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THE NEWPORT BEACH City Council this week addressed homelessness with a series of decisions, including strengthening its anti-camping ordinance. Above, a woman sleeps on the sidewalk by the Newport Transportation Center in this file photo.

Newport Beach sets new rules on homelessness

Council action follows high court ruling that allows enforcement of local anti-camping laws.

BY ERIC LICAS

The Newport Beach City Council on Tuesday unanimously voted to beef up anti-camping laws, assign more police to respond to calls involving homeless people and also ended the city's contract with the nonprofit running its mobile mental health and wellness service.

Changes to two city ordinances that were approved this week make it illegal to store belongings unattended on public property, "sleep or lay down" in a public restroom, bench or bike rack, or to obstruct access to EV charging stations and ATMs. They also expand the city's definition of camping to include sleeping overnight in an automobile.

Council members also gave the green light to a plan to assign more police to handle calls involving homeless people. It currently has one homeless liaison officer that conducts

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File Photo

A BE WELL van, pictured in Huntington Beach, is used to respond to personal assistance and mental health calls. The Newport Beach council voted to end the city's contract for the service.

County reports 2024's first human case of West Nile virus in Huntington Beach

BY SARA CARDINE

Public health officials on Wednesday confirmed Orange County's first human case of West Nile virus so far this year was reported in the city of Huntington Beach.

The individual — whose identity is not being released out of confidentiality — was hospital-

ized earlier this month with signs of infection but has since been discharged and is now recovering at home, Orange County Health Care Agency Medical Director Dr. Matthew Zahn said Friday in an email to the Daily Pilot.

West Nile virus, transmitted to humans and animals through the bite of mosquitoes, has so far been detected in one or two

mosquito samples collected in Irvine, Anaheim, Orange, Fullerton, Los Alamitos, Placentia, Santa Ana and Tustin as of Aug. 23, according to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

But in Huntington Beach, home to ample wetland areas that appeal to the cold-blooded insects when outside tempera-

tures rise, a total of 12 mosquito samples have tested positive for the disease, the agency reports on its website.

Zahn would not comment on the affected individual's specific activities leading up to the infection but said Friday it can be hard to trace the roots of a hu-

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Bill aims to shut down voter ID laws

California Assembly passes bill that stands in opposition to stance of H.B. city attorney and council majority.

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach was full of election-related news this week, as the Nov. 5 general election nears.

The California Assembly passed Senate Bill 1174 on Tuesday, which would ban local governments from imposing voter identification requirements in municipal elections.

The bill, which passed 57-16, now moves to the desk of Gov. Gavin Newsom. It was passed by the state Senate in May.

The bill is directly at odds with Huntington Beach's Measure A, which states the city could implement voter ID requirements beginning with the 2026 election. State Atty. General Rob Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley Weber subsequently sued the city, after Measure A passed in March, stating that it conflicted with — and was preempted by — state law.

In a statement, state Sen. David Min (D-Irvine) said SB 1174, which he authored, makes it clear that election integrity and voter identification requirements are exclusively up to the state.

"We cannot have 100 different charter cities making up 100 different sets of voting rules, based on fringe conspiracy theories," Min said. "I have repeatedly told the Huntington Beach City Council members pushing this issue that if they were to produce any evidence of widespread voter fraud, I would lead efforts to change California's voter eligibility rules. They have not produced any such evidence. I am grateful to my

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ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



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Waterfront food, wine festival set to return

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

The Pacific Wine & Food Classic will return to Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort next month with new spirits and surprises, organizers say.

The annual event showcases local chefs and restaurants as well as wine and spirit brands and purveyors. This year's festival, on Sept. 21, will feature 40 restaurants and sips of beer, wine, cocktails and mocktails.

It's a chance for guests to get know some of Orange County's most lauded restaurants, said Pacific Wine & Food Classic founder Pamela Waitt, president of the O.C. Restaurant Assn.

"The Pacific Wine & Food Classic attracts food and wine con-

noisseurs and novices from all over Southern California who come to celebrate the culinary brilliance that Orange County has to offer," Waitt said.

This year's roster of participating chefs includes Vincent Espinoza, executive chef at Silverado's Xacalli; Rich Mead, executive chef at Farmhouse at Roger's Gardens; Matthew Luna, executive chef at Five Crowns & Side-Door in Corona Del Mar; and Alan Sanz, executive chef at Maizano, located within Costa Mesa's Mercado González. Guests can also look forward to bites from restaurants like Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken, Lido Bottle Works, Lorea, the Yellow Chili

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Courtesy of Pacific Wine & Food Classic

GUESTS RAISE a glass at last year's Pacific Wine & Food Classic in Newport Dunes.

Man's body found at Bella Terra parking structure

BY SARA CARDINE

Huntington Beach police confirmed Friday that officers Thursday discovered the body of a 51-year-old man near the parking structure of the Bella Terra shopping center — the second incident of possible suicide in less than a month.

Jessica Cuchilla, spokeswoman for the Huntington Beach Police Department, said officers were called to the plaza, located at 7777 Edinger Ave., at around 7:30 p.m. and discovered the individual unresponsive.

He was declared dead at the scene, and the Orange County coroner's office was called to the scene. Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Frank Gonzalez confirmed Friday coroner's officials identified the decedent as a resident of Huntington Beach.

The incident is not believed to have involved foul play and did not constitute a threat to the public.

The occurrence and its aftermath did not result in the closure of any store or

structure on the 58-acre lot or closure of roadways to vehicle traffic.

Thursday's death marks the second time in less than 30 days since a body was discovered near the site's parking structure. A 52-year-old man from the city of Westminster was found there on the morning of July 31 in an incident later determined to have been a suicide.

Another suicide, reported by local media, is known to have happened on the same parking structure nearly nine years ago, when an employee from the nearby Costco discovered the body of a man near the loading docks of the Burlington Coat Factory store in the early morning hours of Jan. 12, 2016.

Cuchilla on Friday did not have details on how the decedent was discovered Thursday evening or who may have made the initial call to police.

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AROUND TOWN

Begonias to be celebrated at Sherman Gardens

The Southern California Begonia Society will present a judged plant show and sale at Sherman Gardens on the weekend of Sept. 21 and 22 featuring many varieties of locally grown begonias. A large selection of the colorful perennials will also be available for purchase.

Sherman Gardens is home to over 130 unique varieties of begonias. Horticulturist Amy Dolin will give a tour of the Sherman collection on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 1:30 p.m. Drop in, no registration needed.

The show is free with garden admission. Sherman Library & Gardens, 2647 E. Coast Hwy, Corona del Mar, is open from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for non-members; free for members.

Balboa Angling Club reels in, sets loose marlins

The annual Ladies Billfish Tournament was held Saturday, Aug. 24, when 13 local boats carrying 30



Mariah Tauger | Los Angeles Times

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Begonia Society will present a judged plant show and sale at Sherman Gardens on the weekend of Sept. 21 and 22 featuring many varieties of locally grown begonias.

participants took to the waters off Newport Beach with a goal to reel in the biggest marlin. The day-long tournament was hosted by Balboa Angling Club, which was established in 1926.

Alexa Velasquez, aboard the Bull Pen, reeled in a marlin after a fight of just nine minutes, according to club officials. Coming in second was Jenna Barthels on Farnsworth, with a fight time of 17 minutes. Barthels was also the only angler on

Farnsworth with her significant other captaining the boat. Marissa Maser on Pacific Pioneer came in third with a fight time of 21 minutes. All marlin were caught and released. The Bull Pen was awarded the High Boat Trophy presented by Zorn Yacht Sales.

All three winners and the rest of the tournament participants were celebrated during an awards banquet held Sunday evening at the Newport Beach Yacht Club.

Church to hold groundbreaking

Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church will break ground tomorrow on a new, \$2.2-million sanctuary at 2845 Mesa Verde East Drive, Costa Mesa.

The celebration will feature children participating in ceremonial dirt shoveling alongside the Rev. Si-an Wiltshire and church leaders.

The new sanctuary, designed by the San Diego architectural firm domusstudio, is expected to be complete in late 2025. Van Nuys-based Hoffman Construction will serve as the project builder.

Walk for Hope set for Sept. 8.

City of Hope is gearing up for its nationwide fundraising effort toward ending cancer, the Walk for Hope, set for Sunday, Sept. 8.

Locally, participants will gather at City of Hope Orange County, 1000 Five-Point, Irvine, at 9 a.m. for the program that will precede the walk, which begins at 9:30 a.m. For more

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outreach and issues citations. Beginning in December, they will be joined by three other officers and split into two "quality of life teams" working seven days a week. Officials also hope to add another three officers to the team in early 2025 and are considering designating a city attorney to prosecute anti-camping laws on a full-time basis.

The city declined to extend its contract with Be Well, the nonprofit that has been operating a mobile mental health response team in Newport Beach since 2021, when a \$1.2-million contract was approved

by the City Council. The service was available to everyone in the city, not just homeless people. But it was also tasked with outreach and helping people apply for housing and other forms of support.

"As it comes to Be Well, it's an approach that's worked," Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton said, "[but] it hasn't worked well enough. It hasn't worked fast enough. Mental health is a problem in this community."

Other were more critical of the nonprofit including Councilwoman Robyn Grant. However, she and Stapleton described homelessness as a regional issue and expressed interest in joining other cities to sup-

port and fund mental health and outreach services collaboratively.

The updates on Newport Beach's policies on homelessness come in the wake of a June Supreme Court decision in favor of the city of Grant's Pass, Ore., which allows local governments to enforce anti-camping laws and clear encampments whether or not shelter beds are available. It's a reversal of a 2018 decision in the U.S. Court of Appeals that found arresting or citing people for camping in public when they had nowhere else to go amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

About a dozen Newport Beach residents gave public comment and expressed support for stricter enforce-

ment of anti-camping laws against homeless people on Tuesday. Some accused people living on the streets of causing disturbances with homeowners, businesses and tourists, public defecation, drug use and theft. Many said they didn't feel safe because of the presence of homeless people in Newport Beach, and several speakers alleged homeless people refused to get help.

Most members of the council echoed those sentiments, and characterized tougher enforcement of anti-camping laws as a means to compel homeless people into shelters as well as mental health and addiction treatment.

"You have to have a zero

tolerance policy for any variance, and this comes from the mother of somebody who's been homeless," recent Newport Beach resident Jennifer Hoff said. "Our police are made to be street corner psychiatrists because of current laws in place that prohibit families like mine from getting their loved ones in a psychiatric hospital for more than 48 hours."

The city has an arrangement with the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter, reserving 25 beds for people living on the street in Newport Beach.

According to the most recent Point in Time data revised by the county in May, more than 70 people were living on the street in New-

port Beach. The city has an agreement to reserve 25 beds at the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter, and those are constantly at or near capacity.

Homeless people in Orange County say they aren't able to get a spot at local shelters due to a lack of space, according to a 2023 survey by the county's commission on homelessness. Some also said they don't feel safe at the communal living arrangements, and rules at many shelters in the area make it difficult to get a spot if they work odd hours, have pets or are trying to stay united with loved ones.

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BILL

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colleagues for their overwhelming support for this bill, and I am hopeful that the governor will sign SB 1174 into law later this year.”

Huntington Beach City Atty. Michael Gates has argued that the city’s charter city status allows it to control local elections as it sees fit. He has also said that a new bill like SB 1174 wouldn’t be necessary if voter ID laws were already illegal, as Bonta asserted.

JUDGE AGREES WITH FORMER HUNTINGTON BEACH MAYOR, STRIKES MEASURE U ARGUMENT

An Orange County Superior Court Judge issued an order Wednesday striking an entire rebuttal paragraph from the Huntington Beach Measure U item on the ballot.

Judge Kimberly Knill agreed with the petitioner — former Huntington Beach Mayor Debbie Cook — that an argument used by proponents of the proposed charter amendment should be removed.

Measure U is a proposed charter amendment that, if passed, would require Surf City voters to approve any zoning changes that an environmental impact report shows would present “significant and unavoidable” negative impacts to the environment.

In the argument supporting the measure, Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns and Councilman Casey McK-



File Photo

STATE SEN. Dave Min, shown speaking at an event last year, said SB 1174 makes it clear that election integrity and voter identification requirements are exclusively up to the state, not to individual cities such as Huntington Beach.

eon said claims that the measure would result in “increased red tape and additional costs” were not true. They wrote that there was no additional cost to put zoning changes on the ballot, “just like there was no additional cost to the fruitful fight against the state over high-density housing mandates, the city for successfully withdrawing from the OCPA at no cost, and adopting a Voter ID requirement at no cost.”

But Knill ordered that paragraph deleted from the rebuttal argument. Cook, who served two

terms on the City Council and was mayor in 2002 and 2008, issued a statement following the judge’s ruling. “Elected city leaders should not be allowed to lie to the public,” she said. “The claim by council members Van Der Mark, McKeon and Burns that their counterproductive actions — pushing risky and costly ballot measures, pursuing wasteful and costly litigation, imposing illegal Voter ID requirements — has no cost, is a lie. There would be huge costs to the city, just like the millions of dollars of unnecessary and

wasteful attorneys’ fees and public expenses that they have already cost the city. Truthful ballot arguments are foundational to maintaining a fair democratic process, and I am grateful the court agreed.”

COURT CHANGES COUNCIL CANDIDATE’S BALLOT DESIGNATION

Huntington Beach City Council candidate Chad Williams will not be able to use his proposed ballot designation of “Navy SEAL Speaker,” Orange County Superior Court Judge Craig Griffin ruled Thursday.

Griffin, in his minute order, struck “Navy SEAL” from the ballot designation while allowing Williams, a former Navy SEAL, to keep “speaker.”

The state ballot designation worksheet asks non-incumbent candidates to use their current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s), in a maximum total of three words.

Huntington Beach community activist Victor Valladares brought the legal action.

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VIRUS

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man infection. “In most situations, persons who become infected have multiple potential exposure times and sources and the source of infection is not clear,” he wrote in an email.

While most humans infected with the virus do not experience symptoms, about 20% may develop fever accompanied by headaches, body aches, nausea, tiredness or a skin rash. More serious symptoms include neck stiffness, confusion, muscle weakness or paralysis.

The risk of infection increases during summer months, when mosquitoes are known to thrive.

“This is the time of year when we usually start to see cases of [West Nile virus],” Zahn warned. “The heat of summer can bring prime breeding conditions for mosquitoes and people frequently engage in outdoor activities at this time of year.”

Health and vector control officials advise residents to take precautions, such as using insect repellents, wearing long sleeves and trousers during peak mosquito hours and draining standing water outside their homes to reduce mosquito populations.

For more information and tips on preventing West Nile virus through mosquito abatement, visit ocvector.org.

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and Wahoo’s Fish Taco.

Waitt said she is eager for new and returning guests to experience the new additions to the event. “We’re in the middle of one of the most exciting and flourishing food scenes in the country, and those who have joined us in the past can look forward to new

restaurants, wines, beers and spirits to experience.”

The event will be a special opportunity to sample food and beverages from 2024 James Beard Award Nominee and 2024 TOTCF Spirited Award-winner Strong Water Anaheim, a nautical-inspired tiki bar where it can be hard to find a seat due to its popularity and limited space.

Lola’s By MFK, an Anaheim-based restaurant that

IF YOU GO

Pacific Wine & Food Classic will take place at Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort, located at 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach. General admission tickets for entrance at 2 p.m. are priced at \$199, while early entrance tickets for entrance at 1p.m. are priced at \$250. Guests must be age 21 and older with valid ID to attend. For tickets visit pacificwineandfood.com.

specializes in Filipino brunch, will prepare a traditional spit-roasted whole pig lechon feast for the occasion. New to the event

will be a Grand Wine Pavilion, featuring wines from San Luis Obispo Coast Wine Collective, as well as

greens and fresh cookies, pastries and more from Scratch Bakery.

The red carpet will feature a living produce wall

made entirely of fresh fruits and vegetables created by Melissa’s Produce as both an art installation and backdrop for selfies and groups photos.

Also provided by Melissa’s Produce, the Taco Garden will return with the addition of a salsa and guacamole bar.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 “Moby-Dick” captain
- 5 Former U.K. PM Tony
- 10 What criminals break
- 14 Go up
- 15 Health insurance brand
- 16 Leave out
- 17 Simone Biles’ forte
- 19 Scotch and _
- 20 Most durable
- 21 Car radio button
- 23 And so on: Abbr.
- 24 Egyptian snakes
- 25 Lasting reminder of surgery
- 28 Kindergarten lesson
- 31 Imitate
- 35 Lower limbs
- 36 Encounter
- 37 “Look what I did!”
- 38 In the style of: 2 wds.
- 39 Turns white
- 41 Nothing
- 42 Lost traction
- 44 Loose soil
- 45 Swimming spot
- 46 “Sweet” pet name
- 48 Not difficult
- 49 Upper limbs
- 50 Tournament ranking
- 52 Frito-__ (snack brand)
- 54 Believer in God
- 57 It may recede with age
- 62 Perceive sounds
- 63 Chunks that fall from the sky
- 65 “Anyone _?”
- 66 “Believe it _”: 2 wds.
- 67 Unit in chemistry
- 68 Makes a choice
- 69 Teams

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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.

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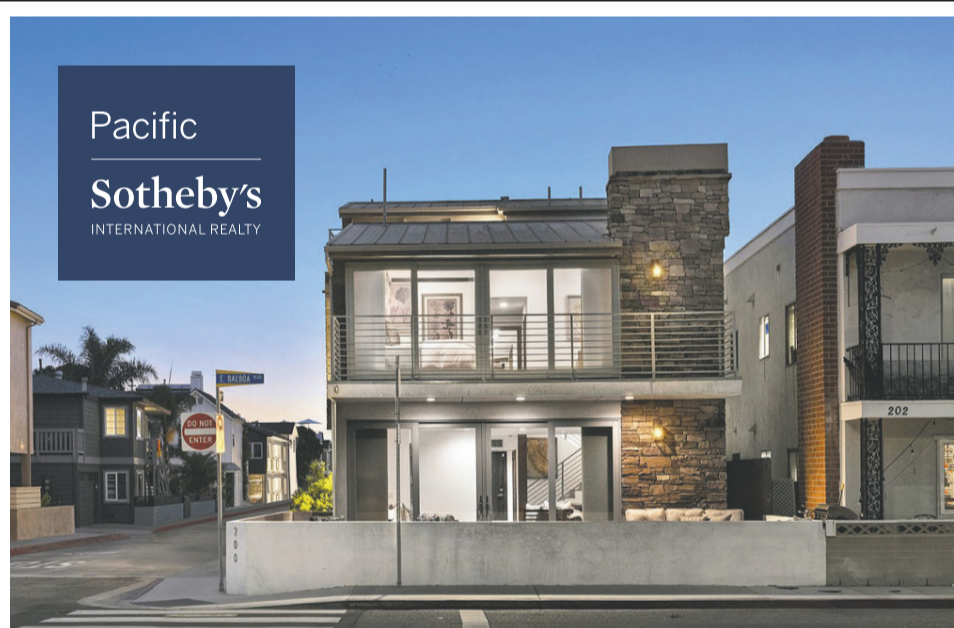
For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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- 4 Drinking sprees
- 5 Mountaineer’s starting point: 2 wds.
- 6 Allows

- 7 On the job: 2 wds.
- 8 Company name part: Abbr.
- 9 Coarse tools
- 10 Snaps: 2 wds.
- 11 Singer Tori
- 12 Broad
- 13 “ASAP!”
- 18 River island
- 22 Tach

- measurement: Abbr.
- 24 Fall flowers
- 25 Cut down
- 26 Yo-Yo Ma’s instrument
- 27 Once more
- 29 Like some evening bags
- 30 Cuban singer Cruz
- 32 Lord’s home
- 33 Figurative expression
- 34 Ref’s decisions
- 40 Salon employees
- 43 Wants
- 45 Missile’s contents
- 47 “Sure!”
- 51 Shared cultural values
- 53 Museum works
- 54 Epstein of baseball
- 55 Assist
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- 61 Salinger title girl
- 64 Jackie O’s spouse

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John Wayne Airport to spotlight Newport Beach history in exhibit

An exhibition tracing the 100-plus-year history of Newport Beach will be unveiled Sept. 13 in the 130-foot Destination Gallery located between Terminals B and C at John Wayne Airport. Created by Balboa Island Museum (BIM) Executive Director **Tiffany Pepys Hoey** and her staff of historian-archivists, the exhibit will run through the 2024 holiday season, closing Jan. 27.



Heather Bowling, curator for John Wayne Airport, has worked alongside

Hoey and staff to bring this impressive project to the public. Previous to taking over the Arts Program at John Wayne Airport, Bowling was director and curator at Brea Gallery. Her passion is "to make art accessible to all by creating inviting, engaging experiences for visitors of all backgrounds."

The Balboa Island Museum exhibit will take the public on a century long journey through much of the history of coastal Orange County. Scenes on display will include the Balboa Island Ferry, Boy Scout Jamboree, Marine Avenue shops, kids at the museum, the Irvine family, along with so many other contributors to local culture, including many important citizens whose deeds made an impact on life at the beach. The museum exhibit follows two recent curated exhibitions Bowling curated for the airport — "No Touching" and "Endless Summer."

Art at the airport is overseen by the John Wayne Airport Arts Commission, which is comprised of five commissioners appointed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. They represent various districts and are led by **Kim Le**, chair (3rd District). Others include Vice Chair **Victor Payan** (2nd District), **Christine Hernandez** (1st District), **Susan Petrolla** (4th District) and **Mary Christine Surgailla** (5th District).

"We are currently focusing on reimagining the Arts Program at the airport," Bowling said. "We endeavor to provide opportunities for emerging and marginalized artists."

The Balboa Island Museum exhibit offers an often nostalgic and emotional glimpse into both the glory and the growth of coastal Orange County along with



Photo from Balboa Island Museum archives

ART RELATED to the Boy Scout Jamboree, held for decades in the Newport ravine now known as Big Canyon and Fashion Island, will be featured in Balboa Island Museum's mural display at John Wayne Airport.

its challenges over the development of one of America's most recognized communities. Hoey and her team have curated the photo gallery and editorial copy placed in black frames, all of which line the 130-foot wall in the terminal for thousands of travelers to examine.

Since its inception, Balboa Island Museum has welcomed some 350,000 visitors through its doors at 210 Marine Ave., free to the public, on iconic Balboa Island. Many of the visitors have come by way of arrival at John Wayne Airport.

To learn more about Balboa Island Museum, visit balboaislandmuseum.org.

ArtSense returns to Orange County Museum of Art

"ArtSense Glamour in the Grove," benefiting the Orange County Museum of Art (OCMA) is set to return Sept. 28. Museum CEO **Heidi Zuckerman** will join

co-chairs **Lauren Chalmers** and **David Emmes** in producing the annual gala honoring **Doug Aiken**, American artist and filmmaker. Aiken and Zuckerman share a formidable friendship that's been nourished over years, pushing boundaries in multiple artistic pursuits.

Aiken's visionary expression can be found in respected institutions around the globe, including New York City's Whitney Museum of American Art and the Museum of Modern Art, the Vienna Secession, the Serpentine Gallery in London and the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris. His awards are substantial: the International Prize at the Venice Biennale, the Nam June Paik Art Center Prize, Smithsonian Magazine American Ingenuity Award, the Frontier Art Prize and other recognition.

"Mirage," a site-specific sculpture that takes the form of a home completely covered in mirrors

and set in the heart of the Californian desert, was installed in 2017. It has also been installed in Detroit (2018) and in Gstaad, Switzerland (2019-21). In July 2019, Aiken launched the project New Horizon, a multifaceted art event challenging the notion of art in the 21st-century. The project was composed of a series of live events across the state of Massachusetts, centered around a stunning reflective hot air balloon and gondola. In 2022, a large-scale survey of his artwork was featured in a solo exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney.

The Southern California art crowd will immerse themselves in Aiken's "notion of art in the 21st century" at the late summer al



Rita Labib

DAVID EMMES, president of the Orange County Museum of Art board of trustees, presents John Gunnin, left, with the Excellence in Art Education Award.



Reza Allahbakhshi | Capture Imaging

LAUREN CHALMERS and Trace Chalmers will co-chair and support ArtSense at the Orange County Museum of Art.

fresco gathering. Terrace by Mix Mix, South Coast Plaza will cater a very specifically curated dinner accompanied by the Chris Norton Band, admired by high profile music patrons supporting the Cannes Film Festival, New York Fashion Week, the Whitney Gala and even Super Bowl halftime fans. An expected highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the "Excellence in Art Education award"

bestowed upon local educator **John Gunnin**.

To support OCMA, where admission is free to the public, ArtSense attendance begins at \$5,000 per person.

For more details, contact Tim Silverman at the museum, (714) 780-20235 or tsilverman@ocma.art.

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

AROUND

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information visit city-of-hope.org/walk-for-hope.

Newport mayor to host an active shooters panel

Newport Beach Mayor Will O'Neill, in partnership with the Newport Beach Police Department, will lead an active shooters panel for the public beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the community room at Newport Beach City Hall.

The event will address community safety con-

cerns, share the latest data and response strategies and discuss proactive measures the community can take to stay safe. Light refreshments will be served.

Overnight lane closures slated for PCH in N.B.

Caltrans announced this week it has scheduled overnight lane closures on Pacific Coast Highway in Newport Beach starting Tuesday, Sept. 3 through Friday, Sept. 6.

Work will be conducted overnight, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday, and 10 p.m. to 8

a.m. on Friday.

At least one lane of traffic will be open during the closures.

On Tuesday night the No. 1 and No. 2 (left) northbound lanes will be closed from Riverside Avenue to Oil Yard.

The closure on Wednesday night will extend northbound from Dover Drive to Superior Avenue, also in lanes 1 and 2.

The 2 and 3 (middle) lanes northbound from Dover to SR-55 will be closed on Thursday night and on Friday, the closures will affect the southbound lanes 1 and 2 from Brookhurst Street to Superior.

— From staff reports

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

CdM handles Cypress for another road win

BY ANDREW TURNER

ANAHEIM — Corona del Mar assumed total control from the opening moments in its nonleague football game against Cypress on Thursday night, taking advantage of short fields and squeezing the life out of the game with its efficiency.

Junior wide receiver Dorsett Stecker had seven catches for 144 yards and three touchdowns, as the Sea Kings blew out the host Centurions 47-14 at Handel Stadium.

Senior quarterback Max Nashed found Stecker at the end of back-to-back scoring drives to begin the game for CdM (2-0). The first came on a contested catch on an in-breaking route from the right near the goal line.

Stecker followed with a 28-yard touchdown, beating press-coverage out of the slot to track down the deep pass just before the end zone.

"If someone mans me, I think it's game over, to be honest," said Stecker, who has five receiving touchdowns across CdM's first two games. "They have to double me. If they man, I could cook anyone off the release. I'm just confident in myself, and I think that brings a lot of good stuff to my game."

Senior running back Wyatt Lucas rushed through

the middle of the offensive line for a 31-yard touchdown, giving CdM a 21-0 lead before the end of the first quarter. The blockers up front included senior left tackle Anthony Hastings, junior left guard Judah Snow, junior center Eddie Susolik, junior right guard Damian Zeno-Herrera and senior right tackle Aziz Altuwaijri.

"Tonight was good because we were clean," CdM coach Kevin Hettig said. "A week ago, we weren't very clean offensively. Decision-making was good. We executed the offense as it's supposed to be executed. That's as good as our offense has looked in a minute, in a long time."

"It does start up front. Our line played outstanding tonight, and then we kind of handled it. ... We had short fields on every one of those drives because our defense was three-and-outing them the whole first half. I think we had 15 snaps of defense after the first drive of the third quarter."

Hettig added that defense would be a focal point in the week ahead leading into a Sept. 6 game at Palos Verdes with the limited snaps for the first-team unit.

"I think Palos Verdes is going to be a tough challenge, and then the following week against San Clem-



James Carbone

CORONA DEL MAR'S Dorsett Stecker (0) makes a catch for a touchdown in the third quarter against Cypress in a nonleague football game at Western High on Thursday.

ente," Nashed said. "It's two really good teams in a row, so that's a good test to see how we're actually doing."

The Sea Kings would not punt until the fourth quarter, when they were also scored upon for the first time this season. Bryson Busbee, who had endured a frustrating night that saw him gain a single yard on nine carries up to that point, salvaged his line

with a 70-yard score. The junior running back finished with 89 yards on a dozen carries to lead Cypress (1-1).

Corona del Mar created four turnovers defensively in a 21-0 win over Moreno Valley Rancho Verde in the season opener.

"I'm very excited," said sophomore cornerback Tucker Murray. "Our defense is balling out. ... It was just a great defensive

effort."

An all-senior defensive front of nose guard Adin Goldberg and defensive ends Sandro Marignoli and Walter Weed helped limit the Centurions to 9 rushing yards in the first half.

Nashed tacked on a goal-line touchdown pass to senior tight end Zach Giuliano, before being spelled by junior quarterback Brady Annett in the second half. Corona del Mar led

31-0 at halftime.

Annett made the most of his three passing attempts, completing all of them for 86 yards and three touchdowns. That included Stecker's final touchdown, a 52-yard score on another deep ball. Senior Emori Davis beat a defender up the right sideline for the other touchdown.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Fountain Valley falls in final seconds

BY ANDREW TURNER

Junior quarterback Travis Frazier's 6-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Coen Ali with six seconds remaining was the difference, as Fountain Valley fell to Esperanza 24-20 in a nonleague game on Thursday night at Yorba Linda High.

Fountain Valley trailed 10-0 in the second quarter, before a 59-yard rushing touchdown by senior Nolan Olivares cut the deficit to a field goal. The Barons made a goal-line stand defensively to keep the score at 10-7 heading into



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FOUNTAIN VALLEY running back Nolan Olivares, seen against Ocean View on Aug. 23, had a 59-yard rushing touchdown on Thursday against Esperanza.

halftime.

The second half yielded two additional red-zone stops for the Barons — the first on an interception in

the end zone by senior cornerback Charles Grover. The second came via a turnover on downs.

Senior quarterback Lucas Alexander accounted for two lead-changing scores in the second half. He connected with senior receiver Luke Taylor on a 5-yard touchdown pass for a 13-10 lead late in the third quarter. Alexander added a 6-yard rushing touchdown with a minute left to make it a 20-17 advantage for the Barons, but the Aztecs drove 67 yards with no timeouts for the game-winning score.

Fountain Valley (1-1) takes on Marina in a non-league game on Sept. 6 at Boswell Field at Westminster High.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Costa Mesa 3, Woodbridge 1: Senior outside hitter Aubrey Spallone had a dozen kills, 15 digs and three service aces, as the visiting Mustangs defeated the Warriors 22-25, 25-17, 25-17, 25-22 on Thursday in a nonleague match.

Junior setter Isabel Ortega-Davidson contributed 16 assists, 10 digs, six kills and three aces for Costa Mesa (8-5). Junior opposite Abby Pham had six kills, and junior middle blocker Lucca Miller added four kills.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Estancia 14, Costa Mesa 0: Senior quarterback Jaydin McClure completed eight of 18 passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns, as the host Eagles topped the rival Mustangs on Wednesday in the Battle for the Bell game.

Sophomore Aisleen Avalos had seven receptions for 84 yards and a touchdown for Estancia (4-2).

The Eagles also received five interceptions from their defense. Senior Peyton Thomas picked off two passes, and senior Kendy Osorio, senior Estephania Lomas and Avalos each had one interception.

Costa Mesa is 1-1 overall.

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Marguerite Stemler

September 12, 1930 - August 19, 2024

Marguerite Stemler, fondly known as Peggy, passed away on August 19, 2024, just days before her 94th birthday. Throughout her entire life, Peggy remained deeply devoted to God and her Catholic faith.

Peggy was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 12, 1930. She was her high school's valedictorian and went on to graduate from Western Michigan College. Peggy became an educator and taught grade school in the Detroit area for years.

In 1952, Peggy met the love of her life, Joseph Stemler, and the two married in 1954. Joe and Peggy had three sons and were married for 66 years, until Joe passed away in 2020.

Peggy and her family lived in Detroit, Rochester, New York and since 1978, Newport Beach. Peggy was actively involved with her boys' lives and activities, including sailing, skiing, all sports and scouting. Peggy was also involved in numerous philanthropic activities throughout her life, including Strong Memorial Hospital, Children's Hospital of Orange County, UCI Medical Center and several Catholic Churches in California and Nevada. She was instrumental in establishing a USC scholarship in the family's name.

Peggy loved to travel and spending time in the California mountains at the family home in Big Bear Lake. Peggy enjoyed reading, swimming, boating and needlepoint. She was also an avid golfer and a founding member of the "Niners" group at Big Canyon Country Club.

Peggy is survived by her three sons, Paul, Jim and Bob, their wives, Polly, Kathleen and Janet, her seven grandchildren, Phil, Peter, Kelly, Katie, Pierce, Lian and Reed, her six great grandchildren, Wyatt, Weston, Kylee, Weston, Olivia and Henry, and her brother, Dwight.

A funeral mass will be held at St. John Vianney Chapel on Balboa Island.

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