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Courtesy of Orange Coast College Friends of the Library

A VARIETY OF used books, ranging from romance, mysteries, science, art and history to computers will be available at the Orange Coast College Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, set for Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 22 and 23.

Reading into the fall book sale

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Orange Coast College Friends of the Library's annual fall book sale is a fundraiser for the library, but Carl Morgan reads a little more into it.

"There still seems to be something very appealing, even for young people, about holding something tangible and physical in book form," said the Orange Coast College librarian.

In a digital age, a pull away from the writ-

ten word on the page in favor of the written word on the screen might seem natural, but Morgan sees the opposite happening.

"A lot of students really seem to appreciate the physical format of any old-school book," said Morgan.

Morgan has been the Orange Coast College librarian since 1991, and he works closely

with the Friends of the Library, the used bookstore located in the lobby of the library. Friends of the Library is open regular library hours and sells books priced from 25 cents to \$2. The inventory is made up of book donations and includes a variety subjects, from ro-

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A busy council agenda set for Newport Beach

General fund surplus, ADUs and replacing a bridge are up for discussion at the next City Council meeting.

BY ERIC LICAS

Newport Beach's general fund ended the last fiscal year in better shape than earlier estimates had predicted, largely due to consistently high property values generating a healthy stream of tax revenue, according to a report for consideration by the City Council at their upcoming meeting Tuesday.

The general fund had accrued a \$10.8 million surplus by the conclusion of the fiscal year that ended June 30, according to the report. That's nearly \$2 million more than the \$8.9 million surplus projected by estimates conducted in May.

The surplus comes despite a 6.7% decrease in sales tax revenue compared to last year. Sales were down in Newport Beach across all industry groups except for restaurants and hotels, according to city staff. Automobile and transportation businesses in particular suffered due to high interest rates curbing access to credit.

The city collected \$43.4 million in sales tax last fiscal year. It's Newport Beach's second largest

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'End of the Range' depicts lost landscapes of the Eastern Sierra

BY ERIC LICAS

Charlotte Skinner's paintings cast scenes of a remote portion of the Sierra Nevada before it was reshaped by the creation of the Los Angeles Aqueduct in vivid blues, greens and earth tones, and are the focus of an exhibit opening Saturday at UC Irvine's Langson Institute and Museum of California Art.

"End of the Range: Charlotte Skinner in the Eastern Sierra" presents 31 of her paintings as well as 24 works from contemporaries in her circle and 13 additional related works. It also features drawings, photographs and

other items commemorating the artist's decades-long career.

"Featuring Skinner's depictions of the valley's deserts and mountains in Irvine will help us tell a more expansive and truthful story of California Impressionism through the eyes of a gifted woman not currently represented in the museum's collection," Langson IMCA interim museum director Richard Aste said in a statement.

Skinner settled in Owens Valley, an area nestled between Inyo and Mono counties near the Inyo and Sierra national forests, in

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Courtesy of the Langson Institute and Museum of California Art

"RAMPANT OWEN'S River," by Charlotte Skinner, is among 31 of her paintings at the Langson Institute and Museum of California Art.

April Ross reflects on nearly 2 decades in beach volleyball



Courtesy of AVP

APRIL ROSS, shown celebrating a point for the Miami Mayhem this year, announced her retirement on Monday.

BY MATT SZABO

April Ross remembers beach training with the Newport Harbor High girls' volleyball team some 25 years ago.

Her indoor volleyball coach there, Dan Glenn, always told her that she would be a great beach volleyball player. Not that she ever believed him as a teenager.

Glenn was big on cross-training at the beach, so the team would go there to train in the off-season.

"I just hated those days, because usually they involved con-

ditioning on the sand," Ross remembered. "I thought that was so hard, and it is so hard, even though now I know that Newport has almost the most shallow sand in Southern California. If you're going to do conditioning, that's where you want to do it, but at the time it felt really hard."

Ross, now 42, made her career look easy, moving from a dominant indoor career to nearly two decades on the sand in beach volleyball.

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APRIL ROSS celebrates after capturing the Olympics Beach Volleyball Women's Gold Medal Match at Shiokaze Park in Tokyo in 2021.

Robert Gauthier
Los Angeles Times

OBITUARY

Celebration of life planned for beloved teacher

BY SARA CARDINE

College Park Elementary School teacher Buzz Amble was so beloved that 12 years after his 2001 retirement — and an “Aloha party” attended by hundreds of staff and students from across decades — friends hosted another get-together in his honor.

They simply wanted to see how he was doing and reminisce once more about their shared time together, so in 2013 they organized a huge surprise party at the Costa Mesa campus where he'd taught fifth grade for the better part of 30 years.

“He was the most popular teacher ever. He was just there for everybody,” recalled longtime friend and former College Park librarian Gay Royer. “All children were special to him. I can't tell you how many kids became teachers because of him.”

Amble, who lived in Costa Mesa with his wife, Bird, a retired kindergarten teacher, died Sept. 7 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 80 years old.

Next weekend, those who knew and loved the educator will have one more chance to commemorate the life and teachings of “Mr. Amble” during a celebration of life at College Park Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Speaking with the Pilot, students recalled Amble as an unforgettable influence, gifted at reaching students on a level that made them feel heard, seen and respected, no matter where they came from or whatever their struggles.

“He was able to find a piece of me that I didn't know I had and bring it to light,” said Bryan Rice, 43, who teaches economics and math at Tustin High School. “It helped me find myself at a very young age. I always thought Mr. Amble was special to me, be-



Courtesy of Jessica Brink

JESSICA BRINK, a former student of College Park Elementary School student who now teaches science, poses with former teacher Buzz Amble in 2013. He died in September after a battle with Parkinson's disease.

cause I was special to him.”

“He inspired me to believe in myself in a way no adult was able to do before him,” said Roberto Jara, a fifth-grader in 1973-74 whom Amble jokingly called Roburpo. “From him I inherited a love for learning, reading, history, rock music, caring for the environment and how to enjoy life. He was certainly a light unlike any other person I have ever known.”

Born on May 30, 1944, in Grand Rapids, Minn., to dairy farmers from Wisconsin, George David Amble grew up in idyllic surroundings, scouting around the headwaters of the Mississippi River and fishing after school like a modern day Huckleberry Finn, according to an obituary compiled by Royer's daughter, Love Hertel.

Amble was bestowed with the

nickname “Buzz” by his older sister who, unable to call him baby brother, would say “baby buzzer,” said Bird Amble, his wife of 46 years.

More interested in sports and extracurricular activities as a student than in the academic standards, Amble sought a teaching credential through Minnesota's Bemidji State University, where he discovered his calling.

“I found out I loved it,” he told the Daily Pilot in 2001. “I loved children. And I just came out [to California from Minnesota] for a year in 1964.”

He and a friend wanted to see the Pacific Ocean but ended up in the town of Wasco, northwest of Bakersfield, where Amble taught the children of migrant farm workers.

“Kids and parents came to his apartment to learn spelling,” Bird

Amble recalled. “When it came time for the district spelling bee, the kids were there, all dressed up. And they beat everybody in the whole district, including the GATE kids.”

“And Buzz always remembered the winning word by the winning child,” she continued. “He made school fun, and the kids never forgot it.”

Kirk Baumeister, 64, remembered being a student in the class next door to Amble's in the early 1970s and quickly befriending the teacher, who coached the basketball team and tagged him as captain.

“I tell people I was kind of a jerk in elementary school, but he saw leadership qualities in me,” recalled Baumeister, who retired from Newport-Mesa Unified School District after 26 years as a teacher and administrator.

“Having somebody outside of your family see those qualities in you means a lot.”

Baumeister now teaches an introduction to education class at Vanguard University, where he asks prospective teachers to envision the qualities of their favorite teachers.

“For me, that teacher was Buzz Amble,” he said Tuesday. “He and Birdie didn't have their own kids — that's what all their students were [for them].”

Quick with a joke and known for displaying maps all over the walls and tending to a zoo of classroom pets, Amble famously read “Where the Red Fern Grows” with students every year, gifting copies as classroom prizes to top students.

Rice said Mr. Amble is a big part of why he's a teacher today.

“The humility I try to have with my kids, the shrugging off a bad day, ‘we'll get it tomorrow’ mentality — I want to be that type of teacher,” he said. “Because in the world we're living in, we need more Mr. Ambles.”

The retired teacher was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2013 and stayed physically fit as long as he could, said Bird, who was his caregiver and “loved every minute of it.”

“It meant the world to me to honor him that way because he was my person,” she said. “We were like best friends forever. We just had the best time everywhere.”

A celebration of life for Buzz Amble takes place Oct. 26 in the multipurpose room of College Park Elementary School, 2380 Notre Dame Road, in Costa Mesa. Donations may be made in his memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, benefiting Parkinson's research.

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AROUND TOWN

Voting Center locations in coastal Orange County announced

The Orange County Registrar of Voters has provided a list of locations for voters to cast their ballot in person.

Select vote centers will be open between Oct. 26 and Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All vote centers will serve the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Nov. 2 to Nov. 4. Vote center hours will be extended an hour, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Costa Mesa

Costa Mesa residents can begin voting in person on Oct. 26 at Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19th Street. Six additional locations, including Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, will open for voting on Nov. 2.

Fountain Valley

The Orange County Registrar of Voters has four locations listed for in-person voting citywide.

Freedom Hall at Mile Square Park, 16801 Euclid St., will open on Oct. 26.

Residents will be able to submit ballots at Fountain Valley Recreation Center, 16400 Brookhurst St., the Fountain Valley School District, 10055 Slater Ave., and the Center at Founders Village, 17967 Bushard St., beginning Nov. 2.

Huntington Beach

Huntington Beach has 13 confirmed voting locations. The Edison Community Center (21377 Magnolia Street), the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave, and the Murdy Community Center, 7000 Norma Drive, all open on Oct. 26.



File Photo

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The other 10 sites, including the Huntington Beach Civic Center, 2000 Main St., will begin serving voters on Nov. 2.

Laguna Beach

Laguna Beach will have two voting centers to cast ballots in person for the general election.

The Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center, 380 3rd St., will open for voting on Oct. 26, while the voting center at Lang Park, 21540 Wesley Drive will be opened on Nov. 2. Residents will also be able to drop off their ballot at either voting center, as well as at the Laguna Beach Library.

Newport Beach

Residents can start voting in person on Oct. 26 at the Newport Beach

Civic Center, 100 Civic Center Drive.

Six additional locations will open for voting on Nov. 2, among them the Newport Coast Community Center, 6401 San Joaquin Hills Road and the OASIS Senior Center at 801 Narcissus Ave., Corona del Mar.

For more information visit ocvote.gov.

U.S. Court of Appeals to hear Huntington Beach housing case

Huntington Beach's lawsuit against the state of California regarding housing mandates will be heard by the U.S. Ninth District Court of Appeals in Pasadena on Monday.

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Courtesy of the Langson Institute and Museum of California Art

CHARLOTTE SKINNER'S “Silence (Lone Pine Sierra)” is one of 31 of her paintings on display at the Langson Institute and Museum of California Art through Jan. 18.

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1905 and created her first painting the following year. Unspoiled views in a tonalist-inspired style of regional landmarks like Lone Pine Peak, Mount Whitney, Owens Lake and the Alabama Hills are featured prominently in her work.

When the construction of the Los Angeles Aqueduct to divert water from Owens Lake threatened to dramatically alter the landscapes that inspired her for over 30 years, Skinner ran for office in hopes of preserving them. Her efforts

were ultimately unsuccessful in halting the tide of development in Southern California during the early 20th century. So, her work of that of her colleagues memorialize an unmarred vision of the Sierra Nevada before 20th-century human intervention.

“End of the Range” will be on exhibit at the Langson through Jan. 18. The museum is currently located in an interim space at 18881 Von Karman Ave., Suite 100, and open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

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BOOK

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mance and mysteries to art and history.

“All of our books have been donated, usually by

community members,” Morgan said. “Donation come from all over, we never know what we are going to get. Sometimes we get a whole treasure trove of unexpected, amazing books.”

An outside donation bin in parking lot E on Merriam Way accepts donations of books and DVDs around the clock. Morgan can also provide tax receipts for any donations.

In his nearly 30 years at the OCC Library, Morgan

said he has lived through what was supposed to be the “paperless revolution,” but in recent years he has seen a shift in the way students read. When a book is offered in both electronic and physical format, students will tend to choose the latter, he said.

“I ask them why, and part of it is just the tangibility of the book, but part of it is also the accessibility,” said Morgan. “With an e-book it is a little tougher to maneuver and get your way around, especially in a non-fiction book when you are looking for information. You can navigate a physically formatted book so easily by going back and forth from the table of contents to chapters, to what you might mark in the book [and] to the index in the back.”

“I still love what an old-school print format book can do,” said Morgan. “And I never have to worry about

it losing battery life.”

The Fall Book Sale will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 22 and Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Library Lecture Room (Room 112), located near the front entrance. Friends of the Library members and OCC students can shop the pre-sale from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Most books will be priced starting at \$1 with a “\$2-a-bag” special running during the last two hours of the sale on Wednesday. The funds raised will directly benefit the library, allowing it to continue to stock new books and bestsellers.

Orange Coast College Library is located at 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa. Visitors can park in Lot E and purchase a parking permit at the kiosk near the library.

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THE ORANGE COAST College Friends of the Library will host their annual Fall Book Sale Tuesday and Wednesday.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Costa Mesa delivers in must-win game versus Bolsa Grande

BY ANDREW TURNER

GARDEN GROVE — Following back-to-back losses in its introduction to the Tango League, the Costa Mesa football team made the game-changing plays needed to match the urgency of its situation.

Govern Nguyen was a focal point of several of them, scoring his first career touchdown and bringing in two interceptions to help the Mustangs earn a key win.

Costa Mesa scored in each quarter in a solid showing to beat Bolsa Grande 35-20 on Thursday, providing a boon to the Mustangs' playoff prospects.

The remaining schedule has the Mustangs hosting Westminster La Quinta (6-1, 1-1 in the Tango League entering Week 8 action) on Friday, Oct. 25, before traveling to take on Loara (0-7, 0-2) on the evening of Halloween. Win both and Costa Mesa (5-3, 1-2) could certainly be looking at a playoff treat at season's end.

"We talk about controlling our destiny all the time," Costa Mesa coach Gary Gonzalez said. "A season's full of peaks and valleys, and right now we're on the upswing. It was really good to get that [win] in that league. We feel good and confident that we will have a good game plan for La Quinta, although they're very tough, and then we feel like if we stay healthy, we have a shot to get into CIF."

Both teams turned the ball over on their initial offensive



James Carbone

COSTA MESA quarterback Andrew Waiss (11) passes against Bolsa Grande in a Tango League football game.

possessions — Bolsa Grande's Dylan Nguyen and Costa Mesa's Govern Nguyen each recording an interception.

It was only two plays after the latter forced a turnover for the Mustangs that he took off down the field, reeling in a deep pass from Andrew Waiss for a 69-yard touchdown.

"I do track, and the one rule is never look behind you," said Govern Nguyen, who added he had only been receiving offensive snaps for a couple of weeks. "Just keep running. Once I got into the touchdown zone, I was filled with so much excitement, I didn't even know what to do. I just stood there with a smile on

my face."

Costa Mesa never trailed after that, forcing a three-and-out on defense that led to another passing touchdown, this time an 11-yard connection from Waiss to Rex Tompkins.

The Mustangs took a 21-7 lead into halftime, and they were facing a new quarterback after Bolsa Grande starter Tank Britton was knocked out of the game on a sack by Israel Lopez.

Darwin Palma, who had been making tackles all over the field from his linebacker position, recovered a fumbled snap on the Bolsa Grande 15-yard line com-

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Estancia girls' golf caps an undefeated season

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Estancia girls' golf team did not taste defeat at any point in the regular season, and the icing on the cake was a 241-289 win over Costa Mesa on Wednesday in the Battle for the Bell.

Senior Landry Harder earned medalist honors with a two-over-par 37 on the Mesa Linda course at Costa Mesa Country Club.

Estancia concluded the regular season with a 15-0 overall record. The Eagles went 12-0 in the Coast League, securing their first league championship since 2019.

"I'm proud of what the girls have accomplished for themselves this year," Estancia coach Brian Burgess said. "They work hard year around, and it is paying off. I hope it continues into the playoffs."

Junior Montana Hansen (45), as well as sophomores Nina Berhow (51), Cora Hunton (53) and Dora Alliman (55) also factored into the team scoring for Estancia. Freshmen Madison McLellan (62) and Olivia Viramontes (66) also started.

Senior Izel Avelar carded a 48 on her round to pace Costa Mesa (2-10, 2-8), which placed fifth in the Empire League.

FOOTBALL

Marina 28, Fullerton 0: Garrett Hunnicutt threw three touchdown passes, as the Vikings kept their undefeated record intact to improve on the best start in program history on Thursday in a Lambda League game at Boswell Field in West-

minster.

Marina (8-0, 3-0) will oppose Kennedy (5-3, 2-1) on Thursday, Oct. 24 at Handel Stadium in Anaheim. Beckman (8-0, 3-0), which Marina is tied with for first place, edged Kennedy 20-14 on Thursday in overtime.

Shane Cassidy had two receiving touchdowns, bringing his season total to a dozen end-zone trips as a receiver. Jake Russell also had a touchdown grab for Marina.

Shayden Sorochman scored on a 90-yard kick return to open the second half.

Marina's defense, which is allowing just 5.6 points per game, shut an opponent for the second time this season. The Vikings also accomplished the feat in the opener against Westminster.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Laguna Beach 3, Northwood 0: The visiting Breakers swept the Timberwolves 25-23, 25-21, 25-21 on Wednesday in a tie-breaking match for third place in the Pacific Coast League.

The contest determined the league's final automatic berth into the CIF Southern Section playoffs. Laguna Beach (5-25, 3-5) will now look for its name to appear in the draw when the section releases its playoff brackets on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Northwood (19-10, 3-5) had beat the Breakers in four sets on Tuesday in the regular season finale, making the third-place tie-breaking match a necessity.

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ROSS

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She won three Olympic medals, including a gold with partner Alex Klineman in 2021 in Tokyo. Now, the Costa Mesa resident is walking away.

She announced on Instagram on Monday that she is retiring at the end of the season. Ross and Klineman play together for possibly the last time this weekend at the AVP League stop in Oceanside at Frontwave Arena.

Ross and Klineman, competing for the Miami Mayhem, play in Saturday's opening match against Betsi Flint and Julia Scoles of the L.A. Launch, then play Megan Kraft and Terese Cannon of the Brooklyn Blaze in the third match on Sunday.

If the Mayhem qualify for the first AVP League Championship — they enter the weekend 7-5 and in the fourth and final qualification spot from the eight-team league — Ross will

play again Nov. 9-10 at Dignity Health Sports Park.

Still, this could be it. Either way, a retirement ceremony is planned for Nov. 9 at the year-ending championship.

"I would really like to do well this weekend so we make the championship," Ross said. "I will have family and friends in the stands, for sure, just in case it is my last match. If it is, I'll definitely be sad, but my overwhelming sense of my whole career is that I'm very happy and feel lucky to have lived it. I'm very content with retiring."

Ross was the Gatorade National Player of the Year at Newport Harbor High as a senior in 1999-2000. She went on to play indoor volleyball at USC, where she helped the Trojans win back-to-back NCAA championships in 2002 and 2003 and was a four-time All-American.

Beach volleyball has proven to be plenty fruitful, too. She won 41 tournaments on the AVP Tour with six different partners. Her

71 career domestic and international tournaments won is third-best all time among women, behind only Kerri Walsh Jennings (135) and Misty May-Treanor (112).

May-Treanor, herself a Newport Harbor graduate, was one of many beach volleyball standouts to comment on Ross' post on Instagram.

"April you are a rockstar!!!" she wrote. "Thank you for carrying the torch. You are an amazing player and now a mom."

At the Olympics, Ross and partner Jennifer Kessy won silver in London in 2012. She then won bronze with Walsh Jennings in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2016.

"After Rio, for a minute, I considered how much longer I wanted to play," Ross said. "Did I want to go for another Olympics? I didn't know who I was going to play with. I decided that I wasn't done, I still had this motivation to chase a gold medal. Obviously, I'm so glad I did and found Alix Klineman. It really feels like



File Photo

THREE-TIME Olympic medalist April Ross receives not only a certificate of recognition and the key to the city of Costa Mesa from Mayor John Stevens but also a sign naming April Ross Court after her during the Orange County Olympians Parade in 2021.

my career is complete because I did that. It makes this retirement much easier."

Ross said without having the Olympics as the end goal of a quad, it takes away some of the motivation to train at the highest level.

"Without that, it's hard to justify doing all of that just

to have it as my job, even though it was the best job in the world for me for 20 years," she said. "Going forward, I think it makes more sense to do other things."

Both Ross and Klineman, together known as the "A-Team," came back from having babies to compete this year with Miami. Ross'

son with Josh Riley, also named Ross, turns a year old next week.

April Ross and Riley got married last month. She also was hired to be the beach volleyball coach at El Camino College earlier this year.

"I want to see what my schedule is like with El Camino, and then I might add some more things," she said. "I'd really like to commentate, then possibly do more after that. I've just been on the grind for so long — my whole life almost — that I want to make sure I have time with my family."

"I definitely also want to stay involved in the sport, and I'd like to use my experience and the knowledge I've acquired to mentor younger athletes and help them chase their own dreams. They don't have to be the same ones as mine, obviously, but whatever they're trying to do in their lives."

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AGENDA

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source of general fund revenue, bringing in about 15% of the fund's value.

About 50% of the Newport Beach's revenue comes from property taxes, which generated over \$146.1 million in the last fiscal year. The combined value of property in the city grew from \$71.2 billion to \$75.9 billion, and it has not seen a decline in the past 20 years, according to city staff. The median price of a single-family home in Newport Beach was \$3,845,000 in 2023.

The city also saved about \$9.6 million in expenditures. The unspent funds largely came from vacant staff positions and various contract services.

"Conservative budgeting and sound financial policies have resulted in a trend of General Fund operating surpluses and strong reserve levels for several years," Deputy Finance Director Shelby Burguan wrote in the report. "The city is well positioned to continue delivering high levels of service to the community."

COUNCIL TO REVIEW LANGUAGE ON ADUS

The City Council will revisit updates to ordinances pertaining to accessory dwelling units (ADUs), often called "granny flats" and Junior Accessory Units (JADUs) at Tuesday's meeting. The changes are

designed to put Newport Beach's municipal code in compliance with new laws signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in September. They go into effect Jan. 1.

AB 2533 extends a provision that essentially grandfathered in unpermitted ADUs built before a certain date, provided those comply with health and safety codes, by allowing the rule to apply to JADUs as well. It also extends the grace period by two years so that it now includes units built before 2020.

SB 1211 updates state laws preventing city officials from requiring applicants to identify replacement parking if the construction of an ADU results in the loss of a garage or carport to also apply to uncovered parking spaces. The law also increases the number of ADUs allowed

on lots with existing multi-family structures from two to as many as eight.

The updates proposed to Newport Beach's municipal code related to the new laws were reviewed by the California Coastal Commission. A version of the amendments that include the commission's recommendations will be up for approval by the City Council at the meeting.

INITIAL DESIGNS FOR COLLINS ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The council will discuss the early phases of replacement for the Collins Island Bridge, which connects a small portion of land to the northwest tip of Balboa Island. The project began its design phase in 2022 and was subject to environmental review. Findings delivered this year and available for pub-

lic consideration from July 23 through Aug. 21 did not reveal any significant negative impacts related to the bridge replacement.

The existing bridge was built in 1953 and is still functional but "approaching the end of its useful life," according to city staff reports. The new Collins Island Bridge will be wider to accommodate a foot travel lane, sidewalks and concrete barriers "to provide protection from projected sea level rise." An extra seawall to compliment existing ones will also be built to further protect the area from high tides and storm surges.

The Newport Beach City Council will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers at City Hall, 100 Civic Center Drive.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword grid with answers filled in.

Sudoku grid with numbers filled in.

Daily Pilot advertisement with contact information for staff members like Carol Cormaci and Gabriel San Román.

MARKETPLACE advertisement with sections for Merchandise 800, Vinyl Records Wanted, Classifieds, and Put a Few Words to Work for You!

FOOTBALL

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ing out of the break. “We had to play our hearts out,” Palma said. “Our season was on the line. We just had to make do with what we got. We had a rough week of practice, but we were able to make it through.” In short order, the Mustangs had extended the lead to 28-7, Tomp-

kins falling on a loose ball in the end zone after Gavin Garza had advanced the ball to the 1-yard line before fumbling. Weiss finished with four total touchdowns, a goal-line variety carry securing his second rushing score in the fourth quarter. “We can ride the momentum and hopefully come out on top the next two weeks,” Weiss added.

Costa Mesa’s defense came up with five total turnovers. Govern Nguyen had two interceptions, with Logan Glabb and Ryan Lowry each picking off one pass. Michael Nguyen, a sophomore southpaw, threw two touchdown passes to Jacob Ortiz in the second half for Bolsa Grande (4-4, 2-1).

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AROUND

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Last November, a federal judge ruled that Huntington Beach did not have standing in federal court to file suit against the state. City Atty. Michael Gates appealed that decision in January. His argument has been that requirements to zone for 13,368 units in this housing cycle — and the requirement to sign a Statement of Overriding Considerations — violate the city’s 1st Amendment protection for compelled speech and 14th Amendment due process protections. Additionally, Gates has said that Huntington Beach’s status as a charter city should give it the authority to control local housing. The Court of Appeals offers live streaming at ca9.uscourts.gov, with the session scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Monday.

Marigold sale coming up at Orange Coast College

Orange Coast College’s Horticulture Department will hold a marigold plant sale on two upcoming Fridays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The marigolds will be sold in one-gallon pots for \$5 each, with all of the proceeds going to student scholarships and projects. OCC is located at 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa. Park in Lot H or G off Adams Avenue.

Newport Beach residents invited to latest ‘Coffee with the Mayor’ event

Newport Beach Mayor Will O’Neill is planning another in his series of “Coffee with the Mayor” events for Wednesday, Oct. 23 at Haute Cakes Café, located at 1807 Westcliff Drive. Community members are invited to discuss local issues with O’Neill and enjoy refreshments between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m.

Costa Mesa church plans daylong vigil to calm Election Day anxieties

First United Methodist Church of Costa Mesa invites the community to attend a special “Vigil for Peace and Centering” on Election Day, Nov. 5. The vigil will take place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a special service from 6 to 7 p.m. The vigil will feature music, art, stations for engaging the senses for grounding and moments of silence. It is open to people of all faiths and backgrounds. “We believe that by coming together in a spirit of contemplation, compassion and understanding, we can inspire calm and make a positive impact,” said Pastor Matt Hambrick. “We encourage everyone to join us for this day of quiet reflection so that we all might find connection.” The church is located at 420 W. 19th St., Costa Mesa.

Golden West College hosts H.B. council candidates forum Tuesday

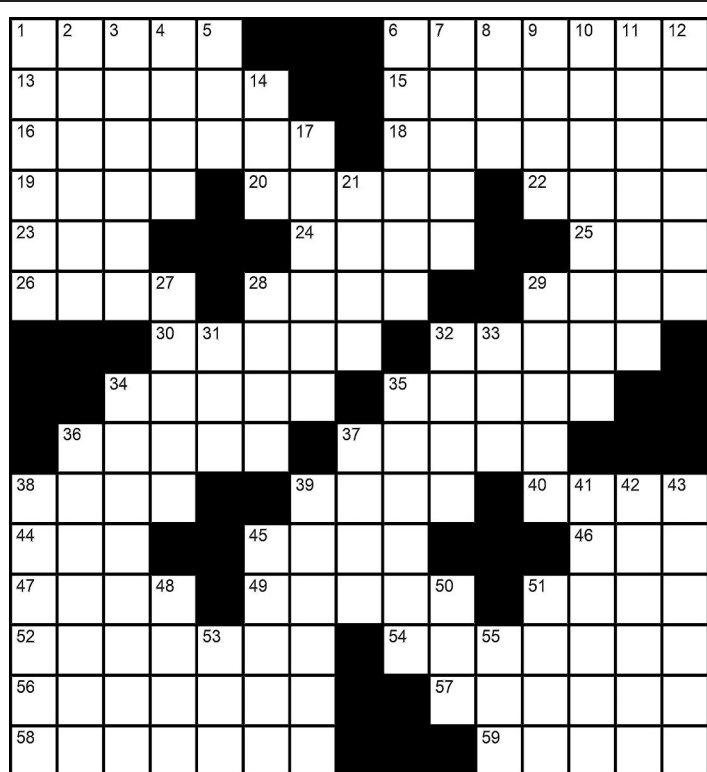
Huntington Beach City Council candidates will appear at a biennial candidate forum on Tuesday at Golden West College. The forum is scheduled for 11:10 a.m. to 12:35 p.m., in the multipurpose room on campus, located on the Gothard Street side. It is free and open to the public, though parking passes are required to be purchased. Candidates will be allowed to give opening and closing statements, but the bulk of the time will be a question-and-answer session, with questions developed by Golden West College students. There are eight candidates for three open spots in the Huntington Beach City Council race, including incumbents Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton, along with challengers Chad Williams, Don Kennedy, Butch Twining, Marissa Jackson and Amory Hanson. — From staff reports

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

- ACROSS
- 1 Gets set
- 6 Shaken percussion instruments
- 13 Bound tightly
- 15 Unrelenting
- 16 Goes to
- 18 Breakfast alcove
- 19 George Bernard
- 20 Family car type
- 22 Fight tooth and
- 23 Ran into
- 24 2018 Alfonso Cuarón film
- 25 “Haha!”: Abbr.
- 26 Neighborhood
- 28 Feels sick
- 29 _ Raton, Florida
- 30 The N in USNA
- 32 Fried chicken serving
- 34 Slow-crawling creature
- 35 Boxing matches
- 36 Team
- 37 Stitch together loosely
- 38 Rough up
- 39 Vessels for sauteing
- 40 Real-estate sign
- 44 Singer DiFranco
- 45 Lasting a while
- 46 The P in RPM
- 47 _ Alt-Del
- 49 Duck with down
- 51 Basic heredity unit
- 52 New Jersey river
- 54 Relies (on)
- 56 Drink recipe unit: 2 wds.
- 57 Uses a blender
- 58 Old West bars
- 59 Towel fabric

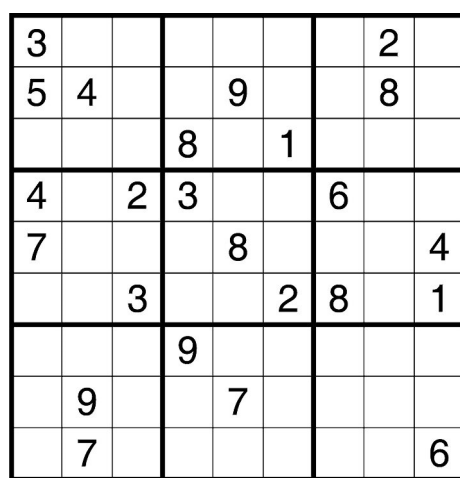
- DOWN
- 1 Liquid part of blood
- 2 Preferably
- 3 Fancy home
- 4 “We made it!”
- 5 Patrick Leahy’s title: Abbr.
- 6 Sirs’ counterparts
- 7 “Freak Like Me” singer Howard
- 8 Operated
- 9 “So be it!”
- 10 Lists of products
- 11 Ohio college
- 12 _ Artois (beer brand)
- 14 Dentist’s degree: Abbr.



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 A3.

- 17 Episodic show
- 21 Barbie or Ken
- 27 Declare void
- 28 Enthusiastic
- 29 Mosquito attacks
- 31 Motorist’s group: Abbr.
- 32 Throw gently
- 33 Humble dwelling
- 34 Acorn-eating animal
- 35 Hit hard
- 36 “Oye Como Va” group
- 37 Musical group
- 38 Computer shortcuts
- 39 Pencil tips
- 41 First act in a show
- 42 Mortgage bank, e.g.
- 43 Like tuxedos and gowns
- 45 Benefit from a lesson
- 48 Slimming procedure, for short
- 50 Sales _
- 51 Actor Richard
- 53 Confucian “way”
- 55 Place

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California State Parks seasonal lifeguard Sierra Fockler discovered a 14-inch Pacific football fish around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, near the lifeguard station located at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. It's the second such case of the fish washing ashore over the last three years. (Courtesy of California State Parks)

Good morning. It's Wednesday, Oct. 25. I'm Carol Cormaci, bringing you this week's [TimesOC newsletter](#) with a look at the latest local news and events.

Watch where you're stepping on O.C.'s famed sands, because you may encounter a rare specimen of marine life. One, in fact, that has very sharp teeth.

That's what happened on a recent afternoon to lifeguard Sierra Fockler, who found a spooky-looking black angler fish, specifically a Pacific football fish, while she was walking near the lifeguard headquarters building on Moro Beach, located within Crystal Cove State Park.