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SUPPORTERS OF the Huntington Beach Public Library hold signs and applaud during Tuesday night's Huntington Beach City Council meeting. In a 4-3 vote, the council opted on Tuesday night to move forward with seeking bids for the privatization of library management.

H.B. looks to seek bids for privatizing library

Eliciting calls of 'shame,' City Council majority votes to move forward on proposal they say could save city money.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council voted 4-3 on Tuesday night to move forward with seeking bids for the privatization of library management.

Council members listened to three hours of public comments from 108 residents largely against the idea, and more than 600 emails submitted were almost all against privatization.

Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns and council members Tony Strickland and Casey McKeon voted to start the bid process, while council members Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton voted against.

Several people in the crowd yelled out "Shame!" after the vote, leading Strickland to demand their removal.

"I'm not going to put up with that s**t anymore," Strickland said as he walked off the dais.

The meeting went into a five-minute recess, the second of the night, as police officers spoke to audience members. No one was ultimately removed.

Members of the conservative council majority stressed that seeking requests for proposals, or RFPs for the management work, was simply exploring options that could possibly save the



BARBARA SHAPIRO, left, speaks about possible library privatization during Tuesday night's Huntington Beach City Council meeting. She was among many who questioned the benefits of outsourcing operations.

city some money.

"I like our libraries," Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns said. "I don't want to see them diminished or degraded in any way. But if we can get the same service and do it more economically ... I think it's our duty as leaders in the community, as council members, to look at those kind of savings. I think we'd be negligent in our job

if we didn't."

The city was approached late last year by Maryland-based Library Systems & Services about operation of its public libraries, claiming it could save the city about \$1 million per year, city staff said. The company employs former Huntington Beach City Councilman Mike Posey as a regional sales executive.

The city would retain ownership of the library system and its materials.

But some public speakers, including library employees themselves, questioned if workers would stay in the Huntington Beach Public Library system if such a move were to occur, citing

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Costa Mesa weighs edits to pot laws

A discussion of retail cannabis ends with a flurry of motions that could affect industry's future in the city.

BY SARA CARDINE

An hours-long discussion Tuesday over amending Costa Mesa's retail cannabis laws — which have engendered complaints from neighbors and proprietors alike — ended with a flurry of motions from City Council members that, if approved, could have sweeping local impacts on the industry.

Officials considered a slate of recommendations submitted by the Planning Commission in three earlier public hearings and cataloged in a draft revision of the original 2021 ordinance.

But where commissioners went in with scalpel-like precision, carefully weighing potential edits against real-world consequences before posing eight specific suggestions, the City Council adopted a somewhat scattershot approach.

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Balboa Island Ferry receives a lifeline

\$8.3M grant from the California Air Resources Board is meant to help ferry operators update engines per state rules.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

With an \$8.3-million grant from the California Air Resources Board, the owners of the Balboa Island Ferry are "cautiously optimistic" as they inch closer to electrification.

In December 2022, the state board issued new regulations requiring commercial harbor craft to use renewable diesel fuel and begin the process to replacing engines to reduce emissions. Short-run ferries would have until 2025 to fully convert their fleets to electric, but the Beek family, who have owned and operated the Balboa Island Ferry since 1919, have long maintained that the

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GOLF

Hoag Classic again delivers an elite field to Newport Beach

BY MATT SZABO

Scott Easton spent 15 years as the director of operations for the PGA Tour tournament in the desert formerly known as the Bob Hope Classic.

That was followed by a few years at Live Nation Entertainment, where he mostly helped produce live music projects.

Easton, 56, had an itching to get back into golf, though, and he couldn't really beat Newport Beach Country Club for a venue.

"When I did leave the Hope, I did tell the tour, 'If the Hoag Classic ever comes available, please let me know,'" Easton said. "I feel really blessed to be in this role that I really wanted. Everyone talks about manifesting. That's a big buzz word these days. Maybe I

manifested it to happen, I don't know."

The first-year executive director of the Hoag Classic takes over for Jeff Purser, who retired. One thing that didn't change is that another dynamite player field is set to come to Newport Beach this weekend for the PGA Tour Champions event.

Ernie Els is set to attempt to defend his title from last year, when the South African became the fourth two-time event winner. Nobody has won the Hoag Classic three times.

The 80-player field also includes Orange County residents Fred Couples and Paul Goydos. Couples is one of the two-time Hoag Classic winners, with titles

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ERNE ELS, shown chipping onto the 15th green on Sunday last year, is the defending Hoag Classic champion.

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- 3/23 THE HIGHWAYMAN SHOW
(CASH, NELSON, JENNINGS, KRISTOFFERSON TRIBUTE)
- 3/24 NELSON
- 3/28 HERMAN'S HERMITS STARRING PETER NOONE
- 3/29 HERMAN'S HERMITS STARRING PETER NOONE
- 3/30 WAYNE NEWTON
- 3/31 LYNCH MOB - THE FINAL RIDE
- 4/4 THE KINGSTON TRIO
- 4/5 ULI JON ROTH
- INTERSTELLAR SKY GUITAR TOUR
- 4/6 RONSTADT REVIVAL (LINDA RONSTADT TRIBUTE)
- 4/7 CINDERELLA'S TOM KEIFER
- 4/8 GILBERT O'SULLIVAN
- 4/10 JOAN OSBORNE ACOUSTIC TRIO
- 4/11 JIMMIE VAUGHAN
- 4/12 ROGER CLYNE & THE PEACEMAKERS
- 4/13 TINSLEY ELLIS
- 4/14 THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS
- 4/18 SPONGE
- 4/19 RICHIE FURAY
- 4/20 GEOFF TATE
- 4/21 VONDA SHEPARD / JACK TEMPCHIN
- 4/25 ISRAEL VIBRATION & ROOTS RADICS
- 4/26 FIVE FOR FIGHTING WITH STRING QUARTET
- 4/27 KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE (STEELY DAN TRIBUTE)
- 4/28 BOB ANDERSON (FRANK SINATRA TRIBUTE)
- 5/4 STEVE TYRELL
- 5/5 OINGO BOINGO FORMER MEMBERS
- 5/7 BLUES TRAVELER
- 5/8 JUDY COLLINS
- 5/9 CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO
- 5/11 PAT BOONE
- 5/15 MR BIG - THE BIG FINISH TOUR
- 5/17 JOHN CRUZ
- 5/18 VENICE
- 5/19 THE LETTERMEN



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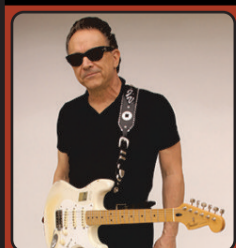


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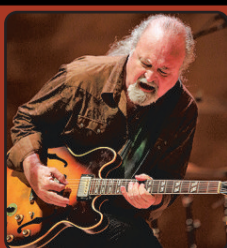
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- 6/16 ELVIN BISHOP BIG FUN TRIO
- 6/21 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 6/22 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 6/29 SKELETON CREW (GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE)
- 7/5 WALTER MICHAELS BAND
- 7/6 SHINE ON (PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE)
- 7/13 FAST TIMES
- THE ULTIMATE 80s TRIBUTE!
- 7/20 Y&T 50TH ANNIVERSARY
- 7/27 BOB SCHNEIDER
- 7/28 BOBBY GRAY
- 8/3 CUBENSIS (GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE)
- 8/17 PIANO MEN: GENERATIONS
(BILLY JOEL AND ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE)
- 8/23 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 8/24 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 8/31 MICK ADAMS & THE STONES
(ROLLING STONES TRIBUTE)
- 9/8 AN EVENING WITH JOHN LYDON
"I COULD BE RIGHT, I COULD BE WRONG"
- 9/14 JOURNEY USA (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)
- 9/15 BENISE: FIESTA!
- 9/22 JANE MONHEIT
- 9/27 DAVE MASON
- 10/3 ZEBRA w/SPECIAL GUESTS FUZZBUBBLE
- 10/18 GARY PUCKETT & THE UNION GAP



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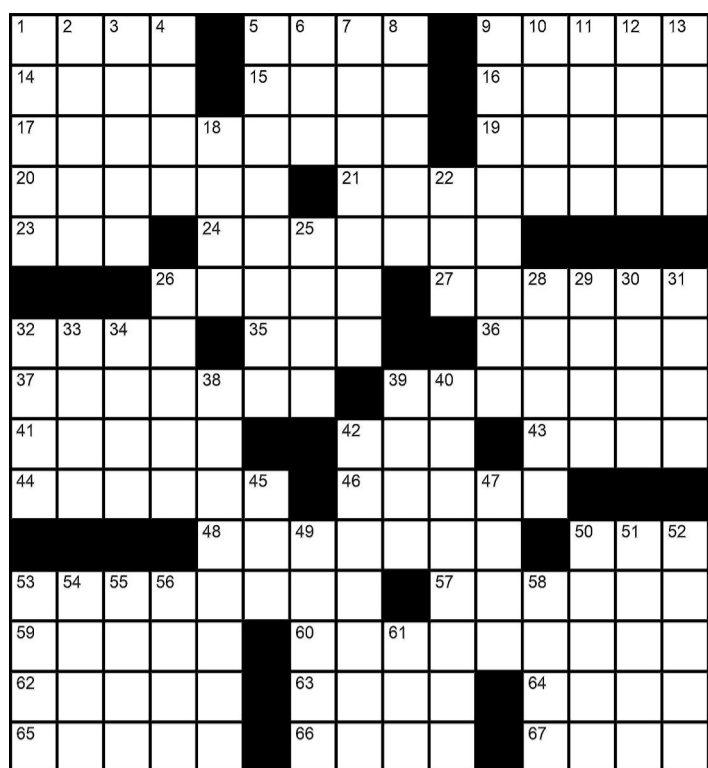
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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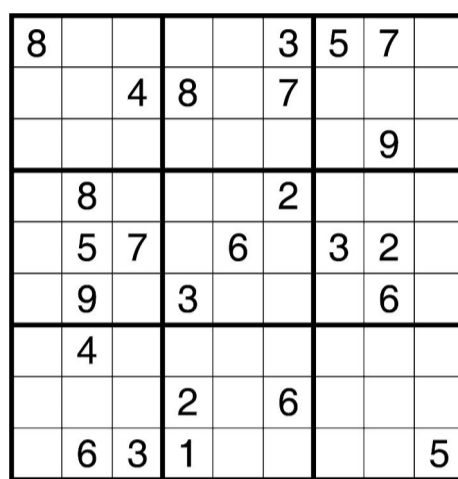
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- 2 wds.
- 19 Used a beeper
- 20 Every-ten-years count
- 21 Former Russian dynasty
- 23 "Nice, Lionel Messi!"
- 24 Country singer Blake
- 26 Use a razor
- 27 Pre-election event
- 32 Words to a traitor: 2 wds.
- 35 Ignited
- 36 Beauty parlor
- 37 Birth control option: 2 wds.
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- 41 Melodies
- 42 Not worth a _
- 43 Deities
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- 46 Rain protectors
- 48 Sideways pass
- 50 _ pal (female friend)
- 53 "Chocolate" dog
- 57 Trinidad and _
- 59 Resigner's words
- 60 Marks in the margin
- 62 Handbag
- 63 Cook in a hot pan
- 64 Dog treat shape
- 65 Wise people
- 66 Uno, dos, _
- 67 _ and crafts



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.



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

- 1 Donna Summer's genre
- 2 Force forward
- 3 Excelled
- 4 Designer Michael
- 5 GI's place to eat: 2 wds.
- 6 Trojans' sch.
- 7 Up-and-coming actress
- 8 Mystical cards
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- 10 MLB star Longoria
- 11 Corporate emblem
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- 13 _ and ends
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- 25 Wicked

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- 32 Jazz singer Jones
- 33 Ergo
- 34 Camper's shelter
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- 39 Fly high
- 40 Museum workers
- 42 More unbending
- 45 Feeling blue
- 47 "The _ thickens!"
- 49 Breakfast bread
- 50 Croc kin
- 51 Representative
- 52 Suffers defeat
- 53 Gloss targets
- 54 Color of water
- 55 Village, informally
- 56 Get out of bed
- 58 Ali _ and the Forty Thieves
- 61 Scottish "no"

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Man charged with torturing, raping wife

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A man is scheduled to be arraigned next week on charges of torturing and raping his wife in Newport Beach, according to court records.

Kai Ni, 42, was charged last Thursday with torture, kidnapping to commit rape, corporal injury on a spouse, rape and forcible

oral copulation, all felonies. He also faces a sentencing enhancement for causing great bodily injury in a domestic violence incident.

Ni was scheduled to be arraigned March 28.

Police were dispatched to a hospital to speak with the victim regarding a domestic violence incident, according to Sgt. Steven

Oberon of the Newport Beach Police Department, who added that the victim said she was attacked on Ocean Heights Drive.

She sustained "moderate injuries, including bruises and abrasions," and was treated and released from the hospital, Oberon said.

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FERRY

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process would not only be expensive but technologically unfeasible.

But on Monday, Joe Beek, an adviser for the ferry and nephew to owner Seymour Beek, said, "CARB is clearly putting their money where their mouth is and providing the financial assistance necessary to achieve zero emissions for the ferry."

"What remains is to figure out if we can actually do it, particularly with the existing boats," Joe Beek said. "To this point, we've spent a significant amount of money on engineering evaluation, which is not yet complete. It remains to be seen whether or not existing boats can be converted without a high level of risk."

Beek confirmed the results of that study will be known in April, at which point ferry owners will need to consider their available options. In a statement released Friday, Dixon described the grant as a "positive step forward."

"When Seymour Beek called me in January 2023 I promised to assist however I could," Dixon said. "These grant dollars are one important piece to saving the Ferry. It is an iconic fixture for Assembly District 72 and Southern California. I can't imagine the negative impact it would have on the region if it were to disap-



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

THE SHORT-RUN Balboa Island Ferry faces a deadline of 2025 to electrify its boats, a task owners maintained is difficult financially and technologically. Now that an \$8.3-million state grant has come through, its owners say they are "cautiously optimistic" the work can be completed.

pear." Dixon introduced an Assembly bill in February that would provide up to a 15-year extension to the conversion deadline for local ferries or until the cost of conversion did not exceed the cost of replacement by more than 20%.

Beek said the total estimated cost of conversion is around \$13 million and that the Balboa Island Ferry would still have to come up with the remaining \$4.7 million. But, there are applications out to the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program for \$1.7 million and the board's Clean Off-Road Equipment Vouchers program for roughly \$1.9 million, which the ferry owners

believe the business qualifies for.

Beek said the Balboa Island Ferry will contribute roughly \$2.3 million in kind by running its ferries and testing the electrification process for a two-year proving period following conversions, as the business makes little to no profit.

"There's been two components to this all along," he said. "One is the financial one. So, we've made a huge step there, but the other one is a technical, logistical problem, which now that we know the money's available, we can see if that's solvable."

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HBUHSD superintendent set to retire this summer

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Huntington Beach Union High School District will soon begin the process of searching for a new superintendent.

District officials announced Monday the pending retirement of Supt. Clint Harwick, who will be leaving the position after seven years. Harwick, 61, will finish out the remaining academic year before his departure this August.

"After 36 years in education and 21 years as superintendent, the timing felt right to retire so I could spend more time with my two amazing granddaughters," Harwick told the Daily Pilot. "They are 3½ and 1½, and I want to spend more time with them before they enter school. It is such a precious time to see them grow and explore the world."

Prior to the Huntington Beach Union High School District, Harwick was a superintendent in the Rim of the World Unified School District in San Bernardino County; the Charter Oak Unified School District in Covina and Saddleback Valley Unified School District in Mission Viejo.

A news release announcing his retirement noted Harwick was a school custodian, teacher and site administrator prior to superintendent. During his time as a superintendent of the Huntington Beach Union High School District, Harwick oversaw its six comprehensive high schools and three alternative education schools.

Among his proudest accomplishments in the district, Harwick said, were the development and implementation of the Unified Sports and Unified Arts

programs, which allow for students with disabilities to participate in those areas, and completion of four swimming pool projects. He also listed the installation of air conditioning units throughout the district, increased access for students to college programming and the restoration of the Giving Farm at Westminster High School.

"The school district is in good place because of the team we get to work with every day, including outstanding teachers, classified staff and dedicated administrators that care about each other and the students they serve," Harwick said. "It's been a blessing to serve public school educators and dedicated staff that realize an investment in the development of our youth is an investment in our future."

Harwick was hired as su-



Courtesy of the Huntington Beach Union High School District

HUNTINGTON BEACH Union High School District Supt. Clint Harwick will retire this summer, according to an announcement from the district Monday.

perintendent of HBUHSD in 2016 after the departure of then-Supt. Gregory Plutko, who left for another district.

District board president Duane Dishno, who was also the board president at

the time of Harwick's hiring, said in a statement, "Dr. Harwick has played such a critical role in affecting the climate, attitude, and reputation of our schools! He has provided momentum and direction

by pairing his vision for our students and our schools with an unrelenting passion for instructional improvement.

"Most importantly, he has conveyed a sense of connection and belonging by helping all of us to understand that we succeed and fail together. Our students and staff have felt safe and cared for under his leadership. Dr. Harwick has inspired the best in every member of our district team. While we wish him well in his retirement, his smile and compassion will be missed."

The school board of trustees met at a special meeting on March 16 to discuss the next steps for hiring a new superintendent, according to district staff.

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POT

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After hearing a staff presentation, asking rounds of clarifying questions and taking testimony from more than two dozen speakers inside and outside of the cannabis industry, council members were free to put forth any motion of their choosing for a vote by his or her peers.

As such, the council generally supported establishing a separation requirement of 250 feet between any new cannabis dispensaries and residentially zoned properties and 1,000 feet between storefronts and youth centers where children recreate.

If passed, such a rule would make any already-approved shops inside that red zone "legal, nonconforming" businesses. Although they may continue to operate in violation of the new rules, it's not clear whether that status could hamper a property or business in the future.

The panel also agreed to process up to 35 cannabis business permits, to allow would-be operators who've already passed a pre-application stage to continue the process. After that, through attrition, a new citywide cap of 10 dispensaries could be instituted upon final approval.

But because a cannabis business permit runs with an individual operator and may not be transferred if a dispensary is sold, it is unclear whether another owner would be able to apply for a new permit or be shut out by the cap.

There was also no discussion Tuesday about imposing a 500-foot distance buffer between legal pot shops, recommended in 2021 and again in January by planning commissioners, who've logged numerous resident complaints about a perceived overconcentration of businesses.

So far, 22 conditional use permits have been issued and at least nine dispensaries are open for business. Nearly half of all approved dispensaries are located within 500 feet of another one, while 23 of the 31 proposals still pending fall within a similar radius.

"We don't want our city to be known as a marijuana capital of Southern California," resident Wendy Leece told the council Tuesday. "We don't want that reputation, so please be conservative in promoting this industry and really consider the residents."

Council members addressed a concern raised by cannabis proprietors about



Sara Cardine

RESIDENTS AND CANNABIS proprietors line up Tuesday to talk with the Costa Mesa City Council about revising its 2021 retail cannabis laws.

a provision of the ordinance requiring operators to issue a city-approved identification badge to each employee upon completion of fingerprinting and a background check administered through the Costa Mesa Police Department. Each credential costs \$631, \$81 of which goes to CMPD while the remainder aims to recover city staff time spent processing the request. A unique badge is required for each business an employee works at, even if they're owned by the same proprietor.

Operators claimed the mandate was too costly and took up to six weeks to process, leaving employees hanging for so long they sometimes accepted other jobs.

Councilman Loren

Gameros suggested halving the city's \$550 recovery fee and allowing employees who work at more than one location under the same owner to only have a single badge.

His council colleagues gave initial approval of the motion, agreeing to look into whether the city's badge-processing costs might be reduced by seeking background checks through an independent consultant. A request by Gameros to consider offering a temporary badge after a portion of an applicant's background check has been performed will also be brought back.

Councilman Don Harper responded to a request amending a requirement to have a 24-hour security presence on site. Business

owners said the law presented complications, like giving guards after-hours access to shops to use the restroom and potentially

conflicting with more comprehensive security systems at the sites.

"From what I've heard, sometimes a security guard is an impediment to good business and the extra cost isn't necessary," Harper said, indicating a preference for having guards only during delivery and business hours.

Council members Tuesday also approved bringing the city's policies on preventing marketing and advertising to youth more in line with state policies, allowing dispensaries to post door signs indicating the presence of a cannabis business, and posting the city's administrative regulations regarding legal retail cannabis online for the public.

Most of the amendments require a two-thirds supermajority for passage, as they constitute material changes to Measure Q, the ballot initiative passed by voters in 2020. The motions, and continued discussion on other points raised Tuesday, will be

drafted and brought back to a future council meeting for another reading and then a vote, likely in April.

Resident Janet Loftus chided officials for not having more detailed discussions on the regulations before the city began accepting applications.

"[Officials] did a really thorough job of reaching out to the cannabis industry about what they wanted with zero outreach to the residents of Costa Mesa," she said during the meeting via Zoom. "Now we are being asked to live with a mess that was created because a few of our leaders had a vision of Costa Mesa as a cannabis mecca with an unlimited number of dispensaries and pushed through a poorly thought-out set of regulations."

Longtime resident Jay Humphrey agreed.

"If all this stuff had been done up front, probably none of this would be going on right now," he said.

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CELEBRATING OUR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Shireen & Jamshed Dastur



I met my princess on 8/10/1963.
We tied the knot on 3/21/1964

60 years ago today, Ahura Mazda showered his blessings on us, and Shireen & I embarked on a fabulous journey of a life full of love, sharing, striving, achievement, pride and joy. For me it was as if I had won the biggest Lotto of my life, to be redeemed over our lifetimes.



The growing Dastur clan

The fruits of 60 wonderful years together (32 of them on Balboa Island) are our three amazing kids (57,56 & 46) along with their spouses & kids. There is no price that can be put on our 6 adorable & talented grand kids (29, 24, 14, 8, almost 4 and almost 4). May Ahura Mazda keep them safe and happy.



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We are incomplete without each other. Together, there is no hill too steep to climb. There is the calm and contentment of a life well lived, of unconditional love, till eternity.

Paid for by our children's inheritance, and I Jamshed approve this message.

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AROUND TOWN

3 local residents honored as Women of the Year

Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Irvine) honored Women's History Month March 14 by naming three Orange County residents as 2024 Women of the Year.

Costa Mesa Police Deputy Chief Joyce LaPointe, President of City of Hope Orange County Annette Walker and CalOptima Health community relations manager Soledad Rivera were selected to receive the honor, which recognizes extraordinary contributions and leadership by women.

"These three honorees are working each and every day to keep our communities healthy and safe, and they serve as inspiring role models for women and girls in Orange County to pursue their goals and ambitions," Petrie-Norris said.

Laguna Beach middle school student captures first place in writing contest

Izzie Tran, a student at Thurston Middle School, has won first place in the 25th annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest, according to a news release issued on March 15 by the Laguna Beach Unified School District.

Her winning entry was entitled "Mourning Silence," a response to the testimony of Kurt Messerschmidt, who described the aftermath of Kristallnacht when some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps.

Tran was recognized at an award ceremony held March 15 at Chapman University's Memorial Hall. She will be invited to participate in an expense-paid study trip in June to visit the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, the Japanese American National Museum, and other sites in Los Angeles, as well as to meet with members of the 1939 Society. Tran's essay can be found at the school district's website.

OCC launches mental health crisis line

Orange Coast College announced last week the launch of its mental health crisis line. The college partnered with Protocol



Courtesy of Cottie Petrie-Norris' office

ANNETTE WALKER, from left, Soledad Rivera and Joyce LaPointe were honored March 14 as 2024 Women of the Year by Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Irvine).

Services to provide the service, which can connect students with a crisis counselor if they call (714) 714-7715 and press 9. The line is available Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. and all day on Saturday and Sundays. Students will also be able to access it while on breaks from school.

Pageant of the Masters holds March 28 casting call, seeks female volunteers

Laguna Beach's Pageant of the Masters is hosting a second open casting call on March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Forum Theatre on the Festival of Arts grounds to primarily recruit female volunteers for its upcoming summer production, "À La Mode: The Art of Fashion," which will run from July 6 through Aug. 30.

Pageant organizers are seeking women applicants of diverse ages and ethnic backgrounds, specifically with heights ranging from 5 feet 1 to 5 feet 5 and 5 feet 8 to 5

feet 10. No prior theater experience is necessary — the only requirement is the ability to stand still and have fun.

The Forum Theatre is on the Festival of Arts grounds, 650 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. Those unable to attend on March 28 can contact the pageant's casting office for a private appointment and measuring at (949) 494-3663 Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Club opens indoor pickleball courts in Laguna Beach

The Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach opened its doors for indoor pickleball on March 18.

The club has three courts available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Players will need to pay \$10 hourly for doubles play and \$20 hourly for singles play. Four spots must be reserved for singles play. For more information or to rent a court, visit bgclagunabeach.org/adult-pickleball.

Rentals available for North Beach Cottage No. 9

The Crystal Cove Conservancy has announced that Cottage No. 9 is now available for reservations for stays beginning on April 15. Cottage availability will be released on a 30-day window.

To make a reservation visit reservecalifornia.com.

51 high school seniors earn associate's degrees from Golden West College

Golden West College announced March 15 that 51 seniors at Los Amigos High School in Fountain Valley submitted their petitions to graduate from the community college. Those students are part of Los Amigos' Early College Academy, which is a dual-enrollment program that lets students taking college-level courses as early as ninth grade. Those graduating this year are the first cohort to complete the program.

Costa Mesa High School Drama to present 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

The Costa Mesa High School Drama program will perform "The Drowsy Chaperone," which pays tribute to the Jazz-age shows of the 1920s with dancing, lights and bedazzling music that's sure to get feet tapping.

Billed as a "musical within a comedy," the production features music and lyrics from Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison and a book by Don McKellar and Bob Martin. Actors will be supported by Costa Mesa High's award-winning band members playing live from an orchestra pit.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" runs March 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. and on March 30 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the CMHS Performing Arts Center, 2650 Fairview Road. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and can be purchased by calling (714) 424-8706 or at the door 45 minutes prior to each show.

For information, visit cmhsdrama.com or email costamesahs.drama@gmail.com.

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LIBRARY

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possible lower wages and cut-off pensions. Laura Jenkins is the senior youth services librarian for the Huntington Beach Public Library, who started out as a weekly storyteller.

"I don't know what the terms of an outsourcing contract might be, but I do know that outsourced libraries are widely known for being a revolving door of workers," Jenkins told the City Council. "Gone will be the days of the family librarian who grows with families as their children age. That, to me, is the biggest tragedy that will come with possible outsourcing."

Kari Johnson, a Huntington Beach library services assistant, was tearful as she put the Mayor's Excellence Award, presented to her last November, on the podium while speaking.

"I am here again tonight in these same chambers needing to defend that same job," Johnson said. "Do not hand us over to outsourcing ... look at our faces. We are sincere, hard-working, educated people ... We have been pushed and prodded this year, and now this item is too much."

None of Orange County's libraries are currently privately operated, though Library Systems & Services does have operations in Southern California. Simi Valley contracted with the company in 2013, four years before Escondido did the same.

Bolton noted that current donations from nonprofit Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library would not go to a private entity, so the savings from privatizing operations could actually be closer to \$650,000 than \$1 million.

"That's one-sided," Strickland said. "You don't know if there's other people who would step up and fill that gap."

Bolton responded incredulously, "Someone is going to donate to a private company?"

Moser noted that the city attorney's office went from 11 to 15 full-time employees in a year, as that budget went up almost \$1 million.

"For me, I think that we should invest in our libraries," she said. "I don't think this is the place where we should be cutting."

But the RFP process will begin.

"We can always negotiate into the contract quality control metrics and other deal points to address any



NANCY CURTIS, right, speaks against library privatization during Tuesday night's meeting.

Photos by James Carbone



HUNTINGTON BEACH Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, center, listens to a speaker talk about the library.

concerns we may have," McKee said. "I totally understand concerns that have been raised, I just think it's premature to pass judgment until all the facts are known."

Earlier Tuesday, the council received a letter from State Supt. of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond opposing the agenda item. Nonprofits PEN America and EveryLibrary also released a joint statement in opposition.

"Community libraries help us extend our efforts to support students and their families," Thurmond wrote. "Don't hinder them by making a short-sighted decision to privatize the library."

COUNCIL APPROVES GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW BOARD

Ordinance No. 4318 was

also approved by the same 4-3 vote on Tuesday night, with Van Der Mark, Burns, Strickland and McKee in favor and Kalmick, Moser and Bolton against.

The ordinance includes guidelines for a parent/guardian community review board of up to 21 members that will screen children's books for sexual content and/or sexual references before they enter the library.

The review board was first approved last fall, but this is the first time details have been released. It will meet at least twice a year, with meetings open to the public as a Brown Act board.

Board members will be provided a list of children's books that are being considered by director of community and library services Ashley Wysocki at least 45 days before any board

meeting, and any board member can nominate a book from the list for review. Board members can also request any book currently in circulation be subject to the same review.

"How will they decide if a book is pulled or not pulled?" Kalmick asked. "Literally, judging a book by its cover?"

City Atty. Michael Gates responded that committee members can use their own reasoning, including reviews or community input.

"I think we've just added a huge layer of bureaucracy and government," Kalmick said. "I feel like I'm the Libertarian on this council trying to limit government's intervention into our daily lives, and I can't support this ordinance. I think it's too confusing and way too squishy ... I don't know why this council would give

up its authority on what goes in our public library to a board of unelected folks."

Van Der Mark responded that she is simply trying to bring parents and the community into the equation of what is allowed in libraries.

"You make it seem like in order to be worthy of having an opinion on a children's book, you need to have a degree," she said.

Kalmick responded that there's a difference between someone with an opinion and someone with a library science degree.

"When I say that amateurs are on this board ... it's not to denigrate someone's opinion," he said. "It's to quantify someone's expertise ... Parenting is very difficult, but being a parent I don't believe qualifies me to decide what books are in our children's library."

Moser said she believed the definition of "children"

as people under 18 was too broad, as are the standards of sexual content or references.

"You are potentially removing so many different books from the library, that are about things like people's bodies," she said. "Maybe not removing them from the library, but moving them to a restricted section, or perhaps disallowing them from entering the library at all."

Notably, all decisions by the board will be final.

H.B. EXITS LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR 2024

In the last item of the night, the City Council again voted 4-3, in this case to leave the League of California Cities for this year, with the same members voting for and against the move.

McKeon, who introduced the item, said the organization advocates for the state's agenda instead of individual cities, citing its support of Proposition 1 as an example.

"In my opinion, that's unforgivable," McKee said. "We cannot continue sending tax dollars to an organization that hurt us this badly. We can no longer be part of an organization that's supposed to be advocating for us and did the exact opposite in such a high-profile way."

As of Wednesday morning, Proposition 1 — Gov. Gavin Newsom's mental health ballot measure opposed by most conservatives — maintained a lead of less than 22,000 votes statewide out of more than 7 million cast.

Huntington Beach's withdrawal comes after neighboring Newport Beach also voted to withdraw last week. The city will seek reimbursement for 2024 dues that have already been paid.

Moser, a division board member of the League of California Cities, said in dissent that the league has provided plenty of benefit and advocacy for Huntington Beach.

"It's not OK to throw the baby out with the bath water," she said. "You might disagree with the way that they approached Prop. 1, that's fine, but that doesn't mean that everything leaves. There's also training [by Cal Cities] that's provided, not just to council members, but to staff, and I don't know who else is going to be providing that type of training."

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BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Retooling lineup, H.B. sweeps F.V.

BY ANDREW TURNER

It is an hour of opportunity in the Huntington Beach boys' volleyball program, which remains on solid footing despite being thin on senior leadership.

The Oilers have just three seniors on the roster this year, and only two of them are active, as the team marches toward a CIF Southern Section Division 1 playoff berth.

Long Beach State-bound setter Jake Pazanti displayed more of his all-around game on Monday, as Huntington Beach handled Fountain Valley 25-20, 25-14, 25-17 in a Sunset Conference crossover match at home.

Pazanti had 14 kills, 16 assists, four block assists and two service aces for Huntington Beach (20-2), which is ranked fourth in the CIF Division 1 and 2 combined poll. The senior is taking more swings with senior outside hitter Bennet Tchaikovsky on the mend from a meniscus injury.

"We had to change the lineup a little bit," Pazanti said. "Our other setter's really good. ... It's just better for the team to have three hitters on at all times, especially with Bennet gone, to hit high balls because our passing isn't as good without him. We all have to do a little more to [fill] his role."

Tchaikovsky has already

had surgery, and the Oilers hope he can return for the postseason, Huntington Beach coach Craig Pazanti said.

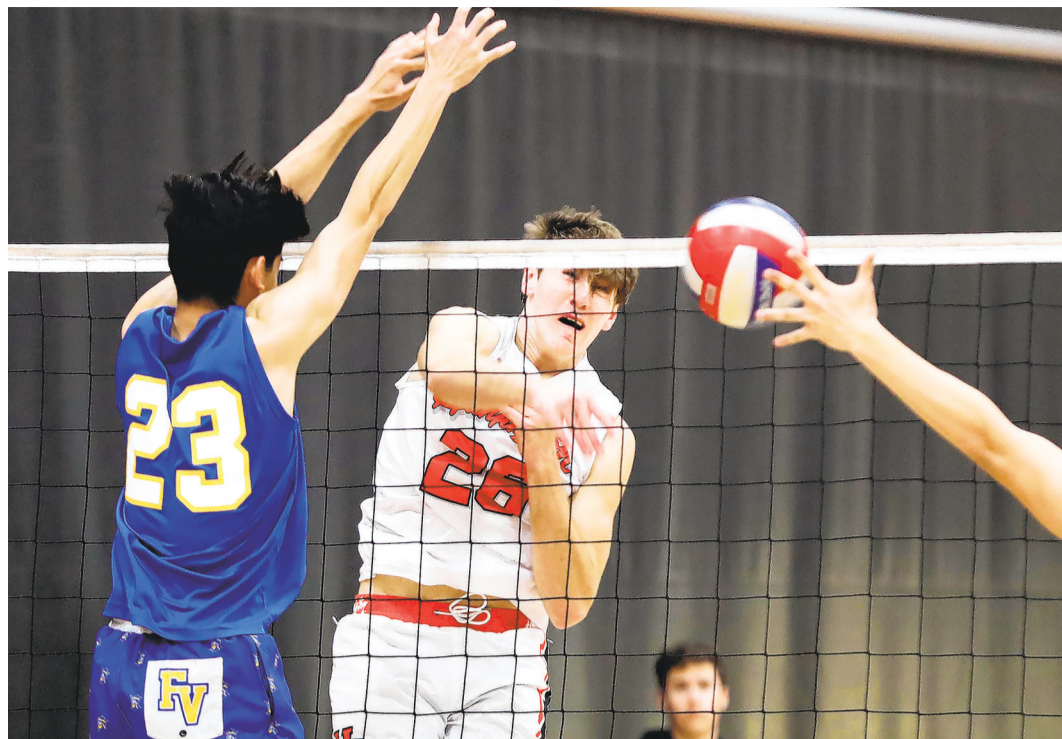
Opposite Aidan Dubno, the other senior currently in the lineup, supplied six kills, 2½ blocks and two aces.

Huntington Beach received widespread production elsewhere. Junior setter Kai Gan shared the distributing duties in a modified 6-2 offense.

"We do some funky stuff, but it's working," Dubno said of the Oilers' adjustments.

Freshman middle blocker Logan Hutnick, whose right-hand hammer polished off an extended rally on match point, and sophomore outside hitter Colin Choi each had eight kills. Junior middle blocker Nick Ganier added five kills and 1½ blocks.

The Sunset Conference is up to its old habits, its representatives making it clear that they will be in the hunt in the spring playoffs. There are five teams ranked in the Division 1 and 2 combined poll: No. 2 Newport Harbor (17-3), No. 4 Huntington Beach, No. 5T Corona del Mar (12-3),



HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Jake Pazanti (26) puts a kill away past the block of Fountain Valley's Byron Nguyen in a Sunset Conference crossover boys' volleyball match on Monday.

Don Leach Staff Photographer

No. 7 Edison (12-8), No. 16 Los Alamitos (9-12).

Fountain Valley (17-3) is second in Division 3, where Marina (8-10) is also knocking on the door as a team receiving consideration for the top 10.

After a run to the section quarterfinals in the same division last season, the Barons are looking to build off their past success and take aim at a Wave League championship. Outside hitter Thomas Ho (10 kills, 1½ blocks) and opposite Bennett Heydorn (10 kills, two blocks) are back on the pins.

Setter Bryant Johnson had 24 assists, and middle blocker Billy Watkins contributed seven kills.

Fountain Valley has won the two tournaments it has

participated in at Tustin and Pacifica.

"It's been a good run, a good start for us," Fountain Valley coach Rebecca Cheltenham said. "We're just working on their confidence and their aggression and their consistency. That's kind of been our main focus point and not really caring about who's on the other side this year."

ROCKY CIARELLI INVITATIONAL

Huntington Beach and Newport Harbor are partnering to put on the inaugural Rocky Ciarelli Invitational on Saturday at Huntington Beach High.

Ciarelli, a celebrated coach who spent stints heading the programs of

Edison (1982-84), Huntington Beach (1985-2008) and Newport Harbor (2015-19), died last year.

"As soon as the news about Rocky [happened] last year, we wanted to try to do something," Huntington Beach coach Craig Pazanti said. "We thought it was going to be a little bit difficult to pull something off in the first year, so we kind of waited. We didn't want to go full tournament the first year."

"The cool part about it is ... Edison, Newport and Huntington ... are the three schools that he coached at, so that was kind of the thought process in year one."

The action begins with Edison against No. 5T Tesoro (11-4) at 2:30 p.m.,

followed by Newport Harbor versus No. 9 Redondo Union (13-3) at 4:15 p.m. Huntington Beach will play host to Corona del Mar in a Surf League match to close out the event at 6 p.m.

"I'm really excited to be a part of the inaugural Rocky Ciarelli Invitational," Newport Harbor coach Andrew Mabry said. "He was a legend in the volleyball community and his contributions are so significant and still felt today. We are honored to partner with Huntington Beach and these other fantastic programs to showcase high school volleyball and honor the legend of Rocky."

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
Case Number (Numero del Caso): **BSC 224872**
30-2023-01326290-CU-PO-CJC

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
TRACY VITELA, an individual, MYHA THI NGUYEN, as Trustee of the MYHA THI NGUYEN FAMILY TRUST, a Revocable Living Trust, dated May 14, 2022, MYHA THI NGUYEN, as an individual, and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
JOHN GARRISON, an individual

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web Site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

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Orange County Superior Court Central Justice Center
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Case Number:
30-2023-01326290-CU-PO-CJC

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
David N. Shaver, Esq. BUNT & SHAVER, LLP
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(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 15544-PM

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All Around Lighting, Inc., a California corporation, 10005 Muirlands Blvd. #1, Irvine, CA 92618
Doing Business as: All Around Lighting (Type - Wholesale Distribution of Lighting Products)
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: None

The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the Seller(s) is: Same as above
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are:
Lighting Supply Guy, a California corporation, 10005 Muirlands Blvd. #1 Irvine, CA 92618
The assets being sold are described in general as: The on-going business concern and all business assets, including, but not limited to: all furniture, fixtures, equipment, machinery, leasehold interest and leasehold improvements, stock in trade, inventory, goodwill and are located at: 10005 Muirlands Blvd. #1 Irvine, CA 92618

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: The Escrow Spectrum, Inc., 15615 Alton Parkway, Suite 450, Irvine, CA 92618, and the anticipated sale date is 04/10/24

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2 YES/NO YES
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: The Escrow Spectrum, Inc., 15615 Alton Parkway, Suite 450, Irvine, CA 92618, and the last date for filing claims shall be 04/09/24 which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: 3/4/2024
Buyer:
Lighting Supply Guy, a California corporation
By: /s/ Gordon Mankin, President
3/21/24
CNS-3794503#
DAILY PILOT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO. 2196
Orange Coast College Recycling Center Operations

COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Purchasing & Contract Services
1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

The Coast Community College District ("District") is requesting proposals from qualified persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, or professional organizations ("firms") to operate the Orange Coast College recycling center which provides recycling collection, processing, and disposal services seven days per week for a minimum of 350 days per year.

The RFP shall be submitted via the PlanetBids Vendor Portal for the District. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to submit the response by the proper time. Proposals received after the closing date and time will not be considered and will not be allowed by the system.

ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024, BEFORE 2 P.M.

Questions regarding this RFP may be directed by email to purchasing@mail.cccd.edu.

RFP document can be found at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/36722/bo/bo-detail/115452>

Governing Board,
Coast Community College District
County of Orange, California

By: John M. Eriksen
Director of Purchasing & Contract Services

Published: 3/14/24 & 3/21/24

Legal Notices

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[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, 13305 BROOKHURST ST, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843** and the last date for filing claims shall be **APRIL 8, 2024**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: **3/14/2024**
BUYER: DONG HAN
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. 30-2024 01382157

Attorney or Party Without Attorney:
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:
Petitioner: Martha Denise Garcia filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Martha Denise Garcia
Proposed Name:
Denise Khalifa

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 4/23/24
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ROOM: Remote

The address of the court is:
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County of Orange
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700 Civic Center Dr. West
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A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Daily Pilot.

Dated: Mar 01, 2024
Judge Layne H. Melzer
David H. Yamasaki, Clerk of the Court



Raymond Leonard Cordova

September 25, 1939 - January 28, 2024

In Loving Memory of Raymond Leonard Cordova

Raymond Leonard Cordova, age 84, passed away peacefully on Jan 28th 2024 at Windsor Gardens Convalescent Center of Long Beach. He was born on Sept 9th, 1939 in Springer, New Mexico to the parents of Filomeno Ramon Cordova and Virginia Mary Cordova DeHerrera.

Ray's life was dedicated to his family, his country and his pursuit pushing for organized labor to achieve justice and equity. Born in Springer NM and a proud graduate of the St Joseph High School in Denver, CO; Ray's academic journey lead him to earn a Bachelors and a Masters degree in business administration at Cal State University, Long Beach.

His early commitment to service was marked by his service in the U.S. Army Airborne where he served as a sergeant in the Vietnam War. His service to our Nation set the stage for a life characterized by honor, courage, and an unwavering commitment to democracy and social justice.

From the 1960's on, Ray was a leader within the Southern California labor and civil rights movement. Becoming a member of the Communications Workers of America Local 9571 and then serving as its Vice President. His leadership continued to evolve as he served for 50 years as a delegate to L.A. County Federation of Labor, Orange County Central Labor Council, and the California State Federation of Labor.

Ray's activism was not confined to labor. He was a life long member of the NAACP, a proud member of LULAC, and deeply committed to the Labor Council for Latin America Advancement. In addition, he had many contributions to the civil rights movement during the freedom summer of the 1960s.

Ray also served for the State of California working for State Senator Ralph C Dills as a senior deputy, assisted John Chiang (our recent State Treasurer) as a board of equalization member, and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano as her district director.

To say that Ray was a Titan of labor and democratic politics in Orange County and L.A., barely scratches the surface of his impact. His activism campaigning and mentoring had led to an indelible mark in the fabric of our State and the heart of the Democratic Party.

His unwavering belief in democratic values and the commitment in instilling those ideals in others have fostered a legacy that will endure for generations. It's important to note that Ray didn't just have a love for organized labor and politics. His marriage to his wife, Soon-Ei Cordova spanned 64 years, who was a cornerstone of his life.

He will be remembered for his tireless contributions, kindness, and accomplishments. He changed lives through his ability to create jobs, businesses and livelihoods for thousands. His hobbies included, listening to jazz, fishing and writing Western Poetry.

He is survived by his loving wife, Soon Ei Cordova. His surviving siblings are his older sister Patricia Rosenda Cordova DeStetzel, his younger brothers, Benny Christopher Cordova, Donald Gene Cordova, and many in-laws nieces, nephews, cousins, family friends, and colleagues who will cherish his memory and carry his legacy forward.

A memorial service will be held on April 7th at 1pm to 3pm at IBEW Local II, 6023 S. Garfield Avenue, Commerce Ca 90040, where friends and family can gather to celebrate Raymond Cordova's life and share cherished memories.

In honor of Ray Cordova, a scholarship has been established for student veterans at Coast Line Community College. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to this charity at this link: <https://26957.thankyou4caring.org/coastline-raymond-l-cordova-scholarship>

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Newport Harbor closes out CdM in chaotic contest

BY ANDREW TURNER

When it comes to crosstown rivalry games, there is no shortage of catch phrases.

The call to throw out the records in such a contest is one, and it was appropriate with the Newport Beach softball programs scrapping for a rare win in their respective seasons.

Newport Harbor held on for a 20-17 win over host Corona del Mar on Tuesday in a most unorthodox but exciting Battle of the Bay game.

"It was fun to play in a competitive game," Newport Harbor coach Patrick Murphy said. "This league has been quite a gauntlet so far, so it was fun to play in a game like this, actually get your heart racing."

Sienna Schneider led off the game with a single, stole second base, and came home on a hit by Maia Helmar. Alexis Vanhorn's sacrifice-fly made it 2-0 for Newport Harbor (2-10, 1-4 in the Sunset League).

Emily Hands, Alex Boserup and Julia Mork

authored hits in succession in the bottom half of the first inning to tie the score for CdM (1-9, 0-6).

The Sea Kings' pitching would take a turn for the wild from there. Ashley Jones was able to get out of a bases-loaded jam with just one run in the second inning, but three CdM arms combined to issue 12 walks and hit a batter in an 11-run third inning that spotted the Sailors a 14-2 lead.

Vanhorn, a center fielder who drove in a run in each of her first five plate appearances, said the big inning was a "learning moment" in which the Sailors exercised patience and trusted their teammates to bring home base runners.

"I feel like we came into this game actually ready to take charge and show everyone what we have and show people that we can win games," Vanhorn said. "I feel like that's what our team proved today. We used literally everyone on the team. It's a team sport. Everyone proved their worth here."

Corona del Mar swung its way back into the game, twice avoiding mercy-rule endings with three-run innings in the fifth and sixth. Lilly Borland's single extended the game in the fifth, and Niki Darnall's two-run single made it 20-11.

Even after retiring the Sailors in order in the top of the seventh, the deficit seemed insurmountable, but the Sea Kings rallied.

Pinch hitter Lily Eastmond kept the game going with a two-run single to right, just beating the throw to first. After Alexa Rokos reached on the third error of the inning, CdM brought the tying run to the plate, but Mackenzie Kish flew out to Vanhorn to end it.

"We weren't quitting, so that's what makes you feel good," CdM coach Dennis Wilbanks said. "There's no quit in this group. They can be aloof sometimes, like in practice and stuff, but that's one thing they don't have. They'll keep battling and battling until that last out."

Mork had a game-high



James Carbone

NEWPORT HARBOR center fielder Alexis Vanhorn (27) makes a catch against Corona del Mar in the Battle of the Bay softball game on Tuesday.

four hits for CdM. Boserup had three hits, while Abby Schalow, Rokos, Kish, Hands and Darnall each had two hits.

Ava Nolan paced New-

port Harbor with three hits, including what proved to be a key two-run double in the sixth.

"It was a good moment," Nolan said. "I

managed to come through in the end, so that was good."

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in 2010 and 2014.

Other familiar names in the field include Davis Love, Mark O'Meara, Corey Pavin, David Duval, John Daly and two-time event winner Jay Haas (2007 and 2016). They're competing for a total purse of \$2 million, including \$300,000 to the champion.

Doug Barron, from Memphis, Tenn., came close last year. A missed five-foot putt on No. 18 on Sunday was the only thing that kept him from forcing a playoff with Els to determine the winner.

Barron, 54, ended up missing most of last season due to elbow injuries, and



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NEWPORT BEACH resident Fred Couples is always a fan favorite at the Hoag Classic golf tournament.

he said his right elbow is still painful but manageable. He's excited to return to Orange County.

"I love the golf course, and some of our best friends live in Corona del Mar," Barron said. "Actually,

this year, they just built a new house down in the flower-named streets ... I know you've had a ton of rain this winter. But, I mean, Newport Beach is where everyone aspires to wish they could live. It's a pretty cool place."

Rob Labritz finished tied for fourth at the Hoag Classic last year, matching his best finish of the year at the U.S. Senior Open.

Labritz, 52, is easy to root for, as a former longtime club professional in New York who is now playing full-time for PGA Tour Champions.

Southern California is also to his liking, he said, as his brother lives in Burbank and his sister lived in Dana Point before moving back to the East Coast.

"It's been a dream come true to be out here, to be honest with you," Labritz said. "I waited 50 years of my life to kind of make it out here. It's been awesome to be able to just work on your golf game every day. It makes a huge difference in how you improve, that's for sure."

The Hoag Classic features the Aston Martin Newport Beach Legends Pro-Am on Wednesday and Thursday, which is open to the public. Gates open at 8 a.m.

Tournament weekend begins Friday, with the opening round featuring tee times from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Easton said he sees the Hoag Classic as more of a lifestyle event, a whole week of events built around

a super-solid golf tournament. Bruce Cook touched on some of those entertainment options in his Daily Pilot column last week.

On Saturday, a celebrity group that follows the pros will raise money for military charities, and Reggie Bush, Matt Barkley and Marshall Faulk are committed.

"The goal of that is to attract non-golfers," Easton said. "If you're not a golfer but you have an opportunity to go see some TV star or NFL star, some other type of celebrity, hopefully you'll come out and enjoy the food and beverages we have to offer and different opportunities."

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California State Parks seasonal lifeguard Sierra Fockler discovered a 14-inch Pacific football fish around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, near the lifeguard station located at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. It's the second such case of the fish washing ashore over the last three years. (Courtesy of California State Parks)

Good morning. It's Wednesday, Oct. 25. I'm Carol Cormaci, bringing you this week's [TimesOC newsletter](#) with a look at the latest local news and events.

Watch where you're stepping on O.C.'s famed sands, because you may encounter a rare specimen of marine life. One, in fact, that has very sharp teeth.

That's what happened on a recent afternoon to lifeguard Sierra Fockler, who found a spooky-looking black angler fish, specifically a Pacific football fish, while she was walking near the lifeguard headquarters building on Moro Beach, located within Crystal Cove State Park.