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SKYLIE CID of Seals Football Club breaks between two defenders during practice at Mariners Park in Newport Beach on Wednesday.

City of the Arts a holdout at wildlife center

County, many of its cities pay for services at Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center, which treats up to 7,000 animals a year, but not Costa Mesa.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa resident Sue Lester began volunteering with Huntington Beach's Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center two years ago, after a brief stint working with dogs at a local rescue organization became too much to bear.

"I wanted to adopt everybody, which wasn't an option for me. And when they did get adopted it was heartbreaking," she recalled Thursday. "It was too much, so I decided I couldn't volunteer there."

Once at the care center, Lester underwent training to learn state and federal fish and wildlife protocol and how to care for the thousands of wounded, sick or abandoned animals that would come in each year so they could be rehabilitated and eventually released.

It was a much better fit for her, because there was no room for attachment, and the animals, once returned to their habitats, enriched local ecosystems.

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A new option in sports

With girls' flag football set to become an official CIF Southern Section sport, a local coach has started a new club as the sport continues to grow.

BY MATT SZABO

Going to the NFL Flag Championships in Las Vegas was an eye-opening experience for a group of flag football girls from Newport Beach.

Coach Jason Guyser took his team to the event in early February, run concurrently

with the Pro Bowl. The girls qualified after winning the California regional, hosted by the Los Angeles Rams, last November.

What they saw in Sin City were athletes who were at the top of their game.

"The teams on the East Coast have been

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In honor of National Beer Day, we toured a few breweries in O.C.

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

National Beer Day on April 7 marks the anniversary of the beginning of the end to prohibition in the United States, when the Cullen-Harrison Act came into force. Congress enacted the act in March 1933, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed it shortly thereafter, allowing for the production of mild beer, defined as up to 3.2% alcohol by weight.

Beer lovers famously gathered outside breweries the night before the law went into effect, making April 6 "New Beer's Eve." Thanks to this 90-year-old legislation, we can visit a brewery anytime, and in honor of National Beer Day, TimesOC toured a

number of taprooms in Orange County. There are many to choose from, and here are just a few of our favorites:

Chapman Crafted Beer
123 N. Cypress St., Orange, (844) 855-2337

Co-founded by Wil Dee and Randy Nelson, Chapman Crafted is a family-owned community-focused brewery committed to craft beer. Located in Old Towne Orange within walking distance of Orange Plaza, Chapman University and Dee's other concepts, Haven Craft Kitchen + Bar and Provisions Deli & Bottleshop, Chapman Crafted brews a wide

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Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

PATCH O'BRIEN pours a beer in the tasting room at the Bruery in Placentia in August 2022. Founded by Master Cicerone Patrick Rue in 2008, the Bruery is among Orange County's first craft beer innovators.



STACKED KEGS of beer from Chapman Crafted Brewery in Old Towne Orange.

Courtesy of Chapman Crafted

BEER TENDER
Kyle Coltrain pours a Kalamansi blonde at Bearded Tang Brewery at Rodeo 39 Public Market in Stanton.



File Photo

Crews get ahead of mosquito boom at coastal O.C. wetlands

BY ERIC LICAS

Officials keeping tabs on mosquitoes in Orange County saw a boom in their larval population at local wetlands after an especially rainy winter in Southern California, prompting them to cull the potential disease vectors earlier this month, before summer arrives.

A wealth of still-water breeding grounds for the buzzing pests were left by a parade of storms that passed over the region, as well as a king tide that allowed surf to rise over 12 feet along Orange County's coast, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District spokeswoman Heather Hyland said. If left unchecked, that could mean more bites and bumps for people or, worse, the transmission of insect-borne diseases.

To mitigate those possibilities, crews have been sent into the field to reduce mosquito populations. They were dispatched to Fairview Park in Costa Mesa on Monday as well as Banning Ranch in Newport Beach and the Harriett Wieder Regional Park at the Bolsa Chica Conservancy in Huntington Beach on Thursday.

"We're having high larval counts, and when we see that we want to get ahead of that," Hyland said. "Because remember that the mosquito life cycle is very fast. They can go from egg to adult within five to seven days. And it's a lot easier to control larvae than flying adults."

Workers sprayed a diluted solution of Vectobac



Courtesy of the O.C. Mosquito and Vector Control District

AN ORANGE COUNTY Mosquito and Vector Control crew sprays larva-killing bacteria at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa on April 3 to clear out potential mosquito habitats.

onto bodies of water where the pests could be seen moving around near the surface. It contains naturally occurring bacteria that only affects mosquito larvae.

"We put a little bit of that product in a huge vat of water, so it's not a lot," Hyland said. "We just spray that out of the truck and it lands in the marshes and wetlands. And it doesn't affect any other wild lifeforms except a larval form, which would be the mosquitoes."

The technique is effective against species that breed in wetlands like the common house mosquito, *Culex pipiens*. That variety happens to be the one most commonly associated with the spread of West Nile virus, Hyland said. She added the disease has not yet been detected in Orange County this year.

But spraying down marshes doesn't work as well against species that

like to lay larvae in smaller pools of standing water like *Aedes aegypti*, more commonly known as the "ankle biter" mosquito. Those are an invasive species from Asia that quickly became an issue in Southern California around 2015, Hyland said.

Ankle biters prefer to feed on humans, bite during the day and carry diseases like the Zika virus or cause dengue and yellow fevers. They are black with white stripes and spawn in small ponds, pools and tree holes or uncovered containers that have collected water.

Efforts by residents to clear out potential habitats for them can go a long way in keeping their numbers down, Hyland said. People who feel like they are getting bitten more often can reach out to vector control officials to report any possible infestations.

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WETLANDS & WILDLIFE Care Center technician Lindsey Campbell Thursday holds a loon that was injured before coming to the center. The nonprofit receives funding from the county and several cities but not Costa Mesa, which is looking into the discrepancy.

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tems. And so she happily nursed baby birds and watched over raccoons, opossums and squirrels.

Lester was there when staff members were tasked with removing a small arrow from the neck of a mallard spotted in Newport Beach and later captured at an elementary school in Costa Mesa. Veterinarians performed two surgeries and took X-rays for the police.

She recalled how, several months earlier, the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center performed similar triage when several waterfowl were found shot at Costa Mesa's TeWinkle Park.

"The veterinarian showed me the (X-ray) films and the ammunition that was in these ducks, and the vet was getting ready to extract it for [crime scene investigators]," she said.

Last year, the nonprofit care center took in 451 ani-

mals brought in by residents, animal control officers and others from Costa Mesa — a number third only to Orange County Animal Control, which serves numerous cities under contracts, and Huntington Beach, where the center is located, according to Executive Director Debbie McGuire.

Yet, while many cities pay for the services Wetlands & Wildlife Center provides, either through a flat rate or per animal, the city of Costa Mesa is among a handful of municipalities that pay nothing.

"I call them the holdouts," McGuire said Wednesday. "I've been talking with some of them, and they've been looking into it. [But] to go to each city council is hard."

Lester said she was unhappy to learn her own city was a holdout.

"At first I was shocked," she said. "Then it made me sad, and I was kind of embarrassed. Then it made me mad."

She filed a public records

request and learned Costa Mesa contracts with two outside entities for veterinary services as well as sheltering and adoption.


Newport Center Animal Hospital receives \$240,000 annually to treat found animals, but cannot admit or treat most wildlife. The nonprofit Priceless Pets Rescue takes in domestic animals seen by the vet, at a rate of \$25 per animal, and reunites them with their owners or finds new homes through adoption events, Costa Mesa city spokesman Tony Dodero confirmed Thursday.

But large birds, waterfowl and other wild animals must be taken to outside organizations like WWCC, which have no formal agreement with the city.

Lester believes this should change. She appeared Tuesday before the Costa Mesa City Council to plead her case.

"You give Priceless Pets \$25 per animal. If you gave us that much, we'd have

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SPORTS

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doing this club football thing for at least five years," Guyser said. "Serious, hardcore, multiple practices a week, playing at least two tournaments a month. We played the No. 1 team in the country, the No. 4 team and the No. 5 team. It was like, wow."

Guyser, who has coached flag football at Newport Harbor High the last two years, decided to up the ante for the younger girls. They have mostly played the sport for fun since first grade coming up in the Matt Leinart Flag Football League, but now they have a new club to call their own.

He started the Seals Football Club, which still plays in the Matt Leinart league but also will start going to club tournaments. The 13-and-under girls from Newport competed in their first one last weekend, the Hollywood Havoc tournament put on by Flag Football Life.

Despite playing against older girls, Seals battled for first place at Foothill High.

"It's really cool how it's grown and it's more competitive now," said Emery Nichols, a Seals Football Club member who's an eighth-grader at Ensign Intermediate School. "It's giving girls our age another option, to seek another sport to see if they like it."

The sport continues gaining momentum, and will make its debut as a CIF Southern Section sport next school year. Though there won't be playoffs that first year for the 7-on-7 sport, they could soon follow if popularity contin-



Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer

CAPRI CUNEO eludes a defender during the Seals 13U girls' flag football practice at Mariners Park on Wednesday.

QUARTERBACK Scarlett Guyser of the Seals 13U girls' flag football team throws a pass during practice at Mariners Park in Newport Beach.



ues to boom like many think it will.

Guyser said the sport has taken off exponentially, adding that Newport-Mesa alone has at least 50 girls' teams in the Matt Leinart league.

Many of the participants

play other sports. Nichols is a club volleyball player who plays libero for Balboa Bay Volleyball Club. Flag football and girls' volleyball are both fall sports at the high school level, but she said she wants to balance both next year if it's possible.



COACH JASON GUYSER hikes the ball during the Seals Football Club practice.

Tessa Russell, a seventh-grader at Ensign who also plays for Seals, started playing flag football a couple of years ago. She also plays club basketball, but she enjoys the friendships she's made in football as well.

A day prior to the Hollywood Havoc tournament, Under Armour put on a skills camp at Mission Viejo High for female student-athletes. Russell was one of the MVPs in her age group.

"It's a demanding sport, but it's not like you can't do

other sports," Russell said. "I like doing a variety. But I just think it's a great sport to do ... Before, football was all dominated by men. We're kind of creating room, I feel like, for women to start playing. It's exciting that we get to play as a real sport in high school."

Guyser's Newport Harbor team has done well the last couple of years in the high school league, which has also been run through the Matt Leinart organization. Last year, the Sailors were the Pacific League champions.

Edison also fielded a team last year, and is looking for a coach to head up its CIF-official high school team in the fall. One of the Chargers' top players is speedy sophomore Riley Crooks, who plays receiver and running back on offense and usually rusher on defense.

Crooks played flag football in middle school at Huntington Christian School. She plans to be a three-sport athlete next year for Edison as a junior. She's also a standout soccer defender for Edison and Slammers FC, and runs track.

"I've made a lot of close friends that I definitely wouldn't have met before who play basketball or lacrosse, a lot of other different sports," Crooks said. "Also, it's not a contact sport, so it's not going to be injured or anything like that either."

Across Huntington Beach, Michael Schneider is trying to start a program at Marina High.

"I'm talking with my track athletes," said Schneider, a resident substitute at

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Renovated court is a slam dunk

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

For point guard Simon Rojas, basketball means community.

"People gather here to have parties, to be around new people and to socialize," Rojas said at the Portola Park basketball court in Santa Ana. "It is a really great thing for little kids and just the whole community around here."

The ninth-grader was among the high school students playing in scrimmages at the park's newly refurbished basketball court on April 4.

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse teamed up with nonprofit Project Backboard and the Santa Ana Parks and Recreation team to refurbish the public court.

"We were presented with this opportunity to reinvest back into the community where we started our first restaurant, which is Santa Ana, California," said Greg Levin, chief executive officer of BJ's Restaurant. "Being able to invest in this basketball court to bring people together is something that is near and dear to our heart."

BJ's, which is headquartered in Santa Ana, served pizza, tri-tip and the restaurant's signature Pizookie and handed out new basketballs at the unveiling of the court, which also included music and a Slam Dunk Showcase from the L.A. Clippers' TNT Crew.

Inspired by the excitement of March Madness, the court received a new backboard, nets and backboards. The court also features a bright, vibrant mural of players in pop-art style with primary colors designed by Media.Monks and Project Backboard artists. The intention is to activate the community space with art.

"It is part of the parks and recreation mission to activate all of our parks, because an activated park is a safe park," said Tim Pagano, manager of Recreation and Community Services for the city of Santa Ana. "That is really what we are focusing on as the next steps forward for all of our 43 parks in our system."

Project Backboard, founded in 2015 by Dan



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KIDS OF all ages take to the new "mural court" during the grand opening of the new and reimagined basketball courts donated by BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in partnership with Project Backboard and Santa Ana Parks and Recreation, at Portola Park in Santa Ana on Tuesday.



A MEMBER of the TNT Dunk Squad uses a trampoline to dunk a ball on a new backboard at Portola Park in Santa Ana.

Peterson and based in Orange County, is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to renovating public basketball courts while also installing site-specific art at the spaces.

The artwork didn't go unnoticed by Rojas.

"I really like the art, the new colors. I remember when the court was all run down," said Rojas. "Now it looks brand new."

Santa Ana Parks and Recreation officials said they were grateful for the opportunity to partner with Project Backboard and BJ's to revitalize the park.

"It is a massive donation for our agency and seeing something like this come to life is very unique in the parks and recreation world," said Cori Lantz, community engagement supervisor with Santa Ana



A YOUNGSTER picks a free basketball donated by BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse.

Parks and Recreation. "We have lots of events and lots of sponsors and donors for individual events, but for something like this that is such a huge capital improvement project that brings so much vibrancy and life to the everyday

park facility is huge for us. We are so thankful."

Pagano said he hopes the Portola Park neighborhood will continue to take ownership over the space.

"We want to make sure that our residents have an experience like the one

they have here today," said Pagano. "It is a matter of inviting the community to share this space and to really make it their own."

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BEER

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variety of beers. From German pilsner and IPA to hard seltzer and oatmeal stout, there is a brew for everybody. The Zodiac Series highlights IPAs, and for Aries season, the taproom is pouring Aries Hazy IPA with Galaxy and Mosaic hops and notes of pineapple. Food trucks park outside the brewery weekly, and Chapman Crafted is also in the coffee business with Chapman Crafted Coffee, a small batch hand-crafted coffee roaster. Pick up a bag of beans to go in the taproom.

Green Cheek Beer Co.
16685 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Sunset Beach, (562) 296-5435

Green Cheek Beer Co. has taprooms in Costa Mesa and Orange, but the Sunset Beach location is close enough to the water to feel like a parakeet paradise. Founded in 2017, Green Cheek is known for hoppy beers, crispy lagers, big stouts and hard seltzers. The team brews interesting beers that might take inspiration from one single hop variety, like double dry hopped (dry hopped twice during the fermentation process), to create a brew like DDH the Other Brian Hazy, a DIPA with Citra, notes of ripe mango and fresh orange juice, or Lavender Lemonade sparkling hard seltzer, which gets a natural purple hue from lavender pods used to brew a lavender tea blended with the brewer's lemonade-style seltzer. The kitchen serves brewery staples, like a smash burger and German soft pretzel, but you can also enjoy breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



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A BEER FLIGHT including the Ruekeller Marzen, left, Black Tuesday, Cruising, Bruesicle Peaches & Cream, and Third Course at the Bruery in Placentia. The brewery has been pouring beer for 14 years.

TAPS Brewery & Barrel Room

15501 Red Hill Ave., Tustin, (657) 247-3920

Taps Brewery in Tustin prides itself on brewing classic, old-world-style ales and lagers like Call Me Blonde Ale and Damsen-spitz Lager. But Taps brew masters also create special editions, like Trace of Remy bourbon barrel-aged imperial Russian stout. Patio seating with a fire pit and backyard games and indoor seating with arcade games and pool tables make the taproom perfect for any season. Rather than a rotating schedule of food trucks, Taps parks its own truck outside to serve chicken wings, bacon-wrapped hot dogs, beef fat fries and more.

Unsung Brewing Co.

500 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, (714) 844-2300

Anaheim is home to a collection of fantastic breweries like Nobel Ale Works, Monkish Brewing, Bottle Logic Brewery and Radiant Beer Co., to name a few that dot the La Palma Beer Trail. But as its name suggests, consider Unsung the unsung hero of Anaheim breweries. Founded by comic book enthusiast Mike Crea, Unsung is a superhero-themed brewery at MAKE, across from the Packing House (although the beer is brewed at a top-secret location in Tustin.) Comic-book-style art graces the walls, and customer-curated collectibles decorate the taproom. Beers blend Midwest herit-

age with West Coast progression to create brews like "Buzz Man," a crisp, refreshing, sessionable mutant ale or "Propeller-Head," a nutty American Amber brewed with locally roasted coffee beans.

Brewery X

3191 E. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, (657) 999-1500

X marks the spot for this expansive taproom. Brewery X has large indoor and outdoors seating spaces with an extensive tap list to match. Slap & Tickle, a West Coast IPA with Citra, Mosaic and Simcoe is a house favorite along with Dublin My Vision, a dry Irish stout on Nitro. Brewery X also has the distinction of pouring the Official Fan Beer of the Los Angeles

Angels, Halo IPA, a West Coast IPA with Citra and Amarillo hops. Food is helmed by Brewery X Eats, with on-point pizza available as whole pies or by the slice, plus a selection of salads, sandwiches, appetizers, charcuterie and weekly specials.

Cerveza Cito Brewery

309 W. 4th St., Santa Ana, (714) 852-3528

Located in the heart of downtown Santa Ana, Cerveza Cito brings Mexican flavor to Orange County's beer scene. The tap list includes beers like Mi Morena Amber Lager with notes of caramel, Let Chamango Hard Seltzer with mango chili flavor and a Tepache Sour, a play on the indigenous fermented

pineapple drink with a hint of habanero. Any beer can be made into a michelada with the brewery's selection of house mixes, and hard seltzer slushies are on the menu too. Loteria is hosted every Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m., and if you get hungry, SaborCito tacos often make an appearance.

Gunwhale Ales

2960 Randolph Ave. Unit A, Costa Mesa, (949) 239-9074

A gunwhale is the top ridge of a boat, and Gunwhale Ales takes its name from an old saying, "loaded to the gunwhales," which meant overflowing and became slang for having a few drinks too many. The nautical taproom in Costa Mesa has outdoor space and full indoor seating. Beers are on the funkier side, with a focus on the yeast driven, like saisons, farm house ales, wilds and sours. Field Trip, for example is a Farmhouse ale with strawberries and notes of lemon and rustic loaf or Dance Hall, a dry-hopped saison with notes of jackfruit and pine. A food truck's schedule is posted weekly, with outside food welcome too.

The Bruery

717 Dunn Way, Placentia

The Bruery tasting room in Placentia has been pouring beer for 14 years. Founded by Master Cicerone Patrick Rue in 2008, the Bruery is among Orange County's first craft beer innovators. Known for esoteric beer-wine hybrids, barrel-aged stouts and true lagers and ales, the Bruery is a beer geek's brewery, with a Reserve Society to prove it. Look for La Petite Provision, a Belgian-style table beer with Thai basil and lemongrass, or Viaje, a

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forum

COLUMN | **PATRICE APODACA**

The concept of social-emotional learning has drawn unwarranted criticism

What if you discovered that there's a way to help students become more well-rounded, self-controlled and responsible, thus allowing them to progress socially and academically?

And what if those gains carried through to greater success and satisfaction in their later careers?

Everyone would want that. It would be a slam dunk, right?

Alas, nothing in education comes easily these days. Politics, culture wars and disinformation campaigns run rampant, leading to widespread suspicion and misunderstanding of even the most benign measures. Everything is an argument.

And that's exactly where we are right now with the educational methods that fall under the broad umbrella known as social-emotional learning, or SEL. Unfortunately, in the world where we now live, SEL, like other mischaracterized concepts like Critical Race Theory, is under attack.

In statehouses and at school board meetings, some politicians and parental rights groups have targeted SEL, demanding that it be abolished. They condemn the strategies associated with SEL as either a waste of valuable teaching time or indoctrination into cultural ideas that they don't like. If that sounds a bit vague, that's because the arguments against SEL have also largely been as ill-defined



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

VOLUNTEERS from Teacher Created Materials read to kindergarten students at Golden View Elementary for Read Across America Day in early 2020.

as they are uninformed.

SEL isn't some new-fangled concept. It's been around for decades and has been an accepted and integral part of curricula at districts across the country. The basic idea behind it is that students benefit from instruction in how to manage their emotions, work collaboratively with others, make good choices, and create and maintain healthy relationships.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted education and led to alarming setbacks in student learning and social growth, SEL has been considered by many in the education community as more important than ever. Kids lost out on so much during

their time away from the classroom and normal school activities. Now, the thinking goes, they are in critical need of support to bring them to a mindset where they are ready to learn and to cope with the demands of a traditional school setting.

This shouldn't be controversial. And until the last couple of years, it wasn't. SEL has historically received widespread acceptance and support. Most people probably weren't even familiar with the label and probably figured that this type of instruction was just a routine part of K-12 education.

Indeed, even before the social-emotional learning

moniker became common, the ideas and methods behind it were long employed and known by many other names — workforce readiness, behavioral skills development, whole child instruction and mindfulness, for example. They included discreet units dedicated to this type of teaching, as well as techniques that were woven into lessons on various subjects and campus activities.

Explicit SEL lessons could focus, for instance, on "self-awareness and self-management," said Colleen Ferreira, coordinator of Social-Emotional Learning at the

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MAILBAG



Eric Licas

SKATEBOARDERS CLASH with Trump supporters who had gathered in Huntington Beach on April 1.

Violence isn't the answer to political rallies

People from north to south and east to west amount to a significant and demonstrative minority who support former President Donald J. Trump. Ignorance is bliss until that ignorance is confronted by a hard hit in the head by a skateboard. While I find the past president to be duplicitous, despicable, criminal and vile, I cannot support violence against his wrongheaded supporters. To borrow a phrase, the keyboard is mightier than the skateboard.

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

I am dismayed at recent Daily Pilot reporting on the Huntington Beach City Council's mismanagement of municipal planning (Huntington Beach again fails to pass housing plan, leaving Surf City out of compliance with state, Daily Pilot, April 5). I am dismayed — but not surprised. No one should be

surprised, as the city attorney and the recently elected council majority made no secret in their campaigns that they would prefer that Huntington Beach have even *fewer* housing options than it now does. And as far as *affordable* housing units go, the current council majority and city attorney make no bones about "affordability (yes for me, but no for thee)".

So, the council threw away a perfectly good housing plan, not because it had some fatal flaw, but because they do not want *any* more housing built in Huntington Beach, whatsoever. The housing plan that had been prepared, and revised, and revised and revised again is the smoking gun in this case. The rejected plan satisfies every building preference the city has built into previous housing elements — re-

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BEER

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Mexican Baja-style lager from Offshoot Beer Co., the Bruery's sister concept with more approachable beers.

Beachwood Brewing Co.
12900 S. Euclid St., Garden Grove, (714) 462-9710
Beachwood Brewing Co. has locations in Huntington Beach and Long Beach, but its Garden Grove taproom anchors a food court, SteelCraft Garden Grove. Founded in Seal Beach in 2006 by Chef Gabriel Gordon and his wife, Lena Perelman, Beachwood's house beers include distinctive West Coast-style IPAs, seasonal favorites and limited releases. The brewery's sister project, Beachwood Blendery, specializes in small batch Lambic-inspired beers. The current tap list has classics like Beachwood Blonde Ale, Beer of the Dragon IPA and Hops of Brixton, a British-style extra special bitter on Nitro.

Bearded Tang Brewery
12885 Beach Blvd. #23, Stanton
Bearded Tang is Stan-



Sarah Mosqueda

TWO CUPS of coffee stout at Brewery X in Anaheim.

ton's first brewery, making beer on site at Rodeo 39. Helmed by head brewer Jonathan Chiusano, Bearded Tang brews a variety of crafted ales and lagers. Try the award-winning Vlad the Barista, an imperial coffee stout with charred malts and notes of dark vanilla or a

lighter option, like Tangy Prickly Pear, a fruited sour with cactus fruit. Roaming beer servers mean you can enjoy Bearded Tang anywhere in the Rodeo 39 marketplace.

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MAILBAG

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strictions on the height of buildings and the density of housing and still finds room in this "built out" city for 13,000 new housing units. Over the eight-year life of the plan this amounts to an anemic growth in our housing stock of only 1.7% a year. And we are told that this is an existential fight, that we can either die on our feet or ... build one extra unit for every 50 that already exist? No one should misinterpret the earnestness with which the mayor and company issue these grandiose statements as evidence that they actually believe

any of it.
This is not a case of "we can't build 13,000 units," it is a case of "the leadership of this city does not want to plan for 13,000 units." Councilman Casey McKeon admitted as much when he introduced a plan to nullify state law and "outlaw" the builder's remedy. Council members McKeon and Pat Burns admitted as much when they proposed that the city "self-certify" the housing plan. I am sure the regulatory bodies in Sacramento as well as the attorney general are aware that ordering city staff to break housing law could well run afoul of state law, in and of itself. It certainly speaks to consciousness of guilt.

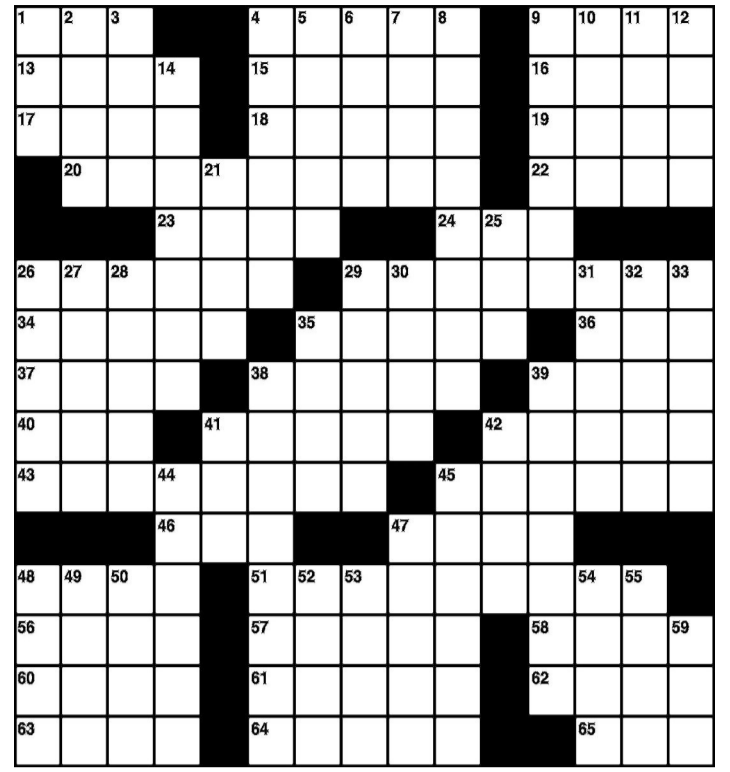
In the end, it is the homeowners and business owners of the city who will pay when those legal bills come due. And we have all been now placed in danger of summary judgment.
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
1 Use a shovel
4 Knight's suit
9 Singer Perry
13 Baseball's Slaughter
15 Sawyer or Keaton
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17 Baby clothes fastener
18 Ms. Moorehead
19 Sell on the street
20 Most penny-pinching
22 Angers
23 Walter or Donna
24 Hawaii's Mauna

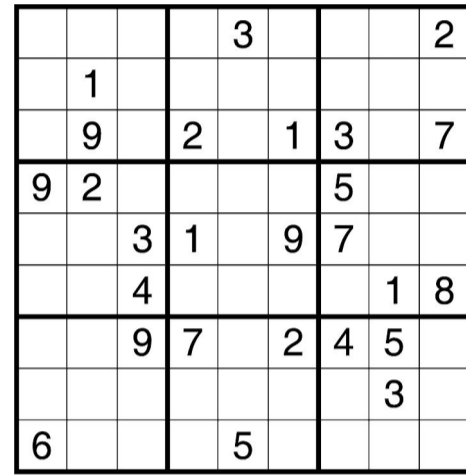


- 26 Escargots
29 Wool gatherers
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35 Banquet
36 Moving truck
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39 Throw a party for
40 Perish
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42 Pierre or Marie
43 From Arizona to Alabama
45 Parish leader
46 In a _; all lined up
47 Gentlemen
48 Farm building
51 Military unit
56 Chicken's home
57 Malayan or Taiwanese
58 Freeway turnoff
60 Zion National Park's state
61 Freight
62 City near Lake Tahoe
63 Oodles
64 Joints most often replaced
65 End of some website addresses

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By the Mephram Group

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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A8.

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- 1 _ Moines
2 Bed-and-breakfasts
3 Farm animal
4 Wise sayings
5 Inflexible
6 Lion's locks
7 Individuals

- 8 Tossing & turning
9 Pricy appetizer
10 Above
11 Weasel's cousin
12 Likelihood
14 In good _; cheerful
21 "Little House on

- the Prairie" role
25 Cereal grain
26 Black card
27 Gymnast
28 Chilean range
29 Hemmed or darned
30 _ over; deliver
31 Chris with a racket
32 Numerical comparison
33 Look of contempt
35 Bazaar
38 Disadvantage
39 More persnickety
41 Afternoon hour
42 Rob Reiner's dad
44 Prize cup
45 Grands & uprights
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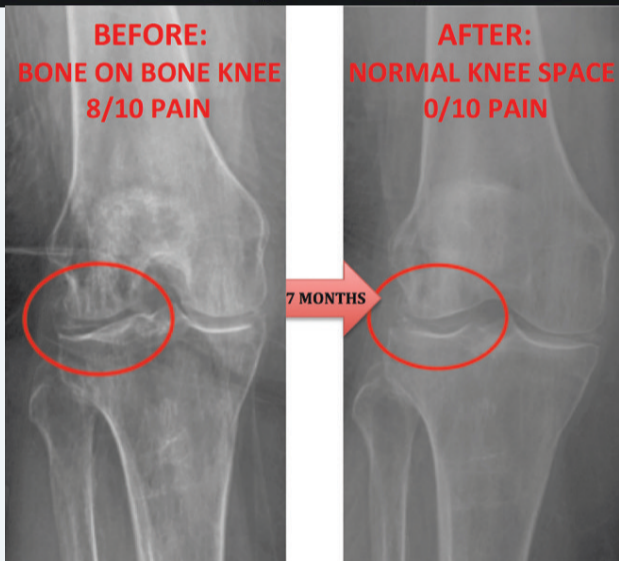
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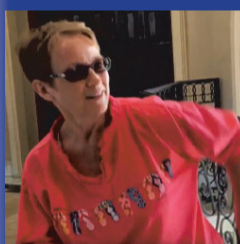
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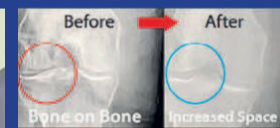
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-Linda L., R.N., Newport Beach, CA(Registered Nurse & Zumba Instructor)

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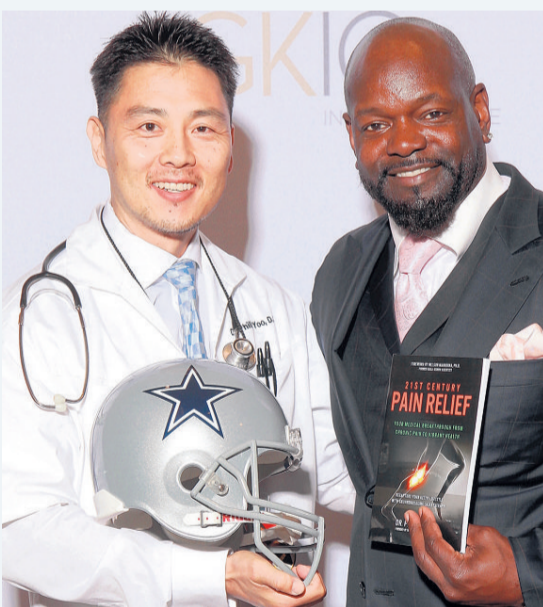
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-lasted-Rosemary, Huntington Beach

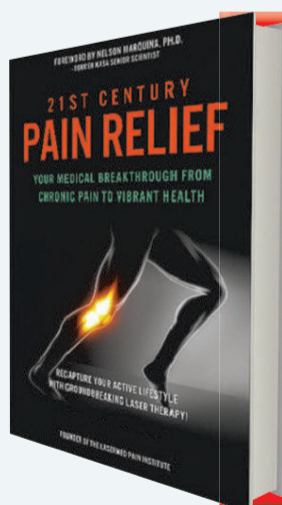


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More than 20 tenants announced for incoming marketplace

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

More than 20 tenants have signed on to River Street Marketplace, an outdoor retail and dining destination set to open in San Juan Capistrano this fall from real estate development firm Alquist.

"Much has been said about San Juan Capistrano becoming a hot spot destination, and we're so incredibly proud to help usher in a new chapter for the city and community," said Dan Alquist, managing partner of Alquist.

The 60,000-square-foot marketplace will open in an area that is already home to Orange County

favorites like Heritage Barbecue, Mayfield Restaurant, Bloom Restaurant + Bar and brunch spot Breezy Restaurant & Lounge.

Adding to the buzz of downtown San Juan Capistrano, River Street Marketplace will be anchored by many first-to-market brands and local favorites.

"River Street Marketplace will be a perfect mix of locally beloved concepts and nationally established brands that will all ultimately celebrate California culture and heritage," said Alquist.

Dining options will include La Vaquera, an up-



Courtesy of McConnell's

MCCONNELL'S SCOOP SHOP, one of 22 tenants planned for River Street Marketplace in San Juan Capistrano, will open the concept's first Orange County location at the 60,000-square-foot marketplace, set to open this fall.

scale Mexican restaurant with a focus on authentic Ranchero cuisine, from Santa Barbara-based Acme

Hospitality Group. The marketplace will also welcome McConnell's Ice Cream, a brand known for using sustainable and organic ingredients from California orchards and ranches. The River Street scoop shop will be McConnell's first Orange County location.

Costa Mesa's Fermentation Farm, which specializes in probiotic-rich and restorative products and prepared foods, and Bred's Hot Chicken, known for its local Nashville hot chicken food truck will also open locations at River Street. Fans of the wood-fired pizza and cuisine at Brick in San Clemente can look forward to new sister-con-

cept Finca, with a menu that features house-aged, house-ground burgers and other wood-fired, carefully sourced meats from longtime local chef David Pratt.

Other dining options will include Ubuntu Café, the Meat Cellar Market and Steakhouse, Nom, Kozan Tea & Boba, Nana's Fish Chippery, Gueros Cevicheria, Mendocino Farms, Shootz Hawaiian, Hudson's Cookies and Capistrano Brewing.

Retail will include local names like San Clemente clothing brand Seager, Laguna Beach surf apparel company Toes on the Nose and locally owned womens-wear boutique Common Thread. Western life-

style clothing boutique Wildfire Mercantile and independent eyewear brand SALT will join the lineup along with popular boho women's clothing brand Free People.

The Alquist team is responsible for other popular mixed-use destinations like Rodeo 39 Public Market in Stanton, Uptown Commons in Long Beach and New Haven Marketplace in Ontario. Besides River Street Marketplace, Alquist has similar developments in the works for Whittier and downtown Fullerton.

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Students might be asked to discuss how they feel when they become angry or frustrated, then encouraged to utilize ways to responsibly handle those emotions, such as taking a beat to process their feelings and thinking before speaking.

The integration part comes in when situations arise during the course of the day that require intervention. Students might be reminded to use the strategies they've been taught to calm themselves; some might receive praise for their handling of incidents.

During reading assignments, students might be asked to consider the perspectives of different characters and reflect on the choices they made and how they affected others.

"These are tools they can use the rest of their lives," said Jami Parsons, director of the OCDE's Learning Supports Unit.

Research shows that effective SEL programs can make a big difference. Two large-scale reviews of studies on SEL, conducted in 2019 by academics at Loyola University Chicago and the University of Wisconsin, found that it led to 27% more students improving their academic performance, as well as to similar

gains in skills and social behaviors and attitudes, and to fewer conduct problems.

Some districts in Orange County have done a commendable job incorporating SEL into their academic instruction, Ferreira said. OCDE is working with schools to create a "vision" for SEL, forming teams that include parents to develop action plans.

Rhonda Marriott Spencer, administrator of OCDE's Learning Supports Team, acknowledged that educators could do a better job defining SEL, as well as other education concepts, in plain language that the public can easily understand.

"We can walk around using our acronyms and 'education-ese,'" which can lead to confusion, she said. "That's something we are working on — and equipping school districts and schools with the tools so they can explain."

Explaining what SEL really is and what it actually seeks to accomplish should help. It also wouldn't be a surprise if what is now known as SEL might soon be reincarnated with a new name, in an attempt to sidestep the unwarranted negative attention.

But whatever we call it, SEL is a valuable piece of a well-balanced education. We must support schools that act in the best interests of their students and refuse to succumb to the forces of disinformation.

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Laguna to study live-work housing options for artists

BY ANDREW TURNER

Two Laguna Beach City Council members will serve on a subcommittee to identify strategies to address affordable housing for artists to live and work.

Councilmen Mark Orgill and Alex Rounaghi were appointed to the subcommittee Tuesday by a unanimous vote of the council after they jointly brought the matter up for discussion.

"Laguna Beach is an art colony," Orgill said in introducing the item. "It is who we are. Housing and work space for our artists has been diminishing over the years, and this problem has been widely discussed for many years, but no action has been taken. As properties in Laguna continue to turn over in areas that currently provide space for artists, these properties are being repurposed for other uses, so time is of the essence."

Orgill and Rounaghi had been made aware of a potential for the future loss of privately owned artist units, according to a staff re-



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THE LAGUNA BEACH City Council this week set up a subcommittee in hopes of identifying ways artists can afford to live and work in the city.

port prepared for the agenda item.

The aim of the subcommittee, council members said at the outset of the discussion, would be to explore solutions for artist live-work spaces and bring concepts back to the council in about two months. Orgill surmised that land

trusts or public-private partnerships may be possible avenues to pursue.

"I don't think any of us want the city to be in the business of being a property manager of these spaces," Rounaghi said. "That's just not a good use of what the city can do, but the city

can be a facilitator, and the city can be a potential partial funder of this."

Although ideas on how to go about addressing artist live-work spaces differed — including a pitch to incentivize property owners building accessory dwelling units to offer them up to artists at an affordable rate — the public hearing revealed widespread support for council working with staff to research funding options for the acquisition of property for the benefit of artists.

"When we think of Laguna Beach, there are three things that come to mind — our beautiful, natural environment, our cultural heritage that [it] was founded on, and our diversity as a community," Jorg Dubin, an artist and 47-year resident, said. "Creatives of today may be different than those who founded the community a century ago, but what is different now is the need to maintain affordable spaces for creatives to create and live."

"Do we consider artists, craftsmen, musicians, writers, per-

formers as assets to our town? If the answer is yes, then we have reached the point where our future as an art colony will be determined by what we do now to preserve our cultural heritage in perpetuity."

While also expressing interest in maximizing affordable housing for artists, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Kempf had a concern about the item going on a public agenda.

"Once you have it widely known the city is involved and wants to look at properties, the prices go up," Kempf said. "It's difficult enough to get land deals or property deals here. ... I think [artist live-work space] needs to be looked at, and I think we need to be thoughtful about how we go about this because we might have private entities interested in this. There's a lot of people in this town that are interested in the arts, and I don't really necessarily want our city's hand in this. I just don't want to screw up the economics."

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\$10,875. You pay \$240,000 to a vet who's not licensed to take wildlife. If you would have paid us that same rate, we'd have gotten \$122,823 from you last year," she said in a public comment.

"We get a lot of animals from Costa Mesa, so I'm here tonight to ask Costa Mesa to do its part and start contributing to the Wildlife Care Center," she continued. "We really need your support."

Mayor John Stephens later commented on the issue during council member comments.

"I don't know why it is that we don't provide compensation for the services we receive," he said. "I'm sure staff will look into that and rectify that."

Dodero confirmed Wednesday that City Hall personnel were in the process of reviewing the matter.

McGuire said although the center typically treats about 6,000 animals each year from throughout Orange County and a small portion of Los Angeles County, about 7,000 arrived for intake in 2022. And while some animals require expensive treatment and procedures, the average cost of care is \$125.

The mallard that came to the center on March 26 with an arrow in its neck required multiple X-rays, two surgeries and a series of blood tests, which McGuire said will cost well over \$1,000.

Newport Beach police are investigating the incident, because officers from that city's department initially spotted the duck the day before it was located and retrieved from Costa Mesa.

Although Newport Beach has a longstanding agreement with the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center at \$10 per animal, because the duck was

brought in from Costa Mesa, the center will get nothing.

"I'm not going to get the \$10, because [Newport Beach] is not the one who brought it in," McGuire said. "We work hard to get funded — that's why we're begging people all the time on social media."

Through Facebook posts on the mallard, his injury and recovery updates, the center raised \$1,200, which will help cover some of the bird's treatment. McGuire said while the center's annual operating budget this year is \$700,000, the group raised \$120,000 in the first quarter.

Lester said fighting for more funds is an uphill battle but a worthy one.

"I love what I'm doing, but we need support from the cities we're serving," she said. "I'm hopeful Costa Mesa will do the right thing."

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Marina. "We have a QR code up on campus, and I'm building up an Instagram page. I think they're very excited. Even right now, after only like a week or two, we have about 35 girls who have already signed up for our tryouts."

Guyser's daughter Scarlett, a seventh-grader at Ensign, plays quarterback for the newly formed Seals Football Club squad. She's also a dedicated club soccer player, a center midfielder for Pateadores Soccer Club.

She wants to play both sports in high school and see where they take her. Currently, no NCAA Division I programs offer college scholarships for flag football, though some NAIA colleges do.

"I'm kind of amazed," Scarlett Guyser said. "I didn't really think I would ever play on a flag football team for club. I didn't ex-



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THE SEALS Football Club 13U team with coach Jason Guyser during practice at Mariners Park on Wednesday.

pect that it would be taken this far. When I started in first grade, I thought that we'd just play against boys and hopefully we'd try to win."

Her father isn't quite as shocked. He sees how quickly many of the girls he coaches fall in love with the sport.

Seals Football Club practices twice a week, though he understands if girls can't

make both with their other sports commitments.

"If flag football had the same Division I [college offerings as other sports], I'd be shocked if it didn't catapult to the top of the list," Jason Guyser said. "The way the girls love the sport, they gravitate toward it."

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