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ROBIN CULP, and Alexander and Damian Carter, from left, gather for a picture on the performance stage at the Promenade on Forest Avenue in Laguna Beach on Thursday. The three were close friends of Hawkins growing up. The late Foo Fighters drummer died earlier this year.

Taylor Hawkins mural installed at Promenade

BY ANDREW TURNER

When Taylor Hawkins died earlier this year, Laguna Beach residents — as well as communities near and far — sought ways to remember the hometown rock star.

On Thursday evening, a few dozen people gathered around the performance stage at the Promenade on Forest Avenue, where a mural honoring the life of a hometown hero was introduced.

“There Goes My Hero” is the name of the piece, a work of art created by Ryan Callisto that displays the likeness of Hawkins surrounded by vibrant colors. Hawkins, the late drummer of the Foo Fighters and a member of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, grew up in Laguna Beach.

“The thing I wanted to do was show through happy colors and positive energy, this little, tiny town had a gigantic person that touched the entire world, and most people love that guy,” Callisto said. “I thought I could do my little part to raise



him up a little bit more, if I could, in memory for his town, for the place he grew up and graduated from, and [for] his family and friends. I just feel lucky that I got to be

the guy to lift him up.” Callisto delivered those remarks at a

ARTIST RYAN CALLISTO, Supervisor Katrina Foley and Mayor Sue Kempf, from left, admire the mural of the late Taylor Hawkins during a dedication ceremony for the mural entitled, “There Goes My Hero.”

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Costa Mesa looks to hire 11 full-time jailers

Council to consider custody officers for police department's jail after contractor failed to find enough personnel.

BY SARA CARDINE

Members of the Costa Mesa City Council will be asked Tuesday to consider spending \$1.12 million to hire 11 full-time custody officers to staff the police department's jail, after a third-party contractor failed to find adequate personnel.

The city in May terminated its contact with G4S Secure Solutions and Allied Universal, the company that acquired it in 2021, which had provided jail services for the Costa Mesa Police Department since 2013.

Officials maintained a “mass resignation” had left only two jailers at the facility, which could be forced to close unless a temporary staffing arrangement could be made and suggested possibly negotiating with the city of Huntington Beach for temporary services.

Since then, seven temporary part-time custody officers have been hired to work in the jail, according to a staff report that proposed hiring 10 full-time officers as well as one custody supervisor. The cost of the new positions is estimated at \$1,120,717, which is \$175,215 more than the cost of the contract the city maintained with Allied Universal.

If the City Council decides not to authorize the hiring of full-time staff, officers would be required to complete the booking process in Costa Mesa and then transport arrestees to the Orange County Jail in Santa Ana, a

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Susan Hoffman

FROM LEFT, Robyn Grant, Joy Brenner, Erik Weigand, Jim Mosher, Joe Stapleton, Tom Miller speak at Newport Beach City Council candidates forum at the OASIS senior center on Friday.

Senior citizens center hosts Newport Beach City Council candidates forum

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

About 200 people turned out Friday morning in Corona del Mar for a candidates forum focusing on the Newport Beach City Council election coming up Nov. 8.

Hosting the event was Friends of OASIS, as part of the organization's general monthly membership meeting at the OASIS senior center. The moderators were members of the organization's board of directors, Mike Zimmerman and Walt Howald.

Councilwoman Joy Brenner, who is seeking reelection in District 6 representing Corona del Mar, responded to ques-

tions about improving the lives of seniors in Newport Beach and candidates' familiarity with OASIS programs.

“I want to see the senior population more happy,” said Brenner, who raised the issue of a need for an aquatic center. “I live one block away and appreciate and support the center ... I have taken classes [here].”

Candidate Jim Mosher, who is running in District 3 representing the upper Newport Bay, revealed his sense of humor, saying, “As the most senior candidate, the benefits to losing are that I'd have more time to enjoy membership here.”

The candidates were asked their priorities, should they be

elected or reelected to the City Council.

Erik Weigand, who like Mosher is running in District 3, said public safety is his No. 1 priority and a lot of things are intertwined with public safety.

Candidate Tom Miller is seeking to represent District 1, which encompasses the Balboa peninsula and west Newport. He echoed Weigand's sentiments and added he'd like to see an increase in personnel at the police department to enhance public safety.

Joe Stapleton, also running in District 1, said his top priority is “to reduce homeless-

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Judge nixes rebuttal's claim H.B. 'illegally' hired private lawyer

BY ERIC LICAS

A judge ruled Friday that language in an argument against a measure on the ballot in the Nov. 8 election claiming Huntington Beach officials “illegally” hired a private lawyer to audit the city attorney's office was false and must be removed from information distributed to voters.

Measure N is a proposal to add language to current statutes that would define Huntington Beach's elected city attorney as an employee of the city. It would also

explicitly authorize the City Council to hire an independent attorney to handle matters that might pose a conflict of interest.

That's standard practice in practically every other city in Southern California, whether the head of their legal departments are elected or appointed, Councilman Dan Kalmick, a supporter of Measure N, said during a brief interview Friday.

“The item itself is a restatement of existing law,” Kalmick

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AROUND TOWN

Civil War Days takes place in H.B. this weekend

The Huntington Beach Historical Society is hosting the 29th annual Civil War Days living history event in Huntington Beach Central Park this weekend.

Camps open to the public on Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. Battle times are at 1:30 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The event will also feature historic recreations, such as President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and a conversation with Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee.

For more information on the free event, visit hbhistory.org/civilwar.



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

JENNIFER CAREY, spokeswoman for the city of Huntington Beach, has received a statewide award for her work.

Information Officials Crisis Communications Leader of the Year.

Carey received the honor at the annual CPIO conference in San Diego on Wednesday night.

Carey was previously the public information officer for the Huntington Beach Police Department, starting in May 2021, before being promoted in January. A Huntington Beach native, she was honored for her work including coordination efforts following the oil spill off the coast of Huntington Beach last October during the Pacific Airshow.

"I am tremendously grateful to serve my hometown of Huntington Beach," Carey said in an email. "I have the profound privilege of working alongside many talented and hardworking individuals who are dedicated to making this community the best it can be. Without their ongoing support, this award wouldn't have been possible."

'Protect & Preserve' online day of giving to honor O.C. environmental groups

The Orange County Community Foundation invites local residents and supporters of environmental causes to help protect the county's natural habitats and marine protected areas by supporting nine area nonprofits in "Protect & Preserve," a collaborative online giving day Wednesday.

Contributions may be directed to nine nonprofits whose work benefits Orange County's open spaces and 52 miles of marine protected coastline waters, including the Pacific Marine

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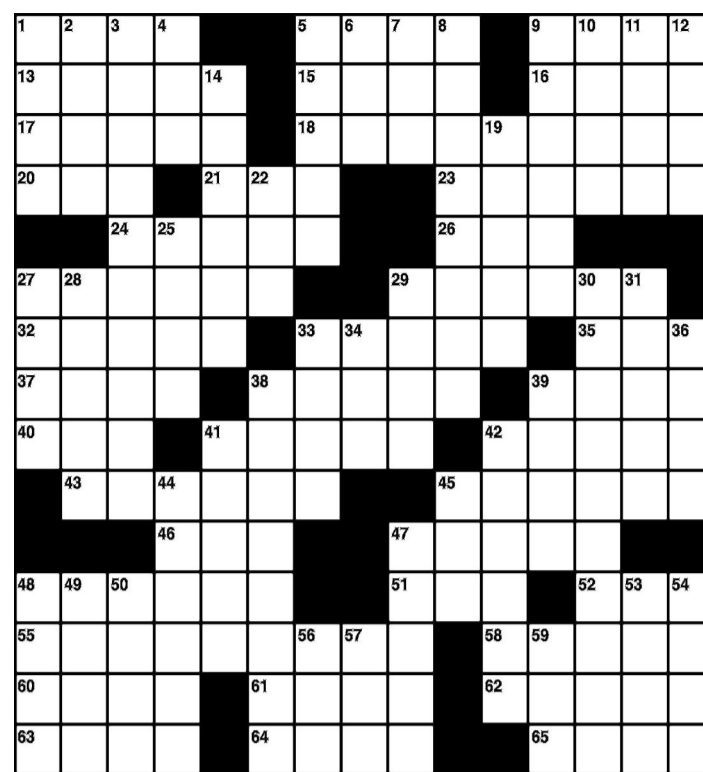
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By *Jacqueline E. Mathews*

ACROSS

- 1 Empty space
- 5 Takes advantage of
- 9 High school dance
- 13 Peruvian peaks
- 15 Young thug
- 16 Volcanic danger
- 17 Fragrance
- 18 Treats for the feet
- 20 Sri Lankan export
- 21 Sense of wonder
- 23 Solitude lovers
- 24 Slightly more than a quart
- 26 Fail to keep up
- 27 Hateful
- 29 Good enough
- 32 Kicks out
- 33 One of 7 deadly sins
- 35 Tympanic cavity's location
- 37 Fraternity letter
- 38 Popular hangouts in summer
- 39 Riot control spray
- 40 Inventor Whitney
- 41 Wild animal
- 42 Quick
- 43 Lug; carry
- 45 Some Delta employees
- 46 "___ Father, Who art in"
- 47 Carved edge
- 48 Spinning fast
- 51 Indignation
- 52 "Time ___ Bottle"; Croce hit
- 55 Did wall work
- 58 Ore-Ida ___ tots; tasty bites
- 60 Sunrise direction
- 61 Identical
- 62 Get-go
- 63 Tubs with seats
- 64 Dumbfound
- 65 No ifs, ___ or buts

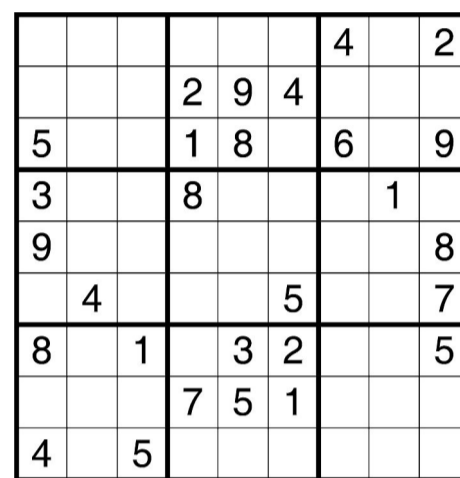
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SUDOKU

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 A5.

- 1 Expansive
- 2 Fairy tale opener
- 3 Naively impractical
- 4 Cub Scout group
- 5 Higher berth
- 6 Take to court
- 7 Finish
- 8 Frying pans
- 9 Dive into water
- 10 Seldom seen
- 11 Above
- 12 Cathedral service
- 14 ___ quo; existing situation
- 19 Team leader

- 22 Montgomery or Parker
- 25 Tiny bit
- 27 Leak out
- 28 Sword fights
- 29 Meathead
- 30 Ice cream flavor
- 31 Only implied
- 33 Bather's bar
- 34 ___ Angeles
- 36 National League team
- 38 Unparalleled; incomparable
- 39 Beard wearer
- 41 ___ out; say impulsively
- 42 Headed metal bolts
- 44 Lifts something heavy
- 45 ___ person; each
- 47 21st-century U.S. president
- 48 Imitates
- 49 Strike with open hand
- 50 "Jeremiah ___ bullfrog"
- 53 Bookworm
- 54 ___ and crafts
- 56 Traitor
- 57 Huge bird
- 59 ___ distance; far off

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Allens open waterfront home for UCI MIND cocktail reception

A sultry summer evening on the Newport Bayfront welcomed about 70 guests converging in support of UCI MIND, an institute for research and treatment of memory impairments and neurological disorders in association with UC Irvine.

The dedicated **Harriet Harris** of Newport Beach in conjunction with an organization known as the Living Large Legacy hosted the cocktail reception with the generous support of **Kiersten and Bruce Allen** (the former president and general manager of the



Washington Commanders) who opened their waterfront residence for the gathering with serious purpose.

"Kiersten and I are honored to support our dear friend Harriet Harris in this ongoing and serious campaign to find answers for people suffering from forms of memory loss and more drastic dementia," Bruce Allen said. "This is personal for Harriet and for all involved."

"The reception is a way to engage our community on the tsunami that is on the horizon of Alzheimer's

and dementia," said **Cherry Justice** with UCI MIND.

In the crowd were many leading doctors and research scientists dedicated to the study of cognitive impairments. The Allens welcomed UCI Dean **Frank LaFerla** joining **Josh Grill**, director of UCI MIND in addressing the gathering on the terrace of the Allen property on matters concerning the latest research and development in clinical trails being conducted through UCI MIND programs.

The institute is home to one of 32 Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers

funded by the National Institute on Aging. It is also one of 10 California Alzheimer's Disease centers funded by the California Department of Public Health. Medical dignitaries participating included **Lindsay Hohsfield**, **David Sultzer** and **Craig Stark**.

Prominent local philanthropic citizens attending were **Jeff and Patti Estabrook**, **Jerry and MarLou Harrington**, **Dick and Mary Allen** (namesakes of the Hoag Allen Diabetes Center) and **Craig and Margie Jennings**. Also front and center for UCI



DAVID SULTZER, from left, Harriet Harris and Josh Grill were some of the guests attending the event.

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CRAIG JENNINGS, Laura Anenberg, Terri Elliott, Bob Elliott, Margie Jennings attend the cocktail reception for UCI MIND center, which researches cures for dementia and other cognitive disorders.



MARY ALLEN, Harriet Harris, Jennifer Taylor, Dick Allen, Pam Muzzy gather at the UCI MIND summer event.



KIERSTEN AND BRUCE ALLEN opened their Newport Beach home for the UCI MIND summer reception.

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MURAL

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dedication ceremony for his 12-foot-by-12-foot artwork. He then cut a ceremonial ribbon. Kelly Fitzgerald became the first to perform on the redecorated stage following the ceremony.

The project cost \$5,000, Laguna Beach Cultural Arts Manager Sian Poeschl said. Funding for the mural came from the lodging establishments

and the city of Laguna Beach. The mural is expected to be on exhibit for a year, depending on its condition, Poeschl added.

Community members and music lovers alike descended upon Aliso Beach to take part in a drum circle following Hawkins' death in March. Hawkins had been known to play local shows even after achieving stardom.

"When Taylor Hawkins passed away, a lot of people in the community asked me what could we

do for Taylor Hawkins," Mayor Sue Kempf said. "So many people loved Taylor Hawkins, not only his music, but as a person. I'm so glad and happy to see such a beautiful piece of work."

"... Here we have a performance deck, and it's so wonderful that people, when they perform, they can look and see Taylor anytime they want."

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DAMIAN CARTER admires the mural of the late Taylor Hawkins during a dedication ceremony for the mural "There Goes My Hero." Carter and Hawkins were personal friends. "It just makes me wanna cry," Carter said of the mural.

Don Leach
Staff Photographer

CROWD

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MIND were advocates **Pam Muzzy, Laura Anenberg, Valerie Kahaun, Jennifer Taylor and Bob and Terri Elliott.**

To learn more about the research and treatment conducted through UCI MIND visit mind.uc.edu.

HOPE MATTERS

Annette Walker, president of City of Hope Orange County and her team recently joined with South Coast Plaza presenting "Hope is a Masterpiece," an art exhibition and major reception welcoming the community to learn about the City of Hope and its recent significant expansion in Orange County.

The unveiling of the City of Hope art installation "Hope is a Masterpiece" in August was a preview to a gala concert, appropriately billed as the "Hope Gala"



Photos courtesy of Matthew Morgan Photography

DEBRA GUNN DOWNING, executive director of marketing at South Coast Plaza, fronted the City of Hope reception "Hope is a Masterpiece" held in August at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa.

set to take place Sept. 10 at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

The performance will feature singer Nick Jonas and will be a tribute to O.C. philanthropist Julia Argyros and the Argyros Family Foundation underwriting the gala. The cause

hits home for the singer. Nick Jonas' father Kevin Jonas Sr. is a recent survivor of Stage 2 colon cancer.

Front and center supporting City of Hope at the South Coast Plaza art installation were **Debra Gunn Downing**, executive



MELISSA BROWN and her mother Annette Walker, president of City of Hope Orange County, at "Hope is a Masterpiece" reception held at South Coast Plaza last month.

director of marketing for the retail giant; **Elizabeth Lucas**, cancer survivor; **Nancy Harrell**, founding director, Orange County School of the Arts; artist **Paige Columbia Oden**,

best-selling author **Leslie Bruce Amin** and **Cindy Brown**, cancer survivor and artist. **Gina** and **Steve Rosansky** were in the crowd representing local business in the communi-

ty working with significant nonprofits.

B.W. COOK is editor of the Bay Window, the official publication of the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.

CLAIM

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said.

However, opponents of the measure call it a power grab by the council that would infringe on the independence of the city attorney's office. One of them, Councilman Erik Peterson, said it "changes the relationship" between the city and what he and others view as an independent body tasked with holding

officials accountable.

Peterson was assigned to write a rebuttal to arguments for Measure N that will be included in information distributed to voters ahead of the November election. His statement referenced an audit commissioned by Huntington Beach officials regarding the city attorney office's handling of a 2019 age discrimination suit that the city lost and that cost taxpayers about \$1.5 million to litigate.

In the draft he initially submitted, Peterson wrote that the council had violated the city charter by "secretly and illegally" paying private attorney Craig Steele \$50,000 to audit the city attorney's office.

In July, Kalmick and Councilwoman Rhonda Bolton asked Huntington Beach City Clerk Robin Estanislau to remove that language from Peterson's rebuttal, but their request was denied. That prompted John Briscoe, a trustee on

the Ocean View School District Board of Education, to file a lawsuit seeking to alter the statement.

On Friday, Superior Court Judge Nathan Scott found that city officials did not violate any laws by hiring Steele. He ruled Peterson's claims to the contrary false and ordered that those be stricken from materials sent to voters.

Kalmick hailed Scott's ruling as a victory for supporters of Measure N, which he characterized as

an important step toward accountability in government.

"If I have to go to the city attorney's office to look into a possible issue at the city attorney's office, well that's basically asking the party in question to investigate themselves," Kalmick said.

However, Peterson noted that city officials already have the option to hire private lawyers from a list kept on file by the city attorney's office. He said Measure N

would allow the council to subvert that process.

"They want to go direct, making things less transparent," Peterson said.

Despite the court-ordered changes to Peterson's written argument, he said he is still confident it will convey the importance of the concerns he raised to voters.

"The message is still there," Peterson said.

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