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Time for a little sun



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A SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY lands for a moment on the branch of a blossoming cherry tree in Huntington Central Park as clear skies return to the area after recent rains swept through coastal Orange County.

Officials plan to inspect stability of bluff

Engineers will visit area behind yellow-tagged homes on Galaxy Drive, where a bluff collapsed early Thursday morning.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Geological engineers will be out next week inspecting the bluff in Newport Beach that collapsed early Thursday morning, according to city officials.

The landslide happened at around 4 a.m. Thursday behind 1466 Galaxy Drive. Much of the backyard for the property was lost, though the house remains intact. The backyards of houses on either side of the property were also damaged, though all of the houses appear intact. Inspectors yellow-tagged them because of an exposed gas line and concerns the slide could worsen.

Just hours before the landslide, the owners of 1466 Galaxy Drive reached out to the city, indicating their intention to do some work to stabilize the property.

With the weather expected to be sunny and dry for the next few days, city spokesman John Pope confirmed that engineers retained by the property owners would be out on the bluff Monday to bore into the hillside to get an idea of the soil composition. That data will then be used for recommendations.

"Once the work is done and the geological engineer is satisfied with the stability and believe the home is secured, they may draft a letter stating the property is safe and the city can then decide to lift the yellow tag and allow the homeowners back inside the house," Pope said. "But, until that happens, the yellow tag will stay

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Laguna Beach set to appoint Dave Kiff as new city manager

BY ANDREW TURNER

A seven-month search to find a new top executive to lead Laguna Beach appears to have reached its conclusion.

The City Council will vote on an employment contract for Dave Kiff to serve as the Laguna Beach city manager at Tuesday night's meeting, according to

the agenda.

Kiff has experience working at the state, county and local levels of government. He spent 20 years with the city of Newport Beach, nine of those years as its city manager.

More recently, he served as the director of the homelessness services division for Sonoma County.

When reached for comment about the agenda item on Friday, Mayor Sue Kempf said the hire was not a "done deal" until the City Council approves the contract. She noted Kiff's experience as a city manager and history as a past resident of Laguna Beach as part of the appeal

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File Photo

DAVE KIFF speaks during a Newport Beach City Council meeting in April 2018.

As opinions shift, Costa Mesa edits its retail cannabis laws

Amendments to city's rules represent about-face in process that's so far given a green light to the industry.

BY SARA CARDINE

Despite an attempt to modify motions made by Costa Mesa council members last month amending the city's retail cannabis ordinances — which address some problems but potentially open the door to new ones — panelists Tuesday doubled down.

Following a March 19 public hearing, the council largely favored instituting a 250-foot buffer between dispensaries and any properties in a residential zone and increasing a separation requirement between the shops and youth centers from 600 feet to 1,000 feet.

Members also decided to cap the number of cannabis busi-

ness permits issued at 35, allowing those who've already begun the application process to continue, then suspend processing applications until a time when the number of businesses shrink by attrition until there are fewer than 10 operators, then set 10 as the new cap.

Once approved in a second reading, those proposals will render many shops already approved by the city legal nonconforming businesses, meaning they will be allowed to continue operations in defiance of city laws. However, it is unclear whether that status could hinder future business transactions.

Dispensary owners could also face challenges should they decide to sell or transfer ownership of the business, because that individual would be required to obtain a new cannabis business permit but could not do so if the cap of 35 permits had already

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JENN MCCALL

has been named a water polo referee for the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris. McCall will make history, becoming the first American woman to ever referee water polo at the Olympic games.

Don Leach
Staff Photographer

Surf City's Jenn McCall is taking her referee whistle to the Paris Olympics

BY MATT SZABO

Jenn McCall was born in September 1984, just weeks after the Summer Olympics had their closing ceremonies in Los Angeles.

McCall has never been to an Olympics as a spectator, but the Huntington Beach resident is

headed to Paris this summer in what amounts to the work trip of a lifetime.

McCall was one of two United States referees selected to referee water polo at the Paris Olympics. When that first match begins, she will become the first female U.S. referee to ever referee water polo at the Olympics.

She learned the good news last month when the Spanish referee sent her the electronic summons over WhatsApp, congratulating her. Official recognition soon poured in, including a nice email from USA Water Polo congratulating McCall and the other

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AROUND TOWN

Laguna Beach High community to walk for water

Laguna Beach High School students will walk for water on April 21 to raise funds to build freshwater wells in West Africa and India as part of the school's annual fundraiser.

Students, faculty and community members will be at the high school's football field from noon to 3 p.m. that day for the Wisdom Spring West Coast Walk.

For ways to participate in the walk or to learn more, visit wisdomspring.org.

port Harbor Post 291 is hosting an event to honor veterans of the Vietnam War this weekend.

The event will run through Sunday and include exhibits like a "Dust Off Huey" helicopter, provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America, that will be on display at Veterans Park from until noon Sunday. Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America will also be present to answer questions.

For more information, visit al291.com/event/vietnam-swift-boat-tour-1000-1600hrs-dustoff-huey-tour-1300-1700hrs.

Costa Mesa Dump Day returns

Costa Mesa residents can drop off their bulky household items at the Costa Mesa Senior Center to be disposed of on Saturday,

American Legion post to honor Vietnam veterans

American Legion New-



Courtesy of Caedman Welch

LAGUNA BEACH High School students pose for a picture after last year's "Walking For Water" event.

April 20, for what the city is calling "dump day." Residents will be able to drop off their items from 8 to 11 a.m. or until capacity is reached at no expense. They will not accept hazardous materials such as batteries, paints, oils, chemicals and pesticides, nor will they accept building materials.

N.B. police to host mobile cafe

The Newport Beach Police Department will hold a mobile cafe this weekend at the Corona Del Mar Farmer's Market at 3201 E. Coast Hwy. The mobile cafe will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The department hosts mobile cafes in an effort to better connect its police with community members to discuss issues within the city.

Shearing, fiber arts festival set for Hana Field

Hana Field, which is operated by Tanaka Farms in Irvine, will hold a "shearing day" and fiber arts festival on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested visitors will learn about spinning, creating and the crafting of wool as sheep are sheared at the field. The event is free for children 2 and under and military personnel. Tickets for the general public cost \$10. To purchase tickets, visit tanakafarms.com/hana-field.

Hana Field will also present "bunny yoga" on Sunday at 10 a.m. and again at 11:30 p.m. Visitors will spend an hour doing yoga with instructor Savannah Smith and rabbits provided and cared for by Tanaka

Farm's barnyard and volunteers. The class is a fundraiser for Helping Farms Feed Families. The class is limited to those ages 9 and older, and children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$40.

Newport Beach accepting special event grant applications

The city of Newport Beach announced Tuesday that it's accepting applications for event grants from community programs that are available to residents. To qualify, the events must happen between July 2024 and June 2025. The application period closes on April 23 at 5 p.m. The city is expected to give around \$60,000 in grants. Submitting an application does not guarantee a grant.

For more information or to apply, visit newportbeachca.gov/grants.

N.B. teacher raising funds for treatment

Joe Konrad, a teacher at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic School in Newport Beach, is seeking donations to help pay for treatments for his multiple sclerosis. Konrad said he first started feeling tingling in his hands and feet in the midst of the pandemic but was not formally diagnosed with the disease until 2021. Konrad said he is taking each day one step at a time and has the support of friends, family and his workplace, but he is struggling to cover the costs for the out-of-pocket medical expenses for treatment.

As of Friday afternoon, Konrad had raised \$2,205 of his \$25,000 goal. For more information, visit go.fund.mef3d09982.

Coastal Corridor Alliance hosts tours of parks

The Coastal Corridor Alliance announced in March the start of its coastal discovery tours, which will occur on the second Saturday of every month. The inaugural tour will be at Fairview Park on April 13. Tours will also be held at Talbert Park and the Huntington Beach wetlands on various dates. Children age 7 and older are welcome to attend.

For more information or to register, visit eventbrite.com/lecoastal-discovery-tours-paseos-por-la-costa-tickets-852544973967.

Imaginology returns to O.C. fairgrounds

Imaginology is returning to the OC Fair & Events Center on April 13 and 14 to provide students and their families a chance to participate and learn from competitions and other exhibits that touch STEM fields.

Admission is free and most activities are included, but parking is \$12. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

For more information, visit ocfair.com/imaginology.

Costa Mesa Playhouse to present 'Art'

The Costa Mesa Play-

house announced Friday the rescheduled dates for Yasmina Reza's "Art," which plays through April 20. The show tells the story of three people whose longtime friendship is on the rocks when one of the friends buys a completely white painting, sparking a debate about what constitutes art. Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m.

Additional performances will be on April 11 at 8 p.m. and on April 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. To buy tickets, visit costamesaplayhouse.com.

Fundraiser to benefit students at ABT William J. Gillespie School

Pas de Deux Chapter of the Guilds at Segerstrom Center for the Arts is planning its annual Evening of Dance fundraiser to benefit the ABT William J. Gillespie School students.

Susan Jaffe, artistic director of American Ballet Theatre and this year's honorary chair will host the event, which takes place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, at the Samueli Theatre at Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

The event will feature ABT dancers who received their formal dance training through the American Ballet Theatre Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School or Studio Company. They are scheduled to perform the Swan Lake Act I Pas de Trois and the Don Quixote Pas de Deux.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/AttendEveningofDance2024.

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NOTICE OF VACANCIES

The City of Newport Beach is currently accepting applications to fill the following upcoming scheduled vacancies:

- **Board of Library Trustees (one seat – term is for four-years, expiring June 30, 2028)**
Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, at 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach
- **Building and Fire Board of Appeals (two seats – terms are for four-years, expiring June 30, 2028)**
Meetings are as needed on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach
- **City Arts Commission (two seats – terms are for four-years, expiring June 30, 2028)**
Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, at 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach
- **Civil Service Board (two Fire and Police Department Nominee seats – terms for four-years, expiring June 30, 2028)**
Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach (Council Chambers)
- **Harbor Commission (one seat – term is for four-years, expiring June 30, 2028)**
Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach (Council Chambers)
- **Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission (one seat – term is for four-years, expiring June 30, 2028)**
Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach (Council Chambers)
- **Planning Commission (two seats – terms are for four-years, expiring June 30, 2028)**
Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on the Thursdays preceding the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach (Council Chambers)

All scheduled vacancies will become vacant when the existing terms expire on June 30, 2024, or until the seat is filled.

All applicants must be qualified electors of the City, none of whom shall hold any paid office or employment in City government (Section 702 of the City Charter).

The deadline for filing applications is **noon on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, or until the vacancies are filled.** The application and additional information about the Boards and Commissions can be found at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/vacancy> or by calling 949-644-3005. The application and information about the Boards and Commissions can also be accessed through the City's website at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/bcc>.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 949-644-3005.

LEGAL NOTICE



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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following matter:

Housing Element Implementation Program Amendments – As background, the Housing Element is one of the seven mandatory elements of the Newport Beach General Plan. Every eight years, state law requires the City of Newport Beach (City) to update its Housing Element to plan for projected housing needs. As required by state law, the City adopted the 6th Cycle Housing Element or the 2021-2029 planning period (Housing Element) on September 13, 2022, which was certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development on October 5, 2022.

To implement the Housing Element, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to the City Council of the amendments and actions described below which must take effect by the statutory deadline of February 2025:

- **General Plan Amendment.** Amend the General Plan Land Use Element to support housing production in the focus areas identified by the Housing Element;
- **Zoning Code Amendment.** Amend Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) to implement the Land Use Element's policy changes by allowing housing development through new Housing Opportunity (HO) Overlay Zoning Districts; establish appropriate development standards, and create objective design and development standards for multi-unit residential and mixed-use development projects; and
- **Local Coastal Program Amendment.** Amend the Newport Beach Coastal Land Use Plan and Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the NBMC to include new Housing Opportunity (HO) Overlay Coastal Zoning Districts to support housing production in the focus areas identified by the Housing Element within the Coastal Zone.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) (SCH No. 2023060699) has been prepared in connection with the Housing Element Implementation Program Amendments (identified above) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq) and the City Policy K-3. The deadline to provide the City with comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR ended on March 28, 2024. However, the City encourages members of the public to review the Draft EIR that addresses significant environmental issues associated with the Housing Element Implementation Program Amendments. Copies of the Draft EIR and supporting documents are available for public review and inspection at the Planning Division or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa. 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. The Planning Commission's action will consist of a recommendation to the City Council, such that the Planning Commission's action is not the final public hearing on this matter. The matter may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Benjamin M. Zdeba, AICP, Principal Planner, at 949-644-3253 or bzdeba@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2022-0245
Activities: General Plan Amendment, Zoning Code Amendment, Local Coastal Program Amendment
Zone/Coastal Zone: Various
Location: Citywide
Tristan Harris, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

EDITS

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been reached.

Mayor John Stephens attempted to edit some of the March 19 recommendations Tuesday, putting forth a new motion. He proposed instituting a cap of 35 conditional use permits, which, unlike cannabis business permits, run with a property and not a proprietor.

He additionally moved to continue processing applications already in the pipeline, but instead of landing on a final number of 10 shops, he suggested the city stop processing new requests for a period of three years, at which point the City Council would then consider whether to impose any separation requirements.

"[At that time] we will be able to make this decision about the program based on data, the historical data, what is happening on the ground, as opposed to where we're at right now, which is about halfway through the program," the mayor maintained.

Stephens further recommended city staff move forward with processing applications as quickly as possible, working first on proposals that were ready to go, rather than sticking to a tiered system that gave priority to proprietors who'd partnered with cannabis distributors and manufac-



File Photo

CANNABIS EDIBLES at 420 Central Newport Mesa in Costa Mesa, where rules regarding pot shops are changing.

turers already operating in Costa Mesa.

Before seconding Stephens' motion, Councilman Loren Gameros asked city staff to explain a provision in the new draft ordinance requiring that not only cannabis operators, but all financial interest holders in that business, seek separate business permits from the city. Any violation could cause a cannabis business permit to be revoked.

That line was added into the ordinance language after the Costa Mesa Planning Commission signed off on the document in December and included in drafts presented to the City Council in March and again Tuesday. Assistant Development Services Director Scott Drapkin confirmed the addition was made by the city attorney's office.

"[What] if someone has a 5% interest, or what if they're leveraging money from a financial institution or something like that?" Gameros asked.

Assistant City Atty. Tar-

quin Preziosi said state law requires any financial interest holder in a cannabis business with a 20% or greater stake in the enterprise to be publicly disclosed. Consequently, elected officials who've received donations of \$250 or more from those stakeholders would be obligated to recuse themselves from decisions involving that business for one year.

"However, there is no state law that requires financial business holders to pull a business license," Preziosi added. "That's purely optional by the City Council."

Gameros and Stephens indicated their desire to strike the business license requirement, in part, because it is not applied to any other business that operates in Costa Mesa. But the motion they both backed was superseded by a substitute motion from Councilwoman Andrea Marr, who proposed moving forward with the ordinance presented by staff, which included the March

19 proposals and the business license requirement.

Seconded by Councilman Manuel Chavez, the vote passed 6-1 with only Stephens opposed and will come back to the council for a second reading, likely as a consent item that does not require further comment ahead of a vote.

Councilman Don Harper, who's repeatedly expressed concern about what he feels are lax rules formed with too much input from the cannabis industry, explained his desire to change legislative direction.

"We're trying to get something a little longer term and send a message, based on what we've learned and based on how this council was influenced to design this ordinance," he said. "I think we made a mistake, we've learned from that and we're trying to alter course."

Jim Fitzpatrick, a former Costa Mesa planning commissioner who now advises cannabis enterprises on working within the municipal process, said the city's proposed amendments are troubling for operators wishing to do legal business in Costa Mesa.

"To require a business license for a financial interest holder was sneakily inserted without explanation and represents a problem," he said Friday. "Industry members intend to pull the consent item for discussion and demand the City Council get an explanation of why Costa Mesa is the only city to require [such a thing] or to remove the bad policy at once."

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2 cities look ahead to a day of community service

BY ANDREW TURNER

A decade of dedication to the idea of giving back locally will come to fruition later this month, when the communities of Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach will see dozens of projects carried out by hundreds of volunteers.

The 10th annual Community Service Day, sponsored by the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 20.

Most of the planned projects should be completed between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. Organizers were at the Fountain Valley City Council meeting Tuesday to appeal to community members to get involved.

"The purpose really is to bring community together," Jynene Johnson, board president of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, said during a presentation. "The service that we do is great, but it doesn't really matter how much service you can give with your hands, which is great. It benefits people and things, but we really want to see the community come out and work and serve together, and meet new people and make friends."

Johnson said about 40 projects will be available for the public to participate in. Those interested in signing up should visit communityserviceday.org.

Available projects include community cleanup, a diaper drive, gardening

and landscape work, habitat restoration, home improvements for senior residents, and packaging meals.

"Our vision is to have a single community day engaging all the diverse community members from all walks of life," Johnson added. "It motivates volunteerism, increases civic pride and inspires service with future generations."

Volunteers who sign up will receive a tote bag and a wristband for a free lunch at a picnic following the event.

There will be entertainment at the picnic, which will take place at the Huntington Beach Bandstand from noon to 3 p.m.

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VOLUNTEERS WORK on a Community Service Day project at Heritage Park in Fountain Valley in 2023. This year's work day is set for April 20.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

HOMES ALONG Galaxy Drive in Newport Beach were yellow-tagged after a large backyard landslide on the bluffs sent grass and a large tree into the Upper Newport Bay on Thursday.

BLUFF

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in place and homeowners cannot stay in the house."

City Councilman Erik Weigand said the owners of the most severely affected property moved out Friday. He added that the residents

of the two adjacent properties can remain in their homes, but have been strongly advised to avoid their backyards.

This is the second slide that's occurred on Galaxy Drive in a year, with the last one occurring in March 2023. The house that was primarily affected then,

1930 Galaxy Drive, was demolished later that same month. The cause of that slide appeared to be over-saturation by rain. The cause of this most recent slide is still under investigation.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mix with a spoon 5 "Woof!"
 - 8 Help out
 - 14 Angry letters: 2 wds.
 - 16 Religion of Japan
 - 17 "Mambo _"
 - 18 Arranged in groups
 - 19 Michael of Monty Python
 - 20 Money for research
 - 22 _ Speedwagon
 - 23 Improved, as writing
 - 25 Uses an axe
 - 27 Baby cow
 - 30 Eminent
 - 32 Rock with minerals
 - 33 Big _
 - 34 Revlon competitor
 - 38 Big body of water
 - 39 Wide street: Abbr.
 - 40 Tampa player, for short
 - 41 " _ being rude?"
 - 42 Mass of hair
 - 44 "A mouse!"
 - 45 Fish eggs
 - 46 Mariachi shakers
 - 49 Signs, slangily
 - 50 Watch secretly: 2 wds.
 - 53 Adolescents
 - 55 Cutesy add-on
 - 56 Colgate competitor
 - 58 Sunups
 - 62 Timmy's pup pal on TV
 - 64 Coffee-flavored liqueur: 2 wds.
 - 66 Feeling sore
 - 67 Egyptians, e.g.
 - 68 Objects
 - 69 Whiskey grain
 - 70 Relaxing resorts

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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.

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

- 3 Tilted type: Abbr. 2 wds.
- 4 Comforting feeling
- 5 Slim battery size
- 6 Cellphone sound
- 7 Bit of broccoli
- 8 Society: Abbr.
- 9 NBA timekeeper:
- 10 Military address
- 11 Emcee's words
- 12 Hard to climb
- 13 Big fusses
- 15 Resent
- 21 Oral health org.
- 24 "The very ideal!": 2 wds.

- 26 Pronoun for a boat
- 27 Price
- 28 Region
- 29 Low in fat
- 31 "The _ Eye" (Toni Morrison novel)
- 33 Holding a steady position
- 35 Merit
- 36 Run _ (go wild)
- 37 Untruths
- 40 Make prettier
- 43 "Frankenfood" abbr.
- 47 Nautical "yes" headliner
- 48 Follower
- 49 Novelist Susan
- 50 Water balloon sound
- 51 Cook gently in water
- 52 "Super Mario World" dinosaur
- 54 Type of TV cable
- 57 Rules: Abbr.
- 59 Tube-shaped sandwich
- 60 Singer Simone
- 61 Be disrespectful to
- 63 Religious no-no
- 65 "You _ too much!"

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Cheryl Lynn Carlson

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Joanne Chappell and Jeffrey Chappell in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.

The petition for Probate requests that Joanne Chappell and Jeffrey Chappell be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held on **May 1, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept CM05** located at Superior Court of California, County of Orange 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

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

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

The Residences at Airport Village - The applicant is requesting approval for the demolition of seven commercial buildings and surface parking and the construction of 444 for-rent residential units atop an 806-space parking structure (Project). The following approvals are requested to implement the project as proposed:

- Major Site Development Review (SDR): An SDR in accordance with the Newport Airport Village Planned Community (PC-60) and Section 20.52.80 (Site Development Reviews) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC), for the construction of the Project;

- Affordable Housing Implementation Plan (AHIP): A plan specifying how the Project would meet the City's affordable housing requirements, in exchange for a request of 35% increase in density. The applicant seeks two development standard waivers related to the overall residential project density range and private open space for each residential unit, and a development concession related to the mix of affordable units pursuant to Chapter 20.32 (Density Bonus) of the NBMC and Government Code Section 65915 (Density Bonus Law); and

- Tentative Parcel Map: A tentative parcel map to consolidate five lots into one 6.44- gross acre (6.16-net acre) parcel, pursuant to Chapter 19.12 (Tentative Map Review) of the NBMC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that all significant environmental concerns for the proposed project have been addressed in a previously certified environmental document that the City of Newport Beach intends to use said document for the above-noted project, and further that there are no additional reasonable alternatives or mitigation measures that should be considered in conjunction with said project. Copies of the previously prepared environmental document are available for public review and inspection at the Planning Division or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa.

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 Chapter 20.64 (Appeals) and Section 19.12.060 (Subdivision Code). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission.

Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Jenny Tran, Assistant Planner, at 949-644-3212 or jtran@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2023-0223
Activities: Major Site Development Review, Affordable Housing Implementation Plan, and Tentative Parcel Map

Zone: Newport Airport Planned Community (PC-60)
General Plan: Mixed-Use Horizontal2 (MU-H2)

Location: 4540, 4570, 4600, and 4630 Campus Drive, 4525, 4533, and 4647 MacArthur Boulevard, and 4515 Birch Street
Applicant: The Picerne Group

Tristan Harris, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

MCCALL

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American referee headed to Paris, Darren Spiritosanto. "It's amazing," McCall said. "I knew it was a possibility, just because of the other females that are on the list and the tournaments leading up to this. But it's just really cool. I got a lot of congratulations from friends and people that I haven't talked to since high school, things like that. But I also got a lot of outreach from young female athletes and referees, like, 'Thank you so much for what you do.'"

What McCall does is referee water polo games and plenty of them, about 500 per year by her estimate. She's one of the most recognizable referees in Orange County, though she knows part of the reason for that.

"People always remember the young, blonde female," she said with a smile. "That's how it always was for me. But if you're a guy, it's like, just another guy referee, you know?"

McCall, 39, is the oldest of six children, five of them females and all of them water polo players. She put in the work after playing the sport at Rosary High, University of the Pacific and USC, graduating from college in 2008 with a psychology degree and a minor in kinesiology.

She eventually became a

paralegal and stayed around the sport. One day, she was running a water polo tournament and a situation came up.

"A referee had to leave early, and I had the white clothes and everything," McCall said. "I was like, 'Well, I'm a certified referee,' so I got out there and refed the rest of the day for him. It wasn't so bad, so that kind of got me over my fear of blowing the whistle in a game."

She counted late long-time Sunny Hills and Servite coach Jim Sprague, as well as high-level referee Gary Robinett, as early mentors. Both are USA Water Polo Hall of Fame members.

Mitch Carty also has known McCall for a long time, as he recruited her when he was coaching at Whittier College. Carty is now the Big West Conference coordinator of officials, as well as a high school water polo coach at La Habra High.

"Jenn does everything the right way," said Carty, who's also the chief financial officer for the CIF Southern Section. "It's her passion, so it's truly fantastic to see someone achieve something like this for something that they're passionate about ... She's the type of person where if you're a coach and you see her walk on the deck, you say, 'OK, good. At least we know that it's going to be a

well-officiated, fair game.' And she's going to have expectations, and there's going to be consequences. She does a good job of making sure that line is very firm."

McCall quickly made her way through the ranks on domestic soil. She refereed her first NCAA women's water polo national championship game in 2022.

She's also been on the World Aquatics (formerly FINA) referee list since 2017, making her one of 10 United States officials eligible for international competitions. McCall and Spiritosanto blew their whistles at the World Aquatics Championships last summer in Fukuoka, Japan — delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic — as well as the same tournament held in February of this year in Doha, Qatar.

Her advice for young referees, in part, is to always say "yes" to assignments or just soaking up the game. Just last week, she went to watch a college match just because she was in the area.

"My biggest thing is to be a student of the game, don't take things personally and just get better every time," she said. "We never stop learning, even from younger referees."

McCall is slated to referee the U.S. women's national team's match against Australia on Tuesday night at Long Beach City College.



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JENN MCCALL hopes she doesn't have to hand out any yellow or red cards at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris this summer.

"It takes a lot of time," said Amber Drury, a USA Water Polo Hall of Fame member who has been the NCAA coordinator of officials since 2019. "Just whistling games, and also the volunteer time. She assigns for the [Southern Pacific Zone], so she gives back her time to the sport in a lot of ways in addition to actually whistling games. There's a lot involved. Yes, you have to be a good referee, but it's also just being a well-rounded person in our sport. It takes a lot of time and effort, and she has definitely given that.

"I can speak for other female referees that it's past due, and it's fantastic to have her there," Drury added. "I'm really looking forward to watching her work on that grand stage. It's going to be awesome."

McCall is excited, too. She said she looks forward to watching sports like beach volleyball and gymnastics in Paris during the work downtime.

Walking on that particular pool deck, though, will surely be an unforgettable experience, even though she's done that thousands of times in her refereeing

career.

"You have to love what you do," McCall said. "I work full time in a very demanding job. When I walk away from my computer and come out to the pool deck, this is my happy place. Then there's some times when you walk off and you're like, 'Wow, that wasn't fun today.' But I think there's something inside you that brings you back the next day, and I think that's just passion for the sport."

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KIFF

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of his candidacy. "He's an experienced city manager in Newport, which is a city that's about three times bigger than we are," Kempf said. "... He already knows the town inside and out, and that will be a great help to all of us, as we won't have a long time for him to get familiar with the job."

Kiff holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from CSU

Sacramento. He earned a master's degree in government administration from the Fels Institute at the University of Pennsylvania.

Under the terms of the contract, Kiff will receive a starting salary of \$315,000. The contract under consideration would also provide a \$1,000 monthly stipend to go toward housing, a vehicle allowance of \$500 per month, and a cell-phone stipend of \$80 per month.

Kiff would take over a

position only recently vacated by Sean Joyce, who had been serving as interim city manager as a retired annuitant. Gavin Curran has been serving as acting city manager in his stead.

Laguna Beach had been conducting a search to fill the position on a permanent basis since a separation agreement was reached with its former city manager, Shohreh Dupuis, in late August.

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California State Parks seasonal lifeguard Sierra Fockler discovered a 14-inch Pacific football fish around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, near the lifeguard station located at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. It's the second such case of the fish washing ashore over the last three years. (Courtesy of California State Parks)

Good morning. It's Wednesday, Oct. 25. I'm Carol Cormaci, bringing you this week's [TimesOC newsletter](#) with a look at the latest local news and events.

Watch where you're stepping on O.C.'s famed sands, because you may encounter a rare specimen of marine life. One, in fact, that has very sharp teeth.

That's what happened on a recent afternoon to lifeguard Sierra Fockler, who found a spooky-looking black angler fish, specifically a Pacific football fish, while she was walking near the lifeguard headquarters building on Moro Beach, located within Crystal Cove State Park.