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AN EXCAVATION PIT was dug out to address an underwater pipe leak on Opal Street on Balboa Island. The pipe was installed in the 1950s.

# **Pipe repairs close off parts** of Balboa Island, Fun Zone

#### **BY LILLY NGUYEN**

Repair work is underway on one of two underwater pipes that carry water to Balboa Island after a pipe break was reported to the city in mid-April.

City spokesman John Pope said the city was made aware of the damage after someone observed water movement and bubbling to the surface in Newport Harbor. City staff shut down the pipe immediately and hired a dive comrary repair clamp was installed.

'The pipe ... was installed in the 1950s. It was identified in an infrastructure repair plan, and the city was preparing to go out to bid for a replacement pipe," Pope said.

Expected to be completed within the next two weeks, the repairs entail the installation of a specialty insert liner that will be pulled through the old pipe, which is around 950 feet in length. Parts of the Balboa Fun

for staff to access and install the liner. Pope said the city is in coordination with businesses in both areas to minimize impacts.

Utilities director Mark Vukojevic said Thursday the pipe currently under repair, which extends between the Balboa Fun Zone and Balboa Island, is one of three that were scheduled to go out to bid for relining this summer.

One of the other two pipes in need of relining spans from the Balboa Peninsula to Corona del Mar; the third is a sewer line that extends between Balboa Island and Bayside.

Three other pipe projects are in the design phase. Vukojevic said all the pipes needing the work were installed at around the same window, the 1950s to the 1960s.

"There are a lot of pipes that we are planning to replace and we have been actively working on. We're doing miles of pipe every year," he said. "It's a really important part of our capital improvement program.

# Lawsuit: Voting in H.B. unfair to Latinos

Malibu attorney and Surf City activist partner in suit alleging at-large elections disenfranchise city's minority voters.

#### **BY MATT SZABO**

The city of Huntington Beach was sued in Orange County Superior Court last week over its atlarge elections.

The lawsuit alleges the city is disenfranchising its minority residents by holding the at-large elections, rather than districtbased elections, for seats on the City Council.

A Latino voter participation or-ganization called the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, as well as Huntington Beach activist Victor Valladares, are the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

They're being represented by Malibu-based attorney Kevin Shenkman, who has gotten several cities statewide to switch to district-based elections over the last several years.

Now Shenkman is going after Huntington Beach, after sending warning letters in 2017 as well as earlier this year. The basis for his claims is the California Voting Rights Act, passed in 2001, which makes it easier for minority groups to change at-large elections based on claims of vote dilution.

Huntington Beach voters currently vote for every City Council seat. In a district-based election, voters would select just one candidate who lives in their particular district of the city.

Valladares' friend and Oak View ComUNIDAD co-founder, Oscar Rodriguez, unsuccessfully ran for

pany to survey the damage, which appeared to have been related to the pipe's age. A tempo-

Zone and Balboa Island have been closed off — mainly around Washington and Opal streets —

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# Community ponders priorities for future of Laguna Canyon Road

#### **BY ANDREW TURNER**

A community workshop saw dozens of people fill a room stakeholders Tuesday, as weighed in regarding the future of Laguna Canyon Road.

The turnout at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center demonstrated the widespread interest in the Laguna Canyon Road Protect and Connect project, which is expected to cover a 2.5-mile stretch of roadway between El Toro Road

to the north and Canyon Acres Drive to the south.

According to the city, features under consideration as the proposed project takes shape include underground utilities, bikeways and pedestrian paths, improved crossings, signal enhancements, enhanced transit and trollev stops and landscaping that calls for native plants to help conserve water.



Andrew Turner



south side of Third between Main and Bush streets in downtown Santa Ana. The area, at one time a thriving Chinatown made up of more than 200 Chinese immigrant workers, had been reduced to a population of fewer than 20 following a racially motivated effort by the city to marginalize the community.

The burning down of Santa Ana's Chinatown is the subject of Hings Lim's "Specter in the Gate"

at the Grand Central Art Center, 125 N. Broadway in Santa Ana, on display until May 12. The show explores the events that led to the fire and how historical narratives are remembered (or forgotten)

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Description: Zoning Applications PODA-24-0001 and PMCP-24-0008 request approvals of a Minor Conditional Use Permit and Outdoor Dining Permit to expand the existing Westend Restaurant's public service area outdoors within the front of the building and parking lot area. The project requires a Minor Conditional Use Permit (MCUP) for the following aspects of the proposed project:

- Establishing an outdoor dining area within an existing parking area that results in more than a 50-percent increase of public indoor area [CMMC Table 13-47(b)];
- The removal of more than 25% of existing required parking [CMMC Table 13-47(b)];
- For an outdoor dining area cover/structure to encroach into a setback area [CMMC Section 13-48(a)(1)(k)];
- For sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption after 11 p.m. located outside 200 feet of a residential zone [CMMC Table 13-47(b)]; and
- To provide live entertainment after 11 p.m. located outside 200 feet of a residential zone [CMMC Table 13-47(b)].

Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3), New Construction and Conversion of Small Structures.

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# **BOYS' TENNIS** CdM blows past competition to reach third straight CIF final

#### **BY MATT SZABO**

There aren't exactly a lot of secrets between the Corona del Mar and University high school boys' tennis teams.

Both have longstanding coaches, Jamie Gresh and John Kessler. Both have a history of being among the best teams in the CIF Southern Section, year in and year out.

"We have a lot of mutual respect," Gresh said. "I think it's a great rivalry. It's 3 miles away.'

That number, three, suddenly looms large. The second-seeded Sea Kings and top-seeded Trojans will now match up in the Open Division title match for the third straight time, as the rubber match for their season series will decide which team takes home the championship hardware.

The match will take place at the University of Redlands, on Friday at 2:45 p.m.

Corona del Mar (18-1) ust hopes it is peaking at the right time. The Sea Kings looked good on Wednesday, coming up with a number of close set

LAWSUIT

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the City Council in 2020

and 2022. Both are from the

majority Latino Oak View

neighborhood; Rodriguez

currently serves on the

Valladares said that when

he was serving on the city's

Citizen Participation Advis-

ory Board, he noticed that

"Most people don't rep-resent the marginalized

communities like ours," he

said in an interview Thurs-

day. "Oscar is somebody

from the neighborhood,

who has lived the strug-

Valladares noted that one

of the first things the cur-

rent conservative City

Council majority did was

substantially raise the cam-

paign contribution limits,

from \$620 to \$4,900 per

didn't

care

Planning Commission.

about his community.

politicians

gles."

wins in a 15-3 Open Division semifinal victory over Studio City Harvard-Westlake at the CdM courts.

University (21-1), the twotime defending Open Divigames on Feb. 15, the Sea Kings' first win over the Trojans since 2006. But University earned an 11-7 home win in the teams' second meeting on March 20.

CORONA DEL MAR'S Jack Cross, shown earlier this season, swept in singles Wednesday to

tion title since 2003.

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at-large election system is incredibly successful. It's successful not only for the voters, but also for the can-

Don Leach | Staff Photographer

we're expecting," CdM sen-

ior singles player Jack Cross

said. "We know if we're not

on our A-plus game, they're

probably going to get the

better of us. We've got to

show up ready to go and

just give it all we've got for a

matter what race they are." But Valladares said that representation wasn't only about race but money, and district-based voting could give more representation to his neighborhood.

didates who try to run, no

"I've lived here almost my entire life, and I've grown up in Oak View," he said. "I know the neighborhood, I know every part of the city ... Oak View is Huntington Beach, and Huntington Beach is Oak View. But I've never seen anybody else from outside of Oak View advocate for Oak View, fight for Oak View, stand up for Oak View.

"They don't ... it's 'that brown neighborhood.' That's how it is.'

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"That makes it a lot harder for a local grassroots Council positions. leader that truly knows their community or district," he said. "It's almost near impossible. If people want to talk about local control, what better example of having local control than having district-based

elections? That's how I see it." Some Orange County cities have moved to districtbased elections. In the March primary election, Irvine voters approved Measure D, a charter amendment that will move that city to district-based city council elections. And on April 16, the San Clemente City Council approved a district map for its own elections.

Huntington Beach City Atty. Michael Gates vowed Thursday to fight the lawsuit. In a letter to Shenkman on March 7, he noted Huntington Beach's charter gives citizens the right to vote for all City

ino candidates have been very successful in Huntington Beach. In the city's 2020 City Council election, he noted that three of the top five finishers — Tito Ortiz, current mayor Gracey Van Der Mark and Rodriguez were Latino.

"I think that's a pretty good indicator that the atlarge system of elections works in Huntington

Per the 2020 U.S. Census, about 19.8% of the city was Hispanic, slightly more than 39,000

in Huntington Beach, our

sion champion, advanced to another final with an 11-7 win over Palos Verdes. CdM beat University on

The Sea Kings are seeking their first CIF Southern Sec-

"We know exactly what

Additionally, he said Lat-

Beach," Gates said.

non-white people.

"What [Shenkman] is alleging simply isn't true," Gates said. "He makes these charges against cities about their elections, but I think he forgets that he actually has to prove dilution and discrimination at trial. That's important, because

help the Sea Kings reach their third straight CIF title match.

### SHOW

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person or business.

using sculpture, photographs, moving images and a real-time projection mapping installation.

"The title of the show references the term used in film production, 'hair in the gate,'" said Lim.

In the time before digital cameras, slivers of film called "hairs" would sometimes come loose from the film's edge and obstruct the view of the opening at the front of a camera where the film is held in place: the gate. Lim's installation uses uman hair collected by the artist from over 25 Latino-owned salons that now operate in Santa Ana. Brass towers meant to evoke gateways found in traditional Chinese architecture are outfitted with tufts of soft, mostly dark hair that also spill onto the floor surrounding them. The past connects with the present in a way that is messy, intimate and unsettling when examined more closely.

The hair of random people kind of references their bodies, even though they are not in this space. This line of thinking shows this past, but their bodies are not here anymore. They are missing parts of the narrative, but the hair also connects the people who live here now," Lim said.

In 1903 the city purchased the land adjacent to Chinatown for a new city hall, and a campaign to undermine the area known

#### FOR THE RECORD

A Daily Pilot story about the Balboa Island bench auction held last week incorrectly reported nine benches were up for bid. The correct number was 27, with the benches divided among nine auctions.



Courtesy of the Hings Lim | Grand Central Art Center

A 3D RENDERING of the 1906 burning of Santa Ana's Chinatown at Grand Central Art Center, by artist-in-resident Hings Lim, based on a single archival photograph.

as Chinatown as a dirty, ratinfested place increased. Santa Ana Herald The urged the Santa Ana City Board of Trustees to eradicate "this eyesore of the city." By 1904 the area was subjected to constant raids.

Using projection mapping, a subtle shadow of the doorway of City Hall moves up a blank gallery wall. The projection is faint, nearly invisible, a slow ascent that gets bolder as it climbs higher.

If you were unaware Orange County once had a flourishing Chinatown or that it burned down, you aren't alone. There is very little visual documentation of the area and its people. Lim hoped to include photos of the people who lived in Chinatown but found that hardly any such images exist. Instead, the show features framed images of City Hall that layer A.I.-generat-

ed images of Chinese immigrants from the time period, bringing them to the forefront of a history that didn't document them.

"I spent a lot of time trying to fine-tune the images based on how people dressed during the time," said Lim. "I am using A.I to fill in the missing spots in the archives."

In 1906, an elderly man named Wong Wuh Ye living in Chinatown was alleged to have leprosy sores. The area where he lived was placed under immediate quarantine, and the city's board of health hastily passed Resolution No. 416, which ordered the burning of the area. Chinatown was set a blaze that very night, while its evacuated residents looked on from a quarantine pen, and Ye was left untreated.

They were not the only ones watching. More than 1,000 people gathered to witness the fire, treating the adversity as entertainment. Lim demonstrates this with a video installation projected onto a white screen, a digital reconstruction titled "At Night (Santa Ana's Chinatown)." Lim created the 3D rendering the way a detective might reconstruct a

crime scene, using historical maps from the era and a single photograph purported to be of the Chinatown fire. As the flames burn in an endless loop, headlines from the era calling the flames "a big picnic" or "a Fourth of July" flash across the screen. Two lone theater chairs sit in front of the screen as the tragedy plays out over and over again. On a recent Sunday afternoon, not a single gallery guest reclined in the upholstered seats.

Lim, a Los Angeles resident, was born in Malaysia and earned a master of fine arts degree and a performance studies graduate certificate at USC. He originally worked on this project at the Santa Ana Artist Collective space with the late Maurizzio Hector Pineda. After the latter's unexpected death, Lim was invited to become an artist-in-residence at Grand Central Art Center, supported in part by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

"Hings approached us and said he was working on this project about the burning of Chinatown in Santa Ana and asked if it was possible to show it here," said John Spiak, director and chief curator at Grand Central Art Center. "He has been in residence with us for a little over a year, and I think the project expanded because of the size of our gallery space and having the time to think it out."

The opportunity to finish the project left Lim with strong feelings about how the past is documented.

"Although this event was more than 100 years ago, recalling the past and conjuring it in this way was very emotional for me," said Lim.

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vanced to second on a passed ball, and Miller pitcher Elyse Tay-

lor laced a lined shot into right

Miller players were simply

giddy after that, several of them hopping to a huddle at the circle

when their coach, April Marshall,

emerged from the dugout to address her team with one out be-

tween them and a trip to the

just to let them know, 'Hey, we

got this,'" Marshall said. "When I went over there, they're like,

'We're good, Ms. Marshall. We're

in the groove. Let us go.' ... They

each coming around to score in

the first inning after reaching on

infield errors. Gutierrez had a

the Lobos continue to see im-

provement as a program. Los

Amigos went winless in Garden

Grove League play in 2021 and

2022. The Lobos finished fourth

in league at 4-6 a season ago, and

this spring, they placed second

hurts. Hopefully, this just is a

knot in your stomach, but when

that pain goes away, I want you

to realize how great a season we

really had and how much im-

provement we made," Holley

said. "... We just keep getting bet-

ter. We're on the right track.

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"I told them, 'Hopefully, this

at 8-2, behind only Santiago.

From a big picture perspective,

run-scoring single in the frame.

Los Amigos had led from the start, Lemusu and Maria Castillo

"I just wanted to talk to them,

for the go-ahead run.

quarterfinals.

did great."

## **HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL** Los Amigos stunned in late innings by A.B. Miller

#### **BY ANDREW TURNER**

Los Amigos appeared bound for its second consecutive quarterfinals appearance in the CIF Southern Section softball playoffs, but late leads evaporated twice for the Lobos.

Fontana A.B. Miller rallied for two runs in the sixth and seventh innings, shocking host Los Amigos 4-3 on Tuesday in a chaotic second-round game of the Division 7 bracket.

The Lobos committed four of their six errors in the final two innings, giving way to the unraveling of what had been a shutdown start to the postseason for freshman pitcher Sophia Gutierrez.

"We had a couple of base-running blunders that kept us from building on that lead," Los Amigos coach Jeff Holley said. "We did get one [run] in the bottom of the sixth, and it looked like that would be enough again. Just too many breakdowns in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings that just killed us."

Gutierrez, who threw a no-hitter for a 1-0 win over Panorama City St. Genevieve in the first round, recorded nine of her 10 strikeouts in the first five innings against Miller (15-6).

Miller pushed a run across with singles from Mia Torres and Savana Silva in the sixth. With Gutierrez dealing to the bottom of the order, Liliana Miramontes laid down a bunt, and a throwing error from the Lobos righthander brought in the tying run. Los Amigos (14-7) had an anJames Carbone

LOS AMIGOS' Sophia Gutierrez pitches against Fontana A.B. Miller in the second round of the CIF Southern Division 7 softball playoffs on Tuesday.

swer. Shortstop Valerie Villa, the only senior on the team, singled with one out in the bottom of the sixth. Gutierrez followed with a double to right-center field. Catcher Alina Mendez then singled up the middle to drive in one run, but Gutierrez was

caught in a rundown between third base and home, limiting the damage.

Gutierrez struck out Erika Santana leading off the seventh, then issued a walk to Katrina Sevilla. In need of an equalizer, Sevilla took off for second and stole the base. The throw went into center field, and Leah Lemusu's throw toward third could not be corralled, allowing the tying run to score without a hit.

After the second out of the inwas recorded, Torres ning reached on an infield hit. She ad-

his match.

"It happens a lot, because Niels and Jack win in five minutes," he said with a smile. "I like it. I definitely feel like if I'm a little bit down on myself, that brings me up a little bit. Jack was trying to lift me up on the court next to me, and that got me in a positive mind-

bles set in its last meeting with University, the Sea Kings feeling posi-

CdM won just one doubut Wednesday's showing left tively about their chances

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#### on Friday.

"I'm hoping that we can bring that same level of focus and fun," Gresh said. "We served and returned today probably the best we have all year."

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TENNIS

chance to win."

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Corona del Mar won

eight singles sets and seven

doubles sets to get past the

Wolverines in an emotional

match. The Sea Kings

clinched it with their 10th

set win in the second

round, when senior Jona-

than Hinkel and junior

Roger Geng pulled out a tie-

breaker win over Harvard-

Westlake's Arya Fattahi and

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

Hinkel and Geng swept their three sets, while Brody Jao and Tristan Pham won twice in doubles. Jack Barnes also won twice, with partners Ansel Lee and Jack Knox.

The fiery Jao and Pham also won in the second round, rallying for a 7-5 victory over the equally emotional Teddy Ingold and Andrew Kurgun.

"We both knew that we could dig deep," Jao said. "That's all it was ... I was kind of feeding off them a little bit, so it made it a lot

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Barnes and Lee staged the third CdM doubles comeback of the round, earning a 6-4 win over Colin Kennedy and Elliott Meth. Of CdM's seven doubles wins, six were by scores of 6-3 or closer.

more fun."

"I thought the breakdown was probably going to be seven [singles sets] and three [doubles sets]," Gresh said. "I thought that would be our pathway to 10, but our doubles played exceptional today.

Ojai singles champion

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Niels Hoffmann and Cross swept in singles for CdM. Six-foot-five sophomore Ivan Pflueger won twice, and his 7-6 (7-2) tiebreaker victory over Harvard-Westlake's Alexander Nickoll in the first round also loomed large

With players from both teams watching, Nickoll served for the match at 5-4 before Pflueger rallied. The win gave CdM a 5-1 sets advantage after the first round.

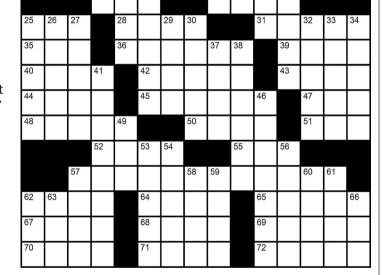
Pflueger said he didn't mind the extra eyeballs on

50 South Coast Repertory

set.'

#### ACROSS

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#### SUDOKU

#### By the Mepham 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 A4.

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A Laguna Canyon Road Task Force — made up of Caltrans, city officials, residents and other stakeholders - came to the City Council with a report in September 2015. More recently, the City Council in January approved action to proceed with the relinquishment of Laguna Canvon Road by Caltrans.

"There was a lot of discussion about the pros and cons, should we or should we not consider that relinquishment, taking the road back from Caltrans and putting it into city ownership," said Susan Harden, a consultant for the Laguna Canyon Road Protect and Connect project. "Now, that hasn't happened, but what did happen was the council made a decision to move forward with the process of discussing that relinquishment."

Laguna Beach has sent a letter to Caltrans stating its intent to enter formal negotiations regarding the relinquishment of the road-



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CONSULTANT SUSAN HARDEN presents the Laguna Canyon Road Protect and Connect project at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center on Tuesday.

way, which is one of three primary ways in and out of town.

"What that does is open the door to develop some alternatives that are more closely aligned with that task force report from

2014-15," Harden added. Tom Perez, assistant director of public works for Laguna Beach, said the city expects to hear back from Caltrans on whether it would proceed with the relinquishment of the roadway in the summer.

"In the meantime, the city's working on putting together our own internal estimates of what we feel Caltrans should give to the city to compensate for taking that roadway," Perez



#### Notice of Public Sale

Pursuant to the California Self Service Storage Facility Act (B&P Code 21700 ET seq.) The undersigned will sell at public auction on Friday May 24, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools and/or other household items located at: The sale will take place online at www.selfstorageauction.com. Melissa D Harms

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#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: James Howard Thomas a.k.a. Jim Thomas

30-2023-01357126-PR-LA-CMC To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: James Howard Thomas a.k.a. Jim Thomas.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jodi Ann Gist in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jodi

Ann Gist be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

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> NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105) Escrow No. **24-2036-DK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: JHAM ENTERPRISE, INC., 6789

**OUAIL HILL PKWY, IRVINE, CA 92603** Doing Business as: AIM MAIL CENTER #1088

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE

The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: **NONE** The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are:

KEVASH VENTURES LLC, 25 CORIANDER, **IRVINE, CA 92603** 

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURES, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENTS, TOOLS,

said. "That's going to be looking at things such as what repairs are needed, what maintenance is needed. ... This relinquishment is a three-to-fiveyear process. It's nothing that we're going to be done

with right away." Perez said the city is working on funding strategies, including looking at grant programs, to help with the associated costs.

Harden reviewed a community survey tracking commuter tendencies on Laguna Canyon Road. The questionnaire, launched in the middle of March, had roughly 2,500 respondents as of Tuesday. The preliminary results show that about two-thirds of respondents use the corridor to get to and from home and 84% said they utilize the area for recreation.

Almost all of those who took the survey, 98%, said their primary means of transportation through the corridor is via vehicle. Among secondary methods of using the route, 16% said they walk, and 12% said they ride bicycles.

Eighty-seven percent of the respondents said the main challenge in traversing the canyon roadway is congestion. Approximately one-third of those surveyed considered left-hand turns a troublesome task.

Project leaders called on workshop attendees to share their priorities, with a breakout session for groups sitting together at tables to share their design preferences for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. Handouts also asked the groups to rate the importance of undergrounding utilities and share ideas for traffic calming in the corridor.

There was general agreement among the participants that underground utilities would be desirable, but uncertain costs caused consternation. Several also hoped to separate bikes and pedestrians from vehicular traffic.

"About 20% of the city's population lives there," resident Penelope Milne said of the canyon corridor under consideration. "People also go to businesses ... along the canyon, so the idea that there's not much need for public transportation in the canyon, or that people wouldn't walk there, both of those are nonsense.

"People in the canyon would absolutely walk the canyon every single night when we head out our door and think about walking our dogs. We turn towards town rather than up the canyon because of the danger. If you give us a place to walk, we'll walk."

Environmental impact was another consideration among the groups.

"We need the map to understand if these bike lanes would be going into open space," said Judie Mancuso, who also suggested that mitigation efforts should include wildlife crossings. "To be able to decide on one of these ideas, we need to know the ramifications."

Once community input is gathered, the next steps for the project, according to the city, include preparing a draft of alternatives, then deciding on the preferred alternative by the summer or fall of this year. Preliminary engineering would take place between this summer into early winter 2026, and the public review and final environmental document would be completed in winterspring 2026.

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#### BSC 225111 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HAROLD WICKS, aka HAROLD RICHARD WICKS 30-2024-01397037-PR-LA-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: HAROLD WICKS, aka HAROLD RICHARD WICKS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Mark Wicks in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Mark Wicks be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 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

June 26, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM05 located at: 3390 HARBOR BVLD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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. Attorney for the Petitioner: DAVID J. HALLSTROM ATTORNEY AT LAW 15615 ALTON PARKWAY, STE 450 IRVINE, CA 92618 Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 5/10.5/16 & 5/17/2024

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 30, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07 located at: 3390 HARBOR BVLD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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Attorney for the Petitioner: MICHELLE C. BARTOLIC, ESQ GOSTANIAN LAW GROUP, PC 1201 DOVE ST., STE 475 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 5/10, 5/16 & 5/17/2024

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The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[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: ACE ESCROW INC, 6871 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the last date for filing claims shall be MAY 29, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above. Dated: 3/28/2024

BUYER: KEVASH VENTURES LLC ORD-2337794 DAILY PILOT 5/10/24

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105) Escrow No. CEG111237-BW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the Seller(s), are:

PINK PIG TEA SHOPPING INC.

4255 CAMPUS DR., #A124, IRVINE, CA 92612 Doing Business as: PINK PIG TEA SHOPPE All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE

The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: NONE

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: 7 MILES UCI LP

59 PEDIGREE, IRVINE, CA 92602

The assets being sold are described in general as: BOBA TEA SHOP and are located at: 4255 CAMPUS DRIVE SUITE A124, IRVINE, CA 92612

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CENTRAL ESCROW GROUP, INC., 515 WEST GARVEY AVE., SUITE 118, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754 and the anticipated sale date is 05/29/2024 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: CENTRAL ESCROW GROUP, INC., 515 WEST GARVEY AVE., SUITE 118, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754 and the last date for filing claims shall be 05/28/2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above. Dated: MAY 3, 2024

Buyer 7 MILES UCI LP BY: 7 MILES MANAGEMENT LLC, General Partner By:/S/ ZEYANG REN, Manager

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