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HUNTINGTON BEACH police simulate a raid at the new Police Training Center on Feb. 22. Police Chief Eric Parra said the facility offers “top-quality technology, top-quality systems” to help officers prepare for any situation.

‘Dynamic’ space opens to help Surf City police train

The new space includes a 6,000-square-foot field for K9 training and a 2,500-square-foot facility for specialized law enforcement training.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach Police Department has a new training center on Gothard Street, in its own backyard.

The facility, which features a 6,000-square-foot K9 training field and a 2,500-square-foot Simulations and Tactical Training Building, launched with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and demonstrations on Feb. 22.

“We plan to use this continuously to get our officers better prepared, fully prepared to handle any situation that arises,” Huntington Beach Police Chief Eric Parra said. “It’s such a benefit for us because it’s close, it’s here and it provides top-quality technology, top-quality systems. It’s a pretty dynamic and tech-



HUNTINGTON BEACH city leaders cut the ribbon at the new Police Training Center on Feb. 22.

A POLICE K9

in action at the new Huntington Beach Police Training Center on Feb. 22.



Group to host concert in support of Eaton and Palisades fire survivors

BY ERIC LICAS

A pair of Newport Beach moms put together a benefit show happening Saturday at the Balboa Pavilion as part of a homegrown effort to keep support flowing to victims of the January Eaton and Palisades fires.

Marmar Salimian Sikka lived in Pasadena for about eight years

before moving to Newport Beach. She felt compelled to help her former neighbors and others impacted by the disasters, so she coordinated with a friend in L.A. County to organize a supply drive.

Salimian Sikka hoped to gather at least enough goods to pack an

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MARMAR SALIMIAN SIKKA, from left, Abbey Wong, Kit Mui and Erin Sharif sort donations from Newport Beach residents for survivors of the Eaton and Palisades fires at an independent relief center in San Marino set up in the wake of the disasters.

Courtesy of Marmar Salimian Sikka

Laguna Beach pledges funding

Council cites desire to be ‘equitable,’ agrees to add up to 20% of cost to underground utility lines along West Street.

BY ANDREW TURNER

In a move that could help secure more votes for a proposed underground utility district in south Laguna Beach, the City Council agreed to contribute up to 20% of the estimated \$7-million cost if the district gets the nod from affected property owners.

The district — identified as West Street — includes 101 assessable parcels along portions of West Street, Monterey Street and Eagle Rock Way, among other streets.

Property owners within the district would bear the majority of the cost of the project, although a draft engineer’s report called on the city to provide 10% of the cost in the form of a general benefit contribution.

Pierre Sawaya, a senior project manager for the city, advised the council that there was precedent for the city covering a greater por-

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Acting city manager in H.B. made permanent

Travis Hopkins has been working for the city since 2006, serving as acting city manager since November.

BY MATT SZABO

Travis Hopkins was appointed as Huntington Beach’s city manager at Tuesday night’s City Council meeting.

Hopkins, 56, becomes the city’s first permanent city manager in more than a year. His appointment was unanimously approved 7-0 by the council.

He started working with the city in 2006 as a civil engineer and was

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ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



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SAGE HILL DENIED THE CROWN BY KNIGHT IN CIF DIVISION 3AA FINAL PAGE A6

Grandma Brigade protest against 'Musk takeover'

BY SARA CARDINE

A small but determined group of women gathered Saturday afternoon in Costa Mesa carrying signs decrying the White House's insertion of billionaire Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, into federal affairs.

Stationing themselves in front of the Tesla showroom and service center on Pullman Street, the loosely knit group calling themselves the Grandma Brigade were there "as part of the global effort to stop the Musk takeover," according to organizer Debbie Marsteller.

"We want people supporting Tesla [one of Musk's companies] to know they're supporting an authoritarian takeover of democracy, she said. "We're going to have to do something while we still can, even as our rights are slowly pulled away."

The retired 70-year-old Costa Mesa resident said the Grandma Brigade, comprised of like-minded local residents who are roughly

between the ages of 50 and 80, is just getting started. Members of her group have the time and resources to put up a fight, she said, and feel the responsibility to do so.

Although many members of the Grandma Brigade have been active in politics since they were teens, Saturday's protest was their first foray as a group. But it won't be their last; they are in it "for the duration," Marsteller said.

"We've spoken out, we've had marches. Now we have to really go after the economy of Elon Musk. That's all he cares about. Trump and Musk don't care about us. They are here to fleece us," she said, adding her group is concerned the cuts being made by DOGE will impact the most vulnerable populations first.

"We're joining together with different progressive groups in our area. We haven't moved to civil disobedience yet, but we probably will eventually."

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Debbie Marsteller

WOMEN UNITED as the Grandma Brigade gather in front of the Tesla building in Costa Mesa on March 1 to protest Tesla owner Elon Musk's cost-cutting actions via DOGE on President Trump's behalf.



John Minchillo | AP

JEFFREY SCOTT BROWN, convicted for assaulting police with pepper spray in the Jan. 6, 2021, storming of the U.S. Capitol by Donald Trump loyalists has been invited to be the guest speaker at today's meeting of the Republican Club of Laguna Woods. Brown was pardoned by Trump following his second inauguration Jan. 21.

Democrats plan rally as Laguna Woods Republican Club invites pardoned Jan. 6 rioter to speak

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A Jan. 6 insurrectionist who was pardoned by President Donald Trump is scheduled to speak today at a meeting of the Republican Club of Laguna Woods, and members of the Laguna Woods Democratic Club and their counterparts from Laguna Beach, Mission Viejo and Irvine are planning to protest.

Jeffrey Scott Brown was convicted by a jury and sentenced to 54 months in federal prison for participating in the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. He was pardoned by Trump after he was inaugurated for a second term in January.

The Republican Club of Laguna Woods invited Brown to speak at

a meeting Friday at a Laguna Woods community clubhouse, billing him as a "victim of the Jan. 6 tragedy." The meeting is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.

The Laguna Woods Democratic Club is planning a vigil and a rally to protest Brown's appearance at the meeting and in the community.

"I know that this man has spoken at other venues and was quite animated," Mary Ribando, president of the Laguna Woods Democratic Club, said.

The vigil is planned to start at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Gate 7 of the Laguna Woods Village on El Toro Road across the street from Stater Bros. market. A protest is then

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

- ACROSS**
- 1 Table support
 - 4 De-clumps, as flour
 - 9 " _ Secretary" (Téa Leoni show)
 - 14 Hearing organ
 - 15 Scrub or wash
 - 16 Suspect's excuse
 - 17 Frozen water
 - 18 Skateboarding move
 - 19 Eminent
 - 20 NBA Hall of Famer known as "Diesel": 2 wds.
 - 23 Go left or right
 - 24 Regret
 - 25 Created
 - 27 Tree with acorns
 - 30 See the world
 - 35 Portuguese "hi"
 - 36 Bed-and-breakfasts
 - 38 Double agent
 - 39 16 ounces
 - 41 Clown's leg extender
 - 43 Think ahead
 - 44 " _ heard of him?"
 - 45 Celebrity
 - 46 Former Ford model
 - 47 Hope for
 - 50 Relaxing resort
 - 51 Casual tops
 - 52 Fast-running bird
 - 54 Gross
 - 56 Fear of confined spaces
 - 63 Soccer scores
 - 64 Oklahoma city
 - 65 Promotions, for short
 - 66 Bang or boom
 - 67 Lawn care tool
 - 68 Actress Salonga
 - 69 High hairstyles
 - 70 Peruses

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SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

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

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

DOWN

- 1 Floral necklaces
- 2 Apiece
- 3 Big dogs: 2 wds.
- 4 Vigorously scrub
- 5 The Prairie State
- 6 Took a tumble
- 7 Follow closely
- 8 Scornful look

- 9 Way of behaving
- 10 Skin-soothing plant
- 11 Burlesque artist von Teese
- 12 Cain's victim
- 13 _-Atlantic region
- 21 "¿_ pasa?" (Spanish "What's

- up?")
 - 22 Not at home
 - 25 Motor scooter
 - 26 _ and kicking
 - 28 Picnic invaders
 - 29 Makes a scarf
 - 31 Electricity unit
 - 32 Net sport
 - 33 Make glad
 - 34 Loans
 - 37 _ on the wrist
 - 40 Three-part race, for short
 - 42 Wandered on foot
 - 48 Finds another purpose for
 - 49 First-responder group: Abbr.
 - 51 Boxing win: Abbr.
 - 53 Say aloud
 - 55 Burns slightly
 - 56 Chicken cage
 - 57 _ it on the line
 - 58 As well
 - 59 Impolite
 - 60 Gymnast Korbust
 - 61 Creative thought
 - 62 Right away: Abbr.
 - 63 Bearded beast
- Tribune Media Services

FUNDING

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tion of undergrounding projects.

“City Council did take prior actions on contributing to assessment districts on the last two projects,” Sawaya said at the Feb. 25 meeting of the City Council.

“A 10% general benefit was applied to those projects, in addition to a 10% city contribution, so for a total of 20%,” he said. “That was applied to the Diamond Street project, which was completed two years ago, and was applied to the recently formed Woods Cove district, which is currently in construction.”

The Diamond Street assessment district contained 20 parcels, while the Woods Cove project had 380 assessable parcels.

Councilman Bob Whalen said the city needed to be “equitable among the neighborhoods” in making a motion for a 20% city contribution, including the general benefit. It was approved by a 4-0 vote. (May-

or Alex Rounaghi recused himself from the item because the district would involve immediate family members.)

“If it’s a \$7-million estimate and we contribute \$1.4 million, that gets it down to about \$5.6 million, which is up about 12% from the original \$5 million that was estimated back in 2021,” Whalen said. “Well, we all know [with] inflation, everything’s gone up and things are more expensive.”

“I think we should look at doing a 25-year scenario, so they can stretch payments out over a longer period of time, reduce the annual cost. ... I want to make sure that the city purchase of bonds is a possibility here for this district, because we can control the interest rate on that better than out in the public market. We may be able to save some interest costs on that and reduce some legal and other costs, if we look at that alternative.”

Several residents appeared before the council to request the additional contribution. In some cases, the ask of the council

was for the city to cover 30% of the cost of construction. Proponents of an additional city contribution cited inflation and assessment amounts as “cost-prohibitive” to supporting the project.

“Since the project’s inception in 2021, costs have ballooned from \$5 million to \$7.2 million, a reality that puts this crucial safety initiative at risk,” said Amy Berk, a resident of Eagle Rock Way. “Our community took action early with 65% of residents voting in favor and committing significant personal funds. However, without city support, the financial burden may prove too great, preventing us from completing this project.”

“We’ve all seen the devastation caused by wildfires — the Coastal fire in 2022, which would have taken our homes if the wind was blowing toward the ocean, at least from my block, and the tragic Palisades fires. Ninety-nine percent of fires caused by electrical lines can be prevented by undergrounding utilities. Why wait until tragedy strikes



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

AN UNDERGROUND utility district for Woods Cove in Laguna Beach is under construction. Council considered additional funding for the proposed West Street district on Feb. 25.

Laguna Beach? Our district is the last remaining area in the south Laguna neighborhood surrounding Aliso Canyon that needs undergrounding.”

City staff will meet with the assessment engineer to determine what changes will be made to the assessment amounts of the individual parcels. A meeting

will then be set up with property owners within the district to review the engineer’s report.

Sawaya said the engineer’s report could be brought forth to council for approval in the spring. City staff would also return with a funding strategy to cover the additional city contribution. A staff report said the

city could appropriate \$700,000 from the street lighting and utility fund to cover the general benefit.

A public hearing and vote on the project by property owners within the district would likely come in the summer, Sawaya said.

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Photos courtesy of the Huntington Beach Police Department

THE DONOR WALL honors contributors to the Huntington Beach Police Training Center.



HUNTINGTON BEACH police execute a demonstration at the new training center.

POLICE

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nology-driven system that’s really going to benefit the officers and the community.”

The K9 training field, which has synthetic turf and lighting for night training, features plenty of obstacles to get the police dogs a wide variety of reps, Parra said. It was named in honor of K9 Kim, a Huntington Beach police canine who was stabbed to death while apprehending a fleeing subject in 1991.

“When we put [the trained dogs] into tactical environments, it’s not a surprise for them,” Parra said. “We already know how they’re going to react, because we’ve trained them in that environment. It’s much safer for them, safer for the handler, safer for

the public.”

The field was completed at the end of 2023 as part of the project’s first phase.

The Simunitions and Tactical Training Building features the ability to build a house with movable walls, Huntington Beach Police Capt. Oscar Garcia said. “This enables the department to do movement training with recruits, patrol officers and even our SWAT team.”

“When we’re preparing for warrants and operations that we can pre-plan for, we can set that facility up to kind of mimic that environment that we’re going into,” Parra said. “It makes it much safer for the officers, much safer for the public.”

In addition to the movable walls, there’s an interior camera system and sound system for creating chaos, like people yelling.

“It also has lights that can be dimmed, so we can work in low lighting,” Garcia said. “At the north end, we have a breaching door, so we can actually train as a group breaching a house and making entry.”

There’s also a tear gas training container for controlled simulations.

Parra said the training center cost about \$1.1 million, the majority of which was covered by donations. At the entrance to the facility is a donor wall, featuring engraved shields with personal dedications.

Contractor Westling and Associates also donated about 700 work hours. It’s owner, Josh Westling, is the board secretary of the Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation.

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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **JON RAIL** 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 **April 09, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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On March 20, 2025, at 12:00 PM, At the North front entrance to the County Courthouse, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701, FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee (the "Trustee"), under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain DEED OF TRUST, ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING recorded on June 30, 2021, as Instrument No. 2021000427442 of official records in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, CA, executed by: **ARYABHATA GROUP LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, as Trustor (the "Trustor"), in favor of **PREFERRED BANK**, a California banking corporation, as Beneficiary, and any modifications thereto are collectively referred to herein from time to time as the "Deed of Trust", WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: EXHIBIT "A" THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL A: LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 7770, IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 299, PAGES 15 AND 16 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS, TOGETHER WITH THOSE PORTIONS OF PARCEL(S) 1 AND 2 AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED IN BOOK 53, PAGE 13 OF PARCEL MAPS, BOTH IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF CORINTHIAN WAY AND MARTINGALE DRIVE, AS SHOWN ON SAID TRACT NO. 7770; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF MARTINGALE DRIVE SOUTH 06°59'31" EAST 495.91 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 34.84 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID MARTINGALE DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID TRACT NO. 7770, SAID POINT BEING ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE WESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 90.00 FEET, A RADIAL LINE THROUGH SAID POINT BEARS SOUTH 89°21'49" EAST; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 11.98 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°37'42"; THENCE NORTH 06°59'31" WEST 14.65 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY LINE OF MARTINGALE DRIVE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 324.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 42°56'12" WEST 51.51 FEET TO A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 634.00 FEET, A RADIAL LINE THROUGH SAID POINT BEARS NORTH 47°59'42" EAST; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 81.22 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°20'25"; THENCE NORTH 49°20'43" WEST 217.66 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 15.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY, NORTHERLY, AND NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 23.56 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°00'00" TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SCOTT DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID TRACT NO. 7770; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE NORTH 40°39'17" EAST 486.55 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 15.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, EASTERLY, AND SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 19.22 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 73°23'53" TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID CORINTHIAN WAY; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE SOUTH 65°56'50" EAST 204.85 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 15.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 15.43 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 58°57'19" TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID MARTINGALE STREET; THENCE ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE SOUTH 06°59'31" " EAST 439.84 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND IS KNOWN AS PARCEL 1 AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT B OF LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LA 2018-004 RECORDED OCTOBER 24, 2023 AS RECORDING NO. 2023000259636 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, PETROLEUM, GAS, AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES EXISTING BELOW 500 FEET FROM THE SURFACE OF SAID REAL PROPERTY AS RESERVED IN AN INSTRUMENT RECORDED SEPTEMBER 08, 1972 IN BOOK 10316, PAGE 114, SEPTEMBER 04, 1973 IN BOOK 10883, PAGE 83, AND MARCH 01, 1974 IN BOOK 11086, PAGE 2, ALL OF OFFICIAL RECORDS. PARCEL B: THAT PORTION OF PARCEL 1, IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED IN BOOK 53, PAGE 13 OF PARCEL MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF CORINTHIAN WAY AND MARTINGALE DRIVE, AS SHOWN ON TRACT NO. 7770, RECORDED IN BOOK 299, PAGES 15 AND 16 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY RECORDER; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF MARTINGALE DRIVE SOUTH 06°59'31" EAST 495.91 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 34.84 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID MARTINGALE DRIVE, AS SHOWN ON SAID TRACT NO. 7770 AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY LINE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 15.96 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY, SOUTHWESTERLY, AND SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 2.36 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°00'00"; THENCE SOUTH 04°04'23" EAST 16.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 52.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 04°04'23" WEST 16.50 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1.50 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY, NORTHWESTERLY, AND WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 2.36 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°00'00"; THENCE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 74.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 04°04'23" WEST 26.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85°55'37" EAST 144.40 FEET TO SAID WESTERLY LINE OF MARTINGALE DRIVE; THENCE SOUTH 06°59'31" EAST 14.65 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 90.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE AND CURVE 11.98 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°37'42" TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND IS KNOWN AS PARCEL 2 AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT B OF LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LA 2018-004 RECORDED OCTOBER 23, 2023 AS RECORDING NO. 2023000259636 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, PETROLEUM, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES EXISTING BELOW 500 FEET FROM THE SURFACE OF SAID REAL PROPERTY AS RESERVED IN AN INSTRUMENT RECORDED SEPTEMBER 04, 1973 IN BOOK 10883, PAGE 83 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS. PARCEL C: THOSE PORTIONS OF PARCEL(S) 1 AND 2, IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED IN BOOK 53, PAGE 13 OF PARCEL MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF CORINTHIAN WAY AND MARTINGALE DRIVE, AS SHOWN ON TRACT NO. 7770, RECORDED IN BOOK 299, PAGES 15 AND 16 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY RECORDER; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF MARTINGALE DRIVE SOUTH 06°59'31" EAST 495.91 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 34.84 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID MARTINGALE DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID TRACT NO. 7770 AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY LINE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 15.96 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY, SOUTHWESTERLY, AND SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 2.36 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°00'00"; THENCE SOUTH 04°04'23" WEST 16.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 04°04'23" WEST 16.50 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1.50 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY, NORTHWESTERLY, AND WESTERLY 2.36 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°00'00"; THENCE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 74.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 04°04'23" WEST 86.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85°55'37" WEST 180.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 42°56'12" WEST 51.50 FEET TO THE NORTH EASTERLY LINE OF DOVE STREET AS SHOWN ON SAID TRACT NO. 7770, SAID POINT ALSO BEING A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 634.00 FEET, A RADIAL LINE THROUGH SAID POINT BEARS NORTH 47°59'42" EAST; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY LINE AND CURVE 52.47 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04°44'31" TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL 1; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE NORTH 85°55'37" EAST 319.97 FEET TO SAID WESTERLY LINE OF MARTINGALE, SAID POINT ALSO BEING A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, A RADIAL LINE THROUGH SAID POINT BEARS SOUTH 85°56'14" WEST; THENCE ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE AND CURVE 21.58 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°43'53" TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 90.00 FEET, A RADIAL LINE THROUGH SAID POINT BEARS NORTH 69°19'53" WEST; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND NORTHERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 31.47 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 20°01'56" TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND IS KNOWN AS PARCEL 3 AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT B OF LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LA 2018-004 RECORDED OCTOBER 24, 2023 AS RECORDING NO. 2023000259636 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, PETROLEUM, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES EXISTING BELOW 500 FEET FROM THE SURFACE OF SAID REAL PROPERTY AS RESERVED IN AN INSTRUMENT RECORDED SEPTEMBER 04, 1973 IN BOOK 10883, PAGE 83, AND MARCH 01, 1974 IN BOOK 11086, PAGE 2, BOTH OF OFFICIAL RECORDS. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the Property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the Property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the Property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this Property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the Property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this Property, you may call 1.866.684.2727 or visit this Internet Website www.servicelinkasap.com. using the file number assigned to this case 24-00403-2FNT. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The real Property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real Property described above is purported to be: 4200 & 4250 Scott Drive and 4251 Martingale Dr (aka 1701 Corinthian Way, , 4251, 4253 & 4255 Martingale Dr, 4200, 4220 & 4250 Scott Dr., 1600 Dove St., Newport Beach, CA), Newport Beach, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the Property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$30,586,098.05 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The Property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the Property receiver, if applicable. DATE: February 24, 2025 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, TRUSTEE 24-00403-2FNT 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 130 El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 916-636-0114 SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.servicelinkasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 1.866.684.2727 24-00403-2FNT A-4836219 02/28/2025, 03/07/2025, 03/14/2025

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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Planning Commission
Council Chambers
505 Forest Avenue
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

The CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH will hold a public hearing on the request below. You may participate in-person at City Hall. Case No.: General Plan Amendment 25-0320 Address: Citywide Applicant: City of Laguna Beach Application Filing Date: February 12, 2025 **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** General Plan Amendment 25-0320 to update and amend the City of Laguna Beach General Plan Safety Element to include the 2023 updated FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Planning Commission will review the Draft Element and make a recommendation to the City Council. **COASTAL ZONE:** This project is located in the Coastal Zone. This project is exempt from the Coastal Development Permit process pursuant to Laguna Beach Municipal Code Chapter 25.07. The project is proposed as exempt development under Laguna Beach Municipal Code Chapter 25.07. The review procedure identified in Laguna Beach Municipal Code Section 25.07.012(B)(3) applies to any such determination. **CEQA:** Staff recommends the Planning Commission determine that the proposed project is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), based on State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) (No physical change in environment), 15061(b)(3) (No possible significant effect on the environment), and 15378 (Organizational or administrative activities of government). **MORE INFORMATION:** The agenda packet will be available on the City's website at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing (<https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here/city-council-meetings-agendas-and-minutes>) and at the Community Development Department public counter during the following hours: Monday – Thursday: 7:30am – 3:00pm and 7:30am – 12:00pm alternating Fridays (closed alternating Fridays). **HOW TO COMMENT:** For additional information, contact City staff: **Louie Lacasella, Senior Administrative Analyst, at (949) 497-0736 or email to llacasella@lagunabeachcity.net**. Comments may be made during the Public Hearing. In order to allow sufficient time for staff to review and consider your written comments, written comments will be accepted for consideration until the close of business (i.e., 5:30 p.m.) on the business day before the Public Hearing is scheduled. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in a meeting may request such modification or accommodation from the Planning Division at (949) 497-0713. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if you challenge this application in court, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised in the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the public agency prior to, or at, the public hearing.

RIOTER

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planned in the parking lot of Clubhouse 5 in the Laguna Woods Village, the site of the meeting.

Brown, 58, of Santa Ana, was found guilty in federal court of seven felonies, among them assaulting, resisting or impeding law enforcement officers, using a dangerous weapon and interfering with a law enforcement officer during a civil disorder.

Prosecutors said he took pepper spray from a police officer and then used it on Capitol Police during the Jan. 6 melee. After his conviction in December 2022, Brown started his prison sentence in April 2023 and was released from a federal correctional facility in Lompoc after serving time in 11 prisons.

During his trial, Brown called himself a political prisoner. The Republican Club highlights Brown's achievements as an Eagle

Scout with a bachelor's degree in business administration and an FAA commercial pilot license.

Pat Micone, the president of the Republican Club of Laguna Woods, denied a request by City News Service to be interviewed. She said in an email response, "Our Governing [Board of Directors] has decided to not allow press nor an interview."

Ribando said a number of Democratic groups have contacted her, "incensed about the idea of celebrating this man."

"Everyone saw what happened on Jan. 6 and people who say they didn't see it, I don't know, they must live under a rock," Ribando said. "It's demeaning to hear people play it down. It was an appalling sight. It was an embarrassment for us as a country. We weren't planning anything inside until we got pushback from residents who said it's not enough to do it outside. We want to be inside, show

them that we're not happy with them coming into our space with this person."

Ribando said she contacted the administration of the Laguna Woods Village about how they disagreed with the decision to allow Brown to speak at the Republican Club meeting.

Ribando said she was told that the clubs are independent and they have autonomy from the Village administration. Each club and its members have freedom of speech.

In response, Ribando told the Village administration the Democratic Club was going to protest the event at the clubhouse. Village security and the Orange County Sheriff's Department are aware of the planned protests.

Ribando told her club members the gathering needs "to be a quiet, respectful and peaceful vigil. No confrontation."

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MANAGER

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the public works director from 2007-2019, when he was promoted to assistant city manager.

Huntington Beach Police Chief Eric Parra served as the interim city manager for a year after Al Zelinka resigned from that position in 2023. In November, Hopkins became acting city manager.

"I love this community, and I've enjoyed serving this community for over 18 years," Hopkins said in an interview following Tuesday night's meeting. "Definitely, I wanted to be a public works director, then the more time I spent in this community, I looked for the opportunity to become assistant city manager and city manager. I'm honored and humbled to become the city manager here."

Hopkins grew up in Idaho and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University



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TRAVIS HOPKINS, then assistant city manager, hands signed papers to City Council member Gracey Van Der Mark during a Mobile Home Advisory Board meeting in 2023.

of Idaho. He moved to Huntington Beach in 1992, he said, and holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Cal State Long Beach. He is also a registered civil engineer in California.

"I hope to work with our city and bring our city together," he said.

Hopkins' contract runs for four years, beginning on March 15. His annual salary

will be \$311,750. There are no salary increases built into the contract, but the council may approve merit-based increases.

If the council votes to terminate him without cause, he will be eligible for six months pay and benefits unless at least six months' notice is given.

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LORIE SWATSEK, founder of OC Media and Events, and Marmar Salimian Sikka, creator of the Grassroots Project, pose for a photo at the Harborside Restaurant and Grand Ballroom on Thursday. They're hosting a benefit concert for survivors of the Eaton and Palisades fires on Saturday.

Courtesy of Marmar Salimian Sikka



Salimian Sikka, a political refugee who fled Iran at the age of 5 with her mother and grandmother in 1979. "And I think I've also had to do that many times in my life. And so it really makes me happy to help people; that's what fills my heart."

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SUV once or twice. But members of the Newport Beach community overwhelmed her expectations, requiring her to rent a U-Haul truck on Jan. 20 to deliver all of the donations left at her home over just a three-day period.

"People I didn't even know just kept coming by my house and leaving stuff in front of my garage and at the door," Salimian Sikka said. "And some of those items were brand-new items. Some of the bags were filled with hundreds of dollars of gift cards also. It wasn't just clothes and shoes and toiletries. The generosity in the community coming together to help was really beautiful."

She branded the network of donors and supporters that coalesced around her cause she championed the Grassroots Project, and it continues to provide support for families who survived the devastating blazes.

This is the first time Salimian Sikka has ever coordinated charitable efforts, she said, so when she got the idea to put on a benefit concert, she reached out to Lorie Swatsek, a fellow Newport Beach resident and founder of OC Media and Events.

Proceeds from the concert they're putting on at the Harborside Restaurant and Grand Ballroom inside the historic Balboa Pavilion will go to the L.A. County-based Soul Points Fund. It's another organization that sprang up to meet the needs of fire victims.

"There's been a lot of support up until this point, and I feel like since the news cycle has moved on the momentum is starting to shift," Soul Points Fund representative Lauren Moyer said. "And so it's been really nice to see people still coming out and really wanting to help, and continuing on this journey that will be a marathon."

Tickets for Saturday's benefit concert are \$50 for adults and \$25 for kids. Attendees will enjoy food and a pristine views of Newport Harbor from a second-floor banquet room. There will be performances by the Finz, a three-piece band made up of Corona del Mar High students who have been playing surf rock, classic rock and pop punk staples at local venues, as well as '80s themed cover band Heart Attack Flash.

Families affected by the Eaton and Palisades fires, including some who have relocated to Orange County, will be in attendance. The concert will give them a chance to mingle face to face with people who have stepped up for

them during their time of need. It will also offer a moment to unwind as they navigate the uncertainty of starting over after losing practically everything they owned.

There will be an ongoing need for support as fire survivors try to get by while waiting for disaster relief from the government. Salimian Sikka is determined to continue and further develop the Grassroots Project so long as people need help rebuilding their lives.

"My family, I saw them have to rebuild over and over and over again," said

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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 Cormack, 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.

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<p>CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF</p> <p>ANITA STREET SEWER LIFT STATION AND BEACH ACCESS STAIRS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (CIP No. 18-106)</p> <p>N-1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for the ANITA STREET SEWER LIFT STATION AND BEACH ACCESS STAIRS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (CIP NO. 18-106), together with appurtenances thereto. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularity and to take all bids under advisement for a maximum period of 60 days.</p> <p>N-2 PRE-BID CONFERENCE: There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. Attendees shall meet at the project site located at the westerly terminus of Anita Street. Failure to attend will result in your bid proposal being declared non-responsive.</p> <p>N-3 DATE OF OPENING BIDS: Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-4, B-7 through B-15) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system no later than 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 3, 2025. No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.</p> <p>N-4 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: In general, the WORK of this Contract will consist of relocating the existing 70kW emergency natural gas generator to a new location, installed in a new below grade CIP concrete vault, and an above grade electrical/control building, installation of a new below ground submersible style sewer lift station and valve vault, demolition of the existing lift station and site features, and rehabilitation/reconstruction of the Anita Street beach access stairs, including ALL general civil site improvements within the City of Laguna Beach.</p> <p>Specifically, the WORK will include but will not be limited to the following major items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following and coordinating with the City on the project identified Inventory of Mitigation Measures for: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources. Refer to Appendix B of Technical Specifications. 2. General site clearing, grubbing, demolition, and excavation for new constructed structures. 3. Installation of site stormwater features and equipment. 4. Installation of a new below ground concrete generator vault and associated infrastructure for the relocation of an existing 70kW natural gas standby emergency generator. 5. Installation of a new SoCal Gas natural gas service meter and service for the relocated generator. 6. Installation of a new Southern California Edison electrical service meter (480V power). 7. Civil grading improvements as part of the rehabilitation/reconstruction of the existing Anita Street beach access stairs. 8. Installation of a new submersible pump-style, below ground, sewer pump station and valve vault; installation of a new above ground electrical building. 9. Installation of new City-approved landscaping and potable water irrigation system. 10. New electrical, controls, instrumentation, and programming of the proposed. <p>N-5 AWARD OF CONTRACT: (a) The City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and reject all other bids, as it may best serve the interest of the City. (b) As a condition of award, the successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.</p> <p>N-6 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: All work is to be completed in a total of Three Hundred (300) working days, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be July 2025. Liquidated damages shall be Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per calendar day, for each and every calendar day delay in finishing the work. Additionally, the contractor shall install all hand railings, complete, and in place, within twelve (12) weeks of pouring the new concrete stairways. For every calendar day beyond this time period that railings are not complete in place, the Contractor shall pay to the City or have withheld from moneys due it, the daily sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in addition to other liquidated damages. Execution of the Contract shall constitute agreement by the Agency and Contractor that \$2,000.00 per day is the minimum value of the costs and actual damage caused by the failure of the Contractor to complete the entire project within the allotted time and \$1,000.00 per day by the failure of the contractor to have railings in place within 12 weeks of pouring the new concrete stairways. The intent of this section is to emphasize to the Contractor the importance of prosecuting the work in an orderly preplanned continuous sequence so as to minimize inconvenience to residences, businesses, vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and the public as a result of construction operations.</p> <p>N-7 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: The Contractor shall possess a valid Class A, General Engineering, Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. Contractor shall be in good state licensing standing; <u>and shall have successfully completed a minimum of five verifiable municipal sewer lift station replacement projects of similar scope, and coastal public infrastructure improvement projects for a public agency with a minimum valuation of \$500,000 each in the past 5 years.</u> See "B-16 - Technical Ability and Experience References" Section of the Bid Documents. Failure to possess the specified license(s) at the time of bid opening shall render the bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to award the contract to that non-responsive bidder.</p> <p>N-8 BIDDER'S CRITICAL STAFF: In addition to providing the required information from the Technical Ability and Experience section, the Contractor shall provide a separate list for the proposed Construction Project Manager and Superintendent to be used for the project. For each of these critical positions, please list at least three projects for which the critical staff has performed similar work within the last five years. These projects do not have to be under the employment of the bidder of this project. Bidders are encouraged to submit supplemental relevant project history in addition to the projects listed herein.</p> <p>N-9 WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations are available on the Internet at the World Wide Web site of the State Department of Industrial Relations at www.dir.ca.gov under Statistics and Research. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.</p> <p>N-10 RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS: The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the Contract Documents from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payments by the City, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.</p> <p>N-11 OBTAINING OR INSPECTING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents, in digital Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, are available at the City of Laguna Beach's website at https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/do-business-here/rfps-bids. Once at this site, click on the "Vendor Portal & Bid Opportunities" icon. If you are not currently registered with PlanetBids for the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the "New Vendor Registration" button, then complete the electronic supplier registration process. Interested firms must be registered in order to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to acknowledge any and all addenda will result in bid disqualification.</p> <p>N-12 REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. 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.</p> <p>N-13 ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: The estimate of probable cost is \$3,500,000.</p> <p>N-14 PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: All communications relative to this project shall be directed to Ulises Escalona, Senior Project Manager at uescalona@lagunabeachcity.net. Deadline for all inquiries is 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 27, 2025.</p> <p>BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH By: Thomas Perez, P.E., City Engineer Date: March 6, 2025</p> <p>Published: Daily Pilot [1ST ADVERTISEMENT March 7, 2025] [2ND ADVERTISEMENT March 14, 2025]</p>		

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Sage Hill denied the crown by Knight in CIF division 3AA final

BY ANDREW TURNER

Throughout its playoff run, Sage Hill had figured out ways to stay within striking distance and make plays when it mattered most in the fourth quarter.

In a three-point game at the half, it appeared the Lightning were headed down that road again, but the opposition had another idea.

The three-point shot began to fall for Palmdale

Knight after the break, foiling the best laid defensive plans, as Sage Hill lost 64-43 on Saturday night in the CIF Southern Section Division 3AA boys' basketball final at Edison High.

In a battle between teams seeking the first section title for their respective programs, Knight (26-6) realized the dream.

"I told my guys when they were handing out the [runner-up] trophy to Sage Hill, I said, 'Hey, show them



Jack Croul

June 8, 1924 - February 23, 2025

John "Jack" Vedder Croul, a military hero and veteran of "The Greatest Generation" passed away peacefully at his Newport Beach residence on February 23, 2025. Jack lived his motto; "Just do the right thing and think of other people." He was born June 8, 1924 in Hartford, Connecticut to Gertrude and Rex Croul.

Raised in San Marino, California with his three brothers, Ed, Richard and Jim, he took the "Red Car" of the Pacific Electric Rail to and from South Pasadena High School during the early 1940's.

In 1943 at 18 years of age, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. By 1944 he was a lead navigator for the 96th Bomb Group, 338th Squadron, flying thirty-three, B-17 missions, including two on D-Day. Jack earned a Purple Heart, the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Postwar, he received the French Legion of Honor Medal for his service. He retired as Captain, Army Air Corps, in 1945.

After the war, Jack enrolled at Stanford University, transferring to Claremont Men's College when he began to date Janet Behr, whom he married in 1950. Jack was a "Pacesetter" and a member of one of the first graduating classes at Claremont Business School. As an alumnus, he endowed multiple scholarships and professorships, including the Janet Croul Memorial scholarship to honor Janet who died in 1993, the John V. Croul Professorship of European History and the Kingsley Croul Professorship of American History, among others.

Upon graduation, Jack turned his energy to the business world and was hired as an early employee of Behr Process Corporation. He was instrumental in building Behr Process Corporation, a paint company, into one of the largest private companies in Orange County, with more than 1000 employees. Eventually, he rose to prominence as the Chairman of Behr. Around the time of his retirement from Behr, Jack met his second wife Kingsley Roney Brosnan and the two of them traveled the world together.

A passionate collector of postwar European automobiles, Jack amassed an impressive collection of sports and race cars. He didn't just collect cars - he drove them, navigating the winding mountain roads from California to Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. Jack's collection was inspired by the famous Italian Mille Miglia car races that took place in the first half of the 20th century, and his cars participated in twenty-eight Mille Miglia retrospective rallies. His collection became a living tribute to the golden age of racing.

Jack's many passions included restoring vintage fighter planes, flying gliders, prop planes and at 73, he received his helicopter license. He loved his community and was instrumental in saving the historical Cannery Restaurant in Newport Beach from destruction. He was a man of discretion, elegance and great generosity. Jack endowed the Earth Systems Science building at University of California, Irvine and his generous philanthropy will continue through the Croul Family Foundation, which he founded.

His wife Kingsley survives Jack, as do his two sons - Brad, his wife Judith; Spencer, his wife Susan, and their families. He is also survived by Kingsley's sons Rick, Tim, his wife Jenny, and her daughter Kingsley and their families, as well as his brother Jim, his wife Susie and Richard's wife Jane. Jack is preceded in death by his first wife Janet, and his brothers Ed and Richard.

He will be cherished for his stories of valor, his infectious enthusiasm, laughter and his warm, generous nature.



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SAGE HILL'S James Karahalios (3) hits a running layup in the second half of the CIF Southern Section Division 3AA boys' basketball final against Knight on Saturday at Edison High.

respect. I've been there twice," said Tom Hegre, who has coached the Hawks since the school opened in 2003. "This is my third time in the finals. Our guys were not going to be denied tonight."

Knight previously appeared in the Division II-A final in 2008 with a roster led by Paul George. The nine-time NBA All-Star was

then in his senior year with the Hawks. In 2018, Knight suffered a double-overtime defeat to Crean Lutheran in the Division 3AA final.

Amare Larane had a game-high 26 points, adding five rebounds, three assists and three steals to lead Knight. The junior forward also accounted for half of the Hawks' eight three-pointers.

Entering the halftime locker room with a slim 24-21 advantage, Larane said the mindset was if the Hawks threw the "first punch" in the third quarter, they would win the championship.

"Tonight, we just trusted our shot," Larane said. "In the first quarter, we went two for 10. We went into the locker room at halftime

and just said, 'Stay with it. Shoot the same way every time.' In the third quarter, we just came out and we hit all our shots."

Knight, the Golden League champion, nearly doubled its scoring output in the first half with a 23-point third quarter, extending its lead to 47-34 heading into the fourth quarter. It was significant separation from a Sage Hill team that did not take a lot of three-pointers and made just two - both by Carson Ellis.

James Karahalios scored 16 points to pace Sage Hill (18-11), adding six rebounds and three assists. Jackson Cryst contributed nine points, nine rebounds, four blocked shots and three assists. Tre Cradle chipped in with six points and nine rebounds.

Knight made its advantage in the ball-handling categories. The Hawks had 19 assists against just six turnovers.

Sage Hill committed 17 turnovers (including 10 steals for the Hawks), which led to Knight scoring 27 points off turnovers and 18 points in transition.

"Earlier on, when we were kind of locked in and we were staying level with the ball, we were fine," Sage Hill coach D'Cean Bryant said. "I think when we started looking at the ball too much, they kind of drove the gaps."

Da'vian Brooks scored a dozen points to go with four assists for Knight. Jaylen Mims had 11 points, four assists and three steals, and Jay'len Brooks added six points, eight assists and three steals.

Sage Hill was playing in its second CIF final in three years and third overall. The Lightning lost to Oxnard Santa Clara in the Division 5AA final in 2019, then to Long Beach Jordan in the Division 4A final in 2023.

There was anticipation on campus this week as Sage Hill prepared to compete for CIF championships in two sports. The girls' soccer team prevailed in penalty kicks over La Mirada in the Division 4 final on Saturday afternoon.

"Everyone was talking about the big games," Karahalios said. "Everyone wanted to go. Everything in the last week has been built around this, so we were all super excited."



Sage Hill was the No. 2 seed in the CIF State Southern California Regional Division III boys' basketball playoffs. The Lightning were upset by Lake Balboa Birmingham, 56-48, on Tuesday at home.



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