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## NMUSD officials put anti-bias training on hold

Although the school district has partnered with the Anti-Defamation League to bring training sessions to schools in the past, parent fears about critical race theory gave trustees pause at a recent meeting.

BY SARA CARDINE

Amid parent concerns about critical race theory being brought into classrooms, Newport-Mesa Unified School District officials recently tabled a discussion on continuing a series of anti-bias trainings offered by the Anti-Defamation League, saying more research was needed.

Trustees at a July 13 meeting were set to consider a contract with the New York-based nonprofit — which provides training on

promoting diversity and confronting racism and other forms of bigotry — for 25 secondary school training sessions in the year ahead at a cost not to exceed \$38,600.

Courses offered for educators, school employees and, in one case, student leaders under the league's "A World of Difference" program would explore bias, the dynamics of power, privilege and perspective and combating bullying.

Similar trainings had been of-

fered before the pandemic, under the aegis of NMUSD's Human Relations Task Force, and the latest contract aimed to continue and build upon those sessions.

But board members decided to hold off on discussing a new contract with the Anti-Defamation League, saying they had more questions about course content.

"I think we need some more information," said Board President Karen Yelsey. "[This] has language that we had not seen before, and I think it creates issues in our community and we need to do a little bit more research."

Several parents in public comments urged trustees to deny the

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Photo by Sara Cardine

**NMUSD OFFICIALS** recently tabled a contract with the Anti-Defamation League to provide anti-bias training in 2021-22, amid parent fears of critical race theory being taught in classrooms.



Photos by Susan Hoffman

**THIRTY-SIX LASERS** navigate into position at the start line of Flight of Newport Beach sailboat race in Newport Harbor on Sunday.

## Balboa Yacht Club sailboat race carries on an 85-year tradition

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Sunday found local sailing enthusiasts vying for bragging rights in the 85th annual Flight of Newport Beach, but one did not need to be a sailor to appreciate the stirring vision as the race got underway on the south side of Balboa Island.

"You'll never see that many sailboats on a start line at the same time," said David Beek, race chairman. "They all line up and want to be the first one across the start line."

Beek's father, Balboa Island resident Seymour Beek, began racing in the event in 1941 when it was Flight of the Snowbirds. He was 7 years old and captured the award for the youngest skipper.

Today at 88 he continues to enjoy sailing

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**FLIGHT OF** Newport Beach race chairman, David Beek keeps watch on the Sunday race from his boat.

## No action on filling H.B. seat vacated by Ortiz

The City Council fails to name a replacement or agree on a special election during Monday's meeting.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council did not have enough votes to nominate a candidate. It also did not have enough votes to call for a special election.

As a result, Monday night's special meeting to appoint a member to the vacant seventh seat could not be resolved.

The council adjourned, vowing to return within seven days to resume negotiations. If the panel cannot agree on a replacement by the end of this month, a special election Nov. 2 that City Manager Oliver Chi estimates would cost the city about \$1 million will be triggered.

Monday's 140-minute special meeting was marked by audience members giving their opinions loudly, sometimes by talking over council members. Many in the crowd were there in support of Gracey Van Der Mark, who finished fourth in last November's election that brought Tito Ortiz, Dan Kalmick and Natalie Moser onto the dais.

Ortiz, whose resignation from the mayor pro tem position on June 1 created the opening, also attended the meeting in support of Van Der Mark. Her supporters wore shirts and carried signs asking the council to "honor the vote" by appointing her, since she was the first runner-up.

Councilman Erik Peterson,

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### FAIR CLOWN,

Iyq, juggles as he entertains fairgoers as they enter the main entrance during opening day on Friday of the O.C. Fair in Costa Mesa.

Kevin Chang  
Staff  
Photographer



## O.C. Fair sells out for first time in more than 130 years

BY SARA CARDINE

Orange County residents hankering for a corndog and pig races will have to act fast, as O.C. Fair organizers reported Monday the regional festival sold out on opening weekend for the first time in more than a century.

Demand for admittance on Saturday and Sunday exceeded 45,000 single-day capacity limits earlier imposed by organizers.

And since tickets must be purchased online in advance, anyone who may have waited until

arriving to book slots would have been turned away at the gates.

The month-long event opened Friday and runs Wednesday through Sunday each week through Aug. 15.

While exact figures were not available Monday, OC Fair & Event Center spokeswoman Terry Moore reported first-weekend attendance was "absolutely phenomenal," as fairgoers poured into the Costa Mesa ven-

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### OBITUARY

## Rick 'Rockin' Fig' Fignetti, Huntington surfing local celebrity, dies at age 64

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach native Rick "Rockin' Fig" Fignetti, a fixture in the local surf community, died Friday of a heart attack at the age of 64.

Fignetti was well known in Surf City and beyond for his contributions to the local surf culture. He owned Rockin' Fig Surf Headquarters, on the third block of Main Street in Huntington Beach, for decades.

Mourners put flowers there over the weekend as a memorial.

Fignetti, who long had a "Wet N Wild" column in the Huntington Beach Independent, was also well known as a surfing announcer. He was the voice of the U.S. Open of Surfing for 20 years, a run that ended in 2013 when the event changed sponsorships. He was also a longtime announcer for the U.S. Pro Tour.

Instantly recognizable with his thick glasses, long hair and



Photo by Spencer Grant

**RICK "ROCKIN' FIG" FIGNETTI**, the longtime owner of a surf shop on Main Street, died at age 64 after suffering a heart attack on Friday.

goatee, Fignetti was also a voice that many grew up hearing. For 25 years, he did the morning surf

report on KROQ-FM radio, until

See **Fignetti**, page A4

# Police arrest 4 on suspicion of evading, obstruction after high-speed pursuit in C.M.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa police on Monday arrested four men on suspicion of evading police and obstruction after a high-speed vehicle pursuit led to a yard-by-yard search for the possibly armed suspects near the city's Mesa Del Mar neighborhood, officials reported.

The incident began at 12:15 p.m. Monday, when an officer patrolling a parking lot on the 3300 block of Bristol Street near South Coast Plaza observed a white sedan with dark tinted windows in violation of California's vehicle code and initiated a stop, according to a release issued Tuesday.

The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Dennis Junior Johnson, 25, of Los Angeles did not possess a valid ID and initially gave the officer false information about his identity.

When the officer asked Johnson to step out of the car, he fled from the scene, driving south on Bear Street with three passengers still inside the sedan.

A pursuit ensued, as the suspect's car reached speeds above 80 mph, police reported.

At one point, the sedan

was driven across a center median on Bear Street and into oncoming traffic. Johnson reportedly drove through a red light in his attempt to flee.

Although officers lost sight of the vehicle near the intersection of Bear and Baker streets, the sedan was soon located near the junction of Bear and St. Clair streets, after it had hit a curb and crashed into a nearby stop sign, according to the release.

But the chase didn't end there. Johnson and the three passengers fled the scene on foot, running west into a residential area, according to witnesses. Police reported a handgun was found in the roadway near the suspect vehicle.

Officers established a perimeter in the area and conducted a yard-to-yard search for the four men, the release indicated.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department provided K-9 assistance, while the Anaheim Police Department aided in the search effort with the use of a helicopter.

Johnson was located on the 800 block of Sonora Road. Two more suspects — identified as Myles Edward Rutledge and Naypone Malik Gaines, both

22, of Los Angeles — were found hiding together in the backyard of a home on the 2800 block of Drake Avenue.

A third passenger, Dvaryaeh Deshawn Bryant, 18, of Los Angeles had been hiding in a storage bin in the backyard of another home on the 800 block of Santiago Road and was detained, police reported Tuesday.

The officer who'd initially stopped the vehicle identified all four suspects, who were arrested and booked on suspicion of evading police, obstruction and felony possession of a firearm.

Of the four suspects, only Rutledge remained in custody in Orange County's Theo Lacy Facility as of Tuesday afternoon.

The other three men were released on bond earlier that morning, according to an online inmate locator maintained by the Sheriff's Department.

Anyone who may have additional information on the incident is asked to contact Det. Jerad Korte at (714) 754-5051 or Det. Sgt. Monique Beckner at (714) 754-5352.

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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

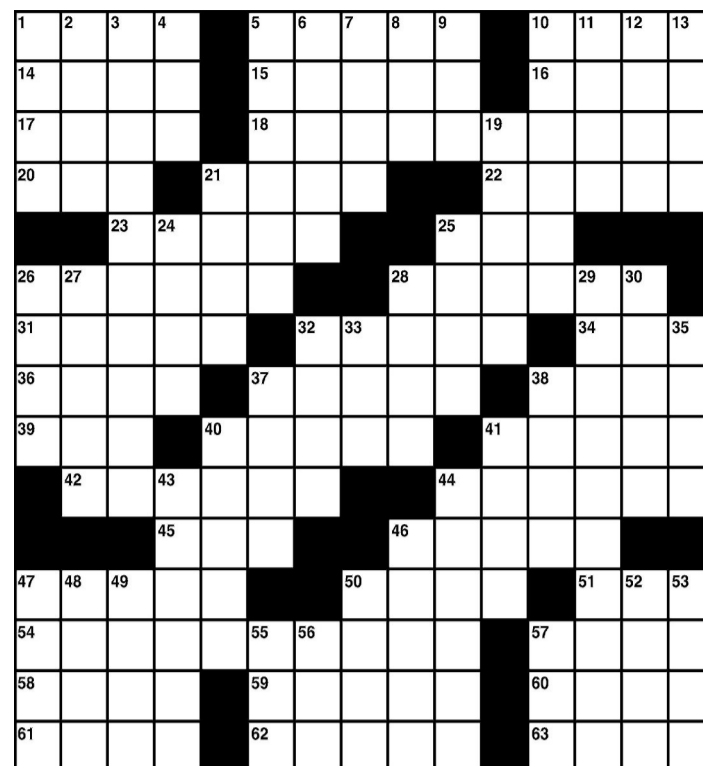
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 18 Vengeful
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- 21 \_ off; annoyed
- 22 Extend a subscription
- 23 Coin toss call
- 25 Evergreen
- 26 Somewhat
- 28 "Alice \_ Live Here Anymore"
- 31 Shed crocodile tears
- 32 \_ with; implore
- 34 Actress Joan Van \_
- 36 Sunbathes
- 37 Sparkle
- 38 Astound
- 39 As happy \_ clam
- 40 UCLA athlete
- 41 Self-assurance
- 42 Zigzag course
- 44 Lower in rank
- 45 Plant
- 46 Part of a royal flush
- 47 Rope with a noose
- 50 Harmon or Hamill
- 51 Simple card game
- 54 Shine a light on
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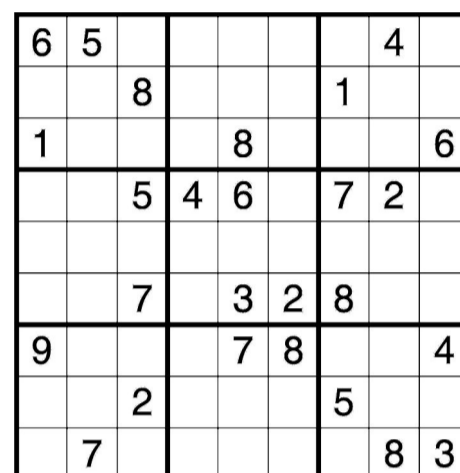
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## SUDOKU

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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



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

- 3 Making no sense
- 4 "\_ Doubtfire"
- 5 "\_ Rita"; Beatles song
- 6 Climbing plants
- 7 \_ a hand to; help
- 8 Connecting word
- 9 TV crime drama series
- 10 Goes into
- 11 Put on pounds
- 12 \_ up; quit
- 13 Massacred
- 19 Wailed
- 21 Flooring material

- 24 Garfunkel & others
- 25 Beer topper
- 26 Crumbly cheese
- 27 Accumulate
- 28 College official
- 29 Across the country
- 30 Have confidence in
- 32 Small fruit
- 33 Floral garland
- 35 Patella's place
- 37 Get larger
- 38 Partial amount
- 40 Blossom
- 41 Quick glance
- 43 Take for granted
- 44 Under \_; being forced
- 46 Middle East nation
- 47 Teacher's roll
- 48 Friendly nation
- 49 \_ in the face; insult
- 50 Skirt style
- 52 As wise \_ owl
- 53 NFL team
- 55 "\_ a jungle out there!"
- 56 Trawler's need
- 57 Actor Kilmer

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## NMUSD

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contract, fearing it would promote a curriculum that categorized students as victims and oppressors based on their skin color.

Costa Mesa resident Haley Jenkins questioned the appropriateness of bringing trainings from the Anti-Defamation League, which describes itself as a global leader in exposing extremism, to Newport-Mesa campuses.

"Are we seeing extremely violent hate crimes occur on campus? Or is this the result of a very small group of people on your task force ... pushing critical race theory in our schools?" Jenkins asked board members. "I was assured critical race theory was not in our schools, but here it comes."

A scholarly approach to looking at American history and jurisprudence through

the lens of racism, critical race theory was developed in the 1970s and 80s as a way of trying to understand why, if certain protections and civil rights exist within the law, inequality seems to persist.

In recent months, the approach has been taken from an academic context and placed into a political one, as conservative politicians rally against critical race theory being taught in schools, where antibullying and anti-discrimination lessons have existed for years.

Kaaryn Gustafson, a UC Irvine law professor and director of the law school's Center on Law, Equality and Race, said while the theory is more of a lens, or a way of thinking about or studying race and inequality, it has recently become a political dog whistle used to foment discontent.

Despite its name, she continued, there is no one

singular agenda or theory to put forth.

"The scholars who wrote in the area came from different scholarly backgrounds," Gustafson said. "[They] were trying to examine what it is beyond just law that allows racism to continue — our culture, history, the refusal to grapple with our history."

Still, certain repeating themes arise, including the idea that all people have agency in perpetuating or dismantling racist systems and should remain aware of privilege and personal blind spots that may impede understanding.

Gustafson said while debates over critical race theory may be ramping up in the realm of K-12 education, the opposition seems primarily political.

"It's always helpful to have a bogeyman in politics. And the bogeyman of today is critical race theory," she added. "It's convenient,

it smacks of indoctrination and it's tainted with issues of race."

The Orange County Board of Education will host two community panel discussions on ethnic studies and critical race theory on July 27 and Aug. 24 in its board room in Costa Mesa.

Meanwhile, the county's Department of Education is hosting a virtual collo-

quium on ethnic studies and California's model curriculum Wednesday at 2 p.m.

NMUSD trustees said at their July 13 meeting tabling the contract with ADL would give them more time to understand whether the training sessions were similar to those given in the past or might contain new material for their consideration.

"I don't want to decide on something without fully knowing what I'm deciding on," said Vice President Michelle Barto. "What we put in place was great. I think it had its purpose and if it's still fully that, that's great. But I want to make sure it's actually that."

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## RACE

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and seeing familiar faces competing next to him in his Laser named Big Jim.

Over the years, the senior Beek has not only competed in a variety of sailing races but has also served as principal race officer for the Flight of Newport Beach.

"This event is a single-race spectacle, the only one of its kind," he said. "It's a lot of fun for a lot of people and as a yacht race shouldn't be taken too seriously."

Irvine resident Rich Luttrell, who has been racing Lasers for 25 years, competed this year with his wife Karen for the first-place "Married Couple" award. He agrees the event is all in fun.

"Twenty percent of the people are out there to win a race," Luttrell said. "But with so many boats, most people are trying to either beat the boat ahead or stay in front of the boat behind."

The event is the longest running continuous race in Newport Harbor.

Sponsored by the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, Commodores Club, and hosted by the Balboa Yacht Club, Beek explained that the event is free and open to all ages.

"Along with the no age limit and free to enter, there is no yacht club affiliation," he said. "A lot of kids come out and sail without experience. We encourage everyone to come out."

The race continues to evolve by keeping current with vessel changes.

The premier race started as the Flight of the Snowbirds in 1936 and became one of the largest small



Photos by Susan Hoffman

**SAILING HIS LASER** Big Jim, Seymour Beek, at age 88, competes in Sunday's race. "This event is a single-race spectacle, the only one of its kind," Beek said.



**THE ALL-FEMALE** team sailing SkipHers are, from left, Jane Hoffner Horst, Merry Cheers and Susan Jennings.

sailboat races in the world, with 200 boats entered at its height of popularity in 1950.

A Snowbird is a small

wooden boat class with an 11-foot hull and was once the most popular boat in Newport Beach.

In the early 1970s the

race became Flight of the Kites, an American recreational sailing dinghy with wooden mast and a fiberglass hull that was nearly a foot longer than the Snowbird.

In 1979 the race then became the Flight of the Lasers. The Laser boat is constructed of fiberglass and was built with an emphasis on simplicity and performance.

It has become one of the most popular dinghy classes in the history of competitive racing.

The lightweight Laser is 13.9 feet and can accommodate two sailors.

Today the race is called the Flight of Newport

Beach, officially named by the Commodores Club in 2019.

With the trend for better and faster boats there are 100-plus boats in three different classes, Harbor-20, Lasers and a new class of high performance, O'pen Skiff.

With the addition of Harbor 20-boat type, a 20-foot-long, 900-pound contemporary daysailer that can hold up to eight people.

The 9-foot-long O'pen Skiff, with a self draining hull of polyethylene, attracts younger sailors and can hold a couple of people.

Newport Beach resident

Jane Hoffner Horst and her all-female team raced a Harbor-20 boat.

Although Horst has been racing for about 40 years, mostly in Long Beach, this was only her second time entering the Flight of Newport Beach.

Horst, a member of the Balboa Yacht Club, coaches an H-20 sailing clinic for women at the club on Monday nights.

"It's a really fun regatta" she said. "It's basically a tour of the Newport Harbor, while mixing it up with a lot of different boats."

**SUSAN HOFFMAN** is a contributor to Times Community News



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# COUNCIL

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though, was the only one to initially nominate Van Der Mark for the position. Per the predetermined rules, council members could bring up to three names to nominate of the 105 people who interviewed on July 9 and 10.

"It is time to shift the community back to our community, to public safety, and away from extremism," Moser said at one



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**MAYOR KIM CARR** listens to a candidate on July 9. The City Council reached a stalemate over replacing Tito Ortiz.

point, above jeers from the crowd. "The work of our city does not stop because an elected official abandons his position ... We did have an election. There

were three open seats. Tito Ortiz, Dan Kalmick and myself were elected. There is no fourth place. There isn't. There were three open seats, and here we are. Unfortunately, Councilmem-

ber Ortiz did not honor the vote, and we are here."

Local business owner and council hopeful Dom Jones also showed up with supporters, but she did not garner a nomination from any member of the council.

Jill Hardy, who termed out from the City Council for the second time last fall but threw her hat back in the ring after Ortiz resigned, was also failed to get a nomination.

After three rounds of voting, the council was down to three names: civil rights attorney Rhonda Bolton, longtime AT&T executive Jeff Morin and Van Der Mark. Bolton had three votes, those of Moser, Kalmick and Mayor Kim Carr, but they could not come up with the fourth vote required to appoint

her.

Individual motions to appoint Van Der Mark and Morin both failed 4-2.

When it became clear that they were making no progress, Councilman Mike Posey called for a special election, to applause from the audience. It was quickly seconded by Peterson.

"We're really at a stalemate on moving forward and naming somebody tonight, and the only thing that's fair is a special election," Posey said. "Whether it costs \$1 million or \$2 million, that's the cost of democracy ... There is a 3½-year term still left. We have 85% of the term still left, and that's significant."

But the motion for a special election failed 4-2 and later 3-3 as Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Delgleize shifted in

support of it. The other council members, though, remained unwilling to support that as an option.

"Our charter states that it's our job to fill this seat," Kalmick said.

"The weight is on our shoulders, I believe, to come with a consensus pick, because \$1 million is a lot of money that could do a lot of good for our city. That's a lot of roads that we could pave."

Van Der Mark said after the meeting that she believed a special election would be the fairest thing to do at this point.

"I ran because I got tired of not being heard, and that's how the community feels," she said.

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ELLEN RIVITUSO VARADY**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **NOAH GROOTHUIS & ADAM GROOTHUIS** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **NOAH GROOTHUIS & ADAM GROOTHUIS** 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 August 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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# FAIR

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ue for the first time in nearly two years after organizers were forced to cancel 2020 festivities amid the pandemic.

"Fairgoers, staff, entertainers and partners were all thrilled to bring back the summer fun of the O.C. Fair," Moore said by email. "There were smiles all over the fairgrounds as guests found their favorite foods, hopped on carnival rides, visited farm animals and rediscovered the joy they had been missing."

Organizers are urging residents to book tickets for upcoming dates in advance.

If hearts are set on a day that's already sold out, one option is to purchase tickets for concerts going on that day at the Pacific Amphitheatre or the Hangar, which include same-day



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**A MEMBER** of the Dragon Knights smiles during opening day on Friday. The fair sold out on opening weekend.

admission to the fair.

Another, rarer option exists for those who purchased Super Pass tickets for the 2020 O.C. Fair before it was canceled.

While refunds were offered, those who chose to

keep their passes may attend this year without booking online, organizers say.

Last year's cancellation is not completely unprecedented in fair history, which dates to 1890 — organizers

were forced to pause festivities from 1942 through 1947 during World War II under a federal mandate. But foregoing the fun in 2020 was difficult for many locals who attend each and every year.

"It was disappointing but not surprising," Costa Mesan Donna Yelich said of last year's closure on opening day Friday.

"We didn't want people getting sick. [But] I would have been disappointed if we didn't have the fair this year. One year, I can handle, but not two."

General admission is \$12 on Wednesday and Thursday and \$14 Friday through Sunday.

Admission for seniors over 60 and youth ages 6 to 12 costs \$7 daily, while children 5 and younger are free. General parking costs \$10.

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**RICK "ROCKIN' FIG" FIGNETTI** speaks at his Surfing Walk of Fame induction ceremony in 2010.

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2010.

"He taught me to surf!" tweeted Kevin Ryder, long-time member of KROQ morning show "Kevin and Bean." "My fav. thing about him? If the waves were good he'd close his H.B. surf shop with a sign, 'Gone surfing.'"

Jaime Strong, the marketing manager of the Downtown Business Improvement District, said the district will be hosting a Surf City Nights celebrating Fignetti on July 27. The local Ramsey Brothers Band will be performing.

Strong said Fignetti was so welcoming in working with her in the institution of the "Rockin' Fig Vintage Surf Festival" last October. That will become an annual event, Strong said, as his family has blessed it. This year's festival will be on Oct. 9 as part of the Surf City Days celebration.

"He was so warm and open," she said. "His friendship and support of me gave me this ability to understand Huntington Beach very quickly, and the downtown community ... He gave me this quick history lesson of downtown Huntington Beach and surf culture, and he honestly changed a lot of things in my career and my life."

"I walked into his shop last July, and it was to find out how he felt about the street being closed. I knew who he was. I grew up listening to the surf report and I was really intimidated to go in and meet him. There was just something about him that automatically made you feel at ease and comfortable. He was someone that you wanted to be your friend."

Fignetti, a Surfing Walk of

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Downtown Business Improvement District marketing manager

Fame inductee in 2010, was accomplished on the board himself. A 10-time West Coast Surfing champion, he won national titles in the Explorer Super Seniors (ages 45 and up) and Explorer Duke (ages 55 and up) divisions in 2012.

Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr said that Fignetti embodied the "aloha spirit" that she sees as a key part of Surf City.

"He was such a good ambassador, not only for surfing, but for the city of Huntington Beach," Carr said. "Everybody was treated like family. His voice is going to be missed, for sure. This one really hit me hard ... He really was a local celebrity, but he never came across as arrogant or full of himself."

Fignetti is survived by his longtime girlfriend Andrea Roberson, his children Chanel and Ricky, and his mother Betty. Plans for a memorial service or paddle out have not yet been announced.

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