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## Official targets exposed power lines

Laguna Beach mayor says the catastrophe in L.A. County emphasizes a need to move such utilities underground.

BY ERIC LICAS

Laguna Beach Mayor Alex Rounaghi called for the replacement of above-ground power lines — which have been linked to the cause of past wildfires — with underground infrastructure to reduce the chances of sparks igniting Laguna Canyon during a news conference Monday.

His comments followed reports of a downed Southern California Edison conductor near the heart of the Hurst fire, which charred almost 800 acres near Sylmar last week. And, although investigators were still looking into the cause of the Eaton fire, which had scorched over 14,000 acres and damaged or destroyed about 7,000 homes as of Wednesday, at least four lawsuits have been filed claiming the utility company's equipment may have been involved.

When strong winds threaten to damage above-ground lines in remote areas filled with potentially flammable vegetation, power companies may conduct

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**ORANGE COUNTY** firefighters make a plan as flames run up Laguna Canyon Road during the Laguna Beach wildfires of October 1993. Laguna Beach County Water District General Manager Keith Van Der Maaten said the city should have an "ample supply" of water during an emergency, but officials aren't taking that for granted.



**POWER POLES** line Glenneyre Street in the underground utility district in the neighborhood of Woods Cove in Laguna Beach. Laguna Beach Mayor Alex Rounaghi says awareness generated by the devastation wrought in Los Angeles County may help Laguna Beach generate the political will to move forward with undergrounding lines in Laguna Canyon.

Don Leach  
Staff Photographer

## History prompts 'ample supply' of water

After learning from the 1993 Laguna Beach fire, the city has built sound infrastructure to douse flames, officials say.

BY ERIC LICAS

Local officials highlighted ongoing efforts to ensure Laguna Beach has enough water getting to hydrants so firefighters can do their jobs during a news conference Monday, after returning from a visit to fire-ravaged Pacific Palisades.

Mayor Alex Rounaghi and City Manager Dave Kiff checked in with firefighters stationed in the Huntington Palisades neighborhood over the weekend before hosting a Zoom session with reporters. They were joined by Laguna Beach Fire Chief Niko King and Laguna Beach County Water District General Manager Keith Van Der Maaten.

"I was just struck by how much it looks like Laguna Beach," Kiff said of the community on the edge of the Palisades fire's reach. "Parts of it, especially areas where we drove through, you could picture it being Skyline [Drive in Laguna Beach]. I mean, just the structure of the road, how narrow it is, how much vegetation is around."

See **Water**, page A2

## 2 H.B. residents continue effort to overturn air show settlement

BY MATT SZABO

Two Huntington Beach residents continue their attempt to overturn the city's controversial 2023 settlement with Pacific Airshow LLC.

Former Huntington Beach Planning Commissioner Mark Bixby and former Mayor Connie Boardman filed a lawsuit in Orange County Superior Court on Friday, seeking to cancel the settlement and refund money already paid out to the air show operator.

"As a Huntington Beach resident and taxpayer, I've been paying close attention to City Hall for more than 20 years and this is the most outrageous abuse of taxpayer dollars that I have ever seen," Bixby said in a statement. "The city could have easily defended against the air show operator's lawsuit over cancellation due to the oil spill, but instead chose to settle without a fight by paying millions of dollars to a close political supporter of the City Council majority and the city attorney. This cannot be allowed to stand."

The settlement, announced in May 2023, was to bring an end to



James Carbone

**AIR FORCE** Thunderbirds pilots step into their aircraft for a test flight during the Pacific Air Show preview event in 2023.

a lawsuit filed against the city after the cancellation of the final day of the 2021 show due to an oil spill off the coast of Huntington Beach.

Bixby and Boardman allege in their lawsuit that the city's settlement with Pacific Airshow LLC is without merit, amounting to an illegal gift of public funds. They filed their action under a section

of a state code that allows a resident taxpayer to file suit to enjoin a waste of public funds.

The full settlement not only stipulated that the city would pay Pacific Airshow LLC a total of \$4.9 million over the next six years but also include terms that could lock the operator into that

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File Photo

**CALIFORNIA ATTY. GEN.** Rob Bonta, seen speaking during a press conference in 2022, and Secretary of State Shirley Weber are appealing a recent ruling in favor of Huntington Beach's voter ID law.

## State attorney general, secretary of state file appeal in voter ID suit

BY MATT SZABO

California leaders filed a notice to appeal on Tuesday, the latest step in a battle with Huntington Beach over voter identification.

State Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley Weber are seeking to reverse an Orange County Superior Court

decision from November, where a judge ruled that the matter was not yet "ripe for adjudication."

Measure A, passed by Huntington Beach voters last March, allows the city to require voter identification be shown when voting in person during municipal

See **Suit**, page A4

## Dwight's Beach Concession, landmark since 1932, closed after fire

BY SARA CARDINE

Dwight's Beach Concession — which since 1932 has sold "world famous cheese strips" from a snack stand and beach rental business near the Huntington Beach Pier — is temporarily closed after a fire broke out in the structure Monday evening.

Huntington Beach Fire Department spokeswoman Jennifer Carey said the initial call came in at 6:20 p.m., radioed in by a nearby lifeguard on duty. The business was not open at the time of the incident.

"While we received calls from the public, it was actually sighted by one of our lifeguards, who saw smoke coming out of the top and called it in over a radio to the fire department," Carey said Tuesday of the two-alarm blaze.

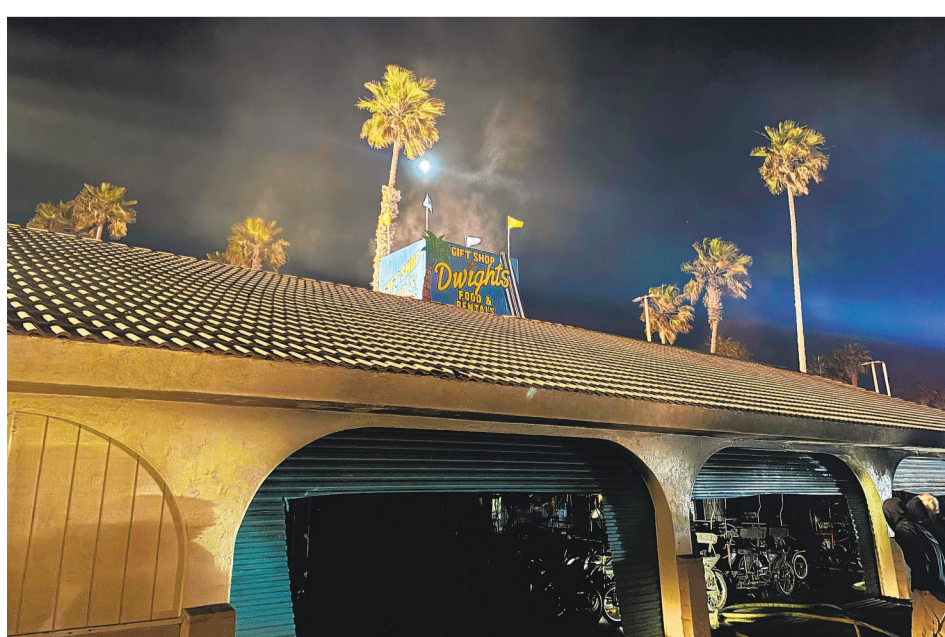
Fire crews from Newport Beach and Costa Mesa assisted at the scene, and the flames were quickly extinguished. One firefighter sustained minor injuries and was transported to a nearby hospital but was soon after released, according to Carey.

While the cause of the fire is still being investigated, officials are expediting their arson report procedure, given the fire's placement and the scenario observed at the site.

Building inspectors surveyed the damage and yellow-tagged the structure, allowing business owners to retrieve items from the property, but barring Dwight's from immediately reopening.

"As far as reopening or running the business, it's not at that place

See **Dwight's**, page A3



**HUNTINGTON BEACH** fire crews Monday responded to a two-alarm fire at Dwight's Beach Concession, a beloved snack and beach rental stand near the pier.

Courtesy of the Huntington Beach Fire Department

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SUN, JAN 26  
**WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT?**

- 1/17 **DADA**
- 1/18 **DSB (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)**
- 1/23 **PAT TRAVERS**
- 1/24 **GENE LOVES JEZEBEL & BOW WOW WOW**
- 1/25 **PRINCE AGAIN**
- 1/26 **WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT? (TOM JONES TRIBUTE)**
- 1/30 **CANNED HEAT**
- 1/31 **DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**
- 2/1 **DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**
- 2/2 **RICKIE LEE JONES**
- 2/5 **LEO KOTTKE**
- 2/7 **DAVID COOK**
- 2/8 **LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)**
- 2/14 **OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA (VALENTINES SHOW)**
- 2/16 **INCENDIO**  
*with ARDESHIR FARAH (OF STRUNZ & FARAH)*
- 2/19 **TINSLEY ELLIS**
- 2/20 **THE HEART OF ROCK & ROLL**
- 2/21 **CHEST FEVER (TRIBUTE TO THE BAND)**
- 2/22 **FAST TIMES (ULTIMATE 80'S TRIBUTE)**
- 2/23 **ALWAYS ADELE**
- 2/26 **HUMMEL HARP BLOWOUT**
- 2/27 **VANESSA COLLIER**
- 2/28 **G LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE**
- 3/1 **VERY IMPORTANT BEER FT FOREIGNERS**
- 3/6 **ALTAN**
- 3/7 **COCO MONTOYA & RONNIE BAKER BROOKS**
- 3/8 **MARC COHN**
- 3/9 **MARC COHN**
- 3/13 **SONS OF CREAM**  
*FT KOFI BAKER, MALCOM BRUCE, ROB JOHNSON*
- 3/14 **THE FENIANS**  
*FT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION*
- 3/15 **WALTER TROUT**



THU, JAN 30  
**CANNED HEAT**



FRI, JAN 31  
**DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**



SAT, FEB 15  
**UPTOWN FUNK (BRUNO MARS TRIBUTE)**



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**VERY IMPORTANT BEER ft FOREIGNER'S**

- 3/16 **WALTER TROUT**
- 3/21 **THE THIRD MIND**  
*FT. DAVE ALVIN, JESSE SYKES, MARK KARAN, VICTOR KRUMMENACHER, MICHAEL JEROME*
- 3/22 **KING'S X**
- 3/26 **RUSSELL HOWARD**
- 3/27 **TURN THE PAGE**  
*(BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET TRIBUTE)*
- 3/28 **THE ENGLISH BEAT**
- 3/29 **SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)**
- 3/30 **COLIN JAMES**
- 4/1 **JORMA KAUKONEN**
- 4/4 **THE SMITHEREENS WITH ROBIN WILSON**
- 4/5 **HERMAN'S HERMITS**  
*FT PETER NOONE*
- 4/6 **HERMAN'S HERMITS**  
*FT PETER NOONE*
- 4/7 **LEARNING TO FLY**  
*(A TOM PETTY TRIBUTE)*
- 4/11 **DON CARLOS**
- 4/12 **MIRAGE: TRIBUTE TO FLEETWOOD MAC**
- 4/13 **BOBBY GRAY**
- 4/18 **WILD CHILD (DOORS TRIBUTE)**
- 4/19 **KEVIN NEALON**
- 4/24 **THE WAILERS**
- 4/25 **TOM GREEN - HOME TO THE COUNTRY**
- 4/26 **PIANO MEN: GENERATIONS**
- 5/2 **IN THE AIR TONIGHT (PHIL COLLINS TRIBUTE)**
- 5/3 **THE OCEAN BLUE**
- 5/8 **ROBERT CRAY**
- 5/9 **ROBERT CRAY**
- 5/11 **ISRAEL VIBRATION & ROOTS RADICS**
- 5/16 **RONSTADT REVIVAL (LINDA RONSTADT TRIBUTE)**
- 5/18 **THE DAY THE MUSIC DIDN'T DIE**
- 5/30 **YACHTY BY NATURE**
- 5/31 **KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE (STEELY DAN TRIBUTE)**
- 6/6 **THE WINEHOUSE EXPERIENCE**
- 6/7 **YYNOT (TRIBUTE TO RUSH)**
- 6/13 **BUFFETT BEACH**
- 6/21 **CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: DAVID BOWIE'S ZIGGY'S STARDUST**

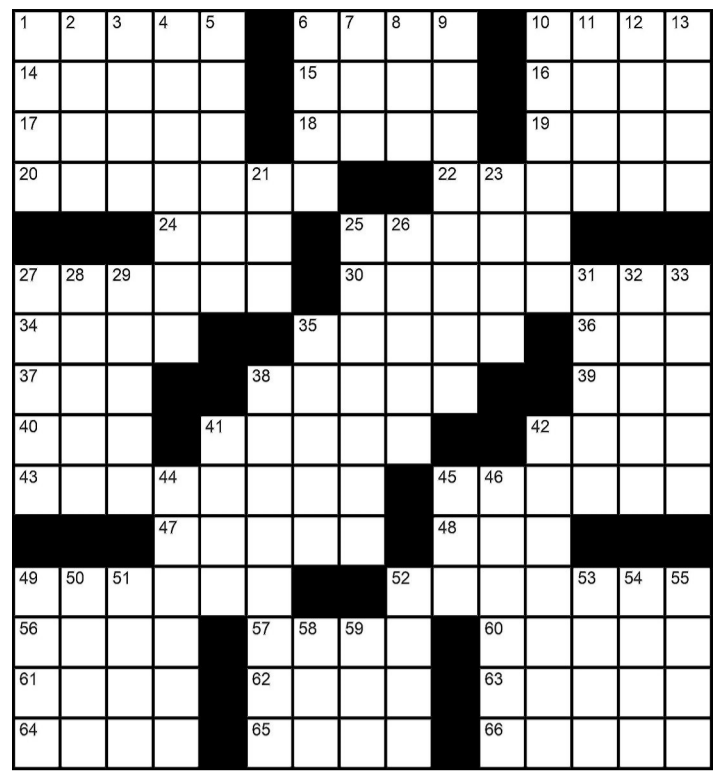
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By Stella Zawistowski

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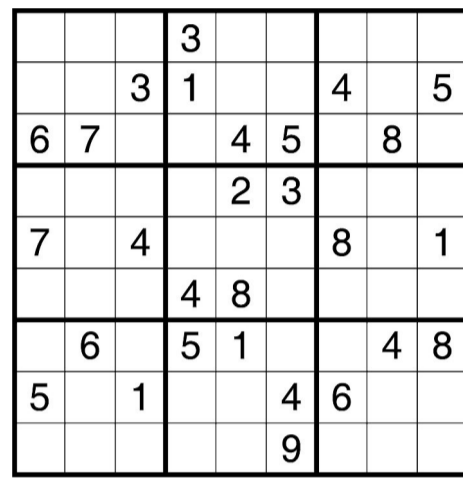
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- 10 \_ the tide
- 14 Actress Catherine
- 15 Hindmost
- 16 Game played on horseback
- 17 Defame in print
- 18 Hairstyle that might have a pick
- 19 Upper limbs
- 20 Faithfulness
- 22 Biome with trees
- 24 Homer Simpson's shout
- 25 Book title's place
- 27 Peculiar
- 30 BBQ side dish: 2 wds.
- 34 Norse thunder god
- 35 Hay bundles
- 36 "Eureka!"
- 37 \_ de la Plata
- 38 Is bold
- 39 Actor Affleck
- 40 Colony insect
- 41 Hollers
- 42 Venison or veal
- 43 Barely good enough
- 45 Erects
- 47 Outside of a pie
- 48 Bed-and-breakfast
- 49 Feeling sore
- 52 Hides: 2 wds.
- 56 Advertising award
- 57 Garden entrance
- 60 Wipe chalk from
- 61 Go left or right
- 62 Merit
- 63 Comedian Bob
- 64 Goes out with
- 65 Parts of a week
- 66 Enjoys a snowy hill



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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

### DOWN

- 1 Rock and \_
- 2 Akron's state
- 3 Tiny human
- 4 Kindle or Nook
- 5 Unhealthy-looking
- 6 Say grace, e.g.
- 7 NBA official
- 8 Listening organ
- 9 \_ in Courage"
- 10 Tires in trunks
- 11 Ripped
- 12 Stately trees
- 13 More than half
- 21 "O death, where is \_ sting?"
- 23 Persons
- 25 Deep red
- 26 Ends of the earth

- 27 Handbag part
- 28 Xiamen's country
- 29 Plant's anchors
- 31 Fashion brand
- 32 Coming up
- 33 Has a craving for
- 35 Fancy dance parties
- 38 Fixed, as computer software
- 41 Knitting material
- 42 Pyrite or talc
- 44 Descendants
- 45 Life story, for short
- 46 Except if
- 49 Performs in a cast
- 50 Crossword hint
- 51 Bring on staff
- 52 Laying birds
- 53 Stuffing herb
- 54 Aailed oneself of
- 55 Animals who might be adopted
- 58 Motorist's group: Abbr.
- 59 Attempt

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**FIREFIGHTERS TRY** to contain a house fire in Pacific Palisades on Jan. 7. Reports of fire hydrants running dry that day prompted Laguna Beach to hold a news conference Monday, where reporters were told the city has an "ample supply" of water.

## WATER

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Laguna officials addressed a variety of concerns raised in the wake of multiple fires that consumed large swaths of Los Angeles County. Among these were reports that fire hydrants went dry as crews battled flames.

Los Angeles' fire hydrants are supplied by three water tanks that each hold about one million gallons. Amid the fires, local water infrastructure faced four times its normal demand for 15 hours straight.

As water ran low, it became difficult to maintain enough pressure in lines to pump against gravity into communities in the canyons. Former Los Angeles Department of Water General Manager Martin Adams told the Los Angeles Times the system was made to douse individual house fires, not meant to handle kind of massive blazes that have become increasingly common in California.

noted that during that disaster, which scorched 16,684 acres and destroyed 366 homes, six of the reservoirs supplying the city at the time ran out of water.

Since then, the Laguna Beach County Water District has added two reservoirs, bringing its total number up to 21 with a combined storage capacity of 33.5 million gallons. In addition, numerous pumps with generators to power them have been incorporated into the system to ensure water gets to where it needs to be in an emergency. Two heli-hydrants, facilities set up in remote areas so water-dropping aircraft can resupply faster, have also been created near Laguna Canyon, Van Der Maaten said.

He and Rounaghi also highlighted progress on the Doheny desalination plant and plans to drill a new well in partnership with Newport Beach and Fountain Valley, further improving Laguna Beach's water resiliency moving forward.

Van Der Maaten said "right now we have ample supply," and "we can rely on our pumps, our generators, to function they way they're supposed to."

supply is limitless and "every water system at some point will run out of water." Meanwhile in the face of climate change, devastating fires capable of pushing infrastructure to its limits are becoming part of what Rounaghi called a "new normal."

"We plan based on modeling," Van Der Maaten said. "We have modeling that shows our system's in good shape. It's based on certain criteria. But I think the question coming out of this is do we need to increase that planning to more extreme situations?"

Meanwhile, emergency response teams in Orange County are closely monitoring conditions and responding immediately with as many resources as can be spared even on small hot spots. On Saturday, county and city firefighters stamped roughly 20 square feet of smoldering vegetation on the 31100 block of Coast Highway and responded to a patch of hot coals that may have been used as a warming fire near Soka University in Aliso Viejo. Crews stayed behind to make sure there were no lingering embers.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Fountain Valley high school names Mitch Olson to guide the Barons

BY MATT SZABO

Longtime Orange County football coach Mitch Olson has landed in Fountain Valley.

The Fountain Valley High School football program introduced Olson as its new head coach on Monday, pending approval from the Huntington Beach Union High School District Board of Trustees.

Olson, 64, previously served as head coach at Kennedy and Loara high schools, before resigning from Loara prior to the 2021 season. He takes over at Fountain Valley for David Gutierrez, who resigned after four seasons.

"I'm really excited to be here and excited about the possibilities of what Fountain Valley High School has to offer," he said in a statement. "I can't wait to work with the young men and do some good things on and

off the field."

The Barons finished 1-9 overall last year, and 0-5 in the Fox Trot League.

Olson's teams in 21 years at Kennedy won eight league titles and the 2006 CIF Southern Section Southern Division title. He then coached Loara for six years, helping the Saxons share the Garden Grove League title in 2019 and advance to the Division 14 semifinals.

A decorated running back, Olson played football at Los Alamitos High, Orange Coast College and Whittier College. After getting drafted by the Chicago White Sox in baseball, he played that sport professionally for two years before earning his teaching credential and beginning to teach and coach.

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NEW FOUNTAIN VALLEY football coach Mitch Olson previously coached at Kennedy and Loara.

Courtesy of Huntington Beach Union High School District

DWIGHT'S

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— it's not possible," Carey said Tuesday.

The Huntington Beach landmark was launched during the Great Depression by proprietor Dwight Clapp, an "oil field roustabout convinced that tourism, not oil, was Huntington Beach's future," the Los Angeles Times reported in 2002.

Clapp reportedly persuaded the City Council to build a lifeguard tower on newly acquired land south of the pier and to rent him a corner of the tower for \$100 a year.

There, he and wife Fae

worked seven days a week and late into the night, forming ground beef patties by hand and chopping potatoes.

In the years that followed, the concession stand became famous for cheese strips, essentially tortilla chips topped with cold shredded cheese and served with "Dwight's One and Only Strip Sauce."

The original building was replaced seven years later, then was rebuilt in 1967 and underwent a plumbing renovation in 2021. A call to the business was not answered Tuesday.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NO. 01442765

Petitioner or Attorney (name, state, bar, and address): Arthur Sebastian Palacio Jr. 332 E. Wilson Avenue Orange, CA, 92867

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED: Arthur Sebastian Palacio Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name Arthur Sebastian Palacio Jr.

Proposed Name Sebastian Palacio

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection

Name Change

that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING DATE: 02/11/2025 TIME: 8:30AM DEPT: D-100 ROOM: Remote

The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF Orange 700 Civic Center Drive, West, Santa Ana CA 92701-4045

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. Dated: 01/08/2025

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Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 120-33602-CM

(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: THE POOL PROS INC., 2549 EASTBLUFF DR, STE 428, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: PREMIER POOL MANAGEMENT, LLC, 6 JOURNEY, STE 200, ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: CERTAIN FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY AND OTHER ASSETS of that certain business located at: 2549 EASTBLUFF DR, STE 428, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: THE POOL PROS

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is FEBRUARY 5, 2025 at the office of: GLEN OAKS ESCROW, 24018 LYONS AVE. SANTA CLARITA, CA 91321, Escrow No. 120-33602-CM, Escrow Officer: CYNTHIA MOLLER

(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.

(9) The last day for filing claims is: FEBRUARY 4, 2025.

(10) This bulk sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2025 BUYER(S): PREMIER POOL MANAGEMENT, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 3148310-PP DAILY PILOT 1/16/25

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Legal Notices

CITY OF COSTA MESA SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 19, 2024, the City Council gave first reading to proposed Ordinance No. 2025-01 on a 6-0 vote. The City Council will consider adoption of the proposed ordinance at the regular meeting on January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 3 (ANIMAL REGULATIONS) OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1 (IN GENERAL) AND CHAPTER VI (SPECIAL ANIMAL PERMIT) TO PROVIDE FOR BEEKEEPING AND TO CLARIFY APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL ANIMAL PERMITS

A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2025-01 is posted and may be read in the City Clerk's Office, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa Published on: January 16, 2025

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**SHOW**

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role for 40 years at a worth of tens of millions of dollars more. A long-term contract has not been agreed to, however.

The city agreed to the settlement before its demurrer against Pacific Airshow LLC was decided.

"In the eight years I served on the Huntington Beach City Council, I never saw a case where the city settled before the judge even ruled on the city's motion to dismiss," Boardman said in a statement. "It is particularly egregious here, where it is obvious that the city is not responsible for canceling one day of the air show. The oil spill caused the cancellation."

When the settlement was announced, City Atty. Michael Gates prepared a one-page executive summary rather than releasing the full settlement, citing



**THEN-HUNTINGTON** Beach Mayor Tony Strickland speaks during a press conference about the Pacific Airshow on May 9, 2023.

possible pending litigation against oil pipeline operator Amplify Energy. Af-

ter her California Public Records Act request was denied, Ocean View School

District trustee Gina Clayton-Tarvin sued to get the full settlement released,

which occurred last July after Judge Jonathan Fish ruled in her favor.

Meanwhile, Bixby and Boardman filed to intervene as part of the original lawsuit against Huntington Beach in June 2023, but Judge Martha Gooding blocked the intervention request, saying they lacked standing.

"We wanted to essentially stand in the shoes of the city if the city wasn't going to defend the case and pursue the demurrer that the city had filed," said attorney Lee Fink, who is representing Bixby and Boardman.

According to Fink, once the details of the settlement were released, Bixby and Boardman waited to see how the case played out in Pacific Airshow's separate suit against Kim Carr, who was the mayor during the 2021 air show. Pacific Airshow LLC filed to dismiss its lawsuit against Carr in November.

Gates said in a statement Monday that nothing has changed since the last time that Bixby and Boardman tried to file suit.

"This lawsuit is a rehash of the same and still no standing," Gates said. "The city of Huntington Beach spends way too much taxpayer money defending frivolous lawsuits from vexatious litigants. The residents should take notice. This lawsuit too will be thrown out."

Gates said he believes the third payment of the \$4.9 million is being readied. The settlement states it would be due by Jan. 30.

In October, California state auditor Grant Parks sued Huntington Beach because he said the city wasn't cooperating with an audit of the Pacific Airshow lawsuit approved by the California Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

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**LINES**

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what are known as public safety power shutoffs. These can prevent lines from sparking a disaster, at the expense of leaving neighborhoods without electricity for hours at a time.

City Manager Dave Kiff

said Edison initiated two power shutoffs in Laguna Beach over the weekend due to high winds as firefighters continued to work to contain the flames that have ravaged Los Angeles County.

The possibility of Santa Ana winds knocking down electrical equipment and causing a fire in Laguna Canyon has long been a

concern for local residents and elected officials. A ballot initiative proposing a 1% sales tax increase to fund the installation of underground power infrastructure along Laguna Canyon Road, key evacuation routes and other areas was considered in 2018. But it fell short of residents' approval with support from just over 46% of voters in

that year's general election. "When I ran in 2022, the number one issue I had on the top line of my platform was underground utilities," Rounaghi said during Monday's news conference. "... I do think this is top of mind for residents."

Rounaghi said awareness generated by the devastation wrought in L.A. County may help Laguna

Beach generate the political will to move forward with such a project. He added that within several days, the city will learn whether it has been approved for a grant from the regulatory body overseeing the state's grid, the California Public Utilities Commission, to help fund work on underground power lines in the canyon.

The mayor also plans to bring the issue to the forefront of conversations with his counterparts from around the country and federal officials when he attends the United States Conference of Mayors' winter meeting beginning on Friday.

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**SUIT**

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pal elections, starting in 2026. But the language of the measure states that the city "may" require voter ID, not that it definitively will.

Judge Nico Dourbetas wrote that Measure A is "permissive and discretionary in character, and thus currently presents no conflict with state elections

law." Bonta and Weber disagree.

"The Orange County Superior Court got it wrong — plain and simple," Bonta said in a statement Tuesday. "Secretary of State Weber and I firmly believe not only that the time is right for us to bring our lawsuit, but also that Huntington Beach's voter ID policy is unlawful."

Bonta said that a brief

will be filed with the California Fourth District Court of Appeal in coming weeks, stating reasons they believe the trial court's judgment was wrong.

The state originally filed a lawsuit last April, stating that Measure A was preempted by state law and therefore invalid.

"As California's chief elections officer, I am responsible for the administration and enforcement of the

state's election laws," Weber said in a statement. "Part of that role is ensuring that we encourage democracy through voter participation and stop attempts that burden democracy by preventing or discouraging eligible citizens from voting. Our state will continue to challenge any actions which violate state laws or hinder participation in our democracy."

Huntington Beach lead-

ers have argued that Measure A will ensure faith in local election results, also maintaining their stance that the city's charter city status enables it to administer its municipal elections.

City Atty. Michael Gates posted on X on Tuesday that the city will "fight vigorously in any court to keep its new Voter ID law."

In September, Gov. Gavin Newsom also signed into

law Senate Bill No. 1174, which bars local governments from enacting laws requiring residents to show a valid form of identification in order to vote.

Gates said at the time that the law was unconstitutional as it relates to charter cities and was "not going to stop us from what we're doing."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on 2/5/2025, at 1:30 PM of said day, At the North front entrance to the County Courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701, Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Cromwell Property Holding, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company recorded on 4/26/2023 in Book n/a of Official Records of Orange County, at page n/a, Recorder's Instrument No. 202300096439, by reason of a breach or default in payment or performance of the obligations secured thereby, including that breach or default, Notice of which was recorded 10/11/2024 as Recorder's Instrument No. 2024000265729, in Book n/a, at page n/a, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, lawful money of the United States, evidenced by a Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, or the equivalent thereof drawn on any other financial institution specified in section 5102 of the California Financial Code, authorized to do business in the State of California, ALL PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE, all right, title and interest held by it as Trustee, in that real property situated in said County and State, described as follows: Unit No. 61 per Condominium Plan recorded October 26, 1976, Book 11937, Page 314. An undivided 1/83rd interest in the common area of Lot 1, Tract 8444, per Map, Book 374, Pages 39 to 43 inclusive of Miscellaneous Maps. The street address or other common designation of the real property hereinabove described is purported to be: 61 Sea Island Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92660. The undersigned disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation. Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or other encumbrances, to satisfy the unpaid obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein; plus advances, if any, thereunder and interest thereon; and plus fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trustee created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligations at the time of initial publication of this Notice is \$655,730.76. In the event that the deed of trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing from one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f: **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee's sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2024-11218. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2024-11218 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit or declaration described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: January 13, 2025 Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California Limited Liability Company Christopher Loria, Trustee's Sale Officer 231 E. Alessandro Blvd., Ste. 6A-693, Riverside, CA 92508 Tel.: (951) 215-0069 Fax: (805) 323-9054 Trustee's Sale Information: (916) 939-0772 or [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) NPP0469917 To: NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT 01/16/2025, 01/23/2025, 01/30/2025**

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**BSC 226293**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEVEN E. TIRRELL**  
**30-2025-01451467-PR-PW-CMC**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **STEVEN E. TIRRELL.**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Ursula Lynn Bohlen** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Ursula Lynn Bohlen** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils 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 **Feb 27, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07** 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](http://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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**Legal Notices**

**BSC 226262**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Anne McEwen McNeill**  
**30-2024-01449137-PR-PW-CMC**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Anne McEwen McNeill.**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **MICHAEL G. McNEILL** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MICHAEL G. McNEILL** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
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**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Feb 19, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM08** 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](http://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.**  
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**Legal Notices**

**BSC 226294**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MOH MALEKPOUR aka MOHAMMAD ALI MALEKPOUR**  
**30-2023-01358061-PR-PW-CMC**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MOH MALEKPOUR aka MOHAMMAD ALI MALEKPOUR.**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **TODD SPITZER, ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **TODD SPITZER, ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR** 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 on **March 12, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM04** 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](http://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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