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Donations roll in for injured crossing guard

Supporters have helped a fundraiser exceed its goal for crossing guard Kathy Japes, who was hit by a car outside Eastbluff Elementary School.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Catherine Little was on her way to drop off her two boys at Eastbluff Elementary School when she first heard the sirens heading toward the campus on Vista Del Oro.

By the time she got there, emergency personnel were already on the scene redirecting traffic. Little said she hadn't seen the accident but put together what happened from what she heard from other parents.

The incident occurred near the intersection of Vista del Oro and Vista Roma at around 8:15 a.m. on Feb. 13. A teenage driver had struck a crossing guard, later identified as Kathy Japes through a Go-FundMe drive that Little and other parents organized a day after the accident.

Japes was transported to a local hospital, with a broken hip, pelvis, shoulder, elbow, concussion and a bruised lung, according to the GoFundMe page.

Newport Beach Police Sgt. Steve

Oberon confirmed Friday that the teen driver remained on the scene following the accident and was cooperative with

Little said the GoFundMe came together after parents, including herself, agreed to help Japes, who she described as exceptionally vigilant. The fundraiser started with a small goal of \$1,000, Little said, with the intention of that money going toward any extra medical bills or necessities.

"I shared the fundraiser with several people and they sent it out to their friends at the school and before I knew it within about an hour, it was already at the \$1,000. So, I raised it to \$4,500, then

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Appeal in double murder case is rejected

Appeals court panel says O.C. D.A. Todd Spitzer remedied the error he made when he violated the state's recently enacted Racial Justice Act.

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A state appeals court panel on Friday upheld the conviction of a man who killed a couple in Newport Beach, rejecting a defense argument that Orange County District Atty. Todd Spitzer violated the recently enacted Racial Justice Act through comments he made while considering whether to pursue the death penalty in the case.

Jamon Rayon Buggs was convicted in May 2022 and sentenced in June of that year to two life-without-parole prison terms for killing 48-year-old Wendi Sue Miller of Costa Mesa and 38-year-old Darren Donald Partch of Newport Beach in 2019. The two were found dead in Partch's residence at Villa Siena, 2101 E. 15th St.

Just before sentencing, Orange County Superior Court Judge Gregg Prickett said Spitzer violated the Racial Justice Act during discussions with prosecutors about whether to seek death for Buggs, when Spitzer suggested that Black men date white women to elevate their status in society, pointing to conservative talk show host and former gubernatorial candidate Larry Elder as an example.

comments surfaced when Ebrahim Baytieh, who was then a highlevel prosecutor in the office but is now an Orange County Superior Court judge,

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SOWERS MIDDLE SCHOOL students pose for a picture between new marquee letters during the school's ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday in Huntington Beach.

Sowers celebrates end to reconstruction's phase one



Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer

MEMBERS OF THE Huntington Beach City School District cut the ribbon during a ceremony celebrating phase one of Sowers Middle School's reconstruction on Thursday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL math teacher

Will Johnson stands in his new classroom during Thursday's ribbon-cutting ceremony.



BY MATT SZABO

Sowers Middle School in Huntington Beach has not been simply renovated in the past number of months.

Instead, the campus has been undergoing a total reconstruction as it prepares its more than 750 students for the future.

The Huntington Beach City School District hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on campus Thursday afternoon, signifying the end of phase one of that reconstruction.

'Our kids of today have a future that's boundless, with tools that we never dreamed possible," said HBCSD Board of Trustees Member Paul Morrow, a former principal at Sowers for 15 years, before quipping, "How we're going to use AI, I have no idea. I tried to write a speech with it, and it didn't work.

Phase one of the \$72-million project included five American Modular System GEN7 prefabricated buildings, accommodating 27 new classrooms. There's also a new stick-built Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics building with three more classrooms, as well as a new administration building and "Viking Union" space, featuring both indoor and outdoor seating for meal time and other school activities.

The project is being funded primarily by Measure O funds and the sale of Gisler, another middle school in the district that closed in 1986 and was approved for sale in

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Sowers in late 2022.

Jenny Delgado, HBCSD assistant superintendent of administrative services, led a tour of the new campus space Thursday. She said the new front of the school will still be connected to Indianapolis Avenue as part of phase two.

The traffic will be inside now, and there will be two lanes, but that's part of phase two," Delgado said. "We need to demolish

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Toupee Queen brushes away stigma worries

BY MATT SZABO

Toupees are still used to cover male baldness, but Emily Cheney noticed something pretty early on in her cosmetology ca-

The word "toupee" itself might be six letters, yet it is treated like a four-letter word.

"I went to a conference in Nashville and I asked a question and said 'toupee,' just without even thinking about it," Cheney recalled with a smile. "They acted like I had just committed a murder."

She said she never bought into the guilt and shame associated with the word.

Instead, she embraced it. Cheney, 23, calls herself the Toupee Queen, and she has fun with her profession.

She's amassed hundreds of thousands of followers on both TikTok and Instagram, with videos set to music that show the process of her clients getting fitted for their hairpieces.



Don Leach Daily Pilot

EMILY CHENEY is the self-proclaimed Toupee Queen. She is making waves by taking away the stigma around toupees.

Cheney, originally from Utah, port Beach, a stone's throw started in the industry following in the footsteps of her mother, Anndrea Argyle, owner of Argyle Hair Solutions. She month. She said she's hoping to still lives in Utah but has now

started taking clients in New-

from John Wayne Airport. She expanded her business to Orange County in January, and comes here about twice a

move here permanently in the

next few months.

On one recent morning, Cheney was doing a consultation and first fitting with Troy Rose of Temecula. He came into his appointment wearing a San Diego Padres cap, not unusual for

"I've been wearing hats every day since I was 21," said Rose, now 29. "I never liked how my hair looked, so I covered it up. Every time there's a big event, I have anxiety for months, weeks, days until it gets there. I would always have to ask the people who were getting married, 'Hey, is it OK if I wear a hat?'

Rose's appointment with the Toupee Queen takes about two hours. His initial cost of \$2,000 includes toupee, application, cut, one touch-up and one reapplication appointment.

Cheney instructs him to avoid water or sweat for the first 24 hours. As for washing

the toupee, once or twice a

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GUARD

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it passed that and then Go-FundMe seemed to have raised it to \$6,000. I never touched it again after it was put at \$6,000," said Little. "It kept going up and up and I believe it was shared outside of our Eastbluff community.

"You had the mayor donating and people who were just touched by the story. It's a heartwarming story too. People want to help. People want to do something nice, and I think why Kathy received so much love is because she stops and chats with these kids. She gets to know them. She isn't just a person holding a sign and telling people stop and go. She gets to know these kids and knows their names."

As of Friday afternoon, the GoFundMe reached \$14,803.

Comments on the page wish Japes well with many chiming in with comments about the kindness that Japes has expressed toward

their children. Hopkins, Stephanie children. whose two Wyland and Maddie, attend Eastbluff, described Japes as special and someone who took her job very seriously. Hopkins said there have been numerous times where she's seen Japes go out of her way to make the kids feel special. Last Christmas, Japes stopped Hopkins when she was leaving the campus to hand over presents for Wyland and Maddie for the holi-

"It was those big gummy bear candies. She goes out of her way to do little, thoughtful things that makes the kids feel so special. I'm so hurt and sad about what's been going on and I hope she's OK and she's healing," said Hopkins. "The kids are constantly asking if she's getting better."

Maddie, 9, said she was really worried about Japes and that she wanted her to keep smiling. Wyland, 6, said Japes made him happy.



She often gave him toy cars when she saw him as well as the big Baby Yoda gummy she gave him last Christmas.

When asked by a reporter what he would tell Japes if he could see her, Wyland replied, "Feel better soon."

"I miss her," he added. Jessica Bibb said Japes often jokingly called Bibb's son, Danny, Dennis the Menace because of his bright personality and his blond hair.

"It was his half-birthday on Dec. 19 and Danny was so excited to tell her," Bibb said. "When we got to school the next day, she has this big gift wrapped up for him. She's like, 'Happy birthday, Danny,' and I was dying. As a mom, you're like, 'What did you tell her, Danny?' and he said that he told her it was his halfbirthday, but she thought it was his real birthday. It was this really nice gift. It was a Super Mario monopoly board that he'd been wanting. She brings little gifts for the kids almost every

Danny said he remembers the pajamas that Japes wore on Pajama Day because he thought they were cute and said he wanted her to know that she was

Edrie Dalisay described Japes as talkative and friendly, but also that she was great with his son, Evander, who is on the autism spectrum. He said she's helping him become more independent and coaches him before, during and after crossing.

"She's always looking out

motorcycle during Eastbluff Elementary School's Red Ribbon week. Japes was injured in a traffic accident on Feb. 13. Courtesy of Carol Crane

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for him and making sure he's OK. I know it's not just him; but especially with him, she'll get him things that he likes. He has a very strict diet, but every week or so she'll get him organic fruits that he likes," Dalisay said. "It's the little things. There's been instances where ... [Evander] usually takes a while to get ready for school, so we'll be

later. "There'll be instances where she's pretty much done, but she'll wait for us to make sure he gets across

strolling in 10 to 15 minutes

the street safely." Little said the fundraiser will be ongoing. As for why there's been such a big response to Japes' story, she said she thinks it could be because of the "old-fashioned small community" feeling that Japes has provided on Eastbluff.

"Everyone's always in a rush. We're always on our phones. The world feels like a bit of a colder, crueler place. It's a rough world we're living in right now and to have ... someone who cares about you and takes the time to stop and say hello and reaches out on more of a personal level while doing that job; it makes you feel good," Little said. "She's special to them because she cares and she takes the time to interact with these kids and gets to know the parents. That's special today, I think, in this world where people are so tuned out and in their own little bubbles.'

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THE DAILY **COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

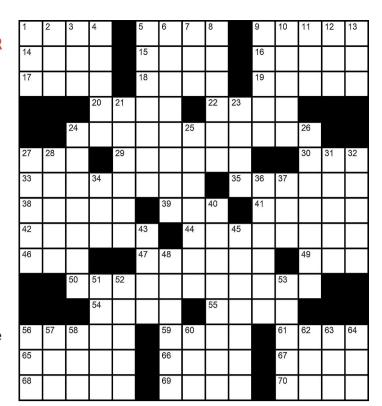
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SUDOKU

By the Mepham Group

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

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

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AROUND TOWN

Northbound I-5 connector shut down for weekend

The California Department of Transportation announced Thursday that it would shut down the connector from the northbound 5 to the northbound 405 for 55 hours beginning last night at 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. on Monday.

SOWERS

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shaped building] first, then

we'll start building the gym,

locker rooms, courts and

Traffic has been dense in

also the main parking lot."

the surrounding area re-

cently; Delgado said the

main parking lot should be

for the special event in-

cluded Mayor Gracey Van

Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem

Pat Burns and Council-

woman Natalie Moser.

They toured several rooms

of the new campus before a

ribbon-cutting ceremony,

featuring comments from

Supt. Leisa Winston, Board

of Trustees President Diana

Marks, Morrow and ASB

Visitors to the campus

completed this summer.

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The closure is part of a construction project to rehabilitate pavement on various connectors throughout Orange County. Detour signage will be in place.

OC Public Libraries to invite authors

OC Public Libraries announced Thursday two authors who will be coming to speak about their novels

President Catalina Barrera.

The Sowers choir also

The new campus fea-

tures plenty of open space

in between two rows of

classrooms, including a

large circle about halfway

runaway right here," Mor-

row said. "I can't wait to see

what happens when the

first skateboard runs down

The crowd laughed, as a

Marks, a former teacher

woman in the back of the

crowd yelled, "Don't give

at both Gisler and Sowers,

was moved to tears a cou-

ple of times during her re-

"This new campus is a

"Look at this amazing

performed "Here Comes

the Sun."

down the path.

this aisle."

them any ideas."

and work next week. Included in the slate is Jasmine Guillory, who writes romantic comedies and is known for her novels, "The Wedding Date" and "The Proposal," and author C.J. Box, who writes thrillers and wrote the Joe Pickett

Guillory will be speaking at the Norma Hertzog Community Center in Costa Mesa on Tuesday,

never, ever have hap-

pened," she said. "Modern-

ization was going to be

within that existing build-

ing over there. Not ideal,

but affordable, and it was

the sale of Gisler that made

the difference in creating

the campus you see here

The STEM building fea-

tures chairs with wheels,

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"Nanawall," clear walls that

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there. Barb Catron, who

teaches seventh-grade sci-

ence and the STEM design

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she also appreciates the

microphones in each class-

just hear so clearly," Catron

"I'm saving my voice, and the kid in the back can

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Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. and Box will be speaking at the Laguna Hills Community Center in Laguna Hills on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30

No registration is required, and there is no admission charge.

For more information on the speaker series, visit ocpl.org/page/slice-literaryorange.

- From staff reports

ture about that is when students give presentations, they have this ownership, and they know that everyone else is listening to

them. It's really nice to see.' Sowers math teacher Will Johnson said he spent 11 years teaching in his former portable classroom, but he's enjoying his new space that includes white board-style desks and skylights that can open for adjustable natural light.

"I call it mood lighting," he said with a smile.

Phase two completion at Sowers is anticipated in early 2025, officials said.

Studio W is the architect on the project, with Construct 1 Corporation as the general contractor.

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TOUPEE

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week will suffice because "it's still human hair, it still needs oils," she said.

Maintenance on the toupee needs to be done every four weeks, while the toupee itself needs to be replaced every two to three months, Cheney explained.

"Instead of the hair being knotted in, it's V-looped," Cheney said. "It's not as secure, but it looks way better. That's why I use it. In my opinion, it's worth it to replace hair every two to three months and have it look not like a toupee. Some people feel differently about it."

While Cheney handles the initial appointment in Newport Beach, future visits are handled on site by Alondra Larios, who owns



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EMILY CHENEY, known as the Toupee Queen, begins the process of applying a toupee on client Troy Rose in her Newport Beach salon.

Hair Restoration Orange County. Larios said it's a good partnership, as she has an established clientele and is also getting new clients through Cheney.

Rose, who had consid-

ered hair transplants before deciding on a toupee, will spend thousands of dollars a year on the investment. Then again, self-confidence is priceless, right?

"I'll put my hats away be-

cause I don't need to wear them anymore," he said. "I'm very excited."

That's the type of vibe that Cheney seeks. Her favorite part about her job is helping her clients become more confident in their everyday lives.

Her second favorite part is challenging the idea that men can't use cosmetics.

It's an attitude the Toupee Queen tries to change, one toupee at a

"I love disrupting this very comfortable thing in the world where men are maintenance and women are high mainte-nance," she said. "I like being controversial in that way. It's really fun to me, and I feel pretty passionately about that.'

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memorialized the discussion in a memo. Spitzer argued that he raised the issue because of issues with cross-racial identification, which often lead to the overturning of convictions when witnesses' racial biases can lead to accusing the wrong suspects.

Spitzer said he believed it was an issue in the case

since Buggs killed Miller, who was white, because she was spending the night with Partch, who had been acquainted with Buggs' exlover, who was also a white

woman. According to trial evidence, Buggs was hunting down boyfriends of his exgirlfriend even though Partch had only briefly met Buggs' ex-lover once and decided not to date her after getting an angry phone

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Spitzer vehemently denied violating the Racial Justice Act, but his office ultimately opted not to seek the death penalty. The case was assigned to a new prosecutor, and Spitzer "walled off" the case from himself and anyone else involved in the meeting when the comments were made.

In Friday's appellate ruling, Presiding Justice Kathleen E. O'Leary of Division Three of the Fourth District Court of Appeal agreed that Spitzer had remedied the error, removing the bias against Buggs.

"We address Spitzer's actions despite him adamantly denying he violated the RJA," O'Leary wrote. "His actions suggest he actually understood his transgression. Spitzer admitted he took measures to cure any harm. He assigned the case to an experienced homicide prosecutor who had no knowledge of what transpired at the [death penalty discussion] meeting. He 'walled off' everyone involved with the [death penalty] meeting from the prosecution. Most significantly, he decided to not seek the death penalty and noted this was a remedy in the RJA."

O'Leary added, "Despite Spitzer's reluctance to acknowledge his expressed racial bias, he took steps to remedy the harm to Buggs' case and to the integrity of

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the prosecution. The trial court clearly understood Spitzer took the steps necessary to prevent racism from infecting the criminal proceeding and nothing further was required under

the statute.

"... The record before us demonstrates the court found Spitzer violated the RJA when he made racially discriminatory statements during the meeting when considering whether to pursue the death penalty. The appropriate remedy, no death penalty, was specific to the violation the trial court found. On this record, Buggs has not established there was a miscarriage of

justice." Buggs argued that Prickett could have also granted a new trial, dismissed charges or imposed consentences, but Buggs failed to seek those remedies at trial "and thus forfeited his contentions," O'Leary wrote.

O'Leary added that since the new law is meant to eliminate racial bias in the criminal justice system in the state, "it would seem counterproductive to fail to acknowledge remedial actions taken by a district attorney, prior to any intervention by the court, to eliminate any aspect of racial bias arising from the prosecution. The unintended consequence of ignoring the actions of the prosecution may be to encourage the prosecution not to self-correct but rather wait to see what the court may do. Instead, we want to encourage the prosecution to avoid instances of racial bias and when discovered to immediately and appropriately address the issue."

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MARKETPLACE



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, March 07, 2024, at 6:00 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 Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Genesis Automobil e Dealership Appeal - An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's February 1, 2024, decision to approve a minor use permit, minor site development review, modification permit, and tentative parcel map to allow the demolition of the existing on-site structures, and the construction and operation of an automobile dealership. The proposed automobile dealership consists of an approximately 19,952-square-foot, two-story, 25-foot tall, building that includes a showroom, sales office, storage area, electric vehicle (EV) repair area (i.e., EV Lab), and employee areas. The dealership will involve the sale and minor repairs of EVs only. Parking is provided within a surface parking lot and at-grade enclosed parking at the rear of the property. The request includes a modification permit to allow the structure to encroach up to 6-inches into the 5foot rear setback. The tentative parcel map is requested to merge 11 underlying legal lots into a single lot. Lastly, the project includes removal of two above ground utility poles and relocation of the curb along the project frontage on West Coast Highway to allow smoother flow of traffic from the intersection at Dover Drive.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15332 under Class 32 (In-Fill Development Proiects), Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities), and Section 15303 under Class 3 (New Construction of Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered

to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Planning and Zoning) and Section 19.12.060 (Subdivision Code). 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.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing, and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach

 $\underline{www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission}.$ Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the Citv's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Jenny Tran, Assistant Planner at 949-644-3212 or jtran@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2023-0094

Activity: Minor Use Permit, Minor Site Development Review, Modification Permit, and Tentative Parcel Map

General Plan:

CG (Commercial General) CG (General Commercial)

Location:

Applicant: 320, 400, 410, 500, and Gen Newport Beach 600 West Coast Highway LLC

Tristan Harris, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach



LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 4:00 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 item:

Adoption of an Impound Fee - The City Council will consider the establishment of cost-of-services fee, for the City's enforcement, investigation, storage and impound costs of equipment and items associated with unauthorized use of public properties for commercial purposes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14. Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the

Anyone wishing to attend the public hearing should check the March 12, 2024, meeting agenda on the City's webpage at newportbeachca.gov/agendas or contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov, during normal business hours, to receive information on how to attend this meeting. If you challenge the adopted Impound Fee 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. As required by Government Code Sections 66016 and 66018, prior to the public hearing, data indicating the amount of estimated cost required to provide the service, which is the basis for the proposed fee, will be provided by the City Clerk to any interested person. Please contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov if you would like to receive a copy of the report.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Jaime Murillo, Acting Deputy Community Development Director, at (949) 644-3209 or jmurillo@

Project File No.: PA2024-0015

Applicant: City of Newport Beach



/s/ Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

Location: Citywide

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

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

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

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



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