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County fair CEO Michele Richards to retire in spring

A replacement will be installed before the 2025 O.C. Fair in July. Richards will be leaving to care for her mother.

BY SARA CARDINE

Officials with the Orange County Fair & Event Center — organizers of the annual O.C. Fair — announced Tuesday General Manager and CEO Michele Richards will retire this spring after more than 20 years of working with the organization.

Although no date has yet been set for her tenure to end, Richards confirmed her replacement is likely to be installed by the time next year's fair begins in July.

"It will be sometime in May, definitely before the fair," Richards said Tuesday. "It's actually a really good time, because everything will have been set by then."

The 65-year-old Laguna Niguel resident plans to return to her home state of Georgia for family reasons and to care for her aging mother. She said the prospect of leaving behind the fairgrounds and the people who work there is especially difficult.

"I just have to focus on where

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MEMBERS OF the world champion Ocean View Little League team during a homecoming celebration at their field in 2011.

H.B. Sports Hall of Fame set to induct its first class



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

PETER "PT" TOWNEND, former world surfing champion shown in 2022, is an inductee into the Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame.

Five local personalities and the members of the 2011 Ocean View Little League team make up the inaugural class.

BY MATT SZABO

A long list of athletes, coaches, sports media members and others have made their mark in Huntington Beach over the years.

For all of that talent, Surf City hasn't really had a place for them to be collectively enshrined.

Until now.

The newly created Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame will induct its first class on Sunday afternoon at the Huntington Club.

The inaugural class includes Hall of Fame football tight end and Huntington Beach High graduate Tony Gonzalez, as well as Ed Arnold, longtime broadcaster at KTLA and KOCE at Golden West College. Huntington Beach resident and former

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ALTADENA'S EATON FIRE, shown above in a photo shot Jan. 21, and the Palisades fire destroyed more than 16,000 structures, causing a massive displacement of Los Angeles County residents.

Plan to lift short-term rental ban for L.A. fire refugees extinguished

BY SARA CARDINE

A recommendation to assist L.A. County wildfire victims by suspending Costa Mesa's short-term rental ban — allowing property owners to shelter refugees unable to return to their homes — was thwarted this week by residents with their own concerns.

Mayor John Stephens in a special council meeting Tuesday floated the idea of lifting a citywide ban on posting properties and guest houses on platforms like Vrbo and Airbnb to offer housing options for victims of the Palisades and Eaton fires entering a crowded rental

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Whale that washed up in Surf City suffered blunt-force trauma

BY ERIC LICAS

A collision with an ocean vessel may have been what killed a humpback whale that washed ashore in Huntington Beach last week, according to officials with the Pacific Marine Mammal Center.

The body of the 26-foot long, 2-

to 3-year-old female was initially spotted at the site of a blue mussel farm in federal waters off the coast of Huntington Beach on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 23, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Spokesman Nick Rahaim said in a statement. It was pushed off of aquaculture equipment and eventually drifted onto

the sand Saturday morning.

Biologists with NOAA's West Coast stranding Network, Laguna Beach-based Pacific Marine Mammal Center and the Ocean Animal Response and Research Alliance in Los Angeles examined the whale. They found significant

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A HUMPBACK WHALE that washed ashore in Huntington Beach last week was likely hit by an ocean vessel.

Courtesy of the Pacific Marine Mammal Center and the Ocean Animal Response and Research Alliance



File Photo

MICHELE RICHARDS, OC Fair & Event Center CEO, speaks during a 2022 news conference at the Costa Mesa fairgrounds. The Laguna Niguel resident Tuesday announced her plan to retire this spring.

RETIRE

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I'm going, as opposed to where I'm leaving, because it's hard to think about the place I'm leaving and the people I have loved for so many years," said Richards, who informed the center's board of directors of her imminent departure last fall, and looped in fair-ground employees earlier this month. "It's natural when a leader leaves, people wonder what's next. [But] I keep telling people this place is great because of them, because of what they do and what they create, and that won't change." OC Fair & Event Center

Board Chair Nick Kovacevich said Tuesday Richards will leave an "unforgettable mark" on the center for her years of leadership, resilience and innovation. "Under her guidance, OCFEC has not only weathered storms but has emerged stronger, with a business model focused on sustainability, community satisfaction and safety," he said in a statement. "Her vision, dedication and heartfelt service have been the bedrock of our success." Appointed in 2019 to helm the organization, which functions as California's 32nd District Agricultural Assn., Richards formerly served as vice president of business development for seven years

and, before that, worked as a consultant at the Costa Mesa fairgrounds since 2002. She replaced Kathy Kramer, who left for a similar position at the Central Washington Fair Assn. and was terminated by OCFEC's board in what officials then described as a personnel matter. Months after her official promotion in December 2019, Richards steered the organization through the cancellation of the 2020 Orange County Fair, a precaution that cost millions in lost revenue, and retooling the campus into a site for drive-thru COVID-19 tests and, later, a venue for vaccines.



A HEALTH WORKER passes out a COVID-19 test at a drive-through testing site at the O.C. fairgrounds in 2020. File Photo

In 2022, Richards was named a "Woman of the Year" for California's 37th state Senate District by Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine), in part due to her leadership during the pandemic. On Tuesday, she recalled the reopening of the fair in 2021, in a post-pandemic capacity with distancing and limited daily attendance — one of her happiest memories at the fairgrounds. "Getting to open that main gate on opening day of the 2021 fair, after a year of struggling and not having the fair in 2020, was a real pivotal moment for me," she recalled. Although Richards plans to help advise the OC Fair & Event Center's board of directors on some of the skills and qualities of a replacement, she will have no say in selecting her successor. Aside from the pandemic, the chief executive counted developing a master site plan and a five-year strategic plan for the facility, along with the expansion of community programs, among the most important assignments undertaken during her tenure. However, implementing those sweeping plans — including a \$30-million expansion of the site's administration building and the reconfiguration of the fairgrounds' 7.5-acre Equestrian Center into a more pub-

lic-facing community programming concept, the Ranch Community Center, has not been without its challenges. After a group of longtime equestrian boarders refused to sign onto new rental agreements, and the rent hikes therein, Richards spearheaded an ultimatum that led to a mass exodus of tenants at the end of the year. As of Tuesday, only seven boarders representing six horses remained housed at the Costa Mesa site, which under the new Ranch concept, carves out accommodations for as many as 60 horses. Meanwhile, a lawsuit filed against OCFEC by a group of equestrians, alleging unfair practices by Richards and board members, remains ongoing. Still, Richards remains hopeful about the progress started on her watch, primarily because of what she called an amazing team of about 250 full- and part-time employees who will carry on after her departure. "They're the best human beings I have ever worked with, and their commitment to this organization makes my job easier," she said. "They just need to keep going."

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CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California and virtual locations on **Monday, February 10, 2025** at 6:00 PM, or soon thereafter, to consider the following item:
Description: Conditional Use Permit 24-0009 requests approval to amend conditions for a previously approved Conditional Use Permit (PA-17-15) for a dog daycare and boarding facility with grooming services. The applicant is requesting modifications of previous approval to increase capacity of animals for daycare and reduce the required ratio of employees to dogs.
Applicant/Agent: David See / Westside Equities LLC
Site Address: 776 W 17th St
Zone: General Industrial (MG)
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Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.
Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Members of the public may submit comments via email to PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov. Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing via email or submitted to the Planning Department on a flash drive, or mailed to the Planning Department. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted. A direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov, or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID GOREN

Case No. 30-2024-01440150-PR-PW-CMC
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID GOREN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Pamela Weinstein in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Pamela Weinstein be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 2, 2025 at 1:30 PM in Dept. No. CM08 located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA CA 92626. **The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at the Superior Court of California - County of Orange (courts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.**

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Laguna clinches Pacific Hills League crown

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach girls' basketball is already having one of the best seasons in program history, and that can be said without factoring in any potential post-season run.

The Breakers were in position to claim their second outright league title — and third overall — heading into senior night.

Second-year coach Rus Soobzokov, who endured a 21-loss season in his initial year at the helm, found the turnaround to be reason to celebrate. So much so that he indicated to his team during the week's practices that they would cut down the nets if they finished the job.

Senior guard Kate Cheng had 16 points to pace Laguna Beach, which beat Irvine 53-31 to clinch the Pacific Hills League title on its home floor on Wednesday evening.

"They all bought into a new system of playing, defensively, offensive philosophies," said Soobzokov, who succeeded Mathew Tietz as the head coach. "They bought into it, worked hard the last two years, and this is what happens as a result of kids buying in, playing well together."

Laguna Beach (18-9, 5-0 in the Pacific Hills League) won its first league title since sharing the Orange Coast League championship with Estancia in 2016. The Breakers finished atop the Pacific Coast League in 2005.

Cheng was also part of the two winningest teams in program history. Laguna Beach went 21-13 in her freshman season, when she shared the court with her sister, Anna. The Breakers advanced to the CIF Southern Section Division 5AA semifinals. The following year, Laguna Beach went 23-11 and again reached the



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

LAGUNA BEACH'S Kate Cheng (34) makes an inside move as she drives to the basket against Irvine in a Pacific Hills League game on Wednesday.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

FIONA MCCORMICK (13) of Laguna Beach takes a hard foul as she looks to make a pass against Irvine.

CIF semifinals, this time in Division 4A.

Sophie Marriner was the star forward of both of those teams, but neither won a league championship while competing as a member of the Sunset Conference's Wave League.

"I also think it was interesting that we cut down the net because it is usually CIF," said Cheng, holding a piece of the nylon in her hand after the celebration. "Everyone's hill [to climb] is relative, and I think how [Soobzokov] has been coaching us, it's a big win for him, too, as it is for us.

It's just symbolic of how we play together."

Cheng added five rebounds, four steals and four assists, although she had plenty of help with several teammates contributing across the board.

Freshman forward Fiona McCormick had 13 points, 12 rebounds, three steals, two assists and two blocked shots. Senior guard Alicia Mendoza had six points, three rebounds, three steals and two assists. Junior forward Lilly Alvarado had four points, 10 rebounds and four assists.

"I like to think that I do a



Andrew Turner

LAGUNA BEACH coach Rus Soobzokov cuts down the net in celebration of the Breakers winning the Pacific Hills League championship on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025.

little bit of everything, and I help the team in every way," McCormick said. "There's not just one thing I'm focused on. I help everyone around me in defense and offense."

McCormick added that she felt team chemistry had

developed through time spent together since the summer.

Sophomores Iliana Reider (five points) and Lake-lynn Welch (nine points) combined for six additional steals for the Breakers on defense.

The CIF Southern Section will release its girls' basketball playoff pairings on Feb. 8. As Laguna Beach prepares for the postseason, Cheng said she wants to "have fun" while con-

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Police seize substances, make arrests at Laguna smoke shop

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach police seized several illegal substances and made multiple arrests of those alleged to have been involved in the sale of illegal drugs on Monday at Cinder Box Smoke Shop, local law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Authorities executed a search warrant at the local smoke shop, located at 640 South Coast Highway, after opening an investigation following a citizen complaint earlier this month.

The complaint led to an investigation of suspected illegal sales of psilocybin mushrooms — more commonly known as “magic mushrooms” — and cannabis at the store, police said. A newly established special enforcement team carried out the investiga-

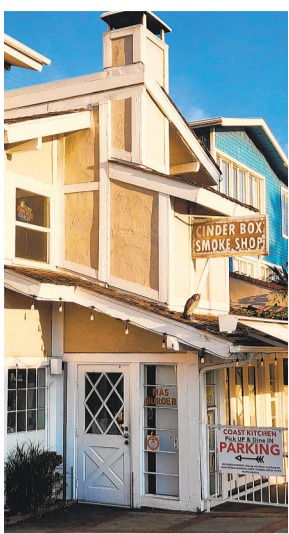
tion and that unit, along with Laguna Beach police detectives were active in Monday’s operation.

Authorities seized approximately 3.8 pounds of cannabis products, including loose marijuana buds, THC concentrate and edibles, police said. Officers also recovered about half a pound of psilocybin mushrooms products, including candy and chocolate bars.

It was not clear how many suspects were detained, but authorities said charges related to the illegal sale of controlled substances were pending. An investigation remained ongoing, police said.

Anyone with additional information can contact Lt. Jesse Schmidt at (949) 464-6653.

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Andrew Turner

AUTHORITIES EXECUTED a search warrant at Cinder Box Smoke Shop on South Coast Highway in Laguna Beach on Wednesday while investigating a citizen’s complaint.

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pro basketball player Ann Meyers Drysdale, former world surfing champion Peter “PT” Townend, longtime Golden West College women’s volleyball coach Albert Gasparian and members of the 2011 Ocean View Little League team that won the Little League World Series will also be enshrined.

“I think it’s a really good class,” said Ryan Broccolo, a Huntington Beach native and sports marketing professional who is on the Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors. “We’re excited. I think it’s a good representation of the city in multiple sports.”

The Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame has been a passion project for Dave Garofolo, the Hall of Fame’s executive director

and former mayor of Huntington Beach.

He said he started building the Hall of Fame in 2023, when Tony Strickland was mayor. Strickland, a former college basketball player, is also part of the board that selected the class, along with legendary swim coach Mark Schubert and acting Golden West College Athletic Director Tim Bremen.

Garofolo said he wanted the Hall of Fame to include more than just players, and he worked with an advisory committee including Huntington Beach Union High School District athletic directors to create a list of 200 candidates.

“We’re also including deserving coaches, media,” Garofolo said. “A team is hard to do because of the cost of the awards, but we’ll always honor a team as excep-

tional as the 2011 Ocean View team.”

Garofolo said he hopes to hang the Huntington Beach Sports Hall of Fame plaques in the Central Library, with a new class being inducted each year.

Former Los Angeles Dodgers infielder and recent U.S. Senate candidate Steve Garvey will serve as the event’s emcee, along with his daughter, Olivia Garvey, a sports anchor at NBC 4.

Limited tickets are available for Sunday’s ceremony at the Huntington Club, which runs from 2 to 4 p.m., and the reservation deadline is Friday at noon. A \$60 donation per person is requested.

For reservations and information, email HB-News1@aol.com or call (714) 914-9797.

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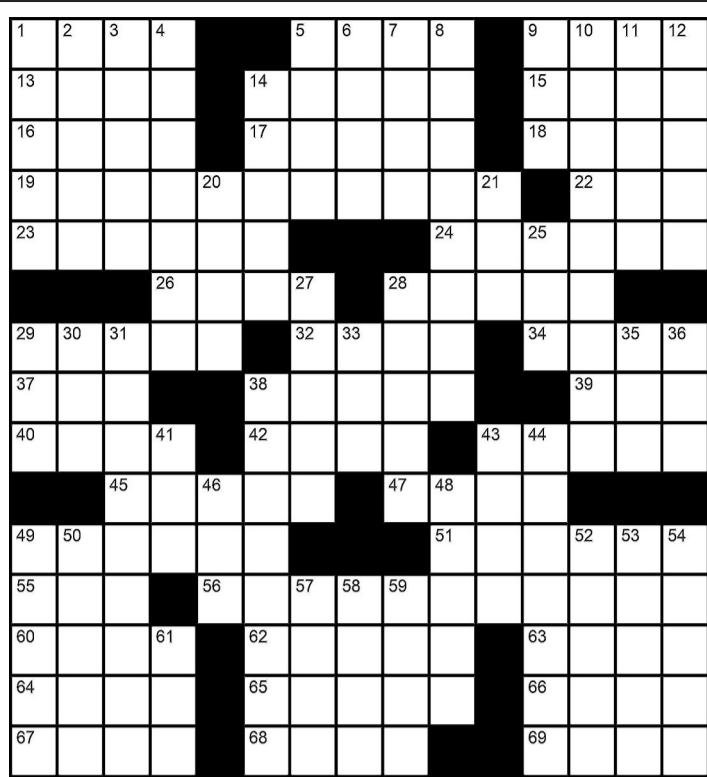
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Expo
- 5 Ticket part
- 9 Numbered musical work
- 13 Hair pests
- 14 Big artery
- 15 Estimating words: 2 wds.
- 16 Draws upon
- 17 Ballet bends
- 18 60 minutes
- 19 Seasoning paired with salt: 2 wds.
- 22 Wrestling surface
- 23 “_ Healing” (Marvin Gaye hit)
- 24 Runway walkers
- 26 Height: Abbr.
- 28 Fiend
- 29 Mental error
- 32 Biblical garden
- 34 Dances like Gene Kelly
- 37 Critic in “Ratatouille”
- 38 IRS worker
- 39 Perish
- 40 Tater _ (side dish)
- 42 “Will you allow me?": 2 wds.
- 43 Part of a movie
- 45 Pie nut
- 47 Flaky mineral
- 49 The Marcellus’ genre
- 51 Call off
- 55 Australian bird
- 56 Of practical importance
- 60 Long-lasting hairstyle
- 62 Part of a jacket
- 63 City in Yemen
- 64 Shrek, e.g.
- 65 Inhumane
- 66 Take care of
- 67 Dog part that wags
- 68 Betting quotes
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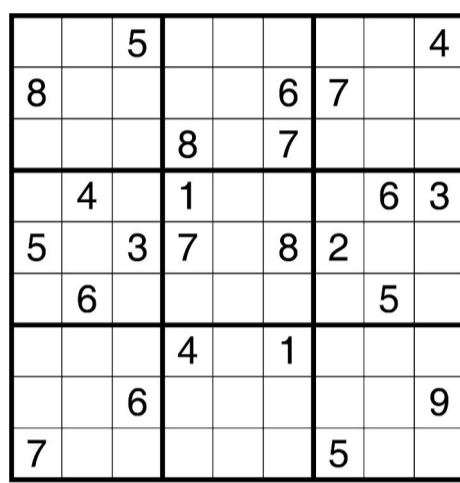
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- 31 Sachet filler
- 33 Lion’s home
- 35 Wrestling win
- 36 Notice
- 38 Pacific-coast Mexico city
- 41 Use needle and thread
- 43 Look over
- 44 Bach choral work
- 46 Trig function: Abbr.
- 48 Poker challenge: 2 wds.
- 49 Train station
- 50 Last Greek letter
- 52 Autumn drink
- 53 Phenomenon
- 54 Loans
- 57 Poet of old
- 58 Potato, slangily
- 59 Golf ball supports
- 61 Blanc or Ott



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.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A2.

- 1 Minor errors
- 2 Plane pathway floor
- 3 Mountaineer’s tool: 2 wds.
- 4 Saves
- 5 Shoe bottom
- 6 Journey
- 7 Lone Star State school: Abbr.
- 8 Underground
- 9 _ and aah
- 10 Waterfront walkway
- 11 Customary
- 12 Types
- 14 Tim Cook’s company

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GIRLS' WATER POLO

Newport Harbor tops rival CdM as playoffs loom

BY MATT SZABO

Players from the Corona del Mar and Newport Harbor girls' water polo teams took to social media for some good-natured ribbing prior to Tuesday night's Battle of the Bay match.

First, CdM senior Macey Grimmond made an Instagram reel where she interviewed some of her teammates about just what exactly they were going to do to the Sailors. In response, Newport Harbor senior Gigi Rimlinger and junior Shay Nussbalm did the same.

"There was a lot of tension between the two schools on social media and stuff," Newport Harbor senior Sutton Harrington said. "Everyone was really excited."

The Sunset League title was up for grabs in the teams' first meeting of the season. CdM made it a competitive match, but in the end Newport Harbor was just a bit too relentless.

The Sailors pulled away at CdM, earning a 13-6 victory and the outright league title in the last regular season match for both programs.

Sophomore Valery Verdugo scored a match-high four goals for Newport Harbor (21-5, 6-0 in league). Fellow sophomore Gabby



Matt Szabo

SENIORS SUTTON HARRINGTON and Lydia Soderberg helped the Newport Harbor girls' water polo team beat rival Corona del Mar on Tuesday.

Alexson also had a strong match with three goals, along with three exclusions drawn and one penalty shot.

Senior center Reagan Weir netted a team-best four goals for CdM (19-7, 5-1).

The deep Sailors, who have been making six-for-six substitutions this year,

left the first line in a bit longer than usual on Tuesday. Seniors Caitlin Stayt, Harper Price and Rimlinger all scored in an early blitz that gave Newport Harbor a 3-0 advantage.

"We're a very momentum-focused team," said Sailors senior goalkeeper Lydia Soderberg, who made eight saves and added three

steals. "If we're starting with all of these goals, we don't want to get comfortable. We want to keep going and pushing, but starting with three goals, it just jump-started our drive and was great for our offense."

CdM coach Marc Hunt got a goal from freshman Keira Bethell out of the ensuing timeout on a nice

dish from senior Didi Evans, then Weir scored on the power play as the Sea Kings pulled back within a goal.

The hosts kept battling. Weir added another six-on-five goal, a redirect assisted by Piper Sidebotham, to pull CdM back within a goal at 5-4 early in the third quarter.

But Newport Harbor responded with three straight goals — by Verdugo, Mulvey — to take an 8-4 lead.

"I think all of us competed so well against them," Weir said. "We've struggled with that in the season, momentum shifts. We'll have a really good thing happen or a really good opportunity, and something doesn't go our way, and it just falls from there. But I think we did a good job of picking ourselves back up. We did our best that we could have. I think everyone just got tired, honestly."

Price scored twice for the Sailors, with sophomore Madison Mack adding a goal. Freshman Addison Ting dished out three assists.

Evans added the other goal for the Sea Kings, who got five saves from senior goalkeeper Gabby MacAfee. Both teams will now pre-

pare for the CIF Southern Section playoffs, with brackets being released Friday. Newport Harbor, which placed top three in each of its major in-season tournaments, could be joined by CdM in the eight-team Open Division.

The Open Division has moved to a pool-play format for the first time in girls' water polo, with initial games on Feb. 5. The winner of each four-team pool earns a spot in the semifinals, scheduled for Feb. 19, while second and third place in each pool crossover to compete for a semifinal appearance.

Both teams will get about a week to prepare for their postseason push. Last year, Newport Harbor made the Open Division semifinals before losing a tough match against eventual champion Orange Lutheran, while Corona del Mar won the Division 1 title.

"The month of January, it's a lot," Sailors coach Ross Sinclair said. "We get some time to kind of focus on ourselves, not other teams. It'll be good. We're going to do everything we can to put ourselves in a position to have success."

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tinuing to grow as a team.

"What I would pass down to them is I want to get better every game," Cheng said. "If there's a certain play, and there's a look that we want to make, and I didn't [execute] the play before, I want to try to fix it and do better the next time. I think that's what we want to get out of CIF because these girls are going to be playing for the next couple of years, and the experience is amazing."

Senior guard Lauren Lai had eight points, nine rebounds, four steals and two assists to lead Irvine (13-10, 3-2), which is in second place in the league.

Sage Hill 63, Rosary 37: The Lightning captured the Pacific Coast League championship with Wednesday's victory at home.

Sage Hill (18-7, 7-0) is riding a 10-game winning streak with a chance to run the table in league play when it hosts St. Margaret's on Feb. 4.

Corona del Mar 35, Los Alamitos 29: Kayli Honig had 13 points and nine re-

bounds to lead the Sea Kings to a road upset of the first-place Griffins on Wednesday in a Sunset League game.

Sienna Knodegah made four three-pointers to account for her 12 points. Lark Walz also provided five important points in the fourth quarter.

Corona del Mar coach Brason Alexander said Mackenzie Kish played her first full game in returning from an ACL injury, supplying key defensive contributions.

The Sea Kings improved to 15-10 overall and 7-3 in

league, tied with Fountain Valley (15-8, 7-3) and Marina (16-10, 7-3) for second place. Los Alamitos (18-7, 8-2) has a one-game lead over the chase pack.

Marina 55, Huntington Beach 42: Rylee Bradley scored 30 points to lead the visiting Vikings past the Oilers on Wednesday in a Sunset League game.

Emily Hoang scored a dozen points, and Taylor Savage added 11 points for Huntington Beach (15-11, 5-6).

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LAGUNA BEACH'S Alicia Mendoza (0) makes a layup after a steal during a Pacific Hills League basketball game against Irvine on Wednesday.

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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 **TimesOC newsletter** 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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N-1 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that electronic bids will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT CABLING IMPROVEMENTS**, together with appurtenances thereto.

N-2 **PRE-BID MEETING:** A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Attendees shall meet at the **Police Department (505 Forest Avenue) in Laguna Beach, CA**. Certifications required per General Provisions – Section 5.8 Contractor's Licenses. Copies of certifications must be submitted with the bid submittal. Failure to attend and supply copies of certifications will result in bid being declared non-responsive.

N-3 **DATE OF OPENING BIDS:** Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-3, B-6 through B-15) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system no later than **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025**. No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.

N-4 **DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK:** In general, the work comprises of furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, labor, and incidentals to improve network performance and reliability by upgrading the data cabling at the Police Department in the City of Laguna Beach.

N-5 **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** (a) The City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, as it best serves the interest of the City. (b) The successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

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N-8 **WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS:** In accordance with provisions of Sections 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations are available on the Internet at the World Wide Web site of the State Department of Industrial Relations at www.dir.ca.gov under Statistics and Research. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

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N-12 **ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST:** The estimate of probable cost is \$315,000.

N-13 **PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE:** All communications relating to this project shall be directed to **Ulises Escalona, Senior Project Manager** at uescalona@lagunabeachcity.net. Deadline for all inquiries is **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2025**.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Design Review Board / Board of Adjustment Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM

The **CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH** will hold a public hearing on the request below. You may participate in-person at City Hall. Case No. Design Review 24-1159, Variance 24-2622 Address: 32002 Sunset Avenue | APN: 056-144-04 Applicant: Vince DiBiasi, Architect (949) 378-3895, vincent@vpdarch.com Property Owner: Michael McVicker Application Filing Date: January 13, 2025 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests design review for an upper-level addition to an existing single-family dwelling in the VC (Village Community) zone. Design review is required for the upper-level addition (441 square feet), elevated deck (116 square feet), new exterior facade, new doors and windows, retaining walls, hardscape, grading and landscaping. A variance is requested to not provide two covered parking spaces (LBMC 25.52.012(C)) and to provide one uncovered parking space in the front yard (LBMC 25.10.08(E)(2)(a)). The existing nonconforming site conditions include encroachment into the side setback area (LBMC 25.43.07(D)(3)(c)) and deficiency in off-street parking (LBMC 25.52.012(G)). COASTAL ZONE: This project is located in the Coastal Zone. This project is located within the excludable area and does not require a Coastal Development Permit. CEQA: Staff recommends the Design Review Board determine that the proposed project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15301 - Existing Facilities, in that the project consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. MORE INFORMATION: The property is required to be staked with story poles at least 21 calendar days prior to the hearing. The agenda packet will be available on the City's website at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing (<https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here/city-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes>) and at the Community Development Department public center during the following hours: Monday - Thursday: 7:30am - 3:00pm and 7:30am - 12:00pm alternating Fridays (closed alternating Fridays). Pursuant to Laguna Beach Municipal Code Sections 12.14.04(D) and 12.16.080(e), landscaping previously approved through the design review process with established height limits shall be exempt from all future hedge height, view preservation, and view restoration claims by neighboring property owners. HOW TO COMMENT: For additional information, contact City staff: Daniel Latham, Associate Planner at dlatham@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 464-8612. Comments may be made during the Public Hearing. In order to allow sufficient time for staff to review and consider your written comments, written comments will be accepted for consideration up until the close of business (i.e., 5:30 p.m.) on the business day before the Public Hearing is scheduled. You may invite the Board Members to view the proposed project from your property prior to the meeting. Please complete a site visit request by visiting the link below: <https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/boards-commissions-committees/design-review-board>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in a meeting may request such modification or accommodation from the Planning Division at (949) 497-0713. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if you challenge this application in court, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised in the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the public agency prior to, or at, the public hearing.

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OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF COSTA MESA ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCE UPDATE (PCY-24-0002)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following item:
COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13-35 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) AMENDMENT to update the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions. The purpose of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is to comply with recent changes in State ADU Laws and to clarify certain existing local ADU provisions. The Planning Commission will consider the proposed amendments and make a recommendation to the City Council.
Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(h), in that the adoption of an ordinance regarding second units in a single-family or multifamily zone by a city or county to implement the provisions of Sections 65852.1, 65852.150 and 65852.2 is exempt from the requirements of CEQA. In addition, the proposed ordinance amendment is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that the minor updates to the City's ADU provisions will not have a significant impact on the environment.
The Public Hearing will be held as follows:
DATE: Monday, February 24, 2025
HEARING TIME & LOCATION: 6:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter, City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA; and virtual locations

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



Courtesy of the Pacific Marine Mammal Center and the Ocean Animal Response and Research Alliance

BIOLOGISTS EXAMINE the body of a humpback whale that washed ashore in Huntington Beach Saturday.

WHALE

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blunt-force trauma on the right side of her head that suggests she might have been hit by a boat.

Humpback whales are known for leaping from the water and crashing down on their bellies. They are found in all of the world's oceans and are known to migrate great distances. Crashes with boats are one of the major causes of death for humpback and many other species of whales, Pacific Marine Mammal Center officials said in a statement. Others, like entanglement in fishing equipment and pollution, are also related to human activities.

Their population dwindled by as much as 95% of historically recorded figures before a moratorium on commercial whaling went into place in 1985. That as well as their addition to the endangered species list in the 1970s have been pivotal in a steady recovery in their numbers over the decades. It's typically rare for whales to become stranded

on dry land, but at least one other has been reported in California so far this year. The body of a gray whale appeared on Oso Flaco Beach in San Luis Obispo County on Jan. 19. And a collision with a vessel may have been what killed a young fin whale that washed ashore on Ten Mile Beach in Mendocino County in September.

Elsewhere, as many as six whales — including three humpbacks — became stranded on the south shore of Massachusetts within a six-month period. And on the other side of the Atlantic, an entire pod of 77 pilot whales washed up on a beach in Orkney off the northeastern coast of Scotland, one of the largest mass strandings recorded in decades.

Biologists collected samples from the whale found in Huntington Beach before crews cleared it from the beach. Further analysis will be performed, and researchers plan on issuing a complete report at a later date.

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market. He suggested such a suspension might be limited to a period of 90 days up to six months and offered only to residents of ZIP Codes known to be affected by the Jan. 7 firestorms. "My intention is to do something out of a humanitarian heart for people who are hurting right now and need a short-term solution," Stephens said, explaining that refugees seeking longer term housing solutions might find them in Costa Mesa.

"I advocated for and I support the short-term rental ban," Stephens continued. "I just think in this situation desperate times call for desperate measures." Public commenters, however, expressed concerns that an easing of the 2021 citywide moratorium — which allows only shared-housing arrangements, in which owners also live on site, already in existence prior to the ban — would create more problems than solutions.

Flo Martin recalled historic problems with neighboring houses being rented out for loud and reckless weekend parties. Others said allowing homeowners to offer sites on a short-term basis would only deplete the inventory of long-term rentals, for both locals and for fire victims who could be displaced for several months. "We're concerned the resolution, as written, would incentivize landlords and hosts to mass convert

long-term units into short-term rentals," said Becca Ayala, a director for non-profit advocacy group Better Neighbors LA.

"Meanwhile, thousands of people displaced by the fires and needing shelter who need long-term rentals for their families to live in might find that housing turned into tourist lodging."

Council members largely agreed with speakers, especially after receiving confirmation from City Manager Lori-Ann Farrell Harrison that there have not been any known requests from organizations seeking hotel spaces or temporary housing for Palisades and Eaton fire refugees.

"I just feel like this issue is a lot more complicated than the ability to just lift [the moratorium] temporarily," said Councilwoman Andrea Marr.

Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds proposed not taking any action on the matter, saying discounts being offered by local hotels for fire victims, in addition to rentals available for longer than 30 days, already offer options for those displaced.

She further reminded the council Costa Mesa's ban on short-term rentals was partly inspired by a city-wide housing crisis.

"We were dealing with the negative impacts of some short-term rentals," Reynolds recalled. "But really the concern we talk about at almost every council meeting is the housing crisis in Costa Mesa and the challenge of people using existing housing stock for short-term business rentals. I think it's really important to continue that protection."

Ultimately, council members voted 5-2 to receive and file, taking no action on the item.

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