



Photos by Eric Licas

ABOVE AND BELOW, skaters demonstrate their skills on a vert ramp built on the sand just south of Huntington Beach Pier on Sunday.

Skaters fly high over the sand

Vert ramp rucks were among festivities at the U.S. Open of Surfing.

High-flying youth skaters showed off their skills over the weekend at the Vert Next X Jam, part of the festivities at the Lexus US Open of Surfing in Huntington Beach. Athletes in the boys division took turns dropping in from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday on a vert ramp built on the sand just south of Huntington Beach Pier. Shion Suganami, 10, spent most of the day attempting a 540. He earned a wave of applause from

eventgoers taking a break from the action at the beach and the sound of trucks banging against plywood from impressed skateboarders after eventually landing the trick later in the day. The exhibition was a prelude to the Women's and Men's Skateboard Vert Pro Finals scheduled Aug. 10 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. That's followed by an exhibition session featuring adult skaters on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 3 to 4 p.m. All of this takes place alongside the US Open of Surfing, which enters its championship heats this weekend.

— Eric Licas



VALEN MEYER launches during the Vert Next X Jam event.



SHION SUGANAMI sails over the ramp on Sunday during a youth skate exhibition.



Council majority presses for 'Right to Know'

Agenda item in H.B. asks staff, city attorney to look into challenging state on bill regarding disclosure of students' gender identity.

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach is again doing battle with a policy of the state of California. On Tuesday night, the conservative majority on the City Council voted to declare Huntington Beach a "Parents' Right to Know" city in relationship to a child's gender identity or expression. The vote was 4-3 to direct the city manager to work with the city attorney to prepare an ordinance for introduction in September. Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns and Council members Casey McKeon and Tony Strickland voted for the item, while minority council members Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton voted against. The vote goes against Assembly Bill 1955, passed in June by the Cal-

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Costa Mesa's thin blue line gets thicker

City officials approve police staffing and pay hikes, adding \$211K to the \$62M CMPD budget adopted in June.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa's thin blue line will get a little bit thicker, as city officials Tuesday supported staffing enhancements and salary increases for police academy cadets and reserve officers — adding another \$211,000 to the department's nearly \$62-million budget. The City Council unanimously approved increasing the hourly pay rate of new recruits in the Costa Mesa Police Department's police academy, from \$30 to \$40, and paying reserve officers who help fill staffing shortages \$42.50 per hour, up from \$38. Additionally, 10 part-time cadet positions will be transitioned to full time, while five reserve officers who

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Community connects with public safety on National Night Out

BY ANDREW TURNER

Local communities hosted National Night Out events on Tuesday, as residents spent an evening with first responders in a family-friendly and educational experience. The gatherings showcased cities' departmental capabilities in public safety, some taking to the skies with drones and others to the water with a rescue vessel. Laguna Beach deployed Wave Watch, its marine safety boat, for the sunset demonstration off Main Beach. The program was recently brought back ahead of this summer after a 30-year hiatus.

"It was just a great opportunity for staff to meet the public and for them to just ask questions that they might not normally ask because you get that one-on-one time with the community," Laguna Beach Marine Safety Chief Kai Bond said. "It's really cool to be able to bring the apparatus out. Just for the marine safety side, we had lots of kids on our rescue watercraft. They were able to get on it, take pictures with their brothers and sisters." Hundreds of people turned

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Pool friends make a big splash at Newport-Mesa Family YMCA

BY SARA CARDINE

Mermaids are usually the stuff of legends, but at the Newport-Mesa Family YMCA, a popular water aerobics class transforming area residents into mermaids and mermen on a daily basis is always happy to induct new members. Offering classes six days a week, the facility's Deep Water AquaFit program is a draw to Y members looking to cool down while engaging in a form of physical fitness that's easy on the body but still offers a rigorous workout. Suspended on the surface of deep water by flotation devices,

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MERMAIDS PLAY water polo to classic rock songs Friday during a two-hour Mermaid-a-Thon at the Newport-Mesa Family YMCA.



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PARK RANGER Oscar Perez distributes ranger hats to families during National Night Out activities at Main Beach Park in Laguna Beach on Tuesday.

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up to meet public safety officials at Fountain Valley Sports Park, where everyone from Love Bradley, currently serving as Miss Fountain Valley, to the city's interim police chief, Mike Ishii, were in attendance.

Ishii, who retired as the police chief of Hawthorne in December 2022, was seen making the rounds to introduce himself to community members and staff. He began working in his new post on Monday, city officials said.

The crowd formed a wide circle for a canine demonstration, where a crime-fighting dog sniffed out contraband and took a bite out of a heavily padded officer playing the part of an uncooperative suspect.

Fountain Valley Police Sgt. Bill Hughes said that canines help bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community, but they also provide another layer of safety.

"I would submit to you that it is safer for us to use a canine when searching for outstanding suspects in serious crimes because there

is only one use of force option," Hughes said. "A dog can't be deadly force, so it's safer for the public, it's safer for the officers, it's a safer environment because we're not putting ourselves in harm's way, and ultimately, it's safer for the suspect too."

Officer Anthony Clements, among the first two pilots for the drone program for Fountain Valley, said four additional officers have been selected to begin training to fly the unmanned aircraft systems. A couple of drones were being flown over the demonstration by Sgt. Brian Mosher and Clements.

Across the events, police and fire departments were joined by other responders such as homeless outreach services and community emergency response teams.

Costa Mesa held its National Night Out festivities at Lions Park.

"It's just fun to see little kids light up," Costa Mesa Dept. Police Chief Joyce LaPointe said. "We had several kids that were dressed up in police uniforms, little boys and little girls who aspire to be, maybe, caretak-

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. 24FL000686
Petitioner or Attorney (name, state, bar, and address): Tedd Chubb and Christina Gerstenbacher on behalf of Diana Chubb, a minor
6 Atlanta, Irvine, CA 92620
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED: Petitioner Tedd Chubb and Christina Gerstenbacher on behalf of Diana Chubb, a minor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name Diana Cathryn Chubb
Proposed Name Diana Sulema Chubb
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING DATE: 10/31/2024 TIME: 8:30AM DEPT: L74 ROOM: N/A
The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Orange Lamoreaux Justice Center 341 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92668 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. Dated: 07/01/2024
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AKA BONNIE EVA CHRISTESON
CASE NO. 30-2024-01411799-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 BONNIE CHRISTESON AKA BONNIE EVA CHRISTESON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JON ERIC CHRISTESON in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.
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WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Newport Beach duo helps U.S. advance to Olympic semifinals

BY MATT SZABO

The United States women's water polo team earned a hard-fought 5-4 victory over Hungary on Tuesday in an Olympic quarterfinal match in Paris. With the win, Team USA's quest for a fourth straight Olympic gold medal remains alive.

Team captain Maggie Steffens delivered two big goals while playing every

minute of the match, while goalkeeper Ashleigh Johnson racked up 17 saves.

Team USA also features two contributors from Newport Beach, in Maddie Musselman and Kaleigh Gilchrist. Both were kept off the scoreboard Tuesday, but they helped the U.S. win a defensive struggle.

Former Los Alamitos High and UCLA standout Rachel Fattal scored the eventual match-winning

goal, a power-play strike with 3:02 left in the fourth quarter.

Tara Prentice and Jewel Roemer also scored for the Americans, who will play Australia in an Olympic semifinal match on Thursday at 10:35 a.m. Pacific time. That match will air live in USA Network, and stream on Peacock.

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NEWPORT BEACH'S Maddie Musselman takes a shot during an exhibition match against Australia on April 9 at Long Beach City College.

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currently work half-time schedules will become full-time employees.

CMPD Chief Ron Lawrence — who appeared in council chambers Tuesday after the department's annual National Night Out event at Lion's Park — explained the amendments will help grow and keep local talent in Costa Mesa at a time when recruitment and retention is a nationwide challenge.

"[This] will help us to recruit qualified candidates," he said of both the pay increases and the transition to full time. "For example, we've lost applicants who would have ordinarily come to work for us, who went to work for another agency because they offered full-time positions and ours were part time."

The newly approved budget adjustment does not represent the full cost of all the changes approved by the council, only the additional funding that will be required to transition cadets from part-time positions to full time, at a



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THE COSTA MESA City Council Tuesday approved increasing the hourly pay of police academy cadets and reserve officers, a move that will add another \$211,000 to the \$62-million budget adopted in June.

cost of \$21,000 per employee.

Additional costs generated by the salary increases for police recruits and reserve officers can be assumed within the already approved 2024-25 budget, city staff reports indicate, particularly due to the fact that several positions funded in the plan remain vacant. While funded for 142 employees, the department currently has 16 vacancies.

Councilman Don Harper said while he supports Lawrence, he'd prefer to see where \$211,000 might be cut from other parts of CMPD's budget, rather

than adding more funding shortly after a budget adoption.

"I like you and have a lot of faith in you. [But] I kind of default to — you've got \$60 million, make it work, and if you need to get rid of X, Y and Z to get that extra \$200,000, that would be my requirement for you."

Residents who spoke in public comments questioned why the proposed additions and amendments were not included in the budgeting process.

"We're 37 days into the new budget year. So much could happen over the next 11 months," said Ralph Taboada, a member

of the city's Finance and Pension Advisory Committee, suggesting allocations could be made during a midyear budget review. "At least wait six months before taking any action on this requested increase."

Councilman Loren Gameros made a motion to approve all the recommended changes, expressing confidence in Lawrence's decision-making abilities.

"The chief is responsible for a retirement plan, filling vacancies and, most importantly, a successor plan," he said. "We're going to tie his hands if we don't give him the tools he needs to do that for his team."

Mayor John Stephens agreed, attesting to the fact that Lawrence is always willing to do whatever city officials may ask of him and the department.

"He asked us for this budget adjustment — it's budget dust, \$211,000, when you think about the importance of the department, of the size of their budget and the critical nature of the work that they do," he said. "This is an easy vote."

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YOUNGSTERS LOOK out the high window of Laguna Beach fire engine 302 during National Night Out activities.

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ers at some point in their lives, talking to the parents.

The interactions often led to interesting conversations, from a diverse workforce to different skills one could need on the job.

"There's always, 'What do you do in this situation,' or, 'How do you handle this,' or, 'What's it like to be an officer as a woman?'" LaPointe said. "Then the ones that want to get into specialties, they want to talk to our special weapons and tactics team, or they want

to talk to our canine officers."

Newport Beach held its event at Bonita Canyon Sports Park, where attendees had the opportunity to shake paws with McGruff the Crime Dog and see members of law enforcement ride horseback.

Huntington Beach plans to have its Night Out event on Thursday. It will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Huntington Beach Police Department and Civic Center Plaza.

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ifornia Senate. Also known as the Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today's Youth (SAFETY) Act, it prevents educators from being required to disclose information related to students' sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression without the student's consent, unless otherwise required by law.

Though they are not required to do so, AB 1955 does not prevent educators from communicating this information to families when deemed appropriate or necessary.

Van Der Mark believes parents should always know. She introduced the agenda item, saying she's been fighting for parental rights for nearly a decade.

"This bill is a direct viola-



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HUNTINGTON BEACH Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns, left, Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark and Tony Strickland listen to speaker Bethany Webb discuss state Assembly Bill 1955 during Tuesday night's Huntington Beach City Council meeting.

tion of our Constitutional rights to raise our own children," she said. "It is deeply disturbing that the state of California believes that strangers are better suited to make life-changing decisions for our children than we, as the parents, are."

The public comments on Van Der Mark's item were fairly evenly mixed, though several of the more prominent speakers who were in favor of the item were not from Huntington Beach. They included Manuk Grogian of North Hollywood,

one of several right-wing parental rights activists who made the trip to Surf City. Often engaging with other members of the crowd, he wore a hat that read "Fk Nwsom" in the style of a car license plate and a shirt that read "Leave Our Kids Alone."

The meeting veered unruly at times.

"You guys are so obsessed with children's sexuality, and it's weird and embarrassing," one male speaker against Van Der Mark's item said, as a woman in the crowd shouted out, "You're a pervert!"

"Stop wasting taxpayers' time and money with this crap," the speaker continued.

Van Der Mark then called for a five-minute recess — just half an hour into the meeting — before Huntington Beach Police Lt. Thoby Archer addressed the crowd.

It was ultimately unclear what would happen to teachers in Huntington Beach who violated the proposed ordinance. Multiple elementary school districts have campuses in Huntington Beach, including Huntington Beach City School District and Ocean View School District.

"The ordinance piece of this is weird," Kalmick said. "A violation of the municipal code is a misdemeanor, as far as I understand it. How are we going to enforce a misdemeanor against an educator?"

Moser directly asked Van Der Mark that question.

"We're at the exploratory phase, and when the item comes back Sept. 3, we'll know what it looks like," Van Der Mark responded.

Moser followed up by asking if it was possible that educators may face prosecution, penalties or potential misdemeanors for non-

compliance with the potential city ordinance.

"Anything is possible," Van Der Mark said, before Strickland quickly stepped in.

"No, anything's not possible," he said. "We're directing the city attorney, and the city attorney is going to insure that we're protecting ourselves as he drafts all of this language. That's a better question for when we bring an ordinance back. We'll see what the ordinance looks like. Quite frankly, I hope the city attorney will run the traps on this and bring it back in a form that is worthy of the council's support."

Moser paused for a second before responding sarcastically.

"Anything is possible," she said.

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students receive all the benefits of a traditional workout — flexibility, heart health, endurance and stress release — with none of the impacts associated with a gravity-based regimen.

But in recent years the class has also become a regular rendezvous for a group of water-fitness devotees who call themselves the Mermaids and who've formed a special bond that reaches far beyond the parameters of any YMCA pool.

Newport Beach resident

Robin Sinclair became a mermaid about eight years ago and describes the class as a giant play date, where friends keep in touch, share stories and support one another through life's happy, and not so happy, moments.

"It's really hard to make friends when you're older, unless it's around children or animals," says Sinclair, 66. "But I've made friends in that pool that I would never have gotten an opportunity to meet otherwise. Now it's like I've got friends for life."

She recalled how the Mermaids rallied around a class instructor, a woman already well into her senior

years, who'd had a fall. They brought her meals and transported her to doctors appointments. When she had to go to a rehab facility, mermaids visited her regularly.

In addition to holding monthly potlucks, the Mermaids always make a point to mark the holidays together or to celebrate birthdays, weddings or honor someone's passing.

"It's definitely more than an exercise class, that's for sure," Sinclair attests.

Class members in February held a "Mermaid-A-Thon" during the YMCA's Annual Campaign fundraiser to pay for scholarships for residents who can't afford their own memberships. Participants paid \$40 and made merry for two hours straight, enjoying snacks and mermaid-themed party favors while raising \$800.

It was such a hit, the Mermaids recreated the event on Friday as more of a get-together than anything else, although modest donations for pool equipment and other needed items may have crossed fins.

Once in the pool, mem-



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A TRAINER at the Newport-Mesa Family YMCA leads a group of Mermaids in an Deep Water Aquafit class on Friday.

bers splashed and frolicked with one another in a series of fun and active games typically reserved for school-aged swimmers.

Kendra Crusco, executive director of the Newport-Mesa Family YMCA, says helping people build relationships in their local community centered around health and wellness is par for the course at the Newport Beach nonprofit.

But the Mermaids take it to a whole new level.

"I've never seen anything quite like it," Crusco says, describing how the group

opens its arms to new members, bringing them into the fold as they celebrate and support one another.

"They really lean on each other — they've been through the good and the bad. They're doing everything within our walls but also outside as well."

Maryanne Krasinski, a 75-year-old "bicoastal Mermaid" who splits her time between New York and Newport Coast, attends Deep Water Aquafit classes on a near daily basis when she's in town and instantly

reconnects with the Mermaids, about 85 members strong these days.

The 45-minute sessions are places where tips and referrals are exchanged, which can be invaluable to people in need of a handyman, repair service or attorney.

"Some of us have had knee replacements or hip replacements and usually give a good recommendation for a doctor at the YMCA pool. I found my shoulder doctor at the Y," Krasinski says. "Whatever you need, you just have to ask."

Sinclair agrees there's no place like the Newport-Mesa Family Y for fun times, fitness and friendships.

"Getting in that pool, people are laughing and having so much fun as they work their bodies and stay in shape," she says. "We always joke it's like that movie 'Cocoon' — you get in that pool and everything's OK. You can have a stiff neck or a stiff back, but at the end of an hour, you feel like a million bucks."

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Barbara Charlene Fannon

April 20, 1935 - July 13, 2024

Barbara Charlene Fannon, nee Chamberlain, passed away on July 13, 2024, in Carlsbad, California, at the age of 89. Born on April 20, 1935, in Selma, California, Charlene lived a full and vibrant life surrounded by family and friends. Raised in Corona del Mar, Charlene cherished her childhood by the beach and was a proud graduate of Newport Harbor High School. She is survived by her children, son Lewis Fannon, Jr., daughter Kelly Wisegarver and spouse Noel; her grandson, Jack Wisegarver; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Jessie Maxine Wilson and Fred Wilson; father Charles E. Chamberlain; and brother Bundy Chamberlain.