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BRYAN BLACKMON and his Huntington Beach landlord Elaine Montgomery recently went viral on TikTok, after Bryan started recording short videos of him and 87-year-old Elaine together.

H.B. man goes viral, gets sober with landlord's help

BY MATT SZABO

Bryan Blackmon likes to sit out on the front porch with his landlord, Elaine Montgomery, in Huntington Beach. Montgomery is the original owner of her two-story home, purchased in 1976 and just a short walk from the beach on 9th Street.

On one nice afternoon in June, two young men in their swim trunks happened to walk by.

Montgomery, now 87 years old, tried to be thoughtful.

"She interrupted our conversation to say, 'Hey, do you guys need to use the water hose to get the sand off of you before you get in your car?'" Blackmon remembered. "I was like, 'What are you doing? I started to get up and give them the water hose, and she literally pushed me by my chest, like, 'No, I've got this.'"

"She grabbed the water hose and started spraying them off in all of the 'appropriate' areas," he added with a laugh.

Blackmon found the humor in the situation, getting some video. He added music and text and hit upload to his TikTok ac-



See **Help**, page A5 **HUNTINGTON BEACH** resident Bryan Blackmon and his landlord are popular on TikTok.

Costa Mesa tries out shuttle service

Pilot program allows west side and College Park residents to call for rideshare to East 17th Street shopping district.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa officials Friday celebrated a new on-demand ride-share service that will transport seniors and residents with little to no access to a personal vehicle to a transit-rich area in town where they can shop, run errands or travel.

In a ceremony outside the Donald Dungan Library, city leaders unveiled a car and an ADA-accessible 10-passenger van (called the Goat), part of a small zero-emission fleet that can be accessed via telephone or smartphone app free of charge to anyone inside the service area during a three-year pilot program.

Called Let's Go Costa Mesa, the offering is funded by a \$1.5-million grant from California's Clean Mobility Options program and available to community members in the city's west side and College Park neighborhood, south of Joann Street.

Unlike an Uber or Lyft — which transport passengers anywhere they wish to go — these vehicles have a dedicated team of drivers

See **Service**, page A3

ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



James Carbone

COSTA MESA FOOTBALL CLOSSES STRONG WITH THREE-GAME WINNING STREAK PAGE A5

Meet Poncho, Newport Beach police's newest equine officer

BY ERIC LICAS

Newport Beach welcomed its newest equine crime fighter last month, thanks in part to the charitable work of the Newport Beach Police Foundation.

Poncho is a 7-year-old dark bay quarter horse, foundation officials said in a social media post on Oct. 12. He was purchased by the department thanks to fundraising and donations from the public.

He has previous experience as a police mount with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Poncho became available for acquisition after his previous handler retired. Photos shared by the foundation showed him decked out in a saddle embroidered with markings of the Newport Beach Police Department and a brand-new badge incorporated into its reigns.

The department's newest four-legged member will team up with Newport Beach Police Officer Nate Farris, and together they'll work with their partners, Officer Isaac Furnari and police horse Clyde. Their duties will include patrols, crowd control and community outreach at parades and other public events. Farris previously served as a police officer in San Diego and has been with the Newport Beach Police Department since 2022.



Courtesy of the Newport Beach Police Foundation

PONCHO, THE LATEST equine member of the Newport Beach Police Department, was acquired last month thanks to fundraising by the Newport Beach Police Foundation.

Newport Beach's horses and riders are part of the Orange County Mounted Equine Unit, a special detail made up of human and animal officers as well as

volunteers from multiple law enforcement agencies in the region. The horses are individually

See **Officer**, page A4



File Photo

A VOTER ENTERS the Civic Center in Huntington Beach in 2020. The Civic Center is of several coastal O.C. voting center locations.

Hundreds more vote centers open today in Orange, L.A. counties

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Another 526 vote centers will open across Los Angeles County Saturday, along with 146 more in Orange County, adding people to cast their ballots for Tuesday's general election.

More than 100 vote centers have been open already in L.A. County, as well as 38 in Orange County, for people wanting to cast

their ballots early.

Starting Saturday, Los Angeles County will have a total of 648 vote centers available, and 184 will be open in Orange County. Vote centers are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. A full list of locations in Orange County at ocvote.gov/votecenter.

Information on vote centers

See **Vote**, page A4

Museum marks a dozen years of Art and Nature

BY ANDREW TURNER

The calendar has flipped to November, and at Laguna Art Museum, that means it is time to have conversations centered around the intersection between art and the natural world.

For a dozen years, the museum has done just that, inviting artists who have made not only Laguna Beach's coastline their subject but elements such as wind, light and sound.

"It just made a lot of sense 12 years ago when it started because the museum is only a few steps from the most beautiful beach in Orange County," Ryan Tuffnell, the marketing coordinator for the museum, said of the Art and Nature program. "It just makes sense to celebrate that with artwork. As it's evolved, I think one of the best things is it provides a platform for the commissioned artists to say what they want in relation to the environment, and their work can



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LAGUNA ART Museum will host its 12th annual Art and Nature program from Nov. 2 to Nov. 11.

interact with it and kind of speak for itself in that way."

Tuffnell said the evolution of the program has provided for a transition to a narrative-based approach, which he said has

invited artist-led conversations about environmental issues.

Opening weekend will be highlighted by an upcycled couture fashion show, which is scheduled to take

place from 5 to 8 p.m. today. The sustainable runway show will feature student designers from local colleges, including UC Irvine, Chapman University, Santa Ana College

and the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

"What they're doing is they're working with the leaders from a few [partnering] nonprofit organizations, and they're representing those organizations through their fashion design, which is a sustainable clothing design," Tuffnell said. "The runway show is inside the museum."

The featured outdoor exhibit will be Christian Sampson's "Ocean Ions," which includes a collaboration with Volta Collective, a Los Angeles-based dance theater company directed by Mamie Green.

Lens-shaped acrylic pieces will be installed throughout Heisler Park and Main Beach. A special half-hour performance involving the dance collective will take place at Main Beach on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. The performance will also feature costumes painted by artist Ariel Dill.

"The Volta Collective has choreographed, in collabo-

ration with Christian, a really beautiful representation of 'Ocean Ions,'" Tuffnell added. "It kind of is more of an extension of the installation that will be on view from Nov. 7 through Nov. 11. It's like a special activation performance, where you're not just looking at the sculptures, but now they're interacting with the dancers and they're moving."

"Once you see these pieces, you'll realize that each time anything moves, whether it's something behind them, or the sun, the light changes, the color changes, everything kind of changes about it. That's even more amplified when the dancers begin interacting with them."

Fred Tomaselli and Jay DeFeo will have exhibitions at the museum during the event.

For a complete schedule of Art and Nature at Laguna Art Museum, visit lagunaartmuseum.org/art-nature.

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AROUND TOWN

Ukrainian military musicians to hold concert in N.B.

St. James Episcopal Church will host the Ukrainian Cultural Forces, military musicians who will perform a concert on Sunday, Nov. 10, as part of their "Tour of Gratitude"

across the United States, thanking Americans for their support of Ukraine.

The musicians will perform Ukrainian classical music as well as popular hits. The concert starts at 11 a.m., immediately following the 10 a.m. church service. St. James is located at 3209 Via Lido in Newport Beach. Parking is available around the church or in the church lot

on 32nd St.

'Fools' to open at Estancia High

Neil Simon's comic fable "Fools" will be on stage in Estancia High School's Barbara Van Holt Theater Nov. 7 through 9, with a curtain time of 7 p.m.

The school's award-winning drama department launches its 2024-25 sea-

son with this play, which follows Leon Tolchinski, a young schoolteacher who arrives in the quaint Russian village of Kulyenchikov, only to discover that its residents are under a curse of foolishness. Leon has just 24 hours to teach villagers and save himself from the curse.

Tickets are available for \$15, with a discounted price of \$10 for students. They can be purchased online at estanciadrama.com or at the door. The school is located at 2323 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa.



Susan Hoffman

ST. JAMES Episcopal Church in Newport Beach on Nov. 10 will welcome Ukrainian Cultural Forces, who are in the middle of their "Tour of Gratitude," thanking Americans for their support of Ukraine. Above, a banner bearing the Ukraine flag attached to walls outside in March 2022.

Petrie-Norris hosts Veterans of the Year ceremony

Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Irvine) on Friday hosted the sixth annual Veterans of the Year

ceremony at Irvine Valley College to recognize three veterans living in the 73rd Assembly District.

The honorees, Victor Bakkila, Martha McDonald and Michael Carter, were selected for the honor not

only for their military service but their contributions to fellow veterans and the community.

Bakkila, a colonel, served in the U.S. Army

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CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California and virtual locations on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024** at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:
Application No.: PCUP-24-0012
Applicant/Agent: Ryan Oldham / Kirkor Gunbilir
Site Address: 1520 Ponderosa St
Zone: Local Business (C-1)
Description: Conditional Use Permit 24-0012 proposes to operate a public animal hospital/veterinary service use with ancillary non-commercial animal kenneling. The facility will operate seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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@costamesa.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Members of the public may submit comments via email to PCPublicComments@costamesa.gov. Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing via email or submitted to the Planning Department on a flash drive, or mailed to the Planning Department. 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. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, November 14, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted online via Zoom. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

DD Real Estate, LLC Residence - A coastal development permit (CDP) to allow the demolition of an existing single-unit dwelling and the construction of a new, three-story, approximately 2,754-square-foot, single-unit dwelling, including an attached 393-square-foot, two-car garage. The project complies with all applicable development standards and no deviations are requested. The project includes additional appurtenances such as hardscape, walls, landscaping, and drainage facilities.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 under Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City or before the public hearing. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 21.64. A fee is not required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the Planning Commission. The project site is located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/zoningadministrator. **Please review the Zoning Administrator Agenda for Zoom participation instructions.** Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Zoning Administrator to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Melinda Whelan, Assistant Planner at 949-644-3221, or mwhelan@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2024-0071
Activity: Coastal Development Permit
Zone: R-1 (Single Unit Residential)
General Plan: RS-D (Single Unit Residential Detached)
Coastal Land Use Plan: Single Unit Residential Detached RSD-C (10.0-19.9 DU/AC)
Filing Date: May 8, 2024
Location: 616 West Ocean Front
Applicant: CJ Light Associates

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Have a sip of
- 6 Sheep's sound
- 9 Apple desktops
- 13 One enjoying a trail
- 14 Cast a _ over
- 15 Upon
- 16 Actress Menzel
- 17 Biblical pronoun
- 18 Old iPod model
- 19 Singer
- Bedingfield
- 21 Trade ban
- 23 Get after taxes
- 24 Country
- 25 Garden area
- 28 Garage event: 2 wds.
- 32 Ice Cube's genre
- 33 Some blood cells
- 36 Poet Khayyam
- 38 Smartphone predecessor: Abbr.
- 39 Not barefoot
- 41 Dark spot in outer space: 2 wds.
- 45 Pub beverage
- 46 Gave to charity
- 47 One-pot dish
- 48 Extol
- 51 Scottish "no"
- 53 TV clickers
- 55 Leisure pursuit
- 59 Brainchild
- 60 Arrive
- 62 Go off course
- 63 "Do you _?"
- 64 Word that ends a prayer
- 65 Privileged group
- 66 Contributors
- 67 Domesticated dog, e.g.
- 68 Exams

DOWN

- 1 Slender
- 2 Opera set in Egypt
- 3 Comedy sketch

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SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

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

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

- 4 Landlord's client
- 5 Wipe the data from
- 6 Scrooge's shout
- 7 Soothing
- 8 Barnard grads, e.g.
- 9 Aquatic mammals
- 10 Early video game company
- 11 African river
- 12 Utensil for eating soup
- 14 School support group: Abbr.
- 20 URL starter: Abbr.
- 22 Fancy party
- 25 Paid player
- 26 Ewe's offspring
- 27 Iridescent gem
- 29 First Greek letter
- 30 Actress Gal
- 31 No longer fresh
- 34 "What was _?"
- 35 Only
- 37 Audio-only commercials: 2 wds.
- 40 Morning moisture
- 42 Price
- 43 Middle of the leg
- 44 Dame _ Everage
- 47 Avoid litigation
- 48 _ donna (diva)
- 49 Made over
- 50 Change for the better
- 52 Positive features
- 54 "The nerve of _ people!"
- 55 Writing instrument
- 56 Bearded flower
- 57 Actor Damon
- 58 Facial features
- 61 Ran into

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AROUND

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Reserve for 37 years. He saw combat in Iraq. He retired in 2022 after serving 26 years with the Costa Mesa Police Department.

Today vice president for Student Services at Irvine Valley College, McDonald spent seven years on ac-

tive duty in the U.S. Marine Corps and five years in the Reserves, reaching the rank of staff sergeant.

Sgt. Michael Carter served as an Infantry Unit Leader in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2004 to 2013. Carter has been manager of Veteran Services Operations at Goodwill of Orange County since 2021.

KidWorks benefit raises \$54K

The fifth annual Rosé on the Bay fundraiser held in Newport Beach in early October raised more than \$54,000 for the nonprofit KidWorks.

Students from preschool to university level who reside in under-resourced

neighborhoods in central Santa Ana are served by KidWorks, which offers programs and experiences that help them become leaders both in and out of the classroom.

The fundraiser, which drew more than 150 guests to the bayfront home of Natalie and Todd Pickup, showcased food and rosé wine provided by Zotovich

Vineyards and Winery.

Veterans Day Barbecue set for next Saturday

Balboa Island Museum is hosting a Veterans Day Barbecue on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Balboa Island Park. Hours for the event are 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Organizers promise a menu of burgers, hot dogs, Spam, chips and chili, with ice cream served up for dessert. While admission is \$15 for adults and kids, Balboa Island veterans are not charged for their meals. To purchase tickets, visit balboaislandmuseum.org. For more information call (949) 675-3952.

— From staff reports



CITY MANAGER Lori Ann Farrell Harrison speaks Friday at a launch party for a free, zero-emission on-demand ridesharing service called Let's Go Costa Mesa.



COSTA MESA officials celebrate the launch of Let's Go Costa Mesa, which brings residents from the west side and College Park neighborhood to shopping destinations in and around the city's East 17th Street corridor.



Photos courtesy of the city of Costa Mesa

COSTA MESA Mayor John Stephens speaks Friday outside the Donald Dungan Library, near a van dubbed the Goat.

SERVICE

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who take riders to stops within the area surrounding the East 17th Street shopping district, bordered by East 18th Street to the north and East 16th Street to the south.

"We're trying to create some connectivity and independence for seniors and others who are disabled or

cannot afford a vehicle," Mayor John Stephens said after Friday's event.

"This provides mobility for a whole demographic of folks who previously didn't have it. It's good for businesses, too, because it brings people into businesses who wouldn't otherwise be there."

Clean Mobility Options is a statewide initiative that funds zero-emission shared mobility projects aimed at

serving under-resourced communities, particularly those that may lack transit options, and individuals who cannot walk to bus stops or other forms of public transportation.

The vehicles are furnished through a partnership with Florida-based Circuit Transit, Inc., which provides all-electric shuttle service for short local trips,

and will focus on key destinations like healthcare, transportation hubs, grocery stores and senior living communities.

City officials applied for the grant in August 2023 and were approved that October. Stephens called Let's Go Costa Mesa a great "gap filler" in the city's menu of transportation options.

"We have pretty good rid-


ership on bus lines throughout the city. We have a lot of protected bike lanes that we've put up in the last couple of years," he said. "We're trying to provide different opportunities for people to get around in ways that are environmentally conscious."

The program began with a soft launch last week and is currently operating three

vehicles that run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Residents can download the Ride Circuit app through Apple Store or Google Play, or can call the hotline at (949) 828-2065 to schedule a pickup.

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VOTE

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throughout California can be found at caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

Residents can visit any vote center, regardless of where they live in their county. People can cast their vote in person at the centers, or drop off their mail-in ballot.

On Election Day on Tuesday, vote centers will all be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Authorities are urging people to cast their ballots early rather than waiting until Tuesday to avoid long waits and also expedite the process of tabulating the vote.

Residents who missed the registration deadline for the election but still want to vote can visit a vote center and complete a conditional voter registration form and cast a ballot. The ballot will be held until the voter's eligibility is confirmed.

Vote centers in Daily Pilot coverage area

COSTA MESA

- Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W. 19th St.
Balearic Community Center, 1975 Balearic Drive
Coast Community College District, 1370 Adams Ave.
Costa Mesa City Hall, 77

Fair Drive

- Norma Hertzog Community Center, 1845 Park Ave.
Sofia University, 3333 Harbor Blvd.
St. Monica Coptic Orthodox Church, 234 Fischer Ave.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY

- Freedom Hall at Mile Square Park, 16801 Euclid St.
Fountain Valley Recreation Center, 16400 Brookhurst St.
Fountain Valley School District, 2nd Floor, 10055 Slater Ave.
The Center at Founders Village, 17967 Bushard St.

HUNTINGTON BEACH

- Edison Community

Center, 21377 Magnolia St. (drive-through)

- Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. (drive-through)
Murdy Community Center, 7000 Norma Drive (drive-through)
Christ Pacific Church, 20112 Magnolia St.
City Gym and Pool, 1600 Palm Ave.
Golden West College - RCJTC Bldg, 15744 Goldenwest St.
Huntington Beach Civic Center, Lower Level, 2000 Main St.
IAMAW District Lodge 725, 2nd Floor, 5402 Bolsa Ave.
Main Street Branch Library, 525 Main St.
Ocean View School Dis-



File Photo

PEOPLE WALK in and out of the Election Day voting center at Costa Mesa Senior Center in 2020.

- Resurrection Lutheran Church, 9812 Hamilton Ave.
St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church, 18631 Chapel Lane
The Connection Church, 17581 Newland St.

LAGUNA BEACH

- Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center, 2nd Floor, 380 3rd St.
Lang Park, 21540 Wesley Drive

NEWPORT BEACH

- Newport Beach Civic Center, 100 Civic Center Drive
Coastline College - RM 320, 3rd Floor, 1515 Mon-

- rovia Ave.
Harbor Christian Church, 2401 Irvine Ave.
Marina Park Community Center, 2nd Floor, 1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
Newport Coast Community Center, 6401 San Joaquin Hills Road (drive-through)
OASIS Senior Center, 801 Narcissus Ave., Corona del Mar
St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

RICHARD CUSHMAN AKA RICHARD I. CUSHMAN AKA RICHARD IGNATIUS CUSHMAN CASE NO. 30-2024-01434572-PR-PW-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RICHARD CUSHMAN AKA RICHARD I. CUSHMAN AKA RICHARD IGNATIUS CUSHMAN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by EDWIN ROBERT COTTONE in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that EDWIN ROBERT COTTONE 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.)

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/12/24 at 1:30PM in Dept. CM07 located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA, CA 92626-1554

NOTICE IN PROBATE CASES

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 ARE A CREDITOR or a 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 Petitioner FIONA T. LECONG-LY - SBN 251638 BROWN & STREZA LLP 40 PACIFICA, 15TH FLOOR IRVINE CA 92618 Telephone (949) 453-2900 11/1, 11/2, 11/8/24

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THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (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 in this court as follows: 11/18/24 in Dept. PROBATE XP located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a 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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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted online via Zoom. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

SweatHouz - A request for a minor use permit to operate a wellness therapy studio within the Peninsula Village mixed-use development. The proposed studio would offer services such as infrared sauna, cold plunge, and a vitamin-C shower. The studio will operate daily and no late hours (after 11:00 p.m.) are proposed.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 - Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or before, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/zoningadministrator. Please review the Zoning Administrator Agenda for Zoom participation instructions. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Zoning Administrator to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Laura Rodriguez, Planning Technician, at 949-644-3216 or lrodriguez@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Table with 2 columns: Project File No., Activity, Zone, General Plan, Location, Applicant. Project File No.: PA2024-0079, Activity: Minor Use Permit, Zone: Mixed-Use Water (MU-W2), General Plan: Mixed Use Water 2 (MU-W2), Location: 2210 Newport Boulevard, Unit 104, Applicant: Chandler Clerk

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following matter:

Adoption of Nexus Study and Establishment of a Development Impact Fee Program - The adoption of a Development Impact Fee (DIF) Nexus Study and establishment of a DIF program that will be used to help fund the construction and/or expansion of planned public facilities to support police, fire, water and sewer, and recreation infrastructure to serve future residential and nonresidential development pursuant to California Government Code Section 66000, et seq and other related provisions.

A copy of the Nexus Study, prepared by Wildlan Financial Services on October 22, 2024, is available online at www.newportbeachca.gov/DIF or in person at the following locations during regular business hours:

Table with 2 columns: Newport Beach Public Library Central Library Branch 1000 Avocado Avenue Newport Beach, CA 92660; City of Newport Beach Planning Division (Bay B, 1st Floor) 100 Civic Center Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660

The above described item is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(4), 15061(b)(3), and 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in a physical change to the environment, either directly or indirectly.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this item. If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Prior to the public hearing the agenda, staff report, and documents may be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application.

For questions regarding details of the project please contact Liz Westmoreland, AICP, Principal Planner at lwestmoreland@newportbeachca.gov or 949-644-3234. Project File No.: PA2021-127 Zone: Citywide General Plan: Citywide Location: Citywide Applicant: City of Newport Beach /s/ Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public meeting will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following:

ANNUAL REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, which is required pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act (Government Code Section 66000, et seq.).

Consideration of the report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines.

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Copies of the Development Impact Fee Report and Development Agreements are available for public review and inspection at the Finance Department (Bay C, Second Floor) and City Clerk's Office (Bay E, Second Floor), located at the Civic Center, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach and on the Finance Department's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/finance.

For questions please contact Accounting Manager Trevor Power at 949-644-3125 or tpower@newportbeachca.gov.

/s/ Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

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owned and cared for by and at the expense of their human companions.

Poncho takes the place of Bullseye, an NPBD horse who recently died, police announced in a statement on Sept. 18. Bullseye had joined the department in 2017 and was was a recurring presence at communi-

ty functions. He retired shortly after participating in the 2024 Rose Parade and spent his final days in a large pasture with other horses.

"Those who had the pleasure of meeting Bullseye were often greeted with his big head in search of food or treats," police said in a statement.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



COSTA MESA quarterback Andrew Waiss (11) runs up field against Loara in a Tango League football game on Thursday.



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COSTA MESA'S Gavin Garza (5) rushes toward the end zone against Loara at Glover Stadium.

Costa Mesa closes strong with three-game winning streak

BY ANDREW TURNER

ANAHEIM — Costa Mesa made a statement down the stretch, its three-game winning streak to close the football season propelling it up the Tango League standings, and further signaling a change in direction for the Mustangs after some lean years.

Gavin Garza rushed for 127 yards and three touchdowns, as visiting Costa Mesa defeated Loara 47-14 on Thursday in the regular season finale at Glover Stadium.

Costa Mesa (7-3, 3-2 in the Tango League) vaulted into second place in the league standings. The Mustangs' seven wins outnumber the five produced over the prior two seasons.

"This school has had a lot of turnover, and being teachers here on campus, we knew that it needed stability," said Gary Gonzalez, the third-year coach of the Mustangs. "We knew it needed to be grown again, and we knew it was going to take over two years to do it."

While Gonzalez acknowledged the reconfiguration

of football leagues across Orange County helped, he said the culture within the program has changed for the better.

"They're a bunch of really good kids, and they're smart kids, and they're coachable kids, which has been a blessing for us," Gonzalez said. "We're really young still. We have eight graduating seniors, and out

of those eight, five start on both sides of the football. We are a program on the rise, and we're really excited for now — and also the future. We're also excited to potentially host a CIF home game."

Along the way, the Mustangs earned wins over Bolsa Grande (5-5, 3-2) and La Quinta (7-2, 2-2), both of which entered the final

week among a four-team block of two-win hopefuls for one of the last two guaranteed berths for the league into the CIF Southern Section football playoffs.

Santiago (4-6, 2-3) dropped out of the deadlock with a loss to Bolsa Grande on Thursday. The

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count, just before heading into his Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in nearby Seal Beach.

When he got out of the meeting, the video had hit more than 100,000 views, and he was gaining thousands of followers.

"By that following morning at 6:30 a.m., it had already had 800,000 views," Blackmon said. "It had gone viral to the max, and it just kept going."

The next video he uploaded, where he showed Montgomery that he created her own TikTok account, garnered even bigger numbers. It now has more than 13 million views.

They play off each other well in the videos, and it has created a certain social media celebrity status for Blackmon and his no-nonsense landlord. He now has more than 108,000 followers on his main account.

He said the videos are never scripted, but they are often funny. If Montgomery isn't in the mood, she'll simply tell him "Don't take my picture," and he respects the wish.

Montgomery wasn't ready for the sudden stardom. She said she went to the grocery store the day after the first video was uploaded and a lady asked her if she was Elaine, mentioning that she had seen her on TikTok.

"I was just blown away, totally," Montgomery said. "I just couldn't imagine it. That's my story and I'm sticking to it."

Blackmon's story is one of finding himself. He's leaned into the TikTok celebrity status, going live on his account each morning at 5:30 a.m. and evenings at 6 p.m., often going down to the Huntington Beach Pier for those live streams.

But he's also turned his life around during his three years living at Montgomery's house. After battling alcoholism most of his adult life, he will be a year sober in January.

Blackmon, 46, moved to California from Texas five years ago. He bounced around Venice Beach, Santa Monica and the San Fernando Valley, often living in his car. Later, he moved to Huntington Beach, ending up homeless



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

BRYAN BLACKMON and his landlord, Elaine Montgomery, recently went viral on TikTok, after Bryan started recording short videos of him and 87-year-old Elaine together in their no-nonsense attitude. Montgomery has lived in Huntington Beach since 1976.

again and in his car on Pacific Coast Highway before replying to a "Room for Rent" sign in Montgomery's frontyard.

He had some dark nights in that upstairs bedroom, too. Blackmon, who works in the audio/video industry, told Montgomery one day that he was going out on a tour for a month.

"I lied to her," he said. "Really, I was checking myself into rehab for 30 days. I didn't know how to tell her."

After having a bad experience at a facility in Santa Ana, Blackmon came home and told her the truth. She was supportive.

"Who knows what would have happened if Elaine would have kicked me out?" he said. "Would I have stayed sober? I mean, I don't know the answer to that. I just know that things worked out in such a way to help me continue to stay sober and change my life around."

Montgomery, who has

two grown daughters who live nearby, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, understands the struggle.

"I didn't like his [tattoos], but I overlooked it," she said. "I had no absolutely no awareness of his addiction, because to me he was always just fine. I have a family of alcoholics, they're recovered, but I know all of the signs. He covered it very well."

Now Blackmon is sober, and he's been able to monetize his TikTok account. Last week, money from the account allowed him and Montgomery to take a trip to Palm Springs, where they rode the aerial tram.

Montgomery is feisty as ever, but she also feels like she has a new family mem-

ber.

"He goes to all of my family things with me, that's just a given," she said. "Everybody has accepted him as part of the family, and I feel in my heart like he's my grandchild ... And he feels the same way about me. At least, he says that."

Blackmon likes encour-

aging others and interacting with his followers on TikTok. He said two friends from Texas, Erin Green and Chrisie Allen, help him manage the account and serve as moderators on his live sessions. He tries to "heart" every comment that someone gives, if not respond to them directly.

"I want to keep helping people as much as I can," he said. "I've been there. I know what it's like to be homeless, a drunken addict. I know what it's like to be out of control."

As far as his home life, Blackmon obviously considers it more than a room now. He helps out a lot around the house, though he's started calling Montgomery "Demanda" on his videos due to her persistent nature.

It's all in good fun. Blackmon also made shirts featuring Montgomery's face and one of her trademark sayings, "You must have me confused with someone who gives a s**t."

He and Montgomery, whose husband passed away years ago, seem to be two people who needed each other.

Earlier this week, he was a bit startled as he heard loud music coming from downstairs.

"I came down here and

she's putting all her pills together and she's just got her phone at top volume," Blackmon said. I said, "What are you doing, you're rocking out down here?" She said, "Well honey, I just felt lonely." I just gave her a hug and she hugged me back. She said, "Now that you're here, I feel fine."

Montgomery keeps moving along too. She had a heart transplant 19 years ago. She was given a 32-year-old heart, leading her to joke that now she's just older than 50 at heart.

She has a 94-year-old boyfriend and loves playing bridge six days a week — every day except Sunday, which is reserved for church.

Don't ask her to explain her TikTok fame, though.

"I think it's remarkable, but I think it's sort of stupid that people are so interested in a stranger," she said matter-of-factly, before walking out the door to head to the store.

Blackmon, who has gotten to know the generation gap very well, just laughed.

"She acts like she doesn't [like it], but she does," he said. "She loves the attention."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

H.B. caps playoff push with win over El Dorado

BY SCOTT FRENCH

Huntington Beach likely lengthened its season behind a huge goal-line stand, its explosive passing game, and vital performances following its star receiver's probable season-ending injury.

The Oilers rolled to a 49-28 victory Thursday night over visiting El Dorado to move into position for the Epsilon League's third guaranteed CIF Southern Section playoff berth as sophomore quarterback Brady Edmunds topped 300 passing yards for the seventh time and tossed four touchdown passes.

Steel Kurtz stepped into Troy Foster's role and caught two of the touchdown throws — the big one: a 74-yard dagger for a 29-7 lead 12 seconds before halftime — and Huntington Beach (6-4, 3-2 in the Epsilon League) answered every El Dorado foray the rest of the way.

"[Making the playoffs] is everything," said Edmunds, who led the Oilers to the Division 6 semifinals a year ago. "Last year we barely snuck into the playoffs, and then the playoffs are all that matter, and we got on a huge run. To get in the playoffs is great, and hopefully we get Troy healthy by week one or two. I think we can make a great run."

Foster, a junior with 58 recep-



Jeremy Westerbeck

HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Brady Edmunds throws a touchdown pass to Niko Lopez against La Habra in an Epsilon League game on Friday.

tions for 1,126 yards and 13 touchdowns, suffered what was thought to be a turf-toe injury three weeks ago against La Habra. He kept playing, with a career-best 10 catches for 213 yards and four touchdowns in the critical, tie-breaker-clinching victory over Foothill — the Knights would share third place with an upset Friday night over first-place La Habra — and then lasted a series in last week's loss to second-place Crean Lutheran before the pain grew too great.

The stress fracture was diagnosed this week, and Huntington Beach coach Brett Brown said he could possibly return "if we make it to state."

Kurtz, who had 51 catches for 713 yards through nine games as the Oilers' No. 2 receiver, suddenly was the top target. He caught five balls for a career-best 149 yards.

"We knew with Troy out, Steel needed to step up," Brown said. "We told him all week, and he embraced the challenge, and he was huge for us."

Said Kurtz: "It sucks that Troy's out for the season, but it's not just me that has to step up. The whole receiving crew has to step up ... it's amazing how much we could step up in just one week."

Niko Lopez pulled in three passes for 99 yards and a 40-yard score, and Gabe Bryant turned a hitch play into a 56-yard touchdown — 2 yards more than his total in the first nine games — on the first play from scrimmage.

The 6-foot-5 Edmunds completed 15 of 24 passes for 334 yards, his fourth-best total this season, to break the school passing record he set last year as a freshman at 2,691 yards, passing the mark on the end-of-first-half score. He's up to 2,871.

"He's unbelievable. I haven't coached anyone like him," said Brown, whose team amassed a season-best 498 yards. "He's a gamer. He's a competitor, wants the ball in his hands, and makes big plays. He's a special kid."

El Dorado (3-7, 1-4) had its finest offensive game, totaling 417 yards behind quarterback Luke Coulter (career-best 272 yards), running back J.P. Murray (142 rushing) and receiver Xavier Cadena (eight receptions for 112).

The Golden Hawks were down by 14 after Kurtz's 18-yard, end-zone reception just past the midpoint in the first quarter, halved

the deficit on a Murray run three minutes later, then had two chances to pull even after forcing a pair of turnovers. Dylan Cunningham intercepted Coulter in the red-zone five plays into the second quarter, and then the Oilers' defense was again challenged after a 40-yard Murray run to the 4-yard line.

El Dorado inched to the 2-yard line on carries by Murray and Cadena, and Murray was stopped for no gain on third down. The last try up the middle, by Murray, hit a wall of linemen. Huntington Beach scored six plays later, on an Edmunds run following a 34-yard completion to Lopez and 18-year Charles Stubin run, and Edmunds' long throw to Kurtz pushed the advantage to three possessions.

"It was huge [at the goal line]," Brown said. "We didn't tackle as well as we should have tonight, but for us to come up big in that situation was a momentum-changer and a game changer."

The teams traded touchdowns the rest of the way, with El Dorado trimming its deficit three times and the Oilers — on Lopez's reception and runs by Micah Riola and Stubin — restoring it after each.

Scott French is a contributor to Daily Pilot Sports.

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result between league-champion Anaheim (7-2, 4-0) and La Quinta on Friday night was not available by the Daily Pilot's deadline.

Costa Mesa found itself in a deep hole after beginning league play with two losses, including one against Santiago in which the offense saw little of the ball before halftime.

"There was a valley there, there was a lull, and we were trying to correct it," Gonzalez said. "We had to make some adjustments, we had to make some per-

sonnel changes, and I think it kind of sparked us a little bit. We really honed in with our captains, and we said, 'Hey, we're going to turn this around, and I need you guys to be a part of it.'

"We were really tough with them in practice. We were just trying to really get them going again, and it looked like it paid off."

Andrew Waiss' 30-yard rushing touchdown in the final two minutes was the difference in a 48-43 shoot-out victory for the Mustangs last week.

The junior quarterback connected with Caden Oliver four times for 123 yards. Waiss added five carries for 47 yards and two

touchdowns.

Costa Mesa's sideline enjoyed watching the reserves play for much of the second half. Jack Shafiyoon scored his first varsity touchdown on a 19-yard pass from Aidan Quintos.

Ryan Lowry, a linebacker, also rushed around the edge and inside the left pylon for his first trip to the end zone.

"The week going into Bolsa, we knew that if we didn't win it, we weren't going [to the playoffs]. There's no way," Lowry said. "I think everyone collectively just knew that we had to do something. ... Every week, we fought, we fought, we fought. We ended up doing

it, and it was great."

Garza, a sophomore, has rushed for 1,224 yards and 15 touchdowns this season. The latest performance came behind an offensive line of Jaime Gutierrez, William Wedgwood, Jack Lambert, Yosgart Munoz and Fabian Zapien.

Israel Lopez added two tackles for a loss and a fumble recovery on defense.

The Mustangs gathered as a group, chanting "CIF" repeatedly after the win.

"It means a lot to me," Garza said. "I've dreamed of stuff like this, and it's like a dream come true."

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James Carbone

COSTA MESA'S Israel Lopez (77) makes a tackle against Loara's Ariel Olvera (24) during a game at Glover Stadium.

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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.