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Chris Kluwe fired as coach at Edison

Former NFL punter says school officials fired him following his act of 'civil disobedience' at an H.B. City Council meeting.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Days after Chris Kluwe was handcuffed and carried out of a Huntington Beach City Council meeting for engaging in what he called an act of "peaceful civil disobedience" he was fired from his high school teaching position.

The former NFL punter and 15-year resident of Huntington Beach said he was dismissed this week from the Edison High football program, for which he served as a freshman football coach for the Chargers.

Kluwe said he was called into a meeting with school officials on Thursday, was offered an opportunity to resign, and when he chose not, he was subsequently shown the door.

"The school fired me yesterday," Kluwe said in a phone interview on Friday. "The [athletic director] and the vice principal of supervision brought me in and said that they were getting too much attention, and they had to let me go."

"Obviously, I was bummed about it because I feel like the community is losing a resource. I don't think they're going to find another ex-NFL player to coach freshman football."

Huntington Beach Union High School District Athletic Director James Perry said he could not comment on a "human resources situation" when reached on Friday regarding Kluwe's dismissal. Rich Boyce, the athletic director at Edison, also declined to comment.

At the Huntington Beach City Council meeting on Feb. 18, Kluwe made pointed remarks to the panel, arguing that the public was going unheard.

Library policies have been at

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Photos by Eric Licas

A PHOTO of Major Billy Hall alongside documents jokingly charging him with enlisting in the armed forces with false information. He joined the Marine Corps at the age of 15, four months before the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Celebration of life salutes a local 'American hero'



AN HONOR GUARD fires a salute to Major Billy Hall outside of American Legion Post 291 in Newport Beach on Friday. The veteran served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars. He died at the age of 98 in December.

After enlisting at age 15 shortly before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Billy Hall served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

BY ERIC LICAS

Major Billy C. Hall, the last surviving American serviceman who enlisted before World War II and also saw combat in Korea and Vietnam, was remembered by friends and family this week at a celebration of life ceremony in Newport Beach.

Hall entered the Marine Corps at the age of 15, just four months before the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. In his initial deployment as a teen, he operated the turret of a Douglas SBD Dauntless in the battle of Guadalcanal. By the time he was 17 he had survived over 100

combat missions.

After WWII he served as an instructor for the National Guard in California, then redeployed to fight in the Korean War as an Army infantry and communications officer. After that he learned to fly a helicopter and went on to pilot a Huey slick through 50 insertion, extraction, supply and medivac missions.

"I got shot at every day in Iraq, so I can really resonate with the fact that through three wars, his jobs were not safe," friend Gary Tegel told the Daily Pilot following the ceremony, which was held at American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291. "Torpedo bombers historically, the dauntless, a lot of them went into the ocean. A lot of the helicopters got shot down in Vietnam. So for him to come back, well, I told

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

ALAN AND GAIL Perlmutter, left, measure a prospective cast member, Robin Ray, during casting calls for the 2024 Pageant of the Masters show. More cast members are needed for this year's show.

Pageant casting call to provide rare look at show's rehearsal

BY ANDREW TURNER

Those hoping to land a part in the latest installment of the Pageant of the Masters likely believed their chance had come and gone, but an additional open casting call has been scheduled in March.

The Pageant of the Masters, a long-running show that casts its volunteers as living pictures of the artwork they are sent out on stage to portray, is held annually during the summer inside the Irvine Bowl.

"Gold Coast: Treasures of California," this year's production,

will be staged from July 5 to Aug. 29.

This time around, the Pageant of the Masters is especially in need of individuals under 5 feet tall and men exceeding 6 feet in height for sculptural roles. The additional casting event will take place on Thursday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Forum Theater on the Festival of Arts premises.

For many in the audience, a view from a seat inside the amphitheater is as close as they will get to the tableaux vivants. Next

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Pot dispensary plans go up in smoke as use permit expires

BY SARA CARDINE

Four years after Costa Mesa legalized retail cannabis sales, and the green rush that followed as proprietors sought the necessary approvals to do business, a use permit awarded by planning commissioners more than two years ago has expired with no store built.

And while applicants tried to reinstate their entitlements Monday in a hearing before the commission, their efforts foundered as panelists upheld the expiration status, marking the first time a coveted cannabis permit has been relinquished.

King's Crew, the retail arm of the locally based cannabis company Gold Flora Partners, sought to occupy a 2,778-square-foot commercial building at 1687 Orange Ave. and was approved dur-



Screenshot by Sara Cardine

A RENDERING of a proposed King's Crew cannabis dispensary at 1687 Orange Ave. presented to Costa Mesa planning commissioners in 2022.

ing the Sept. 12, 2022, commission hearing.

From there the applicants began the plan check process, sub-

mitting plans for a building permit in May 2023 that were tenta-

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Judge reverses course, rules voter ID case can be heard on its merits

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach's voter identification case with the state of California will continue, after an Orange County Superior Court judge ruled Thursday that the case is ripe and can be heard on its merits.

Judge Nico Dourbetas had pre-

viously ruled in December that the state's lawsuit against Huntington Beach over Measure A would be dismissed, because the measure "was permissive and discretionary in character." Therefore, he said it did not conflict with state elections law.

California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta and Sec. of State Shirley Weber

appealed, and a three-judge panel of the California Fourth District Court of Appeal recently suggested that the matter was ripe, kicking it back down to the Orange County court.

Dourbetas' order on Thursday vacated his December dismissal

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

Marines, vets, have a ball at annual Crisp Family Super Bowl event

American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291 welcomed some 300 Camp Pendleton active-duty Marines, along with 200 veterans for the 14th Super Bowl event Feb. 9 sponsored by Gary and Julie Crisp of Newport Beach.

Known as the Crisp family Super Bowl Party, the extravagant all-day event was born out of the Crisp family's personal experience with military service. Gary's father was a WWII Purple Heart recipient and two of his brothers also served, one in Vietnam. Their personal mission is a commitment to give back to the military community.

"With a legacy of family service, I thought what better way to bring together those who protect our freedom and show appreciation for all they have done," said Gary Crisp, joining his son, Carter Crisp, who assisted in the massive production required to make the event a reality for some 500 service members.

The caravan of service members arrived Super Bowl Sunday for a celebration created around the big game that included live music performances from DJ Salam Wreck, American Idol's Perry O'Neal, and the annual appearance of the USC Marching Band, of which Gary Crisp is a former member.

The crowd was feted with lavish, nonstop displays of food and libation. Between quarters of the game, WWE's Lucia Libre Wrestling grabbed the spotlight.

In one section of the American Legion Post, stylists and massage therapists treated the service men and women to haircuts and massages. On the bay in the adjacent Newport Harbor, two luxury yachts were at the ready to take military passengers on tours of the



Patric McIntyre Photography

DWIGHT HANSON from the You Were Worth IT Foundation joins WWII veteran, Navy pharmacist mate 2nd class Charles Cram, as he shares his experience during the iconic Iwo Jima landing to guests at the Super Bowl party held at American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291.

Newport Beach waterfront.

Prizes, raffles and more were donated to the Marines sponsored by the Crisp family in association with their business, Crisp Imaging, in addition to donor support from associates and volunteers. It was all possible in conjunction with, and benefiting, the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group.

As a very proud member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 291, Gary and his family stand as community

examples of sharing business success with service to community giving back with "a special day of fun" for local service men and women.

"It's the least we can do to thank our new service members for committing to protect our country and to honor our veterans for the sacrifices they've made," Gary Crisp said.

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



THE CRISP FAMILY, Carter Crisp, Julie and Gary Crisp, celebrate their 14th year of honoring military heroes with their Super Bowl Party.

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BOYS' SOCCER

Laguna Beach to seek fourth CIF crown today

BY ANDREW TURNER

When Laguna Beach steps onto the pitch at Fred Kelly Stadium on Saturday, it will be doing so to compete in its first CIF Southern Section boys' soccer final in more than two decades.

There will be championship experience on the sideline, though, as Breakers coach Andy Thomas takes aim at another title after delivering the program's initial three in a previous stint.

"You've got to enjoy this whole process," Thomas said. "You've got to enjoy the week leading up to it because, in your soccer career, it's going to be the greatest thing you're probably going to experience."

"It goes so quick, doesn't it? The game goes so fast, and in the moment, you're so pumped that it flies by, so I've just tried to impart that, just enjoy the whole week leading up to it."

Laguna Beach (14-4-5) will square off with Yucaipa (14-7-4) in the Division 4 final on Saturday at 1 p.m. at El Modena High in Orange.

Also drawing local interest, Sage Hill (12-3) will meet La Mirada (13-8-3) in the Division 4 girls' soccer final in the match directly preceding it at 10:30 a.m.

Thomas said the team would gather for dinner at Romeo Cucina, an Italian restaurant in downtown Laguna Beach, on Friday evening. Since senior forward Max Garner and sophomore midfielder Landon Hutcheon scored to key a 2-1 win at home in the semifinals, the Breakers have taken it all in.

"We put on their game-day uniforms, and they ran through town, down to the beach," Thomas said. "Cars were honking, people were coming out of stores — shouting their best wishes to them. It was just a really cool thing."

Laguna Beach's luck has gone

right since before the playoffs. On the final day of the regular season, the Breakers earned a win and got help from St. Margaret's, which beat University 1-0. As a result, Laguna Beach finished atop the Pacific Coast League for its first league title since 1997.

"I think that probably was a galvanizing turning point, I think, in terms of their belief and confidence," Thomas added. "I think getting the league title, I didn't expect that to happen that last game of the season, so I think that was a nice surprise. ... It sort of increased the hunger, I think, for the next part."

Laguna Beach will be appearing in its fifth CIF final, having claimed back-to-back Division IV titles in 1997 and 1998. It won the Division V crown in 2002.

The Breakers also secured wins over West Covina South Hills, San Bernardino Indian Springs and Long Beach Poly in traversing the top half of the bracket.

Compton Dominguez 1, Los Amigos 0: Joshua Ramirez scored on a free kick from the top of the box in the first half for the host Dons on Saturday in a Division 5 semifinal.

Ramirez shot over a wall of players in front for the scoring strike in the 28th minute, but it was the play of senior goalkeeper Luis Martinez that made the difference in the match.

"Games as intense as this just feel so much easier knowing I have a brick wall in our goal," Ramirez said of Martinez. "It's hard to come and score against him. It's hard to do it in practice, so I know it's going to be hard for people to do it in games. I'm very relieved and very happy that we have someone of his caliber in goal."

Martinez, who stands 6-foot-1, made a full-extension dive to stop a well-placed long-range shot from Julian Rivera that was tick-



James Carbone

LAGUNA BEACH'S Julian Reichel (10) and Nayan Martlin (11) celebrate a goal against Long Beach Poly on Feb. 19.

eted for the upper-right corner of the goal early in the second half.

In the closing moments, Martinez also denied Erubey Bermudez — the Lobos' leading scorer with 25 goals — on a bid from inside the box. The goalkeeper routinely snared crosses played in the air, making it difficult to get scoring chances close to the goal.

"You just got to stay on your toes, be ready for anything because anything could happen in the game," Martinez said.

Los Amigos (12-6-2) fell one step short of its first CIF finals appearance since 2006, when the

Lobos won the Division V title. It remains the only section final the program has played in.

"Obviously, when the final whistle blew, I was heartbroken because it was going to be the end of us, as coaches, coaching them and seeing them every day," Los Amigos coach Jesus Razo said. "Those moments are always hard because you attach a special bond with them, and you see them grow and develop."

Dominguez (15-2-2) will play at Thermal Desert Mirage (10-6-4) in the Division 5 final on Saturday at 5 p.m.

Studio City Harvard-Westlake 2, Edison 1 (OT): Micah Rossen scored the golden goal in overtime last Saturday to lift the visiting Wolverines into the Division 2 final.

Harvard-Westlake (13-5-2) opposes Jurupa Hills (17-6-4) in the championship game at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Long Beach at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Ben Hickman scored for Edison (14-5-1), which was the Sunset League champion. Luke White drew the assist.

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GIRLS' WATER POLO

Oaks Christian stymies Newport Harbor and lays claim to Open Division title

BY MATT SZABO

WALNUT — Two unexpected teams made the CIF Southern Section Open Division girls' water polo championship match, each coming off thrilling overtime victories in the semifinals.

Only one of them felt that it had to work for respect even before the season began.

"Every preseason, we're always underrated, boys and girls," Oaks Christian coach Jack Kocur said. "That may be just our location, we're far away from everybody [in Orange County]. Every year, our goal is to overachieve the expectation of the water polo community."

Nobody could doubt the Lions after the performance they put on Saturday at Mt. San Antonio College, putting the clamps on a deep Newport Harbor team.

Oaks Christian beat the Sailors 7-5 in the Open Division final, denying Newport Harbor its eighth CIF crown.

Instead, the No. 4-seeded Lions (24-7) claimed their second title, and first in the top division. They earned their second impressive victory of the week after rallying to win at top-seeded Mater Dei in the semifinals.

The Sailors were the No. 2 seed in this week's CIF Southern California Regional Division I playoffs. They beat No. 7-seeded San Clemente 15-6 on Tuesday before falling 10-8 to Mater Dei in the regional semifinals Thursday at Costa Mesa High, ending their season.

Junior left-handed attacker Mia Fabros scored a team-best three goals for Oaks Christian in the Open Division final, and junior



James Carbone

NEWPORT HARBOR'S Harper Price (2) shoots for the goal over Oaks Christian's Mia Fabros (7) during Saturday's match.

attacker Nicole O'Neill scored twice. Junior goalkeeper Alexandra Stoddard made 11 saves as the Lions held the Sailors to a season-low goal total.

No. 3 Newport Harbor (25-7) had knocked off two-time defending champion Orange Lutheran to make it

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Nonfat, as milk
 - 5 Ape closely related to humans
 - 10 _ and sciences
 - 14 _ and cheese
 - 15 Vietnam's capital
 - 16 Center of an apple
 - 17 Utah ski town
 - 18 When signaled: 2 wds.
 - 19 Hype up
 - 20 Nighttime illumination
 - 22 Small tastes
 - 23 WWII servicewoman: Abbr.
 - 24 Rhino features
 - 26 Most aerodynamic
 - 31 Dog's tail movement
 - 32 Measuring tools in baking
 - 34 River blocker
 - 37 Spoken
 - 38 Fast-running bird
 - 39 Casino cubes
 - 40 Salary
 - 41 Those traveling on foot
 - 45 Angry fan's shout
 - 46 Emphasizes
 - 47 Disgusting
 - 49 Consume
 - 50 Church music group
 - 52 Elevator alternative
 - 58 Cobra feature
 - 59 Perspiration
 - 60 One-person performance
 - 61 Otherwise
 - 62 Tubular pasta
 - 63 Yanks
 - 64 Service charges
 - 65 Put in
 - 66 Historical periods
- DOWN**
- 1 Did the butterfly
 - 2 Prefix with "gram"

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SUDOKU

By the Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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

- 3 Look _ (investigate)
- 4 Have good intentions: 2 wds.
- 5 Selections
- 6 Put on the wall
- 7 1/2 of a foot
- 8 River's end
- 9 Pizza, e.g.
- 10 Interim
- 11 Plant's anchors
- 12 Factually correct
- 13 Groups of gym reps
- 21 Tahoe or Titicaca
- 22 Supportive

- undergarments
 - 25 Possess
 - 26 Cease
 - 27 "Doctor Zhivago" role
 - 28 Auction website
 - 29 Raced
 - 30 Large books
 - 33 Remove from office
 - 34 Days in Spanish
 - 35 Skin condition
 - 36 Chaotic situation
 - 39 Antipathy
 - 41 Lacking money
 - 42 Lip balm brand
 - 43 Picked up the tab
 - 44 _ estate agent
 - 45 Bouquet tossers at weddings
 - 47 Canadian bird
 - 48 Stitched
 - 50 Restaurant pro
 - 51 Golf course part
 - 53 Mail
 - 54 Walking stick
 - 55 Guided excursion
 - 56 Actress Kurylenko
 - 57 "Dress for Less" store
 - 59 Hot-springs spot
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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers filled in.



James Carbone

VOTERS CAST their ballots at the Huntington Beach Civic Center in March 2024.

CASE

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of the state's challenge, as he now holds that the voter ID provision presents a "ripe justiciable controversy."

"While the particular details of how voter identification will be implemented in municipal elections in Huntington Beach do not appear to be determined as of yet, the charter provision has been amended to permit imposition of voter identification requirements," Dourbetas wrote.

He invited the city to elaborate if it contends that

it can implement a voter ID requirement that doesn't violate the state elections code, or if voter ID is a local matter that charter cities could implement per the state Constitution.

The next hearing in the case is set for April 3, in Dourbetas' chambers, on the state's petition for writ of mandate.

"Today is a good day. Our lawsuit against Huntington Beach can officially continue," Bonta said in a statement. "All along, Secretary of State Weber and I have asserted that it is not too early to bring our lawsuit. Earlier this month, the California Fourth District Court

of Appeal suggested that it agreed with us and asked the Orange County Superior Court to decide whether it would reverse course. The Orange County Superior Court has now done that, and a hearing on the merits will take place in April."

Measure A, passed by 53% of Huntington Beach voters last March, changed the city's charter to allow for voter ID requirements beginning in 2026. The language of the matter stated that the city "may" check for voter ID, not that it will.

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CASTING

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month's casting call, however, will provide a behind-the-scenes look at a rehearsal, Pageant officials said.

"The energy at our January event was incredible, and we're thrilled to welcome even more volunteers in March," Pageant Director Diane Challis Davy said in a statement. "This is a rare opportunity to step

into the world of living pictures and experience the magic of the Pageant firsthand.

"It's also a chance for local residents, especially those in South Orange County, to get a behind-the-scenes look at our backstage process and even watch a private rehearsal for the upcoming summer show."

Hundreds of volunteers showed up to be measured from head to toe and photographed during a

three-day casting event in January.

Apart from the desired measurements to best duplicate the featured artwork, the Pageant is always looking for volunteers with an ability to stand still for 90 seconds — the approximate length of a scene in the show. Backstage roles are also available in the costume, headpiece and makeup departments.

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EXPIRES

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tively approved but never received the final sign-off by the city.

One year after their submission, city staff reached out to Gold Flora asking for a final set of plans that could be stamped for approval. They never received a response, assistant planner Gabriel Villalobos told commissioners at Monday's hearing.

"There is no record of any further action taking place after this point," he said. "As such, the building permit was never formally issued."

Costa Mesa municipal code stipulates a conditional use permit will expire in two years unless a building permit, certificate of occupancy or business license has been issued or a use of the property established.

A 180-day extension may be granted by the city's development director if requested in writing 30 to 60 days before expiration, with a longer extension possible if an applicant appears in a hearing before the authorizing body, in this case the planning commission.

Gold Flora representatives did not request an extension, instead seeking Monday to overturn the expiration determination made by the city's development director. They claimed a series of unfortunate events, including the unexpected death last September of the project manager handling the application, created insurmountable setbacks.

"This has been one of the more complex projects I've

worked on for a number of reasons," said Ray Dorame, executive vice president of BlackStar Contractors, which works with Gold Flora. "The structural integrity of the building itself was very difficult to deal with."

Dorame described having to replace a back wall of the building and reestablish a water connection for the site, as well as redesigning electrical plans at the request of Southern California Edison, all of which delayed progress.

"We were trying to get these plans approved. We kept on bidding out the project because we actually lost track the CUP had expired," he continued. "Then we received notice in late November/early December that [it] had expired and, at that time, all bets were off."

Commissioners sympathized with the team's many misfortunes but ultimately upheld the development director's determination of expiration. Vice Chair Jon Zich opined on the onus placed upon project managers.

"When there are critical details, critical milestones in a schedule, typically, you

move heaven and earth to meet those," he said "Staff have had a tremendous amount of communication with you and your team regarding plans. It seems to me, they bent over backwards to try to work with you."

Chair Jeffrey Harlan agreed.

"It seems like it would have been a simple request just to make that extension to get yourself some breathing room, especially with so much investment at risk," he said. "I'm sympathetic to some of the other factors that you presented tonight. [But] I don't necessarily think they change the calculus for me."

Gold Flora Partners has until Monday to plead its case in an appeal to the Costa Mesa City Council but had not filed a request as of Thursday, a city spokesman confirmed.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 25, 2025, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, introduced an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF CORONA DEL MAR AS A SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE DURING THE MEMORIAL DAY, FOURTH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY, AND LABOR DAY HOLIDAYS AND EXPANDING THE WEST NEWPORT SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE TO INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL DAY AND LABOR DAY HOLIDAYS BY AMENDING SECTION 1.04.060 (SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE), CHAPTER 10.58 (POLICE SERVICES AT LARGE PARTIES, GATHERINGS OR EVENTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY), AND SECTION 10.66.060 (VIOLATION-PENALTY-CIVIL FINE) OF THE NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE

The Ordinance would designate a portion of Corona del Mar as a Safety Enhancement Zone during the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day holidays. The ordinance would also propose expanding the West Newport Safety Enhancement Zone to include Memorial Day and Labor Day.

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 February, 2025, by the following vote:

- AYES: Mayor Joe Stapleton, Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Michelle Barto, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Sara J. Weber, Councilmember Erik Weigand
NAYS: None

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-3 will occur at the March 11, 2025 City Council meeting. If adopted on March 11, 2025, the Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025.

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

CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-XX relating to: ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS TO CONFORM TO RECENT REVISIONS TO STATE LAW (CODE AMENDMENT PCTY-24-0002).

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinances are posted and may be read in the City Clerk's Office, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.

The City's Planning Commission recommended the City Council give first reading to this ordinance at its February 24, 2025, meeting on a 5-1 vote.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.174 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(h), "the adoption of an ordinance regarding second units in a single-family or multifamily zone by a city or county to implement the provisions of Sections 65852.1 and 65852.2 of the Government Code" relating to "granny" housing and "second unit ordinances" are exempt from the requirements of CEQA. Similarly, the ministerial approval of an ADU would not be a "project" pursuant to CEQA purposes (See Guidelines Section 15378), and environmental review is not required with the review/approval of individual ADU applications.

Public Comments: Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk's Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing, March 18, 2025. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats, .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at http://costamesaca.gov, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. IF THE FOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa Published March 1, 2025



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 25, 2025, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE AND DIVERTIBLE MATERIALS HANDLING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

The Ordinance grants Non-Exclusive Commercial Solid Waste Franchises that expire on October 7, 2027 to BC Hauling and Demolition, California Waste Services LLC, and Greenleaf Engineering.

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 February, 2025, by the following vote:

- AYES: Mayor Joe Stapleton, Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Michelle Barto, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Sara J. Weber, Councilmember Erik Weigand
NAYS: None

The Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025.

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



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 25, 2025, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, introduced an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UPDATING THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY FOR THE NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Ordinance would update the military equipment inventory, which is an appendix to the Military Equipment Use Policy (Policy), to add two types of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), add a replacement SWAT command vehicle, and delete an obsolete drone. No changes to the Policy itself are being requested.

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 February, 2025, by the following vote:

- AYES: Mayor Joe Stapleton, Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Michelle Barto, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Sara J. Weber, Councilmember Erik Weigand
NAYS: None

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-2 will occur at the March 11, 2025 City Council meeting. If adopted on March 11, 2025, the Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025.

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



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a tentative parcel map is scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach on or after Thursday, March 13, 2025. The Zoning Administrator will consider the following application:

Patterson Poppy LLC Residential Condominiums - A tentative parcel map for two-unit residential condominium purposes. An existing duplex has been demolished, and a new duplex is currently under construction. The tentative parcel map would allow each unit to be sold individually. No waivers of Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Title 19 (Subdivisions) are proposed.

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

All interested parties may submit written comments regarding the requested tentative parcel map to Kyle Benalcázar, Planning Technician, at kbenalcazar@newportbeachca.gov, 949-644-3227, or at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660. Comments will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only the issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the City, on, or before, the date of the decision. The project file may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

For questions regarding this item please contact Kyle Benalcázar, Planning Technician, at kbenalcazar@newportbeachca.gov, 949-644-3227, or at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2025-0006 Activity: Tentative Parcel Map

Zone: Two-Unit Residential (R-2) General Plan: Two Unit Residential (RT)

Location: 615 Poppy Avenue Applicant: Matthew Watson

THE COSTA MESA

High football team attends a ceremony in memory of combat veteran Billy Hall at American Legion Post 291 in Newport Beach on Friday.

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him, 'Billy there is a god and he's got plans for you.'

Hall eventually settled in Orange and sought ways to share his experiences and continue contributing to his community. He gave over 300 talks at schools, military installations and civic organizations in just the past two years.

Mater Dei High School president Michael Brennan called the nonagenarian a source of inspiration and an "unofficial mascot" of the private school. Hall was closely involved with the football program at that campus and at Costa Mesa High. Members of the team wore shirts bearing the words "Fight like Billy" at Friday's ceremony.

"They don't make them like Billy anymore," Costa Mesa High head football

coach Gary Gonzalez told the roughly 60 people gathered at the ceremony. "And I wanted to make sure my young men saw an American patriot, an American Hero. And when Billy spoke to our kids it was really touching. He talked about humility, he talked about pride. He talked about representing your community and making an impact for those around you. And he thanked our kids at the very end for allowing him to talk."

Curiosity, humbleness and a desire to serve were the keys to longevity for Hall, who often advised people to "volunteer for everything," friend Dwight Hanson said. He and Tegel said the decorated veteran remained sharp-witted and active up until practically his final days on earth.

Hall and Hanson founded the You Were Worth It Foundation about

two years, and that organization will continue promoting Hall's example of selflessness for future generations. Its name comes from one of the WWII vet's favorite sayings.

"Whenever someone would thank him for his service, he would turn around and thank that person for being part of a country worth fighting for," Hanson said. "He would always tell them, 'You were worth it.'"

Fewer than 66,000 WWII vets are left in the world, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hall is survived by a daughter, who with more loved ones will gather for another ceremony at Marine Corps Station Miramar on March 11, which would have been Hall's 99th birthday.

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to the final, on a sudden-death goal by sophomore Gabby Alexson. Kocur said executing a drop on Alexson was the focus for his squad.

"They have a strong center game, they're so disciplined in their front-court offense," Kocur said. "They're a phenomenal team. The program, the history, they are the Lakers, they are the Boston Celtics of our sport, at least in our eyes ... We played the percentages. If we take away the center, we force them to take outside shots, the percentages will eventually land in your favor. [They scored] five goals, guys. Five goals. Unbelievable."

Sophomore Madison Mack led the Sailors with three goals. Her second strike gave Newport Harbor a 2-1 lead midway through the first quarter, but they wouldn't score again until into the third quarter as Oaks Christian took a 6-2 lead.

"Right out of the gate, we didn't have any urgency to want to win," said Sailors senior Harper Price, who had two steals and a field block. "I just think the whole game, we kind of relaxed ... Very

winnable game. It's just really frustrating because this team had a lot of potential and still does. We didn't execute the way we wanted to. Everything we talked about, we did the opposite, which is very frustrating."

Freshman Campbell Pence netted a cross-cage strike, before Mack's third goal brought the Sailors within 6-4 entering the fourth quarter. Valery Verdugo fed Emerson Mulvey for a quick inside goal, and Newport Harbor rallied to a single-goal deficit with 3:39 remaining in the game.

Verdugo drew a counter-attack exclusion, and the Sailors called timeout to set up a play. But no one shot until Oaks Christian had drawn even, and Verdugo's attempt was easily gobbled up by Stoddard.

On the other end, Lions sophomore Makena Bygrave scored a power-play goal with 2:12 left, giving her team an insurance goal.

The Sailors went scoreless in their six power-play opportunities.

"Tuesday night, we played at a really high level, but in order to win you've got to play even at a higher level," Newport Harbor coach Ross Sinclair said. "We learned that lesson the hard way, unfortu-

nately ... There was no intent in the whole six-on-five, zero intent to move into open space, set up a teammate. That's the urgency and intent that we didn't have. It's a good learning lesson."

Freshman Addison Ting had a pair of assists before fouling out for the Sailors, and Alexson drew a pair of exclusions. Senior goalkeeper Lydia Soderberg made eight saves.

Newport Harbor often made whole line substitutions this year, and has several talented underclassmen who will return next year. But the Sailors also had strong senior leadership.

Each senior is not hanging up her cap just yet, including Soderberg and Gigi Rimlinger (both going to UC Santa Barbara), Price (Cal), Sutton Harrington (Marist College) and Caitlin Stayt (UC San Diego).

"All of this senior class, we're playing in college," Stayt said. "Ross was telling us that we have a choice to make right now, whether we want to take this game and kind of sulk about it, or we want to use it to propel us forward in life and in college water polo, too."

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KLUWE

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the center of this debate, as the governing body went ahead with a 21-person, council-appointed book review board that, when formed, will have the ability to determine which books children can find on the shelves.

A plaque commemorating the 50th anniversary of the library to be placed at its Central branch drew backlash from members of the public for a design that included a MAGA acrostic — formed by the first letter of the words "Magical," "Al-luring," "Galvanizing" and "Adventurous."

Kluwe used the balance of his time at the meeting to put MAGA culture in the crosshairs, concluding that it is "profoundly corrupt, unmistakably anti-democracy" and characterizing it as "explicitly a Nazi movement."

"You may have replaced a swastika with a red hat — that is what it is," he told the council.

Kluwe then announced his intent to peacefully protest, stepped around the podium and walked toward the dais with his hands behind his back. Police officers advanced on him immediately, brought him to the ground and handcuffed him, then carried him out of the chambers.

During his playing career, Kluwe made national headlines for advocating for same-sex marriage. Within his hometown, Kluwe sees a landscape in which individuals are attempting to "make their own political profile larger."

"What we're seeing from this administration is that they don't care about the American people," Kluwe said. "They care about what benefits them personally, and Huntington Beach is a microcosm of that. This city council does not care about community feedback. ... They keep messing with the library, even when we've made it very clear that we don't want them messing with the library, and they

keep doing things that benefit themselves, like the endless lawsuits that they keep suing the state over to build housing — which are completely unwinnable in court — and the community is like, 'Why are you wasting our money?' ...

"That's what MAGA does. They don't care about community. They may say they care about America and fly an American flag, but their actions indicate that they're against everything that the American Dream is supposed to stand for, which is that anyone who comes into this country should have a chance to succeed."

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Matt Szabo

HUNTINGTON BEACH resident Chris Kluwe speaks at a Community and Library Services Commission meeting.

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