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**HUNTINGTON BEACH** Councilman Pat Burns, right, and Mayor Tony Strickland read stories to children at John R. Peterson Elementary School to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Thursday. They were among several local leaders who read the children's book author's works at the event.

## Kids celebrate Dr. Seuss with H.B. educators, city leaders

City leaders, teachers and other community members share their love of literature with elementary students, reading from favorites like "Green Eggs and Ham."

BY ERIC LICAS

Educators and curious students at Peterson Elementary School celebrated the late Dr. Seuss' birthday Thursday by inviting local leaders and members of the Huntington Beach community to share some of their favorite stories.

Children hung on every word from child-

hood favorites like "Green Eggs and Ham" and "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," recited by Mayor Tony Strickland, former Mayor Jill Hardy, educators, police, firefighters and a long list of guest readers representing local businesses. After each story, kids were given a chance to ask questions about their visitors' jobs and whatever else they might have been wondering at the moment.

"Some of [the questions] are silly like, 'Do you have a pet?' or 'What kind of car do you drive?'" Hardy said. "But most of them are pretty detailed questions asking about the

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**"You would think 45 minutes is a long time for kids to sit and be read to, but they were fully engaged the whole time. Part of that is the stories that they love but also being able to ask our community members questions about their jobs."**

— Leisa Winston  
Huntington Beach City School District superintendent

## N.B. appoints 2 to Planning Commission

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Two new planning commissioners were named this week to replace Erik Weigand and Lauren Kleiman, who were elected to the Newport Beach City Council in November.

Jonathan Langford and Brady Barto each received six votes on Tuesday from the City Council to serve on the commission. Barto's seat on the commission will go until June 2025; Langford,

on a coin toss, was given a seat that will expire in June 2024. Weigand and Kleiman were first appointed to the commission in 2015 and 2017 respectively.

Five candidates were considered for the two positions.

The Planning Commission reviews and acts on issues relating to planning and development, as an advisory board to the City Council on those same issues. Newport Beach's planning commission has seven members and

meets twice a month.

Langford and Barto will be sworn in at the commission's next meeting on March 9.

Barto has lived in Newport Beach for about 40 years, according to his application, and his family and related entities own commercial and residential properties in the city. He received a bachelor's degree in business from Chapman University in Orange in 2005 and currently works as an explo-

ration manager at Signal Hill Petroleum.

"As a third-generation resident in our city, serving on the Newport Beach Planning Commission would be an opportunity for me to use my experience and skills to give back to the community I care deeply about," Barto wrote in his application. "My work experience has taught me the importance of balancing the

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## WRESTLING

## Marina girls' wrestling repeats, 5 local wrestlers capture state titles

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Marina High girls' wrestling program had already hung a banner above a set of double doors in the school gymnasium for winning the first CIF State girls' individual wrestling championships last year.

School officials will have to get creative for the location of the next banner, as the Vikings — thanks in large part to a new cast of characters — repeated as state champions on Saturday at Mechanics Bank Arena in Bakersfield.

Behind three individual bracket winners, Marina convincingly paced the field. The Vikings topped Walnut 114-88 to bring home another team title.

"If you had told me my freshman year that ... my senior year, I'm a state champion, I would have thought, 'You're crazy,'" Saiheron Preciado-Meza, who transferred to Marina from Lakewood for her senior season, said. "There was no initial goal for state champ, but I'm so happy that I worked hard for it and that I was able to accomplish that."

Carissa Qureshi (126 pounds), Preciado-Meza (189) and Destiny Marquez (235) earned individual titles in their weight classes for the Vikings, part of a collection of five local wrestlers to emerge victorious from their brackets between the boys' and girls' state



James Carbone

**CIF STATE** individual wrestling champions, from left, Marina's Destiny Marquez, Newport Harbor's Duda Rodrigues, Fountain Valley's TJ McDonnell, and Marina's Saiheron Preciado-Meza and Carissa Qureshi.

tournaments.

"We just gave each other a really big hug and we told each other how proud we were and how honored we were to have each other as teammates," Qureshi said. "We went out to dinner and had a really fun time after."

Qureshi and Preciado-Meza powered through their brackets, pinning anyone who lined up across from them on the mat. Marquez was challenged in the 235-pound final, as she pulled out

a 1-0 decision over Alhambra Mark Keppel's Allie Phillips.

"I'm proud of our team because we've worked really hard as a team, coming together, talking to each other, lifting each other up," said Marquez, a senior transfer from Downey. "It's just something new for me, winning as a team."

After two victories by fall to begin the tournament, Newport Harbor junior Duda Rodrigues saw the going get tougher, but she

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## Laguna Beach reports \$17M budget surplus

The city outperformed budget estimates in its parking fund, the capital improvement fund and the Measure LL fund.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach has reported a \$17-million increase in the city's operating budget.

As an independent audit of the city's finances for fiscal year 2021-22 comes to a close, city officials provided an update to the City Council in late February. The general fund came in \$7.4 million ahead of a 20% reserve requirement, according to a staff report.

The city outperformed budget estimates in its parking fund by \$2.8 million, the capital improvement fund by \$2.5 million, and the Measure LL fund by \$1.6 million.

Those numbers were driven, in part, by \$5 million in hotel bed tax revenue.

"When we put those estimates together — we're talking February, March, April of 2021 — still a little pandemic era concerns," Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Gavin Curran said. "We may have been a little more conservative just because of what we were seeing ... still face masks were required in a lot of places, we didn't know where people were going to go, how they were going to react, and so I think that's why you're seeing some of those big savings numbers come in."

The operating budget also benefited from an increase in property tax and sales tax. Laguna Beach collected 34% more in sales tax during fiscal year 2021-22 over the previous year, leading to a \$1.8-million increase in the balance.

City departments also saved \$1.4 million through a combination of cost control strategies and unfilled positions.

The general fund midyear savings were largely put to work, with

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Spencer Grant

**THE 56TH** Annual Patriots Day Parade, held on the first Saturday of March in Laguna Beach, will carry the theme of "Volunteer Heroes."

## Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade set to take to the streets Saturday

BY ANDREW TURNER

The fanfare and festivities of the Patriots Day Parade are set to hit the streets of Laguna Beach this weekend, as the 56th annual processional will take place on Saturday.

The parade, which has been held for decades on the first Saturday of March, will feature the theme "Volunteer Heroes."

Toni Iseman, a longtime member of the Laguna Beach City Council, will serve as the grand marshal.

Those lining the streets can also look for Erin Bevacqua

(honored patriot), Ken Aubuchon (citizen of the year), Randy Morgan (artist of the year) and the Laguna Beach Little League Intermediate All-Stars (athletes of the year). Kirra Moore and Chris Hemsley will be recognized as the junior citizens of the year.

"The Patriots Day Parade is always a fun day for our community and for all of those who participate in the parade," Mayor Bob Whalen said. "I always enjoy our elementary school band and some of the other high school

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CELEBRATE

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time I was mayor and how that was, what I liked and what I didn't like. And a lot of questions about me

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teaching high school and what high school's like." Hardy read "The Butter Battle Book," a tale Seuss wrote as a not-so-subtle parable for children about the nuclear arms race.

City Atty. Michael Gates told students about how

key reading and writing have been to his success as a lawyer. He admitted that he wasn't always a bookworm when he was younger and said if he hadn't found a way to "push through that," he may not have gotten as far in life as he has.

Huntington Beach City School District Supt. Leisa Winston echoed the importance of literacy in enriching children's lives. She credited Seuss for penning stories that have



PETERSON ELEMENTARY kindergarten teacher Judy Barsh helps students line up for a recital of "Green Eggs and Ham" to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Thursday.

Photos by Eric Licas

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N-2 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 March 23, 2023.

N-3 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: In general, the work comprises of removal of existing turf and concrete, installation of new sod, shrubs, and vines, installation of fencing and gates, and installation of new site furniture all within the City of Laguna Beach.

N-4 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.

N-5 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: All work is to be completed in a total of Seventy (70) Working Days (not including plant establishment), excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be July 2023.

N-6 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.

N-7 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

N-8 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.

N-9 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.

N-10 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)].

N-11 ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST: The estimate of probable cost for the project is \$300,000.

N-12 PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: All communications relative to this project shall be directed to THOMAS PEREZ, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, at TPerez@LAGUNABEACHCITY.NET.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH By: Thomas Perez Assistant Director of Public Works

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N-3 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: In general, the work comprises of renovations and ADA improvements to three (3) upstairs restrooms including new plumbing fixtures, showers, flooring, countertops, toilet partitions, cabinets, and lighting, new water and sewer lines, renovation of the first-floor lobby and stairs including tile, lighting, hand railing, painting, and all other components required to complete the work in place, as shown and described on the Plans and these Specifications, all within the City of Laguna Beach.

N-4 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.

N-5 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: All work is to be completed in a total of Sixty (60) working days, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be June 2023.

N-6 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: The Contractor shall possess a valid Class B, General Building, Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code.

N-7 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

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N-11 ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST: The estimate of probable cost for the project is \$300,000.

N-12 PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: All communications relative to this project shall be directed to Thomas Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, at tperez@lagunabeachcity.net.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH By: Thomas Perez Assistant Director of Public Works

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PETERSON ELEMENTARY preschoolers don red and white striped headgear inspired by "The Cat in the Hat" to celebrate the late Dr. Seuss' birthday.

inspired young people for generations.

The educator said she saw "love in their eyes for the books we were reading."

"Many of them have even read the books before and wanted to hear them," Winston said.

"Again, you would think 45 minutes is a long time for kids to sit and be read to, but they were fully engaged the whole time. Part of that is the stories that they love but also being able to ask our community

members questions about their jobs."

Several children, teachers and guests sported red-and-white striped headgear in honor of the beloved author of "The Cat in the Hat." Many with burning questions about city government, police procedure and favorite colors waved their hands frantically in the air as guests did their best to sate their curiosity.

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needs of the community, the municipalities and the property owners.

"That balance is critical for a planning commissioner and the combination of my career experience and understanding of the unique villages that make up our city makes me uniquely qualified for this position."

Langford is also a longtime resident of Newport Beach, having lived in the city for 36 years, according to his application. Langford owns a house and rental property in the city. He has family members who own property within the city, as does his employer, Mesa Centers, where he is director of real

estate. Langford received his bachelor's degree in business and real estate from USC in 2008.

In his statement, Langford said his personal, professional and nonprofit experiences qualified him for the position.

"As a lifelong resident of Newport Beach, I have a strong appreciation for the distinct villages that make our community the greatest place to live," Langford said, noting his position as president of the Friends of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter and related work. "As a real estate professional for multiple large retailers, I have worked with city planning commissions to entitle properties across the Western states."

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL



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MARINA'S SYDNE SMITH, left, celebrates with Rylee Bradley after winning the CIF State Southern California Regional Division V girls' basketball playoff opener Tuesday.

Defense helps Marina rally to regional playoff victory

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Marina High girls' basketball team had more than a week to wonder what might have been following a heartbreaking defeat to end its run in the CIF Southern Section playoffs.

New life in the form of the program's first appearance in the state playoffs since 1998 has the Vikings reinvigorated, and if possible, they ratcheted up the defensive intensity.

Marina created 21 steals to key a comeback victory, as the Vikings beat visiting Lompoc 47-39 on Tuesday in a CIF State Southern California Regional Division V playoff opener.

"We're defensive-based, and if we are playing good defense, it creates a lot of offense for us," Marina coach Daniel Roussel said. "We get steals that turn into layups, or at least op-



THE MARINA girls' basketball team celebrates after beating Lompoc on Tuesday.

portunities. Tonight was one of those games where we were really good defensively all night."

Freshman guard Rylee Bradley had 15 points, 10 rebounds and five steals to lead Marina (18-15), which trailed 11-6 after the first quarter and didn't hold a lead until Maria Tejeda finished a layup to make it 19-18 on a fastbreak led by Bradley with 1:45 left in the first half.

"I just want to win," Bradley said. "I want to

make sure the girls are having fun because it's been a long time since we've made CIF ... Hopefully, we get a banner, but if we don't get a banner, I feel like the experience is good for all the seniors that haven't made it this far."

Marina received contributions across the lineup. Senior guard and captain Tiana To had eight points and two assists. Sopho-

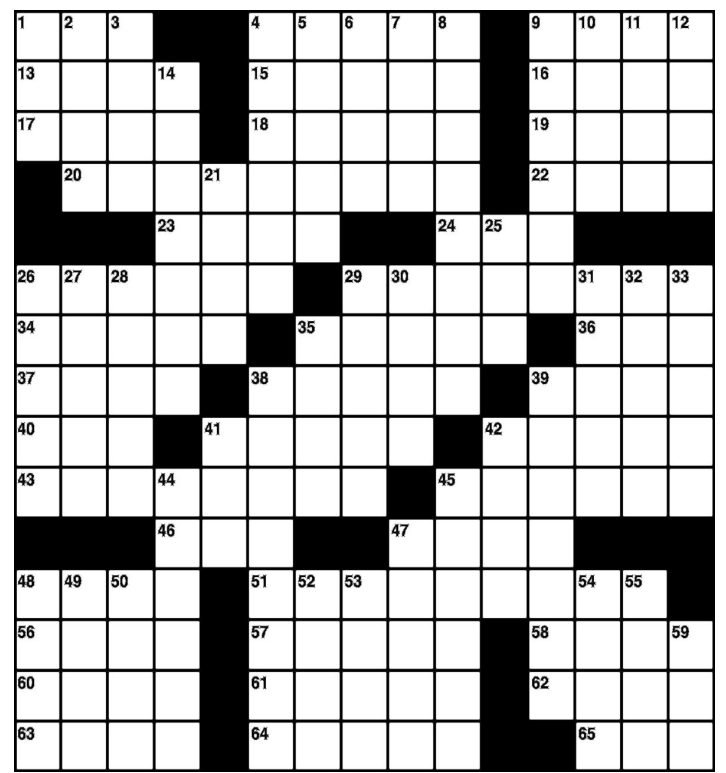
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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13 In the center of
15 Pac-Man maker
16 \_ mitts; chef's accessories
17 Sand mound
18 Female animals
19 Dandelion, e.g.
20 Inane
22 Annoys
23 Marvin Gaye's music
24 \_ Solo; "Star Wars" character
26 Economize
29 Transforming
34 Terre \_, IN
35 All lathered up
36 Whopper
37 Unightly
38 Fictional story
39 Claim against property
40 \_-through; transparent
41 Contented sounds
42 " \_ Train"; Cat Stevens hit
43 Frenzied state
45 Helicopter rotor pieces
46 Kids' card game
47 Beneficial
48 Word attached to bus or skirt



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58 "Groovy!"
60 Sporting event
61 Uneven
62 Deep cut
63 Finds a sum
64 Postpone
65 Pigpen

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10 Above
11 Offend other noses
12 Concludes
14 Crowdedness
21 Partial amount
25 Not \_ longer; no more
26 "Be quiet!"
27 Wily
28 Dos and don'ts
29 Dangerous critter
30 Holbrook's namesakes
31 Trojan War epic
32 Family tree member
33 Kelly & Barry
35 Calcutta
38 Wrinkled, as a

PARADE

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bands, who come from as far away as the Central Valley in some years. And of course, the most inspiring is the United States Marine Band, which leads off the parade.

"I am very excited this year to greet our honored patriot of the year, Maj. Erin Bevacqua. I had the pleasure of coaching Erin in AYSO soccer many years ago when she was growing up here. She was a fantastic young soccer player and no doubt is a great Marine Corps officer, as well."

The parade route will begin at the intersection of Park Avenue and Legion Street — near Laguna Beach High School — and proceed down Park. Those marching in the parade will make a right turn at Glenneire Street into downtown, and there will be another right turn onto Forest Avenue,

with the parade set to end just past City Hall.

The parade is expected to run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. City officials are expecting heavy traffic ahead of and during the parade on Saturday. Portions of Beach Street, Forest Avenue, Glenneire Street, Legion Street, Ocean Avenue, Park Avenue, Short Street, Third Street and the Pepper Tree parking lot will be closed off to vehicles from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The farmer's market at the Lumberyard Parking Lot on Forest Avenue will not take place this weekend, resuming on Saturday, March 11.

A free trolley is available as an alternative means of transportation, the schedule for which can be found at lagunabeachcity.net/trolley.

Partly cloudy skies and a 10% chance of rain will be Saturday's forecast.

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ultimately gave the Sailors their first state champion with a 6-0 decision over Johanna Forman of Covina Northview in the 150-pound final.

"It's really exciting to see even more girls locally winning, just to know that girls close to you have the same goals and are achieving the same goals that you have," Rodrigues said. "It's like having a really big group that wants to achieve the same dreams."

Presley Anderson placed eighth at 116 pounds to give Marina a total of four medalists in the girls' state tournament.

TJ MCDONNELL IS F.V.'S FIRST STATE CHAMPION

Recent seasons have seen multiple boys' wrestlers make it their goal to become the first state champion in Fountain Valley history, a title that will now belong to TJ McDonnell.

The Oregon State commit won in dramatic fashion, producing a reversal in the closing seconds to flip the 182-pound final on its head. McDonnell stunned Moreno Valley Canyon Springs' Sonny Kling with the 5-4 decision.

"This whole last year, since the last state tourna-

ment, I've been extremely nervous about the tournament and about wrestling in it because it's been so important to me my whole life to win a state title," McDonnell said. "If I didn't do it this year, I wouldn't have ever done it, so I was a wreck, honestly, all the time."

"It made me do extra. I thought when I got to the tournament I would be so nervous, and then all of a sudden, I got there, and I was calm the whole time. It didn't feel like any other tournament to me. All of a sudden, I was just looking up at the crowd and enjoying it, and then even before the finals match, I was calm, and I just knew I was going to win."

Fountain Valley finished 11th in the team standings, buoyed by four state medalists. The others were Anthony Lucio (113, sixth), Hercules Windrath (138, sixth) and Ryland Whitworth (195, fifth).

Corona del Mar's Eugenio Franco also delivered a strong showing, rebounding from a first-match loss to reach the consolation final. Franco took third in the 195-pound bracket.

Marina's Haden Hernandez (126, eighth) medaled for the Vikings.

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DEFENSE

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mores Sydnie Smith and Tejada each scored eight points off the bench. Senior wing Kim Nguyen had four points and a game-high six steals, with Bradley and Tejada each securing five steals to help the Vikings turn defense into instant offense. The steals also helped Marina overcome a 47-29 disadvantage in rebounding. "How we got away [from Lompoc], it was the momentum, mostly attacking, breaking the press," To said. "Multiple times, they had to

switch around their press because we were attacking so much. That's what got us, really, and the defensive energy and the bench energy." Marina will travel to face top-seeded Cerritos Gahr (26-7) on Thursday. The Vikings lost to the Gladiators 39-38 in the Southern Section Division 5AA semifinals. Cierra Bailey had 12 points and 10 rebounds to pace Lompoc (18-14), which was the Central Section Division 4 champion. Makayla Figueroa scored 10 points. Roussel said he put Mia Grasse and Tejada on Figueroa as defensive stoppers, and the Braves' senior

point forward was held to single digits until making a three-pointer in the waning seconds. "She only knows one speed," Roussel said of Tejada. "She plays really hard all the time. She's so aggressive, probably one of our two most aggressive defenders. She just does anything we ask her to do. She sacrifices her body for loose balls, she takes charges. She just fights, and I think people hate playing against her. She's one of those girls that you don't want guarding you." andrewturner@latimes.com Twitter: @AndrewTurnerTCN

SURPLUS

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\$3 million of the savings going toward the purchase of the former St. Catherine of Siena school site at 30516 Coast Highway. The property is being repurposed as the Laguna Beach Community and Recreation Center. Another \$2.8 million was allocated for improvements along Laguna Canyon Road, \$1.5 million was set aside for potential budgetary shortcomings due to hotel remodel projects in the fiscal year ahead, and \$1.2 million for

seismic evaluation of city buildings. City officials also asked for an allotment of \$750,000 for a city facilities master plan and related improvements. "We are not saying that the plan itself is going to cost \$750,000," City Manager Shohreh Dupuis said. "We don't know how much the plan is going to cost based on the scope that the council would approve. ... Any fund that we don't use for the plan itself can be set aside for the actual improvements." The reallocation of the budget surplus included several boosts for public safety efforts, including the

seismic assessment and funding for a hazard mitigation plan. The council also approved a \$380,000 expenditure on 45 self-contained breathing apparatuses for the fire department. "I just want to commend staff for including a lot of good public safety measures in here, particularly the Tier 3 seismic assessment, which I hope we can get done fairly quickly," said Matt Lawson, chairman of the city's emergency and disaster preparedness committee. andrewturner@latimes.com Twitter: @AndrewTurnerTCN

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1684 BY THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 21, 2023, the City Council of the City of Laguna Beach adopted Urgency Ordinance 1684: AN URGENCY ORDINANCE REVISING SECTIONS 6.16.020, 18.05.010, 18.05.040, 18.20.020, DELETING CHAPTER 18.16, AND ADDING SECTION 18.04.055 TO THE LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH LAGUNA BEACHES, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 36937

The City Council of the City of Laguna Beach does ORDAIN as follows: SECTION 1. The City Council makes the following declarations and findings: A. When the City of Laguna Beach annexed South Laguna in 1987, the County of Orange continued to operate and provide contract marine safety services for beaches including Aliso Beach, Camel Point Beach, Laguna Royale Beach, Table Rock Beach, Thousand Steps Beach, and West Street Beach (collectively, the "South Laguna Beaches"). The County also continued to own and operate Aliso Beach County Park, including the parking lots on both sides of Coast Highway. B. Over the years, there has been interest in the City assuming marine safety operations of the South Laguna Beaches in order to more consistently provide services, have a uniform set of regulations, and enhance the services provided to residents and beach visitors through the use of local resources. C. One of the concerns raised over the years, and one of the reasons additional funds were expended through the Neighborhood & Environmental Protection program, is quality of life issues in South Laguna, including enforcement of beach hours and other regulations. Having the City assume ownership of all County Beach properties will result in the application and enforcement of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code at all beaches within the City. D. On September 20, 2022, the City Council directed City staff to proceed with developing an agreement with the County to assume ownership of the South Laguna Beaches, including the Aliso Beach parking and concessions, and to assume all capital improvements and maintenance responsibilities for the beaches and beach access points, and to conduct all Marine Safety operations in a consistent manner for all beaches within the City. E. On November 15, 2022, the City Council approved a Cooperative Transfer Agreement with the County transferring identified parcels, easements, licensed, permits, and memorandum of understandings, as assignable, for City ownership, maintenance, and operations of certain coastal properties. F. Following the execution of the Cooperative Transfer Agreement by the City and the County, all included properties and easements will be transferred in an expedited manner with the City assuming Marine Safety and ocean lifeguard services effective as of March 1, 2023. This date was selected due to the City's need to begin recruiting Marine Safety positions, training, and onboarding new staff, and purchasing necessary equipment and supplies to ensure a base level of staffing in the Spring with the ability to ramp up staffing prior to and throughout the Summer. City staff estimated the need for an additional 50 Seasonal Ocean Lifeguards to achieve peak staffing levels for all beaches within the City by the Summer. The March 1, 2023, start date will allow crews to begin base level staffing, and permit both seasonal and full-time Marine Safety Officers to prepare equipment and develop staffing consistent with the rest of the City, scaling up to peak staffing by approximately June 10, 2023. G. During discussions regarding the transfer of the South Laguna Beaches, several residents expressed concerns regarding the uniform application of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code, given that some of the County restrictions appeared to be functioning well and have requested that the City consider keeping some of the County restrictions in place. H. In order to provide flexibility to maintain certain County restrictions, such as beach hours, restrictions on animals, and others, the City Council directed staff to review the Laguna Beach Municipal Code and determine any changes that may need to be made to insure a smooth transition on March 1, 2023. I. This Ordinance is adopted as an urgency measure pursuant to Government Code section 36937(b) and is required for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare with regard to the alignment of certain municipal code provisions throughout the City, including the properties transferred to the City from the County, effective March 1, 2023, and thus it is imperative that this Ordinance become effective on March 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. Section 6.16.020 of Chapter 6.16 ("Animals at Large - Restraints") of Title 6 ("Animals") of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows: 6.16.020 Dogs on beaches, in parks and school grounds - When and where prohibited. (a) In addition to the restrictions provided in Section 6.16.120, and except as provided to the contrary in this section, it is unlawful for any dog to be within the following designated beach and park areas within the city, and it is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning or having charge of any dog to permit or allow such dog to be within the following beach and park areas, whether or not confined by leash, at the following times: (1) At any and all times within Bluebird Park, and within Boat Canyon Park within June 15th and September 15th of each calendar year; (2) At such times and within those areas of Heisler Park as the city council may from time to time fix and designate by resolution; (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, no person shall take any dog, whether leashed or unleashed, upon any public beach in the city between the hours set by City Council resolution nor shall any person owning or having charge, care custody or control of any dog cause, permit or allow such dog to be upon such beach at any time that conflicts with the hours set by City Council resolution; (4) At any and all times upon any public school grounds, dogs are prohibited, whether or not confined by leash, unless prior written authorization by school district is obtained; (5) At any and all times in tot lots or play equipment areas in any city park or beach. (b) The restrictions and prohibitions of this section and Section 6.16.120, shall not be applicable to dogs while they are enrolled and participating in obedience classes sponsored by the recreation department of the city, or to guide dogs for blind persons.

SECTION 3. Section 18.04.115 of Chapter 18.04 ("Conduct") of Title 18 ("Beach and Parks") of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows: 18.04.115 Diving/jumping. No person shall dive or jump into any body of water in park, beach or any recreational area from any rock or precipice other than at those places designated and posted for diving or jumping by the city manager, marine safety chief or police chief or their authorized designees, or any other officer or employee designated by the City Council. SECTION 4. Section 18.05.010 of Chapter 18.05 ("Closing Times for Beaches and Parks") of Title 18 ("Beach and Parks") of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows: 18.05.010 Closing times. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Title 18 of the municipal code, all city beaches and coastal-adjacent parks shall be closed to public use during the times set by City Council resolution. (b) Except as otherwise provided in this Title 18 of the municipal code, all noncoastal-adjacent parks shall be closed to public use at ten p.m. and shall remain closed until five a.m. SECTION 5. Section 18.05.040 of Chapter 18.05 ("Closing Times for Beaches and Parks") of Title 18 ("Beach and Parks") of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows: 18.05.040 Exceptions. (a) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following activities when conducted on the wet sand or within twenty feet inland of the wet sand of all beaches: walking, jogging, fishing (by members of the public having on their possession a valid California fishing license), or grunion hunting. "Wet sand" for purposes of this section means that portion of the beach that is wet as a result of the wash of the waves or tidal action. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following additional activities: scuba diving, surfing, or swimming in the ocean. Individuals may go to or come from the wet sand or the area within twenty feet inland of the wet sand, for any of the purposes allowed in this section, during the times set by City Council resolution, by the most direct safe route available at any given location. (b) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to such activities as may be expressly permitted by preemption of state law or as may be allowed pursuant to a resolution of the city council. (c) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the performance of official business by any city officer or employee or any other person authorized by the city. (d) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any city-sponsored activity, program or special event. (e) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any activity, program or special event for which a City permit has been issued.

SECTION 6. Section 8.04.010 of Chapter 8.04 ("Drinking") of Title 8 ("Crime") of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows: (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided by this section, no person shall consume any alcoholic beverage on or upon any public place, including any public street, right-of-way, sidewalk, alley, beach, park or parking lot; provided, however, that: (1) It shall not be a violation of subsection (a) to consume alcoholic beverages with a bona fide meal in any public park, with the exception of Heisler Park, Main Beach Park, Crescent Bay Point Park, and Riddle Field and Park. (2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (a) to consume alcoholic beverages with a bona fide meal: (i) At special event gatherings in Heisler Park, Main Beach Park, Crescent Bay Point Park in accordance with a permit issued by the community services department pursuant to the requirements established by resolution of the city council; or (ii) At city-sponsored performing or cultural arts events in Heisler Park, Main Beach Park, Crescent Bay Point Park or Riddle Field and Park. (3) It shall not be a violation of subsection (a) to consume alcoholic beverages provided by the concessionaire located at Aliso Beach Park within the concession building or delineated patio area, as provided by an agreement with the City. (b) Except as otherwise expressly provided by this section, no person shall possess any can, bottle or other receptacle containing any alcoholic beverage that has been opened, or a seal broken, or the contents of which have been partially removed, on or upon any public place, including any public street, right-of-way, sidewalk, alley, beach, park or parking lot. This subsection does not apply when an individual is in possession of any alcoholic beverage container for the purposes of recycling or other related activity. SECTION 7 Chapter 18.16 ("Drinking") of Title 18 ("Beach and Parks") of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code is hereby deleted in its entirety. SECTION 8. Section 18.20.020 of Chapter 18.20 ("Surfing") of Title 18 ("Beach and Parks") of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows: 18.20.020 Surfing - Time and place permitted. Between June fifteenth and September fifteenth, both dates inclusive, of each calendar year, the following described areas of the Pacific Ocean are hereby designated as surfing areas, and surfing as the term is hereinabove defined, within said areas only during the daylight hours enumerated below shall be permitted: Area No. 1: That area lying between a point one hundred fifty feet south of the southerly extension of Brooks Street and a point one hundred fifty feet north of the northerly extension of Brooks Street only during the hours from sunup to sundown; Area No. 2: That area lying between a point ninety feet south of the southerly extension of St. Ann's Drive and a point two hundred feet south of the southern extension of Thalia Street only during the hours from sunup to sundown; Area No. 3: That area lying between Victor Hugo's Point and the stairway entrance below Jasmine Street only during the hours from sunup to sundown; Area No. 4: That area lying between a point 125 feet south of the southerly extension of Agate Street and a point 100 feet north of the northerly extension. The hours of surfing to be from sunup until 12:00 noon and then 5:00 p.m. until sunset; Area No. 5: Those areas as designated and during the times as designated by the city manager, marine safety chief or police chief or their authorized designees, or any other officer or employee designated by the City Council. Said areas will be delineated with posted signs/flags. SECTION 9. The adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(2) and (b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines as an activity that has no potential for causing a significant effect to the environment. SECTION 10. All ordinances and provisions of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code and sections thereof inconsistent herewith shall be hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency and no further. SECTION 11. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of this entire Ordinance or any of the remaining portions hereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid. SECTION 12. The City Clerk of the City of Laguna Beach shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published in the manner required by law in the City of Laguna Beach. This Ordinance shall become effective on March 1, 2023, following its adoption by a 4/5th vote of the City Council.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Laguna Beach City Council on the 21st day of February 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): Orgill, Rounaghi, Weiss, Kempf, Whalen NOES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): None ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER(S): None ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER(S): None

/s/ Bob Whalen, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

Legal Notices

CITY OF COSTA MESA SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 21, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2023-02. ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 4 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 2023-02 was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 21, 2023, by the following roll call vote, to wit: AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: CHAVEZ, GAMEROS, MARR, REYNOLDS, HARLAN, STEPHENS NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: HARPER ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE I hereby certify that the summary of the adopted ordinance was published in the Daily Pilot on Friday, March 3, 2023. Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

CITY OF COSTA MESA SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 21, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2023-03. ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA APPROVING CODE AMENDMENT CO-2023-XX AMENDING CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 13-35 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS) OF TITLE 13 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY STANDARDS TO CONFORM WITH RECENT REVISIONS TO STATE LAW AND TO CLARIFY EXISTING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PROVISIONS TO IMPROVE ADU PROCESSING I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 2023-03 was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 21, 2023, by the following roll call vote, to wit: AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: CHAVEZ, GAMEROS, MARR, REYNOLDS, HARLAN, STEPHENS NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: HARPER ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE I hereby certify that the summary of the adopted ordinance was published in the Daily Pilot on Friday, March 3, 2023. Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN Order No: 05946067 TS No: W22-03036 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN, DATED 08/26/2021. 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. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Neal, Inc., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien (hereinafter referred to as "Lien"), recorded on 09/01/2021 as instrument number 2021000549685 in the office of the County Recorder of ORANGE County, California, and further pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 6/29/2022 as instrument number 2022000231516 in said county and further pursuant to California Civil Code Section 5675 et seq, and those certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded on 4/27/2011 as instrument number 2011000211176, WILL SELL on 03/22/2023, 01:30 P.M. At the North front entrance to the County Courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701 at public auction to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States payable at the time of sale, all right, title and interest in the property situated in said county as more fully described in the above-referenced Lien. The purported owner(s) of said property is (are): LILI ZHANG, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 206 TRAYMORE, IRVINE, CA 92620, APN 932-38-175. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation 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 Sale is: \$10,075.37. The opening bid at the foreclosure sale may be more or less than this estimate. In addition to cash, trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn on a state or federal credit union or a check drawn on 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 this state. If tender other than cash is accepted, the trustee may withhold issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. In its sole discretion, the seller (foreclosing party) reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale after the opening credit bid is announced but before the sale is completed. The opening bid is placed on behalf of the seller. Said sale shall be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Lien, advances thereunder, with interest as provided in the Declaration or by law plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. If you have previously received a discharge in bankruptcy, you may have been released from personal liability for this debt in which case this notice is intended to exercise the secured party's rights against the real property only. 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. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: 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 this 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: W22-03036. 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. 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 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 W22-03036 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. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the sale shall be subject to the following as provided in California Civil Code Section 5715: "A non-judicial foreclosure sale by an association to collect upon a debt for delinquent assessments shall be subject to a right of redemption. The redemption period within which the separate interest may be redeemed from a foreclosure sale under this paragraph ends 90 days after the sale." Witkin & Neal, Inc. as said Trustee 5805 SEPULVEDA BLVD., SUITE 670, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91411 - Tele: (818) 845-8808 By: SUSAN PAQUETTE, TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER Dated: 01/20/2023 THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE CREDITOR AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0420871 To: NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT 03/03/2023, 03/10/2023, 03/17/2023

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