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## Police fuel flames of support

BY SARA CARDINE

Fountain Valley police made a pit stop Thursday at an Arco gas station on Brookhurst Street, teaming up with athletes to wave at motorists during a “Fuel the Flame” rally ahead of the June 10 start of the Southern California Special Olympics.

The month-long campaign aims to raise funds for and awareness of the nonprofit organization, which provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and the upcoming games.

“It’s kind of like a kickoff event for the month, just to draw attention and let people know what’s happening,” said Fountain Valley Police Department Cpl. Shalamar Nielsen. “So, we’ll be out there squeezeing windows and trying to get the word out.”

Those wishing to support the cause may make donations at some 750 Arco stations throughout the month of May and fill out special torch icons for display. Proceeds go to the Special Olympics Southern California to help fund equipment and travel accommodations for competing athletes.


Although Thursday’s was a first for the department, FVPD personnel regularly participate in



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**ELEUTERIO RAMIREZ** hangs paper torches inside the Arco station on Brookhurst Street in Fountain Valley. Each torch represents a donation made to Special Olympics Southern California. The month-long “Fuel the Flame” campaign aims to raise funds for and awareness of the organization.

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## Laguna council responds to beach concerns

Feedback on city’s take-over of beaches in South Laguna includes queries about fire pits, planned Pride lifeguard tower.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach city officials plan to address several community concerns relating to the operation of South Laguna beaches after soliciting feedback from residents.

Having assumed control of the associated beaches (Aliso, Camel Point, Laguna Royale, Table Rock, Thousand Steps and West Street) from the county of Orange on March 1, the city is heading into its first summer overseeing the additional territory.

Marine safety personnel have executed 25 rescues since the city took over South Laguna beaches, per a staff report. They have also rendered medical aid to 237 people, carried out 940 preventative actions and conducted more than 6,000 ordinance enforcement measures.

The Laguna Beach City Council looked at several community issues concerning those beaches during its regular meeting Tuesday, including the installation of warning signage, a push for fire pits at Aliso Beach, the location of the Pride lifeguard tower at West Street Beach, and continued advocacy for enforcement against the breaching of the Aliso Beach

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## Cemetery’s nature walks honor the living

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

An Orange County cemetery might not seem like a place to discover new life, but Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana is full of lively wild plants, birds and animals.

“It’s a special place to observe wildlife in the middle of suburban Orange County,” said Fairhaven employee Emily Alvarez.

The established arboretum and cemetery at 1702 Fairhaven Ave. is among the county’s oldest cemeteries.

“When we were founded in 1911 by Oliver Halsell; he wanted to create a memorial park,” said Alvarez, “and memorial parks were real new back then. It was actually an idea that was put together by Walt Disney and then the founder of Forest Lawn.”

A memorial park is essentially a modern cemetery. Usually that means utilizing flat markers rather than the tall headstones of traditional graveyards and maintaining a green, park-style atmosphere.

“They wanted to create an environment where if you looked out, you weren’t reminded that your loved one was gone,” said Alvarez. “You weren’t seeing these upright tombstones, you were seeing flat markers so when you looked out, it just looked like a lawn or a garden.”

Halsell expanded on that idea by building an arboretum, since he loved trees, said Alvarez.

“He brought in trees from all over the world because even at



Sarah Mosqueda

**NATURALIST JOEL ROBINSON** describes a tree blooming with flowers to observers at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana, where he offers a two-hour nature walk every second Saturday of the month.

that time Orange County had so many different cultures coming in. He brought trees that were from the different parts of the world that these people were coming from,” said Alvarez.

Today, Fairhaven is home to

over 70 different species of trees along with hundreds of species of birds — so many that on the second Saturday of every month, Alvarez and naturalist Joel Robinson of Naturalist-for-You lead a nature walk through

the Santa Ana cemetery.

On a recent Saturday a group of close to 20 nature lovers with binoculars in hand embarked on a leisurely two-hour walk.

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Dave Smithson

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# New signs near H.B. Pier remind cyclists to slow down, share trail

BY ERIC LICAS

A pair of radar-activated traffic signs went up recently along the Huntington Beach Bike Trail near the pier in an effort to reduce the number of accidents involving cyclists or pedestrians in one of the busiest parts of the city.

Officers have observed more and more accidents happening on the path that runs alongside Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach Police Lt. Thoby Archer said. They've also seen a trend of people generally zooming faster and faster on that route.

"We've seen that the overall speed is increasing just because it's so much more attainable on an electric bike," Archer said.

Police and city officials have focused their efforts on educating and encouraging people to cycle more safely, rather than punishing them for breaking the rules, Archer said. But citations are still being issued in those cases where speeders don't seem to get the message.

"We're trying to engage everybody whether it's parents on one end or schools on the other end," Archer said. "We want to make sure that we have all the relevant stake holders doing what they can do to address and solve the problem."

Thoby added that riders pedaling traditional bicy-



Courtesy of Huntington Beach Police Department

**A HUNTINGTON BEACH** Police officer watches from beside a speed sign along the bike trail near the pier.

cles coming down from PCH can easily exceed the 10 mph speed limit along the path without realizing it. The recently installed signs are intended to remind cyclists that they are entering an area they must share with joggers, parents with strollers, tourists and many other people. They display speeds up to 15 mph.

"After you get to a certain point, it'll just say 'slow down,'" Archer said. "We don't want people to

race and try to set a high-speed record."

The signs were up and running as of Tuesday, Huntington Beach officials announced on social media. One is located about five blocks northwest of the pier near 9th Street, and the other is roughly an equal distance southeast of the pier, Archer said.

They are part of a broader push by the city

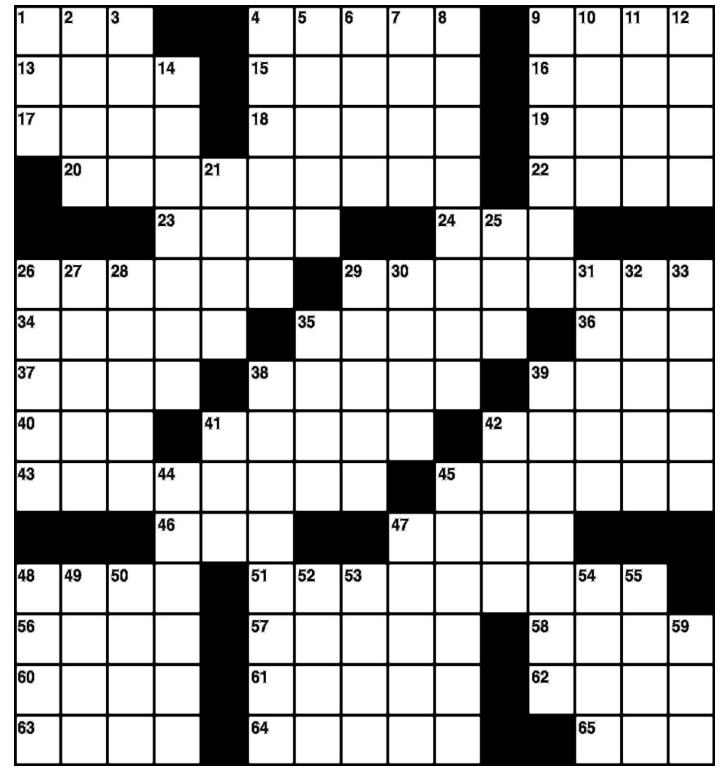
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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

### ACROSS

- 1 Drill tip
- 4 Time \_ time; repeatedly
- 9 "Be \_ as it may"
- 13 Expert combat pilots
- 15 Treasure cache
- 16 Like a juicy peach
- 17 Shipshape
- 18 Musical sounds
- 19 Balanced; level
- 20 Playwright
- 22 Most ideal
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- 37 Huff and puff
- 38 Early mornings
- 39 Dry streambed
- 40 Suffix for origin or valid
- 41 Trait carriers
- 42 Fragrant wood
- 43 Rookie
- 45 Fonda & Falk
- 46 Soil turner
- 47 \_ call; attendance check
- 48 Tiny bit
- 51 Attacker



For answers to the crossword, see page A4.

### DOWN

- 1 Make illegal
- 2 Applied frosting
- 3 Sorrowful drop
- 4 Hook on
- 5 Latte topping
- 6 Girl's nickname
- 7 First lady's namesakes
- 8 Squirmy
- 9 Late emcee Alex
- 10 Bee colony
- 11 Mimics
- 12 Canvas shelter
- 14 Least fresh
- 21 Wear a long face
- 25 Dine
- 26 Asian nation
- 27 Deliver an address
- 28 Tough tissue
- 29 Drainage system
- 30 Cookware
- 31 Sidestep
- 32 Role on "M\*A\*S\*H"
- 33 Begins to awaken
- 35 "Penny \_";

- 56 Other \_; besides
- 57 Middays
- 58 Egghead
- 60 Warble
- 61 No longer a minor
- 62 Word on a tombstone
- 63 Oxen harness
- 64 Gathered leaves
- 65 "\_ Miserables"

- Beatles hit
- 38 Outward behavior
- 39 Marshy area
- 41 Wet sticky stuff
- 42 Con's confines
- 44 Meter feeder's need
- 45 Self-confident
- 47 "Home on the \_"
- 48 \_-bitsy
- 49 Dayton's state
- 50 Military vehicle
- 52 Davenport
- 53 \_ up; absorb
- 54 Diamond, for one
- 55 Yew or cypress
- 59 Dentist's letters

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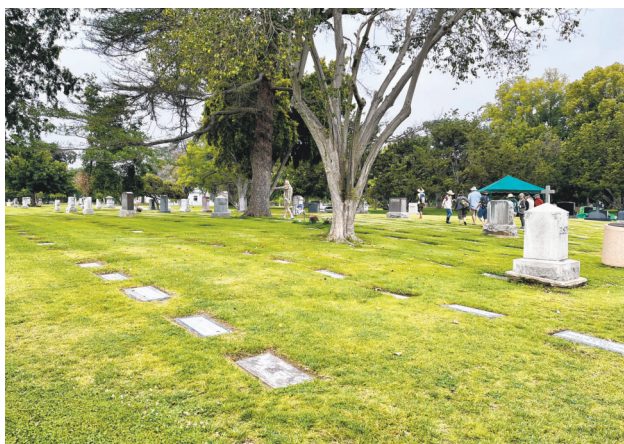
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**FAIRHAVEN MEMORIAL PARK** is home to plenty of Hollywood juniper trees, a species popular in cemeteries.



**GRAVE MARKERS** in Fairhaven Memorial Park keep company with a variety of trees and wildlife.



**NATURALIST JOEL ROBINSON** and Fairhaven Memorial Park employee Emily Alvarez lead the two-hour nature walk, offered every second Saturday of the month.



Photos by Sarah Mosqueda

**OBSERVERS EXAMINE** a collection of Hollywood juniper trees at Fairhaven Memorial Park.

## WALKS

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"We don't have any destination in mind, other than just being here and appreciating this place and being mindful and present," Robinson said to the group. "We will rely on you to help us figure out where to go."

Based in Orange, Naturalist-for-You leads guided nature walks throughout Southern California and beyond and partners with Fairhaven for the monthly walk.

Robinson is knowledgeable and shares information in a way that builds a connection between nature lovers and the wildlife, asking the group to de-

scribe a plant's characteristics or what memories it evokes.

"Obviously, we can give you a name for this tree right away," Robinson said while passing around the fragrant yellow buds off a tree near Fairhaven's main office. "But are you going to retain that information? It might go in one ear and out the other."

The group learns that the buds that smell of jasmine and look like plumeria are from a native frangipani, a tree from Australia, which shares a name with Frangipane, a French creamy almond custard.

Alvarez shares information about wildlife as well as points of interest throughout the cemetery, pointing out the markers of

interesting people buried at Fairhaven, like Holocaust survivor Corrie ten Boom.

"Emily has more of the culture history than I do about this place because she works here and is also really passionate about this place," said Robinson. "I consider her the resident naturalist here."

Trees that can be found at Fairhaven include Guatemalan holly, evergreen pear, Hollywood juniper, Brazilian pepper tree, Japanese black pine, Oriental aborvitae, Chinese Evergreen elm and deodar cedar. When a tree dies, the cemetery makes an effort to replace it with the same species.

"We always plant the same type of tree back,"

said Alvarez. "That way it is staying consistent."

Fairhaven works with a company called Peterson's Tree Works in Orange to help maintain the trees.

"We have to wait about a year, but they will let us know based on how old the tree is and how deep the root system goes down and how long it will take for the root system to die off so we can redevelop that area and plant a new tree," Alvarez said.

Besides adding beauty to the grounds, the diverse plant life is responsible for attracting animals, like fox squirrels and opossums and a variety of birds.

"Because of the vast array of trees and all the dif-

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# App offers boost to teen mental health

BMOXI, launched this month, has plenty of features designed to keep the good thoughts started and flowing.

BY MATT SZABO

Shawn Haydel had a heart-to-heart conversation with her teenage daughter, Sienna Mason, about a problem she was having with her girlfriend.

The talk came during the heart of the coronavirus pandemic and was an eye-opening moment for both of the Laguna Beach residents.

“What I came to understand was that she handled this problem on her own,” Haydel said of her daughter. “She didn’t have anybody to talk to. She probably didn’t want to talk to anybody about it. After I realized that was an issue, there must have been so many other things in her life

**“We really want it to be more of a movement than just an app. A lot of work to do, but that’s the grand vision for it.”**

— Shawn Haydel

Laguna Beach resident and co-founder of app BMOXI



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LAGUNA BEACH resident Shawn Haydel, and daughter Sienna Mason, 16, from left, have launched BMOXI, a self-care super-app for Gen-Z girls.

as May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

BMOXI is totally free for now, though Haydel, the chief executive running the operation, said they hope to switch to a subscriber-based model if it gains traction. The feature-rich “super-app” has been designed with extensive teen input — Sienna, now a 16-year-old junior at Laguna Beach High, sits on a small teen advisory board.

It features short “MoxiCasts” and meditations called “Power Zens,” designed to keep the good thoughts started and flowing. There are also fun weekly self-love horoscopes and pep talk pods.

“We want to get you out on your day, remind you how powerful you are,” Haydel said. “Who doesn’t need a pep talk every day? We also have mood trackers to help the girls really check in with themselves and understand

how they’re feeling and why they’re feeling that way, and a community section where the girls communicate anonymously with each other and help support each other.”

The goal is to help prevent mental health disorders. BMOXI was designed through consultation with experts including school counselors and adolescent psychologists, Haydel said, though much of that content is edited for voice and tone to make it more appealing for teenage girls.

Dr. Sharonne Herbert, Ph.D., a pediatric psychologist at Children’s Hospital of Orange County, was one of the experts involved in the project. She said the country is currently facing its biggest teen mental health crisis in its history, and providing a community early on is a valuable resource.

Lila Samia, Ph.D., a school

psychologist in the Laguna Beach Unified School District, was another who has been involved with BMOXI’s formation.

“Prevention and early intervention are key,” Samia said. “However, many teens don’t receive the support they need due to the stigma around mental health. Social media may be an effective way of reducing stigma and encouraging youth to seek out mental health support, which is why I am so hopeful about BMOXI.”

Haydel said other features expected to roll out soon are exclusive videos from TikTok ambassadors and influencers, as well as one-on-one counseling.

She described the endeavor of launching the app as “bootstrap”— she found developers in India and branders in Brazil — but she is hoping BMOXI will gain momentum and partner with like-minded brands.

“We really want it to be more of a movement than just an app,” she said. “A lot of work to do, but that’s the grand vision for it.”

Sienna said the initial feedback from her peers has been positive.

“Even some people that I’ve just mentioned it to, they think that it’s a really fun idea,” she said. “It’s important for girls our age, because it helps us learn confidence. I think that’s the most important thing in high school, to have confidence, so you can keep going with your day without having to think about what other people are thinking or trying to please everyone. You’re just trying to please yourself, and I think that’s really important and the app gives us this.”

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## SIGNS

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to improve bicycle and e-bike safety. Police and Marina High School have also developed an arrangement that requires students to

get certified as safe riders before they can park their e-bikes on campus, Archer said. The department is currently working on videos and other material that may allow them to expand that program to the rest of the Huntington Beach

Union High School District. “We wanted to make sure the district itself could run the program, and it wasn’t the police department running the program for them, and so we’re working on getting it done so they can be off to the races,” Archer

said. Police and city officials have focused their efforts on educating and encouraging people to cycle safer, rather than punishing them for breaking the rules, Archer said. But citations are still being issued in those

cases where speeders don’t seem to get the message.

“We’re not writing a ton of tickets ... I don’t know if writing a ticket to the 13-year-old, necessarily, is the best method,” Archer said. “But I think if we’ve made a positive contact and we’re

going to see compliance, then obviously we’ll use some discretion. But if we think issuing a ticket is the way to go then that’s what we do.”

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## CONCERNS

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berm. Councilman Alex Rounaghi encouraged the city to be upfront with beachgoers by informing them of the natural hazards occurring off South Laguna beaches.

“Obviously, we don’t want to fearmonger [or] limit access to the coast, but I just think people, when you’re visiting the beach, you want to be able to know how dangerous it is,” Rounaghi said. “It’s not Disneyland down there.”

Several residents told the City Council that fire pits had been a longstanding tradition at Aliso Beach prior to their removal during the coronavirus pandemic. They were part and parcel of group outings such as drum circles.

Fire Chief Niko King said Aliso Beach is located in the very high fire hazard severity zone. The council decided to move forward with a plan for a mix of wood-burning and propane fire pits, with a plan to put mitigation measures in place. Council members expressed a desire to strike a balance between preserving heritage and protecting against hazards such as high wind events.

“It sounds like there’s a consensus there to have staff come back with a combination of some wood fire pits and some propane fire pits, and obviously with direction of the [fire] chief to develop whatever suggestions he can in terms of location and conditions that will minimize fire risk,” Mayor Bob Whalen said. “There is a long history and tradition there that I think



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LAGUNA BEACH looked at several community issues concerning the beaches it’s taken over from the county, including a push for fire pits at Aliso Beach, as pictured.



LAGUNA BEACH PRIDE 365 members attend the Laguna Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday.

Andrew Turner

Fire Island and other places [are]? What happened? We need to make this an interesting place for gay people to come. ... This is not a divisive thing. It’s a symbol of inclusiveness, of diversity.”

The council also approved the installation of a surveillance camera near the Pride tower location.

Environmentalists have long railed against breaching of a sand berm at Aliso Beach, and the council directed staff to prepare an ordinance for enforcement.

Marine Safety Chief Kevin Snow said signage on site will specifically request that the public not breach the berm. Authorities will continue to seek to educate the public on the matter.

Council members also directed city staff to develop a special event permit process for private events at South Laguna beaches.

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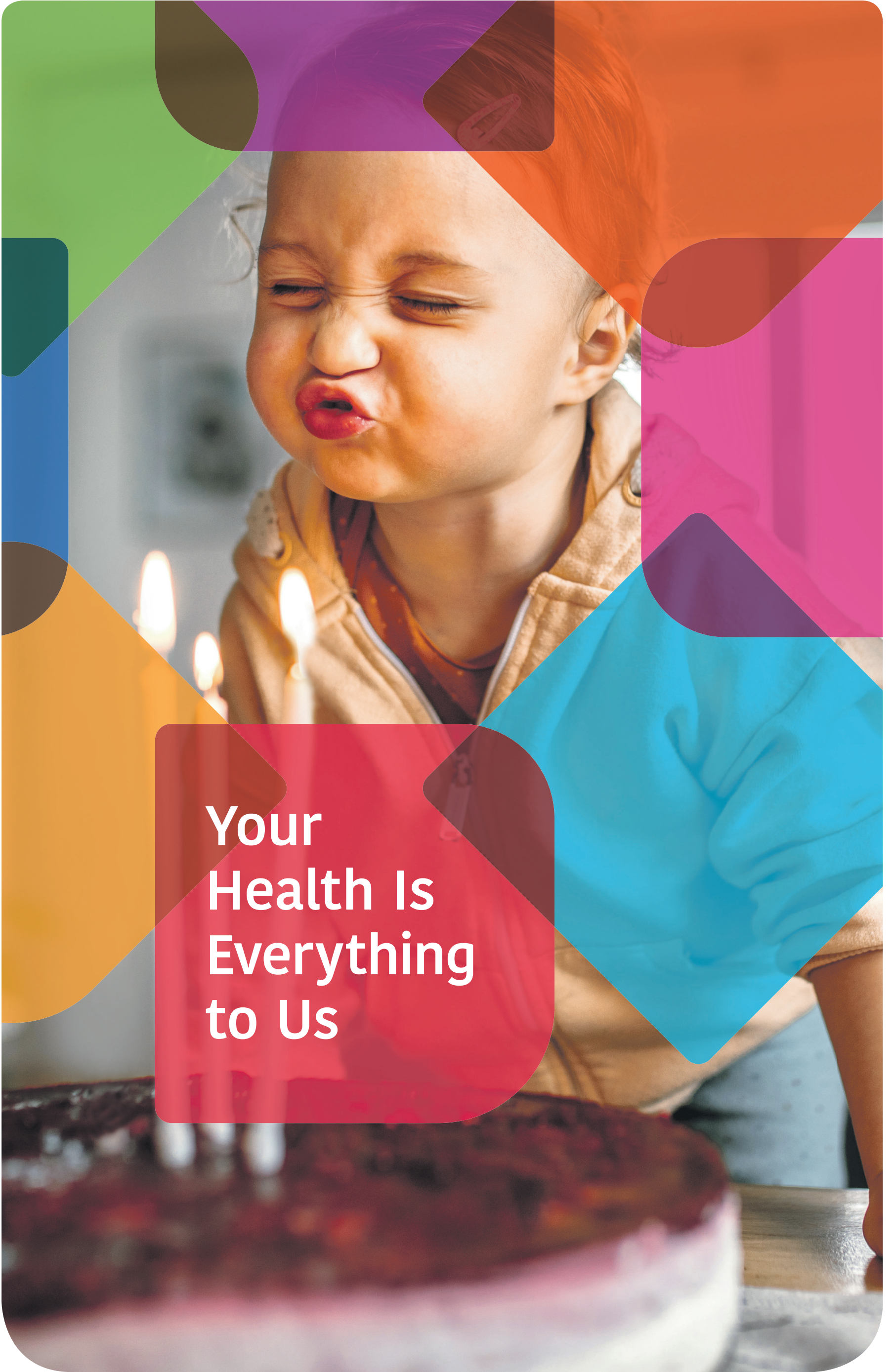
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# H.B. council members aren't the bad guys

It is a sad situation for the mobile park residents (Frustrated Huntington Beach mobile home owners continue to seek answers, Daily Pilot, May 3), but they do have the option of selling their mobile homes or moving to another location where it may be less expensive to live. Instead, many of them cast aspersions on our new conservative City Council and attempt to make them look like the bad guys.

I like the new council and City Atty. Michael Gates and what they're doing to thwart the state's development mandate on Huntington Beach.

When Gov. Gavin Newsom builds low-income housing next to his Fair Oaks home near Sacra-

mento, then have him contact our City Council.

**Peter Anderson**  
Huntington Beach

## Questioning group's motives

Well, we knew this was coming, Planned Parenthood's desperate attempt to make abortion a gift for Mother's Day, like apple pie and baseball ("Share your abortion story," Daily Pilot, May 15). To create the illusion that we should celebrate the abortion experience, the organization is asking women to describe their Disney ride on the abortion table. Let's celebrate them after they agreed to stop the beating heart of their child! Maybe



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**TERI WILLIAMS** joins others in a Huntington Beach Mobile Home Resident Coalition rally in Huntington Beach.

P.P. should also ask the mothers if they would like to see their baby's ultrasound before they abort it. If they did, a number of the mothers would

walk out, but they won't show them the ultrasound. If we are going to be balanced and transparent, let's ask the women who aborted their babies who

are still suffering from regret, shame and depression to write about their abortion experience. P.P. constantly touts the illogical motto: My body, my choice! It fails to comprehend that if a woman really wants a choice, she should use the ones that apply before conception: abstinence or birth control. But you won't hear that from P.P. because it's not profitable. The ultimate test for a country's survival is its moral backbone and how will it treat its children, the next generation. If our character is the sum of our habits, 60 million abortions since 1973 says a lot about our debased character.

**Bill and Jann Dunlap**  
Newport Beach

## Irrelevant issues surface in H.B.

A dress code for Surf City beaches? Why is the Huntington Beach City Council even considering such an intervention? Topless beaches are popular around the world. Thong bathing suits are popular options for sunbathing. Why does this conservative council give attention to issues such as the LGBTQ+ Pride flag and now swimwear? Is it a ploy to distract the citizenry from other more fundamental issues, such as lifting the campaign contribution amount from \$620 to \$4,900 for council races?

**Ben Miles**  
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**The Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the City of Costa Mesa, and Housing Authority will be considered for adoption at this meeting.**

**Public Comments:**

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Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

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**Pursuant to Article XIII B the California Constitution, the Appropriations Limit for the City of Costa Mesa for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 has been calculated to be \$298,356,781.**

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**KIM HOLMES**, left, Cpl. Shalamar Nielsen, center and Special Olympic athlete Chris Dorsey wave to motorists during a fundraising campaign for Southern California Special Olympics.

## SUPPORT

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the annual Special Olympics Torch Run, during which first responders and members of law enforcement carry torches in a relay, with a final torch igniting a "Flame of Hope" at the opening ceremony of the Southern California games.

This year's run winds through Fountain Valley on June 9, as the flame travels from the city of Westminster on its way to Huntington Beach. A team of about 15 officers will be posted at the intersection of Magnolia Street and Edinger Avenue at 11:45 a.m. for the hand-off.

"It symbolizes one torch that is run all across the state of California, from beginning to end," Neilsen said of the Flame of Hope. "It is handed off to each law enforcement agency until it reaches the [Southern California] opening ceremony."

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**FOUNTAIN VALLEY** Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Grandis prints his name on a Law Enforcement Torch Run paper torch after making a donation to the Special Olympics on Thursday.

Olympic games will take place leading up to the June 17 start of the Special Olympic World Games in Berlin, during which 7,000

athletes will exercise their talents before an international audience.

In addition to the Torch Run, Fountain Valley officers also participate in an annual Tip-A-Cop event, serving meals to restaurant patrons for tips that are then donated to the Special Olympics.

This year, officers will become the waitstaff at Steady Brewing in Fountain Valley on Magnolia Street on July 9, from noon to 8 p.m., and will host a raffle drawing for donors with proceeds again benefiting the Special Olympics.

"It's an opportunity for people to come out and support not only the police department, but also the Special Olympics and help us fundraise and keep their events going," Neilsen said.


For a list of stations participating in "Fuel the Flame," or to learn more about Special Olympics of Southern California, visit [sosc.org/ARCO](http://sosc.org/ARCO).

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In September 1946 Patricia married the love of her life, Edgar "Beanie" Gilchrist, and made the decision to withdraw from professional theater. They spent the next 67 years together, and she continued to be active in community theater, while devoting her greatest energies to raising her family.

Patricia was beloved by her husband, 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. Until the end, she loved her life, and touched many others with her warmth and humor. She will live on in our loving memories.



Courtesy of Wanderlust Creamery

**WANDERLUST CREAMERY**, now open in Irvine, is known for making globally inspired flavors. It is the ice cream shop's seventh location, and the first one in O.C.

## Globally inspired ice cream shop adds an Orange County location

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Wanderlust Creamery, a popular Los Angeles ice cream shop known for travel-inspired flavors, has expanded after opening its first Orange County location in Irvine on Friday.

"This is our first location outside of L.A., so it is very exciting, exploring new territory," said manager Angelica Reyes. "This will be our seventh location and the first one in O.C."

Open in the former Burntzilla space at 14413 Culver Drive in Walnut Village Center, Wanderlust Creamery was founded by chef Adrienne Borlongan and makes globally inspired non-Eurocentric artisanal ice cream. An e-commerce site ships pints nationwide.

"Our brand builders were the Ube Malted Crunch and the Sticky Rice & Mango," said Reyes. "They really put us on the map." Sticky Rice & Mango blends house-made rice milk, coconut cream and Alphonso mango for a dairy-free/vegan treat. Notes of toasted rice lend a savoriness to the sweet mango, making for an ice cream that tastes just like the Thai dessert. Ube Malted Crunch is inspired by Borlongan's Filipino and American upbringing and is made with malted milk sweetened with ube, a sweet purple yam popular in Filipino desserts and studded with crunchy malted milk balls.

Other flavors also reach across the Pacific: "Now our Japanese Neapolitan and Pandan Tres Leches have really kept us going," Reyes said. Japanese Neapolitan swaps the western flavor staples of chocolate, strawberry and vanilla for a trio of Japanese classics: matcha, hojicha and black sesame. Pandan Tres Leches is a Southeast Asian-inspired take on tres leches cake. Pandan leaves with a vanilla-esque flavor are used in house-made pandan sponge cake that gets folded into sweet cream ice cream.

Wanderlust's signature selections stay on the menu while a new seasonal menu of flavors cycles through each month. "Our signature flavors, we keep those year-round, and then the first of the month we drop a new set



**WANDERLUST CREAMERY'S** first O.C. location adds to the brand's existing shops across Los Angeles and an e-commerce site that ships pints nationwide.



**JAPANESE NEAPOLITAN** is a trio of matcha, hojicha and black sesame and among the creamery's signature flavors.

of five to six flavors with one vegan flavor included every month," said Reyes.

To celebrate AAPI Heritage month, May's menu features an all-Asian-inspired menu that includes flavors like Black Sesame Cookies & Cream, Yuzu Creamsicle and Jasmine & Sea Salt Cream with Boba.

Giveaways were planned for the grand opening with the first 100 guests on Friday and Saturday getting a free scoop and Wanderlust swag, while the next 100

enjoyed \$2 scoops and free small gifts. A raffle offering a free ice cream party in-store for groups of five was given to five winners who shared an Instagram story/post and tag @wanderlustcreamery. "You are getting a really dense, really good ice cream," Reyes said ahead of the shop's opening weekend.

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## WALKS

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ferent heights, we get the different of birds, which is really nice," said Alvarez.

Western bluebirds are particularly prevalent, thanks in large part to the Southern California Bluebird Club, an extension of a national conservation effort with volunteers who monitor 16 western bluebird boxes distributed throughout Fairhaven.

On Saturday's walk, the group spots an American robin displaying a bright red chest, house sparrows, dark-eyed juncos and yellow-rumped warblers, which Alvarez lovingly

refers to as "butter butts." "I prefer that term," she laughs.

The park will also get raptors or predatory birds at night.

"We get owls — you can usually hear them around dusk," said Alvarez. "We get the great horned owl and we get a lot of hawks."

Bluebirds are not the only ones that hatch at Fairhaven.

"The big raptors will build their nest in the ash trees because those are really tall," Alvarez said.

The nature walks are offered every second Saturday of the month from 8 to 10 a.m., and interested nature lovers can join by contacting Alvarez at

Emily.Alvarez@sci-us.com.

Alvarez said the Fairhaven team works to continue what Halsell started and ensure the grounds are not only a special place to pay respects to the deceased but also a place to celebrate the living.

"Halsell wanted to create this environment here that was for the person left behind. So you had a beautiful place to bury your loved one and honor them, yes of course," said Alvarez. "But it is a place that could emotionally help the person that is visiting deal with the death."

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# Festival celebrates a sweet history

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

The strawberry is an important part of the city of Garden Grove's history. "We used to have prolific strawberry fields in Garden Grove, and it was one of our main crops," said Andrea Perez, president of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival.

Strawberries used to be associated with Garden Grove in the same way Valencia oranges are associated with Orange County. Strawberries were farmed on both the east and west sides of the city, and in 1958, the Chamber of Commerce hosted the first Garden Grove Strawberry Festival as a way to bring the entire community together.

Garden Grove resident and public relations professor Tom Hoxie organized the first event, held in a vacant lot between Garden Grove Boulevard, Brookhurst Street and Brookhurst Way.

Strawberries are not quite as prevalent in the city today, but the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival still runs annually.

"It is a tradition in our city that everyone looks forward to," Perez said. "Generations of families have been coming to our festival. There are generations of families that came when they were kids that are bringing their grandchildren."

Taking place over Memorial Day weekend, May 26 to May 29, this year's festival will feature carnival rides, games and food vendors as well as live music, contents and competitions. Admission is free for all.

After the festival's inaugural first year, citizens formed the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Assn., a nonprofit that took over the event from the Chamber of Commerce and still runs the festival to this day.



Courtesy of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival

**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE** at a previous Strawberry Festival in Garden Grove. This year's event takes place Memorial Day weekend, May 26 through 29.

"We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization, and we are all volunteers," Perez said.

The event benefits local organizations, and over the last 65 years, the Strawberry Festival Assn. estimates over \$7 million has been raised for local charities. Festival profits have funded the children's wing of the central library, a police command post, the

twin towers in Atlantis Park and a building for the Garden Grove Boys & Girls Club.

"We are a philanthropic group, so we also offer space for Garden Grove nonprofits to sell their food," said Perez. "And they get to keep 100% of their profits to help their cause."

Local nonprofits run the game booths, and each

year, 2,000 special needs kids are treated to a day of free rides and food.

Along with the charity efforts, many of the festival's longstanding traditions can be found this year.

Creating the world's largest strawberry shortcake has been a tradition at the festival's opening ceremony since the beginning, with Priscilla's Cake Box, a longtime Garden Grove bakery, making the first cake that reportedly weighed 500 pounds. Other bakeries have since taken up the duties, including Herb's Black Forest Bakery in Fountain Valley, which was in charge of making the colossal cake for 22 years. More recently, the honor has gone to French's Pastry Bakery in Costa Mesa.

The 2023 strawberry cake cutting will take place at the Showmobile at Main and Acacia streets on May 26 at 6 p.m.

"Friday night we will have our opening ceremony, and we give free cake to everyone that attends, so about 2,000 slices of cake," Perez said.

Hoxie is said to have come up with another favored strawberry festival tradition, the Redhead Roundup, celebrating strawberry blonde and redheaded beauties. The contest inspired other contests like the Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby contest.

"We have five different contests for all ages," said Perez.

Festival goers can register online or in person an hour before the contests take place. The Redhead



Dave Smithson

**THE COMMUNITY** gathers for strawberry shortcake, a parade and live musical performances during Garden Grove's annual Strawberry Festival.

Roundup occurs on Monday, May 29 at 11 a.m., the Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby contest on Sunday, May 28, 11 a.m., and the Tiny Tot King and Queen Contest Friday, May 26 at 4 p.m.

The festival theme this year is "Celebrating Kindness," and the association added a new contest to recognize community ambassadors who represent kindness.

The second year of the festival in 1959 was the first year to include a parade, when silent movie matinee idol Francis X. Bushman served as grand marshal of a line of antique cars that drove down Brookhurst to Westminster Boulevard.

This year's parade will be marshaled by KTLA 5 anchor and Garden Grove native Vera Jimenez and Tony Adkins, a physician assistant at Children's Hospital of Orange County.

The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 27, starting at 9th Street and

Chapman Avenue and will include marching bands, floats and equestrians.

Other festivities include live music performances throughout the weekend at the Garden Grove Amphitheater on 12852 Main St. and classic carnival rides, like a merry-go-round and Ferris wheel. Tickets can be purchased for individual rides, or special one-price ride-all-day wristbands will be offered for \$35 on Friday and \$40 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. A full schedule of events can be found at [strawberryfestival.org](http://strawberryfestival.org).

Perez assures there is something for everyone in the community to enjoy.

"It gives the community a place where they can go and have a fun day that is safe with all kinds of activities, with their families and friends," Perez said.

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**A STRAWBERRY** cake-cutting ceremony has been a tradition at the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival since 1958. A giant cake is created by French's Pastry Bakery.

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