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A PEDESTRIAN USES a High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk signal to traverse Costa Mesa's Wilson Street Friday. The safety feature was installed Dec. 28 after more than a year of planning. In July, an unknown person painted an illegal crosswalk in the same spot.

Real crosswalk installed where fake was removed

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa Public Works officials on Friday announced the recent installation of a crosswalk on Wilson Street, near Fordham Drive and the city's Wilson Park, that's been more than a year in the making.

Complete with a painted walkway and traffic lights that may be set into motion by pedestrians, the High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk — or HAWK signal — is designed to slow the rush of traffic along Wilson to allow easier access to the park and nearby residences.

"The city appreciates the cooperation and support from all its stakeholders in contributing to this project's completion and success," officials wrote in a weekly newsletter of the effort, which wrapped Dec. 28.

While the complex configuration is part of a nearly \$2-million Wilson Street Improvement Project approved by the City



Susan Hoffman

COSTA MESA resident Jesse Jackson crosses Wilson Street with dog Cooper via an illegal crosswalk an unknown person painted on the busy road in mid-July. The location was slated for a real crosswalk.

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Laguna Canyon Foundation names executive director

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Canyon Foundation has selected new leadership to head the open space advocacy organization, as Karin Vardaman was named its executive director last month.

Vardaman took over as executive director for Jacky Cordero, who was serving in the role on an interim basis after the departure of Hallie Jones in September. Jones joined Crystal Cove Conservancy as executive vice president and chief program officer.

"After an extensive search process, we are thrilled to have found our next leader," Michelle Kremer, board president for Laguna Canyon Foundation, said in a statement released Thursday. "Her deep connection to the region, along with her broad conservation background, makes Karin an ideal fit to further advance the mission of our organization."

Vardaman previously served as director of animal care and operations for the Pacific Marine Mammal Center and as senior director at the Ocean Institute. She also founded Working Circle, a nonprofit that promotes the long-term coexistence of wolves, livestock and



Courtesy of Christie Sweeney

KARIN VARDAMAN, on horseback, has been appointed the new executive director of Laguna Canyon Foundation.

people on shared land.

A 1982 graduate of Laguna Beach High, Vardaman is excited to help further the foundation's mission of preserving and protecting the 22,000 acres of open space that is the South Coast Wilderness. Vardaman said she feared in her youth

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GIRLS' SOCCER



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NEWPORT HARBOR'S Sadie Hoch, left, is congratulated by Emma Garrido after she scored a goal in the first half during the Battle of the Bay girls' soccer game on Thursday.

Newport Harbor wins Battle of the Bay

BY MATT SZABO

Justin Schroeder has never lost a Battle of the Bay match since being hired as the Newport Harbor High girls' soccer coach in 2016.

"We don't take that for granted

here," he said. "It's tough to win games in the Sunset Conference, it's tough to win games against your rival. We've just been fortunate to be on the right side of it."

On Thursday night, the final result presented itself early enough.

The Sailors blitzed rival Corona del Mar with four goals in the first half, on their way to a 5-1 victory at Davidson Field.

Junior Abbi Clapp scored twice for Newport Harbor, which im-

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Newport to weigh library lecture hall bid

Estimated construction costs for Witte Hall have risen from \$13M to \$23.5M. Initial talks for the facility date to 2017.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The fate of the city's library lecture hall hangs in the balance as the Newport Beach City Council considers approving a contract for the building's construction at their regular meeting this Tuesday.

Final plans for the 9,815-foot structure, to be named Witte Hall, were approved by a previous dais in November 2021 with the expectation that the then-\$13 million project would go out to bid the following summer. Bids were received in February 2023, then rejected in April. The project went out to bid again in October, receiving three bids with the lowest of those being from AMG & Associates, Inc. in Santa Clarita for \$19.1 million.

City staff said that bid is roughly 3% higher than newly adjusted estimates by city engineers that placed the project at \$18.5 million.

The total all-in cost of the project is an estimated \$23.5 million, if the \$1.4 million in design-related costs incurred is counted

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James Carbone

FOUNTAIN VALLEY TAKES GAME IN THRILLER AGAINST MARINA ON LATE BUCKET BY KARLEY WAITE PAGE A3



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A NEWLY INSTALLED traffic signal and signage on Costa Mesa's Wilson Street warn drivers to stop for pedestrians.

CROSSWALK

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Council in 2022, it's technically the second crosswalk to appear at the busy Wilson Street segment in the last six months.

City Hall employees were surprised last July, when an anonymous party spray-painted an illegal crosswalk in the exact location where it had long been promised.

Some active transportation advocates commended the ostensible vandal for committing a bold act of "tactical urbanism," where citizens or groups create makeshift, sometimes illegal improvements in public rights of way to elicit action from civic leaders.

Longtime Costa Mesa resident Flo Martin, who serves on the city's Active Transportation Committee and the board of the nonprofit Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets (CMABS), lives near Wilson Park and walks the surrounding area on a daily basis.

"Sometimes, the way to get something done at City Hall — and I've been



IN AN ACT of legal "tactical urbanism," Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets and city officials installed two temporary traffic circles on West 19th Street in 2020.

File Photo

doing it since 1974 — is to rattle cages, to go to city council meetings, go to planning commission meetings and go to the various committee meetings and just raise Cain," the 81-year-old said Friday.

She shared other examples of more organized incidents of tactical urbanism in Costa Mesa, including a temporary roundabout installed on West 19th Street in 2020 through a collaboration between the city and CMABS to see whether the safety feature would calm traffic.

Last July, less than two weeks after the renegade crosswalk appeared on Wilson Street, officials closed down a portion of Placentia Avenue on the last day of the city's Con-

certs in the Park series to create a temporary bike lane for non-vehicle travel to and from the event.

Martin said she was pleased during a recent walk to see the Wilson Park HAWK signal was up and running. She approached the crosswalk and pushed the button, which triggered an amber warning light to oncoming cars before displaying two solid red lights requiring a full stop. Right as she prepared to cross, however, a vehicle driving on Wilson flew through the red light, impeding her travel.

"The HAWK signal works perfectly," she surmised. "It's just the drivers who are screwed up."

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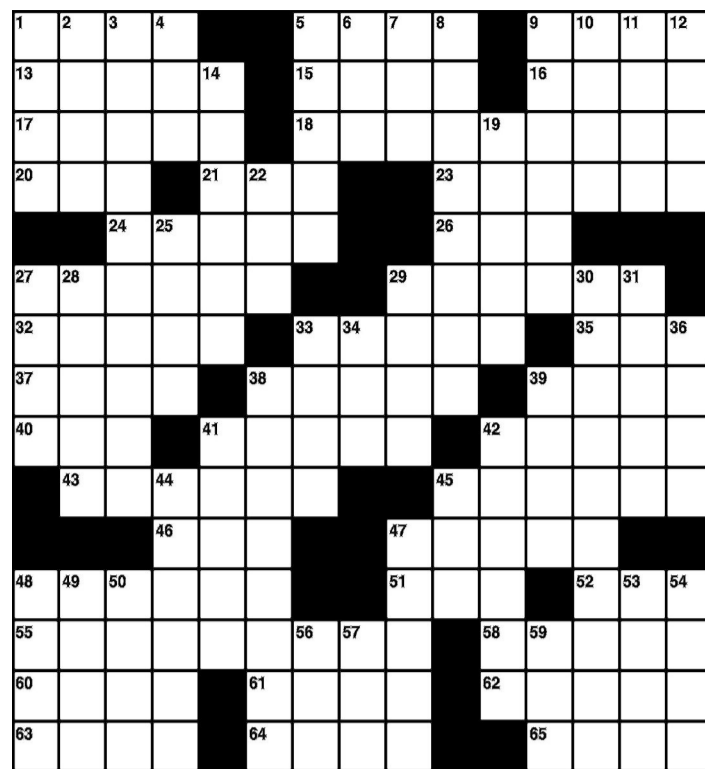
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 24 Vote into office
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- 32 Modify
- 33 Over 70 million Asians
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- 38 Sassy children
- 39 Nursery item
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- 45 Read casually
- 46 "He Ain't Heavy, _ My Brother"
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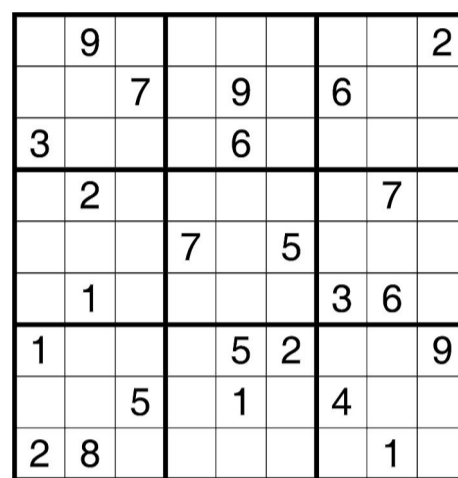
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SUDOKU

By the Mepham Group

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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

- 1 Out of the office
- 2 Pigeon coop
- 3 Folk music jam session
- 4 Japan's dollar
- 5 Separated
- 6 Give a nickname to
- 7 Drs.' org.
- 8 _ word; trustworthy fellow
- 9 Weasels
- 10 Rosemary Clooney, to George
- 11 Set loose
- 12 Concludes
- 14 Good enough

- 19 Uses a towel
- 22 Part of a royal flush
- 25 Cold sore sites
- 27 Beanies
- 28 Farewell
- 29 Fifth-longest-running Broadway show
- 30 Disorder; unrest
- 31 Undercover agents
- 33 Brief haircut
- 34 Entrée choice
- 36 Isn't _ to; can't
- 38 Godsend
- 39 Rob Reiner's dad
- 41 Trusty horse
- 42 Front-runner
- 44 Black eye
- 45 Fraternity letter
- 47 Nod off
- 48 _ on; encourages
- 49 Mild oath
- 50 Facts & figures
- 53 Be fond of
- 54 Car starters
- 56 " _ Father, Who art..."
- 57 _ lift; T-bar
- 59 Burglarize

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California State Parks seasonal lifeguard Sierra Fockler discovered a 14-inch Pacific football fish around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, near the lifeguard station located at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. It's the second such case of the fish washing ashore over the last three years. (Courtesy of California State Parks)

Good morning. It's Wednesday, Oct. 25. I'm Carol Cormaci, bringing you this week's [TimesOC newsletter](#) with a look at the latest local news and events.

Watch where you're stepping on O.C.'s famed sands, because you may encounter a rare specimen of marine life. One, in fact, that has very sharp teeth.

That's what happened on a recent afternoon to lifeguard Sierra Fockler, who found a spooky-looking black angler fish, specifically a Pacific football fish, while she was walking near the lifeguard headquarters building on Moro Beach, located within Crystal Cove State Park.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

F.V. prevails in tight game against Marina

BY ANDREW TURNER

The winds of change were swift on Wednesday, the tension tightening with each passing possession.

When junior center Karley Waite went to the free-throw line and made one of two attempts to break a tie that had lasted for more than two minutes with 28 seconds remaining, she could have easily dwelled on the miss.

It had left the door open, and Marina was prepared to walk through it, sophomore sensation Rylee Bradley weaving through traffic for a driving right-handed layup that reclaimed the lead.

Waite did not wait long for her next opportunity. After a timeout, Waite started at the top of the key, then rolled to the back side of the lane. Sophie Hsieh fired an inbounds pass over the top of the defense, and Waite's finish was true.

Fountain Valley emerged victorious 59-58 over Marina in the riveting affair to kick off Sunset Conference crossover competition.

"I'm just thinking I got

to start [with the] catch, and then I got to finish," said Waite, who had 12 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots. "Catch and look. Sometimes, I forget to do that, but tonight, I did it, and it paid off."

Fountain Valley coach Marianne Karp placed her hand over her heart in relief after Bradley lost control of the ball on a final drive to the basket, ending the game. She said she had seen another team attempt to run the same after-timeout play that led to Waite's heroics, but on that occasion, the pass had not been executed. Still, she sent it to her team as a film study. Again, it was not long before a chance presented itself.

"I recorded it, sent it in our group [chat] and said, 'A better pass gets this win,'" Karp said. "I'm like, 'Wow, that's so crazy how I just sent that yesterday.'"

The Barons had led for a good portion of the contest, not relinquishing the lead until Haley Nguyen converted an offensive rebound for a 26-25 Vikings advantage with 3:15 left in the first half.

Marina (11-7), which advanced to the CIF State Division V final last season, went on an 18-5 run in the third quarter, capped by a Bradley three-pointer. Sydnie Smith scored 11 of her 13 points in the period, as the Vikings held a 50-41 lead going to the final frame.

Bradley had a game-high 24 points to go with eight rebounds and four steals for Marina. Anaya Rivera also stood out with six points, 14 rebounds, three blocks, three assists and two steals. Maria Tejada scored 10 points and added two steals.

"The energy's there," Marina coach Daniel Roussel said of Rivera. "She's long and athletic. She causes problems for people defensively. Really, we're just trying to continue to build her confidence, and she's improved every game throughout the season. Just watching her grow before our eyes, she's going to be a solid player for us."

Fountain Valley (11-8) chipped away, pulling even at 56-56 with just under three minutes remaining on a three from the right corner by Melody



James Carbone

THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY girls' basketball team celebrates after beating visiting Marina in a Sunset Conference crossover girls' basketball game on Thursday

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The streaky Barons snapped a three-game slide to close out 2023. They opened the season with four straight losses, before rattling off 10 wins over an 11-game span.

Kaylie Sasaki scored a dozen points for Fountain

Valley. Dasani Pham chipped in with 11 points. Hsieh contributed 11 points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals.

"Teaching them that composure and managing the clocks is really tricky, especially when there's only one senior that

starts," Karp said. "They're doing a great job. They're learning so much. We've had some battles. We've been beat up, kicked around, and they're resilient. It's great."

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Pacifica Christian reaches final of Mama Pittman Tournament

BY ANDREW TURNER

WHITTIER — The Pacifica Christian girls' basketball program has some coaching continuity for the first time in a few years, the Tritons enjoying success again with Pablo Martinez in his second season at the helm.

Martinez took over as head coach at Pacifica Christian after Chyanne Butler joined JSerra, a move that came after the latter led the Tritons to the CIF Southern Section Division 4A title. She had taken the reins as interim coach as a result of a mid-season coaching change.

As the new year gets underway, Pacifica Christian has shown more promise, carrying a 15-3 overall record through the brunt of its nonleague schedule.

The team recently advanced to the championship game of the Mama Pittman Tournament, where it fell to Rancho Cucamonga Los Osos 54-36 on Saturday at Whittier High.

The Tritons challenged the Grizzlies, as they trailed 24-20 at halftime, but an offensive dry spell to open the second half saw Los Osos pull away after the break.

Pacifica Christian was held to two field goals — both by leading scorer Lauryn Ham — in a five-point third quarter. Senior guard Alexia Valencia also left the game due to injury during that span.

"She's a big part of our team, but at the end of the day, that's also a state



THE PACIFICA CHRISTIAN

Orange County girls' basketball team poses with the Mama Pittman Tournament finalist trophy on Saturday at Whittier High.

Andrew Turner

championship team," Martinez said. "That's what it came down to. They have championship pedigree, they went all the way, they won it. Alexia's a big part, it could have been a little bit more competitive, but they were bigger than us. We got some girls in foul trouble."

Los Osos (10-5) beat Colfax 65-48 in the CIF State Division III final to cap last season.

The Grizzlies drained 10 three-pointers against the Tritons, scoring more than half their points from beyond the arc. Sophomore guard Jackie Polk (14 points) connected four times from distance, matching the Tritons' output from the three-point line.

Ham paced the Tritons with 13 points. She achieved a career milestone by recording her 1,000th point in a win against Westminster La Quinta on Nov. 29.

Junior Caylie Villagrana scored 10 points, and sophomore Vivian Villa-

grana added seven points for Pacifica Christian.

"I've always had that specific goal to be like a firm rock as the program grew," Ham said. "I knew I never wanted to leave the school. I knew I loved the school too much, the teachers, the people, the community. It's just meant a lot for me to be able to stick through."

Ham added it was "really hard not knowing" the future of the program after a coaching change, but she said she is grateful for the situation she is in now.

"We're just getting better and better," she added. "Our record's getting better. I'm just happy where we're going, where it's headed."

En route to making the final, the Tritons beat Los Angeles Wilson, Redmond (Wash.) Bear Creek, Hacienda Heights Los Altos and Whittier Pioneer.

Pacifica Christian placed third in the San Joaquin League, before a first-round exit in the Division 2AA playoffs last

season. The Southern Section girls' basketball polls, last updated on Dec. 11, rank the Tritons at No. 7 in Division 2A.

"Pioneer, they're good," Martinez said when asked about teams the Tritons have played within their division. "They finally got everybody back. That was a really good game. I think all our wins have been pretty good. Calvary Chapel's having a great season. You look at Los Alamitos, those are some of our key wins."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Newport Harbor boys' basketball keeps ball rolling

The Newport Harbor boys' basketball team extended its winning streak to 14 games with a 61-47 victory over visiting Marina on Wednesday in a Sunset Conference crossover game.

Senior guard Riggs Guy had 19 points and 10 rebounds to lead Newport Harbor (17-2). Junior guard Jack Berry and sophomore guard Cole Leinart each scored 14 points for the Sailors.

Junior guard Dylan Gomez poured in a dozen points for Marina (13-5). **Corona del Mar 64, Edison 53:** The Sea Kings have won eight consecutive contests following their road victory against the Chargers on Wednesday in Sunset Conference crossover competition.

Corona del Mar is now 16-3 overall. Edison (16-3) had its six-game winning streak snapped.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Huntington Beach 50, Mission Viejo 28: The Oilers utilized balanced scoring contributions to down

the Diablos on Wednesday in a nonleague game at home.

Junior Traci Ann Mori scored nine points to pace Huntington Beach (12-6). Freshman Emma Miyai, freshman Emily Hoang and senior Melanie Rose each had eight points for the Oilers.

BOYS' SOCCER

Fountain Valley 2, Corona del Mar 1: Noah Baldree and Stone Bax scored for the visiting Barons on Wednesday in a Sunset Conference crossover match.

Fountain Valley improved to 5-5 overall.

Logan Walsh tallied on a goal assisted by Brock Paz for CdM (3-3-3). Matt Wood made six saves, including one on a penalty kick.

— From staff reports

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BATTLE

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proved to 10-4-1 after winning the conference cross-over match. Freshman Mia Knox, junior Sadie Hoch and senior Kate Kubiak added goals for the winners.

The Sailors are 6-0-4 in their last 10 meetings with Corona del Mar, a run that slightly predates Schroeder's tenure.

Knox got the scoring started in the third minute, running diagonally left to right through the box before buying a shot into the upper part of the net to put the Sea Kings (8-3-1) in an early hole.

"She's definitely our Micro Machine," Schroeder said of Knox, who may be diminutive in stature but is

very talented on the ball. "The last couple of weeks, she's really been coming on. She's getting comfortable in the high school game and what we're doing. You saw it right away. It's been coming for the last couple of weeks, that level of play."

The Sailors added a goal in the 20th minute, when junior Bridget Taketa played the ball forward to Clapp in the right side of the box. CdM goalkeeper Kellie Brown charged, but Clapp was able to get the quick shot off and into the back of the net.

A minute later, Clapp struck again, off a cross from Knox. Her teammates tried setting her up for the hat trick a few times after that, like Hoch achieved in last year's Battle of the Bay match, but she settled for

the two scores. "I was really close, but maybe next year," Clapp said with a smile after the match. "I've got one more year ... This is one of my favorite games of the year, and I'm so happy I played well. Our whole team played good. It was a good turnout, too, so it was really fun."

Hoch, a University of Texas commit, got a relatively easy goal a few minutes before halftime, as the ball popped to her open right in front of the goal. Kubiak, bound for the University of Oregon, buried the Sailors' fifth goal into the left corner from 30 yards out in the 57th minute.

The only thing preventing the clean slate was when CdM junior Bella Thomas fought to get pos-



NEWPORT HARBOR'S Bridget Taketa (10) battles Corona del Mar's Kayla Spreen (7) for possession at midfield during Thursday's match.

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session in the box and score in the 66th minute.

"It's bittersweet, you know, because this is our last year playing," Newport Harbor senior defender Camryn Netzer said. "I just wanted us all to get out there and enjoy it for us seniors. Defense, we did great. We had our outside backs coming up and going inside and getting services, so it was good to see that. I know that we're in good hands next year."

Netzer and Ole Miss-bound senior center back Ally Thomas are two of the team's four-year varsity players this year, along with Sammy Forbath. The Sailors do have a robust senior class overall with nine players.

Sophomore Cooper Dick made four saves for the Sailors, before turning the

goalkeeping duties over to juniors Audrey Burns and Maia Helmar late. All three, along with Kubiak, were key parts of Newport Harbor's flag football team this fall, which finished the season as the inaugural Sunset League champion and ranked No. 1 in the country by MaxPreps.com.

"They're just athletic, that's what our kids are," Schroeder said. "It is cool that they found their camaraderie early. When you start off the year winning games in a different sport, it carries over to whatever is next."

CdM coach Bryan Middleton said junior left back Jenna Hannum was his team's player of the match, while junior midfielder Kai Tsakiris was always around the ball and earned several free kicks.

"We learned from the mistakes from the first half and played a much better second half," Middleton said. "This game is a great learning experience for us to go into league ... This being the last year of the Wave League, we're going to give it our all against Edison, Fountain Valley and Laguna Beach."

Newport Harbor plays at Laguna Beach on Saturday at 2 p.m. in another cross-over match, while CdM hosts Marina at the same time.

League play begins next week, with the Sailors starting their Surf League campaign at Marina on Tuesday and the Sea Kings hosting Fountain Valley to begin the Wave League.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Bay Bridge Pump Station - A major site development review and coastal development permit for the following:

- The demolition of an existing pump station and associated force mains and construction of a new pump station (total of approximately 7,500 square feet) that includes a new underground pump room, electrical room, odor control facility, and a generator room;
- The installation of new, 30-inch dual force mains by micro-tunneling beneath East Coast Highway from the Project across the Newport Bay Channel, to a new valve vault located below grade in the public right-of-way at the southeast corner of the intersection of West Coast Highway and Dover Drive; and
- The temporary use of a portion of the City-owned Lower Castaways Park as a construction staging yard. The Applicant proposes to use approximately 18,000 square feet of the southwest corner of Lower Castaways Park, which is to be fenced and screened. This allows the Applicant to temporarily locate office trailers, stage and store construction equipment and materials, and provide vehicle parking.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that all significant environmental concerns for the proposed project have been fully analyzed by Addendum to the EIR for the Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project which was certified by the Orange County Sanitation District Board on July 23, 2023. Pursuant to Section 21166 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines, no additional environmental review is required. The City of Newport Beach intends to use said document for the above-noted project, and further that there are no additional reasonable alternatives or mitigation measures that should be considered in conjunction with said project.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City or before the public hearing. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapters 20.64 and 21.64. A fee is required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the City Council. The project site is located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission.

Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact David Lee, Senior Planner, at 949-644-3225, dlee@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2023-0076	Activity No.: Coastal Development Permit, Site Development Review
Zone: PC-9 (Back Bay Landing)	General Plan: MU-W2 (Mixed-Use Water 2)
Coastal Land Use Plan: MU-W (Mixed-Use Water Related)	Filing Date: April 26, 2023
Location: 250 East Coast Highway, 100 Dover Drive	Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District

Tristan Harris, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

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that the open space would disappear one day, and she hopes to honor the legacy of conservationists who came before her.

"I grew up in Laguna, and the canyons were my backyard," Vardaman said in a phone interview on

Friday. "We would just get lost all day long, hiking and exploring the canyons. We kept our horses there in Laguna Canyon, had a home at Top of the World, and then later had a home in the canyon right below Castle Rock Road. My childhood is just filled with wonderful memories.

"To be able to come

back and give back and serve something that was so informative and meaningful in my youth is truly special, so I feel very humbled and honored for this opportunity to do that. I'm very, very passionate about the mission of Laguna Canyon Foundation."

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Courtesy of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation

A CONCEPTUAL DRAWING for the exterior of the proposed Newport Beach Public Library lecture hall project, which will cost an estimated \$23.5 million, according to city staff.

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in, according to city staff. Maintenance, operation and staffing costs are expected to be approximately \$421,500 at a minimum, depending on fluctuations in market costs over the life of the building.

As the cost of the project is higher and was expected to be split evenly between the city and the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation, the existing memorandum of understanding will also be updated Tuesday to reflect that, requiring the foundation to provide the lower number be-

tween \$11.7 million or 50% of the total project cost.

A newsletter sent out by the foundation on Thursday acknowledged the growth of cost but asked that supporters go to the meeting to "show the Council that the community is very supportive of having a lecture hall, now named Witte Hall, that will serve the community as a real civic space."

On Friday, the foundation's chief executive, Jerold Kappel, said, "The Library Foundation, board members, volunteers and donors have dedicated years and resources to raise support and funds from the community for a

lecture hall that will be a true civic space for the city.

"Like the libraries, city parks and other civic gathering places, the hall will bring our citizens together to learn, to share experiences and engage in a dialogue that will strengthen our mutual understanding of each other and the world around us. The lecture hall will be open for use by civic and arts organizations, as well as private businesses," Kappel continued. "The foundation anticipates that the City Council will listen to its citizens and vote, consistent with its prior support over several years, to move forward with this project.

"It will be a beautiful building, befitting the city of Newport Beach and the pride its residents take in it."

Talks for the library lecture hall date back to 2017. Supporters of the project said the community has long grown out of the multipurpose Friends Room that had been built alongside the library in 1994. In a staff report, the city's library services department said annual participation in library programming has increased from approximately 28,000 in 2009-10 to over 72,000 in 2018-19.

The project was designed to improve sight lines for the library and to provide better audiovisual equipment for programming at the library. It will seat up to 299 people.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that on **January 23, 2024**: Life Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations:
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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 1:45 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Corona del Mar Conference Room (Bay E-1st Floor) at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Hearing Officer of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

3 ROCKY POINT ROAD - Request for an extension of a three-year construction limit for **Building Permit No. X2018-3317** and related permits outlined in Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 15.02.095 (Administrative Code - Addition of Sections 105.3.3, 105.3.4, and 105.3.5). The scope of work for the permit is NEW 8,885 SF SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITH ATTACHED 1,140 SF GARAGE AND 1,391 SF OF DECK. The applicant intends to request an extension until April 5, 2024, to complete the construction.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or before, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/hearingofficer. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Hearing Officer to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Debi Schank, at 949-644-3284, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Permit No.: X2018-3317	Activity: Three-Year Construction Limit Extension
Zone: PC3 Harbor View Hills	General Plan: RS-D (Single Unit Residential Detached)
Location: 3 ROCKY POINT ROAD	Applicant: George Gemayel

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