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FOUNTAIN VALLEY has updated its municipal code and passed a ban on feeding wildlife on city property, aiming to reduce coyote encounters.

Fountain Valley ban on feeding wildlife aims to reduce coyote encounters

BY ANDREW TURNER

In response to a coyote attack that happened in Mile Square Park in the summer, Fountain Valley has updated its municipal code to include an ordinance that prohibits certain interactions with wildlife on public property.

The Fountain Valley City Council unanimously approved the ordinance, geared toward reducing the presence of coyotes, with a second reading at Tuesday's meeting.

"The ban states that unless specifically authorized by the

director of community services in writing, no person shall feed, disturb or have physical contact with wildlife on city property," Colin Burns, an attorney for the city, said in introducing the ordinance at a City Council meeting on Sept. 20. "It is in line with our coyote management plan, and it is meant to reduce the possibility of human contact with urbanized coyotes."

A coyote attack on a 2-year-old child was reported in the county-operated portion of Mile Square Park in June. The animal was subsequently

caught and euthanized.

"Under the coyote management plan, the act of feeding wildlife is known to lead to an increase in wildlife activity, so it attracts more wildlife," Burns said. "That attracts coyotes. That leads to an increased possibility of human-coyote interaction."

Mayor Patrick Harper said the ordinance gives the city the capability to administer citations, if necessary, but public education will be the focus.

"If people leave food out or feed the coyotes, they become less scared," Harper said in a

phone interview Thursday. "We want them to sort of keep to themselves, so if we sort of encourage them to interact with humans [by providing them with food], that's where the danger can be."

The presence of coyotes has also been felt elsewhere locally, including in Huntington Beach, where a Chino Hills mother announced plans to pursue legal action against the city after her 2-year-old daughter was bitten by a coyote in April.

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Guilty pleas set in illegal opioids case

Irvine physician and pharmacist accused of wrongful prescriptions expected to appear in federal court next week.

BY SARA CARDINE

A local physician who allegedly distributed illegal opioids to numerous individuals — including a man convicted in the DUI killing of an off-duty Costa Mesa fire captain in 2018 — and his co-conspirator pharmacist have agreed to plead guilty in federal court.

Dr. Dzung Anh Pham was the owner of Irvine Village Urgent Care between January 2013 and December 2018, when he illegally prescribed 53,693 oxycodone pills, 68,795 hydrocodone pills and 29,286 pills of amphetamine salts to 18 different patients in exchange for cash and insurance payments, prosecutors allege.

In one case that occurred in August 2018, Pham reportedly wrote prescriptions for 75 pills for a woman who was never a patient and had never seen him, issuing the script to her husband.

Knowing pharmacies would not fill prescriptions without a legitimate medical purpose, Pham allegedly directed his patients to Jennifer Thaoyen Nguyen, a then-licensed pharmacist who operated Bristol Pharmacy in Irvine, court records indicate.

Prosecutors maintain that, from May 2017 to December 2018, the pharmacist filled prescriptions written by Pham for 160 oxycodone pills, 1,810 hydrocodone pills and 450 pills of amphetamine salts for eight different patients.

"As a licensed pharmacist, [Nguyen] abused her position of trust in a manner the significantly facilitated the commission of the conspiracy charged in count one," prosecutors stated in

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Voters to get a look at NMUSD Board of Trustees candidates

BY SARA CARDINE

For voters looking to learn more about local education issues and initiatives, a forum Monday night will introduce candidates running for four open seats on the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Organized by the Harbor Council PTA, NMUSD's districtwide parent-teacher association, the event takes place at Back Bay/Monte Vista High School from 6 to 9 p.m. and will feature remarks and a Q&A session with nine of the 10 candidates running in the Nov. 8 election.

"I'm thrilled that we have this much interest in the school board, especially in this day and age," said organizer Martha Fluor, a former NMUSD trustee of 29 years and Harbor Council PTA's third vice president overseeing legislation and advocacy efforts. "This is an opportunity for individuals to come and learn about their candidates and make educated decisions."

Three representatives from Or-

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Rick Raasch

VOLUNTEERS TOUCH UP a Shalimar Park painting for Love Costa Mesa 2021. Newport Beach will host a similar event on Oct. 15.

Newport residents get a chance to show some love

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Oct. 15 will be just another Saturday for some, but for Newport Beach residents, it will be their chance to show some affection to the city in which they live, work and play with the arrival of the first "Love Newport Beach" Volunteer Day.

The event comes months after it was first announced during Mayor Kevin Muldoon's remarks

at the 40th annual Mayor's Dinner in May, during which he spoke at length about a campaign he is calling "Renew Newport" — a push for collaboration between faith-based organizations and private citizens working to improve the neighborhoods, schools and beaches throughout the city.

"I'm very excited for Renew Newport's first volunteer day on Oct. 15, and I encourage every-

one to participate," Muldoon said in a news release. "It's a great way to be more engaged with your community, to renew relationships with your neighbors and contribute to the renewal of Newport Beach."

The campaign is organized by Trellis International, which also facilitated organization for Love Newport Beach Volunteer Day. Roughly 100 people have signed up so far, according to Reina

Cuthill, Trellis director of neighborhood initiative.

Cuthill said the Costa Mesa-based organization has been in talks with Muldoon about such a project for several months.

"A day like this shows the unity of the city and it shows that people love the city. They want to serve the city and it's a really beautiful expression of

See **Love**, page A5



Carolyn Cole | Los Angeles Times

A BAT found Sept. 29 outside the main lobby of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Building on Alton Parkway in Irvine has tested positive for rabies, according to the Orange County Health Care Agency. Officials urge residents to be on the alert and avoid contact with any bats. Above, a file photo of a brown bat taken at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area.

Second rabid bat found, O.C. health officials report

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Orange County health officials are reporting the discovery of a second rabid bat in the last month.

A bat found Thursday, Sept. 29 outside the main lobby of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Building on Alton Parkway in Irvine has tested positive for rabies according to the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Given the location and circumstance, the O.C. Health Care Agency urged residents to be on the alert and avoid contact with any bats.

"Contact with bats should be avoided and any potential bat bite should be discussed with a medical provider," the agency said.

Anyone who may have had physical contact with this bat or who saw someone else having contact with the bat was asked to call the agency's Communi-

cable Disease Control Division at (714) 834-8180 to determine the risk for rabies.

Owners of pets who may have had contact with this bat should contact their veterinarian.

On Sept. 14, a bat found at a parking lot at Pickleball Court No. 1 at the Fountain Valley Tennis Center on 16400 Brookhurst St. tested positive for rabies.

The rabies virus is found in an animal's saliva and is transmitted to people by a bite from a rabid animal. Although very rare, contamination of the eyes, mouth or an open wound by the saliva of a rabid animal can also transmit rabies.

Most cases of human rabies in the United States in recent years have resulted from bat strains of rabies; bats have very small teeth, and their bites may go unnoticed. Once a person begins showing signs and symptoms of rabies, the

disease is nearly always fatal.

OCHCA and O.C. Animal Care officials recommend the following actions to minimize the risk of rabies:

- Avoid all contact with wild animals;
- Vaccinate all cats and dogs against rabies;
- Do not sleep with open unscreened windows or doors;
- If bats are seen inside the house or other structure, close off the area and contact animal control;
- Do not leave pet food outside where it will attract wild animals;
- Immediately wash all animal bites with soap and water, being sure to flush the wound well, then contact your doctor;
- Report all animal bites to O.C. Animal Care;
- Report stray animals to O.C. Animal Care.

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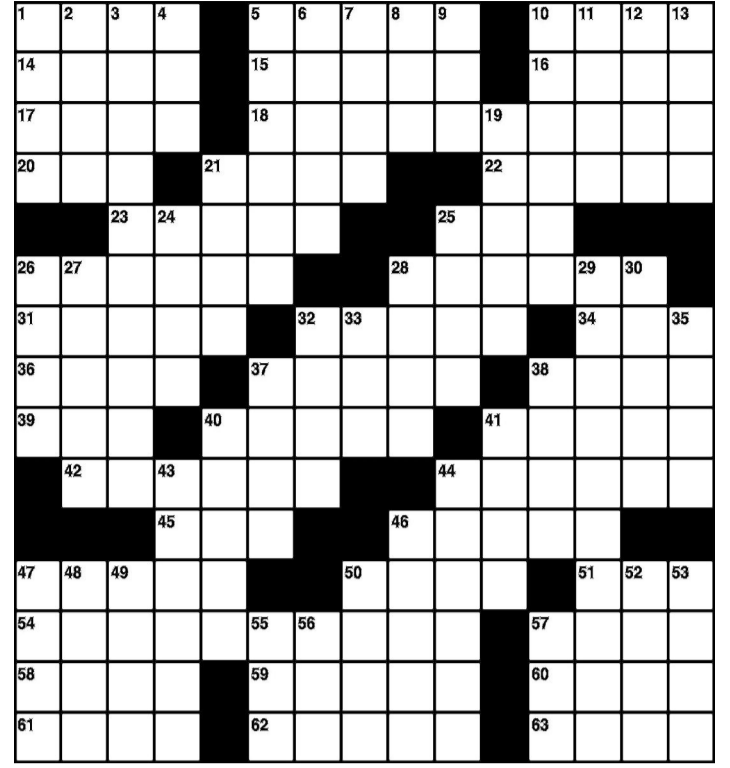
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

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- 5 Up and about
- 10 "Baby, Take _"; Shirley Temple film
- 14 Sound of a crowd
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- 17 _ up; admits guilt
- 18 Long-distance racer
- 20 Deer's color
- 21 _ model; one to imitate
- 22 Jittery
- 23 Chris of tennis
- 25 "The Blacklist" network
- 26 Without a doubt
- 28 Shushes
- 31 Actress Kirstie
- 32 Earthquake line
- 34 Uncooked
- 36 "_ on it!"; cry to a slowpoke
- 37 Wild
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- 40 Like an Afghan hound's coat
- 41 Guys
- 42 Like Jacuzzi waters
- 44 Accept one's pension
- 45 Of _; over 18
- 46 Bedsheet fabric
- 47 Wild weather
- 50 Close connection
- 51 Acquired
- 54 Brave
- 57 Sand mound
- 58 Shaping tool
- 59 Wipe away errors
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- 61 "High _"; Gary Cooper film
- 62 _ out; distributed
- 63 Coagulate

DOWN

- 1 Moderate pace
- 2 Cedar Rapids' state: abbr.



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 A5.

- 3 Impolite
- 4 Pausing syllables
- 5 Military storehouse
- 6 Commandment verb
- 7 Become fatigued
- 8 _ jiffy; quickly
- 9 Go bad
- 10 Immediately
- 11 Crooked
- 12 Silver & uranium
- 13 Lean and sinewy
- 19 Religious garb

- 21 _ on; have confidence in
- 24 Quayle or Cheney, for short
- 25 No longer in effect
- 26 Insolent talk
- 27 Prefix for violet or sound
- 28 Pier
- 29 Able to speak 3 languages
- 30 More rational
- 32 Collapsed
- 33 Actress Joan Van _
- 35 Astute
- 37 Blaze
- 38 Spouse
- 40 "S" in Athens
- 41 On the _; getting well
- 43 Harding or Beatty
- 44 Hosed off
- 46 No-goodnik
- 47 MRI, for one
- 48 Hustle and bustle
- 49 Greek liqueur
- 50 TV's "The Love _"
- 52 "Hold _ your hat!"
- 53 Exam
- 55 Jewel
- 56 Prior to
- 57 Trumpeter
- Severinsen

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To support Project Independence, contact Director of Development Todd Eckert at Todd@Proindependence.org or 714-549-3464.

Amtrak, Metrolink shut down between O.C. and San Diego County for rail work

BY PHIL DIEHL

California and Orange County transportation officials declared an emergency and approved \$6 million this week for construction to stabilize the sliding railroad tracks in San Clemente, a job expected to take 30 to 45 days before passenger service can resume.

Transit officials suspended Amtrak passenger and Metrolink commuter rail service Friday until further notice between Orange and San Diego counties because of the gradually moving hillside along about 700 feet of the tracks just north of Camp Pendleton.

The 140-year-old coastal rail line is the only viable route for passenger and freight trains between San Diego and the rest of the United States. The 350-mile LOSSAN corridor between San Diego, Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo is one of the nation's busiest rail routes.

Coaster commuter service between Oceanside and San Diego is not affected. However, the tracks on the coastal bluffs in Del Mar also are threatened by coastal erosion. Trains have been halted or slowed there in the past for a series of stabilization projects and repairs.

Passenger service between Orange County and Oceanside was suspended for about three weeks after heavy rain and storm surge in September 2021 caused some movement of the tracks at San Clemente. More than 18,000 tons of boulders were brought in by BNSF freight trains and placed on the coastal side of the railroad as riprap for stabilization.

Annual ridership is nearly 3 million on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner trains and

5 million on Coaster and Metrolink commuter trains, according to the Orange County Transportation Authority. Freight trains carry \$1 billion in goods annually on the LOSSAN corridor, according to a 2021 report by state Secretary of Transportation David S. Kim.

BNSF uses the rails under a "shared-use agreement" that allows the freight company to make its own determination when its trains can run. Normally it operates about six trains daily to and from rail terminals at the Port of San Diego, carrying everything from new foreign cars to building supplies and wind turbine blades. A company spokesman did not respond to messages Tuesday.

One company, the Pasha Group, has its own 157-acre terminal at San Diego's port, where it processes up to 400,000 vehicles annually, nearly all of which are shipped by rail.

"Our understanding is that one train for goods movement will operate daily through the corridor, although BNSF is also delivering riprap to the site, so there may be additional trains, all operating at reduced speeds through the area," Orange County Transportation Authority spokesman Eric Carpenter said in an email Tuesday.

Geologists and engineers monitoring the slide area detected new movement at the rate of 0.01 inch to 0.04 inch per day after another storm last month. Passenger service was halted Sept. 30, and BNSF is again bringing in rock for more riprap.

In addition to the immediate repair work, the Orange County Transportation Authority is reviewing long-term options to protect the coastal rail line, of-



Hayne Palmour IV | For The San Diego Union-Tribune

AN EXCAVATOR SITS next to the railroad tracks Tuesday where work is being done to stabilize the slope in San Clemente.

officials said.

"This stabilization effort is clearly an interim fix, and OCTA will continue to work with its partners on a long-term solution," Carpenter said. "That could include re-routing the track further from the ocean. But such a fix would require years of planning and would be expensive. So right now we are focused on this interim fix."

Studies to reroute the tracks in Del Mar, probably through a tunnel, have been underway for years. Construction costs could exceed \$4 billion, and completion is probably decades away. But the state awarded \$300 million earlier this year to local agencies for further planning to advance the project.

The emergency declaration approved Monday by the OCTA board of directors cleared the way to hire a contractor to proceed with the stabilization work in San Clemente.

"Our first priority, of course, is the safety and well-being of all rail passengers and crew members

who travel through this area," said OCTA Chair Mark A. Murphy, who is also the mayor of Orange, in a news release.

"We greatly appreciate Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission taking decisive action on this and working with us so quickly on advancing a solution," said OCTA CEO Darrell E. Johnson.

"We understand the urgency of this issue and are working around the clock with all of our partners, including at Metrolink, Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, the state and our elected leaders to complete this work as efficiently as possible, always prioritizing safety," Johnson said.

OCTA is working with federal and state officials to secure additional funding for the emergency construction, which is expected to cost about \$12 million overall.

"A timeline for completing the work is still being completed," Carpenter said. "Clearing vegetation and staging for emergency work is anticipated to begin

this week, with installation of ground anchors as soon as possible."

The metal ground anchors will be inserted at a 45-degree angle into the bedrock beneath the slope to keep it from slipping further toward the track and the ocean, he said.

Like the blufftop segment in Del Mar, the San Clemente section of track is one of the few places on the corridor where there's not enough right-of-way to add a second set of tracks. Relocation could solve that problem.

Multiple sets of rails allow trains to pass each other and speeds up service. More than two-thirds of the San Diego County segment has been double-tracked so far, with plans to eventually double-track more than 97% of the corridor, according to the San Diego Assn. of Governments.

OCTA owns the railroad right-of-way between Fullerton, near Anaheim, and the San Diego County border. North County Transit District owns the right-of-

way from the Orange County border to the Santa Fe Depot in downtown San Diego.

Amtrak's Office of Inspector General issued a memorandum Dec. 6, 2021, which noted that while Amtrak met all its regulatory obligations, it "may be missing opportunities to gather all the information it needs" to assure safety in places such as San Clemente in Del Mar.

The inspector general's memo urged the national railroad operator to participate more actively in related working groups and discussions with the OCTA, NCTD and other agencies.

Scot Naparstek, Amtrak's executive vice president and chief operations officer, said in response he would designate a company representative to participate in any future discussions of evolving coastal conditions, remediation efforts and the potential realignment of the train's Pacific Surfliner route.

Phil Diehl is a reporter for the San Diego Union-Tribune.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Huntington Beach boys' water polo beats Laguna Beach

BY ANDREW TURNER

Zach Bettino had a team-high five goals, as the Huntington Beach boys' water polo team closed strong to defeat Laguna Beach 15-11 on Wednesday in a Surf League game at Newport Harbor High.

The Oilers, ranked No. 6 in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 poll, also saw Luke Hanna, Christian Hammonds and Ethan Spoon record hat-tricks in the victory.

Huntington Beach (17-4, 2-1), which also received a goal from Logan Garwick, outscored Laguna Beach 9-5 in the second half.

Cade Anderton scored a match-high seven goals for the Breakers, who are ranked No. 9 in Division 1.

Sai Bassett had a pair of goals, while Coleman Judd and Eli Taub each scored once for Laguna Beach (12-7, 0-3).

The sides will meet again in their league finale on Oct. 26.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

ZACH BETTINO (7) pulls back to shoot in a Surf League boys' water polo match against Laguna Beach. He scored a team-high five goals Wednesday.

GIRLS' GOLF

Estancia 231, Ocean View 239: Laney Bae carded the low round for the visiting Eagles with an eight-over-par 39 at David L. Baker Golf Course on Wednesday in an Orange Coast League match.

Estancia improved to 9-6 overall and 9-3 in league. The Eagles completed the season sweep of Ocean View (4-8 overall and in league).

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Edison 3, Corona del Mar 2: Molly McCluskey had a team-high 18 kills to lead the visiting Chargers to a 25-20, 16-25, 17-25, 25-14, 15-11 win over the Sea Kings on Tuesday in a critical Wave League match.

Summer Witherby added 17 kills for Edison (17-15, 4-0), which gained separation from CdM (18-

16, 2-2) in the league standings. Reese Olson compiled 15 kills and 23 assists for CdM. Hailey Shaw contributed 11 kills and three blocks, Reiley Murphy had 11 kills and two aces, and Sabrina Baker chipped in with eight kills and five blocks.

Newport Harbor 3, Los Alamitos 0: Anabel Kotzakov had a team-leading 15 kills to lead the Sailors past the Griffins 27-25, 27-25, 25-23 in a tight Surf League match on Tuesday at Los Alamitos High. Laine Briggs added 13 kills and

11 digs for Newport Harbor (17-5, 3-1), which earned a split of the home-and-home set with Los Alamitos (22-13, 2-2). Both teams took straight-sets victories on the road. Drue Coberly distributed 22 assists for the Sailors. Tegan Glenn

had 13 assists, nine digs and two service aces. Fiona Gaffney provided 13 digs. Malia Thorne had five kills, and Zoe Gaa also had three kills and four blocks.

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Record-setting SoCal gas prices ease a bit, but for how long?

BY GRACE TOOHEY

Gas prices across Southern California dipped slightly on Thursday for the first time in weeks that saw record highs, but concerns about OPEC+'s decision to cut oil production makes it unclear how long any relief at the pump will last.

The average price for a gallon of regular gasoline across California fell by half a cent overnight, to \$6.42 according to the American Automobile Assn. That price is almost \$3 higher than the national average, with refinery outages in California being blamed for some supply issues — driving costs higher by an even larger margin than the pre-

mium that the state's motorists typically pay for fuel. In Los Angeles, the average price for regular was \$6.491 a gallon on Thursday, down from \$6.494 the day before, according to AAA. San Diego, Orange and Riverside counties — which all set new records this week —

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LOVE

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love to the city. I think people feel it that day," Cuthill said. "I've experienced it quite a few times now. A lot of it is civic pride: 'I'm a really proud Newport Beach resident. I'm a really proud Newport Beach business owner. I'm a Newport Beach pastor that loves my city and we can all do it together.'

"It's really, really powerful to see the whole community giving back."

Volunteers will meet at the Newport Beach Civic Center at 8 a.m. for breakfast and a kickoff celebration before groups will be

formed for more than 40 projects. City officials and Cuthill are encouraging people to sign up ahead of time for their top project choices. But, she added, sign-ups will also be welcomed the day of the event.

Work will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through noon. Some restaurants will offer discounts to those wearing volunteer event T-shirts throughout the day, according to organizers.

Those projects include activities such as writing notes of encouragement to hospital patients and seniors, yard beautification, beach cleanups, park cleanups, painting, handing out homemade cookies

and water bottles to bus drivers, and offering water bottles to runners in local parks.

Cuthill said a local pastor is encouraging chalk art throughout the neighborhoods as a way to bring children together to accomplish a project.

Organizers — who are still receiving proposals for the day's projects — have already identified more than 500 volunteer opportunities.

Interested readers can visit renewnewport.com for more information and to sign up for Love Newport Beach Volunteer Day.

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CITY OF COSTA MESA PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Zoning Administrator will render a decision on **Thursday, October 20, 2022**, or as soon as possible thereafter, on the following item:

Application No.: ZA-22-14
Applicant/Agent: JR Walz/ C3 Investments Partners LLC
Site Address: 711 W. 17th Street (F-7)
Zone: General Industrial (MG)

Description: Zoning Application 22-14 is a request for a Minor Conditional Use Permit to allow an approximate 330-square-foot tenant accessory fitness studio within an existing 2-story office building. The fitness studio will not be open to the public and limited to tenants and employees only.
Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.

Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. There will be **no public hearing** on this request. Any written correspondence must be emailed to ZAPublicComments@costamesaca.gov prior to **12:00 PM** on the day of the decision date (see above). The decision letter can be downloaded from the City's website following the decision date at: <http://www.costamesaca.gov/index.aspx?page=940>. If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, prior to the decision date.

Legal Notices

CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-XX

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California and virtual locations on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon as possible thereafter as the matter shall be heard, for the purpose of considering adopting and amending the 2022 Editions of the California Building Standards Codes including but not limited to the California Building Code, the California Fire Code, and the California Residential Code.

The Council will also receive first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-XX, the title being: **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 5 AND TITLE 7 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING THE 2022 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AND RELATED MODEL CODES WITH APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND REPEALING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2019 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA CODES AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2023"**

Public Comments: Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk's Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m.** on the day of the hearing, **October 18, 2022**. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at <http://costamesaca.gov>, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. **IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT**, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
Published on: Friday, October 7, 2022

BSC 222325 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JEFFREY S. LEE, aka JEFFREY STUART LEE 30-2022-01282369-PR-PL-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **JEFFREY S. LEE, aka JEFFREY STUART LEE**.

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

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **November 30, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701.

The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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BSC 222327 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT J. HOSHAW, aka ROBERT JENNINGS HOSHAW 30-2022-01282811-PR-PW-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **ROBERT J. HOSHAW, aka ROBERT JENNINGS HOSHAW**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed **ROBERT GREGORY HOSHAW & PAMELA J. PEDERSON-HOSHAW** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **ROBERT GREGORY HOSHAW & PAMELA J. PEDERSON-HOSHAW** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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also saw minor drops Thursday, as did most counties statewide.

Oil and gas analysts said wholesale prices for California-grade gasoline seem to have peaked this week after shutdowns of at least five refineries statewide led to shortages. But they said it often takes much longer to see prices at the pump reflect those market dips.

But Wednesday's announcement by OPEC+, a coalition of two dozen oil-producing countries, to cut oil production by 2 million barrels a day has the potential to affect California prices, officials said. It's unclear when or by how much prices could increase, but most experts do not expect a dramatic jump in costs in the Golden State.

A few areas in California still saw prices creep up Thursday, including San Bernardino County, which set a new record Thursday of \$6.375 a gallon, up a half cent from Wednesday.

Fuel costs began to rise in September after months of declines, but unlike nationwide increases in gas prices over the summer, this most recent spike has hit California and the West Coast particularly hard.

The high prices recently prompted Gov. Gavin Newsom to call on lawmakers to



Luis Sinco | Los Angeles Times

TRAFFIC STREAMS past the Marathon Refinery in Carson. Experts are blaming refinery outages in California for record-setting gas prices in the state.

introduce a windfall tax on "rip-off" oil companies and urged state air regulators to allow refineries to begin

producing cheaper winter-blend gasoline earlier than usual to help boost supplies and cut prices.

Despite Newsom's message, any proposed laws wouldn't be introduced until January, when the Legis-

lature is back in session after an end-of-calendar recess that began in late August.

Grace Toohey is a reporter for the Los Angeles Times.

GUILTY

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court records.

Both Pham and Nguyen, who each face one felony charge of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, signed plea agreements indicating they'd admit their guilt if federal prosecutors agreed to dis-

miss all other charges and consider sentence reductions.

Pham is scheduled to appear in court Friday, while Nguyen is set to go before a judge on Oct. 14, Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, confirmed Thursday.

Under the provisions of a Sept. 21 plea agreement, and in accordance with

federal sentencing guidelines, Pham could face a minimum of 15 to 19 years in prison, a reduction from the maximum 20-year sentence that could be imposed.

Nguyen faces a minimum sentence of five to six-and-a-half years, as prosecutors determined her offenses did not result in death or serious bodily

injury.

When Pham was charged in 2018, prosecutors said the physician's actions had been linked to multiple deaths, including five overdoses, City News Service reported last month.

One of his patients, Mission Viejo resident Stephen Taylor Scarpa, was high on drugs the morning of Nov.

3, 2018, when a van he was driving struck off-duty Costa Mesa fire Capt. Mike Kreza, who'd been riding a bicycle at the time.

City News Service reported authorities had located a prescription bottle inside Scarpa's vehicle with Pham's name on it after the collision. Scarpa was sentenced in December to serve 15 years to life in pris-

on for second-degree murder.

Roughly a year after the death of her husband, Shanna Kreza filed a medical malpractice claim against Nguyen and Pham in Orange County Superior Civil Court. That case is still ongoing.

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FORUM

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ange County's Fourth District PTA will moderate and keep time at Monday's forum, which will include multiple round robin question-and-answer sessions and comments from candidates seeking office.

Trustee Charlene Metoyer, a retired NMUSD administrator elected to the board in 2014, has announced she will not seek a new term in District 2, which represents College Park, Davis Magnet, Paular-

ino and Sonora elementary schools, along with Costa Mesa Middle and High School.

That leaves her Costa Mesa seat up for grabs among two candidates, parents Danielle Mills and Michelle Murphy, the latter of whom lists her career as a nonprofit executive.

In District 4, which serves Newport Beach's Anderssen, Harbor View, Lincoln and Newport elementary schools, Karen Yelsey will not seek another term after 16 years on the board. Three newcomers — Kristen Nicole Valle, an executive assistant, parent and retired educator Lisa Pearson and Barbara George, a mom and business owner — have filed to run.

Incumbent Michelle Barto is seeking a second term in District 5, which



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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, at its regular meeting commencing at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on **October 18, 2022**, in the **City Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California**, the **City Council of the City of Laguna Beach** (the "City") will hold a public hearing at which it will hear and consider information concerning the approval by the City of (i) a lease financing by the City and the Laguna Beach Financing Authority (the "Authority") for the acquisition of certain real property located at 30516 Coast Highway in the City (the "Property"), which is the former campus of the St. Catherine of Sienna School, and (ii) the adoption of a resolution by the City Council of the City approving the execution and delivery of a property lease to be entered into with the Authority in connection with such lease financing. In connection with the lease financing, the City will lease certain real property and improvements to the Authority, and the Authority will lease such property back to the City. Those wishing to comment on the proposed lease financing may either appear in person at the public hearing, submit written comments, or comment over the phone or computer. Those wishing to comment in writing may do so via mail to the City Clerk at: 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California 92651 or by email to amckay@lagunabeachcity.net. Please send your comments to the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on October 17, 2022 (the day before the City Council meeting) in order for your comments to be submitted to the members of the City Council with sufficient time to review the comments. You may continue to provide written comments up to 12:00 p.m. on October 18, 2022 (the day of the meeting). Please note that while these comments will be provided to the City Council at 2:00 p.m. on October 18, 2022, the Councilmembers may not have sufficient time to review them prior to the meeting. Written comments WILL NOT be read aloud during the City Council Meeting. Please note that written comments are posted on the City's website, so do not include any personal information you do not want posted on the web. Any comments received after the deadline for submittal may not become part of the public record for that meeting. Those wishing to comment over the phone or computer may do so during designated public comment periods by following the steps below: * Use this link from your computer or smart phone to participate via zoom: <https://lagunabeachcity.zoom.us/j/91641723096> * You may call (669) 900-9128, and wait for instructions. The Webinar id is 91641723096. - Let us know you want to comment on an item that is being discussed by pressing "9" on your phone. - When you hear from the meeting operator, "your phone is unmuted," please press "6," then proceed with your comment. The time for comments may be limited, so prepare your remarks accordingly. **If you have issues getting into the Zoom meeting, or raising your virtual hand to comment, you may TEXT the City Clerk: (310) 722-5051 If you are not able to use this Webinar system, you may submit comments via email during the meeting to email amckay@lagunabeachcity.net. The City Clerk will attempt to briefly identify the author and the content of the email during the City Council meeting. Unless an email is brief and to the point, it will not likely be read into the record and a summary may be provided. To aid the City Council in the timely consideration and completion of its business, the City asks that all written comments be limited to 200 words or less.
Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Zoning Administrator will render a decision on **Thursday, October 20, 2022**, or as soon as possible thereafter, on the following item:
Application No.: ZA-22-08
Applicant/Agent: Paul Sanford/ Rosanna Inc. DBA Wyndham Hotel Orange County
Site Address: 3350 Avenue of the Arts
Zone: PDR-HD
Description: Zoning Application 22-08 (PA-16-50 A2) is a request to amend Master Plan PA-16-50 to allow at grade parking instead of subterranean parking and the conversion of balcony space to additional enclosed hotel room space on the top floor.
Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.
Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. There will be **no public hearing** on this request. Any written correspondence must be emailed to ZAPublicComments@costamesaca.gov prior to **12:00 PM** on the day of the decision date (see above). The decision letter can be downloaded from the City's website following the decision date at: <http://www.costamesaca.gov/index.aspx?page=940> If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, prior to the decision date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-Storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart, Address to satisfy a lien. Auction sale 10-18-22 approx. 2:00 PM at storage-treasures.com:
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includes Newport Harbor High, Ensign Intermediate and Newport Elementary schools. She faces challenger Reina Shebasta, a parent and school counselor.

Incumbent Ashley Anderson, initially elected to the board in 2018, also seeks a second term in NMUSD's 7th District, which represents Costa Mesa's Pomona, Rea, Victoria, Whittier and Wilson elementary schools. She is running against two challengers — Vicky Rodriguez, a tax preparer/notary, and parent Kristen Seaburn, an

executive assistant.

Among the 10 candidates, George is the only one not scheduled to appear at Monday's forum due to a scheduling conflict, Fluor said Wednesday.

The forum takes place Monday, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Back Bay/Monte Vista High School, 390 Monte Vista Ave., in Costa Mesa. For candidate information and statements, visit ocvote.gov/candidates/candidate-filing-log-with-statements.

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