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LIGHT BLUE wraps are unveiled on a Huntington Beach police vehicle and fire engine in support of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month at the Gothard Fire Station 1 in Huntington Beach on Thursday.

Bright blue wraps shine a light on prostate cancer

Emergency vehicles covered in light blue will be seen on the streets of Surf City during September, which is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach has wrapped a police vehicle and fire truck light blue this month, in support of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Prostate cancer affects about one in eight men in their lifetime. The message to go get checked out hits close to home for Huntington Beach Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns.

Burns was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2020, at the age of 58. He said he went to a doctor at Hoag, who's now at City of Hope, and ended up getting his prostate removed.

"What was important to me was that I found it, and I dealt with it," Burns said. "Really, what came of it was that I felt that others ought to know about it. Guys shouldn't be afraid. It's just part of life, we have to deal with it."

Huntington Beach is raising awareness and encouraging early detection with the wrapped vehicles, which were showcased in a press conference Thursday at the Gothard Fire Station.

The vehicle wraps cost just under \$7,000 for both, Huntington Beach Police Depart-



HUNTINGTON BEACH Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns, diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2020, speaks at a conference unveiling blue wraps in support of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

ment spokeswoman Jessica Cuchilla said. They were funded by the Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation and MemorialCare.

The city will roll out its usual pink wraps in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month,

but this is the first time it has wrapped vehicles light blue for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

"This fire engine will move through our

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Newport Beach council endorses Prop. 36: harsher penalties for theft and drug crimes

BY ERIC LICAS

The Newport Beach City Council adopted a resolution at its meeting on Tuesday in support of Proposition 36, a measure on the November ballot that purports to tackle homelessness and drug addiction by imposing harsher penalties against people convicted of retail theft or traf-

ficking fentanyl.

The resolution backing the proposition was recommended by Mayor Will O'Neill and Councilman Erik Weigand. Its passage came packaged with the meeting's consent calendar and was unanimously approved without comment from members of council or the public.

Newport Beach is the latest

among a handful of communities that have formally come out in support of the proposition. Huntington Beach's City Council adopted a similar resolution in August. It has also been endorsed by the California Sheriff's Assn., the California Republican Party and the California District Attorneys Assn., an organization whose members are mostly pros-

ecutors. Major donors funding the effort include large retailers like Walmart, Target and Home Depot.

People behind the measure say it is needed to curb the spread of the powerful opioid fentanyl and to tackle an alleged "explosion of retail and cargo theft" in recent

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County shuts down deal with Be Well OC

Officials at mental health care provider say they were in the process of increasing staff when decision was announced.

BY ERIC LICAS

The Orange County Health Care Agency ended its arrangement with the nonprofit running the Mental Health and Wellness campus in Orange in late August after an audit found deficiencies in how billing and training were handled.

But representatives for the treatment provider say many of these issues were fixed and claim they were blindsided by the decision to pull their funding.

Mind OC conducts outreach to the homeless community and operates various mental health and substance abuse treatment programs throughout Orange County under the name Be Well OC. Since 2021, it has been running the Mental Health and Wellness Campus in partnership with the Orange County Health Care Agency.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors committed \$16.6 million for the development of the Orange campus. Additional investments came from the County's Medical Provider CalOptima and local hospitals whose officials anticipated that the facility would alleviate caseloads in their ERs.

An audit conducted in July cited issues with how staff training, credentials and quality management were being tracked at the Orange campus, according to documentation obtained by LAist via public records requests. It also raised concern over the potential for inaccuracies in billing for services.

"It had nothing to do with clinical care," Mind OC chief executive

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Costa Mesa's ARTventure to bring art-making to the masses

BY SARA CARDINE

Much more than an art show, Costa Mesa's annual ARTventure lets locals get up close and personal with various media, encouraging them to get their hands dirty — and their minds elevated — by actively engaging in the creative process.

What began in 2015 as a three-day juried exhibition of work from visual artists throughout Southern California has since expanded into a weeklong celebration kicked off by a community arts day filled with hands-on activities involving ceramics, painting, music, dance and more.

This year's event begins Saturday with the exhibition's open-

MUSICIANS PERFORM during Costa Mesa's 2023 ARTventure event.



ing at the Norma Hertzog Community Center and community festivities on the nearby Lion's Park lawn, all taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to enjoying the

show, participants will find art-making of all sorts going on, as organizations, including the Chuck Jones Center for Creativity, ceram-

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Photos courtesy of the city of Costa Mesa

YOUTH AND adults participate in an art-making activity at ARTventure in 2023. The annual art show and event returns to Lions Park Saturday.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Newport Harbor's Harper Price is headed to China

HARPER PRICE (2) competes for the Newport Harbor High girls' water polo team against Laguna Beach last December.



Don Leach Staff Photographer

BY MATT SZABO

Harper Price has been known as a standout utility player during her time with the Newport Harbor High girls' water polo team.

Sometimes, that means doing the little things that are needed to win.

Her play is now taking on a big trip, halfway around the world.

Price has been named to the U.S. women's water polo Youth National Team roster for the 2024 World Aquatics U18 Championships, which start Sunday in Chengdu, China.

Huntington Beach native and Edison High graduate Alys Moore (Williams), a 2020 Olympic gold medalist who recently retired from international competition, will be the Youth National Team head coach for the tournament. Four-time Olympic gold medalist and former CdM girls' coach Melissa Seidemann is an assistant, while former Newport Harbor standout Elissia Schilling is the team leader.

Price, a Cal commit, is one of three players from the Southern Pacific Zone to make the 14-athlete ros-

ter. She joins Orange Lutheran standout Allison Cohen and goalkeeper Keri Glad, an Arizona State signee also from Orange Lutheran.

Team USA opens the U18 Championships in China against Hungary on Sunday at 11:30 p.m. Pacific time. The Americans then face Australia on Tuesday at 2:30 a.m., and New Zealand on Wednesday at 5:30 a.m.

The tournament championship game is scheduled for Sept. 22.

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DEAL

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Phillip Franks told the Daily Pilot Thursday. "It was the county monitoring our ability to do county level contract monitoring."

The majority of the complaints in the audit specifically targeted crisis support programs at the campus like the crisis stabilization unit and emergency hotline. Until recently, those had been contracted to Exodus Recovery Inc., unlike the addiction and mental health treatment programs handled directly by Be Well.

Auditors found that calls would sometimes go unanswered while Exodus was running the hotline. Franks said the contractor also wasn't doing a good job of referring people who called in to services, which meant it wasn't helping as many people as it could have been.

Exodus announced plans to stop contracting for the county in March, and so Be

Well stepped in to take over for the crisis support services it had been handling, Franks said. He said the nonprofit invested heavily into this effort, including restaffing the hotline with registered nurses available 24/7. He added that since then, the call center has been fielding 80 to 90 calls each day, and practically all of the programs at the Mental Health and Wellness campus are full with patients.

Franks said access to care at the campus improved dramatically after Be Well took over for Exodus. That's why they were shocked when OCHCA told them it would be ending its arrangement with the non-profit on Aug. 29.

"We had been planning to take on those services, hiring up our staff ..." Franks said. "It came as a complete and total surprise a couple Thursdays ago when we were given a termination notice."

Around 100 staff at Be Well will have to be laid off as a result, Franks said.



Courtesy of Be Well OC

REPRESENTATIVES FOR the treatment provider Mind OC say many of this issues identified in an audit were fixed and claim they were blindsided by the Orange County Health Care Agency's decision to pull their funding. Above, a member of Be Well OC's Mobile Crisis Response Team performs outreach to people living in Huntington Beach.

"This decision is based on an ever-evolving public, private partnership model," according to a joint state-

ment from the OCHCA and Mind OC. "The HCA will manage the landscape of Medicaid programs at the site and partner with Exodus Recovery Inc. and HealthRight 360 to ensure continued high-quality psychiatric crisis and substance-use disorder services."

Franks said he was concerned about Exodus stepping back into the picture, given his claim that many of the issues raised in the audit related to that contractor's actions.

Meanwhile, OCHCA is

still working with Be Well to open a second Mental Health and Wellness Campus at Great Park in Irvine. That deal has not been affected by developments at the Orange campus, Franks said.

The termination of Be Well's involvement at the Orange campus came two days after the Newport Beach City Council decided to end the city's \$2.1-million contract with the non-profit to run a street health program. Council members and residents offering public comments said they

didn't feel the program had achieved enough "street exits," a term for moving homeless people into housing.

Franks explained that the nonprofit was focused on earning people's trust and gradually encouraging them to get the support they needed. Unlike police, Be Well's caseworkers don't have the authority to force people out of encampments and out of public sight.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword grid with answers filled in.

Sudoku grid with numbers filled in.

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Airport fire exceeds 20,000 acres



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ONLOOKERS WATCH the Airport fire from Alta Laguna Park Tuesday. As of Thursday evening, the fire had consumed 23,453 acres in Orange and Riverside counties and was 5% contained. Officials confirmed 12 people, including firefighters and civilians, had sustained injuries and six structures were damaged.

Coyote that bit 11-year-old put down

BY ERIC LICAS

A coyote bit an 11-year-old boy at the Pelican Hill Golf Club's course earlier this month and was eventually euthanized by state officials.

The boy was walking with an older sibling on Sept. 1 when they came across a pack of coyotes, according to Newport Beach Police Sgt. Steve Oberon. They ran, and one of the animals chased them and managed to leave a minor bite wound on the back of the boy's leg before a bystander helped scare the coyote away.

Animal Control Officers were notified at about 5:30 that evening, Oberon said. They then worked with California Department of Fish and Wildlife officials to find the coyote.

Wildlife that have attacked people are considered too much of a threat to be allowed to remain near populated areas, and relocating coyotes is ineffective because they are a territorial species that will return to their chosen habitat, according to the Humane Society. Those that exhibit violence toward humans are typically euthanized.

DNA taken from the 11-year-old's wound matched samples from the coyote trapped by officials, Oberon said. CDFW game wardens confirmed that it had been killed on Sept. 4.

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Ex-soccer coach pleads guilty to child porn charge

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A Huntington Beach man who served as a referee and coach in the American Youth Soccer Organization pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal charge, admitting that he hid a camera in a location where he knew an underage girl in his care would disrobe and persuaded a second child in a foreign country to send him nude photos of herself.

Mark Phillip Oster, 64, entered his plea in Los Angeles federal court to a single count of production of child pornography. Sentencing was set for Nov. 25, at which

time he faces between 15 and 30 years behind bars, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

In his plea agreement, Oster admitted posting images of child pornography to a website on the dark web dedicated to sharing images and videos of child pornography and to the discussion of child sexual abuse.

On the site, he shared his knowledge of how child pornography is produced in the Philippines and explained how sexual exploitation of children operates in Southeast Asia, the U.S. Attorney's Office

stated.

Oster was also found to have shared child pornography on Facebook and Skype and stored child pornography in his Google Photos, a court document states.

He also produced child pornography involving an underage victim who was within his "care, custody, and control" at the times of the offenses, according to his plea agreement.

Specifically, on hard drives seized by the FBI from his home in March and August 2021, he possessed numerous images of child pornography he pro-

duced with the girl, who was younger than 12 years old at the time, federal prosecutors said.

In addition, throughout 2020 and continuing until July 2021, Oster produced child pornography by "enticing, persuading, and directing" a second child, who was about 13 years old and lived outside the U.S., to take pictures of herself and transmit them to the defendant, according to federal prosecutors.

Oster admitted to also having "persuaded and enticed the second victim's mother to take pictures of her daughter's body. In ex-

change for the pictures, Oster sent money and gifts to the child and her mother. The girl was "vulnerable on account of her poverty," according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Oster was associated with AYSO from 2015 through 2021. He was named in a four-count federal criminal indictment filed in August 2021, charging him with two counts of producing child pornography, one count of distributing child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Montgomery's state
- 8 Chairs and sofas
- 13 Pale golden horse
- 15 Yearly
- 16 Twists together
- 17 Laura _ (Mary Tyler Moore character)
- 18 Mermaid's home
- 19 Latest info
- 20 Royal messenger
- 21 "An eye _ an eye"
- 22 Pull the trigger
- 23 Made an appearance
- 26 Shun
- 29 Organs for listening
- 33 Drugstore skin care brand
- 34 Wild cats with manes
- 35 Winter precipitation
- 36 What we breathe
- 37 "Steady as _ goes"
- 38 Hoppy beer: Abbr.
- 39 Omit
- 41 Hotel customer
- 43 "You said it!"
- 44 Rip
- 45 "You _ be there": 2 wds.
- 46 Eliot of The Untouchables
- 47 Environmental science: Abbr.
- 49 Unusual
- 51 The Bahamas' capital
- 54 Singer Guthrie
- 56 Watch chain
- 59 Low-scoring tie: 2 wds.
- 60 Hot spell: 2 wds.
- 62 Stable sections

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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 A2.

- 63 Sticky-tongued mammal
- 64 Brings on staff
- 65 Sweet course
- DOWN**
- 1 Tailless primates
- 2 Bowling alley
- 3 Utah ski resort
- 4 Violinist's stick
- 5 _ acid (protein building block)
- 6 Quartz, e.g.
- 7 Once more
- 8 Contemptuous look
- 9 Main courses
- 10 Mystical glow part
- 11 Follow closely
- 12 Winter vehicle
- 14 CIA preceder:

- Abbr.
- 15 Garden pests
- 21 Actress Tina
- 22 Of the highest quality
- 23 Shoreline
- 24 Identical
- 25 "The Sound of Music" character
- 27 Image
- 28 _ and aahed
- 30 Japanese film genre
- 31 Lassos
- 32 Long-necked birds
- 40 Early bargain events
- 41 Scary spirits
- 42 Not in time: 2 wds.
- 43 As well as
- 48 Telephones
- 50 Is overly fond
- 51 Quick snack
- 52 _-knock fluid
- 53 Cook in a pan, perhaps
- 54 "Oh, I get it!"
- 55 Tear to bits
- 56 Destiny
- 57 All done
- 58 Ernie's roommate
- 61 Used to be

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BRIGHT

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eight stations throughout the city,” Huntington Beach Fire Chief Scott Haberle said. “Over the course of the next month, we’ll move it station to station, so all of the different areas of the community can bring that awareness and really encourage people to get tested.”

The police vehicle will be based at the main station at City Hall, Cuchilla said.

“Any police officer that goes 10-8, meaning on duty, will be able to grab the vehicle,” she said. “It will be first come, first serve. I know [Wednesday] night, it was already out there patrolling the downtown area.”

Police Chief Eric Parra, who is also serving as the interim city manager, said that he is getting his prostate checked regularly now.

“If we’re able to save the life of a public safety professional, that enables more of them to be on the streets, more of them to respond to public safety is-



A HUNTINGTON BEACH police vehicle and fire truck are wrapped blue in support of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month on Thursday.

James Carbone

sues, whether they’re criminal in nature or medical in nature,” Parra said. “We want to be there for you.”

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer and second-leading cause of cancer death among men, according to the National Cancer Institute. The American Cancer Society recommends discussing screening with your doctor at age 50 for men who are at average risk of prostate cancer and expected to live at least 10 more years.

However, the organization recommends having the discussion at age 45 for men at high risk, including Black men and men who have a father or brother who was diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early

age. For men at even higher risk — those with more than one first-degree relative who had prostate cancer at an early age — the discussion about screening is recommended at age 40.

Prostate cancer often has no symptoms in its early stages, making awareness critical.

Burns was blunt when asked his message to men who may be hesitant to get checked.

“You’re a fool if you think you can’t get it or you don’t have to get checked,” he said. “You’re playing with fire. It’s nothing to be embarrassed about, it’s nothing to be afraid of.”

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Courtesy of the city of Costa Mesa

EACH YEAR, Costa Mesa’s ARTventure community day lets locals interact with visual and performing arts as part of a weeklong juried art exhibition.

ART

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ics studio ARTtime Barro, the city’s Mobile Recreation Program and local school art programs, host booths and lead live demonstrations.

Musicians and puppeteers will perform on two stages throughout Saturday’s community arts day.

Organizer Ashley Thomas, a senior recreation manager for the city, said back when ARTventure was held as a one-weekend event, artists in the exhibition continuously asked if there might be some way to keep the artwork up longer.

After the city completed renovations in and around Lions Park in 2021, the new community center provided the perfect venue for housing the pieces for a longer period.

“We’ve really activated it, and we’re getting bigger and bigger every year,” Thomas said Wednesday. “It’s really like three events, by the time you do the exhibit and the opening and closing days.”

More than 325 pieces of visual art, including 23 works submitted by area youth, will continue to remain on display on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and then Monday through Friday, from 1 to 7 p.m. ARTventure officially culminates in a Sept. 21 awards ceremony for featured artists at the Orange County Museum of Art, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thomas said the annual tradition is a fun way for the city to celebrate its status as a City of the Arts, a designation granted by the Costa Mesa City Council in 1984.

“We want to dive into arts in the community and allow the community to ex-

FYI

ARTventure is free and open to the public. Costa Mesa’s Norma Hertzog Community Center is located at 1845 Park Ave. OCMA is located at 3333 Avenue of the Arts in Costa Mesa. Register online for the Sept. 21 awards ceremony at survey.monkey.com/r/3V6S2TV.

perience the arts, and this event does a very good job of that,” she added. “We’re so heavily focused on local art and art businesses and local performers and art activities that it’s really turned into a beautiful community arts show. Sometimes we don’t realize how much we have in our little city.”

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Notice of Adoption of an Ordinance by the Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board of Directors Regarding Travel Expenses and Travel to Nevada and Arizona. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

The Ordinance clarifies that staff may travel to conferences and training beyond California, to the states of Nevada and Arizona, with the General Manager’s approval. The Board of Directors may attend conferences and training beyond California, to the states of Nevada and Arizona, only with Board of Directors approval, unless already approved as part of the budget process.

Ordinance No. 139 was adopted on August 26, 2024. The vote was 5-0.

BSC 225708

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

CHRISTOPHER JAMES LIDDLE, AKA CHRISTOPHER J. LIDDLE, AKA CHRISTOPHER LIDDLE
30-2024-01418042-PR-LA-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **CHRISTOPHER JAMES LIDDLE, AKA CHRISTOPHER J. LIDDLE, AKA CHRISTOPHER LIDDLE.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **KAYLA ELISE NAJAR** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **KAYLA ELISE NAJAR** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 **Oct 09, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court’s designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court’s website at [The Superior Court of California - County of Orange \(courts.ca.gov\)](https://www.courts.ca.gov) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.

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

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

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 18862KMY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all creditors of the within names Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: **ARTBEAT STUDIOS INC, 18103 SKYPARK CIRCLE, SUITE E, IRVINE, CA 92614**

The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: **24531 VIA TONADA, LAKE FOREST, CA 92630**

Doing Business as: **ARTBEAT STUDIOS**
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: **ULTIMATE IMAGE PRINTING INC, 2110 S ANNE ST, SANTA ANA, CA 92704**

The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL** and are located at: **18103 SKYPARK CIRCLE, SUITE E, IRVINE, CA 92614**

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: **NONE**

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: **ALLIANCE MUTUAL ESCROW, INC., 12681 NEWPORT AVENUE, TUSTIN, CA 92780** and the anticipated sale date is **OCTOBER 2, 2024**

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **ALLIANCE MUTUAL ESCROW, INC., 12681 NEWPORT AVENUE, TUSTIN, CA 92780**

The last date for filing claims shall be **OCTOBER 1, 2024**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: **SEPTEMBER 4, 2024**
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CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California and virtual locations on **Monday, September 23, 2024** at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:
Application No.: PCUP-24-0010
Applicant/Agent: Christopher Trent/The Humboldt Connect, LLC
Site Address: 2138 Newport Blvd.
Zone: Local Business District (C1)

Description: PCUP-24-0010 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a 920-square-foot retail cannabis storefront use with delivery in an existing one-story commercial building located at 2138 Newport Boulevard. The proposed use would be subject to Costa Mesa’s regulations, conditions of approval, and State cannabis regulations. For additional information, please visit the City’s website at www.costamesaca.gov/cannabis.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.
Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Members of the public may submit comments via email to PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov. Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing via email or submitted to the Planning Department on a flash drive, or mailed to the Planning Department. 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. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.

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years. Opponents, including the California Democratic Party, the League of Women Voters and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (made up of mostly defense attorneys), along with California’s Legislative Analyst’s Office, say it would drastically increase the state’s prison population and cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

The measure would alter and reverse portions of Proposition 47, a set of laws passed in 2014 designed to alleviate overcrowding in prisons by reducing some nonviolent felonies to misdemeanors. Supporters of Proposition 36 claim that softening penalties for certain crimes 10 years ago en-

couraged people to commit them more often.

Proponents of the ballot initiative say it would tackle retail theft by essentially reinstating a “third strike” rule for the crime, meaning anyone with two prior convictions for stealing would be eligible for felony charges in subsequent cases regardless of the value of goods taken. Previously, under Proposition 47, all theft cases valued under \$950 were classified as misdemeanors.

Thieves in a “smash-and-grab” heist at a jewelry store in Newport Beach ran off with about \$250,000 in merchandise last September. In July, a woman was killed after she and her husband became the victims of a robbery at Fashion Island.

Proposition 36 calls for harsher penalties against convicted drug traffickers

who either possess firearms or sell an illicit substance that winds up injuring someone. It also specifically categorizes fentanyl as a hard drug and would require people found guilty of selling it to be warned that they could be charged with murder if their merchandise kills a person.

The ballot measure would also create a new class of offenses called treatment-mandated felonies. This would make people with two prior convictions for the possession or hard drugs illegible for a felony charge upon future arrests. People convicted a third time would be given the option to enter addiction and mental health treatment program to avoid jail time.

Although the ballot initiative features language calling for more treatment and support services for those dealing with addiction or mental health conditions, it does not contain provisions outlining how those would be funded. Those campaigning against Proposition 36 claim it would actually make it harder to access treatment because it would divert funds away from state programs in order to pay for an increased workload in California’s court and prison systems.

By comparison, the passage of Proposition 47 came packaged with the establishment of the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund. That program repurposed the money the state saved as a result of reducing the prison population and prosecutor caseloads to pay for mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and diversion programs for those in the criminal justice system.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and other Democratic lawmakers proposed an alternative measure to compete with Proposition 36, but that effort lost steam shortly after it was announced.

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