

After medical school, Larry served as a naval officer in Long Beach, California. In 1969, he moved his family to Newport Beach and welcomed a fourth child. In private practice as an Ob/Gyn at Hoag Hospital, Larry delivered more than 5,000 babies during his 40-year career. He was admired for his intelligence, charm and easy-going bedside manner. After his retirement in 2004, Larry was often chased down by colleagues and adoring former patients.

Larry spent his free time at the gym, playing tennis, skiing and left his mark telling naughty jokes. He loved reading biographies, listening to Johnny Cash, and solving crossword puzzles. Larry relished gnawing on a juicy T-bone, drinking fine wine and espressos, and hollering at the TV when his Longhorns or Cowboys fumbled.

He visited his family in NYC and the Berkshires often and enjoyed taking his grandkids for ice cream, then trying to sneak a taste. These shenanigans inspired a story he co-wrote with his youngest grandchild, "Don't Let Poppy Hold Your Ice Cream."

Larry passed away peacefully with his daughter, Stacy, by his side. The family thanks the team at Hoag Hospital for his care, especially Larry's dear friend, Dr. Joe Riggio.

Larry was predeceased by his wife in 2012. He is survived by his children: Glenna Klein, Stacy Yeany, Scott Klein, and Keri Bernstein; his son-in-law: Ron Bernstein; and his grandchildren: Austin Yeany, Hayden Yeany, Kelby Klein, McKenna Klein, Zachary Bernstein, and Sophie Bernstein.

A celebration of life event is currently unsafe, so please honor Larry by opening an elegant Pinot Noir or re-telling one of his jokes! He would want all of us to enjoy life to the fullest -- as he did.

In his memory, please consider a donation to CureJM (www.curejm.org), an organization searching for a cure to the rare autoimmune disease which has afflicted his youngest grandchild.

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IF APPROVED, the Poseidon plant would be located next to the AES power station.

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for Orange County and relying less on imported water. Opponents have decried increased water costs among other issues. Rates would likely go up between \$3 to \$6 per month, according to district estimates.

Much of Friday's regional water board discussion centered on whether the desalination plant was needed, and efforts that Poseidon would be required to take on to mitigate the project's damage to the marine environment. Board members agreed — going against staff recommendations — that Poseidon would be prohibited from discharges from the desalination facility until it obtained permits for all components of mitigation.

Ruh challenged Orange County Water District executive director of engineering and water resources John Kennedy to make conservation a priority. Kennedy responded that the district takes conservation very seriously, citing a Children's Water Education Festival held each spring and adding that its sister agency, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, had an even more robust water conservation program.

"What specifically, before you're looking at this project, are you doing to

really integrate conservation into the lives of the residents?" Ruh asked. "Reminders, things on your website, fliers, courses, putting in procedures ... You say there's a need for the future and to diversify your source. Fourth- and fifth-graders don't make decisions, adults do. Do you have a program or protocol in place for new development, whether it be commercial or residential, for total drought-tolerant landscaping?"

Kennedy replied that was a city issue, as individual cities issue permits for new development. But Ruh pushed forward.

"It's up to you, the water district, to set an example," he said. "On your website there's nothing about conservation. Before we get expensive water, cutting back is the best thing. But you haven't said to cities ... to cut back."

Kennedy later maintained that the Poseidon project was the best way to secure a reliable water source for the future.

"When we look out into the future, we think we're going to need about 120,000 acre feet a year of imported water," he said. "The Poseidon project, which would make 56,000 acre feet a year, is our biggest opportunity to significantly cut how much imported water we're going to need in the future ... It makes a big dent."

Board member Selmi

earlier made a proposal that Poseidon's mitigation would be split 75%-25% in favor of restoration over preservation (inlet dredging). The board came to a consensus on that figure.

The requirement remains for 112 acres of mitigation, so 84 acres of restoration credit would be required along with 28 acres of preservation credit. Prior to Friday, staff recommendations were for a roughly 60-40 split in favor of restoration.

"The reason we don't have final details isn't because Poseidon is unwilling to provide them, it's because we can't," Poseidon Vice President Scott Maloni said, in response to von Blasingame's charge that the company has not produced a complete mitigation plan. "We can't advance it because the earth under our feet keeps shifting."

Restoration of the Bolsa Chica wetlands would be included in the restoration total, and additional restoration would be accomplished within the source water body of the Pacific Ocean if possible. Bolsa Chica would take precedence.

Santa Ana Regional Water Board staff will consult with the State Lands Commission on the feasibility of the mitigation requirements prior to the Sept. 17 meeting.

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EXPENSES

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"When the public sees those posted pieces of paper on their front doors, on their windows it gives them that little extra assurance that this is a restaurant that cares about their customers and cares about their workforce," Dunn said.

Orange County is home to nearly 10,000 restaurants, which, if currently operating, must stick to outdoor dining, takeout or delivery.

"Restaurants drive our local economy, create thousands of jobs and generate millions in local tax revenue," said Orange County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Andrew Do, who pitched the program to his supervisors colleagues last month.

Learn more about the program at safedineoc.com.

Overall, the county had 43 new coronavirus cases Friday, bringing the total to 38,754, according to the Orange County Health Care Agency. But Friday's report appears artificially low as technical difficulties continue to hinder CalREDIE, the state health data collection system.

"I urge the state to provide timely, transparent information on the status of CalREDIE," Supervisors Chairwoman Michelle Steel said Thursday.

"The public health officials and policymakers



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ARTURO GUZMAN cleans a table in the outdoor dining area at Cappy's Cafe in Newport Beach in July.

across the state rely on this data to understand COVID's spread and make decisions on opening and closing schools, businesses and gatherings. It is essential to know the extent of the problems with the CalREDIE system and understand how it is affecting the data we report."

Hospitalized coronavirus patients numbered 511, with 177 in intensive care. This continues a slide since a July 14 peak of 722 patients, and the lowest patient count since June 29, when 510 people were in hospitals for COVID-19.

The county also reported seven related deaths Friday, bringing the total to 704. An estimated 29,009 have recovered. Here are the latest cumulative case counts and deaths for select cities:

• Santa Ana: 7,414 cases; 189 deaths

- Anaheim: 6,632 cases; 167 deaths
 - Huntington Beach: 1,745 cases; 51 deaths
 - Costa Mesa: 1,267 cases; 12 deaths
 - Irvine: 1,215 cases; 10 deaths
 - Newport Beach: 913 cases; 11 deaths
 - Fountain Valley: 370 cases; 10 deaths
 - Laguna Beach: 138 cases; fewer than five deaths
- And here are case counts followed by deaths, by age group:
- 0 to 17: 2,340; zero
 - 18 to 24: 5,777; two
 - 25 to 34: 8,691; 10
 - 35 to 44: 6,332; 23
 - 45 to 54: 6,322; 65
 - 55 to 64: 4,656; 90
 - 65 to 74: 2,283; 137
 - 75 to 84: 1,305; 159
 - 85 and older: 1,024; 218

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New Reduced Price | 323 Vista Suerte, Newport Beach | \$1,519,000 | 4 BR, 2.5 BA | Approx. 2,648sf | **web# NP19264950**



In Escrow | 208 Via Orvieto, Lido Isle | \$3,595,000 | 4 BR, 4.5 BA | Approx. 3,000sf | Roof Top Deck | **web# NP19143607**

Recent Transactions

- Sold** | 545 Via Lido Nord, Lido Isle
- Sold** | 120 Via Quito, Lido Isle
- Leased for \$19,000/mo** | 2210 Channel Road, Newport Beach



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