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Raider Nation set to descend on Costa Mesa

Officials announce the Las Vegas Raiders may train this summer at the Jack Hammett Sports Complex, vacated last year when the L.A. Chargers moved its headquarters to El Segundo. The City Council weighs the agreement Tuesday.

BY SARA CARDINE

A new NFL team could soon be coming to Costa Mesa's Jack Hammett Sports Complex, after city officials announced Friday they were in talks with the Las Vegas Raiders over use of the facility as a 2024 summer training camp.

The Costa Mesa City Council on Tuesday will discuss in its regular meeting the possibility of brokering a one-year agreement regarding the Fairview Road complex, recently vacated by the Los Angeles Chargers, who'd trained there since 2017.

"Costa Mesa is proud to be one of only two cities in the country to host an NFL team's summer training camp in a publicly owned facility," City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison said in a release Friday. "Jack Hammett is a treasure and we are excited to potentially have a new NFL team training here."

Under the proposed agreement, the Raiders would pay the city \$165,000 in rent and would agree to make an estimated \$600,000 worth of improvements to fields at the 14.5-acre facility, the release indicated.

The team would agree to estab-

lish a junior training camp for kids ages 6 to 12, provide 100 tickets for local students to attend an NFL game in Southern California and would make a donation of \$10,000 to a local youth sports team.

Additionally, outdoor weight training equipment would be donated to nearby Costa Mesa High School, while a new mobile recreation van would be made available for use by programs in underserved areas throughout the city.

Starting in mid-July, the team

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LAS VEGAS Raiders Cornerback Amik Robertson and L.A. Chargers' Gerald Everett at Allegiant Stadium on Dec. 14. The Raiders are expected to train at Costa Mesa's Jack Hammett Sports Complex this summer.



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CONTESTANT NATHEN Mercer, in green, walks to place a sticker on a world map during the Lincoln Elementary Geography Bee in Corona del Mar on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Nathen came in second place in the competition.

Students get to know the world

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The energy was electric Thursday night as students chattered and quizzed each other on the stage of Lincoln Elementary's auditorium in Corona del Mar.

"What's the capital for that state?" one student asked.

And when another one answered, a different student said, "Is that right?"

Seventeen fifth- and sixth-graders, preparing since January, competed in a geography bee Thursday at Lincoln Elementary in Corona del Mar.

More nervous, it seemed, were the parents, who had spent the last four months studying with their young children to memorize the locations of states and countries from all over the world. Thursday was the culmination of their efforts — the Lincoln Elementa-

ry Geography Bee, an event held on campus annually.

Pomona Elementary teacher Jon Pardoen said he's kept the tradition alive even after

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Laguna Beach seeks input on canyon

The city will meet with the community Tuesday regarding improvements for a busy corridor of Laguna Canyon Road.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach city officials plan to meet with community members on Tuesday to discuss the priorities going forward for Laguna Canyon Road.

A stakeholder meeting will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center, which is located at 380 3rd St.

Laguna Canyon Road is one of three major roadways that lead in and out of the city, providing access to the coastal community from the 405 freeway. Vehicular traffic also comes into town on Coast Highway, via Newport Beach from the north and Dana Point from the south.

The corridor, also known as State Route 133, is heavily utilized. Cyclists, drivers, pedestrians and those who take public transportation can all be found in a 2.5-mile stretch between El Toro Road and Canyon Acres Drive.

City officials are seeking public

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Eric Licas

MEGAN SANCHEZ, infant Jay Nova Sanchez, Hoag NICU nurses Makenna Augusta and Kylie Collins along with Mikey Sanchez gathered Wednesday for photos at the hospital where the baby was born.

Hoag NICU staff are on Team Jay for today's 5K

BY MATT SZABO

Jay Nova Sanchez is at that age, almost 11 months old, where Mom and Dad like to try to prompt a first word out of their infant.

"Bananas, blueberries, pumpkin," Mikey Sanchez of Fullerton said Wednesday afternoon, encouraging his first child. "Say 'Mama.' No, not today?"

Jay just smiled, unwilling to oblige, at least for now.

That's perfectly fine. The presence of a healthy child says a lot by itself.

Megan Sanchez gave birth to Jay via Cesarean section on June 16, 2023, at 1:48 a.m. He was born more than three months premature.

His birth weight was about 500 grams — 1 pound, 1 ounce. After birth, the micropreemie was whisked away to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Hoag Hospital Newport Beach.

"We came every single day," Megan Sanchez said. "We would sit with him, sing with him, read him books. Eventually, we did get

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GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Costa Mesa, without coach, exits CIF playoffs

BY ANDREW TURNER

Costa Mesa's softball team celebrated its first league championship in 21 years a week ago.

The Mustangs suffered a season-ending defeat to visiting Pasadena Mayfield 7-3 on Thursday, and they were surely left wondering what had happened to their head coach.

Coach Doug Deats was absent from the game, and school and Newport-Mesa district officials declined to comment when asked for more information on the matter.

In a phone interview after the game, Deats stated that he was placed on administrative leave the day of the game.

"At noon, I was called into the principal's office, and I was put on administrative leave," Deats said Thursday evening. "I have no reason why I'm on administrative leave. They didn't give me a reason. They just said I was under investigation. I asked if I could at least talk to the team, and I was refused the opportunity to talk to the

team." Deats, an economics teacher who has also been involved with the baseball and football programs in his 31 years at Costa Mesa High, said he felt bad that the players did not have a familiar face in the dugout with them for their post-season contest.

"Whether we would have won or not, if we didn't win, I should have had the opportunity to talk to those kids and explain what a great year they had and everything they accomplished," Deats added. "They haven't won a [league title] in 21 years. ... It's always hard in playoffs because most of the time, you lose your last game. That's championship softball, and the kids are sad, and they are hurting."

Costa Mesa (14-6), the Orange Coast League champion, surrendered four runs in the third inning to fall behind 5-1.

Sydney Pulido doubled and scored in the second for the Mustangs. Victoria Rios scored on a two-out double by Jaidyn Soldin in the third. Isabella Gonzalez

doubled and came home on an infield single by Rios in the fifth, capping the scoring for Costa Mesa.

Rios, the center fielder, also threw out a runner at the plate for a double play in the top of the fifth.

Todd Young, the school's athletic director, served as acting head coach for the Mustangs.

"They were just tickled pink, so excited," Young said of the feeling around the school after the Mustangs secured a rare league championship. "Just a great feeling. They were loving it. I wish we could have built that momentum into playoff wins, but it didn't work out."

Also in the CIF Southern Section softball playoffs:

Huntington Beach 8, Eastvale Roosevelt 7 (eight innings): Tea Gutierrez had two hits, three runs batted in and two runs scored to lead the Oilers on Thursday in a Division 1 wildcard round game at home.

Cali Bennett had two hits and two runs scored for the Oilers. **Capistrano Valley 4, Marina 2:** Senior first baseman Rylee Gonzalez and



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COSTA MESA'S Sydney Pulido hits a single in the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 6 softball playoffs against Pasadena Mayfield on Thursday.

Poly (24-2-2) on Tuesday.

Maleah Humble dropped down a squeeze bunt to score Willow Kellen for the game-winning run in extra innings. Morgan Drotter had two runs batted in, and Zoe Prystajko also drove in a run for the Oilers.

Capistrano Valley 4, Marina 2: Senior first baseman Rylee Gonzalez and

sophomore second baseman Gabby DiBenedetto drove in the runs for the host Vikings on Thursday in a Division 1 wildcard round game.

Sophomore pitcher Mia Valbuena struck out a dozen in a complete game for Marina (17-10-1), which was the fourth-place team in the Sunset League this season.

Capistrano Valley (21-6) advances to play at top-seeded Orange Lutheran (18-3) on Tuesday.

Burbank Providence 6, Ocean View 5: The visiting Seahawks surrendered the tying and game-winning runs in the bottom of the seventh inning on Thursday in the first round of the Division 5 playoffs.

Delailah Lopez had three runs batted in for Prep League champion Providence (20-2), which plays at Mission Valley League champion South El Monte (20-5-2) on Tuesday. Mia Allinson also had two RBIs.

Ocean View (13-12) was the third-place team in the Golden West League this season.

Los Amigos 1, Panorama City 0: The Lobos held an opponent scoreless for the fifth time this season on Thursday in the first round of the Division 7 playoffs at home.

Los Amigos (14-6) plays host to Fontana A.B. Miller (14-6) in the second round on Tuesday.

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BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Costa Mesa Mustangs are making a surprising playoff run

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Costa Mesa boys' volleyball team has furnished a deep playoff run behind a belief in each other when few others did.

Coach Tan Nguyen is encouraging the Mustangs to stick together as they attempt to send the program to its second CIF Southern Section final.

Prior to the Mustangs' quarterfinal match on Thursday, Nguyen said he walked in and wrote the words, "Don't believe the hype," on the board, a phrase that would resonate with any underdog.

Junior outside hitter Dimitri Downs had 20 kills, and Costa Mesa defeated Pomona Ganesha 27-25, 25-16, 25-17 for its second consecutive home triumph in the postseason.

"Don't believe in the hype," Nguyen repeated. "But underneath, I wrote, 'Put in the work, put in the passion, you'll get there.' That's what I wrote, and that's what I told the boys. All that extra stuff on the outside just affects your ability to work. You can just put in the work, put in the maximum effort. Whatever comes from there, comes from there."

For the second time this week, unranked Costa Mesa (16-9) emerged victorious from a trying first set. The Mustangs also had to go past regulation to secure the opening set in their upset of No. 3-seeded Palmdale Knight on Tuesday.

Downs misfired on his first three swings against No. 6 Ganesha (28-5), but he delivered pivotal contributions late in Game 1, erasing two set points with kills. Junior outside hitter John Luong followed with one of his 11 kills to give the Mustangs their first set point, which they converted on a hitting error by the Giants.

"I just know I have to have good confidence in myself," Downs said. "I know that I'll just keep swinging, and if I stay confident in myself, I'll hit it hard. I trust myself, and I trust my team. I trust my setter to kind of put it up and give me an opportunity to make myself improve from those mistakes."

Costa Mesa travels to No. 7 Riverside Poly (24-9) for its semifinal match on Saturday. The Mustangs' only prior appearance in a section championship game came in 2006, which ended

in a four-set defeat to Santa Monica in Division III.

Senior opposite Chris Rivera had a team-leading 19 digs and two blocks assists. Junior setter Adam Menendez spread around 43 assists to go with two service aces. Senior middle blocker Justin Foreman had nine kills and two block assists, junior outside hitter Kurt Mateo had five kills and 1½ total blocks, and senior reserve Nam Le chipped in with two aces.

"It's going to take dedication, it's going to take us playing all on point, it's going to take us doing every-

thing we can, but I honestly think we got it because we're a special bunch," Foreman said of what needs to be done for the Mustangs to reach their first CIF final in 18 years. "I think we've got a lot of potential and a lot of power on our team."

Sophomore outside hitter Jaden Delgado-Matsuda paced the Giants with 14 kills. Senior outside hitter Isaac Carranza and senior middle blocker Eric Galvez each had seven kills.

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LAGUNA

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input on priority projects within that stretch of the roadway. A survey for the "Laguna Canyon Road: Protect and Connect" project has been made available at lagunabeachcity.net/LCR.

The questionnaire asks the respondents about why and how often they use Laguna Canyon Road, including whether for daily commutes such as work or school or for recreation.

It also inquires as to the travelers' primary means of getting through the corridor, as well as challenges faced in doing so.

The project will take aim at addressing public safety concerns, including undergrounding utility lines. It will also look into multimodal transportation issues, such as congestion management.

MOSS STREET BEACH ACCESS CELEBRATED

The city will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for new beach access improvements at Moss Street on Friday, May 17. The ceremony will take



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A LOOK AT traffic rolling along Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach on Aug. 9, 2021.

place at 8:30 a.m.

The improvements include new stairs and walkways, along with on-site bike racks. A bluff will feature native and drought-tolerant plants.

A new lifeguard tower overlooking Moss Cove has also been added.

Construction took approximately eight months and the project cost \$1.77 million. State Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine) secured \$1.225 million in state funding to go toward the improvements.

"Thanks to the funding secured by Senator Min, the Moss Street beach access has undergone a transformative renovation," Laguna Beach Mayor Sue Kempf said in a statement. "The upgraded features, including redesigned stairs, walkways, and a new lifeguard tower, not only enhance accessibility but also preserve the natural beauty of our coastline."

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RAIDERS

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would use the site's fields for its training camp, bringing fields No. 3 and 4 up to standards required by the National Football League. Team representatives have further committed to hosting public practices to give fans up-close experiences with players.

Activities at Jack Hammett are not anticipated to disrupt regular youth sports hosted there, as the site's fields typically undergo renovation during summer months.

As training dates would coincide with the annual Orange County Fair, which runs July 19 through Aug. 18, city and team officials have agreed to collaborate on a comprehensive parking and traffic manage-

ment plan.

The Fairview Road facility has been used as an NFL training site since the former San Diego Chargers relocated to Los Angeles in 2017 and were in need of a training area closer to Los Angeles County.

Their search led them to the Costa Mesa complex, named in 2011 for former City Councilman and two-time Mayor Jack Hammett.

Under that lease agreement, the team had the option of remaining at Jack Hammett for up to 10 years. But in 2022, Chargers owners broke ground on a new corporate headquarters and training facility on a 14-acre property in El Segundo, closer to Los Angeles' SoFi Stadium.

Work on that site is an-

anticipated to wrap sometime this summer, according to the team's website.

Costa Mesa Mayor John Stephens said Friday he was pleased to welcome the team and their loyal fans — dubbed Raider Nation — to the City of the Arts.

"The Raiders and Costa Mesa share a commitment to excellence, and our partnership will greatly benefit the community," he said in Friday's statement, thanking Newport-Mesa School Unified School District and Costa Mesa High for their involvement in the endeavor.

"To quote [former Oakland Raiders owner and general manager] Al Davis, 'Just win, baby!'"

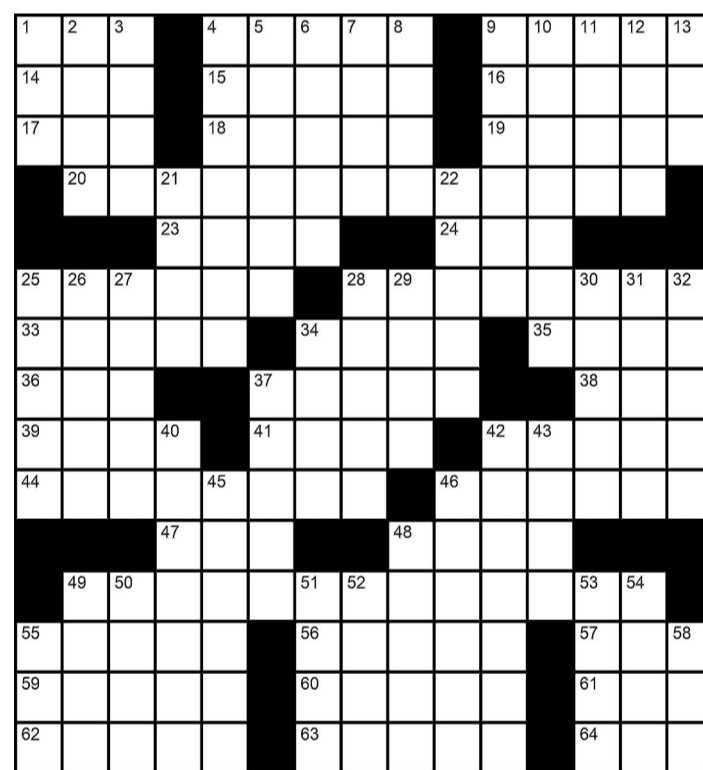
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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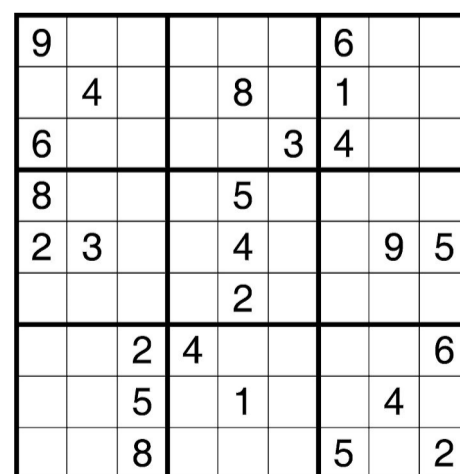
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- 20 Baseball two-fers
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- 24 Boyz II _ ("Motownphilly" group)
- 25 Breadwinner
- 28 Canadian ski resort
- 33 Tire feature
- 34 Mediocre grades
- 35 Lack of difficulty
- 36 Big pig
- 37 Duos
- 38 Letters on a battleship
- 39 Leave out
- 41 Picked hairstyle
- 42 Say yes
- 44 Walked like a supermodel
- 46 Out-and-out
- 47 Earlier, in a poem
- 48 "_ girl!" ("You go!")
- 49 Set of showtimes: 2 wds.
- 55 Legendary Himalayans
- 56 Archipelago parts
- 57 Smartphone program
- 59 Makeup name
- 60 Intended
- 61 Itinerary word
- 62 Demonstrated
- 63 Shows flexibility
- 64 Conclusion



SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

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



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

- 1 Sit-up muscles
- 2 Fill with cargo
- 3 Corporate emblem
- 4 Made possible
- 5 100 cents
- 6 Small cove
- 7 Biblical ark builder

- 8 US Open stadium name
- 9 PowerPoint presentation parts
- 10 Like perfectly cooked pasta: 2 wds.
- 11 Villain's hideout
- 12 Singer Tori

- 13 Beaver's structure
- 21 Annapolis school: Abbr.
- 22 Not quite right
- 25 Set of cultural values
- 26 Pleasant smell
- 27 TV's Philbin
- 28 Off the wall
- 29 Valiant person
- 30 1944 Gene Tierney film
- 31 German industrial city
- 32 Put back to zero
- 34 Casual eatery
- 37 Check casher
- 40 Joy Behar's show: 2 wds.
- 42 Creative people
- 43 Nana
- 45 Out of bed
- 46 Go to
- 48 Lion of Narnia
- 49 Muscle shirt material
- 50 30-Down director
- 51 Arm or leg
- 52 "Got it": 2 wds.
- 53 Donated
- 54 Brief car ride
- 55 "Absolutely!"
- 58 Scratch _

Tribune Media Services

Restaurant returns after hotel's \$5M renovation

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

When Lorea restaurant reopens today at Huntington Beach's Paséa Hotel & Spa, executive chef Scott Rackliff has only one hope: that guests who eat at the land-to-sea-driven restaurant are still thinking fondly about their dining experience the next day.

Lorea is a California coastal-inspired restaurant with a land-to-sea-driven menu with Rackliff and chef de cuisine Stefan Pierce at the helm, and one way the team at the renovated space is working to create those lasting memories is with a massive slice of carrot cake. The four-layer spiced cake studded with golden raisins and dressed in cream cheese frosting and candied heirloom carrots isn't meant to be finished in one sitting.

"We want people to be eating the cake the following afternoon, still thinking about Lorea," said Rackliff.

Paséa Hotel & Spa at 21080 Coast Highway in Huntington Beach underwent a \$5-million renovation of its food and beverage program that transformed not only the hotel restaurant but all on-property dining. Lorea's 1,372-square-foot indoor space has plenty of natural light with an open-air feel and a 77-foot-long stone bar. Lo-



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THE LAND-TO-SEA-driven menu at Lorea restaurant inside Paséa Hotel & Spa in Huntington Beach.

cal artist Chris Trisnan has hand-painted the dining room's community table, and the ocean front patio offers additional seating with a fire pit and outdoor pool bar.

The menu is designed to not only be approachable but interactive and shareable too. Parker house rolls, laminated like croissants, are presented with a lit melting candle made of Turkish chili-lime butter that softens under the flame for spreading. The Pavlova dessert is presented tableside with a dry ice "smoke" that floods the diner with the scent of lime and mint. Rackliff said those touches are inspired by his time as a cor-

porate chef for chef and restaurateur David Burke.

"We want people to have fun while they are eating," said Rackliff.

Pork belly wraps, for example, are served with all the components arranged on a plate. Slices of tender pork belly braised in mirin, gochugaru and tamari are fanned out with shavings of salted cucumber, purple ninja radish, pickled heirloom carrots, bib lettuce and chili crunch on top. Guest build their own wrap, and the portion is designed to share.

"It's so customizable," said Vincent Savignano, director of food and beverage. "If you don't like the radish or you are not into

the pickles, you can really make it your own."

A selection of steaks includes a 10-ounce prime hanger from Durham Ranch or a 6-ounce filet from Double R Ranch, with your choice of sauces Savignano said are interchangeable, like chimichurri or L-1 sauce, a tangy house-made steak sauce inspired by A-1.

There is seafood too. Scallops are served with maitake mushrooms and peas just blanched so a little bit of crunch remains, but also a pea puree and with fresh pea tendrils curling around the plate. It's a set Rackliff anticipates will change up with the seasons.

"After spring, we will get into summer squash," Rackliff said.

Mixologist Miguel Sandoval has created a menu of bespoke cocktails to accompany the menu, like a Fizzy Lizzy, a variation on a Ramos Gin Fizz but made with smokey mezcal in place of botanic-forward gin.

The hotel's revamp has also refreshed Treehouse on PCH, the hotel's rooftop lounge and popular late-night spot, that boasts a more open layout now to maximize views of the Pacific Ocean.

"The spaces offer a unique setting and vibe, creating the laid-back luxury experience that Paséa is known for," said Savignano.

Besides the carrot cake there are other memorable desserts, like the chocolate soufflé cake, which is

baked fresh and served with chocolate sauce, dulce de leche, chocolate pearls and whipped cream.

"It takes about 10 to 12 minutes to cook, so in the time that we are baking this, we send out a bowl of the beaters covered in cake batter," said Rackliff. "Its the best part of waiting for your cake to bake — licking the beaters."

With the generous portions, Rackliff and his team don't anticipate guests will finish everything, but they are making sure Lorea is good until the last bite, even if that last bite happens at home the next day.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword grid with answers filled in. Words include EDINA, SALAD, BOONOS, LLAMA, SAGALLAH, IDIOM, DOUBLEHEADERS, SLATMEN, EARNER, WHISTLER, TREAD, CEES, EASE, HOGPAIRS, USS, OMIT, AFRO, AGREE, SASHAYED, ARRANT, MOVIELISTINGS, YETIS, ISLES, APP, ESTEE, MEANT, VIA, SHOWN, BENDS, END.

Sudoku grid with numbers filled in. The grid is a 9x9 square with numbers 1-9 placed in various cells to solve the puzzle.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN LEE SWAB
CASE NO. 30-2024-01381433-PR-LA-CMC
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of **STEVEN LEE SWAB** aka **Sylvester Swab, Steven E Swab, Steven C Swab, Steven Lee Swan, Steven Swab.**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **GINA D. SWAB** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **GINA D. SWAB** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **05/08/2024 at 1:30 PM in Dept.: CM05.** 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 a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later of either (1) four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following item:

Authorization to Submit Application for Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant (EMSD) – The City Council will consider the authorization for Recreation and Senior Services to submit an application for federal funds under the Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant (formerly FTA Section 5310 Program) administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060(c) (2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Anyone wishing to attend the public hearing should check the June 11, 2024, meeting agenda on the City's webpage at newportbeachca.gov/agendas or contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov, during normal business hours, to receive information on how to attend this meeting. Please contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov if you would like to receive a copy of the report.

For questions regarding this public hearing item, please contact Justin Schmillen, Recreation and Senior Services Deputy Director, at (949) 644-3160 or jSchmillen@newportbeachca.gov.

Applicant: City of Newport Beach



/s/ Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted online via Zoom. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Porteous Residential Condominiums - A tentative parcel map and a coastal development permit (CDP) for two-unit condominium purposes. A duplex has been demolished and a new duplex is under construction. No waivers of Title 19 (Subdivisions) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code are proposed. The tentative parcel map will allow each unit to be sold individually. A coastal development permit is required because the property is in the coastal zone.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15315 under Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City or before the public hearing. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapters 19.12 and 21.64. A fee is not required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the Planning Commission. The project site is not located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City may not be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact **Laura Rodriguez** at lrodriguez@newportbeachca.gov, 949-644-3216, or at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2024-0012
Activity: Tentative Parcel Map and Coastal Development Permit

Zone: R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RT (Two Unit Residential)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RT-D (Two Unit Residential) - 20.0-29.9 DU/AC
Filing Date: January 17, 2024

Location: 516 & 516 1/2 Acacia Avenue
Applicant: Amber Miedema

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Balthasar Residence - A coastal development permit to demolish an existing single-family residence and construct a new 3,684-square-foot, single-family residence including an attached 561-square-foot, two-car garage. The structure would reach a height of approximately 24 feet and includes two stories. The existing bulkhead will remain in place with minor alterations. The project also includes additional appearances such as site walls, fences, patios, landscaping, and drainage devices. The design complies with all development standards including height, setbacks, and floor area limit, and no deviations are requested.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact **Melinda Whelan**, Assistant Planner at 949-644-3221, mwhelan@newportbeachca.gov, or at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

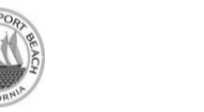
Project File No.: PA2024-0027
Activity: Coastal Development Permit

Zone: R-1 (Single-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RS-D (Single Unit Residential Detached)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RSD-C (Single Unit Residential Detached) 10.0-19.9 DU/AC
Filing Date: January 30, 2024

Location: 239 Via Lido Soud
Applicant: Chris Brandon

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506 Capital Group Residential Condominiums - A tentative parcel map and coastal development permit (CDP) for condominium purposes. The property owner proposes to demolish an existing residential duplex and build a new two-unit residential condominium building. The tentative parcel map would allow each unit to be sold individually. No waivers of Title 19 (Subdivisions) are proposed for this project. A CDP is required because the project site is located within the coastal zone.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact **Daniel Kopshever**, Assistant Planner, at 949-644-3235 or dkopshever@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA, 92660.

Project File No.: PA2023-0201
Activity: Coastal Development Permit and Tentative Parcel Map

Zone: R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RT (Two Unit Residential)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RT-D (Two Unit Residential) - (20.0 - 29.9 DU/AC)
Filing Date: March 7, 2024

Location: 506 & 506 1/2 Avocado Avenue
Applicant: Betty Gulezyan

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leaving Lincoln in 2020. He started holding geography bees at the Orange Unified School District in the early 2000s, inspired by a professor who always had timelines and maps that better contextualized conversations they had about history.

Students are given the material shortly after returning from their winter vacations. Studying for and participating in the bee is voluntary, but students are tested on the material beforehand to make sure they're ready to compete. Those with the highest scores in earlier tests get to participate in the event, which often includes more than one student from each class.

Seventeen students competed Thursday, and Pardo said as many as 23



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CONTESTANT JACOB Kaiser, right, reacts to getting a difficult answer correct with a fellow contestant at the Lincoln Elementary Geography Bee.

have participated in the past.

The contest is designed for fifth- and sixth-graders, meaning that some students who competed last year were able to participate again this year.

Sixth-grader Nathan Gorman defended his title as champion this year. The 12-year-old said he shared his title with three other students who entered middle school last year, but he managed to come out on top for 2024.

"The exhilaration that I experienced made me want to come back [and compete]. I really love history and geography, so it's a fun thing for me to do," Nathan said, prior to the start of the bee. "It's kind of one of the few chances that you actually get to [learn geography] other than taking a specialized class in high school or college. It's a really exciting opportunity to be able to learn this stuff early on, so you can have more of a global view instead of individual countries."

Nathen Mercer, who came in second, said he felt geography was important because people can use it their whole lives, even in small ways.

"Even if it's just traveling or, like, even more upcoming geography bees like



CONTESTANTS BILL Huynh, left, and Shwaas Kurada laugh at almost getting the answer wrong during the bee.

this, it's very useful," Nathan, who is also a sixth-grader, said. "I think it's a really fun opportunity that you probably won't get later on. It's just good to take the opportunity because you might regret it [if you don't] and ... you get to make new experiences, learn stuff and have fun. It's a good time. Last year when I did this, I had a really fun time. I didn't want to be first, but I just wanted to make sure it was a good one."

Fifth-grader Ethan Jacobson won third place in the contest.

Fellow student and competitor Shwaas Kurada said he studied for about an hour and a half each day after getting the materials.

The 11-year-old said he

felt that learning the locations of everything helped him associate places with historical events. He didn't feel it mattered if participants didn't score as well as they might have liked and said he agreed with Nathan that more important than winning was having a good time and getting to know students from other classes and learning good study habits.

"I know that even if I don't win, I really tried my best. I've now spent over 50 hours learning every single country in the world just to have fun, and isn't that a good accomplishment?" Shwaas said.

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- Finance Committee (four seats – terms are for one-year, expiring on June 30, 2025)**
Meetings are as necessary, on weeknights or weekdays (M-Th), at a time convenient for the Committee at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach

All scheduled vacancies will become vacant when the existing terms expire on June 30, 2024, or until the seat is filled.

All applicants must be qualified electors of the City, none of whom shall hold any paid office or employment in City government (Section 702 of the City Charter).

The deadline for filing applications is noon on Thursday, May 23, 2024, or until the vacancies are filled. The application and additional information about the Boards and Commissions can be found at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/vacancy> or by calling 949-644-3005. The application and information about the Boards and Commissions can also be accessed through the City's website at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/bcc>.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 949-644-3005.



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Doggie Daycare...And More, Inc. – A minor use permit to allow a dog daycare and grooming establishment (animal boarding and grooming use) within an existing commercial building previously used as an office. The applicant is requesting to merge three existing office suites into one 6,600-square-foot dog daycare establishment. All animal boarding and grooming activities are proposed to remain within the interior of the building.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Jerry Arregui, Planning Technician, at 949-644-3249, jarregui@newportbeachca.gov or at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2023-0248
Activity: Minor Use Permit
Zone: Industrial (I)
General Plan: General Industrial (IG)
Location: 1555, 1557 & 1559 Placentia Avenue
Applicant: Roseanne Faul



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Whitaker Residence – A request for a coastal development permit (CDP) to allow the removal of an existing single-story, single-family manufactured home and accessory structures, and the installation of a new single story, single-family manufactured home in compliance with state law. The development also includes a driveway, patio, walkways, and entry stairs.

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Project File No.: PA2024-0043
Activity: Coastal Development Permit
Zone: Bayside Village Mobile Home Park (PC1)
General Plan: Multiple Residential (RM)
Coastal Land Use Plan: Multiple Unit Residential – (10.0 – 19.9 DU/AC) (RM-C)
Filing Date: March 7, 2024
Location: 55 Saratoga
Applicant: Steve Almquist, Coastline Construction



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JAY

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to hold him. It was a whole production to hold him because it took four or five people to place him on you. He could fit in my sports bra. That's how little he was."

This weekend is about celebrating Jay, the miracle baby. A handful of Hoag NICU staff are running the Hoag OC Marathon 5K along with Jay's family and friends on this evening at the Orange County Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa.

Kylie Collins and Makenna Augusto, Jay's primary nurses in the NICU, wouldn't miss the 5K. They cared for him until he was released in mid-October to go to Children's Hospital of Orange County, where a gastronomy tube was installed.

He had progressed slowly; he spent well more than 100 days in the Hoag NICU unit, the longest that a baby has been in that particular unit. There were 133 days in the NICU overall, between Hoag and CHOC.

"Celebrating all of the wins is important in the NICU," Collins said. "Even if it's, 'They took 10 [milliliters], which is more than the five than they took yesterday.' You have to learn what a win is, just so you can keep positive and watch them grow. It sometimes feels like nothing is changing, when things really are changing, you just can't see it."

Jay got to go home from CHOC on Oct. 26. About six months later, the micropreemie is thriving.

"Even in our NICU, everyone's like, 'How's Jay?'" Augusto said with a laugh. "He would be wide awake the whole time, staring at everyone. He just wanted to hang. He loved the ocean



Eric Licas

MIKEY, JAY Nova and Megan Sanchez stand in the NICU facility where the infant was born three months premature.

view [from his room]."

She added that Mikey and Megan were everyone's cheerleaders in the NICU. "We've never had parents be so encouraging to everyone else," Augusto said. "Mikey was always out there telling everyone that he was praying for them, and that they'd be OK."

The ocean detail is funny, considering that Jay was named after surfer Jay Moriarity, the late surfer from Santa Cruz who was the subject of the documentary "Chasing Mavericks." Moriarity loved the ocean and was known for his sportsmanship.

What's more than funny was that the day their son was born, Mikey looked up Jay Moriarity's birthday. It's the same as his sons, June 16.

"We just both sat there and felt very humbled and blessed," Mikey Sanchez said. "He never gave up, and we know that [our] Jay never gave up. Paddle, paddle, paddle became his thing every day."

To this day, Hoag doctors don't know what caused Megan's complications that

led to Jay's early arrival. What the Sanchez family believes is that their son was meant to be here.

He was on oxygen when he got home, but that ended within a week. The gastronomy tube was taken out in March; the family hadn't needed it since the new year began.

"He's surpassed all of the milestones," Megan Sanchez said. "Now they don't even believe us when we say he's a micropreemie."

Megan added that her son is living his best life. He's gone to the river a couple of times and to the beach. He never misses a meal.

Plenty of loved ones will hit the pavement at the 5K tonight for Jay, who one day will understand the difficulties that he's overcome.

"He's living his best life," Megan said with a laugh. "I think he's a little sad that we traded his Newport view for Fullerton, but maybe one day he can make his own living here."

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