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## Deadline on flood zones decision extended

Coastal Commission wants more time to review application to set development standards for 166 N.B. properties.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The deadline for a decision on whether or not Newport Beach will be allowed to establish new development standards for 166 properties between 24th and 48th streets as part of its local coastal program has been postponed another year.

The state Coastal Commission approved an extension Friday as part of a consent action item. The application was filed by the city in September, and without the extension's approval a decision would have been required to be made by July. Commission staff said they needed more time to review the proposed amendments in full before they could make a recommendation.

The application is split into two parts: The first would update

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## Driver in girl's death pleads not guilty

BY SARA CARDINE

A man twice convicted of driving under the influence who was arrested following a DUI crash that killed a 14-year-old girl near the Balboa Fun Zone over Memorial Day weekend pleaded not guilty Thursday to murder and drunk driving charges.

Joseph Alcazar, 30, was allegedly driving drunk the night of May 25 when he fatally struck Rosenda "Rose" Elizabeth Smiley, of Rialto, who'd been walking near the intersection of Balboa Boulevard and Palm Street shortly before 7 p.m., according to Newport

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**NYJAH HUSTON**, who aims to make the Paris Olympics this summer in the street skate division, takes a break with his skateboard.

## Nyah Huston sets out to acquire Olympic gold



**PRO SKATEBOARDER** Nyjah Huston practices at his skate park in San Clemente.

BY MATT SZABO

**N**yah Huston is widely regarded as the best contest street skateboarder of all time.

Approaching his 30th birthday in November, the Laguna Beach resident has nothing left to prove. The numbers that mean more than his age are the six world championships and 13 X Games gold medals.

After nearly two decades in the public eye, Huston knows that there are plenty of up-and-comers who want his spot.

He isn't ready to give it up just yet. Instead, he has spent this Olympic quad grinding — literally and figuratively — and getting ready for Paris.

"I've really just got to be thankful and proud of myself for having the chance to be in this moment again," Huston said Wednesday at his private skate park in San Clemente. "I'm still competing at a winning level and still feeling healthy. That's very important to me, because I really care about skateboarding for as long as possible. Obviously, all of the young guns are getting really good. We'll see how many years I have out there competing at a winning level. Even aside from that, I just want to be on my board, having fun skating and filming for as long as humanly possible."

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**MAYOR WILL O'NEILL**

with his family, center, Assemblywoman Diane Dixon, center-left, state Sen. Janet Nguyen, center-right and Councilwoman Robyn Grant, right, gather with other attendees for a group photo Friday on Flag Day at Newport Beach Civic Center.

Susan Hoffman



## N.B. Flag Day ceremony salutes Old Glory

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

In recognition of Flag Day and the 249th birthday of the United States Army, Newport Beach Mayor Will O'Neill hosted a community commemoration

ceremony Friday featuring an installation of 249 flags filling the grassy area of the Civic Center.

The ceremony included a presentation of colors by the American Legion Post 291 Color Guard

and Sea Scout Troop 711, the national anthem sung by Keira Wilkes and a poem recited by Gianna D' Egidio.

O'Neill shared some history

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## Daily Pilot, TimesOC writers capture O.C. Press Club awards

BY DAILY PILOT STAFF

Staff writers for Times Community News' Daily Pilot and TimesOC newspapers collected several journalism awards Thursday night when the Orange County Press Club held its annual gala at Anaheim Hills Country Club to honor exceptional work produced in 2023.

Capturing first place in the category of Best Music/Entertainment Story was the Daily Pilot's Andrew Turner, for his feature "Musical Meltdown Moments": Art of Music Experience at O.C. Fair prompts visceral reactions."

Turner's story provided a lively look at one of the fair's

most unique exhibits last year.

TimesOC writer Sarah Mosqueda was right behind Turner as the awards were handed out in the same category. Her article, "Santa Ana marks Chicano Heritage Month with a festival and new mural," came in second place.

Turner won second place for his moving sports story, "Brayden Belden 'on top of the world' with Brooks Street surfing success."

Gabriel San Román, today a TimesOC reporter who in 2023 was writing for the Los Angeles Times, was presented the club's "Real O.C. Award" by his friend

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CLASS OF 2024

# Edison Chargers head forward into future

As Edison High graduated 589 students on Thursday afternoon at Cap Sheue Field, the Chargers celebrated the moment while also not forgetting who they lost.

A brief moment of silence was held for Jeremy Page, who was part of the class of 2024. Page and his older brother, Joshua, were killed in a car crash in March 2022.

First-year Edison Principal Daniel Morris shared with the graduates that he recognized he was supposed to tell them to always work hard and do their best. But instead, he imparted some thoughts that he would have benefited from hearing when he was a teenager.

He told them not to underestimate kindness, to enjoy their successes



Eric Licas

**JORDAN YUMALI** carries a photo of her mother, Cecily Yumali, during Edison High's graduation ceremony on Thursday. The school saw 589 students graduate this year.

but avoid arrogance and also to find good mentors and positive relationships.

"There is very little that you are entitled to, and failure will usually be

experienced along the pathway to success," Morris said. "You are surrounded by very good examples of how to be great and giving humans."

— Matt Szabo



**LAGUNA BEACH** High graduates throw their caps into the air as they partake in a traditional celebratory "grad walk" finale at Main Beach Park on Wednesday in downtown Laguna Beach.

Don Leach | Staff Photographer

# Breakers eye new horizon

Laguna Beach High kept up with tradition this week, members of the senior class marching onward to Main Beach on Wednesday afternoon in advance of their graduation.

An ocean full of possibilities awaits the graduates, who celebrated the completion of their high school years in a commencement ceremony at sunset on Thursday at Guyer Field.

Known by some as hav-

ing one of the best views in high school football, the seniors sat in the bleachers with their families awaiting them on the field.

Laguna Beach had 251 graduates in its senior class, a district spokesperson said.

Christopher Herkins earned the title of valedictorian, while Elaina Seybold was recognized as the salutatorian.

Herkins used to his wit to amuse the masses during

the valedictory address. "The past few years have shown us that life is unpredictable," Herkins said. "We've navigated unexpected social dynamics, explored the unknown depths of complex subjects and even mastered the art of playing Tetris without getting caught during class."

Maximus Barrow performed the national anthem, and Kellen Dyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Andrew Turner

**BETHZY GARCIA** smiles as she receives her diploma from Diana Carey of the Huntington Beach Union High School District Board of Trustees, during the Valley Vista High School commencement ceremony on Thursday.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

# Valley Vista Eagles take flight

Valley Vista High School graduates enjoy their special moment from a familiar place.

The Fountain Valley continuation school holds its graduations in the quad on campus.

It was there that 100 Eagles soared into the next chapter of their lives Thursday afternoon at the school's commencement ceremony.

Valley Vista Principal Jessie Marion congratulated the graduates, while

student speakers Gaby Hernandez and Weylin Wertheimer also addressed their classmates.

Molly Braden, another student, performed the national anthem.

— Matt Szabo

# Marina Vikings graduates set sail for adulthood

Members of the Marina High School Vocal Club performed "Great Adventure" during Thursday's graduation ceremony at Boswell Field in Westminster, which seemed appropriate.

The class of 2024 certainly experienced adventure coming into school during a global pandemic. But the Vikings emerged on the other side.

Marina celebrated its 430 graduates during the ceremony, which was emceed by senior class president



James Carbone

**JUBILANT MARINA** High School graduates cheer to their families and friends during Thursday's commencement ceremony at Westminster High School.

Nardeen Gebraeel.

ASB President Kaylen Tran led the crowd and graduates in the Pledge of Allegiance, while Abigail Bardens performed the national anthem.

Marina Principal Morgan Smith gave comments,

along with senior speaker Benjamin McDonald and Summa Cum Laude senior speaker Malia Haynes.

Marina teachers Gavin Ehlers and Shawne Hume read the names of the graduates.

— Matt Szabo



James Carbone

**GRADUATES TURN** their tassels during the Ocean View High graduation ceremony.

# Ocean View bids fond farewell

Those who spend considerable time around Ocean View High have surely heard the phrase, "You can't spell love without O-V."

Approximately 300 seniors heard those words once more, before having the title of graduates conferred upon them on Wednesday.

The students entered the stadium and pro-

ceeded through the inflatable Seahawks mascot. From there, they stepped up onto the stage to have their names announced, before taking their seats for the program.

Senate speakers included Isabel Escuro and Edy Gancharov. Additional speakers included Janeth Beltran, the class president, as well as seniors Brayden Ackerman and

Kayla Delgado. Toby Shoff sang the national anthem.

Beltran made the ceremony a bilingual affair, addressing the crowd in Spanish and drawing applause from many in attendance.

Katie Privitt, the staff speaker, encouraged the graduates to live "beautifully," "boldly" and "powerfully."

— Andrew Turner

# Barons set sight on adulthood

Fountain Valley High held its commencement ceremony on Wednesday at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.

The school had an estimated 720 graduates in its senior class, among the largest group of graduates in the Huntington Beach Union High School District.

Friends and family filled the stands at LeBard Stadium, looking down onto the field, where the graduates sat clad in caps and gowns of blue or white.

The white robes represented students who achieved a weighted grade-point average of 4.40 or higher, earning the



Courtesy of Kayla Holmes

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY** graduates celebrate with their diplomas during a commencement ceremony on Wednesday at Orange Coast College.

title of summa cum laude. Joycemary Dang led off with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vocal music student director Joshua Merrill performed the national anthem.

Tuyen Lu and Nicole Chu delivered remarks as

the senior speakers. Principal Paul Lopez presented the graduation class. Cassidy Dang and Jackson Shintaku helped bring their classmates home with a recital of the alma mater.

— Andrew Turner

## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

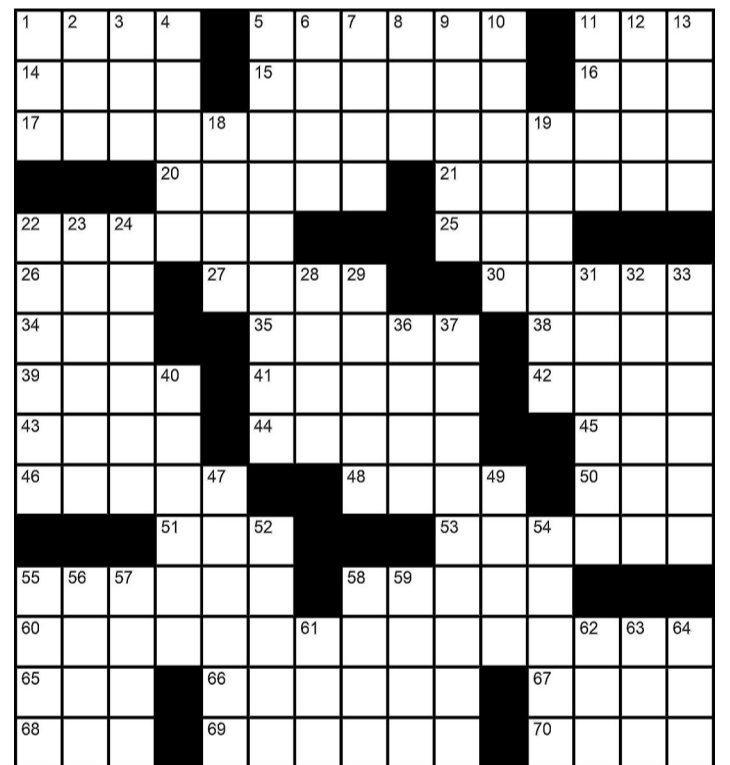
By Stella Zawistowski

### ACROSS

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- 35 Dentist's focus
- 38 Actress Turner
- 39 Mosque leader
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- 42 To-do
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- 45 "Cats" poet's monogram
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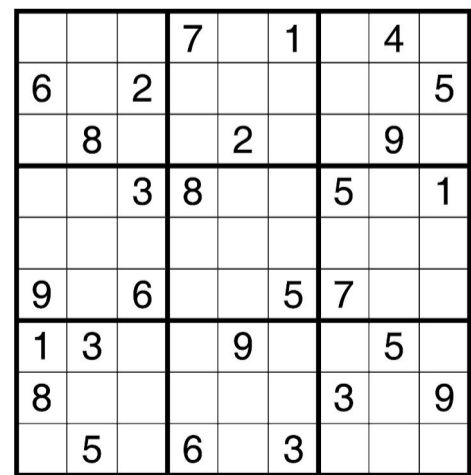
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- 3 Huge amount
- 4 Medicare



## 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 A3.

- component: 2 wds.
- 5 Use credit in a bar: 3 wds.
- 6 Ice cream holder
- 7 Impolite
- 8 DHL competitor
- 9 Mookiee of the

- Dodgers
- 10 Weekly TV show
- 11 Heritage celebrated in May: Abbr.
- 12 Oak or maple
- 13 Chaotic situation

- 18 Fake
- 19 Noble goals
- 22 Playing a Switch, e.g.
- 23 Dormmate, for short
- 24 Lama-like animal
- 28 Prefix with -vision
- 29 "Hi!"
- 31 Be a snitch
- 32 Oneness
- 33 Mom or dad
- 36 Cash drawer
- 37 Had a starring role
- 40 Got on the highway
- 47 Benders
- 49 Smooth wood
- 52 Japanese film genre
- 54 Blithe
- 55 Get bigger
- 56 Akron's state
- 57 Lemming relative
- 58 Narrow cut
- 59 Rabbit relative
- 61 Restful resort
- 62 Look over
- 63 Lentil dish
- 64 "Weekend Update" show: Abbr.

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HUSTON

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probably one of Monster's best who was able to do that. You see him in fashion magazines, you see him on TV a lot. He's kind of the face of street skate, which is just absolutely phenomenal for us.

"He's good looking, he's got the tats, he's got the lifestyle, he's got the great cars, he's got the girls. He's like the perfect spokesperson for our type of brand."

Huston and fellow Monster team riders Liam Pace, Grace Marhofer and Ruby Lilley took part in Wednesday's media day. At one point, Pace tried to do a trick and planted his foot through the drywall of Huston's skate park, right on the bridge of the nose of a woman painted on the wall.

Watching from a distance, Huston just smiled, bemusedly asking if Pace was OK (he was).

"I love the chaos of skateboarding, we all do, especially when it comes to street skateboarding," Huston said. "You're out there, you're skating a city, you're dealing with outside elements. You're dealing with pedestrians that might be pissed off that you're skating next to them. Security guards, cops kicking you out. I've



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

PROFESSIONAL SKATEBOARDERS Liam Pace, Nyjah Huston, Grace Marhofer and Ruby Lilly, from left, practice at Huston's skate park in San Clemente.

even been put in handcuffs a couple of times, just from skateboarding. I personally love that side to it."

There's a sort of clash in trying to leverage that rebellious nature to the Olympic stage. Huston said his greatest accomplishment so far isn't even any contest win, it's the street skating videos, known as "parts," that he's put out over the years. That's really how you're remembered as a skateboarder, he said. "I have so many kids

come up to me like, 'oh, I watch this part almost every day to start my day and get hyped to go skate,'" he said. "I'm like, 'Yes, I love hearing that.'"

As for his top contest memories, he said somehow capturing the biggest amateur contest when he was 10 years old stands out. So does winning his third straight World Skateboarding Championship street skate gold medal in Brazil in 2019.

An Olympic gold would also be way up there for

Huston, who regardless won't forget the sport's history.

"I think it's sick that skateboarding's in the Olympics, and I also think it's sick that you can go out skating and get arrested," Huston said. "It's two completely different sides to it, and it's definitely what makes skateboarding special. It's definitely more of a lifestyle and a way of heart than it is a sport."

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FLAG

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about Flag Day, noting that the Army came into being "before we became a country."

Assemblywoman Diane Dixon, whose father had served in the Army and received a Purple Heart, also spoke at the event. She thanked O'Neill for the idea to hold a Flag Day celebration, "recognizing how important the flag is to our liberty."

State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who also came from a military family, shared her experience of losing family members during the Vietnam War. "Only in America would an immigrant be allowed like myself to live a life of democracy and independence here," she said. "Today we remember



Susan Hoffman

DANIELLE RIVAS photographs Michelle Peschel on Friday at the Newport Beach Civic Center. "We decided we got to come do this since we used to put up flags in Corona del Mar. We just love flags, patriotism, support local community events," said Rivas.

what the red, white and blue means. We live in the greatest country in the world." Thirty-year Army veter-

an Evin Planto said, "I'm honored to stand before you. The flag holds significance for liberty, justice and democracy and Old

Glory is a symbol of our nation's greatness."

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

FLOOD

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minimum off-street parking requirements for commercial uses and the second would modify standards for properties identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as "special flood hazard areas" in the city. The Newport Beach City Council voted for submission of the amendments in June 2023.

In a report prepared for last June's meeting, city staff said compliance with new standards set forward by the federal agency would present challenges for new developments. FEMA requires those and substantial remodels to use pilings, posts or columns to raise main residential structures



Drew A. Kelley

A TEMPORARY SEAWALL in Newport Beach in 2017.

3 to 5 feet above the ground to allow for water to flow under the property without damaging the foundation in a wave event.

Compliance with those standards presented chal-

lenges for those properties and limited the means of access to them and the usability of outdoor areas.

"With those properties between 24th and 48th Street, they have to be

raised above grade by 5 feet. If you were to build a house above grade, you would need stairs to get access. And if you want some outdoor space, you would build an exterior deck that you cantilever out a little," Assistant City Manager Seimone Jurjis explained in an email Friday. "Both of those — stairs and deck — would violate our zoning because they are structures that sit in the setback. So, we changed the code to allow those encroachments for those properties between 24th and 48th."

The amendment overlay, if approved, would allow for those structures to encroach varying distances into property setbacks.

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PLEADS

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Beach Police.

Alcazar's 8-year-old daughter, along with an unnamed adult male passenger, were in the vehicle when it hit Smiley and reportedly ran over the foot of a 13-year-old girl she'd been with at the time.

Prosecutors with the Orange County district attorney's office alleged in a criminal complaint Alcazar's blood-alcohol level

was .16 at the time of the crash — twice the legal limit.

Previously convicted of driving under the influence in March 2016, Alcazar received another conviction for reckless driving in December 2020 in San Bernardino County, City News Service reported after his arrest. Due to those convictions, he faced a charge of second-degree murder.

"A 14-year-old girl living the California dream enjoying a day of sun and sand at the beach with friends to

kick off the beginning of summer is dead because of the selfish decision of a stranger," Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer said in a May 29 statement.

"A repeat drunk driver not only took the life of a little girl, but he also endangered the life of his own daughter by getting behind the wheel after drinking and traumatized her and the other young girls who witnessed him hitting and killing a teenager.

Drivers convicted of DUI in California are required to

be given a "Watson advisement," informing them that they can be charged with murder if they kill someone while driving under the influence. It is not known whether Alcazar had ever officially received such notification.

Alcazar is being held in Orange County's Theo Lacy facility and is due to appear in court for a pretrial hearing on Aug. 23, court records indicate.

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AWARDS

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and Times' columnist Gustavo Arellano. The special award was given for his feature, "He's the first Black council member of a for-

mer Orange County 'sundown town.'"

San Román also won second place under the Best Education category for "Whose stories do we tell? Israeli-Palestinian tensions polarize an Orange County school district," second in Best News Feature for "La Habra condo owners see a gaping chasm where their greenbelt used to be" and third place under Environmental News for his story "Amid crumbling cliffs, Orange County considers moving its famously scenic

rail line inland," all of which were written for The Times.

Daily Pilot writers Matt Szabo and Sara Cardine garnered honorable mentions. Szabo received the nod for his political news story about Huntington Beach's conservative City Councilman Pat Burns' proposal the council either amend or cancel the city's longstanding Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity. Cardine was recognized for her environmental story that described how

O.C. Sanitation was working to introduce a new technology that could change how the industry treats wastewater.

Contributing writer Edwin Goei was recognized not only for his work on behalf of TimesOC, for which he writes food reviews, but also for others. He racked up one first-place award, three second-place awards, one third-place award and one honorable mention.

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