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LOS AMIGOS High School graduates cheer their fellow graduating seniors during the Los Amigos High School Class of 2023 commencement ceremony at the Michael A. Monsoor Memorial Stadium at Garden Grove High School on Wednesday.

Los Amigos grads beat pandemic challenges

Los Amigos students who spent nearly two years of their high school careers away from the Fountain Valley campus due to the pandemic managed to come together one last time at their graduation ceremony in Garden Grove Wednesday.

About 385 students were in Los Amigos High School's graduating class this year, principal's secretary Lorraine Lopez said Thursday. Their laughter, high-fives and tears of joy filled the Michael A. Monsoor Memorial Stadium at Garden Grove High School.

"These were the kids who went through COVID and teaching from home for about two years," Los Amigos principal's secretary Lorraine Lopez said Thursday. "They had to overcome a lot of difficulty, so to see them graduate means so much."

The ceremony Wednesday evening featured addresses from co-valedictorians Zurisadai Aranda Azpeitia and Daniel Contreras.

— Eric Licas



DANIARELY JUAREZ flashes the peace symbol to her family and friends after receiving her diploma during the Los Amigos High School graduation ceremony.

LOS AMIGOS GRADUATE Alexander Amaya stands and smiles as he is recognized for graduating with top honors. He will be attending Oklahoma State University to study sociology.



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GRADUATES PROCEED to the 2023 Early College High graduation ceremony at the Robert Moore Theater.

First group of NMUSD grads cross the stage

Fifty-two graduates of Early College High School were celebrated at OCC's Robert B. Moore Theater on Thursday.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Fifty-two students marched across the stage at the Robert B. Moore theater at Orange Coast College's campus on Thursday, each celebrating a new milestone as they completed work at Early College High School.

On Thursday, Principal Dave Martinez congratulated the first Newport-Mesa Unified School District Class of 2023.

Twenty-one of the graduating students qualified as recipients for the University of Cali-

fornia's Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, a series of courses community college transfer students can complete to satisfy general education requirements prior to transferring to a UC.

Fifteen of the graduating class also qualified for associate's degrees. Both totals are new highs for the campus, which also saw its first recipient of the Gates Scholarship and a new high of four recipients of Angels scholarships.

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VALERIE NAVARRETE performs Taylor Swift's "Long Live" for graduates and the audience Thursday.

Prototype beams solar power from space – a first

Funded largely by an O.C. donor, project is testing transmission of electricity converted from sunlight to the Earth.

BY SARA CARDINE

A small prototype launched into orbit in January by a team of Caltech researchers and engineers has successfully demonstrated solar energy can be harvested in space and beamed down to Earth in an endless supply.

The institution announced Thursday a power signal transmitted

by a small demonstration unit orbiting 550 kilometers above the planet was recently detected by a receiver on the rooftop of a laboratory on Caltech's Pasadena campus.

Ali Hajimiri, Bren professor of electrical engineering and one of two co-directors on the project, confirmed transmission occurred May 22.

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HBAPA dance company closes out school year with 'Synergy'

BY MATT SZABO

The 13 senior members of the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts dance company call themselves the "senior dogs," a bit of an inside joke that dates to last summer.

"We were all dancing together for two weeks straight, and that was our first two weeks together as a group," explained HBAPA dance company member Laci Ganier, a senior at Huntington Beach High. "We had come from all these different ensembles ... and that was our first time under the same roof doing the same thing. A guest teacher that we had was telling us to stray away from dancing like a fast puppy with our movement, being really

hyper, but instead be laid back with our movement like a senior dog."

The nickname stuck. Now the senior dogs are out for one more prowl.

The dance department presents HBAPA's final show of the school year this weekend. "Synergy" will take place in the Huntington Beach Union High School Historic Theater, with a show Friday night and two more Saturday.

It features several pieces from the experienced dance company, as well as two pieces each from the tap, jazz, ballet and modern dance ensembles.

"It's got something for everybody," said show director Marie Hoffman, who oversees the HBAPA dance company en-

semble. "It's very beautifully produced, brilliantly danced. In my opinion, it is a professional caliber dance concert in a state-of-the-art theater. I think the passion of these dancers, it's what people comment on most often. They're obviously brilliant technicians; the execution borders on perfection. But their love for what they do, their love for each other as people, their love for this program, you can feel it. 'Synergy' is such an explosion of passion and emotion."

That comes through from the first piece — the seven-minute-long "Irreconcilable Differences" — to the last of the show, the funky "Miss Honey," which fea-



Courtesy of Mia Colangelo

THE HBAPA dance company performs "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," choreographed by Marie Hoffman and Trevyn Stephenson, featuring Sarah Hentges, center, as Reno Sweeney, at rehearsals on Wednesday.

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Newport woman pleads guilty in theft scheme

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A Newport Beach woman pleaded guilty to receiving \$615,000 in stolen funds and is expected to be sentenced to six months home confinement, according to court records obtained Wednesday.

Misty Denise Touchard, 48, pleaded guilty Tuesday

to one felony count of receiving stolen property. As part of her plea deal, 68 other felony counts of grand theft and money laundering were dismissed along with sentencing enhancements for aggravated white collar crime in excess of \$500,000 and property damage in excess of \$3.2 million, according to court

records. Touchard is scheduled to be sentenced May 30 of next year.

Her husband, co-defendant Ronald Cedric Touchard, 64, is awaiting trial.

The couple were charged in 2018 with orchestrating a real estate fraud scheme that bilked lenders out of more than \$5.9 million.

According to prosecutors, Ronald Touchard filed phony documents in Delaware claiming to be the sole officer of a Laguna Beach investment company called Capital Win Corp. and Gainquick LLC, then took over the titles of three Newport Beach homes that the company owned. Touchard allegedly con-

vinced three lenders that he held the deed on the homes as the president of the investment company, and he was able to obtain equity loans of \$5.9 million. He and his wife are accused of using the money to make large purchases, including a Land Rover. Some of the money was used to invest in a winery, prosecutors

said. The couple also allegedly moved the money among various bank accounts in an effort to avoid detection, prosecutors said. They also would make purchases in cash to avoid detection, prosecutors said.

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tures dancers dressed in silver and going into the pit in front of the stage.

"The opening piece has become a favorite to me," said Ganier, who is headed to UC Irvine as a dance major next year. "I don't go off stage for the entire seven minutes. While it's grueling, it's very fun to perform."

"The Side Door" is a contemporary piece which features different duets of dance company performers with chairs, Hoffman said.

Many of the pieces have guest choreographers. They include Destiny Churchwell, a 2009 HBAPA graduate who choreographed a modern piece called "Origins."

Churchwell is now dancing professionally in New York.

"It's really cool to have choreographers like that who also trained under Marie," Ganier said. "It shows us the lengths and possibilities of what our careers could become in the future. It's very inspiring."

Taylor Barbee, another dance company senior from Huntington Beach High, was fortunate enough to get one of her own pieces into the show. She called "Truce" a very intense number.

"For me, producing it was a very vulnerable



Courtesy of Mia Colangelo

HBAPA'S MODERN DANCE ensemble in "Misery" at a rehearsal on Wednesday. The HBAPA's final show of the school year takes place Friday and Saturday.

process," said Barbee, who will minor in dance at Boston College next year. "But it was very rewarding to see audiences reacting and understanding of the kind of emotion, everything that I poured from my heart into that piece."

The seniors are feeling a bit emotional going into this last performance of their high school careers, and for good reason.

"Coming to see 'Synergy' before we were even in high school is what inspired us to be a part of [HBAPA] in the first place, audition and end up going here and being in 'company,'" Barbee said, using the group's shorthand for the program's elite dance company.

Roslyn Brown-Bilyeu, who will study broadcast journalism and minor in dance and French at LSU next year, has had a full high school career. The Huntington Beach High senior has also served as a Miss Huntington Beach Princess this year.

Her background is in ballet, which remains her passion.

"Doing 'company' was an eye-opening experience for me," Brown-Bilyeu said. "I've learned a lot of modern-based things, and I would definitely thank 'company' for making me such a versatile dancer. I can roll on the floor now and do that

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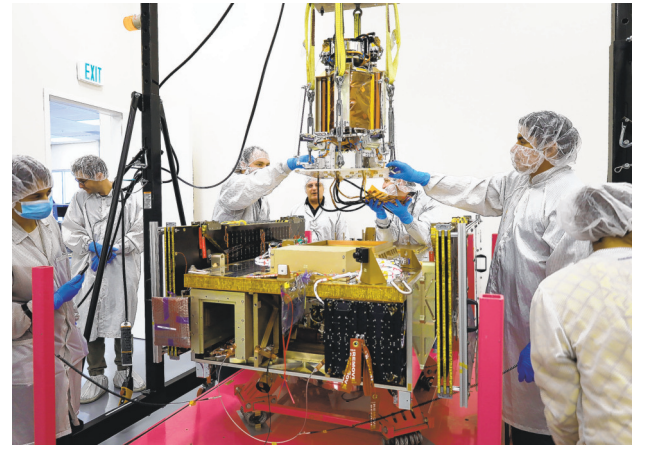
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"It took a few moments for it to sink in, then everybody got really excited," he said in an interview Thursday. "This technology for wireless energy transfer can have a tremendous impact on lives, both on Earth and in space."

The 50-kilogram Space Solar Power Demonstrator (SSPD-1) is testing three key technologies that would make it possible to convert sunlight into electrical energy and then send it in the form of microwaves to receivers anywhere on the planet.

The Microwave Array for Power-transfer Low-orbit Experiment (MAPLE) resulted in the May 22 transmission. A Deployable on-Orbit ultraLight Composite Experiment (DOLCE) is testing the deployment of foldable, 50-square-meter sail-like structures that open to receive sunlight.

ALBA (Italian for "dawn") has been designed to test the performance of 32 different types of photovoltaic cells to determine which are most efficient and resilient in space. The demonstrator — along with the data being collected over months of testing — would not have been possible without the vision and support of one Orange County philanthropist who, intrigued by an idea, set out to make it real. Formed in 2011, Caltech's



Courtesy of Caltech / Momentus

ENGINEERS CAREFULLY lower the DOLCE portion of the Space Solar Power Demonstrator onto the Vigoride spacecraft built by Momentus.

Space Solar Power Project was made possible from more than \$100 million in donations from Donald Bren, chairman of the Irvine Co. and a Caltech trustee, and his wife, Brigitte.

Bren became inspired by the capabilities of capturing solar energy in space while reading a Popular Science article that described how a half-mile band of orbiting photovoltaic cells could produce more energy than all the oil remaining on Earth.

He convened with Caltech's then-President Jean-Lou Chameau to discuss the logistics of creating a research project that could build and launch devices capable of harvesting space-based solar power.

Another \$12.5 million was provided to the uni-

versity by the Northrop Grumman Corp. through a three-year sponsored research agreement.

Upon hearing this week's announcement, Bren credited the 35-member crew of principal investigators, graduate and postdoctoral students and researchers, who spent the last two years developing the demonstrator.

"The hard work and dedication of the brilliant scientists at Caltech have advanced our dream of providing the world with abundant, reliable and affordable power for the benefit of all humankind," he said in a statement Thursday.

Current Caltech President Thomas F. Rosenbaum said the project

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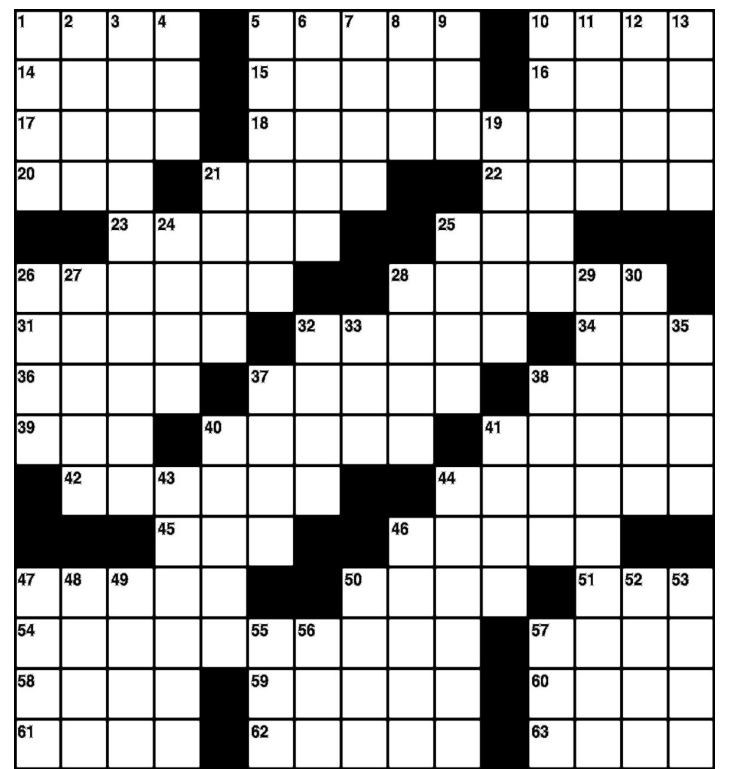
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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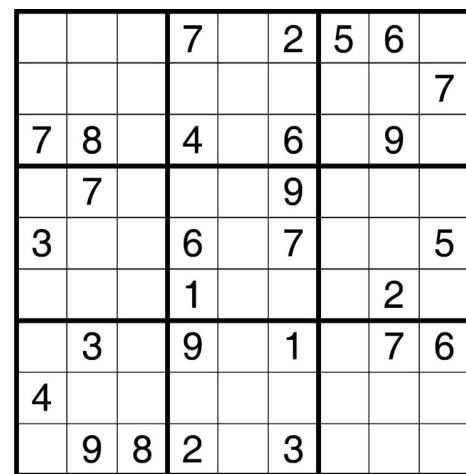
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SUDOKU

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.

DOWN

- 1 Seymour or Pauley
- 2 Auction lover's site
- 3 Single-minded
- 4 "What'll _"; Irving Berlin song
- 5 Long step
- 6 Listens to and obeys
- 7 Weapons
- 8 Major leaguer
- 9 Location of the incus & stapes
- 10 Come forth
- 11 Jill, to Joe
- 12 Birds that run
- 13 River sediment
- 19 Berate
- 21 Potter's oven
- 24 Lincoln & others
- 25 Cherokee or

- Wrangler
- 26 Word of disgust
- 27 Luau greeting
- 28 Put on the payroll
- 29 From sea to shining sea
- 30 Bad moods
- 32 Injection
- 33 Relatives
- 35 Birch or beech
- 37 Bedspring
- 38 Air pollution
- 40 Curtsied
- 41 Clipper or galleon
- 43 Drizzled or poured
- 44 Elegant
- 46 On the ball
- 47 Alphabet soup shapes
- 48 Early boatbuilder
- 49 Heat in the microwave
- 50 Gentlemen
- 52 Cast- _ skillet
- 53 Bookish fellow
- 55 Isn't _ to; probably won't
- 56 Be regretful
- 57 Unruly crowd

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COMMENTARY | IRENE M. KANG

DON'T BE PUZZLED BY EVOLVING MAMMOGRAM GUIDELINES

New draft recommendations released recently from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force urge all women to get a mammogram every other year, starting at age 40. This reversal from the task force's previous recommendation for women to start mammograms at 50 may on the surface seem confusing, but it boils down to saving more lives.

To understand why the recommended changes came about, it's important to consider what the researchers reported. They found a worrisome trend of increased breast cancer diagnoses among women in their 40s. The experts also considered high death rates among Black women who, when diagnosed in their 40s, have twice the mortality rate of white women.

The task force's review indicated the new guidelines could increase breast cancer survival rates by almost 20% and avert 1.3 additional breast cancer deaths per 1,000 women.

Earlier screening aligns with the National Comprehensive Cancer Network's guidelines that women should first undergo a breast cancer risk assessment at 25, with annual mammograms starting at age 40 if they are considered at average risk of developing breast cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends women have the option to start yearly screenings at 40 to 44 and have annual mammograms from age 45.

All of this data points to one thing: Starting mammograms makes sense. More importantly, it can save lives.

The task force's recommendation is welcome news to many women. Leslie Bruce Amin, a Laguna Beach resident and mother of two, is one of them.

With a healthy lifestyle and no genetic markers, Bruce Amin was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer at age 37. A strong proponent of wider access to breast cancer screenings, she welcomes these new guidelines. Bruce Amin had her annual appointment and a breast exam just a few months prior to diagnosis, and nothing yet was palpable. If she had the option of getting a mammogram at that time, the cancer may have been detected.

Breast cancer's impact on younger women is growing — around 9% of all new cases of breast cancer in the U.S. occur in women under the age of 45 — and Bruce Amin is a living testimony to the importance of breast cancer screenings for women in Orange County.

In fact, according to the



DR. HANNAH MILCH, assistant clinical professor, Department of Radiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in Westwood reviews a mammogram in May 2021.

Jay L. Clendenin
Los Angeles Times

National Cancer Institute, the incidence rate of breast cancer in Orange County is higher than the rest of the state of California. Each year, approximately 13,000 under 40 in the U.S. receive a breast cancer diagnosis. In Orange County, one in seven women will receive that diagnosis in

their lifetime.

For women of average risk, we know that mammography remains the most effective way to detect cancer early, when it is most treatable. It is not perfect. Factors such as age and breast density may

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THE LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL The Laguna Beach City Council will hold a hybrid virtual/in-person Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 505 Forest Avenue, to consider: **Zoning Ordinance Amendment 22-1548 and Local Coastal Program Amendment 22-1630 to amend the Laguna Beach Municipal Code Chapter 25.95 regarding regulation of single family residential one- and two-unit developments and urban lot splits pursuant to California Senate Bill 9**, and a categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act. This is a City-wide Ordinance. On November 2, 2022, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the proposed amendments. SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held **Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter**. For additional information, contact City staff: **Heather Steven, Senior Planner**, at (949) 497-0332 or hsteven@lagunabeachcity.net. You may also communicate comments about the proposed application to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net). **Comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, in writing prior to the hearing (when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office), or in person in Council Chambers. Written correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Procedures for participating in the hybrid virtual/in-person meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda.** If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Hearing. The ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Government Code Section 65852.21(j) and Section 66411.7(n) because it is not considered a "project" under Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. A Local Coastal Program Amendment is required because all amendments to the City's certified Local Coastal Plan Implementation Program, which includes Municipal Code Title 25, require Coastal Commission approval. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the proposed Municipal Code and Local Coastal Program amendments have been determined to be an exempt project pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (no possible significant effect on the environment). The action is also exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guideline Section 15265(c), which shifts the burden of CEQA compliance to the California Coastal Commission in connection with preparation or amendment to a Local Coastal Program. Kirsten Gallacher, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Coast Community College District ("DISTRICT"), acting by and through its Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids for the award of a contract for the following named Project. Bids will be received up until, but not later than, the bid deadline listed below.

Project Name: **Golden West College General Education Building Demolition and New Site Work**
Bid Number: **Bid #2190**
Pre-Bid RFI Deadline: **June 15, 2023 @ 2:00PM**
Bid Deadline: **June 27, 2023 @ 10:00AM**

A MANDATORY pre-bid job-walk will be held at **8:00AM June 9, 2023 @ Golden West College, Parking Lot B at California Native Garden.**

Place of Bid Receipt: All bids shall be submitted electronically via the PlanetBids Vendor portal located on the District Website (<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/36722/bo/bo-detail/106300>), including the forms furnished by the District, prior to the bid closing date and time, and results will be available immediately upon the close of bids. Incomplete, inaccurate, or untrue responses or information provided therein by a bidder shall be grounds for the District to reject such submissions for non-responsiveness.

Project Description: Demolition of the existing Golden West College General Education Building and New Site Work Improvements. It is anticipated that the Project will commence on July 20, 2023.

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

Bid Package	Trade	License	Engineer's Estimate
BP 01A	Site Provisions: SWPPP, Temporary Fence, Dumpsters, Chemical Toilets, Construction Signage.	B	\$148,390
BP 02A	Demo and Earthwork	A or B or C21	\$1,301,169
BP 26A	Electrical	C10	\$578,120
BP 32A	Site Hardscape & Fencing	C8	\$444,226
BP 32B	Landscape	C27	\$681,909
BP 33A	Site Utilities	A or C34 or C36	\$73,239

DIR Registration. Each bidder submitting a proposal to complete the work, labor, material, and/or services ("Work") subject to this procurement must be a Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") registered contractor pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. A bidder who is not a DIR-registered contractor when submitting a proposal for the Work is deemed "not qualified" and the proposal of such a Bidder will be rejected for non-responsiveness. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, all subcontractors identified in a Bidder's subcontractors' list shall be DIR-registered contractors as well.

Prevailing Wage Rate ("PWR") Monitoring and Enforcement. The Work is subject to payment of the PWR. The Contractor and all Subcontractors of every tier shall pay laborers performing any portion of the Work not less than the PWR established for the labor provided. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771.4(a)(4), PWR monitoring and enforcement shall be by the DIR.

More information regarding this project can be found on the PlanetBids Vendor portal listed above. Further inquiries should be directed to the District's Purchasing Department at purchasing@cccd.edu.

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**CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF**

**LOW VOLTAGE AND NETWORK CABLING AT THE
CITY MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

N-1 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that electronic bids will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for furnishing all work, as provided in the contract documents for **LOW VOLTAGE AND NETWORK CABLING AT THE CITY MAINTENANCE FACILITY**, together with appurtenances thereto, in accordance with the specifications on file at the Office of the City Engineer of the City of Laguna Beach, located at 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California.

N-2 **PRE-BID MEETING:** A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held **Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 10:00am.** Attendees shall meet at the **City Maintenance Facility (1900 Laguna Canyon Road) in Laguna Beach, CA.** Failure to attend will result in bid being declared non-responsive.

N-3 **DATE OF OPENING BIDS:** Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-3, B-6 through B-15) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system no later than **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.** No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.

N-4 **DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK:** In general, the work comprises of furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, labor, and incidentals to improve network performance and reliability by upgrading the data cabling at the City Maintenance Facility in the City of Laguna Beach.

N-5 **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** (a) The City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, as it best serves the interest of the City. (b) The successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

N-6 **COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** All work is to be completed in a total of **TWENTY-FIVE (25)** working days, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be **September 2023.** Liquidated damages shall be **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** per working day, for each and every working day delay in finishing the work.

N-7 **CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION:** Contractor shall possess a valid **Class C-7 Low Voltage Systems or C-10 Electrical**, Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. Contractor shall have successfully completed three projects of similar scope for a public agency. Contractor must have a minimum two (2) BISC Installer 2, Optical Fiber (INSTF) certified installers, and a Registered Communications Distribution Designer (RCDD) on staff. Proof of BISC certification is required. Contractor shall deliver CommScope's Network Infrastructure Warranty which includes a 25-Year Product and Application Warranty for the installed SYSTIMAX cabling system.

N-8 **WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS:** In accordance with provisions of Sections 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations are available on the Internet at the World Wide Web site of the State Department of Industrial Relations at www.dir.ca.gov under Statistics and Research. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

N-9 **RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS:** The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the Contract Documents from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payments by the City, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

N-10 **OBTAINING OR INSPECTING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** Contract Documents, in digital Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, are available at the City of Laguna Beach's website at <https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/do-business-here/rfps-bids>. Once at this site, click on the "Vendor Portal & Bid Opportunities" icon. If you are not currently registered with the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the "New Vendor Registration" button and then complete the electronic supplier registration process, including selecting Category Code(s) describing the goods and/or services you provide, as well as entering your Contractors State License information. After registering your firm, click on the "Bid Opportunities" button to view and download the Bid Documents. Interested firms must be registered on the City's website and download the Bid Documents to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to acknowledge any and all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

N-11 **REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:** No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

N-12 **ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST:** The estimate of probable cost is \$81,000.00.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: All communications relative to this project shall be directed to **Ulises Escalona, Senior Project Manager** at uescalona@lagunabeachcity.net. Deadline for all inquiries is **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH: By: Thomas Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
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Bids Wanted

**CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF**

**MOSS STREET BEACH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
CIP 21-9461**

N-1 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids with online bid price submittal will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for furnishing all work, as provided in the contract documents for **MOSS STREET BEACH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS, CIP 21-9461**, together with appurtenances thereto, in accordance with the specifications on file at the Office of the City Engineer of the City of Laguna Beach, located at 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California.

N-2 **PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on **Wednesday June 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** Attendees shall meet at the **westerly terminus of Moss Street in Laguna Beach, CA.** Failure to attend will result in your bid proposal being declared non-responsive.

N-3 **DATE OF OPENING BIDS:** Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-5, and B-8 through B-16) must be uploaded to PlanetBids in accordance with the instructions beginning on page B-6 no later than **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.** No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.

N-4 **DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK:** In general, the work comprises of removing existing beach access improvements, drilling, shoring, coastal/tidal protection, cofferdams, grading, forming and constructing new concrete pathways, stairways, and stairway bridge structures, constructing retaining walls, telecommunications improvements, drainage improvements, curb ramp, signing and striping, installing irrigation systems, and landscaping improvements in the City of Laguna Beach.

N-5 **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** (a) The City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and reject all other bids, as it may best serve the interest of the City. (b) As a condition of award, the successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

N-6 **COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** All work is to be completed in a total of **ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY (160)** working days, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be **September 2023.** Liquidated damages shall be **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000)** per working day, for each and every working day delay in finishing the work.

N-7 **CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION:** The Contractor shall possess a valid **Class A, General Engineering**, Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code.

N-8 **WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS:** In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations are available on the Internet at the World Wide Web site of the State Department of Industrial Relations at www.dir.ca.gov. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

N-9 **RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS:** The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the Contract Documents from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payments by the City, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

N-10 **OBTAINING OR INSPECTING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** Contract Documents, in digital Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, are available at the City of Laguna Beach's website at <https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/do-business-here/rfps-bids>. Once at this site, click on the "Vendor Portal & Bid Opportunities" icon. If you are not currently registered with the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the "New Vendor Registration" button and then complete the electronic supplier registration process, including selecting Category Code(s) describing the goods and/or services you provide, as well as entering your Contractors State License information. After registering your firm, click on the "Bid Opportunities" button to view and download the Bid Documents. Interested firms must be registered on the City's website and download the Bid Documents to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to acknowledge all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

N-11 **REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:** No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

N-12 **ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE:** The Engineer's Estimate for the project is \$1,400,000.

N-13 **PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE:** All communications relative to this project shall be transmitted by email to **Tom Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works** at tperez@lagunabeachcity.net. Deadline for all inquiries is **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
By: Thomas Perez, Asst. Director of Public Works
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Legal Notices

THE LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL will hold a hybrid virtual/in-person Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 505 Forest Avenue, to consider: **Appeal of the approval of Design Review 22-0379, Coastal Development Permit 22-0379, and Revocable Encroachment Permit 22-0380, to construct a new 2,603 square-foot single-family dwelling and attached 541 square-foot garage on a vacant building site in the R-1 (Residential Low Density) zone at 200 Alta Vista Way.** Design review is required for the new structure, elevated decks, grading, retaining walls, spa, pedestrian entry feature, trash enclosure in the front yard, and landscaping. A revocable encroachment permit is requested for a retaining wall, irrigation, and lighting in the unimproved right-of-way at the corner of Alta Vista Way and Highland Drive. SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held **Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter.** For additional information, contact City staff: **Heather Steven, Senior Planner**, at (949) 497-0332 or hsteven@lagunabeachcity.net, applicant **Brian Muehlbauer, Architect**, (949) 388-5300, brian@studio6architects.com, property owners **Steven and Carolyn Pulver**, spulver@me.com, and/or appellant: **Leonard Gurevich, lengurmd@gmail.com**. You may also communicate comments about the proposed application to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net). **Comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, in writing prior to the hearing (when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office), or in person in Council Chambers. Written correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Procedures for participating in the hybrid virtual/in-person meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda.** If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Hearing. This project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Sections 15061(b)(3) (no possible significant effect on the environment). Michelle Dulalia, Administrative Assistant

**CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF**

**UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2021-02
PARK AVENUE**

N-1 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that electronic bids will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for the **UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2021-02 PARK AVENUE**, together with appurtenances thereto.

N-2 **PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM.** Attendees are to meet at **Conference Room A in City Hall located at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651.** Failure to attend will result in your bid proposal being declared non-responsive.

N-3 **DATE OF OPENING BIDS:** Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-4, B-7 through B-15) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system no later than **2:00 PM on June 28, 2023**, after which time bids will be publicly available for review at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/43728/portal-home>. No late bids will be accepted.

N-4 **DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK:** In general, the work comprises of installing underground infrastructure to support the conversion of overhead utilities to underground within the UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2021-02 PARK AVENUE all as shown on the drawings and further specified by Southern California Edison (SCE), Frontier Communications, Cox Communications and City Street Lighting standards and specifications; trenching, boring to install conduits and the associated surface (AC, PCC, grading or landscape) restoration works; coordinating with SCE, Frontier and Cox authorized contractors to pull and install wiring, furnishing and installing new street lights, pull boxes (hand holes), street lights and service wiring, and implementation of temporary traffic control plans, as required.

N-5 **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** (a) City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, as it best serves the interest of the City. (b) As a condition of award, the successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

N-6 **COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** All work is to be completed in a total of **SIXTY WORKING DAYS**, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be **September 2023.** Liquidated damages shall be **\$2,000** per calendar day, for each and every calendar days delay in finishing the work.

N-7 **CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION:** Contractor shall possess a valid **Class A, General Engineering**, Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code.

N-8 **WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS:** In accordance with provisions of California Labor Code Section 1773.2, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations (DIR) are available at the DIR website at www.dir.ca.gov. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

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N-12 **ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST:** The estimate of probable cost for the project is \$1,430,000.

N-13 **PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE:** All communications relative to this project shall be directed to **Alpha Santos-Guinto, Project Manager**, at asantos@lagunabeachcity.net. Deadline for all inquiries is **5:00 PM on June 20, 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

VALEDICTORIAN AND decorated scholar Shayan Youssef addresses the crowd at her Early College High School graduation ceremony Thursday.

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“These young people have proven over their years at ECHS to show resilience and integrity. What they have collectively been able to accomplish is a key reason we are a 2023 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence,” Martinez said in a statement.

Student speakers Thursday included Shayan Youssef and Gabriel Quezada. Valerie Navarrete performed Taylor Swift’s “Long Live” as part of the ceremony, which also featured videos for the second year in a row from each

graduating senior to thank their family and friends.

Thirty-three of the seniors will be heading to four-year colleges and universities, including those in the CSU and UC systems, five out of state universities, the University of La Verne, Vanguard University and one recording school in Los Angeles. Nineteen more will be heading to two-year colleges with the bulk — about 16 — to attend Orange Coast College, and the remainder to head to Golden West, Santa Ana and Victor Valley colleges.

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DANCE

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modern stuff that I would never have even thought of while doing ballet.”

No matter which dance discipline one prefers, Brown-Bilyeu said, “Synergy” is captivating for all. Trevyn Stephenson and Jana Taylor are the co-di-

rectors for the show.

“We love each other, and we’re doing what we love to do,” Brown-Bilyeu said. “It’s fun ... and the pieces are really, really good.”

Tickets to “Synergy” run from \$15 to \$25. For show times and more information, visit hbapa.org/see.

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SOLAR

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could help overcome storage and transmission limitations impeding a world-wide transition to renewable energy.

“Beaming solar power from space is an elegant solution that has moved one step closer to the realization due to the generosity and foresight of the Brens,” he said.

“Donald Bren has presented a formidable technical challenge that promises a remarkable payoff for

humanity: a world powered by uninterrupted renewable energy.”

Hajimiri believes the work being done on SSPD-1 has the potential to democratize energy, the way wireless data makes access to information globally available.

“My dream is to create this infrastructure, an ecosystem of wireless energy, across the planet,” he said. “We have a long way to go — but that’s what makes it exciting.”

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GUIDELINES

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result in false-negative or false-positive results, and mammograms in younger women can be challenging to interpret. However, it is currently the best tool we have to counter these concerning rising trends.

As a breast cancer specialist, I’ve treated women of all ages with breast cancer. I know far too many women diagnosed with cancer in their 30s, 40s and even 20s. Prevention and early detection are so important in our fight against this disease.

Where you get your mammogram and any follow-up care matters, too. At NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers, highly specialized experts use FDA-approved 3D mammography called breast tomosynthesis. This technology helps better detect the early signs of breast cancer. Additionally, specialists on the leading-edge of breast cancer care are exploring advanced technology, such as machine learning algorithms to

analyze mammograms and identify patterns that can better indicate breast cancer’s presence and lead to earlier and more accurate diagnoses than ever before.

Should you receive a positive diagnosis, you absolutely want the very highest levels of expertise for your individual diagnosis. Next-generation genome sequencing, adaptive immunotherapy, gene therapy and precision medicine are moving us away from the historic “one-size-fits-all” approach to treating disease, and the outcomes are very encouraging.

Of course, these guidelines are for women of average risk. Factors that could put you at higher risk include a BRCA1 or BRCA2 inherited gene mutation, a personal history of breast cancer and particular family histories.

With these or other risk factors, more intensive screening may be recommended, for example with a breast MRI. Again, a breast cancer specialist at an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center can help guide your course of care.

For those at average risk, understanding the new guidelines and why they’re important is the first step. Although many women are already diligent about their screening schedules, some still need a push. If you’re in the recommended age range, talk to your doctor and make an appointment for a lifesaving mammogram. Evidence shows it’s a good thing to do.

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