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A GROUP of runners pace up the bike path over a puddle near Goldenwest Street and Coast Highway during a break in the rain, but not the wind, in Huntington Beach on Tuesday. Between 1 and 2 inches of rain came down in Orange County as of Tuesday afternoon.

Storm passes in O.C., more rain expected this weekend

BY ERIC LICAS

The latest patch of storms to drench Southern California should run its course by Wednesday, allowing for a window of clear skies and warmer temperatures in the second half of the workweek before the chance of showers return Saturday.

Most of Orange County had received between 1 and 2 inches of rain as of 2 p.m. Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service. Monitoring equipment logged 0.86 inches of precipitation in Costa Mesa, 1.6 inches in Garden Grove and 2.28 inches at Carbon Canyon Dam. And over 4 inches came down in portions of the Santa Ana Mountains.

Even heavier showers were forecast later that evening, along with winds gusting at speeds of around 35 miles per hour near the coast and falling temperatures. By Wednesday night, lows may dip to 48 degrees in

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A PYLON on the Seal Beach Pier, seen Friday, was one of several washed away by last week's high surf. Forecasters expect rain to return to Orange County this weekend.

Courtesy of Seal Beach Police Department

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Woman loses appeal in case against H.B.

Shayna Lathus sued the city, alleging free speech violations after she was pulled from a volunteer board position in 2019.

BY MATT SZABO

The United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has dismissed the appeal of a Huntington Beach woman who sued the city after she was removed from a volunteer board position.

The appellate court's decision, filed on Thursday, ruled against Shayna Lathus, who had sued the city in April 2021 claiming her 1st Amendment free speech rights had been violated.

Lathus was removed from the Citizens Participation Advisory Board in 2019, following her attendance at a rally in support of immigrant rights in downtown Huntington Beach. Photos surfaced online of her standing next to people who were wearing black and believed to be Antifa activists.

In her lawsuit, Lathus sought unspecified damages, to be reinstated to the Citizens Participation Advisory Board and a declaration by the city.

A U.S. district court judge ruled against Lathus that October before her lead attorney, Costa Mesa-based Andrea Bird-Steiner, appealed.

Bird-Steiner said in an email Tuesday that she was evaluating Lathus' next steps.

"We are disappointed in the result, both on behalf of Ms. Lathus and on behalf of future city volunteers who may have to face the choice of serving their



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JOHN CONNOLLY, left, measures Hannah Krikorian's waist, as Kathy Hood takes down her information Friday during a casting call for Laguna Beach's Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters.

Volunteers sized up for the 90th Pageant of the Masters production

BY SARA CARDINE

Although Laguna Beach's Pageant of the Masters — an annual display of "living picture" recreations of famous art pieces brought to the stage — doesn't open until July, organizers are already fast at work planning this year's 90th celebration.

An open casting call held Friday through Sunday at the Festival of the Arts drew residents and art lovers from throughout

the region, each eager for a chance to sit, stand or pose in one of 40 famous works of art.

Although hundreds of hopefuls cast their lots to play a role in one of two 150-person casts required for the volunteer-run production, or to work behind the scenes as show runners and assistants, even more help will be needed to pull off this year's event, according to Pageant director Dee Challis Davy.

"We could use a couple hun-

dred more — we'd be very happy then," Challis Davy said Monday, noting the nonprofit organization relies on a core group of about 450 volunteers.

This year's theme "Art Colony: In the Company of Artists" was selected for the 90th anniversary to honor the deep connections of the Festival of the Arts and Pageant of the Masters to the early artists who settled in La-

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Newport Beach aims to replace floating docks at public piers

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach is looking to replace the floating docks at all 10 of its public piers, though seven of them will need to be considered by the city's Harbor Commission before staff can take the next step in planning the project.

At their meeting on Wednesday, the commission will consider approval of a harbor development permit to replace the existing floats at 15th Street, 19th Street, Coral Avenue, Fernando Street, Opal Avenue, Park Avenue and Washington Street, where the floats extend beyond the pier-

head line. The three other piers by M Street, Emerald Avenue and Sapphire Avenue are not impacted by this action.

City Council policy requires that the Harbor Commission hold a public hearing and have a staff report before approving any pier or float that extends bayward.

Public Works administrative manager Chris Miller said Tuesday the floats were last replaced in the early 2000s, though the floats along with the pier have been in their current configura-

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Person crossing street injured in C.M.

BY ERIC LICAS

A vehicle struck and seriously injured a pedestrian in Costa Mesa Monday evening, police said.

The crash happened at Irvine Avenue and 18th Street, Costa Mesa Police said in a bulletin at about 6 p.m. The pedestrian was crossing the street when they were hit, department spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said.

The individual was taken to a hospital and remained in "critical" condition Tuesday morning, Fyad said. The driver waited for officers to arrive and cooperated with police.

Investigators do not believe drugs or speed played a role in the collision. No arrests were made immediately following the crash.

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STORM

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Huntington and Newport Beach, 46 degrees in Laguna Beach and 45 degrees in Costa Mesa and Fountain Valley.

A flood watch remained in effect through Tuesday evening. Officials in Laguna Beach advised residents and businesses to raise floodgates and were distributing sandbags at the Act V and Aliso Beach East parking lots. More were available at the City Corporation Yard on Superior Avenue in Newport Beach, as well as the Edison Community Center, Warner Fire Station and Huntington Beach Corporate Yard in Huntington Beach.

Rising waters resulted in the closure of Pacific Coast Highway between Warner Avenue and Seapoint Street that morning, according to Caltrans. Northbound lanes were later reopened, but southbound traffic was still shut down as of 4 p.m.

Minor delays were reported along Silverado Canyon Road due to mud and rocks swept onto roadways by rain and large pools of water accumulating in low-lying areas, according to Orange County Public Works. Their crews were seen on social media using shovels and bulldozers there and along Moj-



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A CYCLIST cruises up the bike path over a puddle parallel to Coast Highway, which was closed in both directions near Goldenwest Street in Huntington Beach for a few hours Tuesday due to flooding from the recent storm.

djeska Canyon to sweep away debris and build barriers to mitigate further soil erosion.

The storm should pass by Wednesday. Mostly clear skies over the following two days should allow highs to rise into the mid 60s.

Early forecasts suggest rain may return to Orange County as soon as Sat-

urday. However, the exact timing and intensity of the next round of precipitation was not immediately clear.

Powerful waves driven by the series of storms that has soaked Southern California recently ripped a support pylon off of Seal Beach Pier, but there were few other reports of major weather-related damage in the area. Portions of the

Central Coast and Northern California were hit much harder. Extreme flooding on Monday resulted in the evacuation of all residents of Montecito and surrounding communities in Santa Barbara County.

Extreme weather this winter has brought much-needed rain to the chronically parched state and

built the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains up to its highest recorded level in history, according to the NWS. However, nearly 98 percent of California remained in at least a moderate drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

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NEWPORT BEACH is replacing and reconfiguring the floats at 10 of the city's public piers, such as this one at the end of Fernando Street on Balboa Peninsula.

DOCKS

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tions for decades. The floats are now past their usable lifespan and need to be replaced. Miller added the city is not planning to replace the entire public pier structure.

"We're not replacing all of the components," added Miller. "We're just replacing the floating section that the

boats tie up to."

If approved, the plan is to keep the floats in the same configurations, with minor adjustments that primarily relate to guide piles being in-board some of the floats as opposed to on the outer edge of the floats.

Additionally, the 19th Street float will be modified at its easternmost end to better accommodate dinghy tie-ups and avoid shoaling.

Miller noted this is just the first step in a longer project. The total costs of replacing the floating docks is unclear at this point. City staff have drawn up conceptual plans and, pending Wednesday's decision, the project will then be required to go through the regular permitting channels.

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PAGEANT

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guna Beach.

Depicting art colonies and salons in Paris, Florence, Taos, N.M., Bohemia and reflecting the Harlem Renaissance, the scenes tell stories of artists assisting one another in a spirit of cooperation and fellowship that thrived across time, history and circumstance.

"It's a real variety show and a tribute to Laguna Beach," Challis Davy said.

Among those who answered this year's open call was Adrian van Deudekom, a Laguna Beach resident who's participated in Pageant of the Masters for nearly 20 years and posed as Norman Rockwell, Abraham Lincoln and "Rocket Thrower," a statue created



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SHAYNE SHEARER in a casting call Friday looks at a tableau of scenes for this year's Pageant of the Masters show.

for 1964 New York World's Fair.

"Some neighbor friends got me involved, so it started as a social thing," the 66-year-old recalled Monday. "I got cast my first year and got hooked on it. It was such a cool experience to be out there on the stage and hear the oohs and ahhs and the gasps from the audience."

This year van Deudekom was measured "every which way and back," photographed and left his information and a note conveying his comfort with nudity, a serious consideration when recreating famous artworks. Now, it's a waiting game.

Once organizers begin building sets, casting directors will start the process of making their casting decisions for each scene, contacting volunteers about when and where they will

appear sometime in May. Dress rehearsals follow in June, and the show runs from July 7 through Sept. 1.

Challis Davy encouraged anyone who may have missed this weekend's casting call to consider signing up while there's still time, saying the only real requirement needed is the ability to sit still for a period of about 90 seconds at a time.

"Our youngest cast members are just 5 years old, and we have volunteers and cast members in their 80s," she added. "We need all types, all shapes, sizes and ethnicities — everybody's welcome."

To schedule an appointment or speak with someone from the casting department, call (949) 494-3663.

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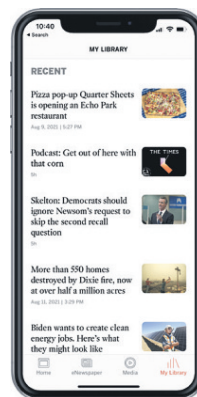
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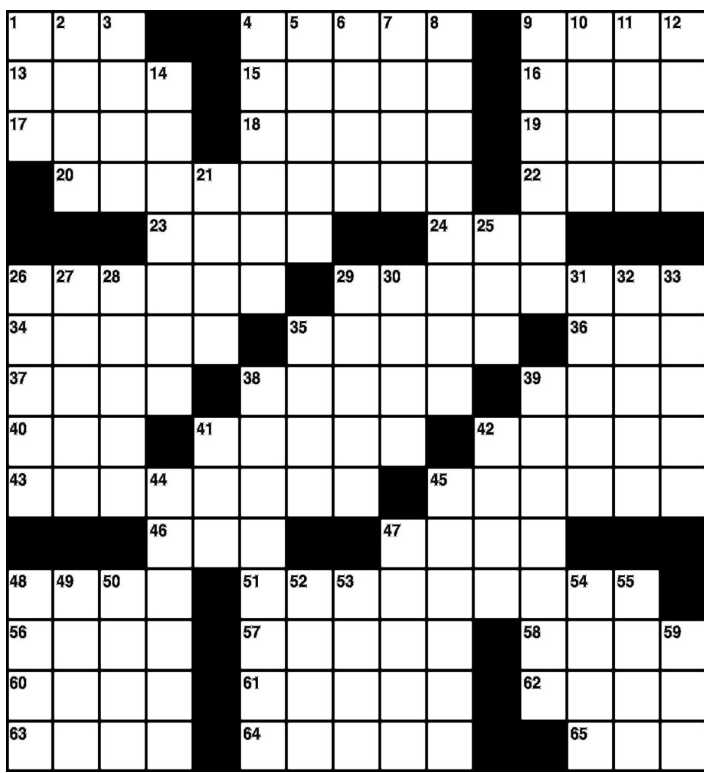
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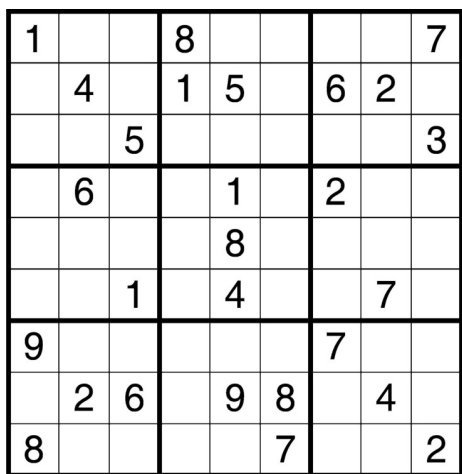
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SUDOKU

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 A2.

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27 Metal bolt
28 Step _; get out of the way
29 Calendar boxes
30 Per-n & Gabor
31 Know-_; smarty-pants
32 Trial location
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APPEAL

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communities or being silenced as private citizens," Bird-Steiner said. "Citizen Participation Advisory Boards taking input from communities on housing projects should have diverse members from diverse communities so that people from marginalized communities can be heard and served. By firing Ms. Lathus from the CPAB for voicing her support for immigrant rights at a rally in her capacity as a private citizen, Huntington Beach sent a message saying that the people listening to the marginalized members of the community must themselves stay silent." Lathus, a middle school science teacher, said after the rally that she didn't know the activists would be attending and didn't engage with them. She made a public statement condemning violence and discussing the importance of civic engagement, though she didn't specifically mention Antifa.

That wasn't enough for then-City Councilwoman Kim Carr, who had appointed Lathus a year earlier but removed her from the position following the controversy, citing a lack of shared values. The 9th Circuit three-judge panel agreed with the district court that Lathus was effectively Carr's "public face" on the advisory board. "Because the public could readily infer that a CPAB member's actions and statements while serving in the role reflect the current views and goals of the appointing councilperson, Lathus was Carr's 'public face' on the board," Judge Andrew Hurwitz wrote. "The public was entitled to assume that she spoke on Carr's behalf ... A councilperson is entitled to an appointee who represents her political outlook and pri-

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SHAYNA LATHUS was removed from her volunteer position by then-City Council member Kim Carr, who had appointed her to the position. Huntington Beach City Atty. Michael Gates, who represented the city on the initial lawsuit, said Tuesday the judges' decision confirmed that Carr's removal of Lathus from the board was her political prerogative, not a violation of free speech or civil rights. "This is the position that we had taken from the very beginning," Gates said. "On Day One, that was precisely what I had said, that this was not a free speech issue. In fact, Kim Carr's appointment and then removal was not even an official government action. The City Council did not vote to remove her ... it was just an individual political appointment and removal." matthew.szabo@latimes.com Twitter: @mjszabo

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Defense propels N.H. to Battle of the Bay victory

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Someone could watch high school girls' water polo a long time and not see what transpired at Thursday night's Battle of the Bay match.

Newport Harbor wasn't kicked out once the whole match. Corona del Mar never earned a six-on-five opportunity.

It reflected on the scoreboard, as the Sailors' defense helped them earn an 8-4 victory in the only scheduled meeting of the Back Bay rivals this season.

Caitlin Stayt led the Sailors with four goals, with fellow sophomore Harper Price and junior center Ryan Chalupnik adding two goals each.

Senior goalkeeper Anna Reed made 15 saves for the Sailors (11-2), who never trailed in what coach Ross Sinclair called their best defensive effort of the season so far.

"That's amazing," Reed said of the Sailors never being excluded throughout the contest. "It's pretty historical for a Battle of the Bay game, I think. It's just a credit to the defense and how well they played. The attention to detail was amazing ... I think things are really clicking for this new group, and it's great. They're really progressing, and it's helping me progress, too."

Newport Harbor led 4-2 at halftime, before Stayt's power-play goal pushed the lead to three goals.

Sophomore Reagan Weir responded for CdM, but Chalupnik scored back-to-back goals to widen the host Sailors' lead.

Sinclair said that Stayt's patience was key in her standout offensive performance Thursday, and she agreed with her coach.

"I like to shoot first rotation a lot, but today I took my time," she said. "We wanted a couple of rotations, and we're really working for our posts. If I'm open, that's a plus, and if our perimeter players are open, that's a plus, but our main focus is our posts and taking our time."

Corona del Mar (7-4) also got goals from seniors Makena Macedo, Kendall D'Ambrosia and Lily Britt in the battle of CIF champions from a year ago. Newport Harbor won the Open Division, while CdM claimed the Division 1 title.

D'Ambrosia said the team has nine seniors, including seven on varsity. They are eager to win the Wave League this year and make another run at a CIF ring, she said.

"I feel like we're in the hunt," D'Ambrosia said. "We have a lot to work to do, but I think if we keep our dynamic strong and connect with each other outside and inside of the pool, I think that's going to make all the difference."

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NEWPORT HARBOR'S Caitlin Stayt, center, takes a shot on Corona del Mar goalie Sarah Decker during the Battle of the Bay match on Thursday. The Sailors turned to their defense and came away with an 8-4 win over their Back Bay rivals.



CDM'S REAGAN WEIR (11) shoots and scores during the Battle of the Bay girls' water polo match.



NEWPORT HARBOR'S Angie Peterson fends off a Corona del Mar defender near the net.

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