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Photos by Drew A. Kelley

MURRAY HIDARY performs during MindTravel's immersive "silent" piano experience in Huntington Beach on Thursday.

A 'silent' sunset concert serenades on the sand

Composer and pianist Murray Hidary brought his MindTravel tour to Huntington State Beach on Thursday night.

About 200 concertgoers were treated to Hidary's live-to-headphones tunes, performed via a "silent" piano that could only be heard with the special headphones on.

Hidary performed for about 45 minutes before closing with some contemplative words along with the tunes. The theme of the concert was freedom.

Some laid down with eyes closed, some sat up, and others walked toward the water with wireless headphones attached. After the concert just south of Tower 15 was over, Hidary invited the crowd up to share what the performance meant to them.

Hidary's parting gift for each crowd member after sunset was a real sunflower.

"I'm doing my Ph.D. in political science, so freedom is definitely a relevant topic," said UC Irvine graduate student Zora Mihaley, who attended with friend Mayra Salmeron. "At first, when he started to say things during [the performance], I was like, 'Uh oh, this might be cheesy.' But then it just clicked with me and I was just vibing."

Hidary's MindTravel concerts continue in Santa Monica on Saturday night and Santa Barbara on Sunday.

— Matt Szabo



A CROWD gathers around Murray Hidary as he performs a "silent" piano experience at Huntington State Beach.



JACKIE GAITAN listens using headphones to Murray Hidary perform on the piano Thursday night.



ATTENDEES OF MindTravel's piano experience were able to wander the beach during the performance.

H.B. agenda aims at boards, charter

City Council Tuesday will discuss ending Human Relations Committee and Mobile Home Advisory Board.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach Mobile Home Review Board, which became the Mobile Home Advisory Board, was first established in 1993. Four years later, the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force — now called the Human Relations Commission — was formed following two high-profile hate crimes in Surf City.

Both of these decades-old citizen boards and commissions could be on the chopping block at Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

The panel has a full agenda that could also be full of change. An ad hoc committee consisting of Mayor Tony Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark and Councilman Pat Burns, which met three times, has come back with recommendations to dissolve the Mobile Home Advisory Board and the Human Relations Commission, along with the Jet Noise Commission and three existing ad hoc committees.

A charter review ad hoc com-

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Court upholds Newport housing project

A neighboring company challenged plans for 400 Von Karman, which would provide 312 apartment units.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The state's 4th District Court of Appeals has upheld a 2021 decision by the Newport Beach City Council to approve a development project that would add 312 housing units to a city on the hook for 4,834 housing units within the next decade.

The approved project is the 4400 Von Karman development proposed by developer Picerne Group. That firm also operates One Uptown Newport, which opened in 2019. The Von Karman development is bordered by Von Karman Avenue and Birch Street. Thirteen of its units would be allotted for low-income or affordable housing. The five-story development would also include a

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OCTA agrees to charge drivers to use express lanes on 405

BY SARA CARDINE

If you want a faster commute on the 405 Freeway in Orange County, it's likely going to cost you, as transportation officials this week approved a series of express lane toll rates to be implemented later this year.

Orange County Transportation Authority board members Monday approved updates to policy establishing different tolling scenarios for drivers using express lanes on the San Diego Freeway, from State Route 73 to the south to just north of the 605 Freeway.

As such, FasTrak motorists traveling northbound for the en-

tire 13.6-mile segment can expect to pay \$9.95 on Friday afternoons, from 3 to 5 p.m., the costliest of 19 different tolling combinations calculated by the agency.

By comparison, the southbound express lane toll for the same portion maxes out at \$6.20 with cheaper rates during hours that fall outside the defined peak periods of 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 1 to 7 p.m. on weekends.

Kirk Avila, general manager of OCTA's Express Lane programs, said the newly proposed toll rates were determined with help

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WITH CONSTRUCTION on the years-long I-405 Improvement Project due to wrap by the end of the year, OCTA officials Monday approved a plan to begin charging toll for express lane users in Orange County.

Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

Former NFLer Jon Dorenbos addresses Orangewood Foundation's annual scholarship luncheon

Former NFL player **Jon Dorenbos** literally leaped onto the stage in the ballroom at Balboa Bay Resort, Newport Beach as if he were ready to display his recognizable long snap for his former team, the Philadelphia Eagles. Dorenbos played 14 seasons in the NFL, appearing in the Pro Bowl twice.

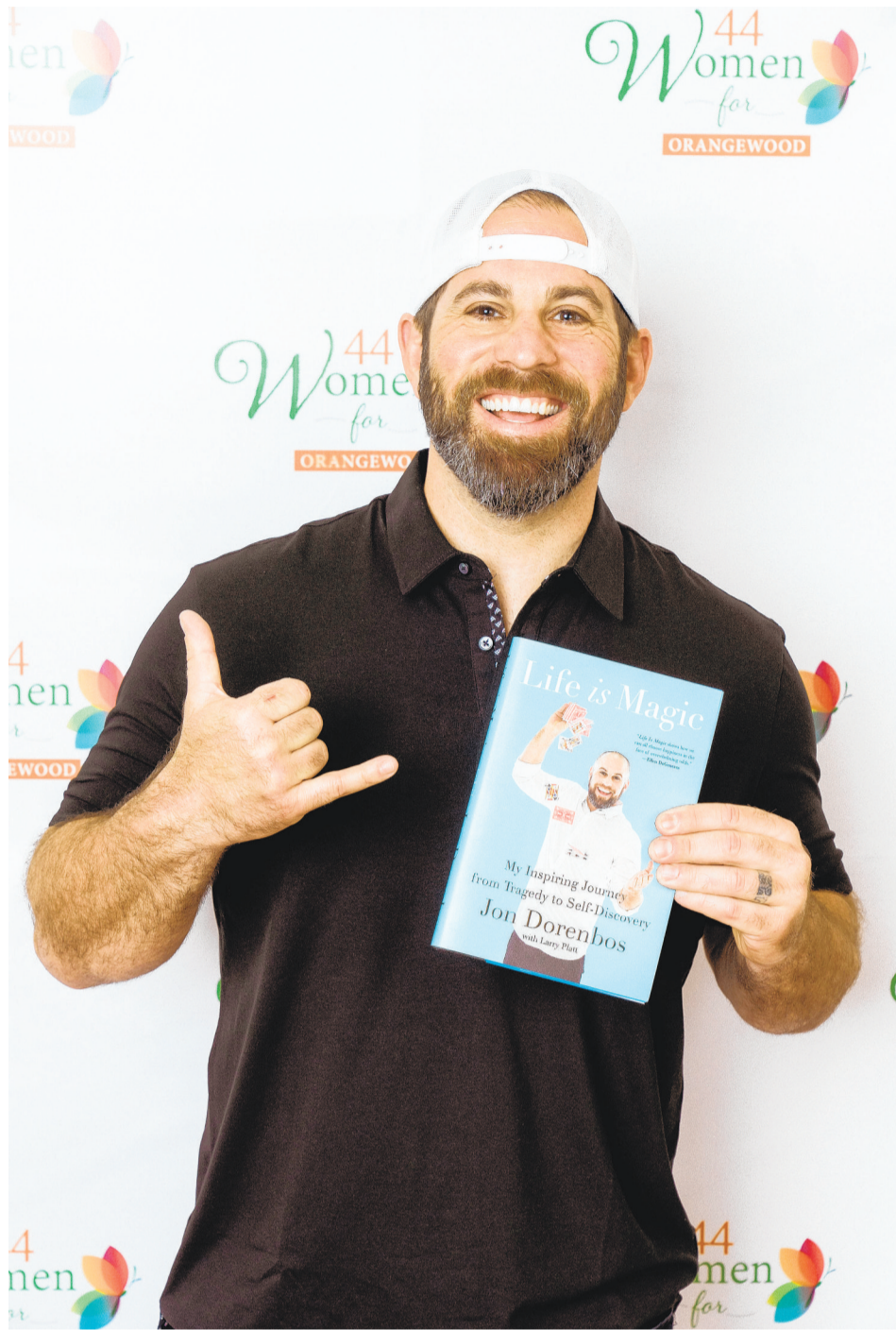
On a recent summer day on the California coast, he came to share shocking life history with an audience of several hundred women and men who joined together for the 19th annual scholarship luncheon themed "The Magic of Giving," which benefits the Orangewood Foundation and is produced by its auxiliary known as 44 Women of Orangewood.

Dorenbos was the ultimate "graduation against all odds" speaker. His perfect white-picket-fence home life in suburban Seattle was obliterated on an early August morning in 1992. Dorenbos was just 12. He and his sister left the house that morning and waved goodbye. His father, whom he adored, went into the family garage and murdered his mother.

With his father imprisoned and his sister moved into another living situation, he entered foster care. As he shared with his Orangewood audience, which honors and supports the educational future of emancipated foster youth past 18 years of age, his said, "The script you write for yourself dictates the world you will live in."

Dorenbos proceeded to mesmerize his audience with the most profound highs and lows of what he calls his inspiring journey from tragedy to self-discovery.

Post NFL career, Dorenbos is a celebrated professional magician frequently on television and fronting major performance venues to sell-out crowds. The evolution from a football career to pulling



Matthew Morgan

FORMER NFL player Jon Dorenbos attends the 19th annual scholarship luncheon for Orangewood foster youth, where he was the keynote speaker.

rabbits out of a hat might seem strange to some. But as his performance for Orangewood unfolded, combining magic on stage with life stories of survival and redemption, it all made superb sense. Bottom line in his own words: "Come to terms with your reality. Leave the past behind."

Appropriately, Dorenbos has penned a biography titled "Life Is Magic." Chapter titles speak volumes.

They include: "Man Plans and God Laughs" and "Don't Hate, Don't Blame, Forgive."

The afternoon of inspiration was co-chaired by **Susan Samuelli**, founder of 44 Women for Orangewood, and **Judy Nicholls**. The ladies committee deserving praise for a successful event included O.C. activists **Nancy Silver**, **Jessica Ishak**, **Katie Koster**, **Barb Maccabe**, **Shahrzad Bina** and **Mary Vande**

Bossche. Also front and center for foster youth were **Mrunal Shah**, **Yvette McCarthy**, **Mari Kurtz**, **Linda Calderon**, **Kim Byrens**, **Fariba Fidone**, **Denise Schuler**, **Cissy Tubbs**, **Christina Bova**, **Cecily Burke** and **Cary Clawson**.

The "Magic of Giving" afternoon grossed more than \$413,000 thanks in great part to the generosity of three passionate and longstanding Orangewood supporters — **Shirley**



MARI KURTZ and **Mary Vande Bossche** served on the committee for Orangewood fundraiser.



NANCY SILVER, from left, **John Gustafarro**, **Barb Maccabe** and **Yvette McCarthy** gather in support of Orangewood Foundation educational funding for foster youth.

Pepys, **Renee Pepys Lowe** and **Dan Houck** — who matched donations up to the \$75,000 level.

"Founded in 1999, 44 Women For Orangewood focuses its efforts on providing mentoring and education, increasing community awareness about the youth Orangewood serves, and hosting annual fundraising events. Named for 44 of Samuelli's closest friends, the auxiliary's membership has more than doubled in size since inception and includes some of Orange County's most philanthropically minded and dedicated women," stated **Madi Sutherland**, representing the organization.

"The overwhelming generosity and passion demonstrated at this event empowers us to find new and innovative ways to support teens and youth in need," offered **Chris Simonsen**, chief executive of Orangewood Foundation.

"Thank you to the 44 Women of Orangewood for being incredible partners and organizing this wonderful event and to all supporters who wholeheartedly share our belief that every young adult exiting the foster care system deserves to go as far as they can dream."

The scholarship luncheon was made possible with the support of generous sponsors including the Samuelli Foundation, IRA Capital, Donald and Constance Sperling, and Toshiba TABS, Stumpf & Associates APC, the Yvette and Kevin McCarthy Family Trust, F&M Bank and Greg and Julie Dunlap among many more.

To learn more about the work of the Orangewood Foundation visit orangewoodfoundation.org.

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AGENDA

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mittee, formed in June at Burns' request, also has made eight recommendations for changes to the city charter, including removing advanced requirements for the city clerk position and also removing reliance on state elections code for all aspects of elections.

The City Council will weigh these changes and more when it meets at City Hall on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Van Der Mark, a City Council liaison for both the Mobile Home Advisory Board and Human Relations Commission, said in a phone interview Friday that the committee consolidation was necessary.

She said residents at Mobile Home Advisory Board meetings have almost exclusively only used those meetings to ask for a rent stabilization ordinance carve-out of the city charter. Neither the existing City Council nor the previous one entertained putting such a measure on the ballot for the voters.

"We've had to make cuts because of the raises we had to give our police officers in order to remain competitive with other cities," Van Der Mark said. "To have city staff sit there, and nothing gets accomplished, we figured it's time to just restructure this."

Last month, former MHAB member Scott Miller resigned, stating in his email that the whole board was "hopefully deadlocked, with the whole aim to accomplish nothing."

"This is from somebody

who was on the board, who also sees that it just kept going around in circles," Van Der Mark said.

Many local mobile home owners disagree, however. At Monday's quarterly Mobile Home Advisory Board meeting, Mobile Home Resident Coalition co-president Sharon Crabill handed 100 letters in favor of keeping the advisory board to Van Der Mark.

The other MHRC co-president, Teri Williams, said Friday that the organization will be holding a "Rally to Save Our Voices" at 4 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

"This Mobile Home Advisory Board has gotten more active in the last two years than it has ever been," said regular attendee Ada Hand, who lives in Del Mar Mobile Estates. "Before that, they didn't have a quorum because the representatives didn't show up, so they wouldn't do a meeting. And there weren't a lot of people in the audience, because they didn't advertise it."

"Nowadays, we're the ones pushing for it, and a lot of people are attending. [The City Council members] don't want that to happen. We're getting power, and they want to squelch it."

The Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee has partnerships with the Huntington Beach Police Department and the Orange County Human Relations Council, which recently rebranded itself as Groundswell.

According to HBPD's hate crime/incident report summary for the first six



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

SHARON CRABILL, co-president of the Mobile Home Resident Coalition, hands over a packet of signed resident papers in favor of keeping the advisory board to Assistant City Manager Travis Hopkins and City Council liaison Gracey Van Der Mark, from left, during Monday night's Mobile Home Advisory Board meeting.

months of 2023, six hate incidents and eight hate crimes occurred in the city. This marks a significant increase from last year, when there were seven hate incidents and seven hate crimes all year long.

That's just one reason that Human Relations Committee chairperson V.C. Rhone hopes the City Council does not dissolve her committee on Tuesday night. Rhone and HRC member **Debbi Parrott** both spoke to the Daily Pilot on Thursday as individuals, saying neither represented the thoughts and views of the HRC as a whole.

Rhone mentioned she has recently held detailed

conversations with Van Der Mark and Burns, the council liaisons to the committee.

"We believe in working with everyone and finding common ground with everyone," Rhone said. "We try to focus more on our similarities and commonalities than our differences."

Parrott added she felt the Human Relations Committee has been politicized or seen as a left-leaning group at times.

"That's not the case at all," she said. "We have a very diverse range of political backgrounds, independent voters, etc."

The Huntington Beach Human Relations Commit-

tee also runs programs such as the Cultural Film Festival, the HB Listens group and the student Day of Dialogue.

Groundswell chief executive Allison Williams said Friday that her organization helped the city establish the committee after a Black man, **Vernon Flournoy**, was killed on a Beach Boulevard sidewalk in 1994. The skinhead charged in the killing was also accused of trying to kill two Latinos.

"From my perspective, things like building community, sending messages that everyone is going to be welcomed, working to make sure that everyone will be safe in the city —

that's vitally important work," Williams said. "Huntington Beach welcomes people from all over the world, so the work of the Human Relations Committee is really so important to a community like that. We've seen how much this work has grown over the last 25 years ... My reaction is that I hope [the HBHRC] is on the agenda to celebrate it, not to eliminate it."

But Van Der Mark said the city can continue working with Groundswell, even without the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee. She added that the Huntington Beach Police Department already provides resources like counseling if there are hate crimes.

"They can still do everything they're doing," she said of the HBHRC. "It just won't be as part of the city of Huntington Beach ... It seems redundant to double- and triple-do what we're doing. And we did have staff there as well."

Huntington Beach is one of a handful of Orange County cities that is partnered with Groundswell and also has its own Human Relations Committee or equivalent group, a list that also includes Buena Park, Irvine and Mission Viejo.

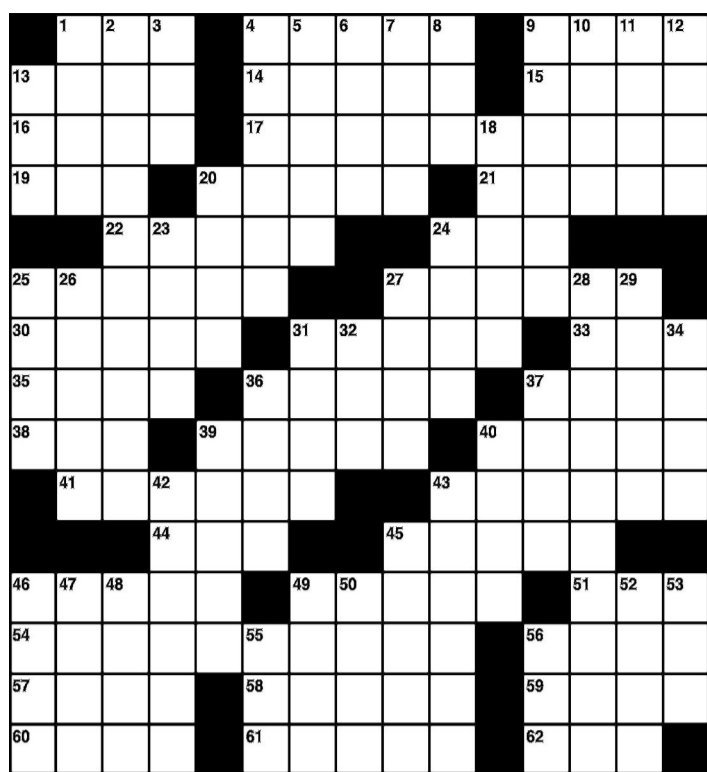
"We had to make some decisions, and they weren't easy decisions," Van Der Mark said. "On Tuesday, we'll probably have a lot of comments about it, but that's what we all agreed to do."

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Matthews

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 1 Purchase
 4 Old saying
 9 Air pollution
 13 30-day period
 14 Bicycle piece
 15 Lug
 16 Coat parts
 17 Steal another's writing
 19 "Not _ long shot!"
 20 Bursting at the _; too full
 21 Sherbet flavor
 22 Words to José
 24 Female animal
 25 Handbook
 27 Henry & Peter
 30 Open-eyed
 31 Prayer before meals
 33 Winter month: abbr.
 35 Old letter opener
 36 In need of tightening
 37 Word attached to light or fish
 38 Man's nickname
 39 Daredevil's feat
 40 Sorority letter
 41 Respiratory or digestive
 43 William Randolph _
 44 Mushroom part
 45 _ up to; begins to like
 46 Chef's accessory
 49 Muscle contraction
 51 That fellow
 54 Heavy downpour
 56 Slob
 57 Listen
 58 Be a drama queen
 59 Performs
 60 Orange edibles
 61 Fluttering tree
 62 Letters on a rap sheet



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.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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 2 Inconsiderate
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 4 Urgent request
 5 Procrastinate
 6 Actor Sandler
 7 Jokes
 8 Whitney or Manning
 9 Clever
 10 Hurt badly
 11 Greek liqueur
 12 Singer Campbell
 13 Quick punch
 18 Without help
 20 Kill flies

- 23 "Yours, Mine and _"; Henry Fonda film
 24 Foot warmer
 25 Jamie Farr TV series
 26 Assumed name
 27 Truism
 28 Earthquake follow-up
 29 Theater furnishings
 31 Sullen
 32 Skedaddled
 34 Difficult child
 36 Staircase piece
 37 Pillow covering
 39 Couldn't _; hated
 40 Short-_; temporary
 42 Uses Brillo
 43 Go quickly
 45 Squander
 46 " _ Breaky Heart"
 47 "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
 48 Wander
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 50 Stage item
 52 Smidgen
 53 Fem. address
 55 TV's Arthur
 56 Bleating sound

Tribune Media Services

Operation targets online crimes against children

BY ANDREW TURNER

Southland enforcement officials recently looked to crack down on those committing internet crimes against children.

The two-week enforcement operation, referred to as "Online Guardian," took place this month, with authorities from the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura working together.

Authorities identified and arrested 139 individuals suspected of engaging in online predatory activity via the operation. Investigators worked undercover on social media platforms during the enforcement effort, according to a news release. The operation began on July 10.

Laguna Beach police arrested six adult men, none of whom were residents of the coastal city, on suspicion of intent to have sex with a minor under the age of 14. The associated charges included meeting a minor for lewd purposes, sending obscene material to a child and attempting to contact a minor for sex.

"As the internet becomes increasingly embedded in our children's lives, parents and guardians face new challenges in keeping them safe online," Laguna Beach Police Chief Jeff Calvert said in a statement. "It is important for parents to be active participants in how their children use the internet and emphasize to never share personal information or meet offline with someone they only know from

an online social media platform."

Laguna Beach authorities also collaborated with Homeland Security Investigations, the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department to carry out the enforcement effort.

The Department of Justice created the Internet Crimes Against Children task force to help law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal level investigate online crimes targeting children. There are 61 coordinated task forces nationwide, with more than 5,400 law enforcement members participating in those efforts.

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CHARGE

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from consultant Stantec as a means of updating figures drafted as part of a new 405 Express Lane toll policy adopted in 2016.

"A lot has happened in seven years," he told board members Monday. "Staff has been working with Stantec on the rates and the policy as Stantec has been collecting traffic volumes along the corridors."

He said drivers with accounts and transponders will stand to see some significant benefits, saving an average of 18 minutes on the full northbound commute and about 13 minutes traveling southbound.

The newly updated policy includes a 15% discount for clean-air vehicles, toll-free travel for motorcycles, those with disabled or veteran license plates and vehicles containing three or more passengers. Those with two passengers may still use

the HOV lane for the first 3.5 years of the new program.

OCTA Chief Executive Darrell E. Johnson explained the idea to charge toll rates dates back to 2015 and coincides with the planning of the I-405 Improvement Project, a vast system of roadway, ramp and bridge improvements that broke ground in 2018.

To fund the improvements, the county took out a \$629-million low-interest loan through the federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program. However, Johnson clarified, collecting tolls is not about generating revenue.

"We're not asking the board today to approve tolls on the 405 — that decision was made more than eight years ago," he told panelists. "[And] there is no policy adopted by the board to maximize revenue. This is all about revenue relief."

County Supervisor Andrew Do, who's served on

the OCTA Board since 2015 and was part of a 405 improvement ad hoc committee, said tolling was inevitable as the state identified such a program as a preferred means of alleviating congestion in HOV lanes statewide.

County officials asked Caltrans to allow OCTA to oversee the program, retaining local control over its design and function.

"I am confident that with our knowledge in house and our staff's diligence we have the right plan in place to allow us to deliver on all of our promises to the public, while delivering also on an easier drive to everyone who travels along the 405," Do said.

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Felon charged with firing gun at Golden West College

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A 25-year-old Huntington Beach man with a felony conviction was charged Tuesday with firing a gun on the Golden West College campus.

Talon Brunelle was charged with grossly negligent discharge of a firearm, possessing a loaded firearm on a college campus and possession of a firearm by a felon. He pleaded not guilty at a hearing in the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana and was due back in court Aug. 4 for a pretrial hearing in the West Justice Center in Westminster.

Police were dispatched about 2:30 p.m. July 19 to the college campus regarding a call of shots fired, according to Huntington Beach Police Department

public information officer Jessica Cuchilla. When officers arrived a witness said they saw someone acting suspiciously and firing a shot in the air, Cuchilla said.

On Friday, police were called to a parking structure in the 7500 block of Edinger Avenue, between Goldenwest Street and Beach Boulevard, regarding a suspicious man with a gun. When officers arrived they realized he matched the description of the suspect from July 19, police said.

Police arrested Brunelle nearby and found a gun and other evidence linking him to the shooting at Golden West College, police alleged.

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Recycling, sewer fees to remain on property tax bill for some in N.B.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach officials approved a resolution Tuesday that allows Orange County to continue collecting sewer and recycling fees for some 5,300 accounts through their property tax bills, extending a program initiated last year.

City staff said the city provides sewer service to roughly 23,000 customers and its current recycling service attends to about 22,600 customers. Most citizens and local businesses use both these services, but a small percentage use only one or the other.

Approximately 606 only use the sewer service, while 4,692 only use the recycling service — a close approximation of about 5,300 accounts that would be anomalies, according to deputy finance director Michael Gomez.

Gomez said over the past few years there has been difficulty in collecting fees from these customers, as they don't use the city's water services in tandem with sewer and recycling services.

"We don't have a good mechanism to collect on any delinquent accounts. It's very different from accounts that have water, sewer and recycling all in one bill. We have the ability to shut off the water service for nonpayment, but on the

sewer only or recycling only [customers], we don't have that same capability," said Gomez.

"Oftentimes, we resort to historical processes of sending out reminder notices or having [account] balances move forward or possibly sending them off to collections," he added, before the vote Tuesday. "But when we do that, the amount we can often collect is a smaller percentage of what the bill actually is."

Managing collections also takes up staff time, and if an outside agency is brought in to handle the collections, an 18% charge is added to the bill amounts the city receives.

To work around the challenge, staff proposed in July 2022 that the city allow properties using sewer services or paying recycling fees to have those charges included in their property tax bills. The City Council approved the suggestion, and Gomez said because of the new practice, 98.3% of recycling fees were collected and 97.3% of sewer fees were collected over the past year.

Prior to that, Gomez said the city was collecting fees from about 83% of recycling-only properties and about 75% for those that only use the sewer services.

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PROJECT

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free-standing parking garage with 284 spaces and a 1-acre public park.

In a lawsuit filed in February 2021 opposing the City Council's approval of the development, Olen Properties, which owns property at 4910 Birch Street, claimed the city failed "to conduct proper environmental review" for the project, according to court documents.

The project is to be built in the Koll Center, zoned for mixed use, on an existing surface-level parking lot that currently is used by the Koll Center's commercial tenants. To comply with state environmental law, the city obtained an addendum to an existing environmental impact report completed in 2006 as part of its general plan update.

Olen Properties argues the city was negligent and that the project is being built "despite numerous significant environmental impacts and despite the complete incompatibility of the project with the surrounding uses and surrounding community."

Attorneys for Olen contended that developers sought and received approvals to build the project on what Olen argues is existing common area of the

Koll Center, which is owned in part by Olen, and did not seek its expressed permission to do so.

"This is the story of a developer swiftly and improperly pushing through the approval process a significant, environmentally impactful project to avoid public scrutiny and comment," the complaint reads. "Attempting to plop a huge residential structure into the middle of an existing and vibrant business park, [TPG (KCN) Acquisition, which is affiliated with the Picerne Group] avoided the legal requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under CEQA."

In April 2022, the suit was denied by Orange County Superior Court Judge William Claster. Attorneys contended that the court erred in its judgment and in May of that year announced they would file an appeal.

In his opinion published on July 7, 4th District Court of Appeals Justice Maurice Sanchez denied and addressed Olen's allegations of traffic conditions and hazardous materials in addition to other causes for concern its attorneys listed.

In a request for comment on Thursday, city officials said that they were "pleased with the court's decision."

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Susan Hoffman

"LEMONADE STAND for Charity" creator Charlie Donohoe, center, with his crew of helpers during the fundraiser.

STAND

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bought the cookies. The popcorn was free."

Charlie explained the money raised could go toward paying medical bills or toward a prosthetic hand for Groshong.

"I told all my friends about it and said, 'You guys should come to my lemonade stand [because] we're doing it for charity.'"

Lauren Donohue saw the fundraiser as a good way for the youngsters to learn about reaching out to others facing difficult times.

"It's good for kids to realize that there are people that unfortunate circumstances happen to and

with unexpected bills ... there are ways you can help them through small charities in a neighborhood like a lemonade stand," said Donohoe.

"We have a lot of kind and generous neighbors who want to support the cause," she noted.

A sign advertised the "Lemonade Stand For Charity" event. The area, festooned with yellow balloons and surrounded by cute kids dressed in yellow became a site for a neighborhood social gathering. Families enjoyed the summer evening while supporting a teen and his family that they didn't even know.

There were a dozen or so kids running around along with a handful of parents

enjoying a glass of wine as passersby stopped to grab a yellow cupful of homemade lemonade, with most offering more than the 50 cents asked per serving.

Lauren Donohoe reported that they raised \$250, which has been transferred to "Team Jamie" GoFundMe account. As of late Friday afternoon, the fundraiser for Groshong had reached \$100,606 toward a \$120,000 goal.

"Based on the enthusiasm and community interest, we're going to plan an annual event for a different charity each year" said Donohoe. "We want to keep it going and raise money for those in need."

Kitty Paul and Dave

Paul, who live in the Sacramento area, organized the "Team Jamie" GoFundMe drive soon after visiting the Groshong family. They learned that the cost of a prosthetic hand ranges from \$50,000 to \$60,000, with bionic hands running closer to \$100,000.

"My son and Jamie were best friends going off to play college baseball together, and this accident happened on the Fourth of July," Kitty Paul said. "I am so overwhelmed by the kindness from the families in Corona del Mar, I didn't even know they were doing that [charitable drive], and now I have tears running down my face."

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Adoption of Ordinance No. 1690 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO ANIMALS," was introduced at the City Council meeting of July 25, 2023, and is scheduled to be adopted on August 8, 2023, on the following 5-0 vote: AYES: Orgill, Rounaghi, Weiss, Kempf, Whalen; NOES: None; ABSENT: None.
Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

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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 **Aug 09, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM05** located at 3390 Harbor Boulevard Costa Mesa, CA 92626
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 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Liane Schuller, Planning Consultant, at 949-644-3200 or lschuller@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

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PA2023-0095

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R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)

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RT-D Two Unit Residential - (20.0 - 29.9 DU/AC)

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Filing Date:
April 27, 2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION LIEN SALE
West Coast Self Storage
2059 Harbor Blvd
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
(949) 631-6666

In accordance with the provisions of the **California Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 21700, et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California** the under-signed will be sold at public auction conducted on STORAGETREASURES.COM on **August 12, 2023**. The personal property including but not limited to: Personal and household items stored at 2059 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, County of Orange, by the following persons:

Size Name
5x10 Fabiola Vasquez-Garcia

Property is sold "AS IS BASIS." There is a refundable \$100 cleaning deposit on all units. Sale is subject to cancellation.

Published: July 29, 2023 and August 5, 2023

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

Bire II LLC Residential Condominiums - A tentative parcel map and coastal development permit for condominium purposes. A single-unit residence will be demolished, and a new duplex is under construction. The tentative parcel map would allow each unit to be sold individually. No waivers of Title 19 (Subdivisions) are proposed. A coastal development permit (CDP) is required because this property is in the coastal zone.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15315 under Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapters 19.12 and 21.64. A fee is not required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the Planning Commission. The project site is not located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City may not be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 25, 2023, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, introduced an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEWPORT PLACE PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT (PA2023-0082)

The Ordinance would change the minimum inclusionary housing requirement of Residential Overlay from 30 percent to 15 percent.

This Ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 25th day of July, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Noah Blom, Council Member Brad Avery, Council Member Robyn Grant, Council Member Lauren Kleiman, Council Member Erik Weigand
NAYS: None
RECUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Will O'Neill, Council Member Joe Stapleton

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-13 will occur at the August 22, 2023 City Council meeting. If adopted on August 22, 2023, the Ordinance shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2023.
/s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 25, 2023, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NEWPORT VILLAGE PLANNED COMMUNITY (PC-27) DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO ALLOW RECREATIONAL USES WITHIN AREA 1

The Ordinance amends the Newport Village Planned Community (PC-27) Development Plan to add "recreational facilities" as an allowed use within Area 1, which is the 2.43-acre property at the corner of Avocado Avenue and San Joaquin Hills Road that is currently developed with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) transit facility and parking lot.

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 25th day of July, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 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
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U.S. OPEN OF SURFING

Local surfers among those to watch

BY JOE HAAKENSEN

It seems like only yesterday that Huntington Beach local Kanoa Igarashi was the young buck trying to make a name for himself in the waves on the south side of the Huntington Beach Pier.

But as the U.S. Open of Surfing gets underway Saturday and runs through Sunday, Aug. 6, Igarashi, at the ripe old age of 25, has become the sage veteran in the water, while making way for a new crop of starry-eyed surfers.

Among the newbies is 16-year-old Sara Freyre, who will be a junior at Huntington Beach High School in the fall. Freyre might seem a bit young to make an impact at such a high-level event, but Santa Ana's Courtney Conlogue was just 16 and a high school student at Sage Hill in Newport Beach when she won the first of her two U.S. Open crowns in 2009.

Igarashi was only 15 when he surfed in his first U.S. Open in 2013 and placed third as a 17-year-old in 2015. He also placed third in 2021 after winning back-to-back titles in 2017 and '18. This year is Igarashi's 10th Open.

"Oh my God, really? Wow," Igarashi said when told this year's Open is his 10th. "It's really crazy how the same exact event can mean so many different things. I remember when I was first coming up and I was 15, I felt I had so much to prove. And I had two CT (Championship Tour) surfers in my very first U.S. Open heat. But I had nothing to lose, and I was just there to compete."

"And now it's crazy how it's the same exact event, 10 years later, and again I don't have anything to lose, only something to gain, competing against

people with a lot to prove and a lot to gain."

That would describe someone like Freyre, who learned she earned a spot in the women's division of the Open earlier this week.

"I was sitting at home in the morning, I had just woken up, and I received an email saying that I got the wild card in the U.S. Open," Freyre said. "I started freaking out, I ran to my parents, 'I got in! I got the wild card!' I was just overwhelmed with happiness and super excited."

Igarashi is in the midst of his seventh season on the World Surf League's prestigious Championship Tour, currently ranked No. 13 in the world and coming off his best result of the season, finishing third at J-Bay in South Africa. He's also an Olympic medalist, taking home silver in the Games' first-ever surfing event in Japan two years ago.

So if there's anyone who would qualify to give Freyre some advice, it's Igarashi.

"I see her in the water almost every day when I'm home," he said. "But I will have a talk with her and tell her she definitely belongs here, and that's the hardest part of competing in the U.S. Open at this level. The belief [in yourself] is not as strong as many other competitors in the event when you're super young."

"That's the first step towards success. You have to believe in yourself, and you're trying to get the judges to believe in you as well. It's really important to have that attitude, the attitude knowing she can compete with anyone in the event. I remember when I was 15 and got the wild card, I actually did believe I could beat those



Courtesy of Brian Bott

SARA FREYRE, who will be a junior at Huntington Beach High School in the fall, is ready for the U.S. Open of Surfing.

guys."

Freyre's confidence should be high entering the Open considering earlier this month she won the NSSA national championship in the women's open division, her second national title in a row. She's also a member of USA Surfing's junior national team.

Freyre, though, is being careful not to get ahead of herself.

"I'm just going to try to take things heat by heat and not get overwhelmed or get too far ahead of myself and just focus on one heat at a time and go from there," she said.

Igarashi certainly will have his eyes on the prize, looking for his third U.S. Open crown. Since the contest name was changed

from "OP Pro" to U.S. Open in 1994, only Rob Machado has won three men's Open titles. Besides Igarashi, other two-time winners include Kelly Slater, Andy Irons, Filipe Toledo and Huntington's Brett Simpson.

Brazil's Toledo, currently ranked No. 1 in the world and the defending world champion, will surf in this year's Open in search of his third title as well.

Winning an event with a total of 80 competitors is difficult enough, but it's made even tougher with the Open being a vital event for surfers trying to qualify for next year's CT. The Open is the fourth of six Challenger Series contests, and the top 10 in the final points standings get promoted to the sport's

biggest stage.

Among those in the mix is a quartet from San Clemente that includes Cole Houshmand (currently ranked No. 1 in the Challenger Series), Kade Matson (No. 5), Jett Schilling (No. 10) and Crosby Colapinto (No. 13).

"It's great to see Orange County stepping up onto the world stage," Igarashi said. "San Clemente is a strong point of Orange County, they have a lot of great surfers. It's cool to see them stepping up and competing and finding that belief that they can win."

Among the most notable of the 48 names in the women's division is Australia's Sally Fitzgibbons, a 13-year veteran of the CT and someone who has fin-

ished in the top eight of the world rankings 11 times, including three times at No. 2 and four times at No. 3.

This year's U.S. Open also features the motorcycle-based "Nitro Circus Full Throttle FMX," which will take place today and tomorrow, as well as Saturday, Aug. 5. The Open also features the Huntington Beach Longboard Classic, the first of four stops on the WSL Longboard Tour, which crowns a world champion in the men's and women's divisions.

Live bands will perform throughout the week. For the full schedule, go to usopenofsurfing.com.

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