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WILD WING, the Anaheim Ducks mascot, shows off the new barbecue pull pork and brisket sandwiches, during the rollout of the new culinary offerings at the Honda Center in Anaheim. Along with a new menu, the venue has introduced mobile ordering to help guests avoid waiting in line.

Fans can score new foods as Honda Center revamps menu

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

When it comes to arena food, nachos or hot dogs might be your go-to snacks, but you can count on more premium menu items the next time you visit the Honda Center in Anaheim. The home of the Anaheim Ducks is leveling up its culinary offerings at concession stands, restaurants and suites.

"I started here in 2013 when Honda Center took food and beverage in house," said Roman Zavala, director of food and beverage services for Honda Center. "We brought in a strong team and opened a couple restaurants, but now we want to step up our game."

COVID-19 brought hardship to the center and created staffing issues, but Zavala said now that they have built up their staff again, the team is ready to get creative. Executive chef Paul Tran also returned two months ago after a stint working as executive chef at Snap Inc.

"I started here in 2013 and left in 2016 just to explore," said Tran. "I am excited to be back at the arena. It is such a fun place."

Zavala said he is having fun with the new menu items, like poke bowls.

"Our poke bowls we do at a couple of stands," said Zavala.

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SUSHI ROLLS and customized poke bowls are among the new concession offerings at the Honda Center in Anaheim.

Measure aims to improve hotel workers' benefits

If approved, Measure S would increase wages and enhance employee protections for Laguna Beach hotel workers.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Laguna Beach sees roughly 6 million visitors every summer, and the hotel workers who serve them are hoping local voters will support them at the polls Nov. 8 by passing a measure that would boost their pay and provide employment safeguards.

If Measure S is approved, hotel owners and operators would be required to pay employees a minimum of \$18 per hour and raise that minimum by \$1 each year through 2026, with the wage adjusted annually to match the consumer price index for that bracket of workers.

It would also establish workload limitations, require hotel owners and operators to provide no-cost personal security devices like panic buttons and provide notice of employees' rights. It would prohibit owners and operators from disciplining, reducing compensation, discriminating or retaliating against employees for asserting those rights.

Pacific Edge Hotel room attendant Andrea Martinez, who is represented by Unite Here Local 11, the Los Angeles-based union sponsoring the initiative, said she wants Measure S to pass because she and her colleagues want to be fairly compensated for their work.

Martinez, who spoke through a Spanish translator, said rooms at Pacific Edge are currently cleaned only after guests have checked

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State grants county funds to boost firefighting resources

BY ERIC LICAS

The Orange County Fire Authority received nearly \$17 million in state funding to build a new facility near fire-prone Trabuco Canyon to house its recently expanded hand crew, officials announced Wednesday.

Firefighters on hand crews use chainsaws, picks, shovels and torches to clear brush and construct barriers in the path of flames and around homes. When they aren't at the front lines of a wildfire, they might be assigned to strategically burn away fuels in high-risk areas or assist with other emergencies like floods, earthquakes or rescue operations.

"Ever since 2007, when our board of directors voted to establish a permanent hand crew in the wake of the Santiago fire, our hand crews have been in the thick of an ever-changing battle," Orange County Fire Authority Chief Brian Fennessy said during a news conference at OCFA Station 18 in Irvine Wednesday. "They've saved homes, they've saved communities and they've saved lives."

Since its formation, the hand crew has responded to an average of 150 incidents and spent about 5,000 hours on hazard reduction and pre-fire management projects each year, Fennessy said. They have put in work in places like Irvine Regional Park, Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, Maple Springs and the Camp Pendleton area.

The team had consisted of 10 personnel working on a seasonal basis. Increased funding for wildfire response and prevention in California's budget this year allowed it to expand in January to a 20-person crew that will be on duty throughout the year.

"As ecstatic and as grateful as we were to receive those funds, hiring a new full-time, year-round crew did create a new issue: a lack of space, vehicles and equipment to support the new hand crew," Fennessy said.

He credited state Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine) for securing an additional \$16.95 million in state funds for new equipment and a facility to house the hand crew. During Wednesday's news conference, the senator said efforts to



support firefighters have become paramount in the face of consecutive years of drought and in the wake of some of the most destructive blazes in California's history.

"Our years are getting hotter

and drier," Min said. "We know that the Santa Ana winds each year are creating that constant fire risk. We just know this is going to be part of our background in this state, that we're going to face more and more wildfires."

Officials were in the process of identifying a site to build the facility on as of Friday, OCFA Capt. Sean Doran said.

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STATE SEN. DAVE MIN presented Orange County Fire Authority Chief Brian Fennessy with a check for \$16.95 million in state funds Wednesday to update equipment and build a new facility to house a recently expanded hand crew team.

Courtesy of the Orange County Fire Authority

Goodwill of O.C. reopens flagship store in Santa Ana

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

After nearly four months of renovations, Goodwill of Orange County reopened its flagship store at 2702 W. Fifth St. in Santa Ana on Wednesday.

"Today we are doing our grand reopening of our main campus store here in Santa Ana," said Nicole Suydam, president and chief executive officer of Goodwill of Orange County. "It is an opportunity for us to showcase the store and a lot of new features."

A line gathered outside the store for the opening celebration that included a ceremonial ribbon cutting, live mariachi music and gift cards for the first 100 customers.

The 24,000-square-foot store is part of the organization's main campus, which also includes a donation site, and is the most trafficked and highest volume thrift store location in the county. Goodwill anticipates the renovation will contribute to an increase in sales at the already busy location that sees 4.4 million in sales each year.

"With this remodel we are anticipating to increase our sales by 10%," said Suydam.

The refreshed space feels more like a T.J.Maxx shopping experience than a secondhand store shopping trip, with wide aisles, bright lighting and cheerful displays of an assortment of donated goods like clothing, accessories, home décor, electronics and furniture. The store has a record section full of LPs and a wide selection of Halloween décor and costumes.

"We completely renovated the store to make the shopping experience more fun, more enjoyable and ultimately to generate more money for our mission," said Suydam.

The large cash-wrap counter that used to sit front and center at the store is now in the front corner, giving a more spacious and open feel to the building and creating more space on the sales floor.

The location originally opened in the 1970s and has not been updated since 2008. The modernized Goodwill Flagship store now matches its other 23 stores across Orange County, including five O.C. Goodwill Boutiques. There is also an e-commerce platform, Shop-Goodwill.com.

Suydam said she would



Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

EMPLOYEES RING up a customer's items during the grand reopening for Goodwill of Orange County in Santa Ana on Wednesday.



NICOLE SUYDAM, center, Goodwill of Orange County president and chief executive, cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the grand reopening of the flagship store in Santa Ana.

like to see Goodwill's store locations grow.

"We want to be able to expand our store footprint in Orange County. We have the opportunity to double our footprint in the next 10 to 15 years," Suydam said. "This a great representation of what we can do in other shopping centers across Orange County and ultimately create more jobs for our mission, via more training, more career development and the reve-

nue we need to fund that mission."

Goodwill's retail outposts are what generate the revenue the organization needs to provide programs and services to county residents with disabilities and veterans who face barriers to employment, among others. According to Goodwill, each dollar spent contributes 92 cents to further the nonprofit's mission. The stores also create employment opportunities:

The flagship store alone employs 35 people, and the grand reopening featured a hiring event for Goodwill.

"We use the store to deliver on our mission," said Suydam. "Because it is the work opportunities, the work experience, the career that people get to have because of the store. That is what it is all about."

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MENU

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"You can order them the way you want it. You pick your protein, your sides and your sauces."

The customizable poke bowls, along with spicy tuna and California rolls can be found at concession stand Bowl'd Over (section 424) on the upper concourse and at the Classics (section 307) on the club level.

Honda Center has also introduced mobile ordering, which helps cut down lines and gives guests more time to enjoy the game.

"Mobile ordering is great. You do it from your phone, and they will tell you when it's ready," said Zavala. "All you have to do is come pick it up, you don't have to wait in line."

The arena also offers barbecue sandwiches with meat smoked in house.

"We have our chimichurri steak sandwich along with our brisket sandwich," Zavala



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EXECUTIVE CHEF PAUL TRAN, left, and Food and Beverage operations director Roman Zavala, roll out the new culinary offerings during an event at the Honda Center in Anaheim.

said. "We house-smoke these inside — we have a big industrial smoker down at stand 219. We light it up the night before, let it smoke all night long,

and then it is great for the next day."

The chimichurri steak sandwich can be found at concession stand 209, known as the Kitchen, on

the main level, and brisket and pulled-pork sandwiches are available at Express Eats (sections 209 and 411), Classics (section 219) and Outlaws Smoke-

house (section 421).

The Brewery X Biergarten on the Club level will feature a chef-manned sushi bar, along with wood-stone-oven pizzas, chef-inspired entrees and craft cocktails.

"We have our live sushi bar right up here inside Brewery X. Chef will have his roll of the day, as well as our set rolls we sell to the restaurant, and we also sell sushi boats to the suites," Zavala said.

Entrees like braised short rib ragu with potato gnocchi and pan-seared scallops in lemon mint puree can be found at Brewery X too. The lounge menu is available in outdoor lounge areas, and the Biergarten is open to Orange Alliance members at Ducks games with annual Brewery X memberships or for an additional purchase.

In the suites, options like the steakhouse package feature porcini-rubbed flak steak, asparagus, grilled and chilled shrimp, jumbo lump crabs cakes, harissa roasted

cauliflower, bacon macaroni and cheese, loaded mashed potatoes and a California wedge salad.

"This is usually set up in the suite with some chafing dishes going, and it's a smorgasbord," Zavala said of the spread.

If you still can't find a snack to satisfy your craving, visit the Puck Drop Patio. Located outside of the arena's North Entrance, the patio is open 90 minutes before puck drop until the end of the second intermission and offers unique food-truck fare along with beer, wine and cocktails.

The fan-favorite "D" shaped pretzel is gone for now, but if you still only want nachos, Zavala said they've got you covered.

"We still have to have our staples. You are always going to find your cheese nachos, your hot dogs and your tenders," said Zavala. "Those are still our biggest sellers."

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Union Social: a fan-favorite late-night sushi lounge

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Stanton may not be the first Orange County city you think of when you picture a late-night luxury sushi lounge, but maybe it should be. There are some heavy hitters behind the recently opened Union Social at Rodeo 39 Public Market.

The upscale lounge concept comes from restaurateur Kiet Ma, owner of Tenori at Rodeo 39 on Beach Boulevard, and is helmed by executive chef Do Kyun Kim, the former head sushi chef at Katsuya in Beverly Hills. Julian Flores Torres, former bar manager at Mayfield in San Juan Capistrano, has been tapped as beverage director, and the team is working to create a unique sushi experience.

"We wanted to create an elevated space that captures the trifecta of what people look for when going out: amazing ambiance, food and cocktails," said Ma. "Union Social checks all those boxes."

The interior is dark (but not too dark) and the music is loud (but not too loud) with deep booths and metallic tables in front of an illuminated bar. A DJ booth in the corner sits on an elevator platform that can rise above guests. The lounge is open seven days a week from 5 p.m. until midnight with resident DJs spinning on Friday and Saturday nights.

"Union Social is, at the moment for us, a social lounge with a modern

Japanese take," said Torres.

The opening menu includes a range of crudos, shellfish, sushi and sashimi, and it also features underutilized but equally delicious seafood like roasted yellowtail collars. A six or 10-piece Chef's Omakase is also available, and uni or caviar (or both) can be added to any raw seafood, like oysters.

Torres' drinks are specially crafted to compliment the menu, using Asian ingredients.

"One of them, for example, is going to be the pandan cocktail," said Torres. "I wanted to incorporate pandan, which is not seen very much in cocktails in general."

Pandan is a tropical herb with a fragrant flavor similar to vanilla and used in desserts and drinks in southeast Asia.

"As soon as you smell it and taste it, you know what it is. It is a very easy to recognize taste once you've had it," Torres said.

Torres uses a pandan syrup to make a cocktail that is a riff on a Long Island iced tea.

Other examples are the Tetsu Sour, which Torres describes as a combination of a whiskey sour and a penicillin cocktail.

"Penicillin cocktail usually has scotch, but we have took the scotch away from this, and it has ginger, lemon and Nikka Coffey grain whiskey," Torres said. "And instead of using egg whites, we use aquafaba so it is vegan



Photos by Won Ho Frank Lee

THE UNION SOCIAL at Rodeo 39 Public Market in Stanton is a fan-favorite late-night sushi lounge.



SUSHI AT Union Social at Rodeo 39.

friendly."

Aquafaba is a liquid made from legumes, usually chickpeas, that is starchy enough to resemble the creamy mouth feel egg whites can create in a cocktail.

Torres said cocktails are an important element of the synergy Ma aims to create at Union Social.

"Everything matters and everything works in con-

junction with each other," said Torres. "Yes, we do have amazing sushi, but a lot of places that do offer sushi lack that balance between what you are eating and what you are drinking. What we are doing here is trying to have that cohesiveness."

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JULIAN FLORES TORRES behind the bar at Union Social.

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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 4 "To err is _"
- 9 Use a sieve
- 13 Attacked weeds
- 15 Eat away at
- 16 Is _ to; can
- 17 Needle's eye
- 18 Staring
- 19 Nourish
- 20 Leveled
- 22 Old loves
- 23 Fawn bearers
- 24 Abbr. on a birth announcement
- 26 Rise
- 29 Short-lived
- 34 CTs & MRIs
- 35 Dinner entrée
- 36 British custom
- 37 Beer ingredient
- 38 Discovers
- 39 Keeps out
- 40 Make a mistake
- 41 Daft
- 42 Ointment
- 43 Epilepsy symptoms
- 45 Does a beautician's job
- 46 "_ Bad Apple"; Jackson 5 hit
- 47 Authentic
- 48 Pat Sajak's directive
- 51 People you don't know
- 56 Sty cry
- 57 Corners
- 58 Em or Bee
- 60 Elaborate party
- 61 Mysterious
- 62 North Sea hazard
- 63 _ on; trampled
- 64 Bulrushes
- 65 Female animal

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SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

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

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A7.

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- 1 "Hush!"
- 2 Place for a horseshoe
- 3 Shout
- 4 Warmed up
- 5 Hankerings
- 6 Complain
- 7 Wood shaper
- 8 Unnecessary

- 9 Least risky
- 10 Wild goat
- 11 Head for the hills
- 12 Danson's namesakes
- 14 Benumbs
- 21 Heavy weights
- 25 Wager
- 26 "to _ , dust to dust"

- 27 Twenty
 - 28 Isle near Naples
 - 29 Letter styles
 - 30 "_ and the Tramp"
 - 31 Know-_; smart aleck
 - 32 Boldness
 - 33 Helium & argon
 - 35 Ceremony
 - 38 Natl. Park Service ranger
 - 39 Spaghetti sauce ingredient
 - 41 Last bill
 - 42 Male deer
 - 44 _ out; groggy
 - 45 Taste, smell, etc.
 - 47 Fast
 - 48 Cushiony
 - 49 Wharf
 - 50 Bump _; meet unexpectedly
 - 52 Shade provider
 - 53 Hard to come by
 - 54 Bylaw
 - 55 Cold flakes
 - 59 _-hee; giggle
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COLUMN | **PATRICE APODACA**

The holiday season starts with a weird one

It's that time of year again. Time for pumpkin spice everything, and cozy flannel and fleece lining store shelves while it's still 80 degrees in Orange County, marking the kickoff of what we blandly refer to as "the holiday season" with the weirdest holiday of all.

Don't get me wrong — I love Halloween. It's all

about goofy fun that's best not taken too seriously. But it really is weird,

and not just because of the ghouls and goblins or the often overlooked fact that, next to Christmas, Halloween is our most commercially profitable holiday.

The strangeness lies in the fact that this holiday, more than any other, reflects and reduces to caricature — sometimes in unsettling ways — what's happening in our world at the moment.

It's worth noting that Halloween is technically not a holiday. It has no official recognition as such, and there's no paid day off mandated. It's more of a celebration that we choose to think of as a holiday, and it's so deeply ingrained in our culture that the distinction holds little relevance.

It should also be acknowledged that all holidays evolve over time. The ways we celebrate them are influenced by, and are strong indicators of, the prevailing social and political climate.

But that reality is never more blatant — more superego barely keeping that id in check — than with Halloween.

First, a little refresher on Halloween history.

As with many traditions, it borrows heavily from ancient pagan rituals, notably the Celtic festival of Samhain, which commemorated the coming of winter and, it was believed, marked a time when the dead could return and walk among the living. During Samhain, people would light bonfires, gather for feasts and wear costumes that were intended to ward off unfriendly spirits.

In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day, and the night before became



Raul Roa

DECORATIVE PUMPKINS at the Roger's Gardens boutique in Corona del Mar in 2019.

known as All Hallows' Eve, which folded in some of the Samhain traditions. Over the centuries it incorporated other influences, from the Gunpowder Plot in 17th-century Britain (tangentially associated with masked children going door to door begging for treats) to the Irish potato famine of the 19th century (Irish immigrants brought their custom of carving faces in turnips to America).

It's fair to say that Halloween, from jack-o'-lanterns to trick-or-treating, is a modernized amalgamation of practices with historical roots. Yet it's also all about who we are now.

In our version of Halloween, we give highest priority to costumes, which provide a palpable barometer of public interest at any point in time.

A decade ago, for instance, one of the most popular Halloween costumes was of the performer Psy, he of the hit song, "Gangnam Style," which introduced a slice of Korean culture to the rest of the world. Ten years earlier we were at the height of the "Harry Potter" phenomenon, and wizard robes were everywhere. The first Halloween after the release of "Frozen" saw legions of little girls dressed as characters from the hit animated film who learned about female empowerment from the song "Let It Go."

Even the old chestnuts

— the witches, ghosts, vampires and such — tend to present in ways that offer a snapshot in time. This year, for instance, we'll likely see witch costumes based on characters from the new "Hocus Pocus 2" film, or on Wanda Maximoff from the Marvel superhero movies and TV shows.

Adult costumes sometimes are clever references to politics and pop culture. But they also often reveal cringeworthy aspects of our society — witness the ubiquitous "sexy" costume trend.

It's odd enough to dress up as a Playboy bunny — so much for female empowerment — but the use of everyday occupations such as nurses, cops, maids, plumbers and teachers as inspiration for trashy get-ups has taken this predilection to another level. Sure, some of these costumes are trying for humor, but after the abuse scandals within the Catholic Church, I don't think that sexy nun and priest costumes are getting the same laughs.

And those aren't even the weirdest. In case you missed it, one of the most heavily promoted costumes last Halloween was the Sexy Bernie Sanders. I'm not kidding.

Of course, Halloween is also about scares — and not just the pretend kind. Since 2020, COVID-19 has put a damper on Halloween celebrations, and we're

still recovering. Among other measures, we've had a serious rethink about the wisdom of letting kids knock on doors and shove their hands into communal candy bowls.

This year will likely see a loosening of many COVID precautions, and I've noticed a palpable relief at the prospect of a bit more fun after some hard times. But now another worry has surfaced. Alarmed by media reports, some parents are concerned that Rainbow fentanyl — bright, multicolored pills containing the dangerous synthetic opioid — will be slipped in with Halloween candy.

While cautiousness is understandable, parents should also be aware that similar fears in years past — from razor blades in apples to poisoned candy bars — have had little, if any, basis in reality. Sadly, such scare-mongering is just as ingrained in our modern Halloween myth as demons and ghosts.

Love Halloween or not — and I think most of us do — it's all part of the weirdness that absorbs us before we move on to the other spirits of the season, those of gratitude, love and charity.

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A WORD, PLEASE |
JUNE CASAGRANDE



Raul Roa

NEWPORT BEACH lifeguard headquarters at the Newport Pier. The use of "headquarter" as a verb, which first appeared in print in 1903, offends some careful users of the language, writes grammar expert June Casagrande.

Try not to shudder when you read this column

When I was a young editor, I was taught that "headquarter" isn't a verb — that the word exists only in the plural and only as a noun. So a company can have its headquarters in New York, but it can't be headquartered in New York. I didn't bother to look it up. Why would I? Right or wrong, my boss had the authority to tell me how to do my job, so I just changed every instance of "headquartered in" to "with headquarters in" without question.

If I had looked it up, I would have probably gone straight to the Associated Press Stylebook, the manual for my editing job at the time, and I would have seen my boss's instructions affirmed. "Do not use 'headquarter' as a verb," AP instructed at the time.

But if I would have checked a dictionary, I would have discovered a disconnect between AP and the real world. Reference guides at the time, for example Webster's New World College Dictionary, had long recognized "headquarter" as a verb.

Style guides and dictionaries have different jobs. Unlike dictionaries that simply report how people are using the language, style guides tell editors what to do, helping ensure consistency and readability. When readers think a word is wrong or just poor usage, it can get in the way of the message. So style guides sometimes prohibit controversial language.

And the use of "headquarter" as a verb was

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MAILBAG

Voters, do your research

Please, please, please, research the candidates running for the school board. Party affiliation should have nothing to do with the most capable candidate! Unfortunately each party only interviews candidates from their party, picks a candidate and advertises for them. Wrong system and often the worst candidate is chosen. Choose wisely, please!

Martie O'Meara,
retired educator
Costa Mesa

Who's best to help lead L.B.?

In this year's election residents of Laguna Beach have seven candidates to choose from to fill three open seats on the City Council.

Running for reelection are two incumbents. One is the mayor who in the last year has proven she is unable to hold a council meeting without it turning into a circus of incivility, the cause of which is the

other incumbent running who feels it's his right to insult and bully all those who disagree with him including fellow council members.

Then there is the young man who has lived in Laguna all of his 24 years, but most of those years he was a child and for some he was away at college. He wasn't born yet when we had the Walk the Canyon or the 1993 Wildfire. He lacks personal knowledge of much of Laguna Beach's recent history or its politics.

Next, there is the real estate agent and stay at home dad. Next, we have Village Laguna's two endorsed candidates, Mark Orgill and Jerome Pudwill. They are both mature longtime residents with families and responsible careers. They both have experience and common sense the city has been lacking and are dedicated to preserving Laguna's charm and unique environment.

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Raul Roa

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COMMENTARY | **GAIL HUTTON**

Measure N would clarify the role of Huntington Beach's elected city attorney

The legal profession is guided by the law and a code of ethics, and it is based on trust — trust between the client and their attorney. In all of Orange County, only the Huntington Beach City Council does not get to choose its attorney; here, that person is elected by the voters. This makes the trust between the client and the attorney even more challenging but also more important because two sets of elected officials must trust each other that politics are never paramount, that the management and fiduciary responsibilities of the City Council as managers of the city, and through that entity the taxpayers of Huntington Beach, are put first and foremost.

In our current political climate, the client (the elected City Council) is at odds with its attorney (the elected city attorney), who has put politics ahead of professionalism and the public interest and espouses a singular and extreme interpretation of the City Charter to justify his actions.

The California Rules of Professional Conduct are the guiding principle for how any attorney, including

an elected city attorney, should interact with any client, including a city council. Our current city attorney seems to believe the only rules he has to follow are those laid out in our City Charter. Unfortunately, the charter has no clear language defining the attorney-client relationship involving the city attorney, as the drafters of the charter probably felt they could rely on the universal practice embodied in the Rules of Professional Conduct. They did not foresee a city attorney who seems to live in a different universe.

As described all too clearly in the recently concluded independent operational review, there has been a breakdown in the guardrails in the city attorney's office. When a case arises that involves the city attorney or their office as a defendant, or a conflict of interest exists regarding the city attorney or their office, then of course, the City Council can hire outside counsel to get unbiased, independent and trusted advice. The Rules of Professional Conduct require that in a situation like that, the attorney involved must step aside.

But the council's doing

In our current political climate, the client (the elected City Council) is at odds with its attorney (the elected city attorney), who has put politics ahead of professionalism and the public interest.

exactly that was actively opposed by the current city attorney. It is surprising that the current city attorney took the position that he, and only he, can procure and guide outside counsel, even when a conflict of interest exists. This goes against several California Bar Rules as well as plain common sense.

Measure N on the November ballot would make the universal Rules of Professional Conduct explicit in the City Charter, so there can be no mistaking them going forward. It will go a long way towards ensuring the trust necessary for good governance when a city has an elected city attorney. Oakland, Los Angeles and Long Beach already have these practices enshrined in their respective charters.

Measure N clearly defines the relationship between the City Council (the client) and the city attorney (their corporate attorney). It does not usurp the city attorney's

authority or their relationship to the voters. On the contrary, it helps protect the city attorney's office from any perception of political gaming or conflict of interest.

As the former elected city attorney for the City of Huntington Beach, I support having an elected city attorney and would not support any charter amendment that would undercut the authority of the city attorney. Measure N does no such thing. I ask for you, the voters of Huntington Beach, to protect the integrity and authority of city attorney's office and the City Council, by voting in favor of this clarification of their roles. Keep the government of the city strong and focused on the needs of the city and its residents!

GAIL HUTTON was the elected city attorney in Huntington Beach from 1978 to her retirement in 2002.

Local co-authors document a part of O.C. history

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Pike Oliver and Michael Stockstill both spent years working at the Irvine Co., developing what would become the planned community of Irvine.

"It was a phenomenal experience for both of us. We had different emphases but worked together quite a bit," said Oliver.

The former co-workers always talked about writing a book that would chronicle the making of the community of Irvine. Then the pandemic had them both stuck at their respective homes, with quite a bit of time on their hands. So they began the research and writing of their book, "Transforming the Irvine Ranch: Joan Irvine, William Pereira, Ray Watson and the Big Plan."

"The book is really a comprehensive history of the Irvine family, the Irvine Co., UCI and to an extent, Orange County and the city of Irvine, and all the personalities that were involved in that time period of 1957 to 1977," said Stockstill. "It is a history of how the Irvine Ranch went from an agriculture empire, just a huge farm, and transformed into what we consider to be one of the most successful planned communities in the United States."

The book focuses mainly on three individuals: Joan Irvine Smith, William Pereira and Ray Watson.

"Their lives and how they interrelated really formed the spine of the book, if you will," said Stockstill. "It is important to note that Ray Watson, who had been the president of the Irvine Co., wrote six chapters of what he hoped would be his book describing his experiences at the Irvine Co. from the time he arrived in 1960 until he left in 1977."

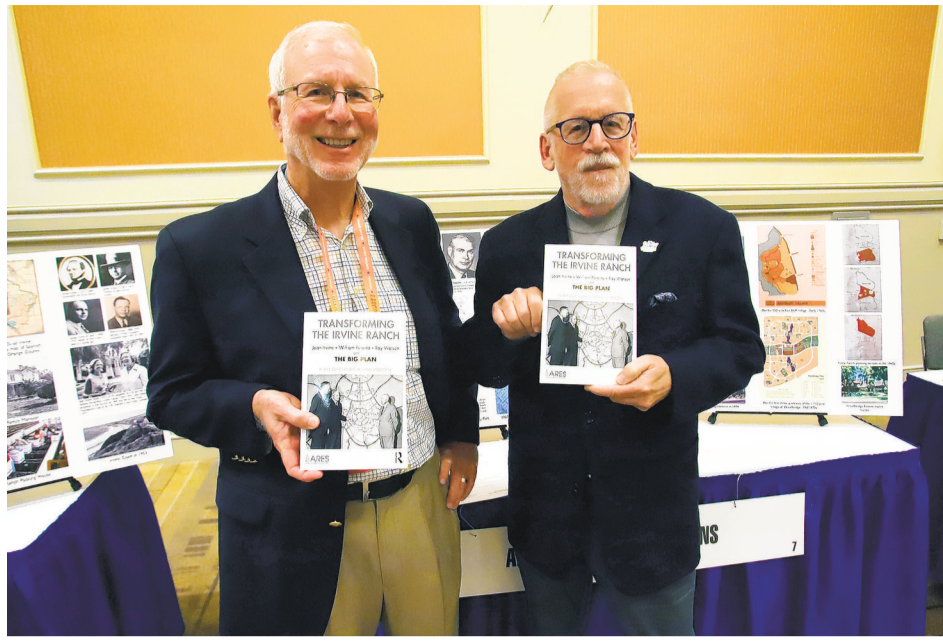
Both Oliver and Stockstill knew Watson.

"We would hear him say from time to time, 'Oh, I am going to put that in the book!'" said Stockstill.

Watson never finished his book, but the six chapters he did write provided an oral history Oliver and Stockstill could reference.

Joan Irvine Smith, the granddaughter of James Irvine II, also wrote a book, "A California Woman's Story," which Stockstill calls a comprehensive history from her standpoint.

Pereira was an architect and planner and was commissioned by the University of California to do its master plan for what became UC Irvine. Pereira was featured on the cover of Time Magazine in 1963; Oliver recalls seeing a copy as a high school student in



James Carbone

MICHAEL STOCKSTILL, left, and Pike Oliver present their new book, "Transforming the Irvine Ranch," during the American Planning Assn. California Chapter Convention on Oct. 2.

Marin County.

"It became clear to us that there was a tremendous amount of information available," said Stockstill. "Thanks to the internet and thanks to some very helpful librarians in special collection all across the United States, we were able to get a tremendous amount of firsthand data that had been left behind in terms of memoirs, oral histories, records. So it just kind of built on itself."

The pair set out to record

the history of a pivotal time at the Irvine Co., both with backgrounds that lent them to the task.

Oliver began his career in real estate development strategies and master-planned communities in the 1970s, including his eight years at the Irvine Co.. He resided in Irvine in the 1980s and 1990s. Before moving to Seattle in 2013, Oliver taught real estate development at Cornell University and directed the undergraduate program in

urban and regional studies.

Stockstill worked as a reporter and editor in Orange County before joining the Irvine Co. in 1978, where he spent 13 years implementing strategy for major planning. A former trustee of the Irvine Land Trust,

Stockstill still lives in the city.

Recently the co-authors, who have an uncanny resemblance, presented their book to the American Planning Assn. California

Chapter Convention at the Anaheim Marriott.

"The presentation was both a combination of trying to give an overview of what was in the book, but because it was directed at planners, we emphasized a number of things," said Stockstill. "There are three chapters in the book that really detail what the planning philosophy was, how it was enacted. We talk about Woodbridge as really kind of the culmination of all the things that the Irvine Co. had learned."

Oliver said he was surprised to learn many of the conference attendees weren't familiar with Irvine's beginnings.

"We met people who were planners in Orange County or L.A. and the Inland Empire, and I asked what they knew about the Irvine Ranch, and they really didn't know anything about it," said Oliver.

Since Oliver left Orange County, he still returns for visits and makes time for catching up with Stockstill. On one such visit, in 2020 before they became co-authors, Stockstill insisted they take a drive to the community they both had a hand in creating. It was during that drive the two began to talk about writing a book together.

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Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

IF APPROVED, Measure S, one of three measures featured on the November ballot, would bump pay and improve employee benefits for Laguna Beach hotel workers.

MEASURE

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out, rather than daily. That oftentimes means rooms are exceptionally messy, causing additional work and stress for room attendants.

She also said she felt it was important for hotel workers to have safety measures like panic buttons to protect themselves.

"The \$18 is a minimum," Martinez said. "It's not like it is a lot. It's something. I know some people who are making \$19 or \$20 an hour; \$18 an hour is a good place to start."

Measure S is one of two Laguna Beach initiatives supported by Unite Here Local 11, the second being Measure R, which would establish a hotel overlay zoning district and require voter approval for any hotel development project that does not conform to the proposed district's requirements.

Campaign filings for those in support of the ballot measures received by the city clerk's office at the end of September indicate roughly \$26,000 had been received in contributions from the union. By comparison, the campaigns against both measures reported about \$1.4 million in donations.

"[Measure S] is called the Laguna Beach hotel worker protection initiative," Ada Briceño, a co-president for Unite Here Local 11, said. "It's important for us to bring along our whole community — those hard-working men and women that make the Laguna Beach tourism industry successful. They're the backbones of that industry, and the least we can do is make sure we're protecting them with those provisions."

Briceño said that on be-

half of workers she described as some of the most vulnerable people in the community, she was excited to see the measure on the ballot. She noted that Laguna Beach hotel workers often cannot afford to live in the city where they work but that they enrich the community.

Laguna Beach City Councilman George Weiss said he supports the measure because he feels there is a lack of transparency on the part of the hotels regarding how much their employees are being paid.

Weiss said he asked hoteliers to provide that information at a meeting with representatives from the Surf & Sand Resort, Montage Laguna Beach and the Ranch at Laguna Beach, but he did not receive that information.

"I made my decision [to support Measure S] partly on the fact that I couldn't get any information and on the fact that I think this is a group of vulnerable people, particularly women, [who] don't have much recourse in their job," Weiss said.

Weiss said he feels safety devices may not be necessary in Laguna Beach, but they are still important to provide security "for a vulnerable class of women that are working in conditions that might pose a threat to them or at least a threat of harassment."

Mark Christy, a managing partner at the Ranch, said he feels the measure is a solution to a nonexistent problem.

"It proposes pay at \$18 an hour for room attendants, but all of the major hotels are already paying \$19 hour or more plus significant benefits," Christy said in an email Thursday. "It's also mandating safety devices — panic buttons — but again, every room attendant in Laguna already has access to those devices.

"I suspect you'll have a challenge finding a single Laguna Beach room attendant that has an issue with their employment. Along with us, the people that that run the Montage, Surf & Sand, the Inn at Laguna [and so on] all treat team members like family because literally that is how they feel to us. The health and well-being of each and every associate is absolutely critical to us, and we try to do everything we can to make sure their working conditions are as good as they can be."

Christy said he believes the measures are attempts by Unite Here Local 11 to interject itself in local Orange County politics and suspects the motivating factor for placing Measure S on the ballot has more to do with enabling the collection of more union dues.

Briceño refuted this, noting she was a hotel worker in Anaheim for many years and that though she represents the union as a whole, she and thousands of workers represented by Unite Here Local 11 are based in Orange County. Briceño said this was not a Los Angeles-born issue, noting workers had to appeal to residents to get the measure on the ballot.

Christy said he doesn't know what the union thinks it's accomplishing by seeking to take wages "to a level that we already exceed and mandating safety devices we already use."

"Laguna's hospitality operators have always been at the forefront of compensation and worker safety so this 'one-size-fits-all' proposal appears to be completely unnecessary here," Christy said.

The Montage Laguna Beach did not respond to requests for comment.

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And last but not least is the longtime resident, businessman and landscape architect who has spoken at many City Council meetings about the care and preservation of Laguna's trees and environment. His opposition, the newest Political Action Committee started by Michael Rey, has sent out the vilest mailer of this election. There has been such outrage in the community over this despicable mailer that the result has been to encourage voting for any of the candidates running for City Council except Peter Blake.

Johanna Felder
Laguna Beach

Porter's stance on police is worrying

The recent disclosure of U.S. Rep. Katie Porter's leaked texts to Irvine Mayor Farrah Khan in which she unjustly attacks the Irvine police force as a "disgrace," is truly disturbing and reminds us of Porter's very public attitude toward law enforcement.

Back in June of 2020, Porter vociferously supported resolutions to vet police officers, citing "an epidemic of police brutality." As of March 2021, she began accepting campaign contributions from "Courage to Change," a left-wing PAC organized by fellow progressive Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, to defund the police.

In an interview for CBS News, Seema Mehta of the Los Angeles Times, who

covered Porter's town hall meeting last summer, stated that Irvine police "quickly stepped in" to separate Porter supporters from nonsupporters and that it was difficult to discern who threw the first punch. Thereafter, the police arrested a man who lived with Porter at the time.

It is curious why Porter was so compelled to express contempt for the Irvine police to Mayor Khan just before Porter was to meet with the chief of police over the incident. As a U.S. representative holding a Congressional townhall meeting, she was aware that such events are open to the public, a fertile environment for that delicate balance between protected and unprotected speech.

Irvine is one of the safest cities in the country because of the mutual trust and respect between the police and the community, and yet Porter cast aspersions on the department. Moreover, she demonstrated very questionable judgment, texting provocative and gratuitous language out of unjustified indignation.

One can only conclude that Rep. Porter's behavior is at the very least consistent. This is how she conducts herself here in Orange County and in Congress. As a resident and former mayor of Costa Mesa, I remain shocked and saddened.

Stephen Mensinger
Costa Mesa

Thoughts on Stapleton

Joe Stapleton is what it means to be a "citizen" — he is an earnest volunteer, a servant, a dedicated leader and someone I first served with on the charter commission many years ago. We have stayed in close touch over the years, and I know him to be a selfless and

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intelligent professional. Newport Beach would be blessed to have him on the council.

I can't say anything negative about his opponent, Tom Miller, because I have never met him, seen him at a single city event, served with him, observed him in any capacity as a part of city or community life, or anything else.

Newport Beach will be well-served by its fellow citizen, Joe Stapleton.

David Bahnsen
Newport Beach

Fresh options emerge for N.B.

Those of us in Newport Beach who want to see our City Council become independent again after years of Team Newport dominance are going to be able to vote for three very independent candidates: Tom Miller, Joy Brenner and Jim Mosher. Along with Robyn Grant who is running uncontested, the success of these four individuals will deprive Team Newport of a majority on the council.

Although Will O'Neill, who is often considered the leader of Team Newport, would like you to believe that the candidates he promotes have considerable experience, the fact that most of that experience comes under his tutelage, means that it has not been necessarily positive. The question has also been raised that if he believes experience in governance is crucial for a candidate, why

did he work so hard to get Noah Blom, a restaurateur, elected to council two years ago?

Voting for Miller, Mosher and Brenner means that we will have people with positive experience and positive attitudes to share with the residents of Newport Beach.

Tom Miller is a very successful businessman who turned his auto detailing company into the largest one in the county with 850 employees. His reputation as a "people person" with an open door policy to his employees has become evident on the campaign trail where he has highly impressed residents with his affability and earnest desire to improve Newport's City Council.

I was passing out fliers the other day and came across a house where the occupant was not there. On the doorstep was a rather lengthy personal note left by Tom Miller with a pen attached. Tom is leaving no stone unturned, and his popularity is very impressive by Newport Beach standards.

Jim Mosher could not be more independent or knowledgeable of Newport Beach city governance. He has pointed out recently how his opponent has voted for what he considers to be unpopular proposals that are not in keeping with the desire by most residents to restrict growth. He wants to protect our city from aggressive building practices that will undermine its health.

Jim has been putting out newsletters on a personal website in his name detailing the bad decisions, contrary to building and zoning codes, that have been made by members of the Planning Commission as well as by council.

If elected, he desires to change council and Planning Commission procedures to adhere to established building and zoning codes and make decisions that are mindful of the Greenlight Initiative, which was passed by popular vote. He also wants to make sure city staff does not make important decisions that should be made by the council. I can think of no better person to protect the future of Newport Beach than Jim Mosher.

There is little need to elaborate on Joy Brenner's positive influence in the city of Newport Beach. It has unfortunately led to jealousy and less than collegial support by Team Newport. She has the most vibrant presence among the other Council Members and is the perfect example of how a city council member should be. Always polite and interested in discussions, cordial to residents and extremely energetic, Joy represents the spirit of what we envision for our esteemed city. She makes well-thought-out decisions and remains independent through four challenging years on the council. She more than deserves to be reelected and to be able to work with the three previously mentioned independent candidates.

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach

Vote no on Costa Mesa's Measure K

I have served on the Costa Mesa Planning Commission since 2018. I am against Measure K and its

deceptive language.

Measure K proposes one thing and one thing only ... it takes away Costa Mesans right to vote and decide what's best for the city. The council would have you believe otherwise, and if the way they cooked up Measure K is any indication, it's pretty clear that they are already not listening to you.

The proponents of K, and even the official communications from the city offer you certain "facts" which are not really facts at all. You're being asked believe that K is the key to prosperity, the only way we'll be able to save Costa Mesa, and that K will guarantee that "Costa Mesa is for Everyone." Measure K does not guarantee revitalization, nor make our schools better, nor improve affordability, nor guarantee that even a single new home will be built. What it does guarantee is that the protections in Measure Y will be gutted and stripped away.

Developers, unions and real estate owners support Measure K. I don't work for developers, don't receive contributions from developers, nor am I a shill for anyone. You're being asked to hand over your voice and your vote because they don't trust you, and they don't like that you voted overwhelmingly to approve Measure Y several years ago.

As a long-term resident of Costa Mesa, I've seen what good development and good projects look like. I've also seen what happens when politicians are influenced by special interests, campaign donations or their own egos — when they think they know better than the residents.

Voting no on Costa Mesa Measure K is a simple vote for me, and should be for you too.

Jon Zich
Costa Mesa

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS (BIDS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District invites and will receive sealed proposals (bids) for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, permits, and other items necessary for the construction of the following project:

BRICK MANHOLE REHABILITATION PHASE 4

Project No. 324

Project Description: Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the rehabilitation fifteen (15) existing brick sewer manholes with cured-in-place composite liner system. The liner system shall be Triplex Liner System, Alternative Liner System, or District approved equal.

Bids will be received by the Costa Mesa Sanitary District office at 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, California until the hour of **10:00 a.m. on the 17th day of November 2022 (Thursday)**, at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud in the Board Conference Room. Sealed proposals shall bear the title of the project and the name of the bidder. Any bid received after the scheduled bid opening time shown above will not be accepted and returned to the bidder unopened. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to seal and deliver the bid proposal to the District office at or before the time specified in this notice provided. A set of the approved contract documents including plans and specifications may be obtained at the SABP Reprographics, 2372 Morse Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614, (949) 756-1001 (e-mail: workorder@sabp.com).

There is a mandatory pre-bid meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th of October 2022 (Thursday). The pre-bid meeting will be held at CMSD District Headquarters Conference Room, 290 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, 92626.

The question deadline during the bid period is 5:00 p.m. on the 7th day of November 2021 (Monday).

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, the prevailing rate and scale of wages determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California. Prevailing rates shall be paid to all workers employed in the performance of the contract. Such rates of wages are on file with Department of Industrial Relations and in the office of the District and are available to any interested party upon request. The contractor is responsible for all penalties prescribed for noncompliance to these provisions.

Each bid shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal Form furnished as part of the contract documents, and shall be accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or a bidder's bond in an amount not less than 10-percent of the amount of the bid, made payable to the Costa Mesa Sanitary District. The check or bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract with the District and furnish the required payment and performance bonds and certificates of insurance and endorsements if awarded the work. The check or bond will be declared forfeited if the successful bidder does not enter into the contract or furnish the required bonds and insurance forms under the time frame specified in the construction agreement.

It is imperative that the bidders carefully review this notice and the District's standard construction agreement and insurance forms. The successful bidder will be required to comply with all requirements in the standard construction agreement and insurance forms. In the event of failure or inability to meet these requirements after the award of contract, the District shall have the right to reject the bid and/or declare a forfeiture of the bid bond.

Pursuant to California Contract Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR will be entitled to post approved securities with the District or an approved financial institution in order to have the District release funds retained by the District to insure performance of the contract.

No bidder or subcontractor shall be listed in a bid proposal unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Liquidated damages in the sum of \$250 per day shall be imposed for each unexcused day beyond the contract completion date.

The Engineer's Estimate for this construction project is \$ 97,000.00.

The Board of Directors of the District reserves the right to select the schedule(s) under which the bids are to be compared and contract(s) awarded, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any and all irregularity in any bid.

Dated: **October 13th, 2022** BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT

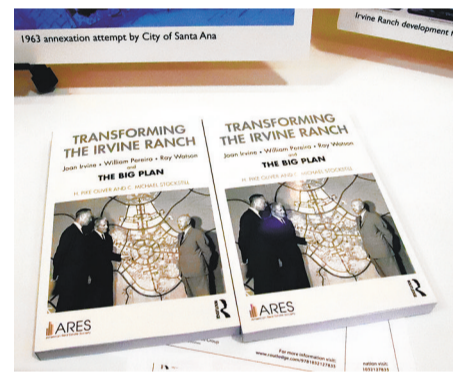
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"We got together, and I said, 'Hey let's drive around the ranch. You ought to see what has happened since you were here last,'" said Stockstill.

Oliver also recalls the drive well. "Coming back and seeing it decades later, in a bigger picture, I was just astounded at how much of the plan had carried through, consistently," said Oliver.

The friends realized then they had a responsibility to share the story of how the big plan came to be. It was an opportunity to write



A NEW BOOK, "Transforming the Irvine Ranch" by Michael Stockstill and Pike Oliver documents O.C. history.

James Carbone

history.

"It is like doing the second draft of history," said Oliver. "The first draft would be notes that people write and like what Ray Watson wrote and the archives in the university, that would be the first."

"Transforming the Irvine Ranch: Joan Irvine, William Pereira, Ray Watson and the Big Plan" is available on Amazon.

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WORD

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indeed controversial.

Unlike the noun "headquarters," which dates back to the mid-1600s in the meaning of the residence, or quarters, of a military commander, the verb "headquarter" didn't show up in print until 1903. It took another 50 or so years to become common and another 15 or 20 years to capture the attention of the panel of experts at the American Heritage Dictionary. They didn't like it, according to Merriam-

Webster's Dictionary of English Usage. The American Heritage panel voted in 1969 to reject the verb in formal English. They continued to reaffirm their distaste for the verb into the 1980s.

By 1985, the Harper Dictionary of Contemporary Usage, as cited in Merriam's, warned that the verb "can still cause careful users of the language to shudder."

"While we do not doubt the truth of that observation," Merriam's editors write, "we suspect that there are also many careful users of the language who

wonder, as we do, what the shuddering is about."

Merriam's argues that the verb "headquarter" meets the most important criteria for any word: It's easily understood by readers. If you write that a company "is headquartered in New York City," everyone will immediately get your meaning.

"Headquarter" is a clear, concise verb that is guilty of no offence other than newness," Merriam's writes.

Today, even the editors of the Associated Press Stylebook agree. I can't pinpoint the exact year that AP's style authorities changed their mind about the verb "headquarter," but I can confirm that, at some point, they changed course. My old 2004 edition of the AP guide says you can't use "headquarter" or "headquartered" as a verb, but by the time they printed the 2011 edition, they had tossed out that rule.

The "headquarters" entry in AP today says only that, if you use it as a noun, it can take a singular or plural verb, depending on which works best in your sentence. So you can say "headquarters are" or "headquarters is," depending on which best fits your context. And if you want to say a company is "headquartered" someplace, that's fine too.

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