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PAGE ACADEMY student Alex Cox siphons water from a miniature aquifer at the Mesa Water Education Center Tuesday.

Water district hopes center for kids has trickle-down effect

BY SARA CARDINE

When asked to envision future career paths, most kids will describe jobs in fashion design and music production or pinpoint lucrative fields such as medicine or law. Few are likely to land on hydrogeologist, systems operator or water distribution engineer.

That is a tide Mesa Water Dis-

trict officials are hoping to change by letting students experience through interactive exhibits how the drinking water in their own homes gets from Orange County's underground aquifers to the taps, exploring each step it takes along the way.

A new 2,400-square-foot Mesa Water Education Center opened in January, offering more than 20



PAGE ACADEMY students compare redwood tea and nanofiltered water on a tour of the new Mesa Water Education Center Tuesday.

hands-on stops and stations specially tailored for fifth-graders learning about the earth's climate, weather systems and the water cycle.

Mesa Water Board President Marice H. DePasquale said officials were considering seismic upgrades at a water reliability facility on Costa Mesa's Gisler Avenue when they decided to invest

\$1 million in capital project funds toward the creation of the new center.

"We decided to take the opportunity to focus on education and outreach," she said Tuesday during a tour of the site. "We need to start doing a really good job at promoting these jobs, giv-

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Andrew Turner

LAGUNA BEACH City Atty. Megan Garibaldi during the City Council meeting on Tuesday. The Laguna Beach City Council approved an employment agreement for Megan Garibaldi as city attorney.

Laguna Beach opts to bring its legal counsel in house

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach has made a move to establish its own legal department, as the City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved an employment agreement for Megan Garibaldi to serve as city attorney.

The city had a decades-long track record of contracting for its legal services and had entered into a five-year agreement with Best Best & Krieger, LLP on Sept. 11, 2023.

Garibaldi has represented the city as its lead legal counsel since the agreement. The council's

move on Tuesday will provide for in-house legal services and make Garibaldi a city employee.

City staff estimated the contracted legal services cost the city between \$2.4 and \$2.5 million annually. Financial analysis shown in a staff report projected the in-house model to come at a cost of approximately \$2.1 million.

"I think anytime you can save \$400,000 a year and ensure a faster and more effective legal support system, it's a

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New H.B. complex offers comfort for seniors

Pelican Harbor offers 42 units for seniors, many of whom were previously homeless.

BY MATT SZABO

Janet Di Pietro used to spend a lot of time in the parking lot of the International House of Pancakes in Costa Mesa.

Di Pietro's plan had nothing to do with breakfast, and everything to do with survival.

With people not taking vacations, her business as an in-home pet sitter fell apart soon after the coronavirus pandemic began. She went from couch surfing at friends' houses to sleeping in that IHOP parking lot in her truck.

She had suddenly become homeless.

"The city of Costa Mesa kept tapping on my window," Di Pietro said. "They said, 'If we catch you here one more time, we're going to impound your vehicle and possibly take your dog to the animal

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Trump flag over Talbert Marsh removed

A pro-Donald Trump flag put up months ago on an SCE pole came down this week.

BY ERIC LICAS

John Villa, executive director of Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, has no idea who hoisted a blue flag near Talbert Marsh bearing the words: "Trump 2024" and the slogan "Take America Back" a couple dozen feet up an electrical pole, likely hopping a fence that surrounds the nature preserve his nonprofit manages in order to do so.

All he knows is that it was been hanging over Coast Highway since well before the president's inauguration, it wasn't supposed to be up there in the first place and it was still there months after he took office.

"We had a car go off of the road and airborne into Talbert Marsh right there in October," Villa

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GOLF

Miguel Ángel Jiménez sinks short birdie for first Hoag Classic title

BY MATT SZABO

Professional golfer Miguel Ángel Jiménez is a cigar aficionado.

He enjoyed a Arturo Fuente victory cigar on Sunday at Newport Beach Country Club, after smoking the competition at the Hoag Classic.

Jiménez made a tap-in birdie putt on hole No. 18 to win the PGA Tour Champions event for the first time, finishing the tournament at 15 under par to win by a stroke.

In a post-tournament ceremony on the 18th green, Hoag officials presented him with the

\$300,000 first-place check and gave him the traditional Doctor of Golf white jacket.

Jiménez, who shot four-under-par 67 on Sunday, became the first multiple winner this year on the tour and notched his 15th win of his career on PGA Tour Champions.

"Two victories in four tournaments I play, 50%, that's not bad, eh?" he quipped. "No, it's very nice."

Stewart Cink of Georgia and Champions Tour rookie Freddie Jacobson of Sweden finished tied for second at 14 under par. Y.E. Yang of South Korea placed fourth at 13-under.

Steven Alker, two-time Hoag Classic champion Ernie Els and Michael Allen were all three shots back at -12.

Newport Beach resident Fred Couples, who won the tournament in 2010 and 2014 and was vying to become the first three-time champion, was even-par Sunday and finished at -11, tied for eighth place with Alex Cejka.

Couples had come into the final round tied for first with Jiménez.

Jiménez acknowledged that Couples, who was seeking his first PGA Tour Champions win since

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MIGUEL ÁNGEL JIMÉNEZ from Spain is introduced as the winner of the Hoag Classic golf tournament on Sunday.

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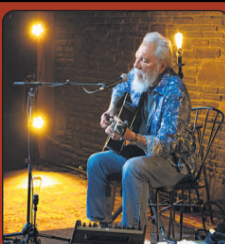
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(BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET TRIBUTE)
- 3/28 **NEW WAVE 80s PARTY**
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- 3/29 **SUPER DIAMOND** (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 3/30 **COLIN JAMES**
- 4/1 **JORMA KAUKONEN**
- 4/2 **ANDERS OSBORNE**
- 4/3 **OUR HOUSE**
(MUSIC OF CROSBY, STILLS, NASH & YOUNG)
- 4/4 **THE SMITHEREENS WITH JOHN COWSILL**
- 4/5 **HERMAN'S HERMITS FT PETER NOONE**
- 4/6 **HERMAN'S HERMITS FT PETER NOONE**
- 4/7 **LEARNING TO FLY** (A TOM PETTY TRIBUTE)
- 4/10 **JACKLY**
- 4/11 **DON CARLOS**
- 4/12 **MIRAGE** (TRIBUTE TO FLEETWOOD MAC)
- 4/13 **BOBBY GRAY**
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- 4/19 **STEVIE WONDER TRIBUTE**
(DOUG STARKS' "HIGHER GROUND")
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- 4/25 **TOM GREEN** (COMEDY TOUR)
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- 5/2 **IN THE AIR TONIGHT**
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- 5/3 **THE OCEAN BLUE**
- 5/8 **ROBERT CRAY**
- 5/9 **ROBERT CRAY**
- 5/10 **SHINE ON** (THE LIVE PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE)
- 5/11 **ISRAEL VIBRATION, DUANE STEPHENSON & ROOTS RADICS**
- 5/15 **ALL FIRED UP** (PAT BENATAR TRIBUTE)



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- 6/5 **BIG COUNTRY**
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On-duty H.B. officer involved in multi-car crash, 6 hospitalized

BY SARA CARDINE

Six individuals were hospitalized Sunday night following a multi-vehicle crash near Beach Boulevard and Yorktown Avenue involving an on-duty Huntington Beach police officer in a marked patrol vehicle.

Huntington Beach Police Department spokeswoman Jessica Cuchilla confirmed Monday morning an unidentified officer was driving one of the vehicles in the collision. Because the officer was on duty at the time, the mat-

ter is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol's Westminster station.

Calls to the CHP Monday were not immediately returned.

City News service reported the crash was called in at 10:15 p.m. It was unclear then whether the officer may have been responding to a call and had his or her lights and siren activated at the time. A news videographer at the scene told CNS the officer's SUV had sustained front-end damage and that the side door of a black Kia had also been damaged in

the collision.

Six people were taken to area hospitals for treatment, although the extent of their injuries or whether the HBPD officer was one of those injured was not immediately known.

Traffic on Beach Boulevard was closed in both directions at Williams Drive, just north of the intersection, for several hours before reopening, the police department reported on social media following the crash.

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3 Newport restaurants cited for serving alcohol to minors in police sting

BY ERIC LICAS

State officials caught three Newport Beach restaurants serving alcohol to a minor in a sting operation last week.

California Alcoholic Beverage Control officials sent supervised minors into eight different establishments on March 18. Citations were issued to the three found serving booze to them: Bear Flag Fish

Company, Great Mex Grill and 22nd Street Pizza.

"Great job to the servers and sellers of alcohol at the five locations in which the underage decoys were not able to purchase alcohol," California Statewide Law Enforcement Assn. President Alan Barcelona said in a statement. "We always hope for a success rate of 100%, in which all server card patrons and decline to serve or sell those under

age." Proprietors of businesses caught selling alcohol to minors for the first time may face a fine of up to \$1,000 or up to 32 hours of community service. Repeated or egregious violations can lead to the suspension or permanent revocation of a liquor license.

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Man convicted of molesting 2 girls while living in their home

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Sentencing is scheduled for May 9 for a 47-year-old man convicted of sexually assaulting two girls while living with their family in Costa Mesa.

Nelson Anibal Saavedra was convicted Monday of molesting the girls from 2015 through 2022, according to court records.

The oldest girl told investigators she was assaulted starting when she was 6 when she was 12 years old and a classmate "nearly dragged" her to their principal's office to

report the alleged abuse, Deputy Dist. Atty. Alyssa Marie Staudinger said in her opening statement of the trial.

The victim's sister said she was first assaulted once in second grade when she 7 or 8, Staudinger said.

When police went to question Saavedra at his job at a fast food restaurant in Newport Beach, he told them the older girl was "sexually aggressive" and came on to him, but he pushed her away, Staudinger said. He also told investigators he hugged the sister once while aroused,

Staudinger said.

Bobby Shui of the Orange County Public Defender's Office, who said there were "no forensics" in the case that could prove Saavedra's guilt, told the court his client and the mother of the girls worked together at the fast food restaurant. The mother was his boss, he added. The two lived in a crowded house and worked the same shift so there were no opportunities to commit the attacks.

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WATER

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en our aging workforce. So, we worked out here what I think is a really incredible thing."

Kids visiting on school field trips can stand in a mini redwood forest, sprayed by water misters mimicking the coastal fog that, in nature, hydrates the trees' needle-like leaves. They can drink the amber-hued "redwood tea" formed from the decomposition of redwood trees in Costa Mesa more than 100,000 years ago into underground water supplies.

"We had it age-dated and it's about 12,000 years old," said Mesa Water General Manager Paul Shoenberger of the substance. "You can drink it out of the ground and it's the softest water you can get, but it does have that amber tint."

A nanofiltration system already at the site, which filters out the organic materials that color the water, is another stop on the tour designed to acquaint kids with Mesa Water District and the vast \$1-billion infrastructure that comprises 300 miles of underground pipes, 3,400 fire hydrants and wells with capacities of up to 10 million gallons.

At the end of the tour, students can make their own miniature aquifers inside a jar using a straw to replicate a well casing stuck into a sand-gravel mixture. Through a hollow plastic syringe, they can inject water into the system and draw it out through the well.

Students from Costa Me-



MESA WATER Board President Marice H. DePasquale shows a valve system and fire hydrant during a tour Tuesday of the Mesa Water Education Center in Costa Mesa.

Don Leach

sa's Page Academy, who first visited in January after the education center's grand opening, participated in Tuesday's tour. Fifth-grade science and math teacher Chris Aihara said the offerings are compatible with what they're learning in the classroom.

"We study water as it affects the earth's systems — the water cycle, distribution — and this brings what we teach to life and just makes it real," she said. "You can see underground what's happening, usually that's a mystery. It makes engaging in it all simpler. It becomes something that they deal with every day."

Natalie Solis, a 10-year-old Newport Beach resident, said she initially thought the class would be visiting an outdoor water facility and was pleasantly surprised by the exhibits and activities.

"It was really cool, because we got to interact with all this stuff," the fifth-grader said, adding that she still has her mini aquifer from January. "I took it home and showed my mom and told her about it. Now, it's on a shelf in my

room — we made sure my siblings didn't touch it because I didn't want it to break."

Classmate Amelia Mackulin said she learned a lot about how water is pumped and distributed and enjoyed sampling the redwood tea, which she described as having an earthy taste. Did the visit get her thinking about a future career in water?

"They showed a water tester, and I'm interested in that because I like science and math," the 11-old Huntington Beach resident admitted.

DePasquale said as public agencies across the state experience a "silver tsunami" of employees approaching retirement age, more needs to be done to recruit young people by conveying the breadth of water industry jobs, many of which pay well even without a college degree.

"They don't have a clue that these jobs exist, and we're going to change that," she said. "It behooves us to do that."

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BASEBALL

H.B. falls to La Mirada in Boras Classic South quarterfinals

BY SCOTT FRENCH

SANTA ANA — Benji Medure says this is the most talented group he's fielded in 25 years in charge of Huntington Beach's powerhouse baseball program...

It's likely to be determined, among other things, over the course of three tournaments: the CIF Southern Section Division 1 championship come May...

The Oilers (7-1), boasting a booming lineup and unprecedented pitching depth, took an impressive first step along the path, riding Otto Espinoza's arm and Trevor Goldenetz's bat...

They hit a speed bump in the tournament quarterfinals on Wednesday, though, losing to La Mirada (9-1) by the same 4-1 score for their first loss of the season.

Despite the setback, the Oilers have been encouraged by their fast start.

"I think we're the best team in the country," said Goldenetz, an All-CIF center fielder whose two-out, two-run double in the fourth

and crashing-into-the-wall catch in the sixth separated the sides on Tuesday. "I think we can do everything we want to do, as long as we keep going and stay as a team."

The Oilers — No. 3 in the country, Sports Illustrated and Max-Preps agree — have it all written down.

"We have it written in the white board," said Espinoza, a 6-foot-3, Cal-bound right-hander. "We have everything on a check board, and they're all boxed and waiting to be checked."

Espinoza surrendered just two hits in five shutout innings against an Aquinas attack that had scored 67 runs in its first five outings, working a 92 mile-per-hour fastball, his signature slider and, to his surprise, a sharp changeup.

"He was aggressive with his fastball," Medure said. "He was working both sides of the plate. I love that he was throwing in to some guys that probably weren't expecting the ball to come in, especially Greenhouse and Bitonti, but then threw a good-enough changeup to keep the barrel off of [the ball]."

The Oilers scored an unearned run in the third inning, as Ethan Porter doubled to the left-center gap with one out and came home on a two-out throwing error. Then, two more runs on Gold-

enetz's full-count double to right in the fourth, and another on Owen Bone's safety-squeeze bunt in the fifth.

Goldenetz, headed to Long Beach State, delivered the key blow. It all happened with two out: Jared Grindlinger singled up the middle, and John Petrie ripped a pinch-hit double off the base of the wall in left-center. Porter worked a full-count walk to fill the bases, and Goldenetz poked a line drive over first baseman Trevor Busby's head and down the right-field line.

"That was huge [to] crack it open like that ...," Medure said. "It was a 3-2 count, so the runners were going, and when Goldie hits the ball hard, he usually hits it to right. And I'm, like, oh my God, I don't want to send [Matt Haidl, back in to run for Petrie] from second on [Miami-bound Aquinas right fielder Mason] Greenhouse, because he has an unbelievable arm."

"To be able to get to 3-2 and have the runners move, I'm, like, OK, he gets a base hit, we're going to get two out of this."

Bone's bunt in brought home Trenton Ramirez, pinch-running for Trent Grindlinger, who was hit by a pitch. Medure said Bone wasn't in the initial rotation of players when the Oilers began off-season preparations, but he's worked hard to get into that group.

Goldenetz's big catch made sure the lead was enough.

Estaban Orazaba was at second



James Carbone

HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Otto Espinoza (9) pitches against San Bernardino Aquinas during the opening round of the Boras Classic South tournament at Mater Dei High on Tuesday.

after his second single of the morning when Bitonti launched a fly ball to deep right-center with one out. Goldenetz raced 25 or 30 yards and — with Haidl guiding him — snagged it as he hit the wall.

Medure called it "the biggest play of the game."

Aquinas got its run in the seventh as Chase Davidson doubled and came home on Orlando Oakes' two-out single.

La Mirada, which eliminated

Huntington Beach 10-8 in last year's regional semifinals, again got the better of the Oilers on Wednesday.

Kevin Jeon hit a two-run home run for the winners to open the scoring in the top of the third inning. Porter countered with a solo shot for Huntington Beach.

— Reporter Matt Szabo contributed to this article.

SCOTT FRENCH is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

SENIORS

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shelter.' That's when I realized I needed to ask for help."

After staying for more than three years at Yale Navigation Center in Santa Ana, Di Pietro, 64, finally has a place she can call home.

She's one of the residents at the new Pelican Harbor senior apartments in Huntington Beach, which held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 20.

The 42-unit complex, set on an L-shaped lot near the 5 Points intersection of Beach Boulevard and Main Street, is for low-income and formerly homeless seniors who are at least 62 years old. It's a joint venture of Irvine-based Jamboree Housing Corporation and USA Properties Fund, in partnership with the city of Huntington Beach and County of Orange.



Courtesy of Juan Tallo | Jamboree

PELICAN HARBOR is a new senior housing community located on Beach Boulevard in Huntington Beach.

"Many seniors we serve have endured a lifetime of hardship, often without the support others may take for granted," Jamboree President/CEO Laura Archuleta said. "Pelican Harbor is more than just housing. Delivering high-quality housing and services means giving them safety, dignity and

opportunity to thrive."

The four-story complex features all one-bedroom apartments and surrounds a 4,000-square-foot community space. There's also a 2,300-square-foot outdoor courtyard and pet park, which is good news for Di Pietro's Chihuahua.

Pelican Harbor reserves

33 permanent supportive housing apartments for seniors experiencing homelessness, Jamboree spokeswoman Marissa Felicano said, with the other nine for low-income seniors. Residents earn 30-50% of the area median income — between \$33,150 and \$55,250 annually — and will pay no more than 30% of that income toward rent.

Rent at 33 of the apartments will be subsidized using Project-Based Vouchers, secured by the county through the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

The \$39.2-million facility, which had its groundbreaking in 2022, was funded by both public and private partners. Huntington Beach contributed \$2.8 million in HOME funds provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as \$300,000 of city inclusionary funds.

Among the other funding

sources, which included millions of dollars in loans, Jamboree and the County of Orange secured \$5.8 million in No Place Like Home funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The Orange County Health Care Agency brought in \$3.6 million in Mental Health Services Act funding for seniors receiving supportive services at Pelican Harbor.

Barry Kielsmeier, chairman of Beach Cities Interfaith Services, said his organization funded the

\$1,000 security deposit for each of the apartments.

"We believe in helping people pull themselves up by their bootstraps, but there are times that people don't have any bootstraps," Kielsmeier said. "We wanted to take that last speed bump and make sure those folks had a place to live, and that they were not going to remain homeless because they couldn't come up with a security deposit. Sometimes as little as \$1,000, having a debt or

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FLAG

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noted. "I can't say for certain the flag was what distracted them, but it was in the morning, so too early for drunk drivers."

View this post on Instagram A post shared by Huntington Beach Police - HBPD (@hbpolicedept)

Villa said he and others at the conservancy have fielded numerous calls from passersby about the flag, contributing to his belief that it posed a traffic hazard. But there's no ordinance in Huntington Beach limiting how long campaign signs and other displays can hang on private property, so city crews weren't going to step in to remove it. And although the pole is on the nonprofit's land, it technically belongs to Southern California Edison.

The conservancy did contact the utility, and a technician was sent out. But, according to Villa, that person said the flag didn't pose any immediate risk of interfering with transmission lines and sparking a



Andrew Kempler

A FLAG promoting Donald Trump's campaign in the 2024 presidential election hangs on an electrical pole at Talbert Marsh, long after his inauguration.

fire, so they left it there.

Southern California Edison was unable to confirm whether such an interaction took place, SCE spokeswoman Diane Castro said Wednesday. But they did send someone to take down the flag "immediately" after the Daily Pilot reached out to the company for comment Tuesday evening.

She added that if one of their employees had previously declined to remove

it, that person would be reminded of Edison's policies.

"Unauthorized installations on power poles are unsafe for both the community and our line workers," Castro said in a statement. "These attachments — whether it is a lost dog poster, a garage sale sign or something larger — can obstruct our crews, making maintenance and power restoration dangerous."

Villa said the conservan-

cy's issue with the flag was based solely on the potential hazard it posed, and had nothing to do with the message it displayed.

He added that the nonprofit does "not get a lot of federal funding," so it has little stake in the politics of whoever sits in the Oval Office.

However, Villa said, he does worry about "the future of some agencies we deal with that are federal."

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SENIORS

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something like that, can keep people on the street. It's insane, but that's the reality we live with."

Thirty-three of the 43 apartments will be supported by Project-Based Vouchers from the County of Orange, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Development.

Di Pietro is certainly grateful, even as she has dealt with cancer along with her homelessness in recent years. She said she was diagnosed with terminal Stage 2 ovarian cancer in 2020, and has undergone 70 chemotherapy treatments through Hoag.

She was originally projected to have five years to live after her diagnosis, but she'll pass that mark in May when she turns 65, she said.

Di Pietro spoke at last week's ribbon-cutting ceremony. She said her new apartment will extend her

life and give her back a sense of normalcy.

"With chemo, you get free haircuts, but if I had hair I could let my hair down," she said. "It's been the most wonderful experience."

Part of her mission now is to speak out about some misconceptions about homelessness.

"The more I can give my story and how I fell from grace, I hope to make it more real for all of those people out there," Di Pietro said. "So when they see us on the street, they don't look away. There's a lot of good, there's a lot of bad in being homeless. While I'm here, I want to try and put a ding in that stigma. We're not all criminals, we're not all bad people. We've just fallen from grace, but I'm going to keep going."

"I want to scream from the tallest mountain, 'Just give us a chance!'"

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HOAG

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2022, was the "local hero" and said he enjoyed being in his group all three rounds. Couples, for his part, said he was finally getting over an illness he's been experiencing this week but that his game had no feel Sunday.

"He's just great," Couples said of Jiménez, 61, who finished third at the Hoag Classic last year and tied for fourth in 2023. "He's great around the greens. [Saturday], a couple of great bunker shots. He deserved to win. It was fun to play with him. I just couldn't scare a scarecrow."

Shortly before noon, fans lined the side of hole No. 1 to cheer on Couples, who lives in Corona del Mar. He made a 10-foot birdie putt at No. 2, taking the outright lead as the crowd let out a collective "Yeah!," but that was short-lived.

Couples gave it back with a bogey on the par-five No. 3, as his second shot found the water hazard to the left. He said it was the first time he had ever hit it into the wet stuff on that particular hole, where he had earned an eagle and birdie, respectively, in the first two rounds.

"I needed to hit a 5-wood, and tried to hit my 3 rescue, which I've been smoking," Couples said. "I just thought, under those circumstances, if I just push the 5-wood to the right, I've seen many balls go into 'no man's land.' So I just chickened out."

The rest of his round featured all pars.

Jiménez, meanwhile, sank four birdies on Sunday — including all three par-fives — and played his second straight bogey-free round.

Couples, Jiménez and Jacobson comprised the final group of the day coming down the back stretch. Jiménez and Jacobson were tied for first at 14-



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MIGUEL ÁNGEL JIMENEZ from Spain slides his putter down his side like a sword as he stands victorious after winning the Hoag Classic golf tournament on Sunday.

under headed into the par-five final hole, but Jacobson pushed his second shot well left and was unable to recover for a good chance to make birdie. A long birdie putt, which would have forced a playoff with Jiménez, came up well short.

Jiménez chipped his third shot from in front of the green to within a foot of the hole, a shot fitting of a champion.

"I tell myself, contact with the ball, look at the ball, contact with the ball," he said. "The chip shot is a little uphill. It's not a very difficult shot, but in that situation it's not easy. With the tournament on the line, it's not easy. I know I had to make birdie to win the tournament, and I make it."

Jiménez, who now leads the Charles Schwab Cup standings, placed his putter back in an invisible sheath, like a sword, in celebration.

As for the cigar? The Spaniard handed it to his wife Susanne before posing for pictures.

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SECOND-PLACE finisher Freddie Jacobson tries to coax the ball into the cup on the 15th hole for birdie.



STEWART CINK, who finished tied for second, hits from a bunker on the 17th hole on Sunday.

COUNSEL

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good move," Mayor Alex Rounaghi said. "I think this strategically is the right way. We live in an increasingly complicated and legalistic world...and so I think this is going to ultimately do right by the residents, the taxpayers, and the City Council as we navigate the complicated but also exciting opportunities ahead over the next few years."

The city's legal department will include a city attorney, two assistant city attorneys and a paralegal. Special counsel services would include human resources and risk management, outside litigation and administrative support.

Garibaldi will earn an initial annual salary of \$297,000, with a cost-of-living adjustment of up to 4% each year. The top step salary for the position of assistant city attorney was noted at \$256,000, while a para-

legal could earn \$110,000 before benefits.

Aggie Nesh, the city's director of human resources and risk management, said the city would coordinate a transition with Best Best & Krieger. Garibaldi's anticipated start date is April 28. Human resources staff and Garibaldi will work together to recruit and fill the remaining positions in the legal department.

Councilman Bob Whalen requested a comparative analysis at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to determine the actual costs within the legal department as compared to the presented projections.

The retirement of Phil Kohn, who had represented the city in legal matters since 1982, set off the search for the next city attorney. Kohn worked with Rutan & Tucker, LLP, which the city contracted with for legal services beginning in 1979.

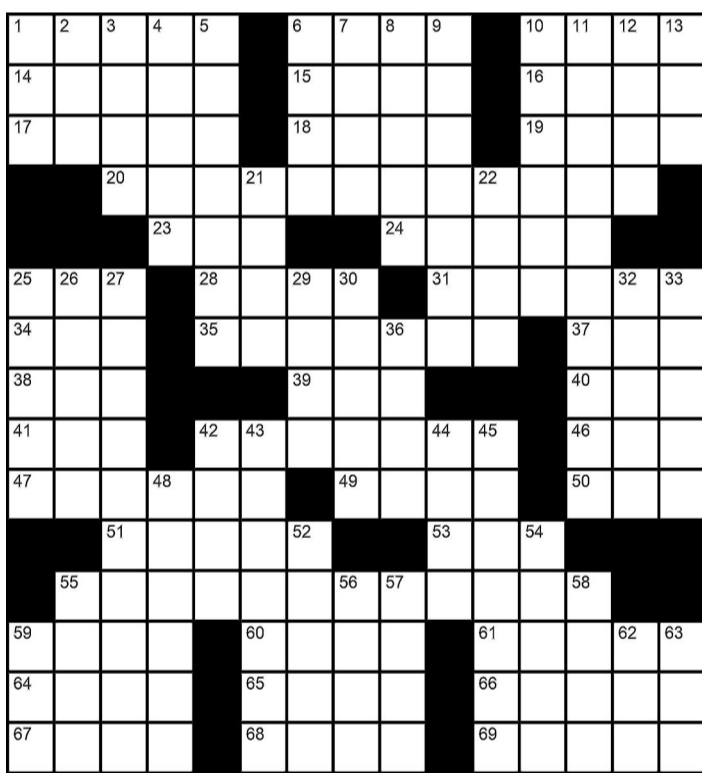
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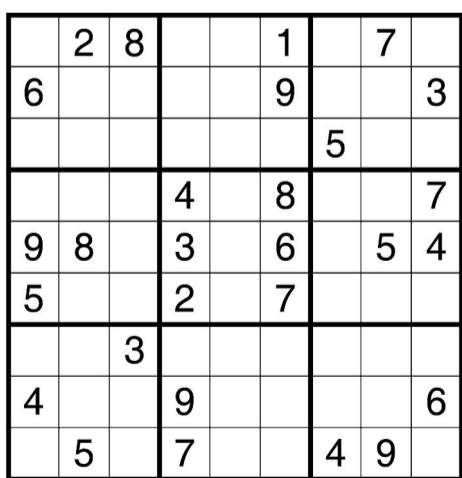
- 1 Advertisement, for short
- 6 Natural talent
- 10 Gives weapons to
- 14 Get narrower
- 15 Jackie Robinson's alma mater: Abbr.
- 16 Not fake
- 17 Early video game company
- 18 Tart
- 19 Jimi Hendrix's hairstyle
- 20 Firefly: 2 wds.
- 23 Neckwear with a suit
- 24 Uses a rotary phone
- 25 CBS forensic drama
- 28 Latest updates
- 31 Catches some Z's
- 34 Have title to
- 35 Detectives
- 37 Successful at-bat
- 38 Ran into
- 39 Author info on a book jacket
- 40 Corn piece
- 41 Limbo rod
- 42 Detroit's NBA team
- 46 Actress de Armas
- 47 Taken illegally
- 49 Director Kazan
- 50 Soda, to a Midwesterner
- 51 Pucks' shapes
- 53 Pharmacy chain
- 55 Doing two things at once
- 59 Flaky mineral
- 60 A portion of
- 61 "Make some __, people!"
- 64 Bohm of baseball
- 65 Pizzeria cooker



SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

- 66 Ravine made by water
- 67 Takes a spouse
- 68 Lease
- 69 Long look
- DOWN**
- 1 School support group: Abbr.
- 2 Subway rodent
- 3 Iridescent gem
- 4 Earn
- 22 Ladies
- 25 Hair grooming tools
- 26 Blood, __, and tears
- 27 Announced
- 29 Spiders' creations
- 30 Hotel accommodations
- 32 Van Cliburn's instrument
- 33 Handbag part
- 36 Hammer or pliers
- 42 Bothersome person
- 43 Front tooth
- 44 Shaving cut
- 45 __ and loan
- 48 Fragrant flowers
- 52 Appliance with burner
- 54 Pig's nose
- 55 5,280 feet
- 56 "You said it!"
- 57 Mailed
- 58 __ monster
- 59 "Gaping" mouth
- 62 Camera type: Abbr.
- 63 Get a good look at
- 5 Beginnings
- 6 Rush of wind
- 7 Desktop image
- 8 Easily flowing
- 9 Discolor
- 10 Suited for farming
- 11 Trash pile: 2 wds.
- 12 Tequila cocktail, for short
- 13 __-mo replay
- 21 Stiletto, e.g.

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