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## Dealing with ecological disaster

Environmentalists say full fallout from spill that leaked 144,000 gallons of oil into the waters off Huntington Beach may not be known for some time.

BY SARA CARDINE, LILLY NGUYEN, MATT SZABO, ANDREW TURNER

Even as rescue workers rush to dab oil from the wings of compromised birds and execute carefully planned strategies for transporting species to and from care centers, environmentalists county-wide are bracing for the full impact of an ecological disaster.

Local wildlife experts are reporting the initial tolls of an oil spill that broke out over the weekend near an offshore oil processing facility several miles at sea and began a slow but inevitable creep toward south Orange County coastlines, home to numerous protected areas and sensitive marshlands.

Following news of the spill Saturday, Huntington Beach city officials immediately moved to place floating containment booms to stop the encroachment of the spreading slick into delicate lands around Talbert Marsh and Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

Cleanup crews have been busy at work in Newport and Laguna beaches, which absorbed the initial impact of the southward moving slick earlier this week.

By Monday, oil had infiltrated the Talbert, Brookhurst and Magnolia marshes, while initial efforts to keep Bolsa Chica intact seemed to have worked, said John Villa, executive director of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy.

"We're pretty lucky, as far as how far the oil spill has gone west," he said in a news conference. "It's only gone just past the pier, and not very far. Bolsa Chica at least is protected from any oil getting there at this point. They have boomed off the inlet, so hopefully it will catch anything and move it away."

Villa said the inlets to the marshes have been closed off, to stop any contaminated saltwater

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AN EMPLOYEE with West Coast Environmental Solutions cleans up oil at the mouth of the Santa Ana River on Monday.



Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

DR. DUANE TOM, of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, UC Davis, inspects an oiled sanderling at the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center.

**"The impact to these marine mammals can last short term and long term. There can be forever changes to our environment and ecosystem in areas."**

— Krysta Higuchi

Spokeswoman for the nonprofit Pacific Marine Mammal Center

A CLEANUP CREW on Monday fill and remove bags of crude oil that spilled into the Huntington Beach Wetlands, Talbert Marsh.



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## Hopes of O.C. businesses, locals and tourists dashed by oil spill closures

BY SARA CARDINE, LILLY NGUYEN, MATT SZABO, ANDREW TURNER

Orange County coastal communities — where tourism thrives and where more than a million people crowded Saturday to catch the Pacific Airshow — have become relative ghost towns after a massive oil spill caused beach closures and fishing bans with no end in sight.

In the days since 144,000 gallons of oil spilled from a ruptured

pipeline near an offshore oil processing facility in federal waters, city officials in Huntington Beach and Laguna Beach have closed their coastlines to the public, while Newport Beach has banned swimming, surfing and all water-related activities off its shores.

Meanwhile, a widescale suspension of all fishing activity, from Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach southward to Crown Valley in Dana Point and extending six miles out to sea was set in place Saturday following a decla-

ration from California Fish and Wildlife officials.

No timeline for reopening has been given, which spells bad news for local enterprises whose stock and trade comes from ocean and the tourism it attracts.

The sands on either side of the Huntington Beach Pier were eerily vacant Tuesday afternoon, aside from a handful of beachgoers who were forced back from beachfront acreage by yellow cau-

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## 'We're all in this together': Local legislators join forces

BY SARA CARDINE, LILLY NGUYEN, MATT SZABO, ANDREW TURNER

Government officials at the local, county and state level are marshaling resources to respond to an environmental crisis along the Orange County coastline, after an offshore pipeline leak over the weekend spilled 144,000 gallons of oil into the waters off Huntington Beach.

The incident occurred roughly 4.5 miles off the coast at a deep-sea oil processing facility located in federal waters, where a segment of a 17.5-mile pipeline running from the Port of Long Beach to an offshore oil platform was breached.

The U.S. Coast Guard is investigating whether a large commercial ship set anchor in the wrong location, compromising the pipeline. Exactly when the event took place is still being determined.

Even as those details remain under investigation, legislators are taking swift action. The Huntington Beach City Council in a special meeting Monday adopted a resolution declaring a local emergency for a period of at least 30 days. Council members Eric Peterson and Mike Posey were absent.

City Manager Oliver Chi provided council members a rough timeline of events and an update on the massive cleanup efforts happening in and around the city's coastline.

He said although residents in Huntington and Newport beaches reported smelling a persistent odor of gas on Friday night, the U.S. Coast Guard didn't inform city offi-



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MARTIN WELCHER, chief executive of Houston-based Amplify Energy Corp. answers questions from the media about the weekend's oil spill off Huntington Beach.

cial until Saturday a possible breach may have taken place.

Although the oil was not expected to reach the shoreline until Monday, Chi said a police helicopter reconnaissance mission Saturday evening revealed a 5.8-nautical-mile stretch of oil about seven miles off the coast stretching from Newland Street in Huntington Beach south to the Balboa Pier.

"At that point, things were starting to feel much more serious," he said.

The city proactively began employing protection efforts that have continued into this week, including a total closure of beaches along the city's coastline.

Some 14 oil-skimming boats have been deployed, including four to six vessels actively working to remove oil from the

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U.S. COAST GUARD Port and Sector Capt. Rebecca Ore answers questions from local and national media about the recent oil spill.

# New swim fin company launches in Newport

BY MATT SZABO

Ted Li lives steps from the sands of Newport Beach.

And with a combined 22 years worked at Oakley and Quiksilver (now Boardriders), he's certainly familiar with the beach lifestyle.

"I've raised three boys in Newport, we live at the beach, they've all been Junior Guards," Li said. "We all love the water. Is there something that we can do in that space?"

Li's answer launched Friday when his new bodysurfing fin company, the Single Co., went live. He is partnered with former Corona del Mar High football quarterback Cayman Carter, who still lives in Newport Beach, on the product, which also has an Instagram.

Single fins, which cost \$95 for a pair, are now available.

"I think we checked all the boxes, from a comfort level, from the design, aesthetics," Li said. "I think we're pretty happy with where we're at."

"When you talk to someone who uses a bodysurfing fin, they always complain about it. 'I get blisters on my pinky toe, I get cut on the top of my foot.' The fins today basically cut up your feet. There's a lack of em-



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**FORMER CORONA** del Mar High quarterback Cayman Carter and business partner Ted Li have launched the Single Co., a new bodysurfing fin company in Newport Beach.

phasis on comfort and performance."

Li said the team has crafted Single fins more like a running shoe, providing a snug and secure fit. Made of silicon, they are also built to resist wear and cracking.

He said the partnership with Carter came partly due to a friendship with Carter's father, Berry.

"This is not about, we want to be a \$20-million business," Li said. "We want to make amazing products, and we want to deliver an amazing experience to our customers. We just want to have fun."

Cayman Carter, the 2012 Newport-Mesa Dream

Team Football Player of the Year, is also happy with the product. He played football at Southern Methodist University for a couple of years, before graduating and getting right into business.

He also keeps busy with his wife and 1-year-old daughter Charlotte, with a baby boy due in March.

"As soon as football was over, I needed something to push and stimulate me, and that was business," Carter said. "I found that same kind of competitiveness that I had in football in business."

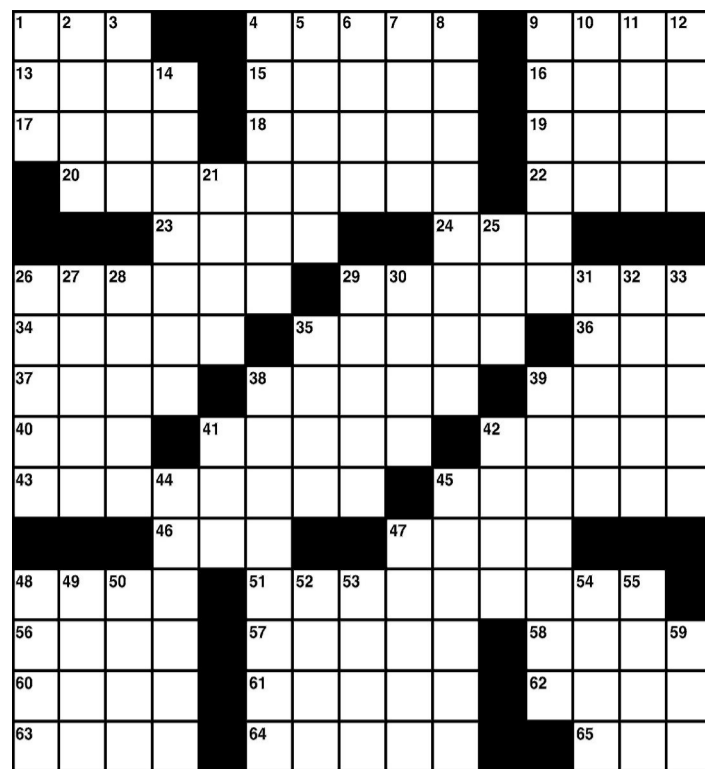
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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

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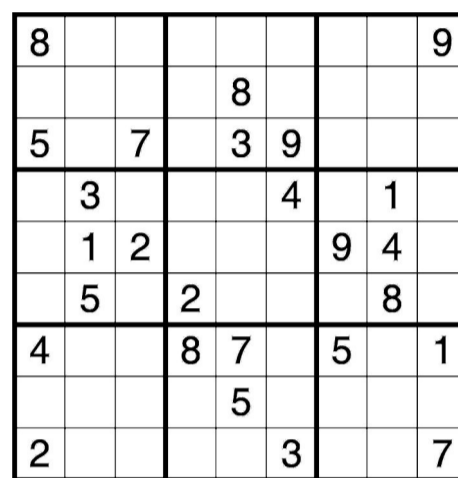
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- 46 "Nonsense!"
- 47 Auctioneer's cry
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- 51 Exhilarating
- 56 Fleur-de-lis
- 57 Courted
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- 63 Thirst quenchers
- 64 Like a capitol roof
- 65 Romano or Liotta



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



**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A6.**

### DOWN

- 1 \_ up; misbehave
- 2 Distort
- 3 Pennsylvania
- 4 Hightails it
- 5 Moran & Moriarty
- 6 Longest river

- 7 Sign of the future
- 8 Fidgety
- 9 U.S. coin
- 10 Seep out
- 11 Swing back and forth
- 12 Corn units
- 14 Heartaches

- 21 Cathedral service
- 25 Wrath
- 26 Concur
- 27 Diadem
- 28 \_ in; wearing
- 29 Nearly transparent
- 30 Difficult
- 31 Preach
- 32 Sweetie pie
- 33 Joints with caps
- 35 \_ up; accumulate
- 38 Cheapskate
- 39 \_ chairs; impromptu seats
- 41 \_ diet; trying to lose
- 42 TV's "To \_ the Truth"
- 44 Mistreats
- 45 Shaped
- 47 Sifting device
- 48 Ms. Turner
- 49 Russia's \_ Mountains
- 50 Magazine title
- 52 Bum
- 53 Motel offering
- 54 \_ miss; close call
- 55 "\_ move on!"; cry to a dawdler
- 59 Actress Susan

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## AROUND TOWN

### 'Explanation of the Doodle' exhibit in L.B.

Festival of Arts exhibitor Kate Cohen will have a collection of colorful doodle works on display at the foaSOUTH gallery in Laguna Beach through Jan. 20.

The exhibit is titled "Kate Cohen: Explanation of the Doodle," a series initially inspired by her effort to find joy while fighting stage IV head and neck cancer.

"It's truly an honor to be featured at Festival of Arts' foaSOUTH gallery," Cohen said in a statement. "To be given the chance to share my work so that a person can get a full understanding of my creative voice ... it really does mean everything."

"This is a very personal and vulnerable series for me. My intention when people look at the Doodle Series is that they feel joy because that's why I started to doodle. I needed to feel joy, and I needed to giggle."

An opening reception for the exhibit is on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. The foaSOUTH gallery, at 1006 South Coast Highway, is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Admission is free.

### O.C. Soccer Club recognized

Orange County Soccer Club was recognized by the Orange County Board of Supervisors with a resolution during the most recent board meeting this week.

The resolution, presented by Supervisor Don Wagner, pointed to the organization being "a positive, unifying force in the community."

"These folks have been not just exemplary on the field of play, but out in the community," Wagner said prior to moving the resolution.

"This is an organization that gives back to the community in many, many ways, inviting young people in, teaching them not just the game of soccer, but the skills to compete in life, and to win and to lose gracefully."

Jeff Garner, Orange County Soccer Club's president of business relations, reacted to the news in a statement.

"It is a great honor for the club to receive this resolution from the county," Garner said.

"OCSC's primary goal has always been to be a positive

force in the community and an asset to Irvine and greater Orange County. To be a vital part of our community, we have always strived to provide not only entertainment, but also valuable services for the soccer community of Orange County and support for the businesses of Irvine."

### H.B. library plans author talk online

The Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library will have a live Zoom talk with New York Times bestselling historical novelist Lauren Willig on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Willig's book "Band of Sisters," based on a true story, highlights a group of young women from Smith College who risked their lives working as humanitarians in France during World War I. Free registration for the talk is available on Eventbrite.

For more information on future events, visit [fothlb.com](http://fothlb.com).

### Art center plans Family Arts Day

The Huntington Beach Art Center is holding a free

Family Arts Day on Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Arts Day will feature hands-on projects, food and beverage vendors, and live music and dance performances. At least eight different arts media projects will be offered for kids.

The Art Center, at 538 Main St., traditionally holds its Family Arts Day in October, as part of National Arts Month.

### N.B. fire station to host Fire Service Day event

The Newport Beach Fire Department and Firefighters Assn. will be hosting Fire Service Day at Newport Beach Fire Station #7 on

Acacia Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 10 in Santa Ana Heights.

The free event coincides with Fire Prevention Week.

Interested visitors will be able to learn about fire safety and see live demonstrations of vehicle extractions and fire-related scenarios and educational booths staffed by community volunteers.

Organizers said there will not be station tours this year in light of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

### Branson named nonprofit 'CFO of the Year'

The Orange County Business Journal recently

named Tracy Branson, chief financial officer of the Orange County Community Foundation for the past 30 years, as 'CFO of the Year' in the nonprofit category, an award that recognizes those who support excellence in financial reporting and organizational ethics.

Since 1991, Branson has helped OCCF emerge as one of the largest and fastest growing community foundations among a nationwide network of 780.

She has helped the foundation grant more than \$200 million in the past two years and has had a hand in awarding a cumulative \$830 million to nonprofits in Orange County and around the world.

— From staff reports

## LOCAL

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ocean before it hit shorelines at southern locations in Laguna Beach and Dana Point. As of Tuesday, 4,158 gallons of oil had been successfully recovered.

At a mobile incident command post that has been installed at Huntington State Beach, 320 people on the ground have been coordinating cleanup and strategically positioning a collective 8,700 feet — nearly 1.65 miles — of temporary floating containment booms to check the spill.

In Newport Beach, Mayor Brad Avery said officials met with the city's emergency operations center team Sunday and described local efforts as "up to the moment." Although city staff are coordinating with state and county agencies, fewer reports of oil washing ashore have been received. Avery attributed this, in part, to the shape of Newport's coast.

"There's a knuckle right at Newport Pier. [So], there has been oil that's come on shore, but not a lot," he said. "They've had a couple of small blobs come ... but it's getting dispersed over time and the main slick is offshore and is headed in the direction of

Dana Point. If there's no more spilling going on, we may get very lucky here."

As a precautionary measure, Newport Harbor was closed Monday to vessel traffic to prevent the encroachment of oil. Avery said the city remains vigilant, despite observing very little boat activity in the area. While the sands remain open for recreational use, swimming, surfing and other water sports are prohibited and could be for months.

Coastal currents by Monday had carried the miles-long oil slick southward toward Laguna Beach, where small oil clusters had washed up on shore on Crescent Bay and Shaw's Cove. City officials closed beaches to the public on Sunday, while two contracted oil recovery vessels worked to prevent the spill from moving onshore.

In a citywide release issued Monday, Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen said every effort was being made to protect residents' safety and prevent ecological harm to the city's Marine Protected Area.

"We have been working nonstop since early Sunday with state and federal officials to ensure that the city receives the resources that we need to protect our beaches," Whalen said. "We commit to do

whatever it takes to make sure that our beaches and tidepools are returned to the pristine quality that Laguna's residents and visitors expect and enjoy."

### COUNTY, STATE RESPONSE

Government officials at the county and state levels have been working to assist municipalities in relief efforts and to advocate for legislation that could help prevent future catastrophic disasters.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously adopted a countywide resolution declaring a local emergency in the days following the spill. In a post to Twitter immediately following the regular meeting, District 2 Supervisor Katrina Foley announced the move.

"This will ensure that available county resources are available to respond to and recover from this oil spill," Foley wrote. "I look forward to working collaboratively with the county, alongside our state, federal and local partners to mitigate the damage that this oil spill has on our environment and communities."

Upon hearing news that, despite containment efforts, the slick was continuing to spread southward from Huntington

## "I think it's about time we get rid of offshore oil drilling. The [cost-to-benefit ratio] is clearly not worth it. We see something like this happen every five to 10 years."

— State Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine)

Beach on its way to Laguna Beach, Rep. Michelle Steel (R-Seal Beach) on Sunday urged President Joe Biden to authorize a major federal disaster declaration for Orange County.

"Federal, state and local officials have been working around the clock to protect residents, the shoreline and wildlife," she wrote. "It is imperative that the federal government assist in recovery efforts."

Hours before the supervisors meeting late Monday, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in Orange County to help with the clean-up efforts, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"The state is moving to cut red tape and mobilize all available resources to protect public health and the environment," Newsom, who visited the coastal cities Tuesday afternoon for a briefing, said in a statement. "As California continues to

lead the nation in phasing out fossil fuels and combating the climate crisis, this incident serves as a reminder of the enormous cost fossil fuels have on our communities and the environment."

### CALLS TO STOP OFFSHORE DRILLING

Meanwhile, state and federal elected officials who represent Orange County communities working to pass legislation to end offshore drilling in California say the recent disaster only highlights why such practices should end.

State Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine), speaking in a public comment at Monday's Huntington Beach Council meeting, said he and fellow legislators, Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach) and state Sen. Tom Umberg (D-Orange), were interested in pursuing a possible moratorium on new offshore drilling in federal waters, similar to a

state-level prohibition that's been in place since 1969.

"I think it's about time we get rid of offshore oil drilling," he said. "The [cost-to-benefit ratio] is clearly not worth it. We see something like this happen every five to 10 years — it's horrific for our beaches, our environment and our marine ecosystems, and it has to stop."

Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr, who's been at the forefront of the disaster since news began to break over the weekend, on Monday recognized the proactive efforts of city staff and public safety officials to protect the city's waters and wetlands.

She said the support from the community in the wake of the oil spill has been overwhelming.

"It's times like these when I'm so grateful to be a resident of Huntington Beach. I'm so grateful to serve this community as the mayor — I've never been more proud of this city," she said.

"Our city really made the hard choices to go out and do all of these protective measures before we were even told that it was actually going to hit," she continued. "We're all in this together."

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## DISASTER

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from coming in.

"That's a critical balance we have to play with that," he said. "Give it a week or two, the fish start dying off and the plants start dying off, because they need oxygen in the water."

Anticipating ecological impacts immediately following the spill, representatives from California Fish & Wildlife and the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, in a joint news conference Monday at Huntington Beach's Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center, updated the public on the procedure for transporting and treating animals impacted by the spill.

OWCN Director Michael Ziccardi said his team is searching on water and on land for oiled animals. As of Tuesday, a total of nine live oiled birds have been taken in, including a brown pelican that had to be euthanized Sunday due to chronic injuries.

Ziccardi said Monday he was "cautiously optimistic" about the relatively low number of impacted animals that had so far been collected.

"When we heard of the large size of the slick, we had great concerns," Ziccardi said. "In our initial assessment of the area, the number of birds in the general area seems to be lower than we had feared."

The Oiled Wildlife Care Network is made up of 44 different organizations throughout the state, which respond collectively to animals in crisis during oil spills. The group has responded to more than 75 oil spills in the state since 1994, Ziccardi said, and cared for 10,000 animals that have been oiled in those spills.

Ziccardi said field teams were deployed immediately at first light Sunday, to start to cover beaches from Bolsa Chica to Newport Beach to look for oiled animals. Four facilities were placed on standby, including the center in Huntington Beach and the Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna Beach.

Debbie McGuire, the executive director of the Wetlands and Wildlife Care



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**CRUDE OIL** covers the sand as a bulldozer creates a berm at the mouth of the Santa Ana River in Newport Beach on Sunday. An offshore pipe line burst the day before, leaking oil which washed up all along local shorelines.

Center, said the normal body temperature of a bird on average is about 104 degrees.

"If there's any break in the feathers — the oil gets on the feather, the feather parts, the water gets down to their skin — that water is about 60, 65 [degrees]," she said. "You can see they get cold in a hurry. They come in hypothermic."

McGuire said she is not asking people to bring in donations to the center.

"You can see all the traffic that happens, and we need to have it open for the trucks and boats that are coming in and out," McGuire said. "If they go to our webpage, they can help there. Not that we need money for the oil spill, but we need money just to keep operating."

To help broker the donation of needed goods to organizations leading the rescue efforts, Laguna Beach nonprofit Pacific Marine Mammal Center is accepting items from nearby residents.

Krysta Higuchi, spokeswoman for the nonprofit Pacific Marine Mammal Center, said the facility has received copious donations in anticipation of an inevi-

table influx of new patients.

While no new marine mammals had been brought to the center since the oil spill as of Tuesday, Higuchi said the true fallout of the disaster will not be known for some time.

"The impact to these marine mammals can last short term and long term," she added. "There can be forever changes to our environment and ecosystem in areas, so we don't fully know the magnitude of this spill quite yet."

In the environmentally conscious enclave of Laguna Beach, community support has been overwhelming in the immediate aftermath of the oil spill, Higuchi said.

As if on cue, Cherie Polo of Dana Point stopped by Tuesday to donate several bottles of soap and trash bags, two items on PMMC's wish list. She described the awfulness of watching the weekend's events unfold.

"I think it's awful," said Polo, an avid whale watcher. "And it's not just this oil spill — there's trash in our ocean. It's us humans that are destroying our beautiful planet. We all, as humans, can be more responsible."



**OIL** collects on the sand at the mouth of the Santa Ana River in Newport Beach on Sunday.

Higuchi said the center has been collecting donated items on site, in part, to prevent well-intentioned citizens from disrupting cleanup efforts and for their own health.

"We definitely do not want [items] dropped off at the front line," she said. "It's all hands on deck, and it's a dangerous area out there with all the toxins and chemicals."

### TEAMS OF CLEAN-UP CREWS FAN OUT

In Newport Beach Tuesday, cleanup crews wearing in boots lined with yellow plastic patrolled the shore-

line well into the late afternoon, carrying shovels and bags to contain the toxic materials. City spokesman John Pope confirmed 37 workers were stationed in west Newport, where the highest concentration of oil deposits was observed, while eight were deployed to the Wedge and 17 were transported to Corona del Mar.

Similar efforts were underway in Laguna Beach, where Chief of Marine Safety Kevin Snow reported city officials were working with the U.S. Coast Guard through the operation division of the recently estab-

## HOPES

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tion tape.

Dave Wiggins, an employee of the Huntington Pier's Let's Go Fishing, said Tuesday business has decreased by about two-thirds at the shop, which rents fishing equipment and sells bait, tackle and beach supplies.

It has been a double whammy over the last week for the store, which had to close during this weekend's Pacific Airshow because it was in the flight path of the jets, Wiggins said. Many of the shot glasses on a shelf behind the cashier, typically sold for \$8 apiece, fell off from the jets' rumbling and were broken.

Let's Go Fishing opened Sunday as the final day of the airshow was canceled, but foot traffic is scant.

"It's shut us down quite a bit," Wiggins said. "There's not many people on the beach, so there's not many people in the stores."

### HUNTINGTON BEACH'S MAIN STREET MUTED

On Main Street in Huntington Beach, traffic was similarly light as workers prepared for the weekly Surf City Nights street fair on Tuesday.

Will Walton, general manager and operating partner at Killarney's Irish Pub, is also concerned about how long the beaches may stay closed.

"Obviously, the oil spill is a little setback," Walton said. "When people read the news, they automatically assume that all of downtown is closed because the beaches are closed. It doesn't really make you want to come out here."

Walton said Killarney's was hoping to ride the wave of big events on back-to-back weekends — the U.S. Open of Surfing and the airshow — into a successful fall.

"It would have helped us to have a lot more steam



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**FRIENDS** Danielle Purcy and Kim Reyes, from left, stand beside a closed beach sign at Rockpile Beach.

going into Halloween and then Thanksgiving," he said. "But with the shutdown of the beaches ... how do we staff? Are there going to be people down here? What does the mid-week look like? It could be scary."

### TOUR BUSINESSES SUFFER FROM LACK OF TRAFFIC

Balboa Village in Newport Beach on Tuesday afternoon was also quieter than usual. Nearby waters were placid as boats remained silent in their moorings.

A kiosk where visitors line up to attend whale-watching tours was shuttered, while a nearby boat rental business and the tiny storefront of a parasailing company were likewise closed and unattended.

Jessica Roame, education manager for Newport Landings and Davey's Locker sportfishing and whale watching, said this has been the picture of Balboa Village for the last few days. The agency has had to cancel nearly all tours since Sunday.

"We didn't really see a huge impact until Sunday ... when we noticed there was quite a bit of oil in the area," said Roame.

"The economic impact of our business being closed for several days is already pretty tough on us given the post-pandemic slowdown,"

she continued. "[And] we don't know how long this is going to go on for."

Caitlin Aston, assistant manager and dockhand at Boat Rentals of America, said they haven't seen much impact to their business, likely because the boat rentals are kept inside of Newport Harbor, closed Monday to vessel traffic.

### RESIDENTS, TOURISTS LEFT HIGH AND DRY

Among the few beachgoers who ventured out into south county areas impacted by the oil spill this week, many expressed concerns for the impact of the oil spill on maritime activities as well as local marine life.

Visible effects of the disaster were not too apparent on Corona del Mar Beach, much to the relief of local resident Ray Gorman, who on Monday was out walking his dog, Stella.

Gorman first heard about the oil spill Saturday, while watching the Pacific Airshow. A friend passed along the notification via a cell-phone screenshot. He recalled the air smelled a little like gas on Sunday but didn't notice anything else out of the ordinary.

A daily beachgoer, Gorman said it was surprising to learn of the oil spill after such a busy weekend in Huntington Beach.

"Hopefully, [it's] a wake-up call. I don't know what

it's going to take for us to see that there may be different ways to do things off the shore," said Gorman. "You had the ocean literally on fire earlier this year and now you have this. I don't think these things are repairable, and that's a hard pill to swallow."

Newport Beach resident Pam Darveaux said she too was at the Pacific Airshow on Saturday when she heard the news. Although she recalled a friend of hers commenting on the smell of oil in the air on Friday, she thought it was likely from the jets flying overhead.

"When we got back, we got home around 3 p.m. and then I looked at my phone and saw that there was an oil slick, right off the coast where we had been. It's horrible," said Darveaux. "I hope they're taking measures to keep it from being as bad as it might be, but I know we're going to have repercussions from this."

Ariel Tweto, who was out for a run on the boardwalk in Laguna Beach, commented on the absence of people on the sand after the city closed its beaches late Sunday evening in anticipation of the oil spill making landfall.

"It's just eerie, especially yesterday, like the first morning [after the beach closures]," Tweto said. "It was like a ghost town. I was out running around here, and there was no one."

Clear skies followed a rare Southern California thunderstorm that rolled through on Monday. Some businesses propped up their floodgates for the downpour, but it appeared to be largely business as usual for the Promenade on Forest in downtown Laguna Beach on Tuesday.

Some undeterred by the beach closures, as a woman was seen tanning in beachwear on the lawn adjacent to Main Beach. An artist showcased several pieces of his work while

working on another drawing in the sunlight on the boardwalk, where a street performer also played the cello for passersby.

Jessica Williams, in town visiting from Virginia, was waiting with her kids to hop on a Laguna Beach trolley after finding the access stairway to Shaw's Cove closed off by caution tape.

"We're coming out for a family wedding, and we're staying just up the street," Williams said. "We were hoping to enjoy the beach."

As men in hazardous materials vests combed the beach for debris, Huntington Beach residents Garrett Blackwell, 24, and Nick Roberts, 26, played a game of catch near the water on the north side of the pier. That was quickly derailed, however, as a lifeguard in a truck came by and asked them to move back, telling them there could be oil particles in the sand.

Roberts, who lives nearby off of First Street, didn't mind.

lished Incident Command Post. Two oil recovery vessels have been working since Monday to keep more oil from coming ashore.

Laguna Beach is a Marine Protected area, so it is critical we get resources in here to help with cleanup efforts," Snow said.

Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley, whose Second District includes Huntington Beach and Newport Beach, took a helicopter tour of the coastline earlier this week with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Rep. Mike Levin (D-San Juan Capistrano).

Foley said there didn't appear to be as much encroachment into the shoreline as had been previously seen. Newport Beach and Dana Point harbors are both closed, though Foley mentioned that people can use the Huntington Beach and Long Beach harbors for their boating needs.

"It's traveling south into other areas," she said. "They're looking at how much further south it's going to get, seemingly maybe even to the Mexican border. We are still going to keep monitoring it."

Foley said there remains no timeline for when the beaches, now closed throughout Orange County, will reopen and cleanup will be done.

"I felt positive about the fact that the oil is not rushing toward the shore. You didn't see big clumps of oil near the shore. It was mostly big ribbons and threads that looked like they were almost two miles out ... moving not toward the shore, but parallel or away," she said. "As the ocean moves, so goes the oil."

California Department of Fish & Wildlife has set up an Oiled Wildlife Care Network hotline at (877) 823-6926 for individuals who may see wildlife impacted by the spill.

Individuals interested in future cleanup efforts are encouraged to visit the Wetlands Wildlife Care Center at [www.coc.org](http://www.coc.org) or the Surfrider Foundation at [cleanups.surfrider.org](http://cleanups.surfrider.org).

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## HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY



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**CORONA DEL MAR'S** Melisse Djombj-Enyawe, left, competes against Huntington Beach's Quinn Roldan, right, and Claire Lewis, center, in the Central Park Invitational girls' Section 1 race on Saturday in Huntington Beach.



**HUNTINGTON BEACH'S** Makenzie McRae finishes first in the Central Park Invitational girls' Section 1 race.

# H.B. girls take second at Central Park Invitational

BY ANDREW TURNER

Without the platform of invitationals last season, the improvement of the Huntington Beach High School girls' cross-country team may have flown under the radar.

The Oilers took the strength in numbers approach, emphasizing the pack racing style while competing in a spring season that consisted of dual meets against

schools in their district to minimize crowds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A new reinforcement has now given the Oilers an ace at the front.

Sophomore Makenzie McRae posted a winning time of 17 minutes 38.5 seconds in her season debut on Saturday, leading a strong showing for Huntington Beach in the Central Park Invitational.

McRae, who returned to Southern California af-

ter spending the previous school year in Oregon, was one of two girls to finish with a time of under 18 minutes in the Section 1 girls' varsity race, which featured the larger schools at the meet.

"I lived in Bend, Oregon, which is like central Oregon," McRae said. "I just think the altitude and being up there for a year definitely helped my running, especially now that

it is like no altitude over here."

Huntington Beach finished second to Redondo Union, which won the team battle by a count of 75-95. Quinn Roldan (fourth, 18:19.2) and Claire Lewis (fifth, 18:19.7) also placed well for the Oilers, and Luna Centeno (42nd, 20:04.0) and Belle Baker (20:20.5) rounded out the scoring five.

Oilers coach Karen

Shackelford credited the work of the program's seniors for creating a culture of hard work for the incoming runners to follow. She said the coaching staff lets the athletes set their own goals.

"It's not we the coaches," Shackelford said. "We ask them what their goals were, and they have big dreams."

Corona del Mar sophomore Melisse Djombj-Enyawe delivered a lifetime-best performance in taking third place in 18:08.1, knocking 22 seconds off her personal record established at the Woodbridge Classic two weeks prior.

Emma Scheumann (16th, 19:04.0) paced Newport Harbor, and Leah Ferris (19th, 19:12.9) led Fountain Valley.

Santa Ana topped Redondo Union 70-74 for the boys' team title. Fountain Valley, which put on the Central Park Invitational (Saturday marked the 40th running of the meet), finished fifth in the boys' competition with 131 team points.

Junior Benjamin Prado built on last week's performance at the Dana

Hills Invitational, when he finished with a time of 15 minutes-flat on one of the fastest courses in Orange County. He represented the Barons well in claiming third place in 15:16.9.

"I wanted to go out fast and try to win," Prado said. "I went out at the front, staying behind a few people to draft so that I wasted the least amount of energy possible."

Esteban Prado, who was a standout runner for the Barons in his prep days, won the open division race of the meet prior to the high school competition. He crossed the finish line in 15:13.6, holding onto bragging rights over his brother for now.

Edison's Wylie Cleugh was another local to finish in the top 10 in the Section 1 boys' varsity race, placing sixth in 15:38.0.

Chargers coach Brian Brierly said that Cleugh has been challenging himself of late by pushing the tempo in the first mile of races.

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**BSC 220613**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RAE ANN LARSON**  
**30-2021-01222194-PR-LA-CJC**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **RAE ANN LARSON**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **MARTIN J. LEJNIEKS, a CA licensed Private Professional Fiduciary (#999)** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests **MARTIN J. LEJNIEKS** 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 **November 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8** located at **700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701**

(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using the court's designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.

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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Sealed bids shall be submitted electronically via **PlanetBids** to office of the City Clerk, **100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660** By **2:00 PM on the 21th day of October, 2021**, at which time such bids shall be opened and read for

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Contractor License Classification(s) required for this project: "C-27"  
For further information, call **Kevin Pekar, Project Manager** at (949) 644-3069

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No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE  
(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)  
Escrow No. 21-15825-TN  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: **MASARU NAGAOKA, 20070 SANTA ANA AVE, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**. Doing Business as: **RESTAURANT KAPPO SUI**. All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are: **NONE**. The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: **YOSHIO SHIRAI AND MASAYO SHIRAI, 20070 SANTA ANA AVE, UNIT 1, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**. The assets being sold are generally described as: **ALL FURNITURES, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, INVENTORY, LEASE AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS** and is/are located at: **20070 SANTA ANA AVE, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**. The type of license to be transferred is/are: **41-ON SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE (326365)** now issued for the premises located at: **SAME**.

The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of **LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, INC., 13305 BROOKHURST ST, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843** and the anticipated sale date is **OCTOBER 29, 2021**. The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of **\$80,000.00**, including inventory estimated at **\$2,000.00**, which consists of the following: **DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$5,000.00; PROMISSORY NOTE \$75,000.00; TOTAL \$80,000.00**. It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/Applicant(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Dated: **SELLER(S)/LICENSEE(S): MASARU NAGAOKA BUYER(S)/APPLICANT(S): YOSHIO SHIRAI AND MASAYO SHIRAI** ORD-499894 DAILY PILOT 10/6/21

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