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HUNTINGTON BEACH City Council candidates participate in a round of questioning at the Chamber of Commerce's candidates forum.

H.B. candidates share vision at chamber forum

Three incumbents, representing liberal-leaning voices on a seven-person body that currently has a conservative majority, are defending their seats against challengers in November.

BY ERIC LICAS

Candidates competing for three Huntington Beach City Council seats, as well as the office of city clerk in this year's election, tackled questions regarding the city's business climate at a candidates forum Thursday hosted by the local chamber of commerce.

About 50 people turned out for the event hosted at the Senior Center and moderated by Sheik Sattaur, a Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce board member. They listened to eight candidates share their vision of the city's economic future for about two hours.

They were, in alphabetical order, Rhonda Bolton, Amory Hanson, Marissa Jackson, Dan Kalmick, Don Kennedy, Natalie Moser, Butch Twining and Chad Williams. Votes for Huntington Beach City Council seats are not broken up by district, so the top three vote-getters will claim victory.

Bolton, Kalmick and Moser are incumbents who represent liberal-leaning voices on a seven-person body that currently has a conservative majority.

They're defending their seats against Jackson, a self-described "mama bear" advocating for religious and family values; Huntington Beach Historic Resources board member



RESIDENTS WAIT for the candidates forum to begin at the Senior Center on Thursday.

Hanson; combat veteran Williams as well as Kennedy and Twining, who are both planning commissioners.

The latter three have described each other as running mates and, like Jackson, espouse many positions similar to those held by the current council's four uncontested members.

Bolton, Jackson and Hanson said rising rents are making it harder for companies to stay in Huntington Beach, and described the issue as one of the biggest challenges facing local businesses. Bolton, Kalmick and Moser

noted that the high cost of housing has also pushed talented workers out of the area, making it more difficult for companies to recruit skilled employees.

Most candidates listed public safety as one of the top three issues challenging businesses in Huntington Beach and said more can be done to deter retail crime. Jackson, Kennedy, Twining and Williams repeatedly associated homelessness with public intoxication and

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Panel helps residents prepare in case of attack

Attendees received guidance on how to assess and respond to threats during an active shooter scenario.

BY ERIC LICAS

Newport Beach Police Sgt. Chris Kimble has frequently drilled for the possibility of an active shooter scenario over the years. It's a topic he's gone over with his wife and a concept educators introduced her daughter to as an elementary school student.

Despite all that, talking to her about the possibility of a planned act of gun violence targeting her at school or some other public place was one of the hardest discussions he's had to have so far as a father.

"As a parent, yeah, it sucks," Kimble said. "I hate that my daughter has to live in a world where [the possibility of an] active shooter is a reality."

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Fountain Valley passes E-bike rules

The safety regulations largely mirror rules already in place for other vehicles.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Following in the footsteps of what numerous cities have done, Fountain Valley on Tuesday decided to tighten the rules relating to the operation of electric bicycles. The City Council approved a municipal code amendment providing definitions for several modes of transportation and outlining regulations against unsafe riding. The ordinance concerned e-bikes, mopeds, motor-driven cycles and pocket bikes.

The changes largely mirrored those in place for other vehicles in the municipal code and the California Vehicle Code, including riding against the flow of traffic, following the direction of posted signs, and speed-related safety issues.

The council also passed an ordinance to include e-bikes, mopeds, and other forms of electrical

See **E-bike**, page A5

Costa Mesa seniors embrace 'Golden Bachelorette' despite some technical difficulties with screening



Susan Hoffman

COASTAL HEIGHTS SENIOR LIVING residents Marilyn Giss, front, and Peggy Bartkowski, right, wait for "The Golden Bachelorette" premiere party to start Wednesday. A communications breakdown meant most of the guests watched the TV show later in their own apartments.

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

The Coastal Heights Senior Living community in Costa Mesa had been thrilled to have been chosen by ABC to help celebrate the television premiere of "The Golden Bachelorette" on Wednesday night.

All dressed up for the 5 o'clock invitation to view the program — following an on-site "prom" that had been held the same afternoon — about 50 residents sat together in anticipation of the main event, the first time in the history of the "Bachelorette" franchise that a woman in her 60s, Joan Vassos, would be looking for love in what must be one of the most public ways possible.

"It's quite an honor to be selected out of hundreds of senior communities nationwide to host a wonderful viewing party," said Catherine Ratelle, the senior living community's executive director. "And ABC sent a kit with give-aways and decorations."

However, the television viewing party hit a snag. It seemed the broadcast would not be

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ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



Lizzie Moo

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AROUND TOWN



Lizzie Moo

THE ORANGE COUNTY Children's Book Festival returns to Orange Coast College.

Children's Book Festival nears

The Orange County Children's Book Festival will be held on the campus of Orange Coast College, 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, on Sunday, Sept. 22. This event for children of all ages features authors, illustrators, book-sellers, animals, storytellers, costumed characters, train rides, crafts, food, entertainment and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. A list of the featured authors can be found at kidsbookfestival.com.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

A screening of the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour will be hosted by Orange Coast College Friends of the Library on Wednesday, Sept. 25 with a new selection of films. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre on the OCC campus in Costa Mesa and feature an international selection of films presenting a wide range of outdoor adventures.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$16 or \$20 the day of the screening. Tickets for current OCC students with ID are \$10. Advance tickets can be purchased online at OCC. For general information, email cmorgan@occ.cccd.edu or call (714) 432-0202, ext. 21058. Free parking will be available in Lots C and D near the Robert B. Moore Theatre.

Newport Harbor cleanup returns

Put on hold due to the pandemic, the annual Newport Harbor Underwater Cleanup returns on Saturday, Sept. 21, at Marina Park, 1600 W. Balboa Blvd. Launched in 2017 by Help Your Harbor's founders, former Newport Beach Mayor Marshall "Duffy" Duffield and local environmentalists Billy Dutton and Mark Ward, NHUC, hosted three years of cleanup events at the Balboa Bay Club before COVID-19 hit. This year, the Marina Park cleanup will be held in partnership with the city of Newport Beach. Volunteer scuba divers and onshore participants

will search Newport Harbor for trash, plastics and other pollutants. Check-in begins at 7 a.m., with the cleanup starting at 9 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. the event will conclude with lunch, raffle prizes and recognitions.

Chili Cook-off in Sunset Beach

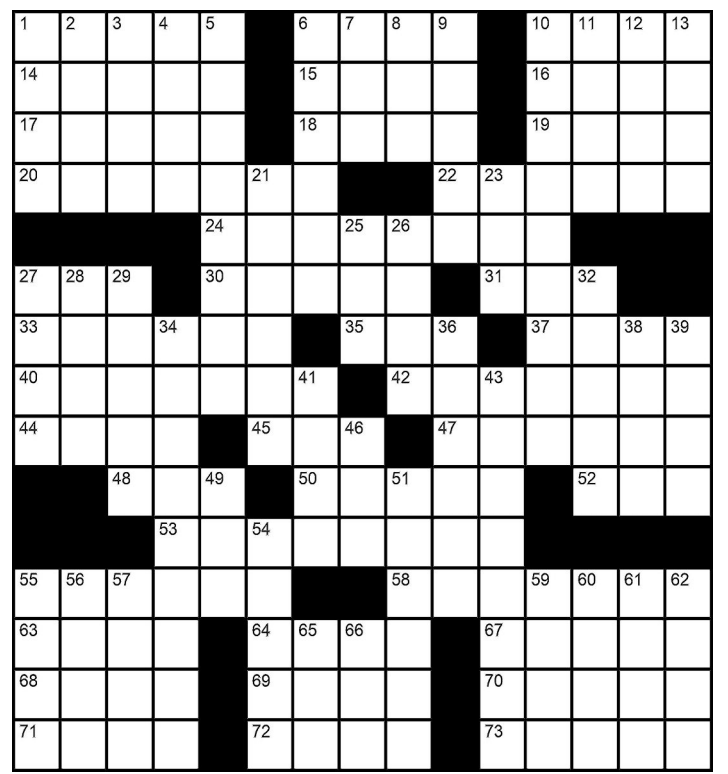
The 25th annual Sunset Beach Chili Cook-off, sponsored by the Sunset Beach Woman's Club, is planned for Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sunset Beach Community Center, 16861 12th St. Live music will be performed by Cat Reed and the Back Alley, and the event will also include food vendors, an auction and an opportunity drawing. The goal is to raise funds for student scholarships, according to organizers who hope to assist 20 students with this year's proceeds. Tickets, which can be purchased at the door or via eventbrite.com/e/25th-annual-sunset-beach-chili-cookoff-tickets-826022324007, are \$20, with children under 5 admitted free. — From staff reports

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Stella Zawistowski

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- 6 Not optimistic
- 10 Performs in a play
- 14 Starting squad
- 15 Handed-down tales
- 16 Compound in fertilizer
- 17 Fancy country home
- 18 Looked at
- 19 Noticed
- 20 Capital of Georgia
- 22 Mean
- 24 Living room furniture
- 27 Ctrl-_-Del
- 30 Bite or sip
- 31 _ Vegas, Nevada
- 33 Sounded like a cannon
- 35 Feeling blue
- 37 Son of Jacob and Leah
- 40 Police car
- 42 Expressive and poetic
- 44 Omen
- 45 Used a shovel
- 47 In orderly fashion
- 48 "Yo!"
- 50 Allowed by Islamic law
- 52 Caribbean, e.g.
- 53 Quartet
- 55 Circle measurement
- 58 By the ocean
- 63 _ vera
- 64 "Waterloo" band
- 67 Retail establishment
- 68 Survey
- 69 Manner of walking
- 70 Consumed
- 71 Off the market
- 72 Barely defeat
- 73 Extreme fear

- DOWN**
- 1 Bean variety
- 2 "He's _ again!": 2 wds.
- 3 Classroom sound
- 4 "_ Land" (2016 film): 2 wds.
- 5 Flows (from)
- 6 Shines brightly
- 7 Singer Orbison
- 8 Anger
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- 60 Roomy handbag
- 61 Square footage
- 62 Give for a time
- 65 Not good
- 66 Large



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.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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Emergency declaration reissued for Airport fire

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Orange County's Health Officer Dr. Regina Chinsio-Kwong reissued an emergency declaration late this week for the Airport fire as crews continued to make progress in the battle against the flames. The emergency declaration will help keep state funding available to help with the costs of battling the blaze, which has blackened 23,519 acres and was 51% contained Friday.

"We're doing everything we can while it's cooler to construct those fire lines, improving them and making sure they're tested by the wind," Orange County Fire Authority Capt. Steve Concialdi said.

The fire authority "flew in some hot shot" firefighters

recently to camp out in inaccessible terrain to stay on the blaze, Concialdi said.

"They're camping out there so it doesn't take hours commuting back and forth because it's inaccessible terrain," Concialdi said.

Authorities are imploring drone operators to avoid the area, Concialdi said. Drones force aircraft to land to avoid an in-flight collision, Concialdi said.

On Monday, Edison officials will be using a helicopter to remove damaged power poles and lines and replace them, so that will force intermittent shut-downs of traffic on Ortega Highway, Concialdi said.

If anyone sees a downed power line they are advised to treat it as if it were live because generators and the sun can re-energize a

downed line, Concialdi said.

Orange County officials earlier this week launched a website to help residents and have opened a center at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, where people affected by the Airport fire can get assistance and information on available resources.

The service center at 28000 Marguerite Parkway is on the second-floor lounge of the college and will be open from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The website is at ocgov.com/recovery.

Firefighters were continuing to make progress battling the massive Airport fire in Orange and Riverside counties, holding the spread and growth of the blaze that started more

than a week ago.

The fire has destroyed 160 structures and damaged 34 others.

Legal claims are beginning to trickle in to the county regarding the cause that sparked the blaze. Authorities have said it started when an Orange County Public Works crew was removing boulders.

Mikhail Trubchik, 40, said his San Juan Capistrano home was destroyed in the fire and has filed a claim for \$2.3 million. He said the blaze destroyed his house, guest house and a five-car garage.

Fred and Diane Neubauer of Trabuco Canyon filed a claim for \$1,043.75 for hotel expenses when they were evacuated from the area.

Two law firms have also

sent letters to the county of a potential claim that requests a preservation of evidence.

Cooler temperatures helped firefighters make progress on battling the blaze Tuesday and Wednesday. Helicopter water drops on Santiago Park helped extinguish flames there. Crews were working to bolster the perimeter because they expect warmer temperatures and dryer weather in the coming days.

Firefighters are finding the fire line between Modjeska and Santiago Peaks pesky because of its steep, winding terrain, officials said.

The reopening of Ortega Highway has led to a great deal more traffic, so firefighters asked drivers to be careful of firefighting crews

in the area.

Officials said crews were having "notable success in increasing containment" in areas such as Lake Elsinore, Decker Canyon Road and Lakeland Village.

Officials said 15 people were injured, with all but two being firefighters who suffered minor injuries fighting the blaze, many of them heat-related. On Thursday night, more injuries related to the battle were incurred when six firefighters from the Orange County Fire Authority's Santiago crew were hospitalized after their vehicle crashed on State Route 241 while returning from fighting the Airport fire, officials said.

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PREPARE

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He added that he "wanted to arm my daughter with a little more information" so that she's better prepared to survive, maybe even help others, in case she ever found herself in the middle of an attack. That's also why he's been passionate about putting on active shooter response training sessions privately for local businesses and other groups.

On Tuesday, he, Mayor Will O'Neill and Emergency Services Coordinator Katie Eing hosted Newport Beach's first public Active Shooter Training Panel at City Hall's Community Room. About two dozen members of the community came out to receive guidance on how to assess their surroundings and think their way through a possible mass shooting. They also got introductory first aid training that could help save a person's life.

Members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast's leadership



Eric Licas

NEWPORT BEACH EMERGENCY SERVICES coordinator Katie Ewing and Police Sgt. Chris Kimble demonstrate the application of a tourniquet during Tuesday's session.

team were among those in attendance. The nonprofit's staff is constantly training for a variety of emergency situations, according to their senior director of operations and programs Erica Aguirre, senior director of learning and innovation, Amber Plumber, as well as the general manager of the organization's Newport Beach location, Michael Tanagon. But discussing gun violence with children requires special care.

"On our end, it's really about reassuring them that we as their mentors and their staff are here to protect them as best as we can," Plumber said. "And our best way of doing that is preparation."

Tanagon said he's thankful to live in a community as safe as Newport Beach. But Kimble noted that active shooters are, in many aspects, unpredictable, and it can be difficult to tell what locations they wind

up targeting.

"Even though it's a community like Newport Beach, where it's usually safe, you never know what's going to happen," Tanagon said. "Training's always helpful for staff. It's like insurance. You want to make sure you have it, but hope you never use it."

"You don't have to have an issue happen for us to train on this," Aguirre said. "But when something does happen, we do tend to highlight it again, because it's on everyone's mind."

Tuesday's training session came two days after a second assassination attempt on former president Donald Trump and about two weeks after a 14-year-old shot and killed two teachers and two students at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia.

For many, the recent tragedy renewed debate over school shootings, a uniquely American issue that has become increasingly more common over the decades. Plumber recalled watching news reels of the 1999 Columbine shooting while she was in

high school. She said frequently training for something that was once unprecedented felt like coming full circle.

"We weren't doing this kind of training when I was growing up."

In addition to active shooter drills and other educational efforts to prepare schools for potential gun violence, the Newport Beach City Council has increased the number of school resource officers on local campuses from two to three and has worked closely with the police department to plan for and prioritize the safety of children, O'Neill said.

Last month, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District approved a \$5,221,041 contract to install AI-assisted surveillance equipment that can automatically detect gunshots.

"There's a lot we do in partnership with the schools, because these are places we want to be sure are particularly safe," O'Neill said.

As the term "lockdown" becomes common vocabu-

lary for American elementary students, such measures are being seen more often at schools across the country. Some have criticized such policies and expenditures as reactionary efforts that treat school shootings as an inevitability instead of tackling the circumstances causing them. Supporters of gun reform legislation point to research suggesting that states with higher rates of gun ownership and easier legal access to firearms experience school shootings more often.

"In Newport the things we've been doing on the school side is really more preventative than reactionary," O'Neill said. "A lot of the work on the school resource officer side, the capital improvement side, has been geared toward preventing, not reacting."

He said hopes to host more public training sessions to better prepare more residents for a possible active shooter attack.

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

It's not easy on the experts when grammar rules fall out of favor

Chaise longues — those reclining full-length chairs that beckon you to the beach — are making me nostalgic. Not for days when I had more free time and closer proximity to the ocean, but for days when all the editing rules I learned were still relevant. Editing rules like: It's chaise longue, not chaise lounge.

The nostalgia hit me recently when I read this sentence about digital nomads in the New York Times Magazine: "Then, from a chaise longue on the beach, they can register a business with the tap of a button."

Outside the New York Times, "longue" sightings are rare these days. More and more, I see "chaise lounge" instead. That's not



necessarily a problem. But when you're a longtime copy editor who once believed that editing rules were universal and people who knew them were uniquely valuable, it's hard to let go.

Apparently, some editing bigwig at the New York Times feels the same way. "Chaise longue" appears in their pages about three or four times a month. The only recent instances of "chaise lounge" appear in the proper name of some product that spells it that way.

This can get a little awkward, like in the Times' 2019 article "Shopping for a Chaise Longue" that lists five chaise longues named "chaise lounge," sometimes with both spellings appear-

ing in the same sentence. It's the kind of tug-of-war between old and new that we editors see a lot.

Take "healthy," for example, back when I was new on the job, editors were nearly unanimous in insisting that "healthy" means a state of good health and that only "healthful" can mean "promoting good health." So when we saw something like "Eat a healthy diet," it was our job to change that to "eat a healthful diet."

No one's on board with that rule anymore. The Associated Press Stylebook lets you use "healthy" to mean "health-promoting," as do dictionaries. Even those traditional New York Times editors must agree, as evidenced by the Aug. 2 headline "How Healthy Are Tomatoes?" As you can



EXPERTS USED to insist that eating tomatoes was healthful, but now most agree it's healthy.

Betty Hallock
Los Angeles Times

guess, the article wasn't about whether tomatoes themselves were feeling spry and running marathons. It was about tomatoes' health-promoting effects, and it doesn't use the word "healthful" even once.

Having grown up in a time when casual speakers never used the stuffy-sounding "healthful," I've always been fine with using "healthy" this way. But I'm still a little wistful that my once-relevant morsel of editing wisdom, which apparently was a throwback to the 1800s, is now useless.

I'm not so accepting about the status of "champing at the bit." We

use this term to mean someone's very eager to do, get or see something. Like "Bob's champing at the bit to get that promotion." The "bit," of course, is a reference to the metal mouthpiece in a horse's bridle. Ever see a movie with spirited horses seemingly gnashing their teeth to be allowed to run free? That's champing at the bit. And as a young editor and young horse enthusiast before that, I was taught in no uncertain terms that horses champ. Here's Merriam-Webster's definition of the intransitive verb: "1. to make biting or gnashing movements, 2. to show impatience of delay or restraint — usually used in

the phrase *champing at the bit*: 'he was champing at the bit to begin.'"

But of course, horses champ, too. And though chomping is more about eating and champing is more about gnashing, it's a blurry line, which is why AP style allows followers to choose either "champing at the bit" or "chomping at the bit."

Another "I used to know" to file under "No longer relevant."

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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Barnard Residence— A request for a coastal development permit to demolish an existing two-unit dwelling and construct a new 2,318-square-foot, three story, two-unit dwelling with an attached 444-square-foot two-car garage and two carport spaces in the VE Special Flood Hazard Area (VE Flood Zone). Additionally, the applicant requests a variance from Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) to construct three exterior entry stairs, one within the front and side setbacks facing West Ocean Front and two entirely within interior side setbacks. The front stairs are approximately 5 feet, 4 inches in height, measured to the highest guardrail and the side stairs are approximately 7 feet, 9 inches in height, measured to the highest guardrail. A variance is required because the NBMC restricts stairs, platforms, and landings within the side setback to 18 inches maximum, measured from existing grade, and restricts fences, hedges, and walls (including guardrails and handrails) to 6 feet maximum, measured from existing grade. Further, the NBMC restricts the height of fences, hedges, and walls (including guardrails and handrails) within the front setback to 42 inches maximum, measured from existing grade. The project complies with all other development standards and no other deviations are requested.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines – Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 (CEQA Guidelines) because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

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 Chapter 21.64 (Appeals and Calls for Review) and 20.64 (Appeals or Calls for Review). A fee is required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the City Council. The project site is located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing, and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Oscar Orozco, Assistant Planner, at 949-644-3219 or oorozco@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2023-0018
Activity: Coastal Development Permit and Variance
Zone: R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RT (Two Unit Residential)
Coastal Land Use Plan: RT-E (Two Unit Residential) (30.0 – 39.9 DU/AC)
Filing Date: January 25, 2023
Location: 3907 Seashore Drive
Applicant: Ritner Group Inc.
David Salene, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach



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Zone: R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RT (Two-Unit Residential)
Coastal Land Use Plan: RT-E (Two Unit Residential) (30.0 – 39.9 DU/AC)
Filing Date: July 16, 2024
Location: 3202 West Ocean Front
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David Salene, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Los Amigos football team has best start in decades

BY ANDREW TURNER

Isaac Galindo rushed for 215 yards and three touchdowns, as visiting Los Amigos ran past La Puente Nogales 52-14 in Thursday's nonleague football game.

Los Amigos put up a season-high total in points. The Lobos are now averaging 44.5 points per contest.

Jayvin Le threw for 120 yards, supplying both a passing touchdown and a rushing score. Amari'e Maddox was on the receiving end of an 82-yard touchdown. Chris Flores also had a 43-yard inter-

ception return for a touchdown.

Los Amigos is off to its best start in nearly three decades. Chris Sandro, the school's athletic director, said the Lobos last began a season with a 4-0 record in 1997.

When it plays host to Upland Western Christian (2-1) on Thursday, Los Amigos will attempt to match last season's longest winning streak of five games. That streak came at the end of last season, before being knocked out in the CIF Southern Section Division 13 quarterfinals by

Walnut. Nogales dropped to 2-2.

Ocean View 30, Bolsa Grande 6: Gaige Prichard carried the ball 31 times for 175 yards and two touchdowns, as the visiting Sea-hawks prevailed for the first time this season.

Robert Walter added a rushing touchdown for Ocean View (1-4), which enters its bye week before opening Sigma League play at home against Los Amigos on Oct. 4.

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ISAAC GALINDO (30) of Los Amigos, seen here playing against Walnut last year, rushed for 215 yards and two touchdowns against Nogales on Thursday. The Lobos are off to a 4-0 start.

E-BIKE

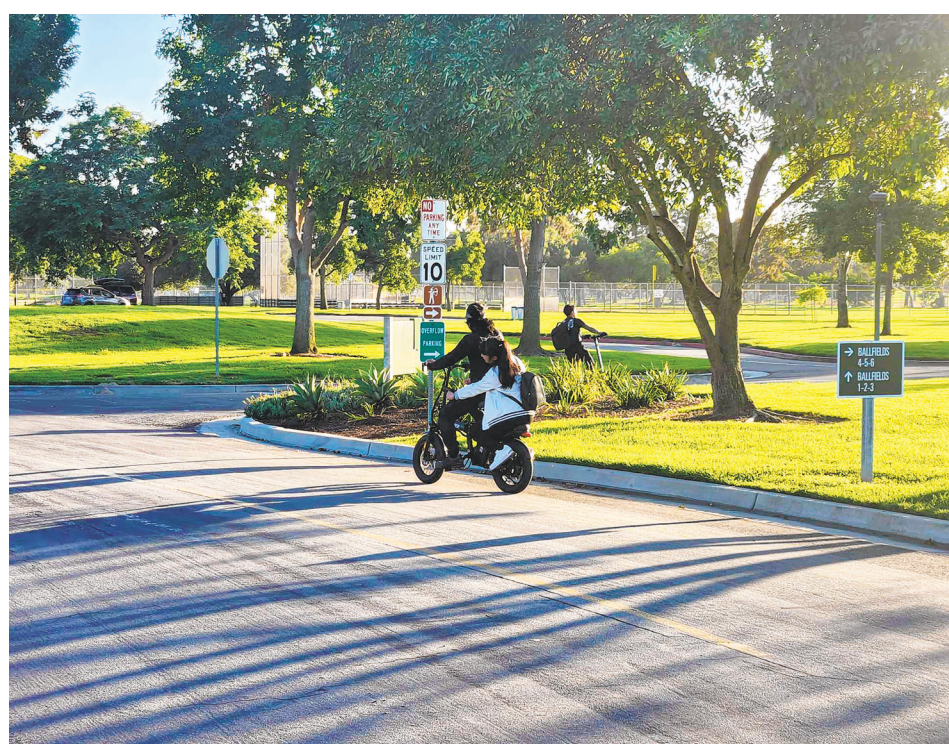
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and motorized transportation among the list of prohibited vehicles in city parks.

"In the future, the [police] department will hold mandatory training sessions for e-bike riders, and parents, who plan to ride e-bikes to school in Fountain Valley," Police Sgt. Brian Mosher said. "Upon completing the training, students will be issued a permit to ride their e-bikes to school. I think this is very important. This will make sure that each of them has been trained."

Vice Mayor Ted Bui asked how an officer would know if a rider had completed the training.

"We will have some sort of record keeping that will be on our side of knowing who's had the training, and the parents will be present during these," Mosher added. "We're following suit of the other agencies that are doing the same thing, so we want to make sure that everybody understands that these bikes are dangerous."



Andrew Turner

TWO E-BIKE riders pass through Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley on Tuesday. The City Council approved an ordinance detailing e-bike safety regulations this week.

ents know when they're spending \$5,000 on some of these bikes how dangerous it is and the increasing injuries that we've been having associated with these bikes."

Mosher added that the

police department would be working with schools on educational programs and training events.

"These guys are cutting across traffic, driving on the wrong side of the road, cutting people off," resident

Lyle Scheppele said. "... I really think what the city is doing is the right answer, and to get them educated. Every time I turn a corner, I'm expecting to see an e-bike cut me off. I don't want to be the guy that hits a kid,

and I don't think anybody else does, either."

GARDEN GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRACTS

The Fountain Valley police department and the Garden Grove Unified School District have entered into a three-year cooperative agreement to have a school resource officer service four campuses within the city limits.

The fully-burdened cost of a school resource officer annually is \$200,440, city officials said. The school district will cover \$152,335 (76%) of the cost for the position, with the city accounting for the rest through the police department's personnel allocations budget.

Police Captain Steve DeSantis said the cost-sharing agreement reflects service performed during the regular school year only.

Los Amigos High, along with Monroe, Northcutt and Allen elementary schools, will be the campuses served through the agreement, which was approved by the City Council on Tuesday. The school resource officer program will go into effect Oct. 2, DeSantis said.

Officer Danielle Fermin will serve as the school resource officer. With three additional school districts within the city limits, Fermin would be able to assist in the event of an emergency, she said.

"The plan going forward, when staffing permits, is to obtain another personnel allocation for an additional SRO going forward," DeSantis said.

Mayor Glenn Grandis, who supported the move and said he thinks the agreement is "great," also added the city should seek cost-sharing agreements for school resource officer programs with the other school districts in Fountain Valley.

"We can't have a cost-sharing agreement with just one of the school districts," Grandis said. "We have to then go to Fountain Valley School District, the Huntington Beach Union High School District, [and] Ocean View School District. If we're going to charge Garden Grove, we have to charge the other school districts, as well, is my opinion."

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Today! 41st Annual Mesa Verde Garage Sale

September 21st

8:00 AM
2:00 PM

Mesa Verde sales specialist with Coldwell Banker Global Luxury are once again hosting the phenomenal Mesa Verde Garage Sale. The annual neighborhood garage sale will be held on Saturday, September 21st, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Now in its 41st year, the Mesa Verde Garage Sale continues to get bigger and better each year, hosting as many as 100+ individual garage sales.

"The residents of Mesa Verde consider this annual garage sale as one of their most anticipated activities and look forward to it year after year," states Jennifer Pritchett, sales specialist, Coldwell Banker Realty.

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shown until 8 p.m. “We weren’t able to connect to the show,” Ratelle said about a communications breakdown over the viewing logistics.

But the evening wasn’t a total loss, Ratelle explained. “They still had fun playing trivia with the questions sent by ABC [as part of the promo kit], such as ‘What was she wearing?’ ‘Who was first out of the limo?’”

After enjoying the food and champagne that had been provided for the party, most of the residents went back to their rooms to watch the show on their own televisions, while a handful trickled back into Coastal Heights’ media room to give it another try at 8 p.m.

Resident Marilyn Giss told the Daily Pilot she thought it would be fun to attend the watch party for



Susan Hoffman

COASTAL HEIGHTS Vibrant Life Director Heidi Peter serves desserts to residents during Wednesday night’s premiere party for “The Golden Bachelorette.”

the premiere of the program.

“I know they give a rose to someone they want to be with,” said Giss, who was vaguely familiar with the show format. “It’s been fun getting all gussied up.”

Giss ended up watching the whole show alone in her room. “Overall I was impressed,” she said. “The concept that prevailed that

I felt throughout the show is that it’s important to recognize that older people still want to have a loving relationship.”

Peggie Bartkowski also watched Wednesday night’s premiere in her room. “We were all disappointed after expecting a viewing party,” she said, before giving a brief review of the show itself. “The first episode

was just vanilla, just like all the others. And I heard several people say they were never going to watch again because they didn’t like the first episode, but I will continue to watch it.”

Another loyal fan, Diane Nicholson, said she’d watched “The Bachelorette” for years. Although she played the trivia game with the other gathered Wednesday, she was a little disappointed that they didn’t end up viewing the show together but she took a philosophical approach. “Those things happen,” she said, “[One has to] go with the flow.”

Ratelle, the senior living facility’s executive director, said the community there embraces the joy and vibrancy of aging.

“The show resonates with our mission to empower seniors to live their best lives,” she said.

SUSAN HOFFMAN is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

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HESSE MARIE THOMAS
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **HESSE MARIE THOMAS**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **STEVE PARRINO** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **STEVE PARRINO** 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 **Oct 31, 2024 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) 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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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, October 03, 2024, at 6:00 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 Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

CADE CAFÉ/WINE BAR – A Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit to allow a 932-square-foot café/wine bar with a 368-square-foot outdoor dining patio to operate with Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 41 (On-Sale Beer & Wine – Bona Fide Eating Place) License at Peninsula Village mixed use development. The proposed hours of operation would be from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM, seven days a week. The request also includes a 23-space parking reduction with a parking management plan pursuant to Newport Beach Municipal Code Sections 20.40.110 and 21.40.110, for changes in parking demand associated with the proposed café/wine bar and allowable usage of boat slips located within the existing marina to be available for lease to the public.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 – Class 1 (Existing Facilities) 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, at, 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 20.64 and 21.64. A fee is required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the City Council. The project site is located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission.

Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City’s website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Rosalind Ung, Principal Planner at (949) 644-3208, rung@newportbeachca.gov, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.:
PA2024-0074

Activities:
Conditional Use Permit & Coastal Development Permit

Zone:
MU-W2 (Mixed Use Water 2)

General Plan:
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Coastal Land Use Plan:
MU-W (Mixed Use Water Related)

Filing Date:
April 24, 2024

Location:
2300 Newport Boulevard, McFadden Square area, Balboa Peninsula

Applicant:
Peninsula Village, LLC

David Salene, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach



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HUNTINGTON BEACH City Council candidates Marissa Jackson, from left, Rhonda Bolton and Chad Williams participate in the Chamber of Commerce’s forum Thursday.



NATALIE MOSER and Dan Kalmick speak with residents.

FORUM

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disturbances with local business owners, and said they’d work to reduce the number of homeless people, especially in prominent tourist areas like the beach.

Moser pointed out that the city’s police department has been struggling to fill 27 vacant positions. The city has 107 open jobs overall, including 30 in public works and four in the city manager’s office. She, Bolton and Kalmick claimed those were largely the result of what Moser described as “chaos” wrought by a preoccupation with reactionary social policies among the City Council’s current conservative members that have distracted the city from performing some of its core duties.

“I think one of the biggest challenges is going to be what the city can control, which is a lack of stability in the whole [city] government, lack of functional government [and] the chaos that’s been created here with recent culture wars,” Moser said. “We’ve lost our workforce in City Hall.”

Kennedy, Twining and Williams occasionally jabbed at Bolton, Kalmick and Moser, referring to them as the “Newsom

Threesome,” alluding to the state’s governor, a Democrat. The conservative candidates blamed disruptions on the current dais on the incumbents and said replacing them would result in a unified City Council.

Later, in response to a question regarding businesses that have left Huntington Beach, Williams mentioned Ruby’s Diner, which left its location at the end of the Huntington Beach Pier in 2021, during the pandemic. He blamed incumbents who were on the dais at that time for the restaurant’s departure, and said he would have supported a “no mask no vaccine” policy.

Kalmick rebutted Williams’ assertion about the cause of the diner’s closing, pointing out that business had actually filed for bankruptcy in 2018, well before the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic.

“Public safety is important. So is public health,” Moser said in response to Williams’ comments.

There was one topic pretty much every candidate agreed on: what the city should do to support businesses that don’t benefit from Huntington Beach’s marquee events like the U.S. Open of Surfing and the Pacific Air Show. Most said more events need to be planned and promoted beyond the downtown beach area. The sports complex and golf courses were floated as potential venues for future shows, festivals and athletic tournaments.

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **October 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**, or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following matter:

Adoption of Nexus Study and Establishment of Development Impact Fees – The adoption of a Development Impact Fee (DIF) Nexus Study and establishment of DIFs that will be used to fund the construction and/or expansion of planned public facilities to support police, fire, water and sewer, and recreation infrastructure to serve future residential and nonresidential development pursuant to California Government Code Section 66000 et seq and other related provisions.

A copy of the Nexus Study, prepared by Willdan Financial Services on August 19, 2024, is available online at www.newportbeachca.gov/DIF or in person at City Hall or the Central Library during regular business hours:

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Planning Division (Bay B, 1st Floor)
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The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(4), 15061(b)(3), and 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in a physical change to the environment, either directly or indirectly.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this matter. If you challenge this matter 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, at, or prior to, the public hearing. The item may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Prior to the public hearing the agenda, staff report, and documents may be reviewed at the City Clerk’s Office, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City’s website after the meeting to review the action on this application.

For questions regarding details of the project please contact Liz Westmoreland, AICP, Senior Planner at westmoreland@newportbeachca.gov or 949-644-3234.

Project File No.: PA2021-127
Zone: Citywide
Location: Citywide
General Plan: Citywide
Applicant: City of Newport Beach
/s/ Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

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