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OPERATIONS MANAGER Debbie Wayns looks up at a hole in the ceiling where water came down into the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center, which experienced significant storm damage this week. The center is seeking donations to pay for repairs and has so far raised about \$3,000.

Storm damages Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center

RAIN CAUSED damage to the electrical switches outside of the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center that maintains the lights and pool pumps.



Courtesy of the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center

While the nonprofit is also facing roof leakage, officials say the greater priority was addressing the electrical issues.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

After taking on storm damages that led to a leaking roof and fried electrical equipment, the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center in Huntington Beach is seeking donations to pay for repairs.

Operations manager Debbie Wayns said the problem started Tuesday night. A technician was wrapping up for the day when she noticed the lights in the walkway were flickering. But when she went to turn them off, she found that they were already off and noticed smoke.

"So immediately, we turned off the electricity. We turned off that area and, because it was later in the day, it wasn't until [Wednesday] that we did a little more investigation and took it apart," Wayns said in a call Thursday. "A portion of the piping that goes into the electrical box had been separated, which we are assuming is how the water got in there. One of the boxes we opened up all the way was completely fried. It was

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Housing official warns Surf City not to sue

Council's conservative majority campaigned on challenging state's Regional Housing Needs Allocation numbers.

BY MATT SZABO

Battle lines are being drawn on the Huntington Beach City Council as it continues to explore how to handle the state's daunting Regional Housing Needs Allocation numbers.

The new conservative majority that was sworn in last month campaigned on "unleashing" City Atty. Michael Gates to sue over the numbers, which require Huntington Beach to zone for 13,368 units during the current RHNA cycle that started in October 2021 and continues through October 2029.

But a letter sent to City Manager Al Zelinka on Monday by Melinda Coy, the state Department of Housing and Community Development proactive housing accountability chief, suggested that might be a bad idea.

Coy said that HCD reviewed the written report and watched video of the Dec. 20, 2022, City Council meeting, when the council voted 4-3 to oppose the RHNA mandate and take "whatever legal action is required" to challenge it. The item was introduced by Councilman Casey McKeon.

The proposal also sought to eliminate "builder's remedy" projects in the city, which limit a city's ability to deny development projects if its housing element isn't in compliance with state housing law.

"While the reviewed materials and meeting deliberations provided little detail as to the intended contents of the proposed ordinance, it did appear that the city intended to limit the application of the [Housing Accountability Act]," Coy wrote in the email. "HCD will continue to monitor the city's actions regarding the proposed ordinance, and if the city adopts an ordinance that violates state housing law, HCD will respond in order to remedy those violations."

The city's housing element is currently out of compliance. A draft ordinance met state requirements but has yet to be voted on by the newly constituted City Council. A study session on the

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Laguna Beach resolution supports human rights in Iran

Unanimous vote calls on O.C. government officials to stand with Iranian people in their fight for freedom and backs sanctions against the regime.

BY ANDREW TURNER

After they appeared at an International Human Rights Day rally at Main Beach in December, Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen and Councilman Alex Rounaghi brought a resolution of support for the Iranian people against oppressive government to the City Council meeting on Tuesday.

The resolution, which the council passed unanimously, called on government officials across Orange County to stand with the Iranian people in their pursuit of freedom.

It also backed sanctions against the Iranian government and the morality police.

The reported death of Mahsa Zhina Amini while in custody of the Iranian police has led to demonstrations around the globe, including locally when President Joe Biden gave a speech at Irvine Valley College on Oct. 14.

"I'm here because my dad was an immigrant from Iran, and he

escaped an oppressive regime," Rounaghi said. "That's why I'm here today and have all the opportunities in America, and I think that what we see around the world is there's so many people who are fighting for that basic value of freedom that we fought a revolution for in 1776.

"A lot of people might say, 'Why is the city looking at a foreign policy issue?' I think this is a human rights issue, and that's why we wanted to just make it clear that we stand with the Iranian people and all the people in the world against oppressive regimes, and hope that freedom can continue to prosper in the world."

Rounaghi recently became the first person of Iranian descent to be elected to the Laguna Beach City Council. City Manager Shohreh Dupuis, who said she immigrated from Iran with her family in 1984, also expressed her appreciation for the passing of

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SUPPORTERS OF the Iranian people in their fight for freedom demonstrate at Main Beach in Laguna Beach last month. The City Council has unanimously voted in favor of a resolution in support of human rights in Iran.

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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH

THE LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL will hold a hybrid virtual/in-person Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 505 Forest Avenue, to consider:

6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT RE-ADOPTION: The City Council will consider the re-adoption of the draft 6th Cycle Housing Element (General Plan Amendment 21-8426). The 6th Cycle Housing Element is a component of the City's General Plan and covers the 2021-2029 planning period. The City Council adopted a 6th Cycle Housing Element on January 11, 2022 and subsequently submitted the document to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for certification. The City has since received review comments from HCD, and has revised the Housing Element draft accordingly.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

The revised draft 6th Cycle Housing Element, previously adopted Initial Study/Negative Declaration, and other relevant documents are available for public review on the City's website at the following link:

<https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/community-development/planning-zoning/current-projects/housing-element-update>. For additional information, contact City staff: **Anthony Viera, Senior Planner** at (949) 497-0398 or email to aviera@lagunabeachcity.net. City Council Members may also be contacted to discuss issues and questions about the proposed ordinance. A listing of the City Council Members' names and phone numbers is available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net.

Comments may be made in person or via teleconferencing during the hearing, and in writing prior to the hearing (when timely emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office). Written correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Procedures for participating in the hybrid virtual/in-person meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda. If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Hearing.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the proposed revisions to the draft Housing Element of the General Plan have been determined to be an exempt project pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 (exemption based on previous Negative Declaration, with no substantial changes proposed and no new information of substantial importance).

Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk



Courtesy of the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center

A DUCKLING floats around in one of the pools that now cannot operate due to the electrical shortage. Three ducks were moved to an interior pool, where they will remain pending repairs or transfer.

DAMAGES

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burned, and you could smell it."

The exterior electrical boxes serve the filters that are used to regulate the water in the pools the facility uses to treat animals. Three birds — two Bufflehead ducks and one Ruddy

duck — were moved into an in-ground pool, where they'll remain until either the repairs are completed or the center is able to transfer them.

Part of a ceiling tile broke due to a roof leak in the treatment and nursery room, and the leak is persisting even though the landlord added a temporary "Band-aid" since no

real repairs can be made until the storms pass.

Executive director Debbie McGuire said there's no way of knowing just how much the needed repairs will cost in the aging building where the center has operated for at least 25 years.

McGuire said she was thankful staff and animals were safe.

So far, she's closed off the room where the ceiling was damaged for safety purposes, but she believes the roof is the lesser of two challenges the center faces. Her priority is to deal with the electrical issues, especially, Wayns said, as the "baby season" approaches for animals like ducks, opossums, squirrels, hummingbirds and songbirds.

"[Baby season's] peeking its nose through our window right now. It's waiting. We're all holding our breath right now, waiting for all of this to happen. That could happen any moment," Wayns said, adding that at this time of year it's difficult to care for animals outdoors after 4 p.m. without electricity. "When it happens, it happens quickly. It's not just one baby that comes; it's a lot."

"The biggest thing is here comes more money out of our budget," McGuire said of the needed repairs. "We have our budget and I tried to stay within the constraints, but ... this has to get done. The sooner, the better."

As of Thursday afternoon, the center had raised \$3,203.52 of an estimated \$23,000 goal. Those interested in donating can do so by visiting snwbl.it/cCaAUA.

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the resolution. Newport Beach joined Laguna Beach in adopting a resolution in support of the Iranian people this week. Costa Mesa had passed a similar resolution previously. They are among nine cities in Orange County to have publicly supported the human rights movement in Iran, Sudi Farokhnia, treasurer of the Iranian-American Democrats of California, said.

Farokhnia added that Hengameh Abraham of Costa Mesa has also played a key role in advocacy for the cause to Orange County cities.

"By raising awareness on the plight of freedom by the Iranian people, we hope that the attendees and the world understands the regime occupying Iran does not reflect the values and culture of the Iranian people," Farokhnia said. "People of Iran want to replace theocracy with democracy. We want the international leaders not to negotiate with the regime, acknowledge the Iranian people's revolution and that the regime has no legitimacy, and refrain from doing anything that will prolong the suffering of Iranian people and lack of stability in the region."

"Lastly, 'Women, Life, Freedom' movement is not just about Iran. It's about the world and the future generations, where we collectively honor, fight for and prioritize equality, right to self-determination, equity and freedom embedded in the human rights doctrine for all."

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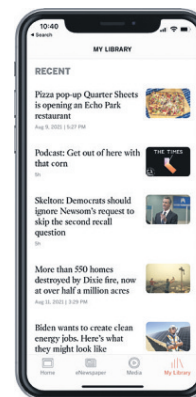
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Jan Schrieber

“MORNING COMMUTE,” a photo by Jan Schrieber, was a runner up in Laguna Beach’s citywide photo contest.

Locals capture, showcase Laguna Beach’s good side in photo contest

BY SARA CARDINE

What is a truly Laguna Beach moment? Who are the people of the city, and where might they be found?

City officials put out an open call in October for

those who live, work or exhibit their art in Laguna Beach to participate in a citywide photo contest, asking them to capture their favorite local moments.

The contest was open to professional artists or ama-

teurs, young or old, and the potential subject matter was completely up to them, so long as it was shot inside city limits. The top winner would receive a prize of \$500, while \$100 awards would be given to three runners up.

Participants could submit up to three entries by a Nov. 14 deadline in the categories “Active Laguna,” “Environmental” and “My Community,” shooting city events, people, activities

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HOUSING

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housing element is scheduled for Tuesday’s council meeting.

Coy noted that courts have recently held that the process of determining cities’ RHNA is not subject to judicial review, citing a 2009 Irvine case which was confirmed by a decision involving the city of Coronado last year.

“Thus, the proposed legal challenge to the city’s RHNA will likely fail,” Coy wrote. “If HCD finds that a city’s actions do not comply with state law, HCD may notify the California Office of the Attorney General that the local government is in violation of state law.”

The three City Council members who are against suing the state are Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton. They jointly sent a press release to media Wednesday noting that Huntington Beach, among other Southern California cities, has already tried to appeal its RHNA numbers.

“Our city attorney and newly elected City Council members campaigned on the suggestion that certain City Council members lacked the stomach to challenge state mandates,” Bolton said in a statement. “This is not a matter of weak stomachs; it’s a matter of brains and pocketbooks. We don’t believe endless, futile litigation — which is not ‘free’ even if handled by the city attorney’s office — is the most prudent use of our taxpayers’ dollars.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom has his eye on Huntington Beach’s housing issue, and not for the first time. In

2019 the state sued Surf City, alleging the city wasn’t allowing for enough building to account for its growing population. A settlement was reached in January 2020 after the city agreed to zone for more low-income housing.

In January 2021, Huntington Beach lost a suit against the state of California to be exempted from recently passed housing bills, including Senate Bill 35 and SB 1333.

The previous council voted against suing the state in April 2021, noting the cost and failed previous appeal attempts. Kalmick made the motion to postpone Councilman Erik Peterson’s proposal, and it passed 5-2.

“You’re never going to go from 13,386 [mandated units] to zero,” then-Councilman Mike Posey said at the time. “You’re not even going to go from 13,000 to 10,000 ... we’re going on a fool’s errand [by suing].”

Newly seated Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland responded to the letter from the state Thursday with his own statement. He noted that Gates has yet to brief the council on the nature of a possible lawsuit, and added that no Huntington Beach challenges to state law have directly cost the taxpayers any money.

The City Council is expected to discuss a challenge to the state’s RHNA numbers with Gates in closed session on Tuesday.

“The city of Huntington Beach is right to challenge these state housing mandates,” Strickland said in the statement. “We don’t need to hear a lecture from Gov. Newsom. Gavin Newsom left San Francisco in shambles as mayor and is



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

HUNTINGTON BEACH is required to zone for 13,368 new units in the current Regional Housing Needs Allocation cycle.

doing the same thing to our state.”

Strickland noted that the state has lost hundreds of thousands of people in the last couple of years, including 117,552 people in 2021 according to the state’s Department of Finance, and lost a seat in Congress for the first time following the 2020 census.

He added that a 2022 review by the state’s independent auditor was critical of HCD in its RHNA determination.

“As such, HCD and the agents that seek to enforce state housing mandates on cities like Huntington Beach are ripe for challenge,” Strickland said in the statement. “Not challenging this, and not protecting the city of Huntington Beach and defending it from this rogue tyranny by an administrative agency, would be irresponsible.”

Strickland also slammed the council minority reaching out to the press in the statement. Per the city charter, only the mayor has the authority to make public statements on behalf of the city.

But Kalmick said in a phone interview Thursday that he and the other minority members were not making an official city statement but simply reflecting their personal opinions on the matter.

A Dec. 8 special meeting proposed by Kalmick, when the new City Council could have discussed and possibly voted on the housing element, was canceled by Strickland after he became mayor two days earlier.

“I disagree that suing is the right answer,” Kalmick said. “It’s plain and simple, that’s the statement that we made. The press release was about the HCD letter that basically said, ‘You have a major issue if you go forward with this.’ So we wanted to be on record saying that we don’t agree that suing is the right option.”

“Change my mind, great, but I don’t see how any of the statements we made would undermine [Gates’] case. The council still hasn’t even voted to go sue.”

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Former Rep. Rouda announces another Congressional bid

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A day after Rep. Katie Porter (D-Irvine) announced her bid for the U.S. Senate, former Rep. Harley Rouda on Wednesday announced he would seek another term in Congress in Porter’s district.

Rouda, a Democrat who was elected in 2018 and served one term, was unseated by Michelle Steel, a Republican. Rouda was considering another run for Congress last year, but when Porter jumped into the 47th Congressional District he got out of the way.

Hours after Porter’s announcement Tuesday, her Republican opponent last year, businessman Scott Baugh, announced he would vie for the seat again.

“Today, California families are grappling with deadly storms and floods, a disaster exacerbated by our climate crisis,” Rouda said in his announcement. “In Congress, I will be laser-focused on resolving this crisis — and work with anyone to get it done.”

Rouda added the 47th District is a “battleground district. We need battle-tested leaders who know how to fight — and win.”

Rouda also said the county “deserves leaders that put bipartisanship ahead of brinkmanship, and focused on delivering results for the working families of our state. I was that leader in Congress, and I’m proud to run to do it again.”

The district includes Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach and Seal Beach.

Porter defeated Baugh 51.7% to 48.3%.

Orange County Republican Chairman Fred Whitaker told City News Service he believes Baugh will not face any opponents from his own party.



Allen J. Schaben
Los Angeles Times

HARLEY ROUDA, then representing the 48th District, at the Huntington Beach Rotary Club in 2019.

“It’s wise to get behind one candidate early like we did with (Reps.) Young Kim and Michelle Steel in 2020,” Whitaker said. “It’s a very challenging district, but deeply winnable because it’s almost even in voter registration.”

Whitaker said he suspects multiple Democrats will enter the race, which could split the vote in the primary.

“Democrats are going to have three or four candidates,” Whitaker said. “I’m actually hopeful the Democrats are the ones who are splitting the vote.”

Whitaker speculated that state Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine) will run along with Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley.

“I’ve just been sworn in to the Board of Supervisors and I love that job and I’m going to get to work on behalf of District 5 in the county of Orange,” Foley told City News Service. “I appreciate that I’m a formidable opponent for the district and just coming off a successful campaign, but I pledged to the voters to be their supervisor and work on their behalf.”

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GIRLS' WATER POLO

Breakers open league play with win over Sailors

BY MATT SZABO

The Laguna Beach High girls' water polo team has had some tough losses in the last couple of weeks.

A big victory to open the Surf League might have been just what the Breakers needed headed into this weekend's Tournament of Champions.

Senior center Charlotte Riches and junior attacker Ava Knepper combined for seven goals as Laguna Beach won at Newport Harbor, 9-5, on Wednesday in its league opener.

Prior to Wednesday, Laguna Beach had lost three of its previous four matches, including the program's first three-match losing streak since 2010.

But the Breakers (7-4), ranked No. 5 in CIF Southern Section Division 1, finished strong to dispatch No. 6 Newport Harbor (11-3, 1-1 in league) in the first matchup this season of last year's Open Division finalists.

"The games we've played recently maybe haven't gone the way that we wanted, but we haven't turned on each other at all in any of those games," said Riches, bound for Princeton. "We always just look forward and know that it's going to be fuel to our fire. We all trust and love each other so much, so as long as we're moving forward together, we're good."

Laguna pulled away after taking a 4-3 halftime lead. Riches had a goal from center before flipping the

ball to sophomore teammate Presley Jones, a right-hander who appeared to score a quick sweep shot with her left hand.

"I think that speaks to our chemistry and knowing someone's going to be there," Riches said. "We practice so much at practice just trusting where our teammates are, reading where the defenders are coming from. I think our love for each other and our bond really solidifies that; we're able to make crazy plays like that."

Knepper, who said she was back to full strength after battling a recent illness, drew a penalty shot with eight seconds left in the third quarter. She put it away, and suddenly Laguna Beach had a commanding 7-3 lead headed into the final quarter.

Junior Emmy Hensley added a goal for Laguna Beach, which got two steals and an assist from sophomore Kara Carver and a steal and an assist from senior Jordan Schneider. Her twin sister, Lauren Schneider, made six saves in goal and added a pair of assists.

The Breakers were also stout defensively, and held the Sailors scoreless in eight power-play chances.

"[Laguna's] a very talented and athletic group," Newport Harbor coach Ross Sinclair said. "It's going to be hard. I don't expect them to go eight-for-eight, but there's a couple little things, just little missed reads and missed passes. In the moment, we



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LAGUNA BEACH'S Ava Knepper scores a penalty goal against Newport Harbor during the second half in a Surf League match on Wednesday. Knepper and teammate Charlotte Riches combined for seven goals to help Laguna Beach win 9-5.

made some little mistakes, and against a team like that it's hard to get that back. For us, it's just learning and growing every game."

Sinclair said he liked the fight of his team, which was led by junior center Ryan Chalupnik with three goals and five exclusions drawn.

Prior to the match, Newport Harbor held a senior day ceremony to honor its three seniors — USC-bound goalkeeper Anna Reed, Long Beach State-

bound attacker Chiara Amoroso and injured left-hander Avery Montiel, headed to Stanford.

Reed made eight saves in the match, including a pair of impressive one-on-no-body stuffs. Amoroso contributed a goal and a team-best three steals, and junior attacker Sophia Del Villar added a goal.

Both teams now prepare for the Santa Barbara Tournament of Champions, which begins Friday for the teams in the main 16-team

draw. Laguna Beach will face either Studio City Harvard-Westlake or Murrieta Valley in the first round Friday at 2 p.m. at Santa Barbara High, while Newport Harbor opens against Mater Dei Friday at 1 p.m. at Dos Pueblos High.

Should the No. 4-seeded Breakers win their opener, they'd likely earn a rematch against No. 5 Foothill in a Tournament of Champions quarterfinal on Friday night. Laguna Beach lost at Foothill, 8-6, on Jan. 5.

"With this weekend coming up, Tournament of Champions, we knew this [Newport Harbor] game was going to be really important for the mood of the team," Riches said. "I'm really glad that we finished this game strong, and hopefully that leads into Tournament of Champions and everyone's feeling good. I think this was a really satisfying win."

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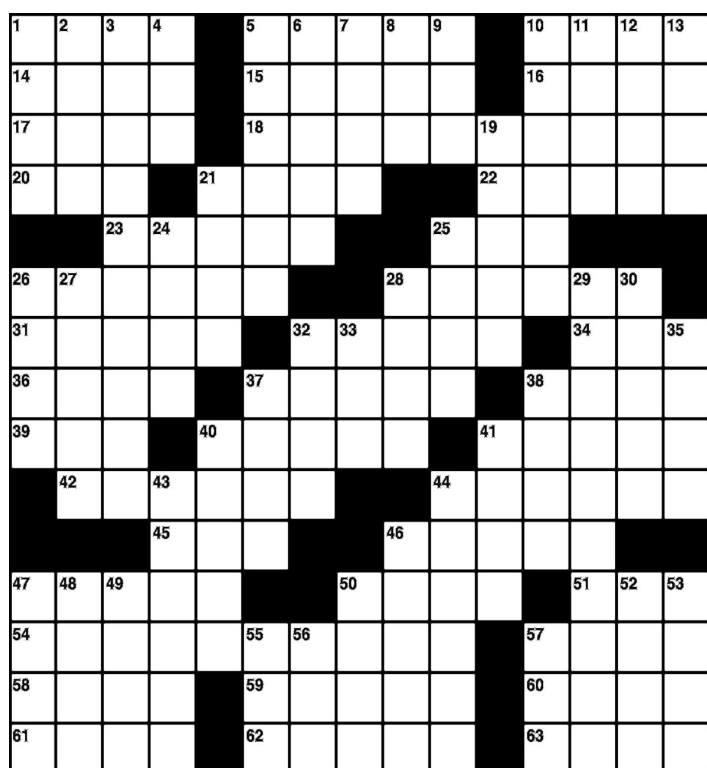
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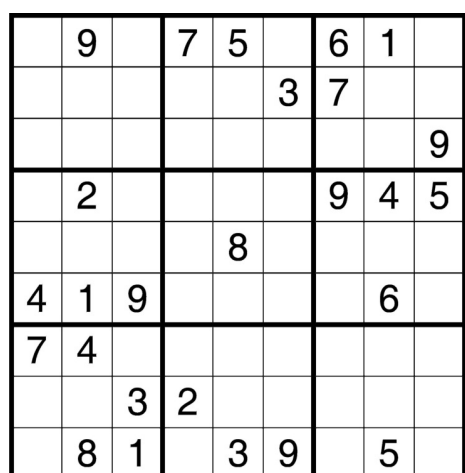
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By The Mephram Group

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 A2.

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Application No.: PA-21-36
Applicant/Agent: Palanjian Family Trust / Christopher Glew
Site Address: 167 Cabrillo Street
Zone: CL (Commercial Limited District)
Description: Planning Application 21-36 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a retail cannabis storefront use within an existing single-story commercial building located at 167 Cabrillo Street. The proposed use would be subject to Costa Mesa's Cannabis regulations, conditions of approval, and State Cannabis regulations. For additional information, please visit the City's website at www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.
Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Members of the public may submit comments via email to PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov. Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing via email or submitted to the Planning Department on a flash drive, or mailed to the Planning Department. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted. A direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov, or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.

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Application No.: PA-22-32
Applicant/Agent: Marterra Properties / Oldham Architects
Site Address: 1592 Redlands Place
Zone: R2-MD (Multiple-Family Residential, Medium Density)
Description: Planning Application 22-32 is a Design Review and Tentative Parcel Map 2022-135 request for a residential small lot subdivision project to demolish two detached residential units and construct two, two-story, detached single-family dwelling units with attached two-car garages. Included is a request for the front home to deviate from Second Story coverage requirements to allow a 37-square-foot balcony. The project would divide the existing 7,910-square-foot lot into two parcels.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15315 (Class 15), Minor Division of Land, and Section 15332 (Class 32) In-Fill Development.
Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Members of the public may submit comments via email to PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov. Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing via email or submitted to the Planning Department on a flash drive, or mailed to the Planning Department. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted. A direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov, or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.

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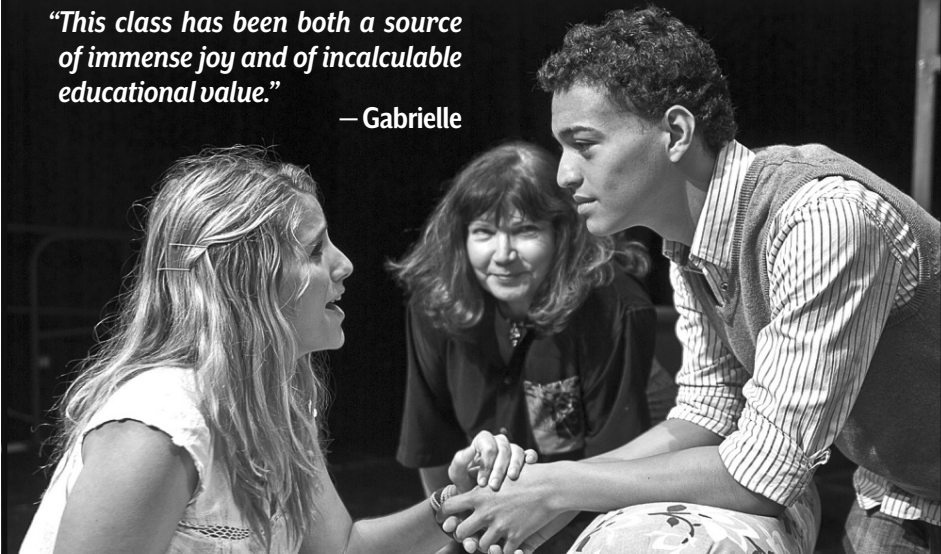
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BOYS' SOCCER

Edison starts fast, beats H.B. in Surf League opener

BY ANDREW TURNER

Not long ago, the Edison High boys' soccer team had won its fifth consecutive league title.

That streak came to an end last season, but that has not changed the standard of excellence that head coach Charlie Breneman would like to see from the Chargers.

"I want to win league," Breneman said. "We blew it last year, and that's eating at me. It's something that's ... important for this program and the standard we set, so I'd really like to win league. It's going to be tough. Los [Alamitos] is good, and CdM is not anything to sneeze at."

The six-game Surf League sprint began on Wednesday, with Edison posting a 2-0 win over visiting Huntington Beach in the league opener.

The Chargers received first-half goals from junior forward Cameron Snyder and senior forward Brady Powell, then clamped down on the defensive end.

Edison (9-4) did not allow a shot on target in the second half, as goalkeepers



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

EDISON'S WYATT BELLINGER and Huntington Beach's Jonathan Finemel battle for a ball during a Surf League match on Wednesday. The Chargers defeated the Oilers 2-0.

Dylan Dwight and Andrew Mosham combined on the shutout.

Micah Novak, Scott Hess, Nathan Jackson and Jack Chapman formed the back line in front for the Chargers, as they protected the lead.

Edison poured numbers forward early, leading to a fast-developing goal for Snyder in the 14th minute.

Working in front of the Huntington Beach net, Powell took a touch and played the ball off to the right side of the box, where Snyder stepped into a clean finish.

Huntington Beach (3-5-4) created its best chance in the 27th minute. Senior forward Mario Hernandez attacked the left wing with support from junior mid-

fielder Matias Calapaqui. The ball found junior midfielder Kyle Sueki in space, but his bid found the arms of Dwight for one of his three first-half saves.

Powell scored on a counterattack just two minutes later, turning and firing a shot inside the left post to double the Edison lead.

"It was just bouncing," Powell said. "There was an

open gap. I just took my chance, and it was a good shot. It went to the corner. It kind of hit the striker, Tai [Khoshkbariie]. It kind of just bumped off him, and I just hit it in the air."

Dwight was forced from the game in the 45th minute after a collision with Huntington Beach senior forward Hayden Kenny, who was racing for a ball in behind Edison's defenders.

Sophomore goalkeeper Sansiro Murata made six saves for Huntington Beach. Sophomore defender Jonathan Acosta also prevented a goal in the second half, deflecting a shot off a corner kick over the crossbar with his shoulder.

A victory in the league opener allowed Edison to keep pace with Los Alamitos, which defeated visiting Corona del Mar 3-1 in the other Surf League matchup on Wednesday night.

The Chargers hope they learned a lesson in finishing games in the Laguna Hills Hawks Invitational, when they missed out on advancing out of their group after conceding the decisive goal in the final two minutes of a 2-1 loss against San Juan Hills on

Dec. 28.

"Every single loss was us, it felt like, where we didn't get that second [goal]," Breneman said. "That's sort of our threshold. If we can score that second goal, we'll probably win the game. Those losses have been 2-1, where we make a mistake or we don't take care of the game, and then can't get that second, and then they end up getting one. You want to learn from your mistakes and your losses and try to not repeat them."

Huntington Beach dropped to 1-3-2 in its last six games. Outside of a 4-0 win against Westminster on Dec. 28, the Oilers have failed to score in the rest of those contests.

"It's pretty much a brand-new team," said Huntington Beach coach Sean Dick, who added the Oilers have one returning starter this year. "We're in the top flight, playing Division 1 soccer, against great opponents. We are literally just going to play dynamite defense and hope and pray a lot."

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CONTEST

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and natural scenes.

The contest was a relaunch of a similar competition held from 2014 to 2016. A total of 46 people answered the call, submitting 120 works of art for consideration.

Professional photographer Tom Lamb judged the entries. A 40-year Laguna resident who's taken photos all over the world, he acknowledged the challenge of seeing familiar scenes in a new light.

"It can be tough when someone lives in town to photograph where they live, to step outside their

comfort zone, looking at new ways to capture their environment," Lamb said Thursday. "The composition displayed by a number of the photographers was really good."

Four top photos were selected, and the winners were apprised of their accomplishments in December and honored in a ceremony Tuesday during a meeting of the Laguna Beach City Council.

Rick Bryson was recognized as the grand prize winner for "Treasure Island Surf Shovelers," a photo of young beachgoers posing with sand diggers. Runners up included "Evening Surf" by Isaac Zoller, "The Laguna Beach Greeter" by

Daniel Moreno and Jan Schreiber's mountain bike shot "Morning Commute."

Schreiber, who's lived in Laguna Beach since 1997, said she captured the image from a GoPro camera affixed to her chest while riding along a fire access road between Old Top of the World and Moulton Meadows.

"It was beautiful," she recalled Thursday. "The fog was rolling in — it was one of those special days. I had my camera on and it was just a gorgeous day, so I captured it."

A graphic designer by trade, Schreiber was encouraged to enter the contest by friends who'd seen er many Instagram photos

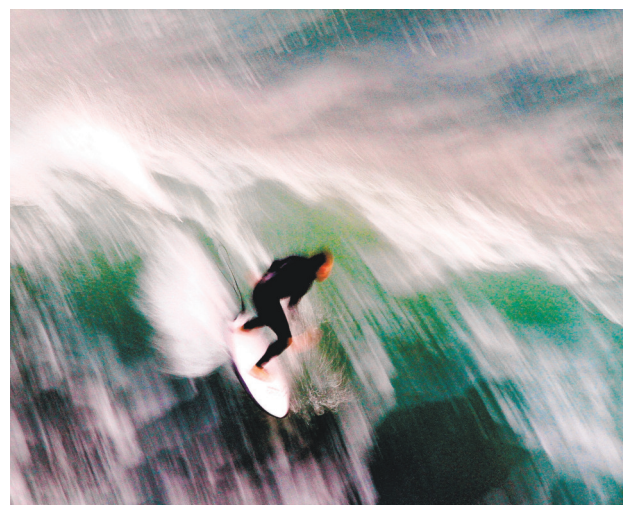
and thought them award worthy. Still, she was surprised to learn one of the three entries she'd submitted had won.

"I was joking with my husband, I can now say I'm an award-winning photographer," she quipped.

Schreiber attended Tuesday's City Council meeting, where she posed with Mayor Bob Whalen and the now iconic photo which, like all entries, may be used in the city's weekly newsletter or on social media.

"Congratulations to all the participants and winners," Whalen said.

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Isaac Zoller

"EVENING SURF" by Isaac Zoller was one of four winning photos in a citywide contest recognized Tuesday by the Laguna Beach City Council.



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