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Tyler Faurot

CITATIONS ARE ISSUED to sidewalk vendors by San Diego police in Ocean Beach earlier this year.

Newport sets out to rein in scofflaw sidewalk vendors

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport Beach City Council unanimously passed the second reading of a new ordinance that will crack down on street vendors doing business in unpermitted areas of the city.

The ordinance first came before the City Council on March 12 when members approved it. Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton said at the time that the issue of vendors setting up where they are not allowed has had a direct impact on residents and business owners in his district, which includes the Balboa Peninsula and west Newport Beach.

The new ordinance enhances existing code enforcement to allow for the seizure of items

and equipment used in violation of existing code, the adoption of an impounding fee, staffing changes and the purchase of an all-terrain vehicle and trailer.

“My primary concern is to help protect the interests of Peninsula businesses that are facing competition from unpermitted vendors,” Stapleton said in response to a reporter’s question Wednesday, noting that people have told him that vendors are setting up near the piers and up and down the city’s beaches.

“I want to support the lawful, permitted

businesses in our community,” he said.

Sidewalk vending regulations were first adopted in November 2018 after changes in state law forced Newport Beach to lift its ban on vendors.

According to those regulations, sidewalk vendors are allowed to operate but must avoid specific locations, including the Balboa Island boardwalk, the Oceanfront boardwalk, East Balboa Boulevard between Adams Street

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Authors, council minority defend library

Group seeks to fight censorship as plan to form parent advisory board in Surf City returns for final vote.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council will again discuss a controversial parent/guardian children’s book review board at its meeting on Tuesday night.

Ordinance No. 4318, which passed by a 4-3 vote at the last meeting on March 19 despite hundreds of emails and more than 100 public speakers in opposition, will come back for a final reading on Tuesday. An approval then would amend the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by adding chapter 2.66, entitled “Community Parent-Guardian Review Board for Procurement of Children’s Library Materials.”

Huntington Beach Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns, Tony Strickland and Casey McKeon supported the ordinance that would create a board of up to 21 community members, appointed by the council, to review children’s books before they enter the Huntington Beach Public Library. Council members Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton voted against.

Those disturbed by the ordinance continue to organize against the review board as well as the possible privatization of the public library, as the council also voted by the same 4-3 vote at the

See **Defend**, page A3

Fountain Valley looks at 4-day work week

FOUNTAIN VALLEY City Hall could be closed to the public on Fridays under a proposed work schedule pilot program, though office hours would be extended Monday through Thursday.



File Photo

BY ANDREW TURNER

A four-day work week could be in the offing for employees at Fountain Valley City Hall, as the City Council showed majority support for a pilot program adjusting the work schedule for city employees.

The proposed changes would promote the goal of attracting and retaining quality staff, city officials said during a study session on March 19.

City employees would work four days a week, 10 hours per day. City Hall would be closed every Friday, although its operating hours would be extended to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday

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ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



James Carbone

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O.C. fairground equestrians bridle at proposed fee hikes

BY SARA CARDINE

As Orange County fairgrounds officials reimagine the site’s Equestrian Center into a space for more public programming, board members looking to reduce an operational deficit approved this week a rent hike for those who keep horses at the facility.

OC Fair & Event Center leaders maintain the move will help the center, which assumed operations of the 7.5-acre Costa Mesa site in 2023, recover from an annual loss of more than \$1 million.

But equestrians maintain the loss stems not from too-low rents, but from an exorbitant contract for maintenance and cleaning of the site approved by officials last year.

OCFEC Executive Director Michele Richards in a board meeting Thursday provided a progress report on staff’s efforts to maintain private boarding services in five barns on the western half of a newly rebranded Community Equine Center, while creating public programs in four barns and two arenas on the other half of the property.

There, visitors could participate in accredited equine therapy programs, school and public tours of

fering hands-on experiences and small regional horse shows, among other activities. Horses in those programs would be leased, although Richards did not say from where.

“The plan is to establish two different programs at the current Equestrian Center,” she told board members Thursday. “Staff and the Facilities Committee feel it’s important to separate the activities to ensure the safety of the privately owned horses and control public access to those barns.”

Richards also presented directors with a phased-in plan for raising the monthly boarding fees for 100 private-use stalls over the next nine months. Costs will gradually climb from \$644 per month for a 144-square-foot stall to \$1,103 by January 2025 with a proportionate increase anticipated for larger stalls.

Those rates would afford 100% access to a large arena and access to smaller nearby arenas, round pens and turnouts when not in use by public programs and would cover trash and manure removal, associated staff costs and utilities. Trainers wishing to conduct lessons, camps and other ac-



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

O.C. FAIRGROUNDS officials say the site’s Equestrian Center is operating at a loss of more than \$1 million. But equestrians blame the deficit on an exorbitant contract for maintenance and cleaning.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NO. 24FL000251
Petitioner or Attorney (name, state, bar, and address):

KATHERINE HINKEL on behalf of CLAUDE HENRY MILLER V, a minor
19700 Fairchild, Suite 170, Irvine CA 92612
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:
Petitioner KATHERINE HINKEL on behalf of CLAUDE HENRY MILLER V, a minor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 06/27/2024
TIME: 8:30AM
DEPT: REMOTE
ROOM: N/A
The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Orange 341 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868-3205
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county.
Dated: 03/04/2024
E. Ruvalcaba Deputy
Published in the Daily Pilot 03/15/24, 03/22/24, 03/29/24, 04/05/24

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ENTERTAINMENT 500
Religious Announcements
Easter Sunrise Service
Join us Sunday, March 31st, at 6:30am for Easter Sunrise Service. The service will be held at the 14th Street Beach in Newport Beach with a continental breakfast following at our church. All are welcome! There will also be a 10:00am service in the Sanctuary. christbytheseanb.org
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BSC 224891 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT B. REEVES 30-2024-01384958-PR-LS-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ROBERT B. REEVES**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **SALVADOR CARALTO** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **SALVADOR CARALTO** 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.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **May 23, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. in Dept. CM06** located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD. 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL

The Laguna Beach City Council will hold an in-person Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, to consider: Extension of the effective period of Urgency Ordinance No. 1693 of the City of Laguna Beach, California, for 22 months, 15-days (until February 26, 2026), which was adopted by the City Council on February 27, 2024, re-codifying Chapter 25.95 to the Laguna Beach Municipal Code regulating single-family residential one- and two-unit developments and urban lot splits pursuant to California Senate Bill 9 (SB 9). Applicant: City of Laguna Beach Location: Citywide SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter. For additional information, contact City staff: Heather Stevens, Senior Planner at hstevens@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 497-0332. Comments may be made in writing prior to the hearing (when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office), or in-person in Council Chambers during the public hearing. In order to allow sufficient time for members of the City Council and staff to review and consider your written comments, written comments will be accepted for consideration up until the close of business (i.e. 5:30 p.m.) on the business day before the date on which this public hearing is scheduled; however, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m. five days prior to the scheduled hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Laguna Beach at, or prior to, the public hearing. It is recommended that the ordinance be determined exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Government Code Section 65852.21(j) and Section 66411.7(n) because it is not considered a "project" under Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, may request such modification or accommodation from the City Clerk's Office at (949) 497-0705 (telephone) or (949) 497-0771 (facsimile). Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

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Approved by

James M. Houlihan Deputy PWD/City Engineer

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This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

BSC 224841 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN SHINODA aka JOHN D. SHINODA aka JOHN DAVID SHINODA 30-2024-01383961-PR-PL-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JOHN SHINODA aka JOHN D. SHINODA aka JOHN DAVID SHINODA**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **REBECCA L. COTE and LAURA L. LANE, California Licensed Professional Fiduciaries** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **REBECCA L. COTE and LAURA L. LANE** 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 **May 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM05** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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VENDORS

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and A Street, Marine Avenue on Balboa Island, East Coast Highway between Avocado Avenue and Hazel Drive, and the Civic Center. Vendors are also restricted from operating within 200 feet of most public-safety buildings, such as police and fire stations, or within 100 feet of other sidewalk vendors, schools, public picnic areas and community centers.

They're also not allowed to operate on any public property that does not meet the definition of a sidewalk or walkway, which means alleys, beaches, piers, squares, streets, street ends or parking lots are off limits.

If found in violation of city code, vendors can be fined anywhere from \$100 to \$500, depending on how many times they've been cited within a given year. For being in violation and also lacking a permit, vendors can be fined between \$250 to \$1,000, again depending on how many times they've been cited within a given year.

In a report prepared for the City Council, staff said there has been an increase in unpermitted vending taking place that extends beyond the sidewalks and onto the piers and beaches.

Visits to the reportedly affected areas by the Daily Pilot on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons turned up no sight of any street vendors, though Assistant City Manager Seimone Jurjis noted they often set up for business on weekends, spring break and summertime, when there are more visitors from out of town.

The vendors have been required to get permits since 2019, but only two have been issued in the past, according to Jurjis, and there are currently no active permits.

City staff noted in a report for a previous council meeting that one of the challenges of dealing with street vendors has been that those who flout the restrictions often don't carry or are not willing to provide identification to officers who are there to write citations. Further, the vendors might leave for a short time, then return to those locations after officers are gone. Staff also said beaches are difficult to patrol, given the terrain and their vast size.

Enforcement of the street vendor ordinance is handled by the city's community development department.

Jurjis confirmed Wednesday that code enforcement made contact with 40 vendors operating illegally in 2023. He said that because there is no existing outreach to advise vendors of the regulations, it will be up to the discretion of code enforcement officers as to whether they issue a warning, a citation or if equipment seizure is warranted.

Restaurateur Mario Marovic, who owns Malarky's Irish Pub, Blackie's By the Sea and other businesses in and around Newport, said he's hopeful the beefed-up regulations on street vendors will be good for local businesses. He said not only do the vendors compete unfairly with restaurants, but there is also concern over their food-safety practices.

"We follow city code. We follow the health department's codes. We pay payroll taxes. We meet the wage requirements. We're regulated. We're audited. We pay mortgages and rent, but these guys show up and contribute nothing to the city or its sales tax. There's no regulations on food safety, its quality or storage. It hurts locally owned and managed businesses," Marovic said, adding that he's seen more street vendors pop up in the last two years and has seen them selling canned alcohol on beaches.

"We're under heavy scrutiny to just get open ... but these guys show up and just have no rules," he said.

"We need more enforcement, period. 100%. There's no questions about that. We've got issues with the homeless in our area, but now with the food vendors and everything else, how are businesses that are operating the correct way going to survive when we have all these negative impacts? It blows me away."

Micah Schiesel, a partner at Super Panga, a taqueria nearby Newport Pier, agreed, saying that it seems street vendors have an unfair advantage with wage and hour laws compared to brick-and-mortar establishments.

"Not only does their business detract from local businesses who have paid a premium for build-outs, obtained proper permits, paying or exceeding mandated hourly [minimum wage] rates, but supporting street vendors impact the city's ability to capture sales tax, which is the primary revenue generated for the city by local businesses," Schiesel said. "I would like

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DEFEND

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last meeting to initiate the request for proposal (RFP) process.

A silent protest is planned for 6 p.m. Friday at the Main Street Branch Library downtown, which organizers say will feature a walk to the pier and back. And on Thursday morning, Kalmick, Moser and Bolton took part in a Zoom discussion hosted by the group Authors Against Book Bans.

Along with remarks from each of the three council members, the Thursday's event also featured four California-based Authors Against Book Bans members — Elana K. Arnold, Gretchen McNeil, Molly Knox Ostertag and California chapter lead MariNaomi.

Bolton started by noting that there were no qualifications for someone to serve on the proposed children's book review board; those selected won't be required to have backgrounds in library science, education or any other study that might better help them form their decisions.

"Having one group of political leaders decide what you can access in your public library is un-American," she said. "Intellectual freedom is a 1st Amendment right, and this is a principle that's been settled law for decades. What we have here is a City Council and a city attorney [Michael Gates] attempting to hoodwink our city's residents into believing there's something wrong with our public library and that librarians present a danger to children. It's bull. We want people to know the truth."

Kalmick made reference to Van Der Mark, who has been a proponent of restricting certain books



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LIBRARY PATRONS leave the children's section of the Huntington Beach Central Library last month.

for children for years, in his remarks.

"This is a craven attempt to control people because one person who expresses her opinion as more important than experts is on a mission here," he said. "They're taking it out on the residents of Huntington Beach, when they really need to work on themselves."

Van Der Mark was on the television news on Thursday morning. She debated Allison Lee, the director of PEN America's Los Angeles office, about censorship of children's books on KCAL 9.

Van Der Mark said in a phone

interview Thursday that her priority has always been to protect kids, and that's not going to change.

She added that she believes parents are just as qualified to review children's books as librarians, many of whom hold master's degrees in their field.

"We're not talking about law manuals or, you know, brain surgery here," she said. "We're talking about reading a child's book ... Do you think librarians are superior to parents? I don't ... I think we're equal. I don't care what degrees anybody has, we are equal."

"When it comes to children's books, I guarantee you, we are equal. It really is insulting for people to think we can't read a child's book and decide if it's appropriate or not ... I do see us — moms, dads, grandmas, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters — I do see us as equal to librarians. You don't need a librarian's degree to read a child's book and understand it."

But Moser said during the roundtable discussion that qualifications aside, the review board would ultimately take away the rights and privileges from every other parent in the city.

"They should be the ones mak-

ing that decision and having that conversation with their child," Moser said. "It shouldn't be up to somebody else's parent to make a decision for my child. I can work with my child to do that."

Each of the authors in the discussion condemned Ordinance No. 4318, which would allow the committee members to screen books for sexual content and/or sexual references before entering the library.

Arnold introduced herself as a local resident and Ocean View High School graduate who's a longtime patron of the Huntington Beach Public Library.

"A reader is in a powerful place with a book," she said. "With a book in their hands, they are in charge. They can read it if they choose. Equally, they have the power to set it down and walk away. When someone makes that choice for readers by banning a book that has been included in a library's collection by an educated, trained library professional, they rob readers of their freedom. They cheat them of an opportunity to engage safely with information and art."

McNeil noted that advocates in favor of restricting access argue that children will be swayed by content that parents, political groups or religious organizations are either not ready to address or find personally inappropriate.

"Unfortunately, by restricting access to these books, censors undermine one of the basic functions of education — teaching students how to think for themselves," she said.

Tuesday night's Huntington Beach City Council meeting starts at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

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tivities would pay an additional \$400 monthly facility use fee.

By comparison, the San Juan Capistrano Equestrian Center charges \$910 per month for a similarly sized single stall, while the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center charges \$862.

Richards attributed the discrepancy to the fact that the OC Fair & Event Center — operating as California's 32nd District Agricultural Assn. — must pay prevailing wages and is responsible for other expenses and duties under state law.

In fact, it is OCFEC's status as a state-owned entity that has created a quandary about whether operating the Equestrian Center at a loss amounts to subsidizing private businesses.

Board members last year expressed concerns that continued deficit spending

on a facility largely occupied by private equestrians and their enterprises constituted a gift of public funds.

Faced in December with the prospect of either closing the Equestrian Center or having it assume a more public-facing role in the community, they opted for the latter.

"It's a vision that opens up the facility to wide participation by the Orange County community who may not otherwise have access to horses," Richards explained.

The increases are intended to bring the revenues generated by the Equestrian Center, estimated at roughly \$1.4 million annually, more in line with the center's \$2.7-million annual expenditures at the site.

Those who currently board horses at the fairgrounds and offer lessons and nonprofit therapy sessions there blame the defi-

cit on OCFEC's contract Laguna Hills-based street-sweeping company Lopez Works, Inc. for maintenance and cleaning of the grounds.

Fair officials have said the agreement provides up to \$1.8 million in cleaning, maintenance and feeding services each year — a cost some say is far too high.

"The public told you the prices you agreed to pay were beyond outrageous," equestrian Leigh-Ann Kazolas said Thursday. "After 15 months, why is it that staff still can't get the numbers to work like all the other equestrian centers in the state? The proposed boarding rate hikes subsidize this bloated and irresponsible contract."

Aileen Anderson, who takes riding lessons, said the increases will make the fairgrounds site the most expensive equestrian center in Southern California, driving off many of the trainers.

"What horses are you going to use when you have no trainers here?" she asked. "[The increase] is based on current invoicing, and that current invoicing is based on a deeply flawed contract. The vote to enshrine this manufactured deficit ... will hamstring any potential to expand any low-cost public programming, and it will shutter existing programs at the O.C. fairgrounds."

More than a dozen speakers urged board members to consider alter-

ing or terminating the Lopez Works contract to reduce costs and possibly bringing in a cheaper vendor for cleaning and maintenance.

But after some discussion over the difficulty of changing course midstream, with new public equine programs anticipated for this summer, the board voted 3-2 to approve the hike, with directors Newton Pham and Tanya Bilezikjian opposed and Dimetria Jackson abstaining. Directors Natalie Rubalcava-Gar-

cia and Robert Ruiz were absent.

Director Doug La Belle supported the move.

"We've been down this road for quite a while. [And] I would be totally against going through this process again," he said. "There are certain individuals who probably don't like the numbers, but the numbers are what the numbers are, and I think we should proceed."

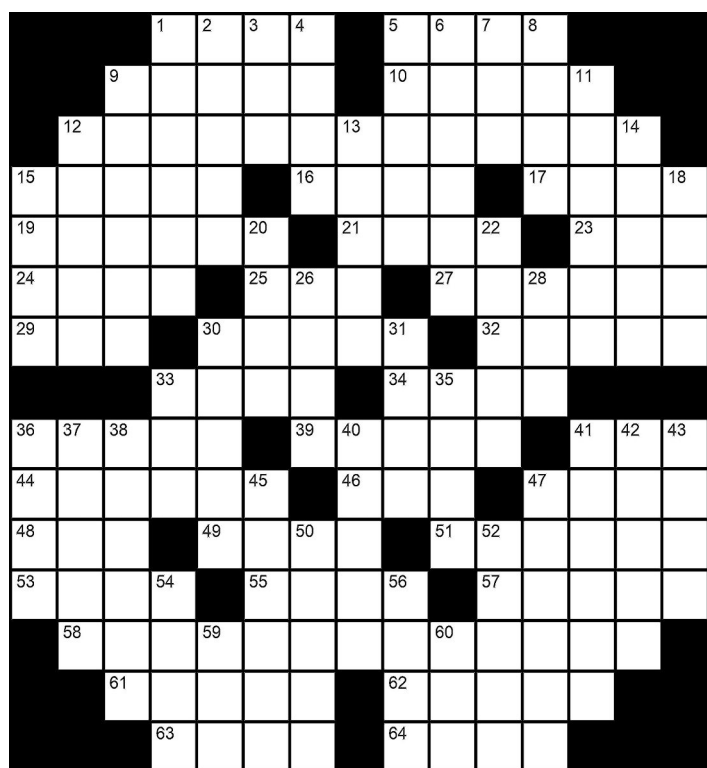
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Walk very slowly
- 5 Strike-breaking worker
- 9 Augusta's state
- 10 Like a fly ball's path
- 12 Orchestral leader: 2 wds.
- 15 Express gratitude
- 16 Senior's dance
- 17 Apt rhyme for "spam"
- 19 Truthful
- 21 _ Heritage Month (May)
- 23 Big name in electronics
- 24 Said yes to
- 25 Tried not to be seen
- 27 Parallel parking place
- 29 Stop sign's color
- 30 LA baller
- 32 Soft shoe material
- 33 Loan specification
- 34 Golf club type
- 36 Bags on a diamond
- 39 Colorado ski town
- 41 Hem and _
- 44 Two-word letter signoff
- 46 Giggly syllable
- 47 Number in a quartet
- 48 Letters before an alias
- 49 Auto seizure,



For answers to the crossword, see page A2.

- 6 Muscle spasms
- 7 Summer coolers, for short
- 8 Wagers
- 9 Made ghostly noises
- 11 Edict
- 12 Perform poorly in the playoffs
- 13 Swap
- 14 Didn't dawdle
- 15 2011 MCU movie
- 18 Life partner
- 20 The one there
- 22 Fighting words
- 26 Swedish furniture chain
- 28 Do a 5K, say
- 30 Scanner component
- 31 Ready to pick
- 33 Gun, as an engine
- 35 Stink
- 36 Sheep sounds
- 37 Inquired
- 38 Pacific NW airport
- 40 Demonstrated
- 41 Snopes listings
- 42 Chevys and Cadillacs
- 43 Small songbird
- 45 Esteem
- 47 Ruffly adornments
- 50 Follower of "palazzo" or "parachute"
- 52 Pianist Watts
- 54 Kiss like a Brit
- 56 '90s German leader
- 59 Pair
- 60 Yes, to Yves

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MARINA'S MIA VALBUENA, seen against Saint Francis last April, struck out 22 batters across two games on Wednesday in the Michelle Carew Classic.



James Carbone

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Marina softball splits pair to open Michelle Carew Classic

The Marina High softball team showed well in its initial action of the Michelle Carew Classic on Wednesday, splitting a pair of close games to begin the prestigious tournament.

Rylee Gonzalez laid down a squeeze bunt to score Ava Kim in the eighth inning, as the Vikings earned a walk-off victory over Chino Hills 3-2 in extra innings in the opener at Peralta Canyon Park in Anaheim.

Coral Piramo and Avi Valbuena each scored a run for Marina (12-7-1). Gonzalez recorded two of five hits for the Vikings in the contest.

Mia Valbuena went the distance in the circle, allowing two runs on six hits. She recorded 10 strikeouts and issued three walks.

Eugene (Ore.) Sheldon 1, Marina 0: A third-inning run was all the Irish needed to get past the Vikings in

the night game on Wednesday in the Michelle Carew Classic.

Payton Burnham, an Arkansas commit and the Gatorade Player of the Year in Oregon in 2023, struck out 14 in a one-hit shutout for Sheldon (5-1).

Mia Valbuena recorded a dozen strikeouts of her own in defeat.

Long Beach Millikan 8, Huntington Beach 0 (five innings): The Oilers dropped their opening game of the Michelle Carew Classic on Wednesday.

Freshmen Maleah Humble and Willow Kellen accounted for the two hits produced by Huntington Beach (11-3), which also took a 4-3 loss against Millikan (12-7) on Feb. 13.

Riley McAndrew had three runs batted in, and Julia Dizon drove in two more runs for the Rams

— Andrew Turner

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Bennett, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: April 15, 2024 Sale Time: 1:30 PM Sale Location: At the North front entrance to the County Courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701 File No.:23-05737CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 141 Talmadge, Irvine, CA 92602. 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VENDORS

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to think that additional enforcement would be a deterrent.

"Some concerns are the lack of proper health department adherence in regard to safety and sanitation," he continued, "as well as selling alcohol in a public area, which can pose safety concerns for local businesses."

Marovic and Schiesel are not the only Orange County business owners concerned about sidewalk vendors. Other cities are facing difficulties with them too, including Santa Ana and Anaheim, where officials are trying to figure out how to regulate vendors through permitting and enforcement, even as vendors say they can't afford the application fees or meet the requirements to qualify for an application and instead are willing to risk losing their equipment.

It costs \$183 to submit an application for a permit in Newport Beach, which can be denied. The California Retail Food Code requires vendors to have a county health permit. Orange County health officials confirmed it costs \$151 for a prepackaged food cart and \$696 for a full-service

food truck permit, but that is without the additional cost of other things vendors may need — such as sinks and water tanks — in order to meet code requirements.

Despite some of the concerns raised by business owners and the city, not everyone is worried. A beachgoer who declined to give his name said Tuesday he often visits from Costa Mesa where he sees more sidewalk vendors than he ever does in Newport. He remembered once seeing a hot dog cart nearby Newport Pier, but that it's since disappeared — a sign, he thought, of code enforcement.

Gretchen Smith, who often visits town with her family, said she rarely sees any sidewalk vendors in Newport Beach, compared to the number she encounters in Riverside, where she lives. But more than that, she said she doesn't really have an issue with them.

"I like [seeing street vendors], and my kids grew up on that," Smith said. "I don't really think that they bother people, but I do think they should be responsible for health and safety and have their food handler's license on them."

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WORK

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through Thursday.

"We would be closing our doors every Friday," said Meghan Wishner, a management analyst for the city. "However, we would be [staying open] one hour later Monday through Thursday, which would give individuals who may work an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [shift] the opportunity to come in and visit City Hall past that 5 o'clock hour."

City Hall is currently open to the public every other Friday.

Wishner added that 77% of eligible city staff expressed an interest in the four-day, 10-hours-per-day pilot program. That sampling did not include a dozen employees who did not respond to the survey. An additional six employees were not considered eligible because they were temporary members of the municipal workforce.

"We would plan to roll out the pilot program soon after the new fiscal year begins on July 1 and once labor negotiations have concluded," Wishner said ahead of seeking direction from the City Council.

Council members ex-

pressed a willingness to go forward with a six-month trial at City Hall, albeit with some concern of how to best serve residents.

"I want to serve the public, and in serving the public, we can't do this if we're closed every Friday," Councilwoman Kim Constantine said. "... Can we not work out schedules to schedule the employees four [days]-10 [hours] and still be open on Fridays? Just have everything where we have coverage, and those who want to do the four [days]-10 [hours] can do that."

If implemented, the new work schedule would mirror the hours for the city yard, as well as administration for the fire and police departments, city officials added.

"As far as code enforcement goes, I believe that they will still flex the schedule for code enforcement officers," Wishner said. "They will still be able to enforce the code Monday through Saturday, as they do currently."

Vice Mayor Ted Bui suggested that a box ought to be put outside during the trial period, allowing the public to record their visit and weigh in on the impact of City Hall being closed on Fridays.

Mayor Glenn Grandis also requested that another survey of city employees be conducted at the midway point of the pilot program.

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