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Bail cut for driver charged in boy's shooting

Wynne Lee is accused of being an accessory in the road-rage incident on the 55 freeway that took a 6-year-old's life.

BY PAUL ANDERSON

Bail was reduced Friday from \$500,000 to \$100,000 for a woman charged as an accessory in the alleged road-rage shooting death of a 6-year-old Costa Mesa boy on an Orange County freeway.

If Wynne Lee, 23, manages to post bail, she will be required to surrender her passport and will be barred from leaving the state without permission. She will also be banned from driving, will have to submit to GPS monitoring and will be barred from having any contact with co-defendant Marcus Anthony Eriz or the family of victim Aiden Leos.

Lee's 24-year-old boyfriend remains jailed without bail. Eriz is alleged to have fired the fatal shot from Lee's vehicle while she was driving May 21 on the Costa Mesa (55) Freeway in Orange.

Authorities say the pair got into a road-rage confrontation with Aiden's mother on the freeway, then maneuvered behind her car, allowing Eriz to fire a shot into the rear of her vehicle. The bullet traveled through the trunk and struck Aiden, who was in a car seat on the rear passenger side of his mother's car.

The boy's mother and teenage sister were in court Friday morning. Whitney Bokosky, senior deputy district attorney, said they were concerned about their safety if Lee made bail.

In agreeing to reduce bail, Orange County Superior Court Judge Larry Yellin noted that Lee is not personally accused of committing any type of violent act and has no criminal history. However, he noted that even after the fatal shooting, she allowed Eriz to continue riding in her car with a gun, which he allegedly brandished at another motorist days after Aiden's death.

Yellin called her actions "absolutely concerning. Allowing that gun and that person back in her car and committing what appears to be another crime ... that is concerning when I consider the danger to the public and to the victim," Yellin said.

Lee's attorney, Tom Nocella, had asked that bail be reduced to \$50,000. But Yellin said the additional road rage allegation was a factor in setting it at double that amount.

Lee will be restricted to the home of her parents if she is released, but she would be allowed

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Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

A CANYON ROUTE trolley drives by the Sawdust Art & Craft Festival in Laguna Beach on Friday.

Trolleys restart their engines in Laguna

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Laguna Beach trolley service resumed operations this week for the first time since the city's public transportation fleet was sidelined due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Canyon and Coastal routes had trolleys back on the roadways on Friday, with the Summer Breeze route making

its return on Saturday.

The service allows the public to park in peripheral lots, which come with reduced parking rates compared to the downtown area or at no cost at all, and then hop on to arrive to their destination.

Locals and visitors wasted no time coming aboard to get from one spot in town to the next, especially along the scenic Coast-

al route.

The Coastal route will operate every day from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., providing residents and visitors another means of getting from one side of town to the other.

The route travels along Coast Highway and makes various stops, including at Heisler Park,

See **Trolleys**, page A2

A CANYON ROUTE trolley drives south along Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach on Friday.



Costa Mesa Boy Scouts mark 60 years

Troop 339 celebrates the organization's milestone on Saturday with an event at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Costa Mesa-based Boy Scouts of America Troop 339 celebrated 60 years as an organization on Saturday.

Dozens of people, including Scouts, family members and troop alumni showed up for the event at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, a Costa Mesa house of worship that was founded the same year as the troop.

A camp site was set up on the lawn, which demonstrated a variety of knot-tying techniques. A makeshift flagpole was also set up, which had the strength to support one boy during a pullup.

"In Scouts, you still work as a team. They divide you into patrols, but you become the leader," Tom Devlin, 63, of Costa Mesa said. "Each Scout sort of progresses up, and leadership is taught in Boy Scouts, and it's a trial by error. I know I made a few thousand errors as a Boy Scout, but I survived, and I thought it was so impressive that I got my kid involved."

Klaus Gruenbeck, 91, a 62-year resident of Costa Mesa, has been with the troop practically from the beginning. There are now three generations of his family that have been in the Scouts.

No one could find fault with Gruenbeck's manners, something he put great emphasis on at Saturday's event. He got out of his seat to shake hands whenever someone came up to greet him.

"Today, manners are very much missing," Gruenbeck said. "It's sad, but that's what every parent actually has to do."

"Here, it's a celebration of our

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Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

DRUMMER Christian Redman leads the Boy Scouts of America Troop 339 color guard at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Costa Mesa.

Mural at former air base site artistic nod to O.C. history

BY SARA CARDINE

Rows of Quonset huts off Costa Mesa's 17th Street have always seemed to hint at a storied past, but now a recently painted mural and the man who commissioned it aim to bring that story into clearer focus.

Last week, local muralist Nancy Hadley signed off on an outdoor painting of a Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber, whose wingspan stretches an impressive 65 feet from tip to tip, on the exterior wall of a Quonset hut at Pacific Mesa Properties, on a portion of the erstwhile Santa Ana Army Air Base.

That's where, for a crucial period during World War II, the U.S. Army housed and trained the pilots, engineers, bombardiers and navigators



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

BRUCE BEAR stands in front of a mural of a B-24 Liberator on a Quonset hut built for the Santa Ana Air Base in WWII.

who would work with and operate the craft in combat.

The Quonset huts served as barracks before the base was deactivated

in 1946 and a portion of the land was later annexed by the city of Costa Mesa, according to property manager Bruce Bear.

"These are historic

landmarks, and there's only a few of them left in Southern California," said Bear, who commissioned Hadley to do the work.

He hopes the mural will

be the first of many iconic images that not only dress up the huts — occupied by artists, craftsmen and

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Mr. Irrelevant rides waves in Newport

Irrelevant Week festivities continued on Saturday in Newport Beach.

Grant Stuard, a line-backer out of the University of Houston, is the newest member of football's celebrated underdog fraternity.

Stuard had a chance to get acquainted with the water before he sets sail with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for training camp. He did so with a surf lesson at the beach at 50th Street off the Balboa Peninsula.

The waves were strong on this occasion, but Stuard managed to get up on the board anyway.

How deep was the water and for how long was he able to stay upright during his surfing debut? That is all



Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

MR. IRRELEVANT Grant Stuard wipes out during surfing lessons, as part of the Irrelevant Week festivities, at lifeguard tower 44 in Newport Beach on Saturday.

irrelevant!

Irrelevant Week continues through Monday,

when Stuard will participate in a Grit Cycle session in the morning

and make his highly anticipated appearance at the All-Star Lowsman



STUARD IS shown with world surf champion Peter "PT" Townend, left.

Banquet in the evening.

The Lowsman Banquet will be held at the Cannery Restaurant beginning at 6 p.m. John Ireland is the scheduled host for the event.

— Andrew Turner

AROUND TOWN

Costa Mesa invites residents for virtual Parking Survey meeting

A citywide parking study is underway to identify solutions to common parking issues in residential neighborhoods, and residents are invited to attend a virtual meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Meeting topics will include the findings from a parking data collection survey as well as a residential parking public input survey.

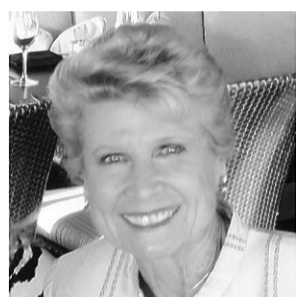
Ultimately, the study will recommend an implementation plan focused on improving the overall parking experience for residents and guests.

Wednesday's meeting will be held via Zoom.

Participants may call in at 6 p.m. to (669) 900-6833 or go to Zoom online and click on "Join a Meeting." Webinar ID is 999 5005 0917/Passcode 663429.

Find out how to participate by visiting costamesaca.gov/parking. Comments can be emailed to parkingstudy@costamesaca.gov.

— From staff reports



Jeanne Howlett Schmid

March 16, 1925 - June 6, 2021

Our beautiful 96-year young mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and dear friend passed away on Sunday, June 6th at her daughter's home in Pasadena, CA. She was surrounded by family as she gracefully exhaled on earth and inhaled in heaven, joining her cherished husband Ben and family and dear friends who rejoiced to welcome her.

Born into one of the original Los Angeles ranching families, Jeanne was raised in Hollywood, graduating from Hollywood High School. From an early age as best friend of child actress Jane Withers, Jeanne was immersed in the film industry and prominently featured in entertainment and publicity photos and news articles. That friendship endured and enriched her life through the years.

Childhood sweethearts in Hollywood, Jeanne married Ben in 1947 at the Stanford University Chapel, recalling the local news headline: "Ten years of friendship ends in marriage."

Always stunning, Jeanne modeled from an early age in print, on runways and later, as a Bullock's "tea room" model. Her beauty and grace were enhanced by her heart and laughter. Known for her expert hospitality and her genuine love for her family, communities of San Marino and Balboa Island, longtime friends and philanthropies, Jeanne was always ready for a party. The Balboa dutch door was always open for her children's friends' visits; the player piano playing, the food and drink endlessly and effortlessly available. Jeanne's heartfelt welcome crossed all generations.

She took exceptional joy in attending sporting and school activities of her 3 children: Nancy (Rob), Peggy and John, her 6 grandchildren: Rob3, Kara, Lindsey, Hayley, Linden and Rylen, and felt a special thrill entertaining and being entertained by her 6 great-grandchildren: Wyatt, Nora, Hayden, Keegan, Bennett and Harper.

For 30 years, Jeanne was a tirelessly joyful volunteer for San Marino Schools and loved volunteering for Huntington Memorial Hospital. Upon Ben's retirement and their move to Balboa Island, Jeanne volunteered at Sherman Gardens, the Orange County Performing Arts Center and as President of the Camelot Chapter of the Orange County Philharmonic Society.

Always supportive of Ben's professional, philanthropic and personal interests, Jeanne was the "woman behind the man" for San Marino Rotary Club, San Marino City Club and Southern California Engineers Association Presidential events. She even learned to enjoy golf, especially when it involved travel to the world's greatest courses (with exquisite accommodations and the most charming caddies) with the Orange County Seniors. Together, Jeanne and Ben were honored with formal commendations from the City of San Marino, San Marino Rotary Club and the U.S. Senate for "their exemplary record of service."

Balboa was Jeanne's "home away from home," with summers on the bay with the multi-generational Pearl Street gang, but her heart's delight was the "aloha" spirit of Hawaii, particularly Maui. And she shared that gift with her family on regular visits, full of memories that will last a lifetime.

An exceptional life; a charming, vivacious personality; an ageless beauty; a lover of people and parties, Jeanne brought joy and delight to every gathering. The beautiful fragrance of her presence will linger in our hearts forever. Thank you, Nana, for the great gift of your love.

The family has planned a private, blended "ocean" farewell for Jeanne and Ben on their treasured spot in Maui. There will be "open house" celebrations in Pasadena and Balboa in the near future. On behalf of Jeanne, a special "thank you" for making her life so lovely with your friendship.

SCOUTS

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60 years as a troop, and I'm kind of a historian. I keep track of who's becoming what."

Bruce Buchanan, 14, who holds the Scout rank of second class, helped organize the event with his mother Ellen. Reaching out to a newspaper was part of the path to earning a communications merit badge. He shared that he wanted to reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

"If I apply for a job, it will go on my résumé, and it will actually help," Bruce said of why his goal was important to him.

Bruce has been a Scout for two years. Eagle Scout Blake Bermudez, 19, a 2020 graduate of Costa Mesa High School, said that Bruce had secured a respectable number of badges in a short amount of time.

"Back in the day, they used to have merit badge days, where you would get to go a full day and earn as



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

ZACH QUATTROCCHI leads a ceremonial prayer during an event in which Troop 339 celebrated 60 years as an organization at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Costa Mesa.

many badges as you can, but they don't have those anymore," Bermudez said. "It's actually harder to earn badges now."

Joseph Hurley, 17, a junior at Newport Harbor, told a story of how he earned the aviation badge. A pilot took him on a flight out of John Wayne Airport, and the boys were invited to

take over the controls once they were in the air.

Attendees shared in conversation and enjoyed food served by the young Scouts leading up to a presentation.

Scout Master Frank Quattrocchi was presented with a certificate recognizing the troop's 60 years of service by Andrew DiGio-

vanna, a representative from U.S. Rep. Michelle Steel's office.

Former Costa Mesa Mayor Wendy Leece also addressed the crowd, thanking the parents for supporting the Scouts on their journey.

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TROLLEYS

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the downtown and the Ritz-Carlton in Dana Point.

Shared ridership provided a sense of community. Some locals recognized friends and exchanged greetings as they came aboard. Those chance encounters and more were out of the realm of possibility during the pandemic.

"This usually took me to school, but then the pandemic hit so it really didn't go anywhere," Alex Dominguez, 17, of Laguna Beach said.

"I used to work down at the local Pizza Bar right there. Then I couldn't get to work, so I had to have my mom drive me, and that was pretty much the impact for me."

Burke Williams, 17, of Laguna Beach remarked the trolley offered a means of getting to the surfing spots in Laguna. He said his parents run a surfing school called Soul Surf.

"It definitely helps you

get down there before anyone else," said Burke, who was not about to give up his list of best surf spots in town. "Most of the trolley stops are right at the top of the stairs at the beaches, so it just gets you right to the beach."

The availability of the trolleys was a surprising convenience to Jay and Elyse Graver, who arrived in Laguna Beach from Plano, Texas, on Friday in preparation to attend the opening of the *Matthew Rolston, Art People: The Pageant Portraits* exhibit at Laguna Art Museum.

"It's a lot better than riding in an Uber," Jay said. "You get open air and get to see the beach, see the sights along the way."

The Canyon route, which runs along Laguna Canyon Road from the Act V parking lot to the art festivals and downtown, will be in service daily from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

A boarding station for the trolley is also set up at Laguna College of Art and Design on the weekends.

Free parking is available in a lot at Brandman University in Irvine for the Summer Breeze route, for which trolleys will transport the public along Laguna Canyon Road to the seaside community's art festivals and downtown. The service is offered weekends only from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Trolleys are expected to pick up passengers along their respective routes at least every 30 minutes. The estimated frequency of service for the Canyon route is 20-minute intervals.

A stoppage in trolley services for the city came about as the stay-at-home order was introduced in March 2020 to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

City officials announced plans to bring back the trolley service in March. The trolleys will run at summer service levels through Labor Day.

Information on the whereabouts of the trolleys, as well as arrival and departure times, can be found by

using the Laguna Beach Trolley App.

Mark McAvoy, the director of public works for Laguna Beach, said that the trolleys will operate at full capacity, although drivers and passengers are required to wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status, per federal guidelines.

Newport Beach also brought its Balboa Peninsula trolley service back on Saturday. Free rides will be available during the summer on weekends and holidays.

Those trolleys will be operating from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekends, July 5 (Independence Day observed) and Labor Day.

Free parking for the Balboa Peninsula trolley is available at the city's Avon Street municipal parking lot, which is located near the intersection of Tustin Avenue and Avon Street.

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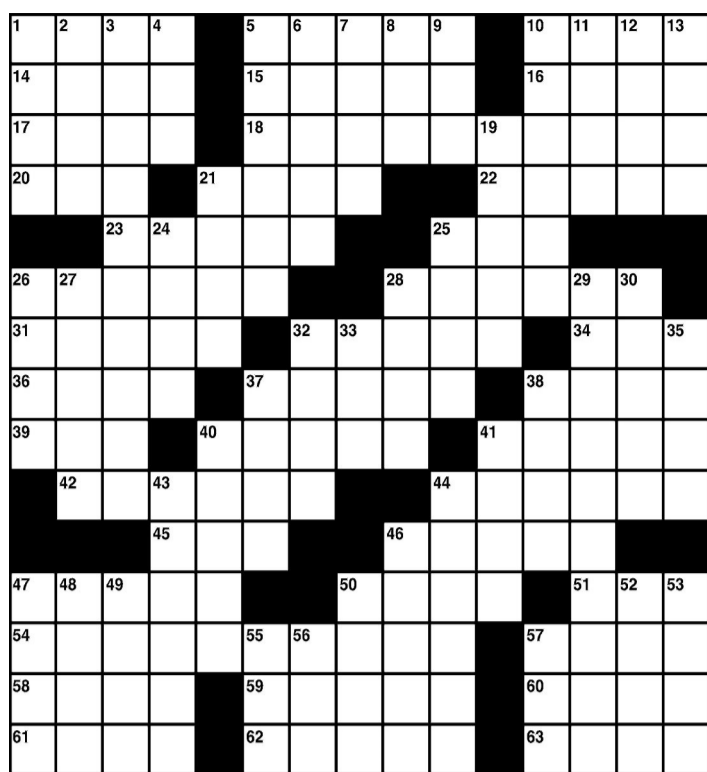
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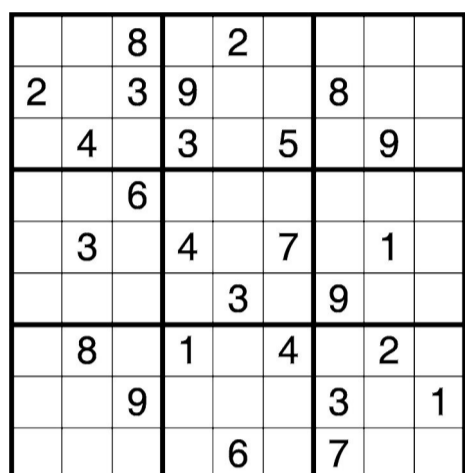


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 21 Surfboard support
 22 Has to have
 23 Up in arms
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 26 Put to sleep
 28 Julius or Augustus
 31 On the ball
 32 Rocking _; new mom's seat
 34 Hair adornment
 36 No longer here
 37 Erect
 38 Color of cornflowers
 39 Tenement bldg. unit
 40 _ a question; asks
 41 Winter migrators
 42 Prose writings
 44 _ wire; cattle enclosure fencing
 45 Cobb & Burrell
 46 Ballroom dance
 47 Paddled boat
 50 Ladder piece
 51 Actor Daniel _ Kim
 54 Yale or Brown
 57 Bart & Lisa, to Maggie
 58 Rib or scapula
 59 Soothing drink
 60 Beatles movie
 61 Fires from a job
 62 Decorate
 63 Actress Barbara
- DOWN**
 1 Advanced degs.
 2 Mercury or Saturn
 3 Lincoln and Ford

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 A5.

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 6 Martini garnish
 7 Take a fancy to
 8 Actor Vigoda
 9 Curved edge
 10 Actor James
 11 Green gem
- 12 Elderly
 13 Baseball team
 19 _ sanctum; very private place
 21 "W" on a light bulb
 24 Steak orderer's request
 25 Bug's nemesis

- 26 Long tale
 27 Wed privately
 28 Ripken Sr. & Ripken Jr.
 29 Hale and hearty
 30 Waken
 32 Use foul language
 33 Rush
 35 Dandelion or crabgrass
 37 Babies in blue
 38 Titanic's downfall
 40 Check recipient
 41 Group of hoodlums
 43 Kitchen appliances
 44 National tree of India
 46 Struggling pupil's need
 47 Island nation
 48 As dumb as _
 49 2 and 3 and 4
 50 Puerto _
 52 Qualified
 53 "Around the Horn" network
 55 TV manufacturer
 56 Layer of turf
 57 Feminine pronoun

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COLUMN | PATRICE APODACA

Like many of us, Bodie is taking a cautious approach to the future

My dog Bodie is a sweet, handsome yellow lab with simple tastes. He loves food and sleep.

Life with Bodie, however, has been anything but simple. He joined our family more than three years ago after we found him through a rescue organization. We had no information about his previous circumstances but it was obvious he'd had it rough, and the transition to stability was difficult.

It took time and many food bribes to gain Bodie's trust, but eventually he made great progress. He maintained some nervous tics — he's skittish around tiny, yippy dogs, for instance — but mostly he has settled down. Now he lets us hug and pet him extravagantly, and he no longer reflexively jerks every time someone makes a sudden movement.

Bodie will always be an anxious, sensitive fellow, but I can confer upon him the highest of canine compliments. He is a very good boy.

But lately something is up with Bodie, and I think the COVID-19 pandemic is indirectly to blame.

It all started after my husband and I were fully vaccinated and decided to celebrate our wedding anniversary by eating out at our favorite sushi restaurant.

We were gone for two hours tops, but we later realized that it was probably the first time in about a year that Bodie had been left entirely alone.

After that night, Bodie was suddenly afraid of the stairs in our house — behavior we hadn't seen since we first adopted him. Back then my husband patiently coaxed him up the steps with treats,



Courtesy of Patrice Apodaca

BODIE, AN ADOPTED yellow lab, has shown signs of anxiety as his owners begin taking steps into the world as the pandemic ends and California reopens.

and soon he was bounding upstairs without hesitation.

This time around, even the lure of food wasn't working. He avoided the stairs, despite knowing that his cozy bed on the floor of the master bedroom awaited him there.

He ran in circles around the house when he thought someone might try to maneuver him up.

His fear of steps was so acute that he was even apprehensive around exterior doors.

He'd stand at an open sliding glass door, warily tapping the threshold with alternating paws, as if trying to summon the nerve to step across.

In a way, I think I get it. Perhaps Bodie was exhibiting his version of the anxiety I also feel now that California has fully "re-opened."

Like others who have followed the social distancing protocol over the past 15 months, I have been eagerly awaiting this moment.

But now that it's here I'm a bit like Bodie at the

threshold, gingerly testing each step before moving forward.

I'm trying to remember what normal feels like, while also striving to determine exactly what normal means now and which changes are here to stay.

Openness notwithstanding, the world still seems different.

In keeping with my cautious nature, I'm taking it slowly — a sunset picnic with close friends at Big Corona Beach, inching toward a higher level of comfort during shopping excursions, ditching the mask more often. Baby steps.

Yet baby steps, at least when stairs were involved, were still too much for my dog.

I asked our veterinarian, Dr. Randall Aten, the kindly owner of Corona del Mar Animal Hospital, for a spitball psychoanalysis.

While humans were going nuts with pandemic restrictions, Dr. Aten told

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/s/ Leslie Bonkowski, District Secretary, Irvine Ranch Water District



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NOTICE OF FILING AND RECIRCULATION, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
For BASIN PLAN AMENDMENTS TO INCORPORATE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR COPPER IN NEWPORT BAY, ORANGE COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board) has filed and is recirculating proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) and the revised Draft Substitute Environmental Document 2021 (SED 2021), and will consider adoption of the proposed amendments to the Basin Plan to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Copper (Cu) in Newport Bay, Orange County, California. Implementation strategies to address Copper are included in the amendments. If approved by the Santa Ana Water Board, State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of Administrative Law, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), these Copper TMDLs will supersede the Copper TMDLs established in 2002 by USEPA for Newport Bay.

The Santa Ana Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider the approval of the SED 2021 and the adoption of the proposed amendments. The Board may consider changes to the amendments consistent with their general purpose at the hearing. The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Santa Ana Water Board meeting as follows:

DATE: September 17, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Video and Teleconference Meeting Only
No Physical Meeting Location
(Authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order N-08-21). Live video webcast can be found at the following link: <https://cal-span.org/static/index.php>

A copy of the Santa Ana Water Board's agenda for the public hearing and agenda materials will be available at least ten days prior to the date of the public hearing and will be available at the Water Board website at the following link: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_info/agendas/2021_agendas.html. As noted above, the public hearing is currently scheduled to take place via video and teleconference only, but the format may be changed in the future to also allow for in-person attendance.

The public notice will be posted on June 29, 2021 on the Santa Ana Water Board's website home page at <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>

The proposed revised Basin Plan amendments, revised Draft SED, and the draft resolution will be available on June 29, 2021 on the Santa Ana Water Board's FTP site.

Go to FTP site <https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/WebInterface/login.html> and log in with the credentials: Username: rb8download Region 8_public Select Copper TMDLs folder.

Written comments on the proposed revised amendments and the revised draft SED must be received no later than **5:00 pm. on August 13, 2021**. Santa Ana Water Board staff will prepare written responses to comments received by this deadline. Written comments should be submitted electronically to Dr. Linda Candelaria at RB8.CuTMDL@Waterboards.ca.gov, or by mail to the following:

Dr. Linda Candelaria
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501-3348

Comments received during the previous comment periods were responded to and should not be resubmitted. Please limit new comments to the revised portions of the draft documents and to issues that were not raised during the previous comment periods.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice or to obtain a hard copy of the agenda for the public hearing to Dr. Linda Candelaria at RB8.CuTMDL@Waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-4991. 6/27/21 CNS-3484362#
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BAIL

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to go to counseling appointments. Yellin told her that she would not be allowed to drive because "both of the most concerning acts of this case were when you were behind the wheel of the car."

Yellin also extended his condolences to the family of the victim.

"You have our sympathies," Yellin said. "What a tragic and horrible thing."

Lee was born in Diamond Bar and has resided in Southern California for her entire life, Nocella said in court papers. She was working at Gerber Collision as a receptionist and living with



CHP ASSISTANT
chief Don Goodbrand fields questions at a news conference announcing the arrests in the freeway shooting case.

Don Leach
Staff Photographer

Eriz in a Costa Mesa apartment at the time of the shooting.

Last week, Eriz and Lee both pleaded not guilty to the charges stemming from the shooting, and a pretrial hearing was set for Aug. 27.

Eriz is charged with second-degree murder and a felony count of discharge of

a firearm at an inhabited dwelling, with sentencing enhancements for discharge of a firearm causing death. He faces up to 40 years to life in prison if convicted.

Lee faces up to four years behind bars if convicted of a felony count of being an accessory after the fact and a misdemeanor count of having a concealed firearm in a vehicle. Three of those years would be in prison and one in jail.

According to prosecutors, Aiden's mother, Joanna Cloonan, was driving her son to kindergarten in her Chevrolet Sonic about 8 a.m. May 21 when she was cut off on the freeway by the defendants, who were in a Volkswagen Golf SportWagen.

Lee was behind Cloonan in the diamond lane before swinging over to the fast lane and then accelerating at an "extremely high rate of speed" to get in front of Cloonan, prosecutors contend in a bail motion first obtained by City News Service.

"Wynne Lee motioned to the victim vehicle a 'peace sign' with her hand and continued driving," prosecutors alleged in the motion for higher bail.

A few miles later as Cloonan was attempting to merge over to the east-bound Riverside (91) Freeway, she passed the defendants and was "still angry about being cut off and put up her middle finger at the two as she passed," according to prosecutors. "She then heard a loud bang to the rear of her vehicle and heard her little boy in the backseat say, 'Ow,' the motion says.

Cloonan immediately pulled over and saw that Aiden had suffered a chest wound, prosecutors said. The tot was pronounced dead at 8:39 a.m. at Children's Hospital Orange County.

In an interview with investigators on June 6, Eriz said he was "angry after being flipped off" by Ms. Cloonan, so he grabbed his loaded Glock 179mm and racked a round," according to the motion. "He then rolled the passenger window down and took a shot at her vehicle. After shooting the victim, the defendants continued on to the 91 eastbound and on to work in the city of Highland."

The couple worked a full day at an auto shop and returned home.

During the week of May 24 through 28, the two got into another "altercation on the freeway," prosecutors allege.

"As Wynne Lee was driving on the 91 eastbound on the way to work with defendant Eriz as her front passenger, a driver in a blue Tesla did something to make defendant Eriz angry, acting aggressively," prosecutors allege. "Defendant Eriz again took out his gun and brandished it to the driver of the Tesla. That driver told the defendants that he had called the police and then he drove away."

A coworker told Eriz on May 28 that it looked like their car was the suspect vehicle police were seeking, prosecutors said. Eriz "claims that at that time, he looked on the internet and saw the story about Aiden Leos' death," prosecutors allege. "He said he 'immediately' knew he was responsible for the boy's death. He then told Wynne Lee about his revelation."

Prosecutors allege that after May 28, Eriz hid the Volkswagen in a family member's garage and did not drive it again, instead driving his red truck to and from work. He also allegedly shaved his "substantial beard" on June 3 and "started to wear his long hair back in a tie," according to prosecutors, who said both defendants also applied for new jobs.

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PAUL ANDERSON writes for City News Service.

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COMMENTARY | HARLEY ROUDA

It's time to shore up America's infrastructure and become a leader in emerging technologies

There is no debate — America knows that we need a substantive and far-reaching infrastructure package to address years of neglect, while simultaneously positioning the United States to be the world-class leader in emerging technologies and industries.

What is debatable, however, is how much we need to do and how we are going to pay for it.

Let's start with what we need to do. Our country has kicked the infrastructure can down the road for decades while other countries like China, Germany, France and many others have made enormous investments in their infrastructure. On average, our European counterparts spend 5% of their GDP on maintaining and building new infrastructure, China spends around 8%. The United States only spends 2.4%.

And we see our nation's deferred maintenance all around us: neglected highways, roads and bridges; ports and airports in desperate need of upgrades to better meet the needs of global trade; crumbling school systems long overdue for upgrades to effectively educate our kids; an outdated electrical grid incapable of meeting the needs of a 21st-century economy; clean water for all communities and extreme vulnerabilities due to the ever-increasing challenges caused by climate change.

While in Congress I acted to build bipartisan support for tackling many of these issues. I co-sponsored legislation that would provide grants to train and prepare people for clean energy jobs. I co-sponsored bipartisan legislation to invest in electrical grid storage so disasters like what we saw in Texas don't happen again, and an area I'm

particularly proud of is my work on creating safe drinking water systems.

The most visible tragedy of our nation's failure to invest in this critical infrastructure is the crisis in Flint, but it doesn't stop there. Every year millions of Americans are drinking water deemed unsafe by the EPA. Right here in our own backyard the Orange County Water District had to shut down nearly a third of its wells because of toxins linked to cancer, liver and kidney damage, low birth weight and other health problems.

My office sprang into action and introduced the PFAS User Fee Act of 2019 which would force polluters to pay for the upgrades necessary to decontaminate our water supply. This is just one example of how decades of failing to invest in our nation's most basic infrastructure has real world effects on people's wages and health.

It's not enough just to address what we have failed to do, we need to be prepared for the coming decades of change by positioning the U.S. to be the world leader in emerging technologies such as renewable energies, biotech, robotics and additive manufacturing. To accomplish this imperative goal, we need to get high-speed broadband to every corner of this country.

Every child and every business deserve the opportunity to grow and excel regardless of if they are in rural areas, urban areas or somewhere in between. We need new incentives for affordable housing developments to meet the needs of a growing population that deserves to be able to live where they work. We need a 21st-century electrical grid that can meet the electrification demands of our 21st-century economy. Finally, we need invest-

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ment in infrastructure to meet the ever-increasing extreme weather events brought on by climate change.

It is imperative that we make these investments, but we also need to recognize that our country has an ever-growing aggregate national deficit that is well over \$20 trillion. Continuing to add to the debt without a plan to address it is irresponsible and dangerous. That's why when I was in Congress, I proposed the Fiscal Responsibility & Long-Term Economic Security Act.

My bill would have created a Joint Select Committee to review the federal government's fiscal imbalance and mandated that the committee's recommendations were fast-tracked for a vote in Congress. Infrastructure bill or no infrastructure bill, this is an issue that must be addressed and desperately needs immediate bipartisan attention especially considering these spending packages. Any new deficit spending should be done in conjunction with a comprehensive plan to

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COMMENTARY | MICHELLE STEEL

Biden's spending, tax plans will hamper American growth and competitiveness

After more than a year of job losses, shuttered businesses and a limping economy, America is getting back on track. Shutdowns have lifted, businesses are open, and we are returning to our normal way of life.

With just a week to go before we celebrate Independence Day, Americans are fired up and ready to get back to business.

Except under President Joe Biden's tax and spending plans, the cost of doing business in America would skyrocket. And every American family is being impacted — prices for food, gas, and energy have increased at the fastest rate since 1992. That Fourth of July barbecue or weekend trip could cost you 5% more than usual — hitting you at the gas pump, the grocery store and your energy bills.

Recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics cites a record high of 9.3 million job openings as of April. Despite millions of job openings, a record 48% of small businesses in April couldn't find Americans to fill their open positions. "Generous unemployment benefits and stimulus funds have prevented workers from re-entering the labor force," said economist Katherine Judge of CIBC World Markets. While the government spends trillions of our tax dollars to keep people home, businesses

are struggling to hire employees. "When I went to the store across the street to buy a help wanted sign, they had sold out," said one Long Beach restaurant and bar owner.

The trillions in spending by the federal government in support of pandemic aid is estimated to cost \$150,000 for every child born today, wrote economist Stephen Moore. As a mother and a grandmother, I can't fathom leaving future generations with this type of unsustainable cost. However, under President Biden's \$6-trillion budget for the federal government, released last month, the national debt will skyrocket to its highest since World War II.

Before the pandemic, the tax cuts in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act helped usher in the lowest unemployment numbers in more than 50 years. Biden's budget would undo the gains from those tax cuts and cost the economy hundreds of thousands of jobs and wage losses. This proposed spending has a cost, and it is hard-working Americans who will pay the price.

Under the Biden plan, the corporate tax rate would increase to as high as 28%, making America's corporate tax rate higher than Communist China's. This increase would raise the U.S. federal-state combined tax rate to 32.34%, which is higher than every

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country in the OECD and the G7. How can American business and innovation compete on the global stage when our stage is the most expensive place to do business?

"The funding choices in the American Families Plan come at the cost of reduced economic output, fewer jobs, and lower wages," wrote analysts with the nonpartisan think tank Tax Foundation. By raising the corporate tax rate, the U.S. would see reduced GDP by about \$1,650 per household.

Studies have also shown that American workers would bear between 50% and 100% of the burden of the corporate tax hike — a mind-boggling amount when you consider how

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Public Notice

I-405 Multi-Asset Project (I-5 to Harbor Blvd.)

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration
Notice of Availability of an Initial Study and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Finding
(Study results available) and Announcement of Virtual Public Hearing (Open House Format)



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes improvements to I-405 (I-5 to Harbor Boulevard, Postmiles 0.2/11.4) within the cities of Costa Mesa and Irvine and unincorporated areas of County of Orange to: extend life expectancy of pavement; improve safety and efficiency for all modes of travelers, and maintenance crews; enhance traffic operation, manage congestion; provide ability to collect, analyze, and utilize data for systems performance; and provide a park and ride facility (at Bristol Street) along the I-405 corridor. Additionally, various bridge improvements are proposed to extend the life expectancy and safety of the bridges. The proposed project is currently in the environmental document and preliminary engineering phase. One Build alternative is being considered as well as a No-Build Alternative.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. The studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study. This notice is to tell you of the availability of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration (ND) and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Finding for your review and to offer you information about the upcoming virtual public hearing on July 7, 2021 to talk about design features of the project with Caltrans' staff before moving forward with the design of this project.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Proposed ND and IS are available for review at the Caltrans District 12 Office, 1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705, on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (due to COVID-19, by appointments only please call 657-328-6000). The Proposed ND and IS are also available for review at the following locations during normal business hours. Due to COVID-19, Caltrans suggests checking library hours of operation (may be subject to change).

- Mesa Verde Library, 2969 Mesa Verde Dr. E, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- University Park Library, 4512 Sandburg Way, Irvine, CA 92612

In addition, project information is available online at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-12/district-12-current-projects/i-405-multi-asset-project>

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Proposed ND and IS? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed ND, the IS, and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Finding? Would you care to make any other comments on the project?

Public Comment Period: June 21, 2021 to July 21, 2021

Please submit your comments no later than 5:00 pm, July 21st, 2021 via the online comment form available at <http://I-405MultiAssetProject.com>, or in writing to: *Iffat Qamar, PhD, Associate Environmental Planner, Caltrans District 12, Division of Environmental Analysis, 1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705.* The date we will begin accepting comments is June 21st, 2021. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021
Time: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Access the Virtual Public Hearing at: <http://I-405MultiAssetProject.com>

CONTACT?

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 12 Public Information Office at (657) 328-6000. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1 (800) 735-2929 or Voice Line at 1 (800) 735-2922. For more information about this study or any other transportation matter, call Darcy Birden at District 12's Public Information Office at (657) 328-6000 or e-mail at D12PIO@dot.ca.gov



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tradespeople who signed up for a one-year lease a decade or two ago and never left — but speak to Orange County's historical roots.

"There's a lot of history like that here, and what I wanted to do was capture some of those places," the property manager said Friday, describing scenes of the Huntington Beach Pier, Balboa Point and Laguna Beach. "My plan is to [have images painted on] the outer-walled Quonset huts along the main thoroughfare going to the property."

In preparation for her work Hadley, who runs an art studio in one of the former military barracks, researched the history of the B-24 using online historical images as reference. Though the craft looms large on the corrugated arched roof building, it represents just about 59% of the plane's actual 110-foot wingspan.



Courtesy of Bruce Bear

LOCAL ARTIST Nancy Hadley works on a mural of a Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber on a Quonset hut in Costa Mesa, the former site of the Santa Ana Army Air Base.

Hadley added a personal detail to the work. A tiny pin-up girl gracing the craft's nose cone was inspired by her own mother, Shirley Walker, who died in 2019 but who grew up as a girl during the 1940s and often recounted tales from the era.

A former ad exec, Bear hopes that if the mural project he's got rolling

around in his head takes flight, the area could become a sort-of unofficial "art row."

"I'm happy as a lark being a property manager here," the 67-year-old retiree said. "It's a stress-free environment, but I have a creative streak."

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me, many pets actually fared well.

"Pets are happiest when their owners are around," he said. "I think they thought this was a pretty sweet deal."

A few months after the pandemic began the demand for veterinary services skyrocketed.

Dr. Aten attributed this onslaught to people spending more time with their pets and becoming more attuned to minor problems, and to the rush of pet adoptions by people seeking furry companions.

Now, as the pandemic wanes, restrictions are lifted, and people return to work and social gatherings away from home, pets might experience separation anxiety. Those issues will be most pronounced among rescue animals like Bodie, he said.

All told, the changing home environment "is

going to hit the pet population pretty hard. They have to adapt to new routines."

It's also likely that Bodie carries residual trauma from his earlier life, Dr. Aten surmised. The changes occurring within our household are now triggering his stress and causing him to revert to previous patterns.

So what should owners do?

It's important to remember that pets aren't acting with malicious intent. They're just anxious, he said.

"Some dogs are so anxious they can destroy a home. They dig at doors, chew dry wall, howl. People put them in crates and they break their teeth trying to chew through the wires. It can be very extreme."

Punishment is the wrong response, he said. It creates more anxiety without solving the underlying problem because the pets won't connect the punishment with the offending

behavior.

"I'm from the aspect of how am I going to help this dog," he said. He recommended a gradual process of desensitization.

Go through routine departure clues — picking up keys, grabbing a purse, giving the pet a treat — then go outside, initially for a minute or two, slowly increasing the time away. And if the pet goes wild with excitement when the owner returns, it's best to wait until they've calmed down before rewarding them with attention.

A few days after I spoke with Dr. Aten, Bodie, unprompted, followed my husband upstairs.

Like many of us, he's been tapping the threshold of an uncertain new reality and finally decided to venture forth.

PATRICE APODACA is a former Los Angeles Times staff writer and is coauthor of "A Boy Named Courage: A Surgeon's Memoir of Apartheid." She lives in Newport Beach.

STEEL

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many people and businesses are trying to recover from the economic downturn brought on by the pandemic. Make no mistake, this would hurt American competitiveness and could cost more than 1 million U.S. jobs, according to the National Assn. of Man-

ufacturers.

In addition to the corporate increase, the administration's proposed retroactive capital gains tax increase has caused heads to spin. Capital gains taxes apply to assets such as real estate. The housing market is booming, but under President Biden's plan, for some Americans it just got more expensive to sell their homes. Raising capital gains taxes won't

just hurt homeowners.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce "a higher rate, immediately upon enactment, reduces the value of all stocks. That means everyone saving for retirement, or anyone who has already retired, will see the value of their 401Ks fall."

The last thing hardworking Americans want is to owe more of their paychecks to the federal

government.

The number of Californians filing unemployment the week that ended June 12 made up 17% of all nationwide claims — a stark reminder of what happens when taxes and the cost of doing business are too high.

We are ready to get back to work, get back to business and get back to our normal way of life.

And it's time for the government to get out of the way.

U.S. REP. MICHELLE STEEL is serving her first term in Congress, representing California's 48th congressional district. Before coming to Congress she was a member of the California Board of Equalization, the state's tax agency, and chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

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address the annual and aggregate deficits.

Now let's turn to the infrastructure package and how the Biden administration is proposing to pay for it. The Biden administration has made numerous proposals in various areas to increase taxes. While I don't agree with the entirety of the plan, it's also important to call out dishonest fear mongering. Contrary to what some of my Republican friends are saying, the Biden administration has made it clear that individual taxes will not be raised

on any family making under \$400,000 a year. We should be able to have policy disagreements without resorting to distortions and lies.

I supported the need to reduce the corporate income tax under the previous administration, so that American companies could be competitive on the global stage. However, we missed the mark by not also eliminating outdated and unneeded subsidies and incentives when we dropped the corporate tax rate down to 21%.

By ignoring these loopholes, the true corporate tax rate in America is 11.3%, far lower than our global competitors. Rather

than raise the corporate tax rate to the levels being proposed by the Biden administration, let's first do a comprehensive review of what corporate tax subsidies and incentives can be removed to help cover the cost of the infrastructure plan and reduce the need for increasing the corporate tax rate.

If the corporate tax increase does occur, we need to continue exempting small businesses. I know the blood, sweat and tears that small business owners put into their work. We should not be raising taxes on them, especially as they fight to rebound from the pandemic.

Finally, let's make sure that we

are focused on infrastructure projects that have the greatest return on investment by driving GDP and lowering the actual costs of the infrastructure plan. In other words, let's help pay for the plan by ensuring we get the highest return possible on our collective investment.

Addressing our nation's decaying infrastructure not only will bring our nation into the 21st century, but we will also be making investments to position America as the world's leading economy for generations to come.

Republicans and Democrats alike must come to the negotiating table and work together to

find the best plan to revitalize our nation's infrastructure, if we do nothing, or even the bare minimum, we will be limiting the American people's prosperity and subjecting our kids and their kids to an ever-declining American economy.

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