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PETEY, A WEST HIGHLAND terrier, keeps his balance as he crashes through the whitewater during the 27th annual Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge Western Regional surf dog competition at Huntington State Beach on Friday.

Huntington Beach surf dog Petey surfaces as a champion

BY MATT SZABO

Petey the Surf Dog is a West Highland White terrier who turns 5 in August.

Trainer Kay DeLoach put him on a surfboard before his first birthday. That's what you do in Huntington Beach, right?

DeLoach and Petey are both locals. After a big victory Friday, Petey made Surf City proud

He won the small dog title at the 27th annual Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge Western Regional surf dog com-

petition at Huntington State Beach. Koa, a 10-year-old female Labrador from Carlsbad, won the large dog title.

This is the first victory in his hometown for Petey. DeLoach said she has entered him in the Huntington Beach event a few times, but he had never made the podium until now.

"A lot has to do with the waves," she said of her 18-pound bundle of joy. "He's a very confident dog, and he likes it. If we've got good waves, he'll surf well."

Petey did so in the event, held south of Brookhurst Street. He advanced to the finals after qualifying with a good perform-

ance in a 10-minute preliminary heat.

Petey edged Carson, a terrier mix from

Long Beach, in the small dog final. Dogs are judged on the length of their ride, wave size, confidence and style.

DeLoach is proud that Petey, a rescue

DeLoach is proud that Petey, a rescue dog, won. She oversees Westie Rescue of Orange County, an organization that has placed more than 650 dogs, she said.

Koa, meanwhile, stayed excited throughout the competition. She would bark profusely, even during her rides.

Koa beat Derby, a 12-year-old goldendoodle from San Diego that's retiring from surf dog competitions after this year,

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Courtesy of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation

A CONCEPTUAL DRAWING for the exterior of the proposed Newport Beach Library Lecture Hall project.

Kids raise funds for Witte Hall tomorrow

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Dozens of young vendors will be selling items this weekend to raise funds for Witte Hall, the lecture hall now under construction next to the Newport Beach Central Public Library.

The Beyond Books Kids' Marketplace will be set up between the library's Friends Room and Bamboo Courtyard from 2 to 4 p.m. tomorrow. The youngsters will be on site with

their families selling goods they've made by hand, including jewelry, slime kits and a host of other offerings.

Each child will oversee a 3-foot-long display table where they'll sell their goods in exchange for tickets that will be sold to shoppers for \$1 each.

All booths — including not only hand-crafted items but baked goods and carnival

See **Kids,** page A4

Rivian Theater event celebrates Pride Month

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Rivian South Coast Theater will host an LGBTQ+ Pride-themed night of short films and a panel discussion on Saturday evening.

Since the renovated venue reopened in December, it has become both a showroom for Rivian vehicles and an event space for the community.

Saturday's event, "Adventure with Pride," represents a collaborative effort between the theater and Laguna Beach Pride 365 to bring a cultural celebration to town. The programming is scheduled to run from 6 to 9 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Those interested in



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RIVIAN SOUTH Coast Theater is partnering with Laguna Beach Pride 365 for a themed night of short films and a panel on Saturday.

attending can visit lagunabeachpride.org/events to

"I think there's a lot of people that feel that this is a big step forward for our presence, particularly with Laguna Beach Pride, but with the LGBTQ community to have something that is this nice," said Craig Cooley, president of Laguna Beach Pride 365.

"I really appreciate the venue and what Rivian is doing to facilitate and support a community that, in my mind, is doing everything right — whether it's the environment, whether it's entertainment and culture, and fairness and diver-

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Contract to serve homeless in F.V. extended

The city will extend its contract with City Net, an outreach and engagement service provider, for another year at a cost of \$377,000.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Fountain Valley officials have decided to extend a contract with City Net, although not without concerns about the growing visibility of the city's unhoused population and the effectiveness of the homeless outreach and engagement service provider.

The city established a partnership with City Net in March 2022, seeking to interface with its homeless individuals with a goal of connecting them to the healthcare system and getting them into housing. After some deliberation, the City Council on Tuesday approved a one-year extension for \$377,000, renewing the contract through June 2025.

Discussion on the dais painted a picture of mixed results. The vote on the extension passed 4-1, with Councilwoman Kim Constantine dissenting. At one point, Mayor Glenn Grandis asked if the services could continue on a month-to-month basis. He later entertained the possibility of postponing a vote before it became clear the item had majority support.

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Affordable housing ordinance a tough build

BY SARA CARDINE

In drafting an inclusionary housing ordinance, requiring builders of certainsized developments in Costa Mesa to set aside a percentage of affordable units for low-income tenants, city officials seemed to have excluded one important factor — the law's applicability.

This point was brought up by City Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds on Tuesday, when the panel was set to pass the ordinance in a routine second reading, capping off a series of public hearings and discussions over how, where and to what extent affordability might be mandated.

Reynolds pulled the item from the meeting's consent calendar, expressing a desire to further discuss an April 2 unanimous vote in support of the ordinance, also a second reading of the item, establishing 50 units as the threshold by which the ordinance

would be applied.
From there, projects with a density of 60 units per acre would be required to offer either 10% for low-income tenants or 5% for very-low-income, while less dense proposals would have to set aside 6% as low-income units or 4% for very-low-income tenants.

"That's one of the items that felt particularly arbitrary," Reynolds said of the 50-unit threshold, adding that only 48% of the areas defined as "housing opportunity sites" in the city's housing element could support projects large enough to trigger the affordability law.

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Cynthia Roberta Strange was convicted Friday of first-degree murder for killing her mother, Ruth Strange, on Sept. 4, 2018. Her sentencing is scheduled for July 12.

BY PAUL ANDERSON

A 70-year-old woman was convicted Friday of killing her 92-year-old mother

Cynthia Roberta Strange was convicted of first-degree murder for killing her mother, Ruth Strange, on Sept. 4, 2018, at 6812 Vista Del Sol Drive in Huntington Beach. But jurors rejected special-circumstances allegations of murder for financial gain.

Strange is scheduled to be sentenced July 12.

"The defendant — Cynthia Roberta Strange — sitting right there brutally and viciously murdered her 92-year-old mother,"

Senior Deputy Dist. Atty. Nick Thomo said in his opening statement of the trial, pointing to the defendant in her wheelchair.

The victim's other daughter, Amy Hamilton, arrived to pick up her mother for a doctor's appointment about 10 a.m. that day, Thomo said. She saw a small garage door open and an inner door leading to the house was locked, which she thought was suspicious.

Hamilton called police for a welfare check when her mother did not answer her phone calls.

Officers asked her to stay back while they searched the house, and they found a bathroom "covered in blood" and bloody footprints leading to a blood-spattered recliner before a sliding-glass door to the outside patio, Thomo said. When they checked the backyard, they found the victim in the swimming pool. The cuts and lacerations to the victim's head were deemed "superficial," and her death was caused by drowning.

Strange killed her mother to inherit money and to avoid repaying a debt, Thomo alleged.

In court papers, Thomo said Strange was receiving supplemental income from her mother after she told her she got divorced

from her husband. But she never got divorced and continued receiving benefits from the U.S. Navy service member while also getting a profit from selling her Oceanside home and moving to Irvine, which angered her mother.

On Sept. 3, 2018, Strange went to her mother's house about midnight, prompting her mother to repeatedly try to call Hamilton, leaving voicemails begging for help and a call back, Thomo said. "You have to help me, I'm afraid," the victim told Hamilton in a voicemail played for jurors.

Eventually, Ruth Strange let Cynthia in before Hamilton called her back and threatened to call police, so the defendant left, Thomo said.

The day before her mother was killed, Cynthia Strange made several voice requests of Google and searched the internet for information on topics such as the difference between bruises from a fall and a punch. She sought to find out the average age of a woman's death in the U.S., about smothering, how air in a needle can kill someone and how to break someone's neck, Thomo said.

After the defendant left the house, the victim and Hamilton spoke for about an hour and Hamilton advised her mother to call police the next time Strange showed up at her door, Thomo said.

Police made their case against Strange with surveillance video and cellphone tracking, Thomo said

On the day of the killing, the defendant's cellphone did not show any movement from her Irvine residence, prompting detectives to think she left it there because surveillance video shows her about 5:32 a.m. at a Walgreens at 19581 Beach Blvd., where she bought blue latex gloves, Thomo said.

"She went right back to the victim's house," when the victim would be typically getting up to grab her morning newspaper, Thomo said.

The defendant is seen on doorbell videos driving in the neighborhood with the headlights off, Thomo said. Then the car isn't seen again until about 8 a.m., leaving the area.

Strange was seen at her bank at 10 a.m. wearing different clothes than what she was seen wearing at the Walgreens, Thomo said. "After the murder, she changed her clothes."

When Strange went to meet with police for questioning, she wore a sling even though a doctor had told her it was no longer necessary, he said.

The defendant's attorney, Sara Ross of the Orange County Public Defender's Office, said Cynthia Strange was a geologist, active in her senior community where she was known as being "kind" and "gentle." She said Strange had a full shoulder replacement surgery shortly before the killing and suffered from arthritis in her right wrist.

However, Ross said her client's sister, Hamilton, had "two million reasons to want her mother dead," referring to the money she expected to inherit. Hamilton "hates working to an extreme," so she relied heavily on her mother for income, Ross said. "She was in significant debt, way over her head." The attorney also described her as "abusive, aggressive, hostile, lazy and moneyhungry."

Prior to 2016, the two sisters got along fine, but that changed in April of that year when Cynthia Strange moved from Oceanside to Irvine to be closer to her mother, Ross said. In December of that year, Hamilton got her mother to buy a condo for her, but despite the monthly income and no house payment, her daughter continued racking up debt, Ross said.

"She's in so much debt, she starts cashing out stock her mother gave her a year before," Ross said.

When Ruth Strange got sick, Hamilton convinced her mother that Cynthia got her ill, Ross said. That's when she got her mother to change the family trust that was set up in by their parents in 1992, Ross alleged.

The house in Huntington Beach was to be split by the three daughters — the oldest daughter is living in Massachusetts — and the rest of the estate to be divided by the four sib-

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New principal named at Marina High

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Tim Floyd, an assistant principal Marina High School, will be taking on the mantle of principal at the campus, according to an announcement issued Friday by the Huntington Beach Union High School District.

Floyd will step into the role vacated by Morgan Smith, who at the end of the school term became the district's new director of certificated human resources

Floyd brings 16 years of experience within the district to his new job. He began his career in 2008 as a teacher at Edison High School, becoming an administrator seven years later. From 2015 to 2021 he served as assistant principal of guidance, curriculum and instruction at Huntington Beach High School.

In the fall of 2021 he was named assistant principal of guidance at Marina High, which serves about 2,000 students in grades 9



Courtesy of the Huntington Beach Union High School District

TIM FLOYD, a longtime educator within the Huntington Beach Union High School District, has been named principal at Marina High School.

through 12, according to its school accountability report card for the 2023-24 school year.

"I am thrilled and humbled to move into the role of principal at Marina High School," Floyd stated in the news release. "Having collaborated extensively with former principal Dr. Smith and Marina's administra-

tion and leadership teams, I look forward to a seamless transition, continuing to build upon our recent achievements and uphold Marina's tradition of excellence.

"During my time at Marina I have been continually inspired by the dedication, talent, and enthusiasm of our staff and students. Our

staff is dedicated to embracing innovative ideas and empowering our students to become leaders and change-makers in our community and beyond. With a steadfast focus on delivering relevant, rigorous, and engaging instruction, expanding our CTE programs, promoting our arts programs, and continuing to excel in producing championship athletic teams, it's hard to not get excited about the future at Marina."

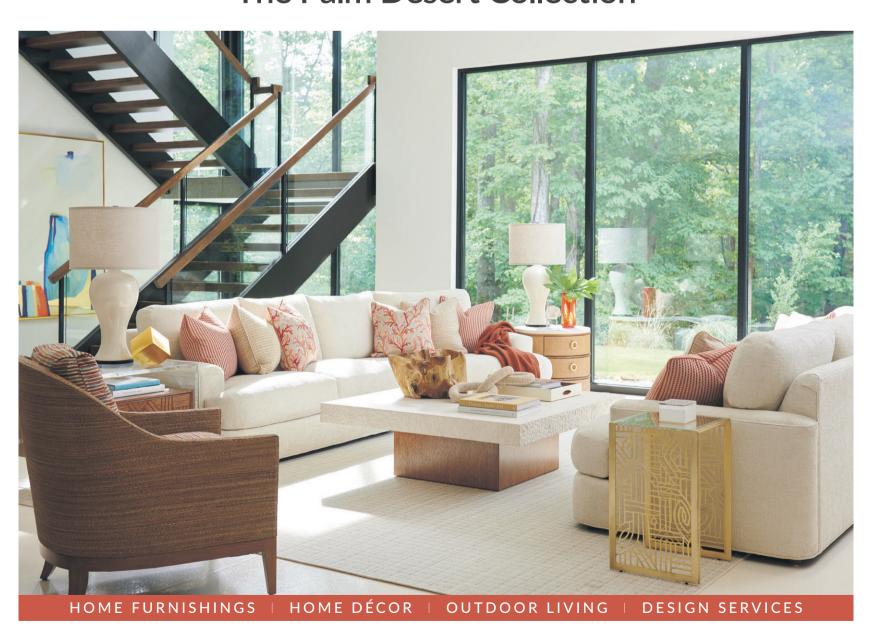
Carolee Ogata, deputy superintendent of human resources, stated in the release that district officials are enthusiastic about Floyd's promotion.

"Tim embodies a leader who focuses on student growth and achievement, collaboration, and communication," Ogata said. "As an integral part of Marina's administration over the last three years, he has embraced what it means to be a Viking."

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Newport-Mesa graduates feted with 1221 Balboa Bay Club Scholarships

he grand ballroom at Balboa Bay Resort, Newport Beach was filled with families on a recent Tuesday evening for

special event that put the spotlight on newly minted high school graduates.

Cellphones flashed photos in succession as triple generations of loved ones gathered in familial groups in the foyer. Hugs were in major supply, and a wonderful nervous kind of electric energy permeated the massive room.

Grandparents, parents, teachers, counselors, friends and well-wishers arrived to celebrate the presentation of \$150,00 in grants from the 1221 Balboa Bay Club Scholarship program. They went to a formidable group of 24 students from all of the



Photos by Niki Cram

CORONA DEL MAR High School scholarship winners at the 2024 Balboa Bay Club scholarships awards dinner in Newport Beach incude Angel Gutierrez, German Leon, Kaley Ouyang, Marco Scott, Adelaide Juelfs, Dillon Nguyen, Alexander Grant, Rachel Laurence, Christian Brooks, Aolani Gonzalez-Lopez, Carson Simonson, Kaydence Osgood, Niels Hoffmann, Piper Blackband.

Newport-Mesa High Schools who are destined for higher academic goals. Over the past 25 years,

more than \$1.8 million has been awarded, making the 1221 Balboa Bay Scholarships the largest private/

public scholarship fund in the Newport Mesa commu-

John Wortmann, chairman of the board of Governors of Balboa Bay Club, served as master of ceremonies and producer. He worked with club staff Aaron Trent, Melanie Hertrick, General Manager Leticia Rice and Cindy Racco, managing director, in welcoming several hundred guests for dinner and the awards ceremony.

State Assemblywoman **Diane Dixon**, who represents the 72nd District, addressed the crowd with a dose of perfect graduation optimism, and Wortmann read a proclamation from the Newport City Council praising the occasion and creating the official Balboa Bay Club Scholarship Day in Newport Beach.

Newport Beach Mayor Pro Tem **Joe Stapleton** was front and center, joining special guests and major donors and judges from



PINNACLE AWARDS from the Balboa Bay Club Scholarship program went to Gavin Appeldorn and Sophia del Villar for outstanding achievement in academics and athletics.

the scholarship committee including Devon Martin, Carole Pickup, Michelle Barto, Heather Dickerson, Char Armstrong, Noel and Kathy Hamilton, Bill Blaine, Mark Larson, Jane and Art Riviera, Catherine Thyen and Mary Roosevelt, to name only a few.

Prior to the presentation of the 2024 awards and the introduction of each recipient, Wortmann welcomed Fallon Rowerdink to the stage. Rowerdink completed her freshman year at Princeton University and joined her parents, Tracy and Jeff Rowerdink, in returning to the awards banquet where she was honored with a grant in 2023. The young woman, who is studying engineering, delivered a roomcaptivating address of appreciation. The perfect tone was set for the procession of deserving awards to follow.

The scholarship awards are divided into several categories. Wortmann

emphasized that every student was equally deserving. "These grants are not awards, they are recognition of excellence earned and deserved. We are the fortunate ones to be able to give the recognition," he

The first segment of scholars accepting the 1221 Balboa Bay Club Scholarships included Marco Scott, Estancia High School; Dillion Nguyen, Rachel Laurence, Kaley Ouyang, German Leon and Adelaide Juelfs from Costa Mesa High School; Alexandra Grant, Christian Brooks, Carson Simonson, Kaydence Osgood, Niels Hoffman and Piper Blackband from Corona del Mar High School, and Angel Gutierrez and Aolani Gonzalez-**Lopez** from Newport Harbor High School.

Following the presentation of the students, Wortmann announced that an

See Crowd, page A4

DR. JACOB HALEY, center, stands with 1221 Scholarship winners inside the Balboa Bay Club, including back row, from left, Carson Simonson, Niels Hoffmann, Christian Brooks, Kaydence Osgood, Piper Blackband and Alexander Grant.

THE DAILY **COMMUTER**

By Stella Zawistowski

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SUDOKU

By the Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A5.

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CROWD

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anonymous donor in the dinner crowd had more than doubled the award for each of the winners. Applause rang out as the students on the stage were shocked.

The second segment of awards, Governor's Scholarships, were presented to Tara Spas, Kaylie Tran and Alejandro Garcia de la Cadena, all from Estancia High School, and Logan Hardy from Newport Harbor High School.

Balboa Bay Club Scholarships were bestowed upon Jack Trieu, Costa Mesa High School; Mateo Evans and Sophia Person from Estancia High School, and Kate Stake from Newport Harbor High School.

Pinnacle Scholarships, awarded for students achieving the highest honors in both academics and athletics, were awarded to **Sophia del Villar** and **Gavin Appeldorn** from Newport Harbor High School.

Each of the 24 awardees shared a moment at the microphone expressing appreciation for parents, teachers, counselors and mentors. Impressive goals were announced with great enthusiasm and expectations.

The crowd enjoyed a lavish dinner buffet created by Balboa Bay Resort Chef Prabeen Prathapan as toasts of hope and promise raised glasses throughout the ballroom. The annual scholarship event is a yearlong production by the women of Balboa Bay Club's 1221 (the address of club on Coast Highway), who raise funds to make the grants possible.

It was another milestone night to remember for Newport Mesa families.

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



COSTA MESA High School scholarship winners will share \$150,000 in college grants from the 1221 Balboa Bay Club scholarships program. Back row Janice Duzey, Kaley Ouyang, Adelaide Juelfs, Jack Trieu, German Leon and Dr. Dipali Potnis; front row Rachel Laurence and Dillon Nguyen.



ESTANCIA HIGH School scholarship winners at the Balboa Bay Club are joined by Michael Halt, left, with students Marco Scott, Alejandro Garcia de la Cadena, Mateo Evans, Sophia Pearson, and, seated, Kaylie Tran and Tara Spas.



Photos by Niki Cram

BALBOA BAY CLUB Chairman of the Board of Governors John Wortmann, left, stands with Newport Harbor High School scholarship winners Angel Gutierrez, Gavin Appeldorn, Logan Hardy, Aolani Gonzalez-Lopez and, in the front, Kate Stake and Sofia Del Villar.

Laguna Beach auto repair shop owner accused of theft

The owner of an auto repair shop in Laguna Beach was behind bars Friday on charges of stealing the cars of his clients.

James Michael Ross, 59, who owns Laguna Beach Collision Center, was booked into the Orange County Jail and is set to appear in court Monday. Ross was charged in

Ross was charged in March with defrauding another and grand theft, both felonies. He was accused of stealing a 2024 Jeep Wrangler, according to the criminal complaint. He pleaded guilty June 23 of last year to drunken driving.

Police reported Ross was arrested in April related to six cases.

Investigators allege he had stolen multiple vehicles brought in for repairs. When the car owners could not get their cars back, they called police.

Police said another customer reported on Wednesday that Ross stole the person's vehicle.

Anyone who believes they are a victim was asked to call investigators at (949) 715-0984. Orange County Crime Stoppers will accept anonymous tips at (855) TIP-OCCS.

— City News Service

HOUSING

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"I wanted to throw that out for public comment and see if we could perhaps improve our ordinance by reducing that threshold."

Resident and retired attorney Kathy Esfahani, who sits on the Costa Mesa Affordable Housing Coalition, called the ordinance "disappointing" and urged the council to lower the thresh-

old.

"Some of you have residents in your districts who are really struggling with the high cost of housing and are on the verge of homelessness," she said. "If you want to provide affordable housing, the first step I would suggest is definitely drop the threshold to 30, if not below that."

Esfahani illustrated her point, suggesting a 2-acre project with 118 proposed total units would only offer

four very-low-income units.

Adam Wood, an Orange
County representative of
the Building Industry Assn.
of Southern California, took
a different view, claiming
that without some incentive, developers simply will
not build needed housing.

He recommended the council expedite plans for a citywide rezoning of corridors to allow for higher densities, promised by the

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KIDS

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games — will be run by young Newport Beach families, according to organizers with Beyond Books, a private fundraising campaign affiliated with the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation.

Erin Grody Kingsley, who grew up in Newport Beach, told the Daily Pilot this week she has fond memories of when the Newport Beach Central Library first opened and the many events that were organized especially for children.

She learned while speaking with her friends who have children in preschool and elementary school that parents are looking for opportunities to teach their kids about community activism and entrepreneurship.

The Beyond Books

steering committee, she said, wanted to increase awareness of Witte Hall among young families who might not have previously been aware of the project that's been more than 10 years in the making.

With those goals in mind,

With those goals in mind, the idea for the Beyond Books Kids Marketplace was born. All proceeds from Sunday's marketplace will go toward the Beyond Books campaign for Witte Hall.

"It was the idea that we could inspire creativity, whether it was through making goods or by selling purchased goods, to empower [the kids] to think, 'What would my friends like? What would sell?'" Grody Kingsley said, adding that her own son has about 60 slime kits and baggies of charms he will be selling at the event himself Sunday.

"It's an exciting opportunity for them to take ownership and to see what that work can do for the community," she said. "[The kids] are intrigued by seeing a large construction site that we pass by frequently when we go to the library."

She noted that observing the ongoing work at Witte Hall and explaining the reasons behind it affords parents a good opportunity to teach the youngsters how they can be involved in helping the project along.

On Thursday, Jill Johnson-Tucker, chair of the lecture hall design committee and the Beyond Books campaign, confirmed the group has so far raised more than \$9 million toward its goal of \$12 million to pay its share of the \$23.4-million lecture hall project. The city of Newport Beach will pay the remainder. Construction began earlier this year, and Witte Hall is expected to be completed in 2026.

Johnson-Tucker said it was initially thought the new building would simply serve as a lecture hall, but "it's grown to be so much bigger now in potential. It's now a civic auditorium that the city's going to make available to all kinds of performance groups, business seminars — it'll be a very popular location for all sorts of things we can't currently house in the city. It'll be a real asset to the community."

Hawk on Hand, which gives falconry exhibitions, will offer two shows Sunday to entertain visitors. A vendor will be on site to serve ice cream and frozen bananas.

The Newport Beach Central Library is located at 1000 Avocado Ave.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or soon

thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Harbor Commission of the City of

Reconfiguration of the four Beacon Bay homeowner association docks. (Application

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to

Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has

no potential to have significant effects on the environment. The project will be located on

the same site and location as the structures replaced and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity and size as the structures replaced.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this project. If you

challenge the 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 17.65. These applications 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 reports, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business

day on the Friday preceding the public hearings, and may be reviewed at the City Manager's Office (Bay E-2nd Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, CA 92660 or

at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov Individuals not able to

attend the meeting may contact the Public Works Department or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on these applications. All mail or written communications

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A SECOND AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Lisa Isola in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange

The Second Amended Petition for Probate requests that Lisa Isola be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Second Amended Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

o6/27/2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07 located at Superior Court of California, County of Orange 3390 Harbor Blvd Costa Mesa, CA 92626-1554 Costa Mesa Justice Complex

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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PRIDE

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sity," Cooley said. "That is all what Laguna Beach is about, and that is all what Rivian is supporting with events like this and others."

ers."

The lineup of films includes "Out," "Life of Pie" and "The Right to Joy."

Afterward, Tony Caravano, Rivian's senior director of experiential marketing and community engagement, will moderate a panel discussion.

The panelists include actor and writer Brandon Kyle Goodman, production designer Nelson Coates, surfer Kassia Meador and RaShawn Hawkins, the senior director of the workplace equality program at Human Rights Campaign.

'The Rivian Theater, we like to say that it's 20% Rivian, 80% Laguna's living room," said Benjamin Burnett, a member of the marketing team at Rivian. "Obviously, if you want to buy a car, we're not going to tell you no, but the theater is about so much more than that. ... We're trying to build not just sustainable vehicles, but we're trying to build a sustainable community to support the wonderful communities that are already there."

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KILLING

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lings (a brother resides in Minnesota), Ross said. But Hamilton convinced her mother to list Hamilton as the beneficiary of a stocks account worth about \$1.66 million, Ross said. When adding in \$100,000 from an IRA and money from the sale of the house, the total inheritance would be \$2 million for Hamilton.

Cynthia Strange showed up at her mother's house about midnight Sept. 3 because she had an unpleasant encounter with a "creep," her attorney said.

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Licensed & Bonded C-33-#967860 Ross said that it was Hamilton who acted suspiciously the day of the killing, not calling 911 but the non-emergency line instead when she arrived to pick up the victim, who did not answer the phone. "That's what you do when you're scared? You call the non-emergency line, not 911," she wondered aloud.

When officers told Hamilton her mother was found in the pool, Hamilton asked, "Was she stabbed?" according to Ross.

"They only knew she was stabbed after the autopsy, but she knew right away," Ross said.

Ross also said police "failed" to adequately investigate Hamilton, who had a box of latex gloves in her car that were never tested.

Paul Anderson is a reporter for City News Service.

(including email) from the public, residents or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to the meeting. This allows time for the Harbor Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website.

For questions regarding the public hearing item, please contact Chris Miller, Public Works

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CHAMPION

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in the large dog finals.

After the scores were retrainer. leased, Koa's Kristina Welsh, received a big hug from Derby's trainer, Kioni "Kentucky" Gallahue, whom she called an inspiration.

Welsh knelt on the surfboard after the win, seemingly in disbelief, as Koa happily barked beside her.

"This is probably one of the most special days of my life," Welsh said. "My dog had cancer a few years ago, and she beat it. To be able to be here with her right now and do this, it's just incredibly special. She's my soul mate, you know. She's everything."

Welsh is originally from Oregon and works long hours as a veterinarian. She said the surf dog community has given her a great friendship base in general. As for Koa?

'She doesn't have an 'off'



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

KOA, A CHOCOLATE Lab, steps to the nose of his board with help from owner Kristina Welsh at the Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge Western Regional surf dog competition.

button," Welsh said.

The Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge, a free event which welcomes spectators, runs through Saturday at Huntington State Beach. The event headquarters is located between Beach Boulevard

and Newland Street.

schedule, Saturday's starting at 10:30 a.m., includes competitions in agility, diving dog, freestyle flying disc, fetch it and weave.

For those who want more of a canine fix, the

Purina Eastern Regional competition airs Sunday at 10 a.m. on NBC. This weekend's Western Regional competition will be on TV later this summer.

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support behind the item. total

Vice Mayor Ted Bui said he hoped to see improvement with the unhoused population with the opening of the Central Cities Navigation Center.

Grandis said he was calling for a town hall meeting in August to get stakeholder input to address the issue of homelessness in the community. He added he would be meeting with Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do to discuss if county funding could supplement efforts being made around the park, which he said he hoped could allow funding to be pushed toward other areas in the city.

"I think we're not happy with what's going on," Grandis said. "It may not be City Net's fault. I think there's a lot of frustration amongst our residents and amongst our council. We need to do more, and we need to figure that out."

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HOUSING

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2022 voter-backed Measure K initiative, to complement the affordability ordinance.

"Anytime we take a step toward making the barriers higher for production, not seeing the coupled rezoning measures with it, it's just going to make it that much more difficult in general to produce housing," he said.

A proposal by Reynolds to lower the threshold to 30 units was met with disapproval by Councilman Don Harper, who felt the public should be notified ahead of such a large change being made. Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey Harlan said he was unwilling to toss out the work done on April 2, and the real concessions made, for a concern that was largely academic.

"Housing opportunity sites are simply notations on a piece of paper. They have nothing to do with what will actually happen on the ground," he said. "We need to get projects in the pipeline, so I want to

make sure we don't take a step backward."

Mayor John Stephens suggested in a substitute motion the council continue the discussion to the next regular meeting, to allow for proper notification of the public. Councilman Manuel Chavez, the only renter on the dais, said he would not support either motion.

"This ordinance [discussion] was a really long slog. I think everybody got a piece of something they wanted in that," he said. "When it comes to housing, I don't want to play around anymore. I want to build it as fast as we can."

The council voted 5-2 to continue the ordinance discussion to its next regular meeting, with Harlan and Chavez opposed. A second item, regarding the establishment of an in-lieu fee developers can pay as an alternative to providing affordable units under the ordinance, will also be picked up at the next meet-

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CONTRACT

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railed Constantine against the quality of service being provided by City Net, and she also expressed concern about the length of the commitment with the one-year extension up for consideration.

She argued that the expense of more than \$1,000 per day was too much for the services being provided. She further asserted that members of the public who tried to reach City Net had been given a phone number at which they were unable to leave a message.

"We're not arresting our way out of homelessness,' Constantine said. "I do have compassion. I just feel that this is not working. Fountain Valley police, they don't need to be doing anything with the homeless. ... They have their own police work that needs to be done.

I'm just not happy." The city could receive an additional \$124,000 in funding from the California Housing and Community Development Department's permanent local housing allocation program, per a staff report, to use toward the City Net agreement. The remaining \$253,000 would be covered by the general fund. The cost was accounted for in the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, city

staffers said. Councilman Patrick Harper inquired about the interactions with an unhoused person.

"If we are engaging and helping somebody them get a California ID or driver's license, then we are picking them up, transporting them in our own vehicles, and we're spending some time with them at the DMV," said Valerie Carter, a regional program supervisor for City Net. "That ... takes some time, but that is one of the things that we do often with our folks because we know that without identification, they are not going to be able to access much at all. ... We may take them to a shelter. Shelter intakes take anywhere from an hour to two hours."

Police Chief Matthew Sheppard said City Net's operating hours, which are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays, align with those of other service organizations, including the intake periods for the Yale Navigation Center in Santa Ana and the new Central Cities Navigation Center in Garden Grove.

The Central Cities Navigation Center, a partnership between the cities of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove and Westminster, and the County of Orange, had its grand opening on June 5. It provided Fountain Valley with its initial 13 dedicated shelter beds. City officials stated that eight beds have already been put to use.

Data presented showed an increase in homeless persons contacted during time spent on individual the Point-In-Time Count.

Fountain Vallev's number of unhoused individuals stood at 42 in 2019, then 38 in 2022. There were 114 unsheltered people counted in two nights in

January. The homeless population spike was partially attributed to more thorough reporting due to a rise in volunteers after the coronavirus pandemic.

"In the previous PIT Count in 2022, and the one before that in 2019, you all didn't have an outreach team that was familiar with the homeless population, as we do now," Carter said. ... We know that lots of [police] are familiar with the population, but ... City Net is able to develop different kinds of relationships where people end up feeling more comfortable to come to us and ask for services.'

City officials noted that the Brookhurst Street side of Mile Square Park falls under the jurisdiction of Fountain Valley, while the areas bordered by Warner Avenue, Euclid Street and Edinger Avenue are under the purview of the county.

"I realize solving the homeless problem is going to require a lot of different tools in the toolbox," Harper said. "I think that having a source that addresses and frees up the sworn officers to spend time with law enforcement and public safety is a valuable thing.

Councilman Jim Cunneen said the City Net team has "one of the most difficult jobs" in throwing his

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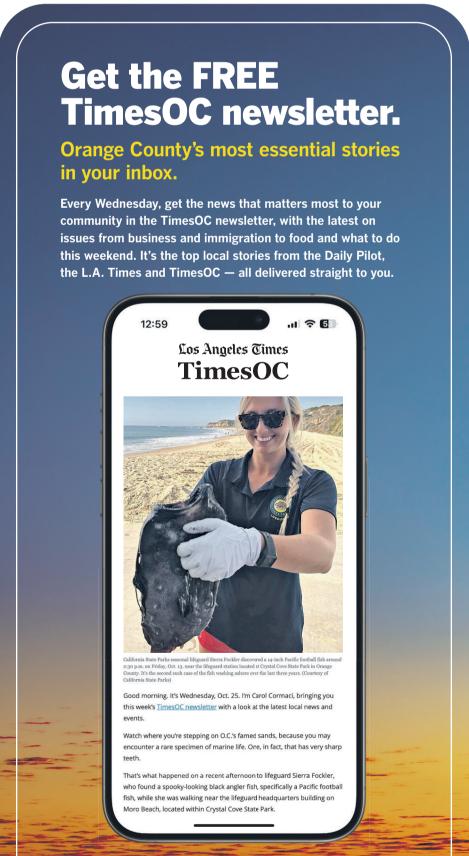
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