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A LOWER-LEVEL window gallery constructed below the upper plaza along on the east side of the new Orange County Museum of Arts building.

## Museum of Art's new Costa Mesa home will have free admission

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

When the new Orange County Museum of Arts building opens at Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa in October 2022, admission will be free.

Orange County Museum of Art Director and Chief Executive Officer Heidi Zuckerman made the announcement on Tuesday at a hard hat tour for media of the OCMA construction site.

Effective for 10 years, the free admission is made possible by a \$2.5-million gift from

Newport Beach-based Lugano Diamonds.

"Our goal is to remove as many barriers of entry as possible and to connect as many people as we can to art and artists," Zuckerman said in a statement.

"We are deeply grateful to Lugano Diamonds for fostering these connections by supporting the cost of admission for the next decade — it will be a wonderful way to throw open our doors next year."

The new building is designed by Morphosis under the direction of Pritzker Prize-winning architect Thom Mayne and

Partner-in-Charge Brandon Welling, and the aim is to create a sense of community at the cultural campus.

The 53,000-square-foot state-of-the-art building will be twice the size of the museum's former location in Newport Beach. Exhibitions will make up 25,000 square feet of the building, and 10,000 square feet will be dedicated as multipurpose space.

The site will also include a sculptural wing over the lobby atrium, creating a location for

See **Museum**, page A5

## Costa Mesa tackles waste mandate

Agreement with trash haulers aims to reduce organic waste to bring the city into compliance with state requirements.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesans will soon have to ponder sustainability at the can — deciding whether to trash, recycle or compost food and refuse — after the City Council Tuesday voted to approve trash hauler agreements as part of a state-mandated overhaul of municipal waste processing.

Council members agreed to appropriate up to \$175,000 to implement the requirements of Senate Bill 1383, a measure that aims to reduce the amount of organic waste going into California landfills by 75% — the equivalent of about 20 million tons — by 2025. Its mandates take effect Jan. 1.

The measure requires cities to create residential and commercial recycling programs for organic waste such as food, paper, landscaping material and untreated lumber. Currently, Costa Mesa trash is separated not by residents, but at a sorting facility.

Cities must also establish food recovery programs to increase donations of unused edible items to food insecure individuals by 20% and procure .08 tons of recycled organic products — such as mulch, compost material or renewable natural gas — per resi-

See **Waste**, page A5

## Newport council to ratify local emergency relating to oil spill

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport Beach City Council is expected Tuesday to ratify a local emergency declared Tuesday by City Manager Grace Leung in response to the oil spill that occurred off the coast of Huntington

Beach.

Earlier this week, Mayor Brad Avery said such a declaration allows the city to access more resources to help mitigate the financial impacts of the oil spill for the city and provide aid to affected private business owners

throughout Newport Beach. It also cuts through some of the legislative red tape of paperwork.

First reports of oil washing ashore in the city were made Sunday.

Neighboring cities Huntington Beach and Laguna Beach also an-

nounced local emergencies in response to what officials estimate is a 24,696-gallon to, at worst, a 131,000-gallon spill. The cause of the spill remains under investigation and, while the city largely appears to be unscathed by the incident, it remains unclear as to

what the full extent of the damage may be.

In other business, the City Council will also be discussing a resolution announcing the city's intent to override a ruling by the

See **Spill**, page A5

## County beaches and Newport Harbor reopen Friday, with caveats

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Local beaches reopened Friday after days of partial — or in some cities, full — closures after the Orange County oil spill that officials are now estimating is anywhere between 24,696 to 131,000 gallons.

On Friday, beach access was

restored to Laguna Beach, where beaches have been closed since Monday as a precautionary measure against the weekend spill. This does not include the waters, which county health officials are warning residents and visitors to avoid until cleanup is completed.

See **Reopen**, page A5



DR. DUANE TOM, of Oiled Wildlife Care Network, UC Davis, inspects an oiled Sanderling shorebird at the Wildlife & Wetlands Center in Huntington Beach on Monday.

Allen J. Schaben  
Los Angeles Times

## Orange County wildlife groups benefit from Newport Dunes' \$10,000 donation

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The cost burden for tending to wildlife affected by the estimated 131,000-gallon oil spill last weekend may be eased for at least two local organizations with a \$10,000 donation from the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and Marina in Newport Beach.

The donation announced

Thursday was split evenly between the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center in Huntington Beach and Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna Beach.

Jan Yezzik, director of marketing at Newport Dunes, said the Bay wasn't significantly impacted by the spill.

County parks officials said

that, so far, no oil appears to have shown at the Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve. That good fortune is attributed to booms having been placed in the entrance to Newport Harbor and the area having been shut down to boat traffic earlier this week.

Environmentalists have said

See **Wildlife**, page A5

A BOOM stretches across the mouth of Newport Harbor on Tuesday.



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**LOCAL RADIO** personality Ed Steinfeld, left, and Cole Roberts holding Rolo the cat.

## Community Cat Fund grows by \$8,200 after Cat's Meow brunch

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Blue Bell Foundation for Cats held its seventh annual Cat's Meow champagne brunch fundraiser last month, an event that saw dozens of community members come out to show their love and support for their furry friends.

The nonprofit organization said the brunch at Seven7Seven in Laguna Beach raised \$8,200 for the group's Community Cat Fund, which Blue Bell puts toward taking care of its feline residents.

Blue Bell provides for cats sent its way by local animal shelters, as well as aging pawed pals and those cats whose owners can no longer personally care for them, giving them a home to live out the rest of their days.

Susan Hamil, chairwoman of the board of directors for the Blue Bell Foundation for Cats, said she was delighted with the turnout of 180 attendees. She said it was the first fundraiser put on by Blue Bell since 2019.

"I was thrilled with the attendance, and I was thrilled with the generosity of the attendees that



**THE MONEY** that goes into the Community Cat Fund helps to extend the quality of life for Blue Bell's senior felines.

bought auctioned items [and] gave donation checks," Hamil said.

Attendees at the Sept. 26 event were able to participate in a silent auction that featured items from local artists, including Cliff Wassmann, Robert Holton, Roderick Reed, Diane Ortlieb and Laura Seeley.

Appropriately for the community event, local radio personality Ed Steinfeld of Laguna Beach radio station KX FM was called on to announce the winners from the auction.

The recipients of this year's Blue Bell Cat Awards, intended to honor the organization's volunteers, were Blue Bell assistant director Jenna Genovesi-Mikula, Lynette Brasfield and Matt Powers.

Powers provided framed colored sketches of Blue

Bell cats for guests to take home with a donation, while Brasfield discussed her book, "The Story of Blue Bell: A Virtual Tour Through Space and Time."

Blue Bell currently has approximately 48 cats in its care, Hamil said, adding that the money that goes into the Community Cat Fund helps to extend the quality of life for their senior felines.

"One of the things we really encourage is for people to plan for their pets and make provisions for their pets in their estate plan or write down exactly what your wishes are for your pets," Hamil said. "Because we get people who call every day, and there's no plan."

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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

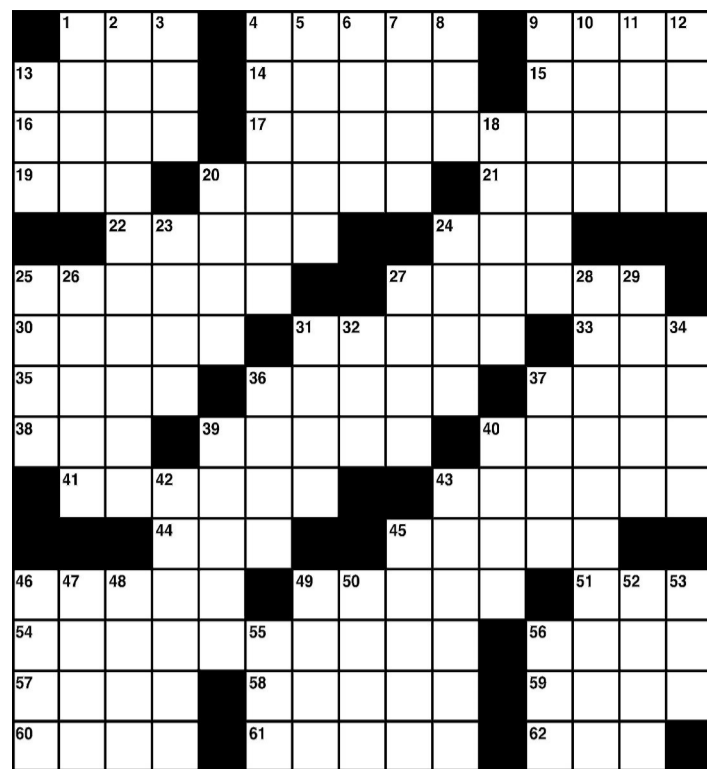
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

### ACROSS

- 1 Truman, for short
- 4 Actress Emma
- 9 Pass over
- 13 Do a bartender's job
- 14 Approximately
- 15 Main character
- 16 Award for "Cheers"
- 17 Short sleep
- 19 Topaz or onyx
- 20 Flood barrier
- 21 Jagged
- 22 Upper crust
- 24 Plopped down
- 25 Seldom
- 27 Human being
- 30 Nervous
- 31 Like toasted marshmallows
- 33 Solemn promise
- 35 In a \_\_; sulking
- 36 Hippie accessories
- 37 \_\_ carotene; vitamin A source
- 38 "She Done \_\_ Wrong"; Mae West film
- 39 Brave deeds
- 40 More painful
- 41 Stranger
- 43 Bawls out
- 44 Sprite
- 45 Snapshot
- 46 Cook's need
- 49 " \_\_ Caroline"; Neil Diamond hit
- 51 "We're \_\_ to see the Wizard"
- 54 Give in
- 56 Short one-act play
- 57 Lumberjack tools
- 58 Walked the floor
- 59 Group of buffalo
- 60 Outfielder's cry
- 61 Building level
- 62 Linear measures: abbr.

### DOWN

- 1 Abode
- 2 Barbecue season
- 3 Endeavor



## 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](http://sudoku.org.uk).

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

- 4 Word with net or pin
- 5 "None of the \_\_"; test answer choice
- 6 Second helping
- 7 Silent
- 8 Pig's quarters
- 9 Articles of clothing

- 10 Game similar to lotto
- 11 Riles
- 12 Sit for an artist
- 13 Margaret's nickname
- 18 Tired
- 20 Spring bloom
- 23 In case

- 24 Observes
- 25 Impulsive
- 26 Comic strip orphan
- 27 Snap peas & okra
- 28 Failed to notice
- 29 Prominent
- 31 Equipment
- 32 Cereal grain
- 34 Military conflicts
- 36 Red meat
- 37 Cowboy's shoe
- 39 \_\_-O-Fish; McDonald's offering
- 40 Glasgow native
- 42 Change a text
- 43 Actress Ally
- 45 Pumpkin eater of nursery rhyme
- 46 Illegal scheme
- 47 Glide along the runway
- 48 Dentist's directive
- 49 Wooden strip
- 50 Central Texas city
- 52 Forest trees
- 53 Bouquet delivery letters
- 55 Close-\_\_; zoom lens photos
- 56 Not at all forward

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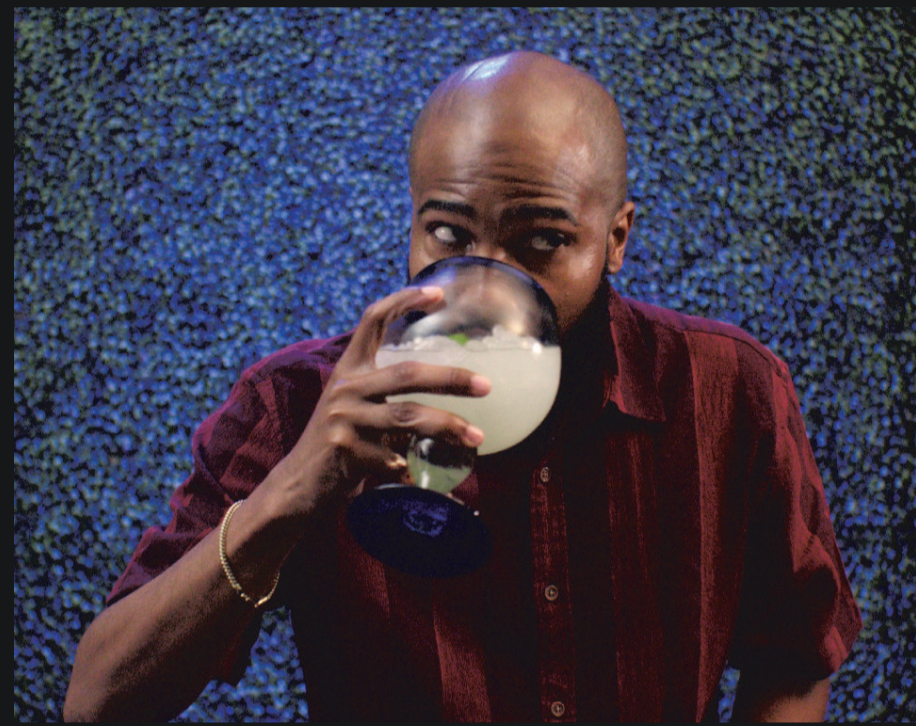
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# The concept of 'word categories' may make our complicated language a bit simpler

**Y**ou learned about the parts of speech in grade school. Dog is a noun. Play is a verb. Quick is an adjective. Adverbs end in ly.

Now that you're grown up, you can handle the unvarnished truth: Language, like life, isn't so simple. Dog is both a noun and a verb. Play can also be a noun. Quick can be used as an adverb. Many adverbs don't end in ly, like fast, and many words that end in ly are not adverbs, like family and lovely. Verbs come in different forms, including transitive, intransitive and linking. Adverbs come in different forms, like manner adverbs and sentence adverbs.

Ours is a complicated language. If we don't understand word categories, we can fall victim to some common misperceptions.

Here are some popular myths that can be cleared up with a better understanding of word categories.

"Myriad can't be used as a noun." This common misperception causes a lot of people to think that it's a mistake to write "We dealt with a myriad of issues" and you must instead write "We dealt with myriad issues." In the first example, myriad is a noun. In the second example, it's an adjective modifying "issues." Both are correct, though for my money, the adjective form is better because it cuts unnecessary words.

"Impact can't be used as a verb." A lot of folks are under the impression that you can have an impact on your community, but you can't impact your community. Not true. It's both. And if you think that's a bad thing — a result of eroding language standards —

this fact will surprise you: "Impact" was a verb before it was a noun.

"Like can't be used as a conjunction." There was an old ad campaign that claimed, "Winston tastes good like a cigarette should." Back in those days, people had a bigger problem with the word "like" than they did with smoking. The idea was that "like" is a preposition and prepositions introduce objects, which are usually nouns: like butter. "A cigarette should" is a whole clause, complete with subject and verb. Normally, introducing a whole clause is a job for a conjunction like "as." So folks said the ad should read "as a cigarette should" instead of "like a cigarette should." In a world where "dog" was only a noun and not a verb, that might be true. But in real-world English, "like" can

sometimes work like a conjunction.

"Good can't be an adverb." How are you doing? If you answer "well," you're golden. If you answer "good," you open up a big can of worms with folks who insist you need an adverb, "well," to describe the action of doing. Can you hear what's coming? "Good," in addition to working as an adjective, is also an adverb — a synonym of "well."

"Well is necessarily an adverb." Back to that question of how you're doing: The same people who insist you need to use an adverb to say you're doing well often don't understand that "well" is also an adjective. It means "in good health." So if you say you're doing well, you're using an adverb. If you say you are well, you're using an adjective with a much narrower definition. Both

are correct.

"Hopefully is a manner adverb." A lot of people object to sentences like, "Hopefully I'll see you tomorrow." The reason: They think this means that the seeing will be done in a hopeful manner. They're assuming that adverbs can only modify actions and not whole sentences or clauses. Not true. Take "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." You can see here that "frankly" is not modifying the giving of the damn. It's modifying the whole thought. "Hopefully," "importantly," "thirdly" and many other adverbs can do the same.

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## Climate change volunteers work to influence policy in O.C.

In addition to UC Irvine researchers studying climate change (Apodaca: Recognizing Orange County warriors in the fight against climate change, Daily Pilot, Sept. 15), there is a local group of more than 3,000 Orange County volunteers working to implement climate solutions we have at hand.

Many experts assure us we now have the technology necessary to meet the Paris Accord goals. What we lack is the political will to reach those goals.

Citizens' Climate Lobby, a nonpartisan, nonprofit established in 2007 in Coronado, Calif., now boasts 590 active chapters, including five in Orange County, 43 in California and more than 70 in foreign countries.

CCL members promote a price on carbon emissions with the collected fees returned equally to all Americans thereby tapping the power of the market to influence, but not mandate, every purchase choice. Analysts predict a measurable impact in nine months and 50% emissions reduction by 2030. A border adjustment encourages

worldwide action while protecting and promoting our domestic producers.

**Tom Hazelleaf**  
Seal Beach

Patrice Apodaca reports research from local academics, which may be interesting but does nothing toward stopping global warming.

These researchers are working on ways to adapt to or limit the damage from climate change. Beach nourishment projects will not stop the sea from rising. Prescribed burns will not prevent more frequent and intense wildfires. More green spaces or more air-conditioned buildings will not stop Earth's temperature from increasing.

We don't have to be academics to understand that the root cause of climate change is carbon pollution from burning coal, oil and natural gas. Global warming is not a naturally occurring phenomenon. Human societies have created the problem by choosing to fuel their economies with life-destroying planet-debasing fuels.

It doesn't take huge brain

power to know what we must do: phase out fossil fuels and transition to clean energy.

The policy solutions we need are not complicated. Economists recommend policies that charge fossil fuel companies an increasing tax on their carbon pollution to depress their demand and spur investments in alternatives, use the revenue to ease the transition to clean energy and establish a border carbon tariff to protect U.S. businesses and motivate other nations, including China, to adopt similar policies.

**Bob Taylor**  
Laguna Niguel

### Initiative would give N.B. mayor too much power

Since when does one person get to decide major policy changes for the whole city?

That is what is occurring with the push to elect our mayor in Newport Beach. Right now, the role of mayor is a one-year term and rotates among the current

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council. There have been no committees considering this. No discussions about the pros and cons of having an elected mayor have surfaced.

Even the existing City Council isn't a big fan of doing this, perhaps because the initiative is driven by only one person without apparent consideration of any other viewpoints. Initiatives have a long life since they can only be changed by another election.

Shouldn't we at least discuss this in a larger venue before it comes up for a vote or are we just stuck with one man's opinion of what the role of mayor should be?

**Tom Baker**  
Newport Beach

An elected mayor? This is just a bad idea, and it is not what is best for Newport Beach; rather, it is what's best for a few power-hungry individuals. If we could be guaranteed that persons who would run for mayor were completely honest, transparent, had impeccable integrity and would always be elected by a well-informed citizenry, then I'd be all for it. But what are the chances of that happening now and in the future? And why would the people of Newport



Mike Eliason | AP

**A HUMPBACK WHALE** flaps its damaged fluke as it prepares for a deep dive in the Santa Barbara Channel off the coast of Oxnard in April 2009. Readers respond to Daily Pilot contributor Patrice Apodaca's recent columns about climate change.

Beach change our City Charter to support something that is riddled with so many potential problems?

Take for instance that section of this proposal that gives the elected mayor sole discretion on the agenda for each council meeting and to change the order of business on the agenda at his/her discretion. And consider how difficult it would be for a particular council member to get an item on the agenda that has been asked for by his/her constituents with the requirement that half of the council must agree to agendaize. This clearly shoots holes in the concept of "representation."

Eight years is just too long, as well. And when you add to this the ability to have complete control over each council meeting agenda ... you are giving absolute power to the mayor. Look to neighboring

cities to see how well that has worked out! It just isn't necessary. There is nothing wrong with our current system.

Although my tenure on council was cut short, and I was not able to experience the honor of being mayor, one of the attractive features of serving on council is the potential of being selected to serve as mayor. This is a current feature of our City Charter that serves to attract people to run for City Council. The current proposal would eliminate that feature. Moreover, who would really want to experience the frustration of serving on a council where the City Charter provides the mayor with absolute authority and power and places an individual council member in the position of not being able to represent the constituents of his or her district?

Here are a few other reasons for not supporting this initiative:

- Do we really want carpetbaggers moving to our city, establishing the required residency and then running for mayor? Individuals who have no longevity in or a history of service to our city?

- A mayoral bid is going to be expensive, and the influence of campaign donors would likely be concentrated behind a single person or group in the city. Ordinary citizen concerns could be less a consideration if the elected mayor has an allegiance to a donor or group making large donations in order to insure reelection, and to elections beyond that of Newport Beach mayor.

- Our city would have to go through redistricting (from seven to six), with each district having one council representative except for the district that the newly elected mayor lives in. Could this be a

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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