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KANOA IGARASHI of Huntington Beach gets serious air during the round of 16 at the U.S. Open of Surfing on Friday.

Igarashi's quest for third U.S. Open title continues

The Surf City native has advanced to the final eight and will compete Saturday against George Pittar of Australia.

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach native Kanoa Igarashi said he sees a two-man surfing heat like a chess game.

His opening gambit at the U.S. Open of Surfing on Friday involved setting up far south of the

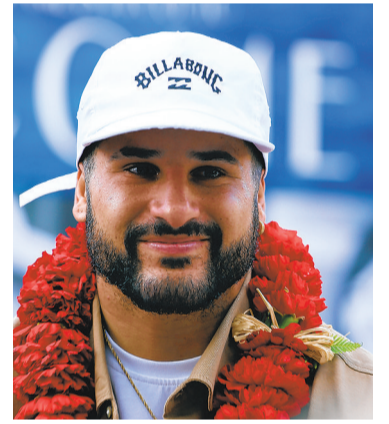
Huntington Beach Pier.

"When I surf here in Huntington, I trust my instincts a lot," said Igarashi, the two-time U.S. Open champion. "I don't like to watch the waves too much before my heat. I feel like when I'm on a normal day free surfing out here, I park my car, I change and I just run out wherever I feel like going out. I kind of want to follow those instincts, not overthink it. Today, I think the ocean kind of dragged me over there."

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IGARASHI SMILES after winning his heat against Deivid Silva of Brazil during the U.S. Open of Surfing on Friday.



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ITALO FERREIRA is overwhelmed with emotion while being inducted into the Surfers' Hall of Fame on Friday.

Buzz over proposed pot shop reveals laws may be too hazy

BY SARA CARDINE

When Costa Mesa approved an ordinance to allow retail cannabis sales and delivery into the city, lawmakers maintained there would be no way to gauge the success of the legislation until it was put into practice.

Now, two years later and with multiple dispensaries already doing business as dozens more continue to navigate the planning process, Costa Mesa officials are struggling to reconcile the letter of the law with real-world scenarios.

Take, for example, a recent application for a conditional use permit to operate a 2,157-square-foot cannabis storefront in a multi-tenant commercial building on the southeast corner of Harbor Boulevard and Adams Av-



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THE COSTA MESA City Council Tuesday upheld a May 22 Planning Commission denial for a cannabis storefront at 2790 Harbor Blvd.

enue. Dan Zaharoni, chief executive of From the Earth, appeared be-

fore the Costa Mesa Planning

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Newport Beach OKs \$6.7-million budget for tourism marketing

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport Beach City Council late last month reviewed the \$6.7-million budget allotted to a marketing agency for the upcoming fiscal year and gave its unanimous approval, albeit with some reservations over the agency's top executive's compensation.

Through an agreement with the city, nonprofit marketing agency Newport Beach & Co., which operates Visit Newport Beach, receives about 18% of all transient occupancy taxes collected in a given year for operation purposes. The levy, typically referred to as the hotel tax is paid on any hotel stay of under 30 days. It is one of the primary contributors to the

city's general operating budget and covers the entirety of Newport Beach & Co.'s budget.

Newport Beach & Co. projects the amount collected in 2024 will be around \$6.7 million — lower than the city's estimate of \$7 million by about 4.7%.

The largest portion of the agency's budget in the coming year, \$3 million, will be spent on advertising, followed by an estimated \$935,000 for public relations and communications. A not insignificant portion — \$199,000 — will be spent on community relations, such as work done boosting other local events like the Hoag Classic at the Newport Beach Country Club.

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'Inquire Within' artwork considers our 'plastic problem'

BY ANDREW TURNER

Passersby in front of Laguna Beach City Hall will see a new figure in the weeks to come, one that conspires to change human behavior for a lifetime.

An 8-foot-tall plastic sculpture of a human head has been set upon the lawn, leaving a hole where a brain ought to be. Instead, an assortment of twigs can be found in that space, inviting the viewer to contemplate the impact of their plastic use on the natural world.

Joel Dean Stockdill and Yustina Salmikova are the creators of the latest temporary public art installation to be displayed in front of City Hall. The piece is called "Inquire Within." A dedication ceremony was held for the artwork

Thursday evening.

"The plastic pollution problem is fairly a new one in the grand scheme of human history, and we have really entered into the problem with a mind of convenience," Salmikova said. "We never really like to only show a problem. We also like to inspire a solution and inspire a way that we can think differently about the problems we have."

"That's why we put a hole in where the brain should be, and that was symbolism to be able to [say], 'What if we cleared our minds and listen to nature and see what emerges from there,' because a lot of the times, we are solutioning from these problems from the same thinking that created them. This piece encourages us to take a step back and look at

our perspectives differently and listen, instead of always thinking we know what to do and what the next step is, so that we can actually form new solutions in the future and maybe tackle this plastic problem that we have created."

Size can send a strong message. The artists are known for their large-scale projects, including a life-size whale made of single-use plastics that ran 84 feet, 11.6 inches in length. That project, known as Ethyl, went down as a Guinness World Record for the largest recycled plastic sculpture.

Stockdill and Salmikova are a rare artistic couple that collaborate on their projects. In his own words, Stockdill referred to the act of creating together as "birthing."

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A DEDICATION CEREMONY was held Thursday for "Inquire Within," an installation by Joel Stockdill and Yustina Salmikova in Laguna Beach.

SHOP

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Commission in a May 22 hearing to explain his business plan and the public benefits it would bring the city.

He extolled the virtues of the company, which gives employees the option to unionize and formed a nonprofit foundation that donates 1% of gross revenue to philanthropic groups and causes, particularly youth organizations.

"Our company was born on philanthropy," he said, describing sending middle-schoolers from Watts to camp and donating 5,000 backpacks to Santa Ana Unified School students. "I can assure you, if we're given this opportunity to set up a location in Costa Mesa, we'll be doing the same."

That was a fact that did not sit well with some commissioners, who questioned a cannabis business' affiliation with minors and

the entities entrusted with their care. The discussion became tense when public speakers, in droves, shared their concerns.

A beauty salon in the building would be forced to move to accommodate the dispensary, while some complained a new cannabis business would take up too much shared parking. Still others said a dispensary already in the same shopping plaza — STIIZY — was burdening the area with noise and the odor of cannabis.

Although an effort was made by some planning commissioners to move ahead with a staff recommendation to approve the permit, new Commissioner Tim Taber made a substitute motion to deny Zaharoni's application.

"Technically, while it might fall within the city plan, we need to use what's in front of us and evaluate operators, and there are too many little things adding up for me to want to accept this application," Taber rea-

soned. From the Earth's plan, two years in the making, was grounded by a 5-2 vote supporting Taber's motion. And so, Zaharoni appealed the matter to the City Council, which has so far heard a handful of cannabis cases and each time overturned the Planning Commission's denial.

In a regular City Council meeting Tuesday, however, Zaharoni met with even more turmoil as council members peppered him with questions raised during the May 22 Planning Commission hearing.

Some council members seemed to take umbrage with the retailer's affiliation with youth organizations, particularly a portion of Zaharoni's same presentation that included the logo for local youth athletic organization Costa Mesa United.

"When you used the logo in your first presentation at the Planning Commission, did you have any type of agreement or partnership with them to accept any



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A STIIZY DISPENSARY on Harbor Boulevard is a tenth of a mile from a building where another dispensary was recently denied for being incompatible with the city's general plan.

type of donation?" Councilman Loren Gameros asked.

Zaharoni said he hadn't but had called the organization's president and gotten confirmation they did not have a problem with it. He added that he typically includes the names and logos of groups the company would like to support

in presentations to other communities.

"The fact that that was considered a bad thing was a little surprising to us," he said. "We tend to donate to youth-based organizations, we do that all the time. But we don't mix our brand, we don't mix our products or operations with young children. That would be inappropriate."

Mayor John Stephens made a motion to overturn the commission's denial, stating it would be unconstitutional to deny an applicant based on the voluntary associations youth groups had with a particular business, a fact City Atty. Kimberly Hall Barlow confirmed.

"I don't see any basis, as a matter of land use, for denying this applicant," Stephens said. "There's no question certain people in the community don't want cannabis. [But] we went through a rigorous process and we voted to have the ordinance, the ordinance is on the books."

When the question was called, however, only Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Harlan

sided with Stephens and, with a 2-5 vote, the Planning Commission decision was upheld.

Barlow reminded the council they would need to point to a finding in the city's general plan that could not be met to serve as a reason for denying the proposal, and the panel decided the use or intensity of the business would not be in accordance with the general plan, even though STIIZY was previously allowed in the same complex.

The council was also set Tuesday to have a discussion about whether officials should review, and potentially amend, the city's retail cannabis ordinance — a request that has been made repeatedly by Councilwoman Andrea Marr and past planning commissioners.

But, as 1 a.m. loomed, the panel decided to adjourn the meeting, effectively continuing that conversation and two other items to a date uncertain.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, August 17, 2023, 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:

Pacific Christian High School Enrollment Increase - A request to amend the existing Use Permit for Pacific Christian High School to increase student enrollment from 305 to 385 and to increase the number of administration and staff members from 35 to 50. Adequate parking would be provided by two on-site and two off-site surface parking lots totaling 170 parking spaces. As proposed, students would park onsite at the main high school campus (1499 Monrovia Avenue) or at the auxiliary campus (883 West 15th Street). Administration and staff members would park in the offsite lots at either 1515 Monrovia Avenue or 877 Production Place. There are no additional classrooms, physical additions, or expansions proposed at either the main or auxiliary campus locations.

Due to the proposed cumulative increase in average daily trips over a two-year period, the project also requires approval of a traffic study pursuant to Chapter 15.40 (Traffic Phasing Ordinance) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code. If approved and implemented, this Use Permit will supersede UP2021-037, which would be rendered null and void.

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 prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application 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.

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 Joselyn Perez, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3312 or jperez@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2023-0078 Activity No.: Conditional Use Permit, Traffic Study

Location: 1499 Monrovia Avenue, 883 West 15th Street, 1515 Monrovia Avenue, 877 Production Place

Tristan Harris, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION LIEN SALE West Coast Self Storage 2059 Harbor Blvd Costa Mesa, CA 92627 (949) 631-6666

In accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 21700, et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California the under-signed will be sold at public auction conducted on STORAGE-TREASURES.COM on August 12, 2023. The personal property including but not limited to: Personal and household items stored at 2059 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, County of Orange, by the following persons:

Name: Fabiola Vasquez-Garcia

Property is sold "AS IS BASIS." There is a refundable \$100 cleaning deposit on all units. Sale is subject to cancellation.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHERYL L. DANIEL aka CHERYL LYNN DANIEL Case No. 30-2023-01336882-PR-LA-CMC To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CHERYL L. DANIEL aka CHERYL LYNN DANIEL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jocelyn Beth Daniel in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jocelyn Beth Daniel 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 August 24, 2023 at 1:30 PM in Dept. No. CM06 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 a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: PAUL HORN ESQ SBN243227 PAUL HORN LAW GROUP PC 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 90703 CN998609 DANIEL Aug 3,5,11, 2023

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105) Escrow No. 16205

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller are: UTL, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION BY: HUONG T. TRAN, C.E.O., 22 ODYSSEY, STE. 135, IRVINE, CA 92618 Doing Business as: VALUE RX PHARMACY

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s), are: NONE The location of the chief executive office of the seller is: UTL, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION BY: HUONG T. TRAN, C.E.O., 22 ODYSSEY, STE. 135, IRVINE, CA 92618

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) are: VALUE RX PHARMACY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION BY: JASON LE DO, C.E.O., 1662 W. BEACON AVE., ANAHEIM, CA 92802

The assets being sold are generally described as: INVENTORY, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, TRADE FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, CONTRACT RIGHTS, STOCK IN TRADE, MATERIAL CONTRACTS, COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, CUSTOMER AND CLIENT LISTS, PRESCRIPTION FILES AND RECORDS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND FAX NUMBERS, SUPPLIES, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, WEB SITES, E-MAIL ADDRESSES, DOMAIN NAMES, SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, SIGNS, ETC. and are located at: 22 ODYSSEY, STE. 135, IRVINE, CA 92618

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: JEAN ALLEN ESCROW CO, INC, 3341 CERRITOS AVENUE, LOS ALAMITOS, CA 90720 and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 24, 2023

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: JEAN ALLEN ESCROW CO, INC, 3341 CERRITOS AVENUE, LOS ALAMITOS, CA 90720. And the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be AUGUST 23, 2023 which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.

Dated: JUNE 28, 2023 VALUE RX PHARMACY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s) 1806150-PP DAILY PILOT 8/5/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DANNY C. WHITE

Case No. 30-2023-01337749-PR-LA-CMC To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DANNY C. WHITE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nataisha White-Nkum in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nataisha White-Nkum 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 August 31, 2023 at 1:30 PM in Dept. No. CM06 located at 3390 HARBOR BLVD, COSTA MESA CA 92626.

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helped bring surfing to the Olympic Games more than 100 years later are forever enshrined there too.

International Surfing Assn. President Fernando Aguerre enjoyed the full circle moment. He was one of three surfing standouts included into the Surfers' Hall of Fame on Friday morning.

Brazilian professional surfer Italo Ferreira and local surf journalist Laylan Connolly were the other inductees in the 26th annual ceremony, started and run by Huntington Surf & Sport owner Aaron Pai and his family.

Aguerre, formerly a successful businessman who founded Reef sandals with his brother, Santiago, turned his attention to bringing surfing to the Olympics after becoming ISA president in the 1990s. That dream was realized at the 2021 Tokyo Games — with Ferreira as the first Olympic gold medalist in men's surfing.

Aguerre, from Argentina, told a story of deciding to try to change the order of the first Olympic finals at the last minute, with the women surfing last after



James Carbone

ITALO FERREIRA, left, Fernando Aguerre and Laylan Connolly pose for pictures while holding their Surfers' Hall of Fame trophies on Friday in Huntington Beach.

the men. It happened. "At the end of your life, you're going to look at things and did you do something about it, or did you just watch?," said Aguerre, who attended the Surfers' Hall of Fame induction ceremony with his four children. "I was never a watcher. I regret things that I did, and I've apologized many times in my life, but at least I don't regret things

that I didn't do. That would be the saddest way to go down, no? There's opportunities to change the world every day." Bob Fasulo, a Newport Beach resident who's the executive director of the ISA, said he was blown away by Aguerre from the beginning. "I think I understood in the very first moment that I met Fernando that he had

this unique combination of passion, entrepreneurship and most importantly authenticity," Fasulo said. "That's very hard to find in anything we do in life. Behind all of these accomplishments is his amazing value system." Connolly started as a weekly surf columnist for the Orange County Register more than 20 years ago, and that turned into a full-

time gig as the newspaper's "beach reporter" — a new title. She grew to love surfing and now seeks to get away to San Onofre with her husband, Jon Perino, and children Kai and Liliani. She has enjoyed telling the stories of many aspects of the surf culture over the decades. Connolly cited two late Huntington Beach locals and Hall of Fame inductees — surf pastor Sumo Sato and Rick "Rockin' Fig" Fignetti — as two of her favorite subjects. She was given her trophy Friday by Fignetti's daughter, Chanel. "You guys were not just sources to me, you became family," she said to those assembled Friday morning. "There was this culture that just needed to be written about and documented. [My editors] fell for it and let me do it. People didn't want to always read about the bad news and the bum-mer stuff. They wanted something to be stoked about, and things that they can relate to in this tight-knit community of the surf world." Ferreira is the first from Brazil to be inducted into the Surfers' Hall of Fame, event emcee Todd Kline

said. Born to a fisherman, he first rode waves with the top of an ice cooler at age 8. Now 29, he became the 2019 world champion after besting compatriot Gabriel Medina in the finals of the Billabong Pipe Masters in Hawaii. "When he arrived on tour I honestly underestimated his talents," legendary surfer Kelly Slater said in a statement read by Kline. "He has proven to be one of the most exciting and dynamic surfers ever on tour, and showed us some things that nobody has done before." Before all the inductees cemented themselves into history, Pai offered a few words on what the Surfers' Hall of Fame continues to mean for the culture. "This place becomes more special with every induction, every month and every year that goes by," he said. "After we are all gone, our kids and their kids will be able to come here and experience a little slice of surfing culture from years past. Times have changed and moments have passed, but the sport of surfing has kept us stoked and intrigued in many ways."

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The move paid off in the round of 16. Igarashi had completed three rides before his opponent, Deivid Silva of Brazil, had completed any. And at the end of the heat, Igarashi had wave priority and was able to keep Silva in check.

"It ended up working out," Igarashi said. "I was able to put pressure on him from the get-go."

Igarashi out-pointed Silva on his two top waves, 14.77 to 13.43, to advance to Saturday's quarterfinals. Three wins away from his third U.S. Open title, Igarashi will face an unknown, George Pittar of Australia, in Heat 4 of the quarterfinals.



James Carbone

MACY CALLAGHAN of Australia cuts back on a wave during the U.S. Open of Surfing on Friday.

"He's an Australian surfer that I haven't seen too much of, but to be in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open, it's definitely hat's

off," Igarashi said. "He's definitely a very dangerous threat. I'm going to be learning on the fly and I guess react to the way he

attacks the heat." Igarashi is one of four from Southern California still in the mix at his home break. Nolan Rapoza of Long Beach got a late score in the round of 16 to eliminate Cole Houshmand of San Clemente. Rapoza will face Reef Heazlewood of Australia in the first men's quarterfinal heat Saturday, scheduled for about 10:05 a.m. Crosby Colapinto of San Clemente surfs against Mateus Herdy of Brazil in the second quarterfinal, with Jake Marshall of Encinitas against Eli Hanneman of Hawaii in the third quarterfinal heat. On the women's side, San Clemente ripper Sawyer Lindblad remained in contention after beating India Robinson of Australia, 13.50

to 7.47 in the round of 16. "It was a really fun heat," said Lindblad, adding that it felt good to beat Robinson after losing to her in the final of the Gold Coast Pro in Australia earlier this year. Lindblad has had success at the U.S. Open, with a fifth-place finish in 2021 and a ninth-place showing last year. She will face Luana Silva of Brazil in the second quarterfinal heat Saturday morning. She turns 18 next weekend, too, so are there any big plans? "No," Lindblad said with a smile. "I just want to surf." The women's quarterfinal heats start at 8:05 a.m. Saturday. Nadia Erostarbe of Spain faces Ellie Harrison of Australia in the first quarterfinal heat. Daniella

Rosas of Peru will battle 2011 U.S. Open champion Sally Fitzgibbons of Australia in Heat 3, while Leilani McGonagle of Costa Rica faces Ariane Ochoa of Basque in Heat 4. The women's and men's Huntington Beach Longboard Classic competitions will also have their quarterfinal heats on Saturday afternoon. Semifinal and final heats for all competitions are slated for Sunday.

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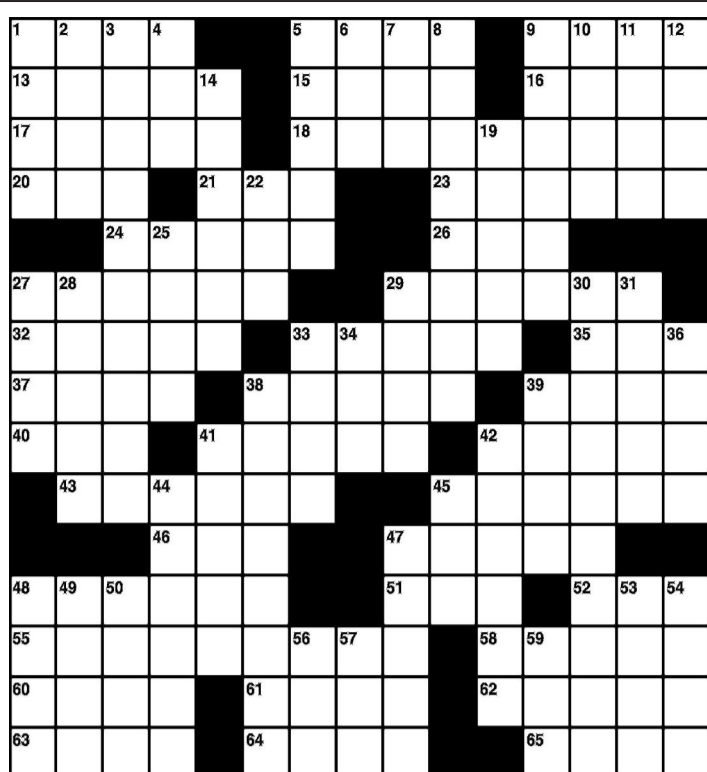
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

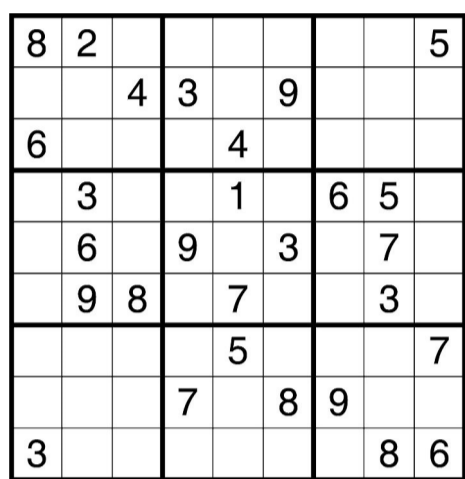
- 1 Eat nothing
- 5 Lisa & Bart, to Maggie
- 9 Stetson's edge
- 13 Provide with gear
- 15 Shoelace problem
- 16 Reign
- 17 "Wonderful!"
- 18 Too soft to be heard
- 20 Gullible fool
- 21 " _ Be Home for Christmas"
- 23 Unassuming
- 24 Skin-numbing shot
- 26 Large
- 27 Gushed forth
- 29 Assert without proof
- 32 Comfortable
- 33 Sulking
- 35 Aide for Santa
- 37 Secondhand
- 38 _ up; puts on a corset
- 39 1 of 50 on our flag
- 40 Part of a royal flush
- 41 Harbor towns
- 42 Terre _ IN
- 43 Alley cats
- 45 Floor covering
- 46 "Cat _ Hot Tin Roof"
- 47 Crazy enthusiasm
- 48 Attack
- 51 Put a stop to
- 52 Thumbs-down vote
- 55 Fully alert
- 58 Man's nickname
- 60 Run
- 61 Dines
- 62 Tenet
- 63 Works as a tailor
- 64 Cafeteria item
- 65 Have a snack



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 A2.

DOWN

- 1 _ up; admit guilt
- 2 Prefix for marine or plane
- 3 Dietary _; vitamin pill
- 4 Neckwear
- 5 Expertise
- 6 Traveler's stop
- 7 Deadly snake
- 8 Trips
- 9 Card game for four
- 10 Goldberg
- 11 Troubles
- 12 Get together

- 14 Expensive
- 19 Tiny lacy mat
- 22 Boy
- 25 Ran up a tab
- 27 Close
- 28 Sits for a photo
- 29 Copies
- 30 Energy
- 31 Fill with joy
- 33 Defaces
- 34 Calendar pg.
- 36 Worry
- 38 Supporter of the regime
- 39 Wraparound dress
- 41 Sudden fear
- 42 _ out; distributed
- 44 Cuts of pork
- 45 Metal container
- 47 Disorganized
- 48 Goes on stage
- 49 Skin lesion
- 50 Weather forecast
- 53 Prepares to shoot
- 54 Slangy reply
- 56 " _ Father, Who art in"
- 57 Put _ fuss; resist
- 59 Actor Cheadle

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ARTWORK

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"After doing this together for seven years, it would be so hard to think about being in a romantic partnership where we weren't creating together because the depth is so much," Stockdill said. "It's very difficult. ... Through both of our communities and acquaintances, we know hundreds of artists, but I could probably count all the artist couples I know on one hand, so I think it's very rare. When you can find that dynamic, or nurture that dynamic, it's really rewarding. It becomes like the practice of your love."

The new piece at City Hall has an element of illumination after dark, powered by solar panels. The structure itself was made from recyclable materials, specifically 50-gallon plastic drums.

"I just want to thank the artists because the catalyst for this was a conversation that we had very early on



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

"**INQUIRE WITHIN**," a sculpture by artists Joel Stockdill and Yustina Salmikova, is the latest temporary public art installation outside City Hall in Laguna Beach.

about how to bring plastic awareness to the community in a very meaningful way that will create a conversation," Laguna Beach Cultural Arts Manager Sian Poeschl said. "I'd like to thank you both because there were many long conversations, ... not just with me, but with the arts commissioners, and you listened and you heard, and

with sensitivity, you've created a piece that offers a sense of hope that we can make a change, and that we should make a change. Hopefully, the community will be discussing how they personally can make a change towards their relationship with plastic."

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BUDGET

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According to documents filed with the IRS and published by ProPublica about Newport Beach and Co., the nonprofit reported chief executive officer and president Gary Sherwin's compensation as \$329,134 in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Sherwin also received \$28,841 in retirement and other deferred compensation and \$40,565 in nontaxable benefits, for a combined total of \$398,540 in overall compensation for the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Will O'Neill, who is also chair of the city's finance committee, raised concerns about Sherwin's compensation, as well as that of the marketing agency's other officials.

"Because all of the money going to [Sherwin] is

taxpayer money and it flows through the city, it's important for us to have really solid transparency when it comes to the money, and as this has grown significantly from even the time I got onto City Council until now — we're looking at almost \$7 million going to the organization and then we're anticipating more than \$7 million going next year," said O'Neill.

"That pot of money is substantially bigger and, so, all the more reason for us to have better eyes on how the money's being spent," he said.

According to the same ProPublica data, chief marketing officer Doug McClain earned a total of \$203,913 in pay and benefits in 2021-22, while vice president of finance Lily Pearson received \$173,781 in compensation and benefits.

O'Neill noted that up until the recent discussion on the item, he'd never seen the compensation given to the nonprofit's top brass, Sherwin specifically.

"That is literally more money than every employee in the city of Newport Beach [is paid]," O'Neill said, adding that it was a discussion that needed to be had when contract negotiations occur in the upcoming year.

O'Neill said his comments were not a criticism of Sherwin, nor his work, but the compensation package is still substantial for a nonprofit funded by taxpayer dollars. He said he felt compensation totals should be included in the budget documents to inform the council as an oversight body.

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