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ORANGE COUNTY Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer speaks Wednesday during a news conference to address burglaries across Orange County. A task force fighting home-invasion robberies and smash-and-grab burglaries arrested 141 in connection to the thefts. The suspects now face criminal charges.

141 people charged in recent county robberies, burglaries

BY ERIC LICAS

More than 140 people arrested by an Orange County-wide task force combating home-invasion robberies and smash-and-grab burglaries now face criminal charges, Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer said Wednesday at a news conference in Santa Ana.

The thefts happened throughout the county, including Fountain Valley, Newport Beach, Orange and Irvine, and many involved violence.

"These are carefully calculated and planned attacks on what should be our safe place: our homes," Spitzer said.

Among the 141 suspects charged were four men who allegedly broke into a Fountain Valley residence in January, forced their way into a locked

bathroom, then held the woman inside at gunpoint. Her husband was reported to have been pistol whipped, and their 12-year-old and 14-year-old children were home at the time.

Those thieves allegedly stole two vehicles from the family. One was pursued by police for about 10 minutes in a high-speed chase that ended in Long Beach.

Most of the people facing charges in connection with robberies and burglaries in Orange County over the past year were not from the area. They included people from Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties, according to the district attorney's office. Some are residents of Chile who have been taking advantage of a loop-

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND charts on display during a news conference on Wednesday in Santa Ana. Most people facing charges linked with theft in the county over the past year were not from the area, officials said.

Costa Mesa drafting affordable housing law

COSTA MESA is drafting a housing ordinance that would set aside a percentage of new housing units for lower income residents.



Don Bartletti
Los Angeles
Times

BY SARA CARDINE

When the Costa Mesa City Council met in 2016 to consider requiring developers to include a percentage of affordable units in new housing projects as a means of securing shelter for lower income residents, the discussion met a dead end.

Then-Mayor Pro Tem Jim Rigeheimer said an inclusionary housing ordinance constituted "socialized housing" and amounted to theft by depriving developers of their right to sell homes at fair market value.

"If you cannot afford to live here and your kids can't have decent housing, you should look at where you can afford," Rigeheimer said before the council agreed not to advance such a policy.

Later that year citizens approved Measure Y, mandating certain large-scale developments be put before the voting public for approval, a move some say stymied growth and kept much-needed homes from being built.

Seven years later, as California faces a critical housing shortage,

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Surf City decides to pull out of troubled OCPA

In contentious vote, City Council decides 4-3 to leave the Community Choice Energy program at a special meeting.

BY MATT SZABO

A sharply divided Huntington Beach City Council erased another remnant of previous city leadership during a special meeting Tuesday night, voting 4-3 to exit the city from the Orange County Power Authority.

Mayor Tony Strickland made the motion to withdraw, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark. Councilmen Casey McKeon and Pat Burns were the other yes votes, while their council colleagues Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton voted against leaving OCPA.

Huntington Beach, one of four founding cities in the Community Choice Energy program, had been contemplating leaving the authority for months. But Tuesday night's special meeting was called with just 24 hours notice and without a staff report.

McKeon, Huntington Beach's recently appointed representative on the board of directors of the green energy agency, called OCPA "a total disaster and doomed for failure" from the very beginning.

"I believe in providing choice to consumers, but I do not believe the government is the vehicle to provide choice in the private sector, especially not in the incredibly complex and volatile

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Young athletes enjoy All-Sports Cup lunch, success in rivalry

BY ANDREW TURNER

Students who might otherwise avoid lunch lines were happy to wait their turn Wednesday at Costa Mesa High, as the annual All-Sports Cup luncheon arrived on campus.

What has become tradition over the course of more than a decade with a catered lunch from Newport Rib Co. has added incentive to the crosstown rivalry, known to those who have played in it as the Battle for the Bell.

Costa Mesa boasted a 115-75 margin of victory over Estancia in the overall competition, claiming wins in 15 of the 23 team sports contested between the schools.

The Mustangs made big gains in sweeping the home-and-home sets for boys' and girls' volleyball, girls' soccer, softball and boys' tennis. In addition, Costa Mesa emerged victorious for both genders in cross-country, track and field and swimming.

Highlighting that group was the

boys' swimming team, which won the CIF Southern Section Division 3 championship.

"I think ... for all sports, it's a huge thing, beating Estancia [and] being the better school in sports," Natasha Ruiz, a senior middle blocker for the girls' volleyball team, said of the rivalry. "It was fun, especially since we had a good game against them, too. It made it a lot more fun."

Ruiz was referring to a 25-20, 26-28, 25-17, 18-25, 15-10 marathon win at home to cap a sweep of the Eagles in the fall.

After recounting her experience on the court, Ruiz returned with a plate full of ribs, baked beans, mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese. She took her first bite in front of Newport Rib Co. owner John Ursini, giving it her verbal approval.

Ursini donned a Costa Mesa basketball jersey for the event, one he said had been in his pos-

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Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

VARSITY ATHLETES line up to get lunch during the All-Sports Cup luncheon at Costa Mesa High on Wednesday. The Mustangs claimed wins in 15 of 23 team sports contested between Costa Mesa and Estancia.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

CdM bounces back with victory over Upland

BY SCOTT FRENCH

Corona del Mar is on a "revenge tour" after its lopsided loss to archrival Newport Harbor in last weekend's CIF Southern Section Division 1 boys' volleyball final, so motivation wasn't an issue as the Sea Kings started their regional play-off run.

Not having their most prominent star, their go-to leader, their intimidating giant at the net? That's another matter.

News that George Bruening, the 6-foot-9 senior opposite bound for UC Santa Barbara and a slam-dunk, soon-to-be All-CIF selection, had been sidelined by a stress fracture in his left foot prodded supreme efforts from pretty much everybody — and especially junior outside hit-

ters Sterling Foley and Reid McMullen — to send CdM into the Southern California Regional Division 1 semifinals with a 25-13, 25-21, 25-20 home victory over Upland.

Foley delivered 18 kills (with a .425 hitting percentage) and two blocks, and McMullen had 10 kills (on .500 hitting) and a service ace as second-seeded Corona del Mar (21-9) set up a final-four date Thursday with Los Angeles Loyola (27-2). A win there and the showdown most desired — with national No. 1 Newport Harbor (35-2) — is the likely prize.

"This is big for us," Foley said. "After getting swept in the final, that's brutal. Definitely a punch in the face. We want to get back to that final and hopefully play Harbor and beat them.

We're on a revenge tour."

Loyola, too? The third-seeded Cubs, 25-20, 25-18, 25-21 winners over Scripps Ranch, were the Southern Section's No. 1 team until Corona del Mar beat them to advance to last weekend's final, and Foley said he "saw a look on their faces. They are ready for revenge."

A win there would lead to the Sailors, who won the Regional Division 1 championship last year and have back-to-back section titles, as long as they beat San Diego Section Open Division champion Cathedral Catholic (23-3) on Thursday. The final will be played Saturday.

The Sea Kings, who have captured four regional titles (one of them in Division I, the last in 2018), were a level too high for Di-

vision 2 champion Upland (28-5), which battled gamely in the second and third sets after learning some lessons in the opener.

Foley's kills provided seven of the first 18 points and McMullen served an ace and had five kills in a first-set blowout, pacing CdM on a 10-2 run that had the Highlanders reeling.

"It shows [my players] another level," said Upland coach Scott Robertson. "When you don't consistently play that level ... that was that first set, that little learning curve. Trying to figure out the speed, figure out the tempos. Once we did that, we were able to battle."

The Highlanders, led by AJ Contreras (14 kills) and twins Kai and Isaiah Vogel (nine kills each), led much

of the second set and some of the third behind strong support — Upland supporters were at least three times CdM's — before fading late in each as Corona del Mar used superb defense and dominance at the net, with seniors Kai Van Bourgondien and Cade Alcano contributing five kills apiece.

Van Bourgondien was a pivotal link, giving a strong performance after stepping into Bruening's spot. Bruening had been dealing with the foot injury for some time, but it flared up in the sectional final and again in practice Monday.

"It's different not having George, but I thought he did a terrific job of being a leader off the court," CdM coach Katey Thompson said. "Sterling did a phenomenal job. He definitely

stepped up in a time that we needed him, and that's showing a lot of maturity."

Also in the CIF State Southern California Regional Division 1 playoffs:

Newport Harbor 3, Tesoro 0: Luca Curci had 16 kills and three aces, as the host Sailors swept the Titans 25-16, 25-19, 25-17 on Tuesday in a regional play-off opener.

Riggs Guy had 13 kills, seven digs, four blocks and two aces for Newport Harbor. Jake Read added 10 kills and three aces.

Tesoro was the runner-up in the CIF Division 2 playoffs, falling to Upland in four sets in the final on Saturday.

Staff writer Andrew Turner contributed to this report.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Edison duo shine at CIF Finals, 10 locals qualify for Masters

BY VINCENT NGUYEN

MOORPARK — Top athletes from across Southern California came together at the CIF Southern Section track and field championships on Saturday, battling it out for section glory and a spot in the upcoming Masters Meet. In the girls' hurdle events, a pair of Edison competitors came out as champions.

Chargers seniors Sophia Menchine and Lindy Tarvin both earned CIF titles at Moorpark High on Saturday, highlighting a day where 10 local athletes qualified for 11 events at the Masters Meet on May 20.

"I'm honestly blown away," said Tarvin, who won the 300-meter hurdles in 43.26 seconds, docking more than a second off her seasonal-best time set at the Arcadia Invitational on April 8. "I cannot believe I had that big of a jump in my time. I did feel like it was my best race [in a] technical aspect of hurdling. My mind was just in it from the get-go."

Menchine kicked off the banner day when she separated herself from the pack halfway into the 100 hurdles to win the race in a lifetime-best 15.06 seconds.

"It felt good," Menchine said. "I had a good start. It wasn't my best race, techni-



Vincent Nguyen

EDISON'S LINDY TARVIN, center, and Newport Harbor's Natalie McCarty take to the podium at the CIF Southern Section Track and Field Championships on Saturday.

cally, but, I ran well, so what could I ask for?"

Tarvin, who competed against Menchine in the 100 hurdles and finished seventh in 15.61 in the event, turned it around in the 300 hurdles and qualified for the Masters Meet.

"I don't think it affected me at all because I was hoping, of course, for a better time," said Tarvin of her 100 hurdles performance. "But I'm still satisfied with the progress I've made in the 100 hurdles in the past couple of weeks."

Corona del Mar junior

Ava Simos and Newport Harbor senior Leo Davis were also crowned CIF champions.

Simos, who was the sprints athlete of the meet at last month's Orange County track and field championships, clocked in a personal-best 11.98 to claim the Division 3 girls' 100 race.

"Coming in today, I was feeling pretty nervous," said Simos, who will be the only area athlete to compete in two events in the Masters Meet, racing in the 100 and 200 sprints.

"Last year, when I was a sophomore, I made it to the finals, but I didn't qualify for Masters. So this year, I obviously wanted to get a [personal record], but my goal was really to get to the Masters. I did both of those things today, and I'm feeling really good about it."

Davis cleared 15 feet, 3 inches in the Division 2 boys' pole vault to win the event and qualify for Masters. The CIF-winning mark was tied for the second-best overall on the day, topped by Redondo Union senior Dylan Curtis' clearance of

15-9.

A trio of local athletes finished runner-up at Saturday's championships.

Corona del Mar junior Melissa Djomby Enyawe will join Simos at the Masters Meet with a second-place finish in the Division 3 girls' 1,600 in 4:57.05, her first time breaking five minutes in the event.

Huntington Beach junior Makenzie McRae, the lone Oilers athlete to compete in Saturday's CIF finals, came in second in the Division 1 girls' 3,200 with a qualifying time of 10:26.47, good enough for third overall on the day.

Newport Harbor sophomore Marley McCullough was the runner-up in the Division 2 girls' 3,200 race in 10:55.23 (14th overall in the CIF finals), but the performance left her on the outside looking in for a spot in next week's competition. The top 12 from the CIF finals in the event advanced to the Masters Meet.

In an event where 16 competitors made the cut for Masters, Sailors freshman Natalie McCarty cleared 5-2 in the Division 2 girls' high jump.

Additional Newport Harbor athletes advancing included sophomore Keaton Robar, who finished third in the Division 2 girls' 800 in 2:09.66, and senior Kenny

Wanlass, who placed fourth in the Division 2 boys' 3,200 in 9:12.07.

Pacifica Christian Orange County will also be represented in the Masters, courtesy of senior Caeden Connell, who cleared a lifetime-best 6-4 to earn a third-place medal in the Division 4 boys' high jump.

In the other field events, Edison junior Alexa Sheldon was the final Masters qualifier in the girls' shot put. Her 40-1 mark in Division 2 competition saw her finish fourth. Sheldon, however, narrowly missed out on qualifying in the girls' discus following a 125-9 toss in the Division 2 event, which was also good for fourth.

Marina senior Khang Nguyen, who committed to Cal earlier Saturday, was the first cut in Masters qualification after a fifth-place, 44-4½ performance in the Division 2 boys' triple jump.

Three local girls teams finished top-10 in the overall team standings.

The Edison girls finished fifth in Division 2 with 34 points, ahead of Newport Harbor girls, who were tied for seventh with Mater Dei with 26 points. In Division 3, the Corona del Mar girls placed seventh with 31 points.

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AROUND TOWN

Love Costa Mesa coming Saturday

Local residents are invited to participate in the annual Love Costa Mesa, a service day where volunteers sign up to tackle a number of improvement and philanthropic projects in a fun, one-day festival that concludes with food, music and activities for families.

This year's event, which takes place from 9 a.m. to noon, includes dozens of opportunities to give back, from school cleanup sessions and a blood drive to tree-plantings and packing lunches for unhoused individuals.

For a full list of projects and to sign up, visit love-costamesa.org/neighborhood and click on "Volunteer."

O.C. teens receive scholarships

Sixty-one graduating seniors and members of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Orange Coast's College Bound program received a combined \$200,000 in scholarships to assist them as they move onto college.

College Bound targets at-risk O.C. youth who face high dropout rates and a lack of equitable access to resources, opportunities and mentors, about 90% of whom identify as Latino, low-income and first-generation college students.

Talk on late animator slated

Craig Kausen, the grandson of the late animator Chuck Jones, will speak on the history of animation at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Adams Room of the Donald

Dungan Library, 1855 Park Ave., Costa Mesa.

Jones worked at Warner Bros. in the days of Looney Tunes. He created iconic characters that are still popular today and was inducted into the Animation Hall of Fame.

Admission is free but reservations are required. Call the Costa Mesa Historical Society at (949) 631-5918 or respond by email: cmhistory@sbcglobal.net by Thursday.

Launched in 2014, College Bound has helped serve 2,239 high school students and secured a collective \$2,100,462 in financial assistance for 2022 graduates.

Book drive at Mesa Verde

Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries is hosting a book drive to coincide with

Love Costa Mesa volunteer day Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Money raised from the sale of the books supports numerous programs at the Mesa Verde and Donald Dungan libraries.

Volunteers will be on hand to collect gently used children's and adult fiction books. Mesa Verde Library is located at 2969 Mesa Verde Drive East, in Costa Mesa. For more information, visit friendscmllibraries.org.

Free compost at Estancia High

The Costa Mesa Sanitary District and waste hauler CR&R invite Costa Mesa residents to attend a free drive-through compost giveaway event May 20, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Estancia High School, 2323 Placentia Ave., in Costa

Mesa.

Households are limited to two bags of compost while supplies last. Countertop kitchen compost pails will also be available to customers upon request, although supplies are limited.

Proof of Costa Mesa residency, such as a utility bill, driver's license or other form of ID is required. Attendees are asked to remain in their vehicles during the drive-through and to follow traffic control signs. For more, visit cmsdca.gov.

Water district gets \$3M grant

The Municipal Water District of Orange County has been awarded \$3 million by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for sustainable landscape improvements to residential, commercial and public properties county-

wide.

The award will help offset the \$7.6-million project cost of offering rebates to customers to convert water-intensive outdoor landscaping to California-friendly, drought-tolerant landscapes and install high-efficiency irrigation equipment.

The program's incentives will allow for more than 1.9 million square feet of turf that is anticipated to be replaced, 5,360 smart irrigations to be installed and more than 700,000 square feet of landscaping to be transitioned from spray to drip irrigation.

In total, the program is estimated to conserve 1,197 acre-feet of water annually, lowering the county's dependency on imported water. For more information on available opportunities, visit mwdoc.com/savewater.

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HOUSING

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city leaders are looking for new ways to spur residential development and comply with a state order to plan and zone for 11,760 new housing units by 2029.

A city-sponsored Measure K, which passed in November by just 22 votes, repealed the Measure Y mandates in certain industrial and commercial corridors, paving the way for rezoning that will eventually allow for the building of high-density housing.

And now, with 47% of residents living in low-income households and nearly half of all renters spending more than one-third of their incomes on

rent, city leaders are once more considering an inclusionary housing ordinance. But this time, it just might work.

The City Council and Planning Commission on Tuesday held a joint study session to explore how such a policy might create more affordable housing without being so stringent as to discourage developers from building in Costa Mesa.

Kathe Head, president of Los Angeles-based firm Keyser Marston Associates, shared different options and opportunities for drafting an ordinance that would create standards builders had to meet. Developers, in turn, could get entitlements to build bigger projects more easily.

Eight cities in Orange County have inclusionary housing programs, including Huntington Beach, where projects of three or more units must set aside 10% of the total units for renters who earn 80% or less of the area median income. Developers may alternatively pay an in-lieu fee, develop the required units off site or rehabilitate a commensurate number of existing apartment units in town.

Head advised Costa Mesa policymakers to define their own unit thresholds, set-aside levels and alternatives that worked for them.

"You don't want to be confiscatory, you don't want to deprive a property owner of a fair and reasonable return on their investment

and you don't want to create a constraint to housing," she said. "You have to have developers building housing in order to get housing."

Commissioners and council members discussed the possibility of establishing different low-income housing requirements for different areas in town.

For example, parcels to be rezoned under Measure K or at the state-owned Fairview Developmental Center, where the city hopes to redevelop roughly 100 acres into high-density housing, could incorporate a higher percentage of low-income units.

Some panelists expressed a desire to accommodate the 29% of Costa Mesa households identified as

very low- or extremely low-income.

"That's where I'd like to focus, in particular," said Councilwoman Andrea Marr. "They are at the most risk of living in unsafe housing conditions, of massive overcrowding and of not being participating members of society."

Councilman Manuel Chavez expressed an interest in encouraging projects that qualified for high density housing bonuses from the state. He cited a recent Los Angeles Times article that indicated more than 7,700 residents moved out of Costa Mesa ZIP codes 92626 and 92627 between 2019 and 2022, likely due to high housing costs.

"We are shrinking as a city — there are people who

lived here who could no longer live here anymore," he said.

Mayor John Stephens agreed something needed to be done to incentivize home building.

"We haven't had any housing developments in the city to speak of since 2016," he said. "We have a pent-up situation, where we actually need to catch up."

Head and city staff agreed to consider comments and questions generated during the discussion as they developed recommendations for an ordinance to be brought to the planning commission and council in the future.

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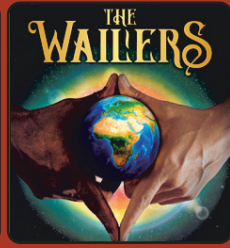
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SUN, JUN 4
MOTHER HIP\$

WED, JUN 7
THE OUTLAW\$

SAT, JUN 10
SHAWN COLVIN

- 5/19 JOHN CAFFERTY & THE BEAVER BROWN BAND
- 5/20 HEARTBEAT CITY (THE CARS TRIBUTE)
- 5/21 LET'S HANG ON! (FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS TRIBUTE)
- 5/26 METAL SHOP
- 5/27 BLINK 180TRUE & GREEN TODAY (BLINK 182 & GREEN DAY TRIBUTES)
- 5/28 BOBBY GRAY
- 6/1 TOAD THE WET SPROCKET
- 6/2 THE RISING (BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE)
- 6/3 JUDY COLLINS
- 6/4 THE MOTHER HIP\$
- 6/7 THE OUTLAW\$
- 6/8 BLACK SABBITCH (ALL FEMALE BLACK SABBATH TRIBUTE)
- 6/9 AL DI MEOLA
- 6/10 SHAWN COLVIN
- 6/11 THE SNACKS / RICHARD STEKOL BAND / MISSILES OF OCTOBER / THE CODE
- 6/15 JULIAN MARLEY / TOMORROW'S BAD SEEDS
- 6/16 AL JARDINE AND HIS ENDLESS SUMMER BAND
- 6/17 AMBROSIA
- 6/18 PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE
- 6/23 GARY HOEY: MONSTER SURF / ENDLESS SUMMER TOUR
- 6/24 PRINCE AGAIN (PRINCE TRIBUTE)
- 6/25 THE WAILERS
- 6/28 JOHN CRUZ
- 6/29 YYNOT (RUSH TRIBUTE)
- 6/30 THE SWEET
- 7/1 MICK ADAMS & THE STONES (THE ROLLING STONES TRIBUTE)
- 7/5 LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND
- 7/6 GILBY CLARKE AND THE REEF RICHARDS
- 7/7 THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS
- 7/8 HENRY KAPONO
- 7/12 JIMMY WEBB
- 7/14 ROBERT JON & THE WRECK / GETHEN JENKINS
- 7/15 SHINE ON - PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE
- 7/16 TONY BENNETT SONGBOOK (TRIBUTE FEAT. MARK VERABIAN)
- 7/19 THE JERRY DOUGLAS BAND
- 7/21 CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: FLEETWOOD MAC RUMOURS
- 7/22 Y & T
- 7/28 SPACE ODDITY (DAVID BOWIE TRIBUTE)
- 7/29 KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE (STEELY DAN TRIBUTE)
- 8/2 ERIC GALES



THU, JUN 15
JULIAN MARLEY

SUN, JUN 25
THE WAILERS

WED, JUN 28
JOHN CRUZ

THU, JUL 6
GILBY CLARKE

- 8/4 PABLO CRUISE
- 8/5 HONK / JACK TEMPCHIN
- 8/6 MICHIGAN RATTLEERS
- 8/11 THE HIGHWAYMAN SHOW
- 8/12 JOURNEY USA (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)
- 8/18 SPYRO GYRA
- 8/19 MADELEINE PEYROUX
- 8/25 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 8/26 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 9/1 BANG TANGO / ENUFF Z'NUFF
- 9/2 THE PETTY BREAKERS (TOM PETTY TRIBUTE)
- 9/8 ULI JON ROTH - INTERSTELLAR SKY GUITAR TOUR
- 9/14 THE MAN IN BLACK (JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE)
- 9/15 DON McLEAN
- 'THE AMERICAN PIE' 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR
- 9/17 BENISE: FIESTA!
- 9/22 AL STEWART / THE EMPTY POCKETS
- 9/23 BEATLES VS STONES - A MUSICAL SHOWDOWN
- 9/24 MOLLY HATCHET
- 9/28 KOFI BAKER'S CREAM FAITH
- 9/30 GARRISON KEILLOR TONIGHT
- 10/5 GEOFF TATE'S BIG ROCK SHOW
- 10/7 RONDSTADT REVIVAL (LINDA RONDSTADT TRIBUTE)
- 10/12 CRYSTAL BOWERSOX
- 10/13 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 10/14 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 10/15 JOURNEYMAN (ERIC CLAPTON TRIBUTE)
- 10/18 FUNNIEST HOUSEWIVES (COMEDY SHOW)
- 10/19 PAT TRAVERS BAND
- 10/27 PIANO MEN (BILLY JOEL AND ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE)
- 10/31 OINGO BOINGO FORMER MEMBERS
- 11/1 RIDERS IN THE SKY (ACOUSTIC WESTERN COWBOY MUSIC AND HUMOR)
- 11/9 THE YOUNG DUBLINERS
- 11/18 ABBAFAB (ABBA TRIBUTE)
- 11/26 ARETHA STARRING CHARITY LOCKHART
- 11/30 THE MUSICAL BOX - SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND
- 12/1 THE MUSICAL BOX - SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND
- 12/2 LEE ROCKER OF THE STRAY CATS

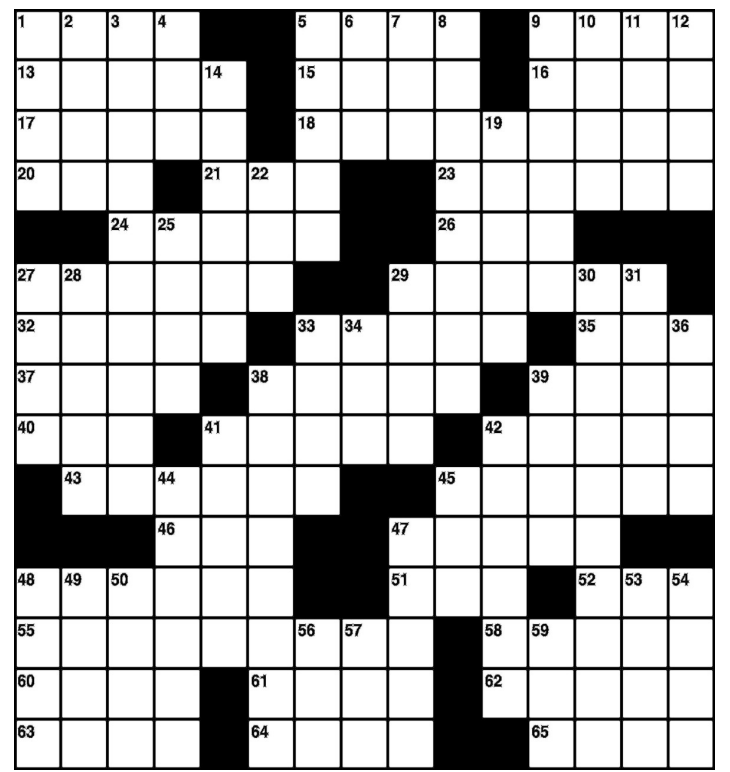
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 41 Exists
- 42 Main field of study
- 43 Show up
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- 46 Australian bird
- 47 Battlefield doc
- 48 Attack violently
- 51 Ram's mate
- 52 Pewter component
- 55 Polite
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- 62 Sign of life
- 63 __ out a victory; just barely won
- 64 Murder
- 65 __ up; shred

- DOWN!** "See ya!"
- 2 As comfortable __ old shoe



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.

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

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- 27 Experts
- 28 Perfect report card
- 29 Bakery display
- 30 Arrow or missile
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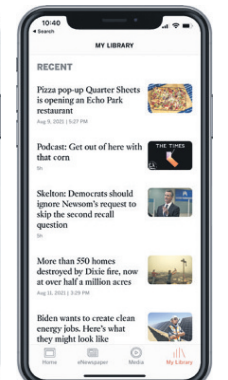
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ITZEL RAMIREZ, left, a girls' soccer player, and Ethan Smithlin, a boys' soccer and football player, prepare to eat lunch during the All-Sports Cup luncheon.

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session since the day after the Mustangs rang the Bell with a 48-47 win on the Eagles' home court on Jan. 18.

"They won the Battle for the Bell in basketball, and then they got the Rib Co. [meal]," Ursini said. "Five of them came back to the Rib Co. the next day and brought me this jersey as a thank you, and a nice thank you card. ... It was a classy move. I don't know who set it up, but it was one of those. I've had it on the back of my chair for the last three months, and this morning I said, 'I'm going to wear it.' I've got my Rib Co. shirt on, and I'm wearing green, but I said, 'We'll give Costa Mesa their due.'" Sharon Uhl and Chris Anderson, the athletic directors for Costa Mesa and Estancia, respectively, both said Wednesday that the schools will be moving out of the Orange Coast League after next season.

Anderson, who said a re-leaguage proposal was approved by Orange County principals on Monday, added that the schools would be placed in different leagues, though he said Estancia would intend to continue competing in the sport through nonleague contests.

"I hope so," Ursini said of the potential for the rivalry to continue in nonleague play. "I really do. This has been since [the 2009-10 school year], so it's 14 years going strong, and it's catching. All the kids know it now."

The All-Sports Cup stayed with Estancia through the first nine years of its existence, but since crossing town to Costa Mesa for the first time in 2019, it has remained with the Mustangs.

Sophia Yurada, a senior defender on the girls' soccer team, enjoyed the meal in the bleachers with teammates Ashley Vargo, Alexys Lopez and Ana Baltazar, among others.

"We've been on the team for four years, so it feels nice that every single time we've won, we've been involved in it," Yurada said. "Since I've been on varsity for four years, I guess I really have been able to be a part of it every single year. It kind of makes me feel like I did end up making a difference for the program, as a whole. All of us seniors, and even juniors, anybody who joined, we were able to keep that streak going and encourage each other and grow as a program, even when the different generations of students and soccer players come through."

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JOHN URSINI, the owner of Newport Rib Co., holds a plate of food for Natasha Ruiz, a Costa Mesa girls' volleyball player at Costa Mesa High.



OCPA

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energy market," he said. "Despite all of this, the founding cities of OCPA forged ahead with poor decision after poor decision, the worst of which was hiring a CEO with zero experience in the complex and volatile energy sector."

Last month, OCPA fired that CEO, Brian Probolsky, and replaced him with interim CEO Joe Mosca last week. Probolsky still was in attendance at the meeting Tuesday night.

Huntington Beach's withdrawal, which is expected to become final in June 2024, leaves Irvine, Fullerton and Buena Park as the three remaining cities in the troubled agency. The county of Orange voted to pull out last December.

OCPA has been subject to several audits, and each of the remaining cities also has considered withdrawing at some point. But with the new board and leadership, there was optimism in the program, which began providing commercial service to Surf City businesses in April 2022 and residential service last October.

Strickland said he made the motion to withdraw from OCPA for many reasons.

"I will not stand by while the OCPA shuffles the

chairs on the deck of the Titanic," he said. "OCPA has spent its entire existence discrediting itself every step of the way."

Per the City Council's previous direction, Huntington Beach residents default to the OCPA "basic choice" program, which provides 38% renewable energy — and costs 2% less than Southern California Edison. OCPA also has built up more than \$40 million in cash reserves, and Chairman Fred Jung said that number is expected to be \$70 million by the end of the fiscal year.

Kalmick pushed back against Strickland's motion, saying that OCPA is now on the right track.

"There's no staff report for this," he said. "We have no idea what this is going to cost. This is absolutely irresponsible ... The base rate is 2% cheaper than Edison, so all of the businesses in Huntington Beach that are enrolled at the base rate are going to see a 2% increase in their electric bill in June of 2024 when we leave. Probably more, because as the power authority keeps purchasing more and longer-term contracts, they'll have the ability to decrease that amount."

Kalmick added that if OCPA can't sell Huntington Beach's power at a profit, the city would put

its residents on the hook for a large amount of money, though Strickland and McKeon both said they don't believe that will be the case.

"The county of Orange's decision to withdraw from the OCPA in December, and their analysis of the purchase contracts, have shown that we can sell our energy contracts for higher than what they were purchased," McKeon said.

McKeon was frustrated in recent months that he couldn't get copies of energy contracts purchased on behalf of Huntington Beach.

"A simple nondisclosure agreement became a four-month pulling teeth process until we finally received the contracts a couple of weeks ago," he said. Kalmick, though, noted that Strickland voted for AB 117, which helped make Community Choice Energy programs possible, when he was in the state Assembly in 2002.

"I don't understand why, if this has no risk to the city currently, we would even begin to contemplate this with no staff input," Kalmick said. "We're going to all hold hands and jump off a cliff with no idea what this is going to cost — \$50 million, \$80 million, who knows?"

A substitute motion by Moser, to get some analysis about what would be required to leave OCPA

and understand financial ramifications to the city and its residents, garnered just three of the four votes needed to pass.

Jung, who is also the mayor of Fullerton, called Huntington Beach's decision to leave OCPA "reckless" in a statement Wednesday.

"Not only does this eliminate the opportunity for Huntington Beach to take bold steps against climate change, it strips away renewable energy choice from its residents and businesses," he said. "Huntington Beach families and businesses want and deserve an alternative to the decades-long fossil fuels-powered SCE monopoly. Huntington Beach has put politics ahead of the health and well-being of those who call Huntington Beach home."

Several spoke against leaving OCPA at Tuesday night's special meeting, including Huntington Beach resident Joclyn Rabbitt-Sire, who is part of the Orange County chapter of the Climate Reality Project.

"I'm shocked," Rabbitt-Sire said after the meeting. "I'm incensed, really. When the residents truly understand what we're going to miss and what we're going to lose, I think they will be incensed too."

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RICHARD JAMES GABRIEL

CASE NO. 30-2023-01323438-PR-PW-CMC
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RICHARD JAMES GABRIEL.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NANCY JOYCE GABRIEL AND THOMAS LEVON GABRIEL in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NANCY JOYCE GABRIEL AND THOMAS LEVON GABRIEL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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 in this court as follows: 06/15/23 at 1:30PM in Dept. CM06 located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JESSE LEE CUMMINGS, JR., aka JESSE CUMMINGS
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JESSE LEE CUMMINGS, JR., aka JESSE CUMMINGS**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **RICK CUMMINGS** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **RICK CUMMINGS** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on **June 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CMS** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: TERESA SUE MIRACLE
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **TERESA SUE MIRACLE**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **KENNETH P. TERRY, JR.** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **KENNETH P. TERRY, JR.** 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 **June 08, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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T.S. No.: 22-7063 Loan No.: **1831 APN: 458-663-09 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/12/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: John Clifton Carson and Joanne Stephanie Carson, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 12/19/2007 as Instrument No. 2007000742953 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, California, Date of Sale: 5/24/2023 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the North front entrance to the county courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,553,151.55 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2921 SETTING SUN DRIVE NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92625 A.P.N.: 458-663-09 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, 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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. 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 (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-7063. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-7063 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 4/21/2023 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 Patricia Sanchez, Trustee Sale Officer NPP0434138 To: NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT 05/04/2023, 05/11/2023, 05/18/2023



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

ORANGE COUNTY Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer speaks during a news conference regarding home-invasion robberies and smash-and-grab burglaries in Orange County.

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hole that allows them to flee the U.S. before facing prosecution, Spitzer said.

All of the defendants are members of one of five organized crime rings investigated by Orange County's Home Invasion Eradication Interdiction Strike Team, Spitzer said. The robberies and burglaries they are accused of "are not crimes of opportunity," Spitzer said.

"These crews that we are talking about today are organized criminals — organized — who are absolutely

working together to exploit the vulnerability of people who have gone back to work," Spitzer said.

Prosecutors allege seven of those accused in recent Orange County heists specifically targeted Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Spitzer's office is pursuing hate crime charges against those defendants.

"We're not going to sit idly by and let this happen," Spitzer said.

The district attorney promised to prosecute burglars and thieves to the full extent of the law. However, he railed against what he

described as lax-on-crime policies in neighboring areas that he implied promoted lawlessness.

"They're coming into our county which means that lenient policies in Los Angeles, a contiguous count, in the [purview of the] Los Angeles district attorney, has major implications for other counties," Spitzer said.

He also criticized a "handful" of judges he accused of consistently throwing out consideration of prior "strike" offenses.

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