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**THE PRIDE-INSPIRED** lifeguard tower at West Street and Camel Point beach in Laguna Beach on Friday. The structure was installed on Monday and a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on the Fourth of July to mark the tower's installation.

## Laguna Beach installs first Pride lifeguard tower in O.C.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Heading into Fourth of July weekend, the perfect beach day presented itself.

Clear skies, but certainly not a heat wave, welcomed beachgoers Friday in Laguna Beach.

So, too, did the newly installed Pride lifeguard tower, the first in Orange County, watching over those relaxing on the sand at Camel Point. Marine Safety Capt. Kai Bond said the new tower arrived on Monday, and it was staffed that day.

"Given the long history of West Street Beach as a gathering spot for the gay community, the City Council was very open to and supportive of the request from

the LGBTQ+ community to commemorate this history with a Pride tower," Mayor Bob Whalen said. "It continues our tradition as a city that warmly welcomes people of all backgrounds and beliefs."

While Whalen said the city did not have plans to dedicate the tower, Laguna Beach Pride 365 will be hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the tower's installation on the Fourth of July.

When Laguna Beach assumed control of marine safety operations for South Laguna beaches from the county, West Street beach was among the new territory to be watched over by the

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**THE PRIDE** lifeguard tower at Camel Point beach in Laguna Beach.

## Laguna attorney remains resilient

With a reminder to "Help people," Annee Della Donna often takes on tough cases in her effort to battle injustice.

BY DAVID HANSEN

Annee Della Donna helps people who cannot help themselves.

Like Juan Rayford and Dupree Glass, two young Black men who spent nearly 17 years in prison for a crime they didn't commit. They were declared innocent in April.

Or the Cooper family, who is distraught after a San Diego cemetery lost the remains of their patriarch, Sidney Cooper Sr.

Della Donna is a defense attorney who can't let things go. Once something gets to her — an obvious wrong, a preventable tragedy, a privileged bully — she fights back, relentlessly.

"I've never seen anything in my 30 years as a lawyer as to what Annee Della Donna did," said Eric Dubin, referring to the Rayford and Glass case. "Two innocent men would still be in prison and would have been for the rest of their lives, except for Annee Della Donna."

She worked that case for 10

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## Experts: Beware of sea lions at beaches

Sea lions getting sick or dying from an algae bloom have bitten or been aggressive toward SoCal beachgoers.

BY SUMMER LIN

As Southern Californians prepare to flood local beaches in anticipation of the Fourth of July holiday and an oncoming heat wave, experts are warning beachgoers to be vigilant about a surprising hazard: biting sea lions.

As of Tuesday, sea lions had injured at least two people at beaches in Orange County. Chanel Islands Marine and Wildlife Institute, which serves Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, has recorded five recent incidents of animals biting beachgoers, including a surfer, paddle boarder, diver and two people on the beach, according to the facility's executive director, Sam Dover.

So what is behind this unusual behavior — and what should you do if you're bitten?

The marine mammals have been experiencing seizures or

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## Fourth of July: A look at events in coastal O.C.



James Carbone

**GUESTS WATCH** a fireworks show during a Fourth of July celebration at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina in 2022.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

With the holiday weekend's arrival comes the innumerable celebrations being held across much of coastal Orange County in honor of Independence Day. Here's a roundup of events taking place in the Daily Pilot's coverage area:

**COSTA MESA**

The city of Costa Mesa will be hosting an Independence Day event at the O.C. Fairgrounds on Monday, July 3 from 5 to 11 p.m. Gates for the event will open at 4 p.m. and the event will be located in Lot A near Fair Drive. The event is free and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and other pic-

nic supplies. There will be activities and live music, and food and drinks will be available for purchase.

The fireworks show is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [costamesa.gov/community/annual-events/independence-day-celebration](http://costamesa.gov/community/annual-events/independence-day-celebration).

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**

As usual, Huntington Beach is going all out to celebrate the holiday. The weekend celebrations started on Friday with a block party, but the Independence Day carnival starts Saturday and runs through Tuesday. Tickets for rides will be sold

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## C.M. business offers canine care to hundreds of furry clients

BY MATT SZABO

The words are visible as clients enter the lobby of Bark Collective in Costa Mesa.

"What Doggy Dreams Are Made Of," it says in big letters etched on the wall.

But it's actually one human, Jillian Parks, whose years of hard work have led to the growth of her dream — this fast-expanding doggy daycare, boarding and training business.

Working with dogs is what Parks, 34, has done nearly her whole adult life, after a few years working with children with autism and related disorders.

It started as a dog-walking and training business out of her home, until Parks and her husband Dan opened the storefront on West 16th Street.

"The dogs slept at my house for years and years and years," said Parks, who lives in Costa Mesa, with a laugh. "We just ran out of room and needed a place. We started looking and found this spot, which really worked out for us. It was already a doggy daycare. It had shut down during COVID. We were able to get in and get a lease."

With the new building came a new name for the business. Gone was the relatively generic OC Pet Care.

Bark Collective was born, and the facility opened in November 2021.

"We wanted to use the word collective just because she built our company based on community and collective with the owners," said Dan Parks, 39. "We wanted to encompass that and bring everybody together."

"I think it's a lot more enjoyable than OC Pet Care," he added with a laugh.

The Parks still offer doggy daycare services and training, as well as boarding. They also do plenty of dog walking, including pack walk adventures — where dogs go out for four or eight hours a day.

Chanel Pyle has two dogs in Georgia, an 8-year-old shepherd mix and Ziggy, a 2-year-old mutt. She said Bark Collective staff walks her dogs at least three days a week.

"They're the only people that I let have a key to our house, so they are very well-trusted," said Pyle, who also lives in Costa Mesa. "Jillian is just so crazy knowledgeable about dogs' behaviors and why they act

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**OWNER JILLIAN PARKS** stands in the lobby of Bark Collective before a group dog walk in Costa Mesa on Thursday.

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

# Classic car show and brunch by the bay bring 2,000 to Balboa Bay Club

More than 2,000 guests were very happy at a special event on Father's Day in Newport. Dads joined their families and friends for the 2023 Balboa Bay Club Father's Day Car Show and Brunch by the Bay at Balboa Bay Resort. The lively outing was open to the community for an automotive journey down a mechanical memory lane.

One collector in the crowd quipped, "Maintaining a classic car is just like owning a boat. Love it, and love to see it sold when it's time to go!" The man insisted on animosity, but added, "I still love to look. Come here every year. My wife says, look, don't buy."

For the past 20 seasons the Balboa Bay Club has hosted the event, growing from a small show into a veritable concourse d' elegance displaying this year some 115 automotive works of art, design and performance.

John Wortmann, chairman of the Balboa Bay Club Board of Governors once again turned out in his summer white suit to emcee the day-long festivity. He was joined by his wife Anne Wortmann, daughter and son-in-law Devon and Jared Miller, greeting the crush of car lovers, and a few ex-car lovers.

Wortmann was joined by fellow club govs welcoming the huge turnout. Front and center were Eagle Four Partners and Balboa Bay Club ownership family members Todd Pickup and Kevin Martin. Governor and banker Noel Hamilton checked out the vintage race cars with his community activist bride Kathy Hamilton. Also on hand were Governors Jane Rivera, Ryan Tomalás, Wayne Harvey and Dr. Daniel Yanni.

The massive exhibit is made possible by the generous support of sponsors including Meguiars, Lucid Motors, the Find Group, Maserati of Newport Beach, Crevier Classic Cars and Fifth Third Bank.

Wortmann and committee led by Aaron Trent and Melanie Hertrick spend months working with sponsors, collectors and car enthusiasts to produce the show.

Spotted among the cars were collectors and show entrants Jose Alvarez with his elegant 1938 Buick Roadmaster convertible, Jerry Marquez showing off a very special 1958 Cadillac El Dorado Biarritz, and Todd Pickup's 1954 23 window "Barndoor" Volkswagen. Jason Hill displayed a 1993 Land Rover Defender 110 NAS, nearby a 1931

JARED MILLER holds up Jagger Sills at the Balboa Bay Club Car Show.



Devon Miller



Niki Cram

MORE THAN 2,000 people turned out this year for the annual Balboa Bay Club Father's Day Car Show.



Devon Miller

JOHN WORTMANN and Joe Stapleton at the Balboa Bay Club Car Show. The club has hosted the event for the past two decades, and this year, more than 2,000 people turned out for the exhibit, which displayed more than 100 automotive works of art, design and performance.



Niki Cram

THE ADAMS family at the Balboa Bay Club Car Show.



Niki Cram

THE PERKINS family at the Balboa Bay Club Car Show.

Model A Ford pickup from Anthony Livano, and the classy 1962 suicide door Lincoln Continental from Peter Scofield. At the close of the show, 18 trophies were awarded.

Some of those honored were Vic Szuba (Classic Car Award, 1955 Chevy Bel Air),

Darrin Seal (Best Paint Award, 1955 Chevy), Michael Farrah (Luxury Car Award, 2020 Rolls Royce Phantom Convertible), Rick Prieto (Muscle Car Award, 1970 Plymouth Barracuda), Sandra Harmon (Best Stitched Interior Award, 1959 Dodge Coronet), and Bob and Dovie Koop (Sexiest Car Award, 2020 Corvette).

The top awards went to Morris Stark (Favorite Car in Show, Vanguard Citicar 1976), and two entrees sharing the Chairman's Award, Max Clemens' 1966 Cobra 289 and Bob and Kristi Jacob's 2022 custom Woodie Moke.

Post car show fun, the crowd enjoyed Sunday brunch in the handsome Balboa Bay Resort ballroom created by award-winning Chef Prabeen Prathapan or joined friends on the bayfront lawn of the hotel for al fresco dining under white umbrellas watching the holiday boaters glide down the main channel of the Newport Harbor. That's as good as it gets.

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

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on June 27, 2023, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, introduced an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.08 TO PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC ACCESS; ADDING CHAPTER 10.14 PROHIBITING UNPERMITTED STRUCTURES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 11.04.070 TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT IN PUBLIC PARKS, PARK FACILITIES AND AT PUBLIC BEACHES**

The Ordinance would amend Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.08 (Offenses and Nuisances) to prohibit interference with public rights-of-way and increase accessibility to cancer treatment centers, colleges, schools, day care centers, business, private property, firefighting facilities, public restrooms, and bike paths. The Ordinance would add Chapter 10.14 to prohibit unpermitted physical structures used as living accommodations from being on public property. The Ordinance would also amend Chapter 11.04.070 (Parks, Park Facilities, and Beaches) to prohibit certain conduct in parks, park facilities, and public beaches related to lodging in public restrooms, the use of public amenities to conduct personal hygiene, the storing of personal property, and the damaging of public property.

This Ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 27th day of June, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Noah Blom, Mayor Pro Tem Will O'Neill, Council Member Brad Avery, Council Member Robyn Grant, Council Member Lauren Kleiman, Council Member Joe Stapleton, Council Member Erik Weigand

NAYS: None

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-11 will occur at the July 11, 2023 City Council meeting. If adopted on July 11, 2023, the Ordinance shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2023.

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

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# Chemical fumes force evacuation at H.B. library

Huntington Beach's Central Library was temporarily evacuated Friday morning, after a hazardous combination of cleaning chemicals sent fumes into the facility's HVAC system, officials reported.

Jennifer Carey, the city's public affairs manager, said the fire department received a call at 10 a.m. from someone at the site. Crews arrived on scene and ordered occupants to exit the building, while they investigated the area.

"They were able to locate the storage closet where the chemicals had been mixed," Carey said Friday afternoon. "The

fumes had gotten into the HVAC system, so, out of an abundance of caution, the building was evacuated."

City officials warned residents of the closure on social media, indicating the incident involved a "chlorine spill."

Five people on scene complained of symptoms, such as headaches and dizziness, and were evaluated but not hospitalized, Carey reported. The library was closed for approximately 90 minutes, while the air was cleared.

**CMPD ANNOUNCE FENTANYL BUST**

Costa Mesa police announced Friday that three

individuals were arrested earlier this month, after members of the department's Special Investigations Unit made contact with someone attempting to sell fentanyl on the black market.

While the investigation is still ongoing, CMPD reported that SIU detectives seized approximately \$138,000 in cash along with 60,000 illegal fentanyl pills. The suspects' names are not currently being reported.

**MAN ACCUSED OF CHILD ABUSE, ASSAULT IN N.B.**

A 21-year-old Fontana man was charged Friday with multiple felonies, including child abuse, as-

sault with a deadly weapon and leading police on a chase in Newport Beach earlier this week, City News Service reported.

David Raymond Duane Jr. allegedly attacked one woman with a vehicle, along with two other unidentified male victims on Tuesday, according to a criminal complaint filed with the Orange County district attorney's office.

Newport Beach police spokeswoman Heather Rangel told City News Service that Duane was arrested Tuesday shortly before 10:30 a.m.

An online prison inmate locator maintained by the sheriff's department indicated that

Duane, whose occupation is listed as caregiver, was released on bond Friday at 2:37 p.m.

He is expected to appear in Newport Beach's Harbor Justice Center on July 10 for a pretrial hearing, according to CNS.

**H.B. WOMAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLING \$121K**

A 49-year-old Huntington Beach woman is facing six felony charges, along with multiple sentence enhancements, for allegedly stealing more than \$121,000 from Yorba Linda design-build firm Conscious Environments, according to City News Service.

Marni Mathews Wilson

was charged May 26 with three felony counts each of grand theft by embezzlement and making false entries in records or returns, as well as a possible sentencing enhancement for property damage exceeding \$65,000 and aggravated white collar crime between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

Huntington Beach police arrested Mathews Wilson on Tuesday, and she was being held in Orange County's Central Women's Jail but was released Thursday at 8:45 p.m., according to the sheriff's inmate locator. No reason was given for her release.

— Daily Pilot staff

**EVENTS**

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at the event only and the carnival will be going from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday; 12 to 10 p.m. every other day of the long holiday weekend. Admission is free.

On Tuesday, the city will kick-off its Fourth of July celebrations with the Surf City 5K at 7 a.m., followed by a parade at 10 a.m. and a fireworks show over the ocean at 9 p.m.

For more information, visit [hb4thofjuly.org](http://hb4thofjuly.org).

**NEWPORT BEACH**

In Newport Beach, the 12th annual Fourth of July is for Families Newport Peninsula Bike Parade and Festival will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at West Balboa Boulevard and 36th Street. The community festival begins at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 11 a.m. at Channel Place Park, where there will be arts and crafts, lawn games, music and food for sale.

Additionally, the Old Glory Boat Parade will be making its return on the day of in Newport Harbor



Susan Hoffman

**NEWPORT BEACH** firemen inspect mortars prior to the Fourth of July fireworks display at the Newport Dunes Resort in 2021. The Dunes are again celebrating Independence Day with special activities and fireworks.

starting at 1 p.m. It is expected to end at 3:30 p.m. and the Condor Squadron WWII North American AT-6 Coastal Flyover is ex-

pected to pass over Newport Beach at 5:35 p.m. The Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina will also be holding its

fireworks show starting at 9 p.m. which the city co-sponsors. The resort will also have an inflatable water park, food trucks and

live music. Admission is free, though attendees will need to pay for parking. For more details, visit [newportbeachca.gov/how-](http://newportbeachca.gov/how-)

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**LAGUNA BEACH**

In Laguna Beach, the city fireworks show will begin at 9 p.m. on Tuesday from Monument Point at Heisler Park. Monument Point will be closed all day, and the area of Heisler Park from Myrtle Street to the Rockpile Beach stairs at Jasmine Street will also be closed starting at 5:30 p.m. for the fireworks show preparation. City officials are warning of heavy traffic after the show.

The Condor Squadron will conduct a flyover of the city at 5:45 p.m. Per longstanding regulations, residents are being asked to not use fireworks of any kind in the city, bring alcohol to the beaches, smoke in public spaces or use single-use plastics on beaches, trails or parks during the holiday.

For more information, visit [lagunabeachcity.net/Home/Components/News/News/527113](http://lagunabeachcity.net/Home/Components/News/News/527113).

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**ATTORNEY**

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years, pro bono. Along the way, she founded Innocence Rights of Orange County, taught at University of California, Irvine School of Law and enlisted the help of law students.

"She got those two kids out of prison because she knew they were innocent," Dubin said. "It was inspiring to watch, it was surreal, it was right out of a movie. Annee Della Donna is the real deal."



David Hansen

**IN HER** Laguna Beach home office, attorney Annee Della Donna highlights some of her most challenging cases, including two men who spent nearly 17 years in prison.

tors needed to order it. Della Donna won the family a settlement. The doctor retired. But Della Donna is most proud of the aftermath. Instead of relying on doctors to order the test, every hospital in California now performs the test routinely, she said.

She and Dubin often work together on the challenging cases, and they've learned to be selective. They have to balance the hardship in order to stay sane.

"Our focus is picking cases that speak to us; there's real victims," Dubin said. "We take very few cases because the cases we take we go all in on. We cry almost daily with our clients. They become family."

Della Donna said she's always been a fighter. When she was 5 years old, she was at a park in Whittier with her mother, and a man grabbed her mom's purse.

"I ran after him," she said. "At 5."

And not just a few yards but a long way. Around a corner. Over a bridge. The man finally emptied the purse and threw it into a riverbed.

Of course Della Donna scampered into the riverbed and retrieved it.

"I have this weird lack of fear," she said. "I have been this way my whole life, but I don't know if that's necessarily a good thing."

In May, the family of Edward Bronstein received \$24 million from the state of California — the largest civil

rights settlement in state history and the second-largest in the nation — after CHP officers pinned him to the ground, caused him to stop breathing and die.

Christopher Eisinger died in a similar way with Anaheim police officers in 2018. The family received \$2.3 million.

While not all of the cases end in wins, Della Donna always believes in their merits. At their core, there is some injustice, which she boils down to some simple principle. Throughout her office, she likes to tape little quotes to remind her of what's important.

The one that's front and center on her computer: "Help people."

At the end of the Rayford and Glass case, which included the remarkable confession of the real shooter, everyone in the court was struck by the gravity of the outcome.

"That was such a powerful ending," Della Donna said. "The bailiff came over and hugged us. The court reporter was sobbing and hugging us. The enormity of what we did ... and having the real shooter show up in prison garb, handcuffed and confessing for the first time that he was the real shooter."

"That was one of the most amazing days, ever, in my lifetime as a trial lawyer."

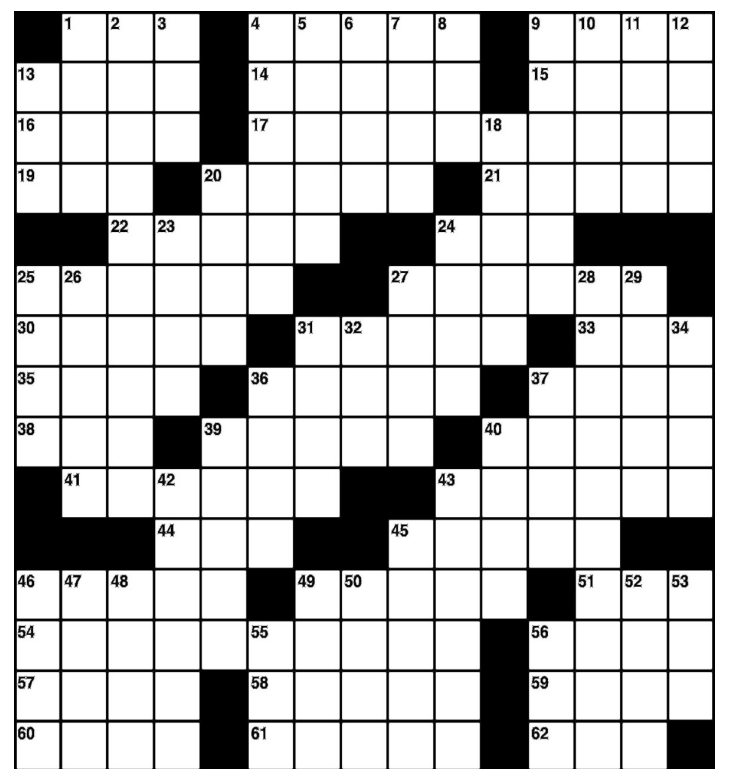
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**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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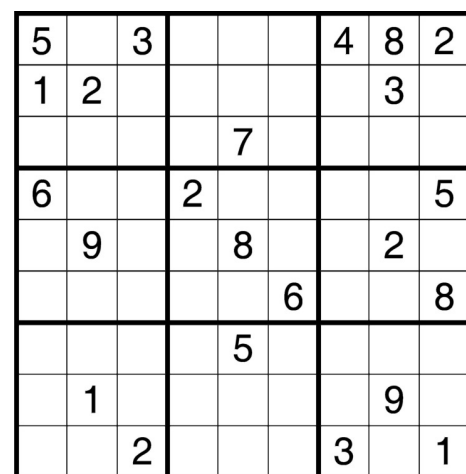
- 1 Carrey or Belushi
- 4 Fictional story
- 9 Lost traction
- 13 Raise crops
- 14 As sore as \_
- 15 \_ over; study intently
- 16 Meanie
- 17 Unlikely to be damaged if dropped
- 19 As light \_ feather
- 20 Long-legged bird
- 21 \_ nose; cold symptom
- 22 Pisa landmark
- 24 "What's up, \_?"
- 25 Island off China's coast
- 27 Most recently purchased
- 30 Great pain
- 31 Boating hazard
- 33 Greedy one
- 35 Crematory shelf supplies
- 36 Many a "Saturday Night Live" skit
- 37 Hammer or wrench
- 38 Brewed drink
- 39 Actor Martin
- 40 Area of expertise
- 41 On cloud nine
- 43 Provide with attire
- 44 Crayola color
- 45 \_ cuisine; fine food
- 46 21st-century U.S. president
- 49 Aquarium wall gunk
- 51 TV's "Dateline \_"
- 54 Make weak
- 55 One not to be trusted
- 57 Evans on a horse
- 58 Generous one
- 59 "For Your Eyes \_"; 007 film
- 60 Seeks damages from



**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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A5.**

- 61 "Porgy and Bess," e.g.
- 62 Old \_; golden years
- DOWN**
- 1 Coughing spells
- 2 Making no sense
- 3 Monsieur's wife; abbr.
- 4 Attach securely
- 5 Hate
- 6 Rude dude
- 7 Promise's partner, in phrase
- 8 Yellowstone grazer
- 9 Evergreen
- 10 Crazy as a \_
- 11 Element whose symbol is Fe
- 12 Refuse to obey
- 13 Actor Barrett

- 18 Search for prey
  - 20 Convince
  - 23 Possesses
  - 24 Lacking one of the senses
  - 25 Pulled tight, as a rope
  - 26 Concur
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**PROFESSIONAL MEN'S SOCCER**

## O.C. Soccer Club celebrates 10 years in Irvine

BY MATT SZABO

Joni Mitchell knew that you don't always know what you've got until it's gone.

The Orange County Soccer Club never lost its home pitch, but probably came away from the experience with an enhanced appreciation for Championship Soccer Stadium.

OCSC emerged from a field battle with LA Galaxy II last year with at least a short-term victory, as the Irvine City Council decided the club could continue to call the Orange County Great Park venue home.

The 2023 season is significant for the club, which is celebrating a decade in Irvine.

The party continues Saturday night, as Orange County hosts Monterey Bay FC at 7 p.m. at Championship Soccer Stadium.

Orange County Soccer Club will unveil its list of the "10 Icons of OCSC" during the match.

Formerly known as the Orange County Blues, the club first took the pitch at Anteater Stadium on the campus of UC Irvine in 2014. It moved to Championship Soccer Stadium in 2017.

"I think ultimately we have established ourselves



James Carbone

**ORANGE COUNTY** Soccer Club fans are full of enthusiasm as the club played Oakland Roots Soccer Club in the Western Conference semifinals of the USL Championship on Nov. 13, 2021. The club has spent a decade in Irvine.

as a strong professional club in a short period of time," said owner James Keston, who purchased and re-branded the team in September 2016. "Winning

a USL Championship [in 2021], achieving multiple transfers to Europe and the USL, selling out our stadium consistently and representing the county with

pride [have been some of our accomplishments]. Now our goal is to build the permanent foundation and infrastructure for the next 50 years."

Saturday's match will also include the debut of a special gold 10-year jersey, and feature special guest appearances. The first 1,000 fans will receive a com-

memorative pin.

A "Beer Fest" with more than 50 libations from local breweries, also precedes the match with gates opening at 5 p.m.

Orange County comes into Saturday's match with a 5-4-8 record. With 19 points, it sits in ninth place in the USL Championship's Western Conference.

Among the highlights of the club's 10 years in Irvine, OCSC signed Francis Jacobs of Laguna Beach in 2019. At 14 years, 4 months and 29 days, he became the youngest pro player in U.S. soccer history.

After winning the USL Championship in 2021, the club last year again made news with the transfer of teenage sensation Kobi Henry, then 18, to French first division side Stade de Reims.

"In our player development pathway, I expect OCSC to continue to set records in the player transfer market for USL," Keston said. "At the same time, we're building out our academy pipeline so for every young player that leaves OCSC, there are three hungry young players ready to take their place."

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## TOWER

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Laguna Beach Pride 365 had advocated for a rainbow-decorated lifeguard tower at the location, and residents Steve Chadima and Mark Porterfield made a \$10,000 donation to support the installation.

Rigo Maldonado, a Santa Ana resident, and Brandon Griewank, of Orange, set up their beach chairs and towels in front of the Pride tower.

"Maybe [Laguna Beach] has changed from what it was 20 years ago where there was all these bars and all this activity going on, but the land holds memo-

ry," Maldonado said. "I think it's important to reclaim that space and also reclaim the land. It is for everybody, but we also need to feel safe where we're at."

The friends said they had recently attended Orange County Pride in downtown Santa Ana.

"I feel like this is back-to-back wins for our community at a time where everything feels very scary and volatile," Griewank said. "To feel like Pride expanded this year in their footprint and their attendance, and then to also have a beach in Orange County that is going to celebrate us."

The Pride tower, painted with rainbow stripes, is sit-

uated at the most northern point of a stretch of beach that also includes Laguna Royale and West Street beaches. Per City Council direction, the tower was placed south of nearby vegetation along the hillside after some residents expressed concern that the tower could be viewed as a fire hazard.

Craig Cooley, the president of Laguna Beach Pride 365, said he was moved to tears when he first looked upon the new tower.

"I've never seen so much support from the Chamber of Commerce, from Visit Laguna as a marketing arm, and from the City Council," Cooley said. "All three have been [supportive], and so

many people in the community — and yes, there's a few dissenters, but I think the more LGBTQ issues get pushed back on a national level, the more affirmative the community is in Laguna Beach. This tower, to me, is a testament to that affirmation that it's OK to be who you are and love who you want to love."

The ribbon-cutting event will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camel Point on Tuesday, and it will be followed by an after party at Mozambique from 5 to 11 p.m.

Cooley added that there will be a plaque dedication event on Aug. 13, which will explain the significance of the tower and why diversity



## THE PRIDE

lifeguard tower at West Street and Camel Point beach in Laguna Beach on Friday.

Don Leach

is important. It will pay homage to E.H. "Bud" Loewenguth as a key figure in the recognition of Camel Point as a gay beach.

"It's not about validation. It's not about saying we're gay and only gays are welcome here. It's saying that we understand and appre-

ciate all cultures, and we understand diversity and we support diversity, and everyone is welcome here. That's the message, and that's what will be on the plaque."

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## BEACHES

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sickness by the hundreds because of an ongoing bloom of toxic algae, experts say.

But "it's not like this is a rabid sea lion running down the beach chasing people and biting them," said Dr. Alissa Deming of the Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna Beach.

"They're either running into surfers if they're seizing erratically and accidentally biting them," she said. "If someone touches them, they can be hyper-reactive and reflexively fly their head back. It's not like they're attacking — they're in a comatose state and if they're spooked or bump into something, they may bite."

High concentrations of domoic acid — a neurotoxin produced by the marine algae *Pseudo-nitzschia* — were first found in waters near Santa Barbara and Ventura counties before making their way south to Los Angeles and Orange counties, according to Deming, the vice president of conservation medicine and science at the mammal center, which serves Orange County.

This algae bloom is one of the largest ever seen in the county, resulting in the most stranded sea lions the facility has dealt with, Deming said.

"This is the worst domoic acid event I've ever seen," she said, "and I've worked here for over 10 years."

Domoic acid events were first documented in the 1990s and have become increasingly common, more



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**SEA LIONS** are penned in as they recuperate at the Marine Mammal Care Center in San Pedro.

severe and longer-lasting in recent years. Algae blooms have historically been driven by climate change and ocean warming, particularly in El Niño years, when the ocean is warmer, and during years with a lot of rainfall, which results in the runoff of fertilizer, feeding the algae.

The algae, which grow during the spring and fall when the upwelling of water results in nutrients from deeper water rising to the surface, builds up in the food chain. Sea lions and dolphins eat the fish that consume the algae, resulting in brain damage, seizures and even death in the marine animals. The toxin doesn't usually affect humans unless they eat contaminated food.

Deming recommends that, going into the holiday, the public be vigilant at beaches and try to stay at least 50 feet — the length of about four to six cars — from sea lions and other marine mammals. She also urged beachgoers to leash their dogs in case they were to approach any sickened sea lions and to follow the

instructions of lifeguards. "If people give that animal space," Deming noted, "the chances of them getting bitten is very low."

But some people frolicking in the water might not be aware of a sickened animal nearby. "Swimmers and surfers are more at risk," she said.

If you're bitten, Deming said to seek medical attention immediately. Bites can become infected with bacteria from the sea lion's mouth or the ocean, and antibiotics could be necessary.

Humans aren't at risk of getting sickened from domoic acid from a sea lion bite — they would have to consume it to be affected. This can happen through the seafood that is captured in areas during blooms. The California Department of Public Health routinely monitors the coast to sample shellfish such as clams, mussels and scallops to test for domoic acid toxins. Commercial shellfish harvesters are required to provide samples every week to the department for analysis.

Among the recent documented incidents was a boy who was bitten Monday by a sea lion at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point. The child, who has not been publicly identified, was wading in the water about 20 feet from shore, according to Danielle Kennedy, a spokesperson for O.C. Parks. He was treated by lifeguards, released to a guardian and referred to urgent care for treatment. Lifeguards closed the beach out of caution.

Another injury caused by a sea lion was reported at Strands Beach at Salt Creek later that day, Kennedy said. The person declined to be treated; lifeguards then closed the water.

Salt Creek Beach was reopened Tuesday morning, and Strands Beach was reopened Wednesday morning. The public has been advised to contact a lifeguard if they see any sea lion, seal or other "aggressive marine mammals" in the area.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that more than 1,000 marine mammals in Southern California have gotten sick or died this month due to the toxic algae.

The Los Angeles Unified School District has teamed up with the Marine Mammal Care Center in San Pedro, which serves Los Angeles County, to set up a triage space in the center's parking lot that will allow the organization to care for an additional 20 animals at a time.

John Warner, the chief executive of the mammal care center, said during a Tuesday news conference that L.A. County had seen "high numbers" of sea li-

ons stranded on its beaches because of domoic acid since the beginning of June.

The Marine Mammal Care Center is at capacity, with 113 animals — about 70 of them are sea lions with domoic acid toxicity. The rest of the animals are from pup season and aren't ready to be released.

"That's put additional strain on our capacity," he said, "which in regular years is enough to care for the marine mammals stranded here."

To care for the animals still stranded on beaches, Warner said the mammal center had partnered with city and county officials to set up a sea lion resting zone on Venice Beach to keep the animals sequestered from beachgoers.

L.A. Tri Club, a triathlon training organization, canceled its Friday Ocean Swim due to sea lions being affected by domoic acid. The club said it's hosting a run instead.

"Our first priority is the safest of our swimmers," according to a news release. "We will continue to monitor the reports of seal attacks closely alongside the L.A. County Lifeguards and provide an update for next week as soon as we have more information."

West Hollywood Aquatics also canceled its ocean workout Thursday "out of an abundance of caution related to domoic acid/sea lion encounters." The club will resume as expected starting July 6.

The Pacific Marine Mammal Center has rescued four to six sea lions a day, and it is approaching capacity, Deming said. There are about 70 animals

there now, with more than half of them sickened sea lions; there's space for about 10 to 15 more.

The center is working on setting up pens to accommodate 10 to 15 more animals with the hope that that would be enough for the Fourth of July weekend.

Dolphins have also been affected by the bloom of toxic algae, Deming said, but the poisoning is usually so severe that by the time rescuers get to the beach, the dolphins have died or are unresponsive to seizure medication and have to be euthanized.

The Pacific Marine Mammal Center has euthanized one dolphin and has responded to about eight to 10 dolphins that were already deceased or died while rescuers tended to the mammals.

When people come across a beached dolphin, Deming urges them to leave it alone even though their instinct may be to push it into the water. The dolphins beach themselves, she said, so they don't drown during seizures.

Deming said the Pacific Marine Mammal Center had asked the city's public works department and lifeguards to call the organization about deceased dolphins. The center has only three trucks and often is unable to pick up all of the animals about which they are alerted. In those cases, the center instructs public works employees to remove the dolphins from the beaches.

"We're prioritizing live animals," she added, "which is understandable."

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