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Light show, petitions head to H.B. City Council

The packed agenda for Tuesday night's meeting also includes a revised "MAGA" library plaque and a new city attorney.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council is expected to make a decision Tuesday night on the Symphony of Flowers light show in Central Park.

The show is one of several key issues that will be discussed, including library initiatives, a "MAGA" plaque for the 50th anniversary of the Central Library and a newly appointed city attorney.

A decision was originally set to be made on Symphony of Flowers in December, but Councilman Tony Strickland announced that it was pulled from that agenda "to accommodate some outstanding issues."

The show, which would be staged in the northeastern portion of Central Park East, features more than 100,000 luminous flowers and more than 500,000 low-emitting LED lights, choreographed to classical music. It starts with the audience in bleacher seating, before the ticket-holders are allowed to walk among the flowers.

According to a staff report, the city will receive a one-time license fee of \$15,000, as well as a portion of ticket, food and beverage sales, as well as sponsorships. Huntington Beach would also receive 60% of parking fees collected in reserved parking areas, which would benefit Central Park and the Central Library.

Overall, the city would receive a minimum of \$150,000 annually through a three-year contract, while the report states that Symphony of Flowers operator Flowers of the Sky Entertainment, LLC would also pay the city an annual restoration fee.

The show is expected to last for about six months of the year, which extends to eight months when considering installation

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Eric Licas

RYAN HONARY of Newport Beach holds a prototype of an automated early wildfire detection system he spent the past six years developing. It will be deployed to help the Orange County Fire Authority protect rugged, windswept Laguna Canyon.



Courtesy of Ryan Honary and Sensory AI

RYAN HONARY stands next to an automated early wildfire detection system he designed that will be set up in Laguna Canyon.

Teen's project uses sensors to spot flames

Newport Harbor junior spent 6 years refining a 5th-grade project into a cutting-edge wildfire prevention system.

BY ERIC LICAS

A Newport Beach teen's fifth-grade science project evolved into an autonomous network of sensors that will help firefighters spot flames in rugged, windswept Laguna Canyon before they can grow to threaten homes as part of a project launched earlier this week.

On Monday the system's creator, 17-year-old Ryan Honary, set up the first of about 30 solar-powered and AI-assisted moni-

toring stations that will be positioned along the 133 Highway corridor. The rest should be deployed by September as part of a pilot program with the Orange County Fire Authority.

The solar-powered equipment uses infrared cameras and gas sensors that allow them to see things invisible to the human eye and detect a 1-foot patch of flames from up to 1,200 feet away. Proprietary artificial intelligence technology trains them to differentiate fires from heat coming from vehicle exhaust, the sun or other benign sources. They network with each other via Wi-Fi to create a constant web of surveillance in remote

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Bonta asks court to accelerate challenge to H.B.'s voter ID rule

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta asked appellate court justices Thursday to speed up their challenge to Huntington Beach's new voter identification requirement, slated to go into effect in 2026.

The attorney general's office last month appealed a lower court dismissal of a lawsuit against the city over the voter ID requirement. But that appeal involved a narrower legal question of the timeliness of the legal challenge, which an Orange County Superior Court judge found was not yet ripe.



VOTERS SIGN IN with a poll worker during Super Tuesday at the Huntington Beach Civic Center.

James Carbone

Now the attorney general's office and Secretary of State Shirley Weber want appellate justices to decide the merits of the entire

case to speed up the legal process. If the attorney general had

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Firm secures \$60.9M loan to start work on Magnolia Coast project

BY SARA CARDINE

Irvine-based Shoppoff Realty Investments announced this week it has secured a \$60.9-million mortgage to refinance its debt and help fund the build-out of the long delayed Magnolia Coast project in Huntington Beach later this year.

The real estate firm acquired the 28.9-acre parcel, located near Magnolia for Street and Banning Avenue, for \$26.5 million in 2016 and has spent years securing the necessary entitlements to build 250 residential units with a hotel and retail space on the

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HUNTINGTON BEACH planning commissioners voted Tuesday to approve zoning and general plan amendments related to the development plans for the Magnolia Tank Farm site.

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and tear-down time.

An addendum was made to the final master environmental impact report of recreational uses for Central Park. Though it found that the show would have no impact or a less than significant impact in several environmental areas, including lights and noise, some residents aren't convinced.

Shari Engel, a volunteer in Central Park East for the last decade and Huntington Beach resident for 34 years, said in an email to the Daily Pilot on Friday that the city should do a better job touting its national green space opportunities for wildlife photography and birding through Visit Huntington Beach.

"Instead, they carve up the best birding park in Southern California for plastic flowers and LED lights to grow their budget," she wrote in the email.

LIBRARY INITIATIVES AGAIN UP FOR REVIEW

The council will also take another look at a pair of library initiatives, which have garnered enough signatures to qualify for a ballot for voters to decide.

One initiative seeks a repeal of the parent/guardian children's book review board, the other seeks to require voter approval before library operations can be outsourced.

At its Jan. 21 meeting, the council ordered a study of the proposed initiatives and their effects. On Tuesday, the council can either adopt the initiatives as written, send them to the voters in the next general election in November 2026 or call for a special election.

Alternatively, they can decline to approve the initiatives and direct staff accordingly. Last month, city officials sent petition signers a survey asking them if they had been misled into signing.



File Photo

PEOPLE COME and go from the Huntington Beach Central Library in 2023.

"We're waiting to see what action they choose to take before we go down the legal [road]," said Cathey Ryder, Protect Huntington Beach co-founder and the lead proponent of one of the initiatives. "Depending on the outcome of that vote, Protect HB will decide their next action."

UPDATE ON 'MAGA' LIBRARY ANNIVERSARY PLAQUE

The plaque for the 50th anniversary of the Central Library will go to the council Tuesday for final approval.

It was unanimously approved by the city's Community and Library Services Commission during a contentious meeting this

week. The plaque includes the "MAGA" acronym in the middle of it, with the letters representing the words "Magical, Alluring, Galvanizing and Adventurous."

The council will also consider an alternate design provided by Councilman Chad Williams. That design is largely the same but also includes the line, "Through hope and change our nation has built back together to the golden era of Make America Great Again!"

VIGLIOTTA UP FOR CITY ATTORNEY

Michael Vigliotta, a longtime chief assistant city attorney in Huntington Beach, is being rec-

ommended by City Atty. Michael Gates to become the appointed city attorney on Tuesday.

He would replace Gates, who is resigning to accept a job with the U.S. Department of Justice, he announced this week.

Vigliotta is currently city attorney in the city of Orange.

Huntington Beach is one of just 10 cities statewide with an elected city attorney. The position is up for election again in 2026.

Tuesday night's meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council begins at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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BONTA

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prevailed on the appeal filed last month, it would have likely led to the case being sent back to the lower court judge to decide the merits.

"Secretary Weber and I continue to believe that Huntington Beach's Measure A is unlawful,"

Bonta said in a statement. "With preparations for the 2026 elections beginning late this year, time is of the essence."

City officials have maintained, as they have in other legal disputes with the state, that they have separate authority as a charter city. But state officials say state law supersedes any city ordinances that come into conflict.

The state's writ argues that the

state lacks "an adequate, speedy remedy at law."

The writ also argues that the legal question is significant in that it involves the right to vote and the "constitutional separation of powers between charter cities and the state."

Also, the city's requirement runs counter to a new state law prohibiting local voter ID rules, the attorney general's office ar-

gued in the writ.

"Fourth and finally, resolving this case now serves judicial economy by avoiding a multiplicity of appeals raising the same issue," the state argues in the writ.

Voters approved Measure A in March, 53.4% to 46.6%.

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PROJECT

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oceanfront oil-storage facility, formerly known as the Magnolia Tank Farm.

Shopoff President and Chief Executive William Shopoff in a news release issued Monday called the financing a "key step forward in bringing Magnolia Coast to life."

"With construction slated for late 2025, this project represents an important opportunity to support the local workforce while potentially contributing to the growth and vitality of Huntington Beach," he said in the statement.

The project — granted a land use amendment from the California Coastal Commission last July and final approval from the Huntington Beach City Council in September — will comprise more than 200 single-family detached and attached homes, as well as a five-unit affordable multifamily complex and a 215-room boutique hotel with 19,000 square feet of retail space.

Shopoff officials anticipate construction could begin in the fourth quarter of this year, thanks to a \$60.9-million senior mortgage from Lionheart Real Estate Strategies II, a real estate debt fund managed by New York-based Lionheart Strategic Management, LLC.

The loan will allow the firm to refinance its existing debt, while providing the additional funding necessary for the development activity to begin.

Andy Klein, managing director and co-head of investments for Lionheart Strategic Management said in Monday's release his firm was pleased to help Shopoff bring more housing to a "significantly undersupplied market."

"This deal reaffirms Lionheart's ability to close quickly on large predevelopment loan facilities alongside institutional counterparts while navigating complicated redevelopment schemes and challenging local zoning regulations," he said.

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THE CROWD | B.W. COOK

Balboa Island Museum plans exhibit, book club and 'Sunday Suppers'

If you traveled through Terminal C at John Wayne Orange County Airport anytime between September and the end of January, you likely viewed an impressive photographic exhibit of Orange County history displayed along the 80-foot Destination Gallery.



Coming up this spring, a new monthly book club event held at the museum will debut on March 13, featuring journalist/columnist/ and social media influencer **Greer Wylder** presenting her new book recently published by Archway/ Simon and Schuster titled "Born in OC: The Artists, Entrepreneurs, and Visionaries of Orange County, California."

Curated by **Tiffany Pepys Hoey**, executive director of the Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach, in association with airport curator **Heather Bowling** and staff, the project illustrated regional subjects of historical interest including iconic Marine Avenue on Balboa Island, 100 years of California beach life dating from the late 1900s to the dawn of the 21st century, surfing and sailing legacies, the annual Newport Beach Boat Parade, the Boy Scout Jamboree, the story of AIR CAL, memories of Lion Country Safari, and the important impact of the Irvine Ranch.

On Feb. 23, celebrity restaurateur **Ron Salisbury**, member of the founding family of El Cholo Restaurants, will generously host a "Sunday Supper" dinner in the Balboa Island Museum for members and guests to raise funds in support of museum programs and exhibits. Additional "Sunday Suppers" throughout the year will feature special guest hosts bringing unique dining experiences and conversation to the museum crowd.

This month, the entire exhibit is being removed from the airport and re-installed on the walls of the Newport Beach Central Library commencing free public viewing in March. The public is welcome to explore the handsomely framed photographs accompanied by narrative description, an ideal journey through decades of life on the coast. The exhibit is appropriate for kids of all ages and their parents and grandparents.

As the respected chronicler of local history, Balboa Island Museum enters its 25th year serving visitors free of charge, seven days a week at 210 Marine Ave., Balboa Island.

Entertainment, education and inspiration for the entire family are the goals of the Balboa Island Museum. Programs for all ages are produced year-round.

Annual membership remains at \$50, and entitles card holders to a world of fun, education, imagination and community relationships spanning generations. Visit balboa_island_museum.org or stop by the museum to take a tour and sign up to join the museum family. Their doors are open, with arms wide open as well, to welcome all.

B.W. COOK is editor of the Bay Window, the official publication of the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.



Courtesy of Balboa Island Museum archives

SHIRLEY PEPYS, founder and CEO of Balboa Island Museum with board president John Conner.



Courtesy of Balboa Island Museum archives

BALBOA ISLAND artist Barbara Abbott stands beside her mural on the south wall of the Irvine Ranch Market.



Dennis Bress Jr.

IRVINE RANCH photos, curated by Balboa Island Museum, are on display at Newport Beach Central Library.

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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.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Los Amigos drops opener to rival Santiago

BY ANDREW TURNER

Los Amigos and Santiago have had countless meetings as longtime league combatants.

The rivals squared off for the third time in five weeks on Wednesday night, and while there was little left in their playbooks that the other hadn't seen, it was a marquee game that made the difference for the visiting Cavaliers with their season on the line.

Senior forward Jerell Guidry supplied 10 points, 12 rebounds and six steals, as Santiago toppled host Los Amigos 45-42 in a rough-and-tumble first round matchup of the CIF Southern Section Division 4AA boys' basketball playoffs.

"[Guidry] was outstanding today, and that was his best game of the year," Santiago coach Matt Moorhouse said. "The first time we played Los Amigos, he did not play like that. He did not have those rebounds. The second time, he was a little better, and this time, he showed what he's capable of. We're not winning the game without Jerell."

Santiago (18-11), which lost both games in Coast League play against Los Amigos (15-13), advances to play La Cañada Flintridge Prep (14-9) on Friday at home at 5 p.m.



ZION RODGERS of Los Amigos puts up a reverse layup for a basket during the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 4AA playoffs against Santiago on Wednesday.

In a game that did not feature a double-digit lead, Santiago used an 8-0 run to produce the biggest lead of the game. Senior guard Jordan De La Mora, who had a game-high 26 points to go with four steals, scored seven consecutive points in that stretch, including a three-pointer that stretched the Cavaliers' advantage to 31-24 three minutes into the second half.

"He's been our guy the whole year, and I knew he

was eventually going to come out," Moorhouse said. "It doesn't matter if you box-and-one, it doesn't matter if you just tag him. He's going to get his points. He's going to do his thing, and that's what he's done all year. No one's been able to stop him."

Los Amigos furnished its own 7-0 run to get right back in the contest. Junior guard Zion Rodgers finished through contact at the rim and then went

coast to coast for a layup in transition. Rich Toledo's three-point play on another fast break opportunity knotted the score at 31-31.

Tapasu Lapati scored all five of his points in the latter stages of the third quarter, helping Los Amigos take a 37-35 lead into the fourth quarter.

The offense dried up from there for the Lobos, who went scoreless during a critical six-minute juncture. Rodgers broke the



MEKHI BELETE (10) of Los Amigos hits a runner in the lane against Santiago on Wednesday.

drought with a mid-range jumper. After back-to-back empty trips to the free-throw line for Rodgers and Toledo, Philip Steiert found Rodgers for a three from the left wing to cut the deficit to 43-42 with 23 seconds left.

De La Mora made a pair of three throws, and when Rodgers kicked the ball out to Sales Connor with the clock winding down, the potential game-tying three-point attempt hit the back iron and stayed out.

"Unselfish, great group of kids," Los Amigos coach DeAndre Ferguson said of his team. "They worked hard. I wouldn't trade any of them. The kids are second to none. ... They de-

serve more. ... That's life. This game teaches life."

Los Amigos shared the Coast League championship with Savanna (18-8), and the Lobos have now won back-to-back league titles. Santiago was the third-place team in the league.

"From what I've seen from the time I've been here, they look like they look forward to it a lot," Rodgers, a Lynwood Firebaugh transfer, said of the rivalry with Santiago. "Every game's a battle. ... Everybody, they just came to compete like it's their last game, and I respect it."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Pacifica Christian girls' basketball tops Troy

BY ANDREW TURNER

Pacifica Christian had its work cut out for it during the regular season, but the Tritons are hoping that the bumps and bruises along the way have toughened them up for a postseason run.

Junior guard Vivian Villagrana had a game-high 17 points, as the top-seeded Tritons took the first step in that process with a 43-35 win over Troy at home on Thursday to begin the CIF Southern Section Division 3AA girls' basketball playoffs.

Pacifica Christian (13-14) will travel to take on Temecula Chaparral (15-10), another challenge on numbers alone. Chaparral has an enrollment of 3,370 students, while the Newport Beach-based private school has 343 kids on campus.

During the season, Pacifica Christian faced a gauntlet that included two San Joaquin League games against Fairmont Prep, an Open Division qualifier. It also faced Corona Centennial, Crean Lutheran, JSerra, San Clemente and Santa Margarita, all of

which are in Division 1.

"We played the best teams," Villagrana said. "We were playing JSerra, Fairmont, all those Trinity League teams, and I think it did get our spirits down a little bit, but just being able to get back up from that. ... Now that we've played against those teams, we're doing a lot better, giving it our all and being able to throw our bodies out on the court. We're doing great."

Vivian Villagrana made four three-pointers, and sister Caylie Villagrana added 14 points and five assists, tossing in two three-pointers. Their sharpshooting provided the difference, as Troy (12-17) made just one shot from that distance.

"I didn't think we were going to be the No. 1 seed," Pacifica Christian coach Pablo Martinez said. "With that comes pressure, but I'd rather we have pressure and be relevant than not having pressure and be at home. It is what it is. We're just going to play hard, and whatever happens, happens."

Angie Martinez added eight rebounds, five blocked shots and five as-

sists for the Tritons. Kassandra Aguiniga added six points.

Kaylene Vivo scored 15 points to pace the Warriors.

Also in the CIF Southern Section girls' basketball playoffs:

Marina 70, Placentia Valencia 51: Rylee Bradley scored 24 points to go with four rebounds and four assists, as the Vikings opened the Division 2A playoffs with a win on the road.

Maria Tejada contributed 19 points, six steals and three assists for Marina (18-11), which will travel to take on Whittier Pioneer (16-11) in the second round on Saturday.

Fountain Valley 48, Mission Hills Alemany 46: The fourth-seeded Barons held off the upset-minded Warriors on Thursday in the first round of the Division 2A playoffs at home.

Victoria Om had a team-high 22 points for Fountain Valley (19-9), headed to San Pedro Rolling Hills Prep for its second-round game on Saturday.

Sophie Hsieh added 14 points, and Karley Waite

pulled down 17 rebounds.

Corona del Mar 38, Yorba Linda 31: Kayli Honig had 13 points and eight rebounds to pace the visiting Sea Kings on Thursday in the first round of the Division 2A playoffs.

Sawyer Blumenkranz added 12 points for Corona del Mar (18-10), which will play host to third-seeded Chino (21-5) on Saturday. The Sea Kings were eliminated by the Cowboys, 61-18, in a first-round game last year.

Alexa Rokos contributed six steals defensively for CdM.

Huntington Beach 45, Los Angeles Immaculate Heart 31: Emily Hoang had a team-high 23 points for the Oilers on Thursday in a Division 3AA playoff opener on the road.

Taylor Savage chipped in with 10 points for Huntington Beach (17-12), which advances to a home date against second-seeded El Segundo (18-11) in the second round on Saturday.

Laguna Beach 46, Yermo Silver Valley 34: Fiona Mc-



James Carbone

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN'S Vivian Villagrana (2), seen against F.V. on Dec. 27, scored 17 points against Troy on Thursday.

Cormick scored 20 points to lead the host Breakers on Thursday in a Division 4AA playoff game.

Kate Cheng added 13 points for Laguna Beach (20-9), which travels for its second-round game against top-seeded Savanna (19-5). The Rebels beat the Breakers, 34-30, in the teams' season opener on Nov. 18.

Costa Mesa 65, Panorama City St. Genevieve 48: Leilani Quero's 17 points led a balanced attack for the fourth-seeded Mustangs in a first-round win at home Thursday to begin the Division 5AA playoffs.

Emi Kamikihara had 14 points, Yanelly Martinez

scored 10 points, Myah Martinez added nine points, and Ariana Mendoza chipped in with eight points.

Costa Mesa (13-14) hits the road to face Capistrano Valley Christian (11-6) in the second round on Saturday.

Crystal Rivera had a game-high 27 points for St. Genevieve, but the Mustangs kept the freshman guard off the scoresheet in the third quarter.

"We have a crazy defense," Costa Mesa coach Zedric McKee said. "We eat, breathe, sleep off of our defense. Our defense will carry us a long way if we

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Ralph Angel Avilez

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Born in East L.A. to Ralph M. & Lupe Calderon-Aviles, Ralph a retired CalTrans Engineer died in Fresno, CA at 86 years old. A proud Marine, husband, father, and Papa, he leaves behind children Matthew, Louise, Richard & Kathy, grandson Malachi and sister June Avilez. Services will be held on February 20th & 21st in Fresno by Whitehurst Funeral Home. Zoom of services available. Obituary and info: www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fresno-ca/ralph-avilez-12223683

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Los Amigos beats Perris in CIF playoff opener

BY SCOTT FRENCH

Los Amigos utilized a swarming defense and dominance on the offensive boards to make early, easy work of its CIF Southern Section girls' basketball playoff opener Thursday night, the first step in what the Lobos believe could be a magical run.

They put Perris away in a 12-minute span of the first half, scoring 22 successive points en route to a 49-28 Division 5AA victory, their first postseason triumph in

eight years. It wasn't so close.

Sixth-seeded Los Amigos (13-9), the Grove League runner-up, romped to a 20-4 halftime lead, extended the advantage to 34 points near the end of the third quarter, then emptied its bench for the rest of the ride.

Sophia Boyer scored eight of her 14 points in a 23-point third quarter, Madeline Nguyen hit three first-half three-pointers and scored 10 points, and Catalina Guardado tallied

nine points for the Lobos, who head Saturday night to Jurupa Valley for a second-round meeting with Patriot (16-12).

They suffocated visiting Perris (12-11), forcing the Panthers into a half-court game ("not our sweet spot," noted Perris coach Ikeya Taylor), and then limiting them to one first-half field goal and three in the first three quarters, prodding 41 turnovers, and grabbing more offensive rebounds (33) than Perris managed at both ends (32,

just seven on offense).

"We just got after it," said Los Amigos coach Reginald Kennedy, who rotated 10 players against a seven-player roster. "We fought hard, we got to the spots, and our girls wanted it."

The Panthers led twice in the first two minutes, and then, just like that, it was over. Los Amigos' aggressive approach denied them space to operate and 18 of their next 23 possessions ended with turnovers.

The Lobos were sloppy, too, committing 31 turnovers in a frantically paced, often out-of-control battle. Both teams hit about a quarter of their shots, but all those offensive rebounds, among 52 in all, led to 78 shots to Perris' 36 attempts. Boyer and Heydi Nava grabbed 11 rebounds apiece — Nava had nine on the attacking end, Boyer seven — and Guardado had six rebounds (four offensive) and three steals.

"We were really aggressive," Guardado said. "We wanted to ball. We were always on the floor [diving for loose balls], you'd never see one of us standing up

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

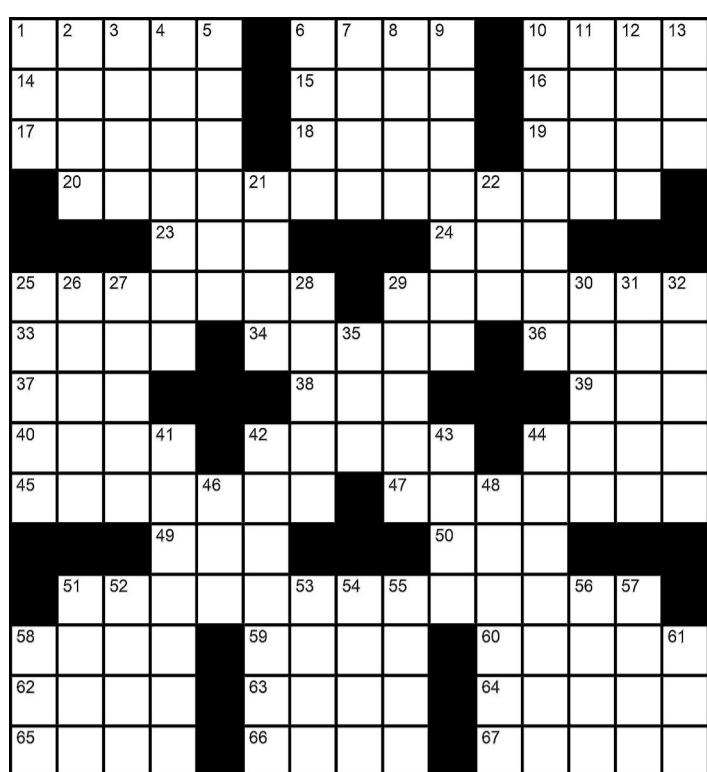
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

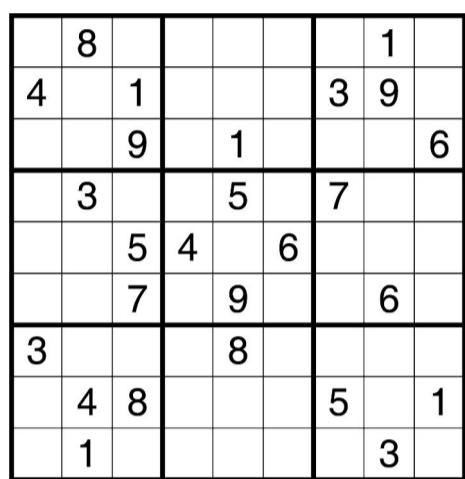
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 63 Superhero's garment
 64 Caused: 2 wds.
 65 Remain unresolved
 66 Made a knot
 67 Clean chalk from



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.



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

- DOWN**
 1 Grocery store ID: Abbr.
 2 Messy person
 3 "___ a nice day!"
 4 Foes
 5 Key in again
 6 Utah ski town
 7 Business transaction
 8 Truth or ___
 9 People who mooch
 10 Club
 11 Map out
 12 Fairy-tale beast
 13 Wee bit
 21 Brewery vessels

- 22 Drink made in a kettle
 25 Afro-Brazilian dance
 26 Forest flora
 27 Leases
 28 ___ and marketing
 29 Chopped down
 30 Scholarship criterion
 31 By oneself
 32 Walks with effort
 35 Car's fuel
 41 Rushed along
 42 Take back
 43 Golf bag items
 44 Obstacle
 46 Cow's sound
 48 Make war
 51 Heap
 52 Wrinkle-removing tool
 53 Spiced
 22-Down drink
 54 Optimistic emotion
 55 Peered at
 56 Actor Alan
 57 Collections of items
 58 Empty space
 61 Female deer

Tribune Media Services

RYAN HONARY

kneels next to prototypes of the early wildfire detection system he designed.



Eric Licas

FLAMES

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areas and automatically send alerts to firefighters at the earliest signs of a potential disaster.

"The reason why we specifically chose this area is because there's a lot of dead brush that can easily catch fire," Honary said. "There's high voltage equipment. There's a lot of ... homes that can catch on fire. There's that long road where cars can collide and catch on fire, which actually happens more often than you might expect."

Laguna Canyon also acts as a funnel for Santa Ana winds, which can reach speeds of over 30 miles per hour along the coastal vegetation-lined 133 Highway. The shrubs and trees there can stoke small patches of embers into catastrophic blazes.

"Wildfires are kind of like cancer," Honary said. "When you catch them in the earlier stages they're much easier to put out and deal with."

Honary was watching live footage of the 2018 Camp fire, which damaged or destroyed almost 20,000 structures and resulted in 85 deaths in Butte County, when he was struck by how similar the homes that burned were to those in his own community. A desire to prevent such a tragedy from happening in Orange County and elsewhere inspired him to spend the next six years transforming a temperature sensor on a simple circuit board he designed for an elementary school project into a cutting-edge fire prevention

system. Honary created a startup called Sensory AI to further his efforts in 2021. Grant funding from the Irvine Ranch Conservancy as well as the encouragement of friends and family supported him as he developed and field-tested numerous prototypes.

He described the deployment of his brainchild in what is basically his own backyard as a "dream come true." Knowing the system he created will watch out for his friends and family makes its graduation to real-world field testing especially meaningful. "I definitely feel like there's even more trust put into me because my platform is being trusted in helping protect the lives of not only me, but my neighbors as well."

Wildfire prevention has been Sensory AI's inspiration and focus for the past six years but may be just one of many potential uses for Honary's platform. He said there's potential to modify it into an early detection system for oil spills, gas pollution, landslides and other environmental concerns.

The junior balances

development and management of his startup alongside hybrid classes at Stanford Online High School and Newport Harbor High, and still makes time to surf, play tennis, practice guitar and socialize. After high school he intends to study environmental science while continuing to improve on the platform he created.

Honary described it as an example of "AI for good," at a time when the technology's potential impact on fields like art, literature, entertainment and more have raised fears of job loss and the algorithmic decline of originality in creative fields.

"I feel like it's not fair to say all AI is bad just because there's bad uses for it," Honary said. "You could say that about anything ... I don't think people should automatically disregard AI."

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 (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: **OLALA CREPES LLC., 668 SPECTRUM CENTER DRIVE, IRVINE, CA 92618**
 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: **SAME AS ABOVE**
 (4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: **FRENCH GARDEN CREPERIE LLC, 2677 WEST STOCKTON AVENUE, ANAHEIM, CA 92801**
 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: **CERTAIN FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY AND OTHER ASSETS** of that certain business located at: **668 SPECTRUM CENTER DRIVE, IRVINE, CA 92618**
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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2025, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, introduced an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE AND DIVERTIBLE MATERIALS HANDLING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

The Ordinance would grant Non-Exclusive Commercial Solid Waste Franchises that expire on October 7, 2027 to BC Hauling and Demolition, California Waste Services LLC, and Greenleaf Engineering.

This Ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 11th day of February, 2025, by the following vote:

- AYES:** Mayor Joe Stapleton, Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Michelle Barto, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Sara J. Weber, Councilmember Erik Weigand
NAYS: None

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-1 will occur at the February 25, 2025 City Council meeting. If adopted on February 25, 2025, the Ordinance shall become final and effective 30 days after adoption.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2025.

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

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, February 27, 2025, 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:

Chaba Thai Massage & Spa – A request for a minor use permit to allow the operation of a massage establishment within an existing tenant space. The project involves the occupancy of an approximate 3,074-square-foot suite with fourteen individual massage rooms, a lobby, and reception area. The project also includes a break room, lockers, laundry area, and storage for employee use. The proposed business would operate daily, and no late hours are proposed (after 11:00 p.m.). Included is a request to modify the parking rate for massage and to waive location restrictions associated with massage establishments.

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 prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. 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.

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 at 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 prior to the meeting. This allows time for the Zoning Administrator to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Oscar Orozco, Associate Planner at 949-644-3219 or oorozco@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2024-0202	Activity: Minor Use Permit
Zone: OA (Office-Airport)	General Plan: AO (Airport Office and Supporting Uses)
Location: 4321 Birch Street, Suite 120	Applicant: Hattox Design Group LLC

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Jackson Residence – A coastal development permit (CDP) for the demolition of an existing single-unit dwelling and construction of an 832-square-foot, two-story, single-unit dwelling with an attached 605-square-foot three-car garage. The project also includes landscaping, hardscaping, and site walls. The project complies with all applicable development standards and no deviations are requested. All improvements authorized by this CDP will be located on private property.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 – 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 Laura Rodriguez, Planning Technician at lrdriguez@newportbeachca.gov or 949-644-3216, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2024-0183	Activity: Coastal Development Permit
Zone: Single-Unit Residential (R-1)	General Plan: Single Unit Residential Detached (RS-D)
Coastal Land Use Plan: Single Unit Residential Detached (10.0-19.9 DU/AC) (RSD-C)	Filing Date: October 8, 2024
Location: 2057 Ocean Boulevard	Applicant: C.J. Light Associates

California Wine Festival coming to O.C.

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

The California Wine Festival is known for hosting its wine-tasting events at coastal locations, and this year the festival will make stops in two Orange County beach cities. The recently announced festival schedule for 2025 includes dates in Dana Point and Huntington Beach.

The two-day events celebrate California winemakers with sips from wine-making regions across the state and gourmet bites from local dining purveyors.

"We aim to be a place where our guests can connect with why so many of us call California home," Emily Kaufmann, executive director of the California Wine Festival said in a statement.

This year's festival at Dana Point's Sea Terrace Park takes place on April 25 and 26. On Friday evening, ticket holders can experience a Sunset Rare & Reserve Tasting at Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa. The VIP event will include a champagne reception with samplings of hard-to-find trophy wines. Tickets are priced at \$125.

The main event is Saturday's Beachside Wine Festival which aims to advance knowledge of food and wine, with representatives on hand pouring hundreds of premium wines from California. Unlimited wine samples are included in the ticket price along with sips from craft beers and other libations produced in the state. Attendees can also look forward to gourmet bites and live



Courtesy of California Wine Festival

RAISE A GLASS at the California Wine Festival, coming to Dana Point and Huntington Beach this year.

music. Early entrance tickets are priced at \$115 while general admission is \$89. A VIP festival pass for both days is priced at \$239.

The festival returns to Orange County on Oct. 17 and 18 at Huntington Beach's Paséa Hotel & Spa. On Friday, the Sunset Rare & Reserve Tasting, hosted in the

Sapphire Ballroom will include a champagne reception, rare wine samplings and regional chefs serving hot and cold appetizers. On Saturday, the Beachside Wine Festival will be an indoor/outdoor event with premium California wines poured and paired with artisanal cheeses, breads, olive oil,

shellfish, salads and chocolates.

Tickets for California Wine Festival Huntington Beach go on sale July 1.

The festival is commemorating two decades of encouraging wine enthusiasts to explore the offerings from Golden State vineyards in Napa Valley, Sonoma County

and the Central Coast, Kaufmann said. "Our vibrant state has some of the most picturesque strips of coastline globally, innovative culinary concepts, and is the homebase to so many phenomenal wineries, accounting for 80% of the wines produced throughout the country."

Besides advancing wine education and advocating for local wineries, each festival raises funds for local charitable organizations. This year's festival in Dana Point will raise funds for Sandy Feet Initiative, an organization that recognizes siblings of children with special needs by organizing safe and instructional beach events that give them the attention and validation they sometimes miss when their sibling requires more care. The Huntington Beach event will donate to Golden Rule Charity, a national nonprofit founded in 2015 to serve hospitality employees facing unexpected hardship.

Kaufmann anticipates this year's events will continue the tradition of sharing California's best wineries with attendees.

"We take pride in our relationships with winemakers across the state's diverse growing regions," Kaufmann said. "We look forward to raising a glass of one of their award-winning wines with new and returning guests alike."

For a full schedule of events and ticket visit californiawinefestival.com.

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ROUNDUP

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can keep that mindset going through the whole postseason."

Los Amigos 49, Perris 28

BOYS' SOCCER

Edison 1, Lancaster Eastside 0 (OT): Dylan Petruolo scored the overtime game-winner for the visiting Chargers on Wednesday in the first round of the Division 2 playoffs.

Andrew Mosham manned the net in the shutout for Edison (13-4-1), which faces a tough test in top-seeded Moorpark (12-1-4) at home on Saturday.

Warren 3, Fountain Valley 3 (4-2 on PKs)

Laguna Beach 1, West Covina South Hills 0: An own goal off a Dylan Petrie-Norris feed into the box was all the Breakers needed Thursday in a Division 4 playoff opener at home.

Cole Anderson made two saves to keep the clean

sheet for Laguna Beach (12-5-5), which heads to San Bernardino Indian Springs (11-3-3) in the second round.

Los Amigos 6, Westminster 2: Julian Rivera and Jose Vargas each scored twice for the top-seeded Lobos, who stormed past the Lions at home on Thursday in the first round of the Division 5 bracket.

Erubey Bermudez had a goal and an assist for Los Amigos (10-5-2), which travels to take on Santa Clarita Golden Valley (7-9-3) in the second round.

Adrian Ramirez added a goal, and Eduardo Reyes drew a pair of assists for Los Amigos.

Lennox Academy 4, Pacifica Christian Orange County 2: The visiting Tritons could not overcome a 3-0 halftime deficit on Thursday in the first round of the Division 7 playoffs at Wiseburn Da Vinci High in El Segundo.

Pacifica Christian (10-7-3) was the Academy League champion.

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OPENER

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when the ball was rolling anywhere, we would literally throw ourselves [onto the floor]. ...

"We came out with energy right off the beginning. Today was a good day for us. We wanted to play. We are so excited, we can't wait for our next game."

Los Amigos targeted Carina Castaneda, the Panthers' top scorer, holding her to one basket and four points until she hit the first of three shots from beyond

the arc midway through the third quarter. Eight of her 15 points came against the fourth-quarter reserves.

The Lobos are thinking big, with good reason. They're the highest remaining seed in the lower half of the 5AA bracket.

"I think we're capable of going all the way," Kennedy said. "I've got all the confidence in the world in these girls. Right now they're riding high, and they've got confidence."

Scott French is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

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