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## Grant to help protect Bommer Canyon Preserve

\$1M from the California Natural Resources Agency will help Irvine Ranch Conservancy reduce risk of wildfires.

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

Wildfire mitigation will begin in the Bommer Canyon Preserve this month, thanks to a \$1-million grant from the California Natural Resources Agency.

The Irvine Ranch Conservancy announced Tuesday that the city of Irvine received the grant and that the conservancy will execute plans to help reduce the risk of wildfire in 49 acres of the preserve. The initial work is expected to include fence installation, mowing and installation of an irrigation system to hasten the "grow and kill" cycles of weed seeds in the soil, according to the conservancy.

The targeted site, south of Shady Canyon Drive is expected to be seeded with native vegetation in October 2025, with the initial phase expected to con-clude in March 2026. Existing vegetation there is overrun by nonnative weeds and grass, which pose a potential fire hazard in the drier months, particularly in the summer.

Parts of Irvine have been designated as very high fire hazard severity zones, which includes the reserve at the city's southernmost point, according to CalFIRE.

See Protect, page A2

## Fountain Valley to consider pay raise for city manager

At its Tuesday meeting, the council will discuss the salary boost as well as rate changes to city's cab service for seniors.

#### BY ANDREW TURNER

When it convenes for the first time in four weeks, the Fountain Valley City Council is set to consider a raise for City Manager Maggie Le.

Le had served as deputy city manager prior to her appointment as Fountain Valley's top executive in June of 2022. She succeeded interim city manager Raul Godinez II, who had been filling in on an interim basis following former City Manager Rob Houston's move to the city of Or-

Upon her promotion, Le made a starting salary of \$245,000. Council members could approve a resolution that would see her annual base pay increase to \$264,600.

Le graduated from Los Amigos High in 1996. Since returning to the city where she grew up in 2015, she has held a number of high-level positions. Le has also spent stints as an assistant to the city manager and as the interim director of human resources while working with the city of Fountain Valley.

#### **'HOP ON' SENIOR** TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Fountain Valley contracts with

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Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer

CITY OFFICIALS and members of the Hyatt Regency team officially open the Shor, a new restaurant in Huntington Beach on Thursday.

## A new beachfront eatery aims to be 'above the rest'



**CHEF MANFRED LASSAHN** joins guests with a plate of lightly breaded fish-and-chips sliders during the grand opening of Shor, a revitalized concession stand from the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa on Thursday.



Shor, a revitalized concession stand, held a ceremony Thursday, following a soft opening about three weeks ago.

#### **BY MATT SZABO**

Executive chef Manfred Lassahn and food and beverage director Michael Halloran went on road trips to other beach locales after the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa made the winning bid on a beachfront concession a few years ago.

They traveled to spots Santa Monica and Venice Beach, to name a couple, just to see what the beach food scenes were

'We watched more what people were buying than what they were offering," Lassahn said. "What were they walking away

The Hyatt team hopes that its new concession, located just steps from the sand at Huntington City Beach, is a Shor thing.

Shor restaurant held a ribboncutting ceremony Thursday evening, featuring Huntington Beach officials including Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark and Councilmen Pat Burns and Dan Kalmick.

The location had a soft opening about three weeks ago, Hyatt

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#### THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

### Star power draws 400 to Oceana fundraiser

nome 16 annual events and close to \$20 million raised are the statistics of success surrounding Oceana's SeaChange summer event held recently on the California

Riviera. A late July gathering at the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort, Dana Point, beckoned 400 ocean conservationists

SoCal to raise \$1.5 million in support of the international outreach of Oceana, based in Washington, D.C.

from all points in

Super dedicated and longstanding ocean conservationists Karen Cahill and Elizabeth Wahler co-chaired the power party, joined by vice chairs Jeff Blasingame and Gabe Serrato rallying the generous and passionate crowd. Among those supporting the cause were Karen Jaffe, Lavina Errico, Anna Ackerman, Linda Young and Wendy Tenebaum.



Ryan Miller

See Crowd, page A3 HONOREE MORGAN FREEMAN talks with Reese Witherspoon at Oceana's SeaChange Summer Party.

#### **RAISE**

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California Yellow Cab to provide rides for its "Hop On" senior transportation program.

During the consent calendar portion its meeting Tuesday night, the City Council is scheduled to consider a contract amendment with the program's transportation provider. California Yellow Cab has asked for an increase in the rate structure, from \$12 to \$17.50 per trip per passenger to keep up with inflation.

The service is available to Fountain Valley residents who are at least 60 years of age between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily. From July 2022 to June of this year, the pro-

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gram provided 3,668 rides for a total of 8,336 miles.

The agreement between Fountain Valley and California Yellow Cab has an expiration date of June 30. 2024.

The cost to the city would remain unchanged, according to a staff report. The senior transportation program is paid for through a combination of Orange County Transportation Authority Measure M2 funds and an agreement with MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center.

The City Council meeting will get underway at 6 p.m. Tuesday in City Hall, 10200 Slater Ave. The full agenda can be found at fountainvalley.gov.

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#### **PROTECT**

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"Since many visitors recreate at Bommer Canyon Preserve, our team will be reaching out to the community through signage and educational materials to explain the many benefits of the project as it unfolds," Robert Freese, the Irvine Ranch Conservancy restoration and enhancement program manager, said in the statement.

Officials with the Conservancy said the goal is to replace those same plants with less flammable native vegetation and natural fuel breaks. The Irvine Ranch Conservancy will continue managing the site on behalf of the city for five years after the work is done to ensure the new growth is sustainable.

"Partnering with the Irvine Ranch Conservancy to restore and maintain the historic Bommer Canyon Preserve ensures a more resilient and fire-resistant landscape in this beloved

area," said Kristina Perrigoue, a spokeswoman for Irvine. "With the increase in wildfires, it is vital that the native vegetation is restored and enhanced ensuring sustainability and an improved habitat quality for wildlife."

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#### **EATERY**

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Huntington general manager Peter Rice said, and received its liquor license a few days after that. Hotel guests can reach it via the pedestrian bridge across Pacific Coast Highway, and walk-up guests are also welcome.

Though the vibe is casu-

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**A MINI VERSION** of the Shor Burger, with double beef and American cheese, was on offer during the official opening of the Shor beachfront concession stand on Thursday.

al, patrons do get full service, chef Corina Rodriguez said. So far, the mix has been about half and half in

terms of local customers and hotel guests.

features menu about 25 items. Rodriguez said the top seller is the Shor Burger, a classic burger with double beef, dou-

ble American cheese, Shor sauce and caramelized on-

ions on a brioche bun. A fish-and-chip sandwich is another highlight of a menu that also includes items like salads, pizza, tacos, a spicy tuna wrap and plenty of sides. Drink options include cocktails, with the passion fruit mai tai as a signature drink, along with draft

beer and wine. Rodriguez said everything on the menu is made totally from scratch.

"That goes for sauces, we hand-bread our fish, we do everything from scratch entirely," she said. "We want to do comfort, familiar classics but done up with a spin. We're really emphasizing flavor, giving it something a little bit extra that makes it original. We're trying to set ourselves above the rest."

Shor, 21500 Pacific Coast Hwy., is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended weekend hours until 7 p.m. this summer.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 36148-KR

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: PASHA SOCAL, LLC, 5899 LINCOLN **AVENUE, UNIT D, BUENA PARK, CA 90620** 

office of the Seller is: 22 QUEENS WREATH WAY, **IRVINE, CA 92612** (4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s)

are: YEMEK SUB, INC., 135 STAGE, IRVINE, CA (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL AND FRANCHISE of

that certain business located at: 5899 LINCOLN **AVENUE, UNIT D, BUENA PARK, CA 90620** (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SUBWAY #3359

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is AUGUST 31, 2023 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648, Escrow No. 36148-KR, Escrow Officer: KIT RHOADS

s may be filed with (9) The last date for filing claims is: AUGUST 30,

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform

Commercial Code Section 6106.2. (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or

delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.

Dated: AUGUST 7, 2023 TRANSFEREES: YEMEK SUB, INC., A CALIFORNIA **CORPORATION** 

PASHA SOCAL, LLC, CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORD-1816903-C DAILY PILOT 8/12/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.) Escrow No. **001435-SK** 

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and address of the Seller/Licensee are: YICHO, INC., 2346 NEWPORT

The business is known as: **SUSHI TOWN** The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: JYMA CORP, 2346 NEWPORT BLVD., STE. B3, COSTA

BLVD., STE. B3, COSTA MESA, CA 92627

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are:

The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FURNITURES, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE** NAME, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD INTEREST & IMPROVEMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND ABC LICENSE # 41-622017 and are located at: 2346 NEWPORT BLVD., STE. B3, COSTA

MESA, CA 92627 The kind of license to be transferred is: 41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE, now issued for the premises located at: 2346 NEWPORT BLVD., STE. B3, COSTA MESA, CA

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 at the office of: MASTERS ESCROW, 6561 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory of stock of \$3,000.00, is the sum of \$650,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, CASH \$120,000.00: \$530,000.00; ALLOCATION TOTAL \$650,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

DATED: **JULY 19, 2023** YICHO, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION JYMA CORP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 1815119-PP DAILY PILOT 8/17/23

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**DEVELOPMENTS AND URBAN LOT SPLITS** PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 9 Adoption of Ordinance No. 1692 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 25.95 OF THE LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ONE-AND TWO-UNIT DEVELOPMENTS AND URBAN LOT SPLITS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 9 (SB 9)," was introduced at the City Council meeting of August 8, 2023, and is scheduled to be adopted on August 22, 2023, on the following 5-0 vote: AYES: Orgill, Rounaghi, Weiss, Kempf, Whalen; NOES: None; ABSENT: None



Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted online via Zoom. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Allison Residence - A request for a modification permit to allow an addition to an existing single-unit dwelling with a garage that is considered legal nonconforming due to its interior dimensions. The existing garage provides the minimum required depth of 20 feet; however, the existing width is substandard at 18 feet, 2 inches, whereas the requirement is 20 feet. The modification permit is necessary because the applicant proposes to add more than 10 percent of the existing square footage without altering the garage for compliance. The proposed addition is 852 square feet and results in a total of 3,180 square feet for the residence (including the garage).

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

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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 the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/zoningadministrator. Please review the Zoning Administrator Agenda for Zoom participation instructions. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to the meeting. This allows time for the Zoning Administrator to adequately consider the submitted corre spondence

For questions regarding this public hearing item please

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Location: 306 St. Andrews Road

contact Oscar Orozco, Assistant Planner, at (949) 644-3219, oorozco@newportbeachca.gov.

R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)

Modification Permit General Plan:

RT (Two Unit Residential) Applicant:

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(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above (9) The last date for filing claims is: AUGUST 30,

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PASHA SOCAL LLC, **CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** ORD-1816925C DAILY PILOT 8/12/23

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS** 

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CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FY 2023-24

Project No. 24R06

Contract No. 9378-1

\$950,000 **Engineer's Estimate** 

Approved by James M. Houlihan **Deputy PWD/City Engineer** 

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Contractor License Classification(s) required for this project: "A" or "C-8" For further information, call Ben Davis, Project Manager at (949) 644-3317

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No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 22, 2 2023, at 4:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:
Housing Element Implementation, Noise-Related Noise Amendments - Notice of Intent to Override the Airport

Land Use Commission's Potential Determination of Inconsistency - Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 21676(b), the City Council will consider the adoption of a resolution notifying the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission and the California Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics of their intention to override a potential determination of inconsistency made by the Airport Land Use Commission with respect to a proposed amendment to the Noise and Land Use Elements of the Newport Beach General Plan, Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code, the Newport Place Planned Community Development Plan (PČ-11), and the Newport Airport Village Planned Community Development Plan (PC-60) ("Amendments"). The Amendments seek the following:

Adopting updated noise contours (Noise Element Figures N4 and N5) to reflect the noise contours iden-tified by the 2014 John Wayne Airport Settlement Agreement Amendment Environmental Impact Report No. 617 (EIR No. 617);

Updating Land Use and Noise Element Policies, Land Use Element Figures LU11, LU22, and LU23, Title 20, PC-11, and PC-60 to modify and incorporate the updated noise contours identified by EIR No. 617 and to implement additional noise attenuation measures for future housing units proximate to John Wayne

Allowing residential units identified by the certified 2021-2029 Sixth Cycle Newport Beach General Plan Housing Element to be located within the 65 dBA CNEL noise contour area as identified in the updated noise contour maps identified by

EIR No. 617. Parcels bisected by the updated 65 dBA CNEL noise contour could support future housing; whereas parcels located wholly within the updated 65 dBA CNEL noise contour could support housing, if deemed necessary to satisfy the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) mandate. endments may be inconsistent with the 2008 John Wayne Airport Environs Land Use Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council finds that this resolution is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reason-ably 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 because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on August 3, 2023, by a vote of 4 aves and 3 recused, the Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach recommended that the City Council approve the Amendments.

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

spondence 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 (Appeals). The request may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Prior to the public hearing the agenda, staff report, and documents may be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application

For questions regarding details of the project please contact Rosalinh Ung, Principal Planner, at 949-644-3208 Activity No.: General Plan Land Use Amendment, General Plan Noise Element Amendment, Title 20 Planning & Zoning Code Amendment, Newport Project File No.: PA2022-0201

Place Planned Community Amendment, & Newport Airport Village Planned Community Amendment Location: Various sites in the Newport Beach Airport Area Applicant: City of Newport Beach /s/ Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

## Former O.C. coach faces 150 years to life for sexually abusing 4 players

#### BY SARA CARDINE

A former Orange County basketball coach is facing a maximum sentence of 150 years to life in prison after being convicted of sexually assaulting four young girls he coached, ranging in age from 11 to 17 years old.

Carlos Francisco Juarez, 48, of Costa Mesa was found guilty of 10 felony counts of committing a lewd act upon a child under 14, seven felony counts of lewd acts upon a child, two counts sexual penetration by foreign object of a minor and one count of oral copulation on a minor under 16 by a jury verdict on July 18, court records indicate.

The charges stemmed from multiple incidents that occurred between 2005 and 2008, according

to court records, although charges were not filed until April 2019, after four people came forward with reports of the abuse.

Juarez was arrested outside his home in Costa Mesa on April 11 of that year by Irvine police who alleged he "groomed the victims from a young age, with the incidents beginning years after his first contact with them."

A coach primarily for club teams, including the O.C. Mustangs Basketball Club, Juarez also worked for Costa Mesa, Mater Dei, Tustin and Aliso Niguel high schools and offered private one-on-one lessons. He is believed to have coached each of the four victims at some point between 2005 and 2010, according to a release issued by county prosecutors following his conviction.

In one incident, an 11year-old girl who took private lessons from him at a gym in Tustin, claimed he had her practice topless, after unsuccessfully attempting to have her remove all her clothes, the release stated. Later, after sexually assaulting the girl, Juarez reportedly gave her an envelope containan unspecified amount of cash.

The former coach was also convicted of assaulting three more players — a 13-year-old girl whose home he moved into and who he abused over a fouryear period, a 14-year-old he coached in private lessons in 2008 and a 13year-old he forced to perform a sex act in exchange

for the promise of making

her a starting player, prosecutors reported.

Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer said in a statement coaches are entrusted to help student athletes be the best in their respective sports, not to groom or exploit young

"These young women will forever bear the trauma of being sexually assaulted by someone they should have been able to trust," he said. "He robbed these young girls of their innocence, and he victimized girl after girl until he finally got caught."

Although Juarez was initially due to appear before a judge for sentencing Wednesday, the hearing was continued to Sept. 6.

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## Suspect arrested in connection with fatal traffic collision

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

A Costa Mesa man has been arrested on suspicion of murder in connection to a fatal traffic collision earlier this year in Fountain Valley.

Fountain Valley police said they responded to reports of a traffic collision at around 4:52 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the intersection of Euclid Street and Slater Avenue. Authorities said a white 2022 Toyota Camry was traveling northbound on Euclid Street when it collided with a 2008 Dodge Caravan that was turning left from southbound Euclid onto eastbound Slater.

The driver of the Caravan was pronounced dead at the scene and identified as 54-year-old Thomas Leppin

of Garden Grove.

Police said their investigation led to the suspicion that the driver of the Camry was driving under the influence. That driver was later identified as Kevin Cooper, 52. Cooper was arrested at his residence on Thursday, Aug. 10, on suspicion of murder.

According to jail records, Cooper is being held on a bail of \$1 million, and was expected to make his first appearance at an arraignment hearing in the Central Jail Court on Friday morning.

Witnesses to the accident are asked to reach out to FVPD's Traffic Bureau at (714) 593-4481.

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#### **CROWD**

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Academy Award-winning actor Morgan Freeman arrived as this year's honored guest.

"I've worked with Oceana and seen up close how effective they are," Freeman told the crowd. "I've seen how they are saving sharks and other ocean creatures and how they are winning policy victories for our seas. And right now, we need Oceana more than ever. This old sailor would like to thank and honor all the ocean heroes in this room for being so helpful to save my second home. Our oceans need each and every one of us."

The Hollywood connection is a significant draw bringing attention to the Oceana Mission. Joining Freeman pressing the flesh, promoting significant donations and goodwill were Reese Witherspoon, Oscar Nuñez, Ursela Whittaker, Christina Ochoa and Sally



Ryan Miller

**THE EVENT** concluded with a private concert by Third Eye Blind, who performed hits including "Semi-Charmed Life" and "How's It Going to Be."

Pressman. Also in from L.A. were **Andrew Spencer**, Nick Viall, Paul Scheer and

Ava Elizabeth Phillippe. Joining Freeman on the celebrity stage was another honored guest, Paul Naudé. He serves as president of the Surf Industry Members Assn. and the CEO of Vissla. Naudé's appearance and recognition as an Ocean Champion came with support from screenwriter, producer and performer June Diane Raphael.

"Oceana is the largest international advocacy organization dedicated solely to ocean conservation. Oceana is rebuilding abundant and biodiverse oceans by winning sciencebased policies in countries that control one-quarter of the world's wild fish catch. Oceana claims more than 275 victories that stop overfishing, habitat destruction, oil and plastic pollution, and the killing of threatened species like turtles, whales and sharks," reports Oceana rep Anna Baxter. "Oceana's campaigns are delivering results. A restored ocean means that one billion people can enjoy a healthy seafood meal, every day, forever. Together, we can save the oceans and help feed the world.'

to the overall success. The greater O.C. coastal donor



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SEACHANGE SUMMER Party co-chairs Elizabeth Wahler and Karen Cahill tell the more than 400 guests how grateful they are for their continued support, noting that it helps bring back the ocean's bounty for future generations.



**OCEANA BOARD** member Beto Bedolfe congratulates president and CEO of the Surf Industry Members Assn. Vissla Paul Naudé, who was recognized as Ocean Champion.

base includes advocates that have been there for Oceana over years. In that fraternity are **Donnie** Crevier and Laurie Kraus, Robert and Britt Mever. Carl and Janet Nolet, Louis and Laura Rohl, Valarie Van Cleve and Uwe Waizenegger, and Elizabeth Wahler and her mother, Valaree Wahler.

sor this season.

Oceana CEO Andrew Sharpless joined Witherspoon congratulating the gathering for their enthusiasm and deep love of saving the ocean for generations to follow. The crowd rose in applause, and the evening on the coast was capped by a performance from Third Eve Blind.

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Bay Window, the official publication of the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.

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#### Also front and center were Tim and Jean Weiss, Gena Oceana, visit oceana.org. Reed, Steve and Laurie **B.W. COOK** is editor of the Duncan and Michael and Patricia Berns, joining major corporate sponsors such as South Coast Plaza, Chanel, Loro Piana, Ketel One Vodka, Northern Trust, **BMW** and Orange County BMW Center among many more, with a special note of Local support is also key support from Blancpain, presenting corporate spon-Licensed & Bonded

#### THE DAILY COMMUTER **PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

#### **ACROSS**

1 Toast topper 4 Radiant 9 Send a parcel 13 "\_ But the Brave"; Sinatra film 14 Herd of cattle 15 Intl. military alliance 16 Crooked 17 Remorse 19 Actress Larter 20 Soda buy 21 Correct 22 Israel's main seaport discovery 25 Faucet 27 Pursuits 30 Steve or Tim

24 Jed Clampett's 31 Shop window sign info 33 Big pig 35 Main role 36 Plato & others 37 Subway sandwich 38 Get full 39 \_ up; amassed 40 Special talent 41 \_ agent; spy 43 Affectionate gesture 44 \_ the blues;

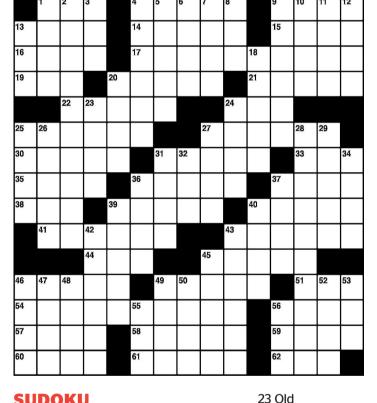
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**DOWN** 1 Pianist/singer Billy



#### **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 A2.

2 Wipe out 3 "As I was going to St. Ives, I \_" 4 Floating aimlessly 5 Actress Garbo 6 Easy gait 7 Done 8 Actress Ming-Na 9 Animals with

shells 10 \_ out together; socialize 11 Reason to use Cortaid 12 Wordsworth or Poe 13 Org. for Suns & Spurs 18 Puts forth effort

20 Large feline

26 Urgent requests 271 of 4 who share a birthday 28 From that time on 29 All \_; many kinds 31 Sentry's cry 32 Bill denomination 34 Leaves 36 Croaked 37 "Dinah, won't you blow your \_?" 39 Large shrimp 40 Snake's tooth 42 Actress Ladd 43 Middle **45** Speediness 46 Partially open 47 "\_ but not forgotten" 48 Wearing nothing 49 Family reunion group 50 Lean to one side 52 Pastures 53 Hooter 55 Holy wonder

24 Yours and mine

25 Black Friday

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