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## H.B. oil spill settlement given final approval

U.S. District Judge David O. Carter approves the \$50-million settlement of a class-action lawsuit against Amplify Energy for its role in the 2021 incident.

### BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A federal judge in Santa Ana Monday signed off final approval of a \$50-million settlement of a class-action lawsuit involving the pipeline oil leak that gushed thousands of gallons of crude into the ocean off Huntington Beach in 2021.

U.S. District Judge David O. Carter gave final approval to the lawsuit against Amplify Energy. The agreement won preliminary approval in September, but the attorneys and judge waited for any objections before final approval and there were none.

"Not a single objection," attorney

Wylie Aitken, who was lead counsel for the plaintiffs, told City News Service after the hearing. "Not one person of all three classes made an objection. That's the first time I've ever seen that."

Aitken told Carter during the hearing that while they couldn't solve all of the issues that led up to the rupture of the pipeline — such as where cargo ships are allowed to park off the coast — but, he added, "We can heighten awareness" to the authorities who can do something about it.

"I'm kind of amazed that this court's good pressure got all this resolved so quickly," Amplify attorney Daniel Donovan told Carter.

Carter praised all of the attorneys who worked on the case along with the special masters who helped them.

"I want to compliment you for resolving this so quickly and not taking years and years," Carter said.

Aitken told City News Service that "the timeline on this is amazing. It may be a class action record" for how quickly it was resolved, he said.

Aitken emphasized how important it was to gain the "injunctive relief" in the lawsuit, which led to

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**A CONTRACTED** clean-up crew fill and remove bags of crude oil that spilled into the Huntington Beach Wetlands, Talbert Marsh, days after an oil leak off the coast of Huntington Beach in October 2021.



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY** City Council agreed to purchase the 2.86-acre property at 17101 Bushard St. to replace Fire Station No. 1. The station's current location was built on a 0.6-acre lot in 1958, the year after the city was incorporated.

## Fountain Valley plans to upgrade Fire Station No. 1

The City Council voted 4-1 to purchase property for \$8.1M to build a new fire station at 17101 Bushard St.

### BY ANDREW TURNER

Fountain Valley moved ahead with plans for a new fire station Tuesday, as the City Council approved an \$8.125-million purchase to acquire a parcel for the new facility.

City officials spoke of the future fire station as a sizable upgrade. The current Fire Station No. 1 — located at 17737 Bushard St. — was built on a 0.6-acre lot in 1958, the year after the city was incorporated.

With the council's action, the city will enter into an agreement to acquire a 2.86-acre property at 17101 Bushard St. A vacant office building on the lot would be demolished.

Omar Dadabhoy, community development director and deputy city manager, said two hotel developers had shown interest in the site, but neither was able to secure a deal. In acquiring the land for a new fire station, Dadabhoy added that there would be cost savings.

"The current site for the Fire Station No. 1 is a little too small for us," Dadabhoy said. "If we were to try to build a new station there, we would need to find a temporary station for our fire personnel. That would cost \$2-to-3 million. ... Once we build this site and move our fire personnel into it, then we would have surplus land on the existing site, and we believe that value is currently about

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## Costa Mesa names new deputy city manager

Alma Reyes, who has worked across departments since starting her tenure with the city in 2011, will assist with day-to-day management of city affairs.

### BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa officials have announced Alma Reyes — an assistant to City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison who first came to the city in 2011 — has been promoted to serve in the new position of deputy city manager.

Reyes began her tenure with the city as a management analyst with the Public Services Department and then transitioned to Parks and Community Services before serving in a senior-level position with the Fire Department, where she worked under Chief Dan Stefano overseeing finances, human resources and capital projects.

"It's a position that teaches you a multitude of skill sets," the 42-year-old Norwalk resident said of an analyst's job.

"[Still], my goal was to reach the city manager's office and continue to learn from our leaders, learn from our council and really be involved in the strategic planning process."

Reyes in 2019 did just that, serving first as a senior management analyst under then-acting City Manager Tammy Letourneau before Farrell Harrison took the reins that July and later promoted her to assistant.

Since then, Reyes has overseen constituent services, managing the department's budget as well as citywide projects and special events. In her new role, she will assist with the day-to-day management of city affairs.

"She has accomplished a lot in her time with Costa Mesa, and I am proud to promote her

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**ALMA REYES** was recently promoted to serve as deputy city manager for the city of Costa Mesa.

Scott Smeltzer  
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## Couple found dead in F.V. home

A neighbor reported a verbal argument and loud noise Sunday from a home where police had visited in the past.

### BY ERIC LICAS

Police determined domestic violence resulted in the murder-suicide of a couple in their 30s in Fountain Valley early Sunday morning.

Someone called 911 and summoned officers to a residence on the 17000 block of Santa Suzanne Street at about 5:30 a.m., Fountain Valley police wrote in a news release. The caller said they had heard a verbal argument and a loud noise coming from a bedroom.

Responding officers found a man and woman who had died of gunshot wounds from a rifle, Fountain Valley Police Sgt. Henry Hsu said Monday. Both resided in the home.

Hsu described the man who died as a suspect in the killings. He was engaged to the woman, and they had been in a romantic relationship with each other for at least three years.

It is unknown what the dispute was about, Hsu said.

The man shot the woman and

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## House in Newport red-tagged after blaze

Residents made it out safely as a two-alarm fire burned their two-story single-family residence Sunday evening.

### BY LILLY NGUYEN

Residents of a Warwick Lane home have been displaced after their home was red-tagged in the aftermath of a two-alarm fire that took place Sunday evening.

Newport Beach firefighters responded to calls Sunday at 7:12 p.m. reporting a structure fire on Warwick Lane with flames apparent near one of the corners of the roof, according to department spokesman Josh Leith.

While en route, Newport Engine 66 saw a plume of smoke. Upon arrival, the fire was upgraded to a second alarm as heavy smoke and fire appeared from the roof near the chimney.

All occupants of the residence had already evacuated the two-story house by the time firefighters arrived and no injuries were reported.

"The second floor roof was

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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and pursuant to Section 1993.07 of the California Civil Code, the property listed below believed to be abandoned by: Atal Global, Inc., a California Corporation dba Flame Broiler and Mickie Kamran, an individual Who last known business address was: 901 South Coast Drive, Suite C170, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Will be sold at public auction on: Date: May 9, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: 901 South Coast Drive, Suite C170, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Preview: 8:30 a.m. until time of sale. Description of Property: EXHIBIT "A": INVENTORY: Used furniture and equipment from restaurant including 7 outdoor tbls w/14 chrs; 11 inside tbls w/18 chrs; bench seat; supply cab; tea dispenser; soda disp w/ice maker; sgl door refrig; LG TV; receipt ptr; Mesa safe; stinless drop in tub; 2 Wells warm units; 5 rice cookers; Vtech pnh; 2 Everest 2-dr refrigs; assorted stinless tbls; lot of cooking utensils, pots, colanders, lids, cookie sheets, knives & food inserts; Duke drop food warmer; hand sinks; various dispensers; Imperial 10 burner stove; Everest 4 drawer refrig; Imperial 2 burner stove; exhaust hood w/ fire suppress; 2 Adcraft warmer pots; assorted stinless shelf units; Everest sgl door refrig; misc tier carts; washout sinks; Sherwood receiver; 8 cam sec system; knife sharpener; Samsung micro; desk & chr; misc. cleaning tools & supplies; furnace; water htr; ladders; carbon dioxide tanks; soda rack & disp system; 6 dr locker; trash cans; and lot of paper goods. Terms of sale are: cash in lawful money of the United States, money order or cashier's check, with sale going to the highest bidder in competitive bidding, the property must be paid for and removed by the purchaser at the time of sale. Cost of advertising and sale will be paid for from the proceeds of sale. Dated: April 12, 2023, **Richard L. Seide, Esq.**, 901 Dove Street, Suite 120, Newport Beach, CA 92660-3018, Tele: (949) 474-8000 CN995059 AMMR-053 Apr 19, 26, 2023

**Legal Notices**

**BSC 223259**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAIME CONTRERAS**  
**30-2023-01317669-PR-PW-CJC**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JAIME CONTRERAS**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **SUSANA DOUMERC-CONTRERAS** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **SUSANA DOUMERC-CONTRERAS** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and condicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any condicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
**THE 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 on **May 18, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at **3390 HARBOR BLVD., COSTA MESA, CA 92626**  
**The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.**  
**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 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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**HESS-VERDON and ASSOCIATES, PLC**  
**620 NEWPORT CENTER DR., SUITE 1400**  
**NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
 (Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
 Escrow No. **105311-JC**  
 (1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.  
 (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: **AV GRAPHICS, LLC, 17777 MAIN STREET STE. B, IRVINE, CA 92614**  
 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:  
 (4) The name and business address of the Buyer(s) are: **SHREEJI I360, 125 HEMISPHERE, IRVINE, CA 92618**  
 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, GOODWILL, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS** of that certain business located at: **17777 MAIN STREET STE. B, IRVINE, CA 92614**  
 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: **SIGNS BY TOMORROW**  
 (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **MAY 12, 2023**, at the office of **ESCROW WORLD INC, 416 S. SPRING ST, STE 408, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013**. Escrow No. **105311-JC**, Escrow Officer: **JANICE CHEON**  
 (8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.  
 (9) The last date for filing claims is: **MAY 11, 2023**  
 (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.  
 (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business name(s) and addresses used by the Seller within three years before such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: **NONE**  
**DATED: APRIL 10, 2023**  
**TRANSFEREES: SHREEJI I360, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION**  
**ORD-1628064 DAILY PILOT 4/26/23**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
 (UCC Sec. 6105)  
 Escrow No. 824286-JT  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the Seller(s), are:  
**Tasty Art Inc., a California corporation, 13786 Jamboree Road, Suite C, Irvine, CA 92602**  
 Doing Business as: **Tasty Art Inc.**  
 All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: **None**  
 The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: **16 Ingleside, Irvine, CA 92620**  
 The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are:  
**Fei Han and Zhi Liu, 50 Belfast, Irvine, CA 92620 / 91 Nighthawk Irvine 92604**  
 The assets to be sold are described in general as: All furnishing, equipment and fixtures and are located at: **13786 Jamboree Road, Suite C, Irvine, CA 92602**  
 The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: **Central Escrow Group, Inc., 1675 Hanover Road, City of Industry, CA 91748** and the anticipated sale date is **05/12/23**.  
 The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2 YES  
 The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **Central Escrow Group, Inc., 1675 Hanover Road, City of Industry, CA 91748** and the last date for filing claims shall be **05/11/23** which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
 Dated: 4-7-2023  
 Buyer:  
 S/ Fei Han  
 S/ Zhi Liu  
 4/26/23  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GARY PAUL O'CONNOR**  
**CASE NO. 30-2023-01318866-PR-LA-CJC**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of **GARY PAUL O'CONNOR**.  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **CHARLES HASBUN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.  
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **CHARLES HASBUN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 THE 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: **05/24/23 at 1:30PM** in Dept. **CM05** located at **3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**  
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**PASADENA CA 91105**  
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## MANAGER

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into this new role, where she will have expanded responsibilities and duties," Farrell Harrison said in an April 14 release. "I look forward to working closely with her on our high-priority initiatives."

Born in Compton and raised in Hawaiian Gardens, where the impacts of gang violence and drug use could be felt throughout the community, Reyes initially wanted to study law. But while attending Cal State Fullerton in 2001, she took a part-time job as a recreation leader with the city and was hooked.

She earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and public administration in 2003 and later got a master's in public administration from Cal State Long Beach, while working as an administrative analyst.

There, she served as a liaison between the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the community, helping form neighborhood watch groups and communicating with residents about code enforcement, social services and other available resources.

"I was very successful in getting the public engaged and feeling com-

fortable getting people to come to the City Council and share their concerns," said Reyes, who is fluent in Spanish.

Today, she continues to use the skills learned throughout her 20-year civil service career which, according to Costa Mesa Mayor John Stephens, has greatly benefited City Hall.

"Alma is a consummate professional, who has served the city with excellence and enthusiasm for many years," Stephens said in the news release. "There is no problem too big or too small for Alma to solve — she is the 'go to' when we need to get stuff done."

For the time being, the position of assistant city manager, vacated by Susan Price upon her retirement last year, remains open. Reyes, whose first day in the new role was April 9, said she's happy to serve Farrell Harrison, City Council members and the city's constituents.

"This is a very exciting time in my career," she said Tuesday. "I've spent the last 12 years of my career in Costa Mesa, and I've come to call this my home. I think Costa Mesa is amazing."

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Project Name: **Golden West College KOCE Grading & Landscaping**  
 Bid Number: **Bid #2186**  
 Advertisement: **April 26, 2023 & May 3, 2023**  
 Pre-Bid RFI Deadline: **May 8, 2023 12:00pm**  
 Bid Deadline: **May 12, 2023 PRIOR to 2:00 pm**

**A MANDATORY** pre-bid job-walk will be held at 9:00am, May 4, 2023, Park in Gothard lot and meet in front of Forum 2, 15744 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach, CA 92647.

Place of Bid Receipt: All bids shall be submitted electronically via the PlanetBids Vendor portal located on the District Website (<https://pbssystem.planetbids.com/portal/36722/bo/bo-detail/104878>), including the forms furnished by the District, prior to the bid closing date and time, and results will be available immediately upon the close of bids. Incomplete, inaccurate, or untrue responses or information provided therein by a bidder shall be grounds for the District to reject such submissions for non-responsiveness.

Project Description: The objective is to obtain services for the grading and landscape of the GWC KOCE demolition site. The contractor shall furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment, and services. Including utility and transportation services and perform and complete all work required for the grading, import of soil, tree removal, and landscaping under this contract. Construction debris, rubbish and other unsuitable or surplus soil material shall be removed by the contractor. It is anticipated that the Project will commence on June 22, 2023, with completion by August 16, 2023.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 and Public Contract Code Section 3300. The District requires that the bidder possess at the time of bid, and maintain throughout the duration of the Agreement, the following license classification(s):

Bid Package	Trade	License	Engineer's Estimate
1	General Contractor	B or C-27	\$340,000

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**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**

# Huntington Beach can't close out rival Los Alamitos in league finale

BY ANDREW TURNER

LOS ALAMITOS — A surge late in the season had the Huntington Beach High softball team in the driver's seat.

Behind a 13-game winning streak over the past three weeks, the Oilers had climbed the CIF Southern Section Division 1 rankings, appearing at No. 1 for the first time all season.

With only the regular season finale remaining, Huntington Beach held ace in hand — as it often does with two-way star Zoe Prystajko in the circle — with a chance to control its destiny in the Sunset League and solidify its playoff seeding.

Archival Los Alamitos endeavored to perhaps make the postseason road tougher.

The third-ranked Griffins stole victory from the jaws of defeat, authoring a last at-bat comeback before Taryn Clements' squeeze bunt with two strikes scored Julie Holcomb for a walk-off 5-4 win in eight innings on Monday at Los Alamitos High.

"I feel like squeezes you always try to get down to first because if it goes to third, they can just tag the runner," Clements said. "Third base usually plays more up than the first baseman. It was an outside pitch. I was just trying to get it fair."

The celebration included a bath in blue Gatorade for Los Alamitos coach Rob Weil as the team met in left field after the game.

"I think we all learned from our mistakes in the first game and even just playing them in earlier years," Holcomb said, referencing a 3-2 loss at Huntington Beach on April 18. "We were just not going to let them beat us again. I think it really lit a fire under our butt this time, and we were not going to let them take that again. I just love the fight that this team always has until the very end."

It was, at times, an effectively wild outing for Prystajko. Three walks came around to score against her, but she also stranded 11 base runners, six of which were left in scoring position. Prystajko allowed five runs, seven hits, seven walks and hit four batters in going the distance. She also recorded 12 strikeouts.

Her counterpart, Berkley Vance, held the Oilers to four runs (three earned) on



Photos by Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**LOS ALAMITOS** celebrates after beating Huntington Beach in a Sunset League game at Los Alamitos High on Monday. The Griffins defeated the Oilers 5-4 in eight innings.

five hits. She struck out five and walked none.

Los Alamitos (22-3, 9-1), which would win the Sunset League outright with wins over Edison and Corona del Mar to close the week, opened the scoring with two runs in the second without a ball leaving the infield. Kalie Matsuno drew a bases-loaded walk, and Holcomb brought in another run with an infield hit.

Huntington Beach (22-5, 10-2) answered in the next half inning. Macy Fuller and Sophia Knight reached on infield hits. Then Morgan Drotter had a hit taken away when a ball that dropped in front of a diving Holcomb in center field turned into a fielder's choice.

With two outs, Prystajko made sure the rally paid off, driving a three-run home run to the opposite field in right to lift the Oilers to a 3-2 lead.

"It was nice to see her regroup," Huntington Beach coach Jeff Forsberg said of Prystajko. "It's tough to pitch and hit at this level. We rely on her to strike 18 kids out, and we rely on her to hit home runs. It's hard. It's tough. She's mentally capable of doing it, but it's a tough skill. Most people can't do it."

Again, a lead would be short-lived, as Alivia Magallanes, a courtesy runner for the catcher, scored on Malayna Terrones' single through the hole at second to tie the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the third.

Magallanes' speed was a threat all game, with catcher Allyssa Ramos reaching base five times — on three walks (two intentional) and twice being hit



**HUNTINGTON BEACH'S** Zoe Prystajko walks off the field after losing to Los Alamitos in the eighth inning on Monday.

by a pitch.

Huntington Beach short-stop Liah Lummus doubled and scored following consecutive errors committed by the Griffins' infield in the sixth, as the Oilers regained the lead at 4-3.

The drama built to a crescendo from there. Prystajko stranded two in scoring position when Clements struck out on a check swing to end the sixth.

Then in their final at-bat and down to their last out, it was Magallanes — on as a pinch runner for Terrones — who would cross home plate after taking two bags on defensive indifference. Matsuno stuck the bat out and dropped a single that landed at the edge of the outfield grass just over the outstretched glove of second baseman Carter Mello.

"There was just a lot of emotion going on during that," Matsuno said. "My heart was beating very, very fast. It felt really good."

Forsberg was not about to lose sight of the fact that the Oilers have been in the thick of the league race for several years in a row, but

they remain in pursuit of a trip to the CIF finals.

"In 2019, we go into Edison, we lose in the last inning on a wild pitch," Forsberg said. "We could have won first. We ended up fourth, barely got into the playoffs, and then we went all the way to the semis. Then 2020 was COVID, and then we won league two years in a row. Here, you catch the ball, you win league."

"Theoretically, this team could have won league five years in a row, which is crazy. ... You're a wild pitch and a little flare from winning five in a row. But then on the other hand, these kids need to understand that last year, we beat [Los Alamitos] three times, beat them here twice — walked out of here, everybody was all excited and stuff — and then those guys play five solid games and get to the finals, and we can't score a run in our game, and we're one and out, so everybody forgets about all the success here."

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## BLAZE

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compromised and all crews were pulled from that area," Leith said on Monday. "[The fire was] knocked

down and we [were] overhauling from the aerial ladder."

Leith said the bulk of the fire was on the second floor and had extended into the attic. Crews aggressively worked to put out the fire,

stopping it from continuing to spread laterally, he said. By 7:39 p.m. the fire was put out.

About 16 units responded to the fire, including about 45 personnel from Newport Beach, Costa Mesa and

Fountain Valley.

The house has since been red-tagged, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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## STATION

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\$1.6-2 million as a residential use, depending on the density of that."

The vote carried 4-1 after Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Grandis made a motion to have \$6 million for the purchase come from the general fund reserves assigned to Measure HH and the remainder from the capital projects portion of the general fund. Earlier in the evening, council members had approved the creation of a separate line item on the city's balance sheet to track Measure HH spending.

"I'd like to leave at least \$10 million in the [general fund capital projects] fund," Grandis said. "Of the \$6 million that we would take out of [Measure] HH, the first 2 [million] when we sell that property would replenish, so really that's only 4 [million] out of HH, and then the revenue opportunities, I think, will far exceed \$4 million."

"We would first replenish HH with that \$4 million, and then from there, we could then go to the general fund. By separating all this and continuing to separate, we make sure



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**SPEC SERVICES** occupies a building on the property at 17101 Bushard St., which the Fountain Valley City Council has agreed to purchase to replace Fire Station No. 1.

that we start paying down the pension liability as we go forward."

Councilman Patrick Harper said he favored purchasing the property, but he cast the dissenting vote because he felt the decision regarding how much Measure HH funding to allocate could have been done down the road. He said that Measure HH funds have been allocated at the end of each fiscal year with input from the Measure HH oversight committee.

The current fire station did not meet the modern needs of the fire department, Fire Chief Bill Mc-

Quaid said. He noted that Fire Station No. 1 did not meet ADA codes, fell short in supporting gender diversity, lacked sufficient employee parking and could not house ambulances on site.

McQuaid indicated the new site would come with its advantages, including immediate access to the 405 Freeway in both directions and the ability to perform on-site training.

"With the available space in there, that gives us the ability to do on-site training here locally, which then keeps us in our response areas and not having to

send us outside of the city as often to go train at off-site facilities," McQuaid said. "We can do ventilation training, ladder training, apparatus maintenance, technical rescue training. There's a lot of different things that we can integrate into some of that space on the site."

McQuaid also responded to a concern that both of the city's fire stations would now be located on the northern side of the 405 Freeway. Fire Station No. 2 is located at 16767 Newhope St., a stone's throw away from Los Amigos High.

"In the past, the stations were on the opposite sides, and when we do our damage assessment surveys after earthquakes and stuff like that, they were set up for that," McQuaid said. "But I think that's been significantly diminished with the new freeway project and the new construction. The old bridges were probably of more concern. Now, everything's built to earthquake standards, so I don't have the same concern that I would have prior to the redevelopment of the 405."

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# APPROVAL

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heightened training of the workers on the pipeline and more frequent inspections.

Another significant improvement was that when a leak is observed a notice will go out to everyone involved all at once instead of relying on a chain of people, Aitken said.

“Hopefully we won’t experience this tragedy again,” he said.

Another key to the settlement is the way claims will be paid out, Aitken said. A system was worked out so that the fishers and other merchants affected by the oil spill will get checks directly without having to fill out a claim form, Aitken said.

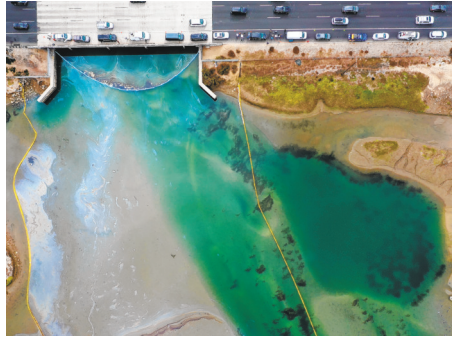
He said that it was easy to do with the fisheries because “they keep such detailed records.”

But it will be more challenging in the tourism industry. For hotels it was easier because they can count rooms not rented, but for other small businesses they will have to fill out some sort of claim form and the deadline for that is June 9, so more notices will go out again soon, he said.

“We don’t want to miss anybody,” he said.

Of the \$50 million Amplify Energy will pay to settle the lawsuit, \$34 million will go to a class of fishers, \$9 million will go to property owners and about \$7 million goes to the tourism industry such as whale watching companies, Aitken said.

Amplify agreed to increase staffing on the Elly platform to provide for three control room op-



**AN AERIAL** view of the oil spill in Huntington Beach on Oct. 4, 2021.

Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

erators (an increase of one per crew) and three plant operators (an increase of one per crew) over the next three years.

The next big step is preliminary approval of a \$45-million settlement with the two shipping companies that damaged the pipeline, the MSC Danit and M/V Beijing, Aitken said. An agreement has been reached, but Carter must grant preliminary approval and then barring any objections it will be finally approved later, Aitken said.

Also, last year, Amplify Energy settled criminal cases in state and federal court and agreed to pay fines. The company agreed in federal court to pay a \$7.1-million fine and \$5.8 million to reimburse the U.S. Coast Guard for expenses from the October 2021 spill and also agreed to pay \$4.9 million in fines to resolve a misdemeanor complaint in state court.

The pipeline, which is used to carry crude oil from several offshore drilling platforms to a processing plant in Long Beach, began leaking the afternoon of Oct. 1, 2021, but oil continued to pump through the line until the following morning, authorities said last year.

All told, about 25,000

gallons of oil seeped into the ocean from the ruptured 16-inch pipeline, which is submerged about 4.7 miles west of Huntington Beach. The leak forced the cancellation of the popular Huntington Beach Airshow, which was underway when the spill was detected. Beaches were closed up and down the Orange County coast as crews worked to contain the crude oil.

Federal investigators have said the pipeline appeared to have been damaged by a ship’s anchor, likely belonging to one of dozens of cargo ships that were backlogged over a period of months outside the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex.

More than a dozen companies doing business in the region sued Amplify Energy Corp. for damages resulting from the spill.

Fishing resumed in late November 2021 along the Orange County coast, following a two-month shutdown of fisheries due to the spill. The fishing ban encircled 650 square miles of marine waters and about 45 miles of shoreline, including all bays and harbors from Seal Beach to San Onofre State Beach, officials said.

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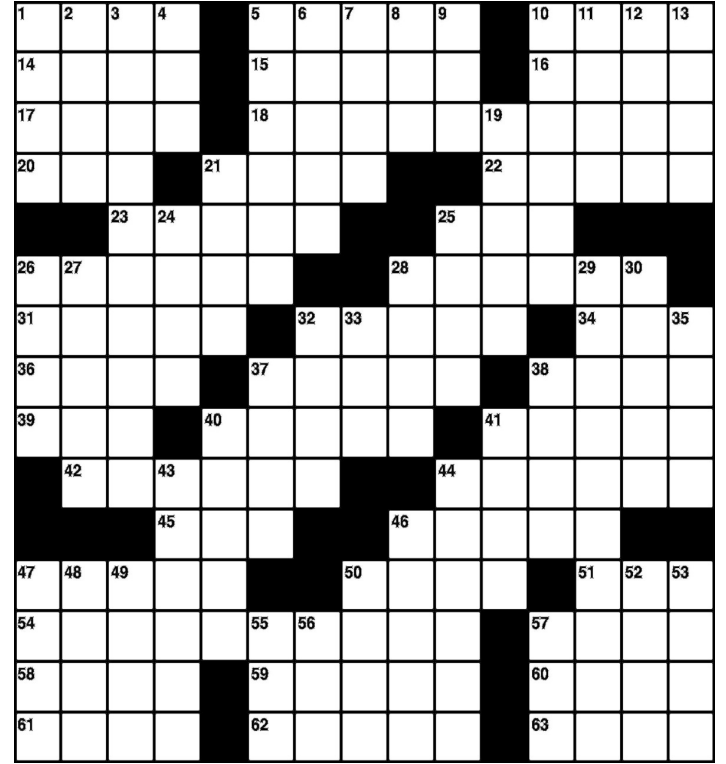
# THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

## ACROSS

- 1 Five months from now: abbr.
- 5 “\_ showers bring May flowers”
- 10 Opening foursome
- 14 Like pastel shades
- 15 Wading bird
- 16 Poet Teasdale
- 17 As big \_ elephant
- 18 Ragtime dance
- 20 Swine abode
- 21 Passover beverage
- 22 Small weight
- 23 Orchard
- 25 However
- 26 Golf swing
- 28 Mr. Hemingway
- 31 Religious
- 32 Bit of parsley
- 34 McGraw or Daly
- 36 Border on
- 37 Stock purchase
- 38 Rescuer
- 39 Fruitcake container
- 40 Implements
- 41 Entices
- 42 Cling; stick
- 44 Least loony
- 45 Ridicule
- 46 Zodiac sign
- 47 By yourself
- 50 Connection
- 51 Disabled car’s need
- 54 Cold symptom
- 57 Excessive publicity
- 58 Ballerina’s item
- 59 Winchester, for one
- 60 Apple tablet
- 61 Halt
- 62 Thrusting weapon
- 63 Morays & congers

## DOWN



# 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](http://sudoku.org.uk).

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**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A2.**

- 1 Pricy hotel amenities
- 2 Compass point
- 3 Schoolyard
- 4 Half a score
- 5 On the go
- 6 Dried fruit
- 7 Seldom seen
- 8 Cuttlefish secretion
- 9 Marvin or Majors
- 10 Perceptive
- 11 Horse house
- 12 Gator’s cousin
- 13 Info on a check
- 19 Not yet mature
- 21 Stir-fry pans
- 24 Overwhelming defeat

- 25 French cheese
- 26 Falling-out
- 27 Part of the leg
- 28 Isn’t accurate
- 29 Categorize unfairly
- 30 Michelin products
- 32 Clog or moccasin
- 33 Comrade
- 35 Lion’s share
- 37 Miffed
- 38 Like some juries
- 40 Cone-shaped home
- 41 Songbird
- 43 End a phone conversation
- 44 Wrongdoer
- 46 Stringed instrument
- 47 \_ up; misbehaves
- 48 Slob
- 49 Hang \_; keep
- 50 Board game
- 52 Milky gem
- 53 Marries
- 55 Final-yr. students
- 56 Helpful hint
- 57 Run fast

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# COUPLE

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then took his own life, Hsu said.

They were identified as Janet Vu Thuy Pham, 34, and Wyatt James Rock, 36, both of Fountain Valley, according to Orange County Sheriff’s Sgt.

Michael Woodroof, a spokesman for the county coroner’s office.

The two had been in a relationship for several years, Hsu said.

Officers had been called to their home multiple times over the years in response to verbal arguments, Hsu said.

“They had previous do-

mestic disputes that police responded to, but there was never any physical violence, just verbal only,” Hsu said. No arrests or injuries were reported in those previous encounters.

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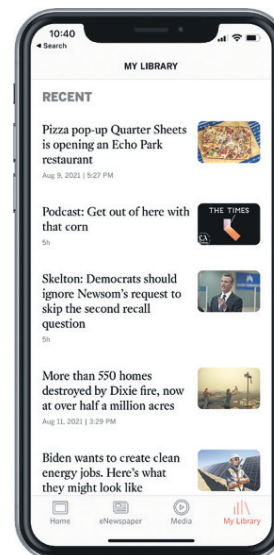
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