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The second decade of the Seal Beach Classic Car Show

By LARRY STRAWTHER

Part two of two.

Last week, Part one covered the car show's first ten years (1988-1997), beginning as a small addition to the Old Town Business Association's annual Sidewalk Sale, to its growth under Stephen Bruce, Bob French and the Bay City Rodders Car Club into the town's largest event.

In 1998 Business Association President Stan Anderson volunteered himself as the 1998 event co-chair ("I had to make amends after what I did in 1997," he joked), but he again had key help from Kim and Steve Masoner and Dennis Pollman. "Dennis always had a car at the event anyway. Of course, much of that was for his insurance business. He'd get in car shows and then pass out his cards because he specialized in classic car insurance."

Kim Masoner owned Sandcastle Marketing in town and gained more publicity for the cars show in the regional newspapers like the Times, Press-Telegram and Register. She also made the Sun realize the event was a great opportunity for them as well – organizing local merchants in 1998 to advertise in a car show center spread for the first time. The ads included such remembered local institutions as The Shore Shop, the Seal Beach Inn, the Seal Beach Car Wash, and Russell's Hamburgers.

Anderson gives all the credit for the show's continued success to his board which included the Masoners, Robin Fairman, Beverly Rigney and Pat Eskenazi.

By summer 1999 Kim Masoner had become executive director of a revived and reorganized Chamber of Commerce and organized



Photo by Charles M. Kelly

The car show consistently draws a large crowd, as seen in this 2023 photo, though actual participation is hard to estimate.

a merger of that group and the downtown merchants into a single group, the Seal Beach Chamber & Business Association. The new group now organized events such as the Holiday Parade, Summertime Music on Main Street, the September Sand Castle Contest, and the Halloween on Main Street, as well as the bi-annual Sidewalk Sales and the annual Classic Car Show.

"Besides her marketing skills, Kim also did a good job in getting better cars," remembered Steve Masoner, "She made it so applicants had to submit a photo of their car, so we could be more selective."

Steve also recalls Kim hiring established local artists to get better looking posters. "Unfortunately those earliest posters and other car show documents were stored in a container at First Street and were ruined when the container leaked during a heavy rain storm."

Steve remembers his main contribution as loading in cars from six entry points instead of just Ocean and PCH. "This way our crew could start loading cars a couple hours later, minimizing the engine revving before 8 a.m., which I'm sure the residents appreciated. We also tried putting cars back to back in the center of the street to see if that would improve traffic flow."

By 2003, newspapers were saying the event had grown to 30,000 attendees, with many driving their cars into town and struggling to find a spot. Early organizers had alleviated this in 1991 by arranging with the Rossmoor Shopping center to operate a shuttle bus from their lots to Old Town and back. In subsequent years additional shuttles operated from the Rockwell (now Boeing) lots, as well as from the Alamitos Bay restaurants and most of all, to parking sites on the Navy base. This changed with the

attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Parking was not allowed on the Navy Base in 2002, a shortage not unnoticed by some local merchants. Some on Main Street but most at the Seal Beach Center, asked the City Council to not approve the Car Show on Main Street. But public comment from residents and other merchants at council meetings in 2003 and 2004 convinced the Council to approve what was now the town's biggest event of the year.

By 2004 the Masoners were focusing their volunteer energies to the Save Our Beach non-profit, so local chiropractor Brian Glowacki stepped in as co-lead organizer in 2003. In 2004, Joann Adams, owner of Bogart's Coffee and one of the local merchants who spoke in favor of the car show, took the reins and held the post for three years. "For my first year I had a

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Council creates stormwater committee

Applications set to be reviewed June 24

By CHARLES M. KELLY

The City Council this week voted unanimously to create a stormwater committee. The committee will include residents appointed by each of the five council members District Four Council Member/Mayor Schelly Sustarsic and District Three Councilwoman/Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Landau will be the council members of the committee.

The deadline for members of the public to apply is Friday, May 31.

The council will review applications to the stormwater committee on June 24, according to the staff report.

Council discussion

District Two Council Member

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Council OKs MOUs with two employee groups

By CHARLES M. KELLY

The council on Monday, April 9, approved agreements with two employee groups. The memorandums of understanding were with the Mid-Management and Confidential Employees Association and the Seal Beach Supervisors and Professionals Association. The agreements cover the period from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025.

This was a Consent Calendar item. Consent items are voted on collectively, without discussion, unless removed for separate consideration. Nothing was removed from this week's Consent Calendar.

"In April of 2022, the City and the Mid-Management and Confidential Employees Association ("Mid-Management Association") began discussion for a new Memorandum of

Please see MOUs, page 10

36th annual Seal Beach Classic Car Show road closures

COURTESY OF SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Annual Classic Car Show is the showcase event for the city of Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce, with more than 600 classic cars on display all along Main Street.

On Saturday, April 27, the following streets will be closed as a result of this event:

- Main Street between Pacific Coast Highway and Ocean

Avenue

- Ocean Avenue between 10th Street and 8th Street

- Central Avenue between 10th Street and 8th Street

- Electric Avenue between 10th Street and 8th Street

On the day of the show, Saturday, April 27, the streets will close at 5 a.m. The cars will enter the show via Ocean Avenue, Central Avenue and Electric Avenue starting at 6 a.m. The show is open to the public from 9

a.m. through 3 p.m. At that time, the show will be over, and the streets will reopen approximately one hour later.

Parking for the general public will be on the grounds of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons station. Entry to the Naval Weapons Station parking area is on the 100-block of Seal Beach Boulevard, south of Pacific Coast Highway (Liberty Gate). Please do not go to the Naval Weapons Station Main Gate or to the Navy

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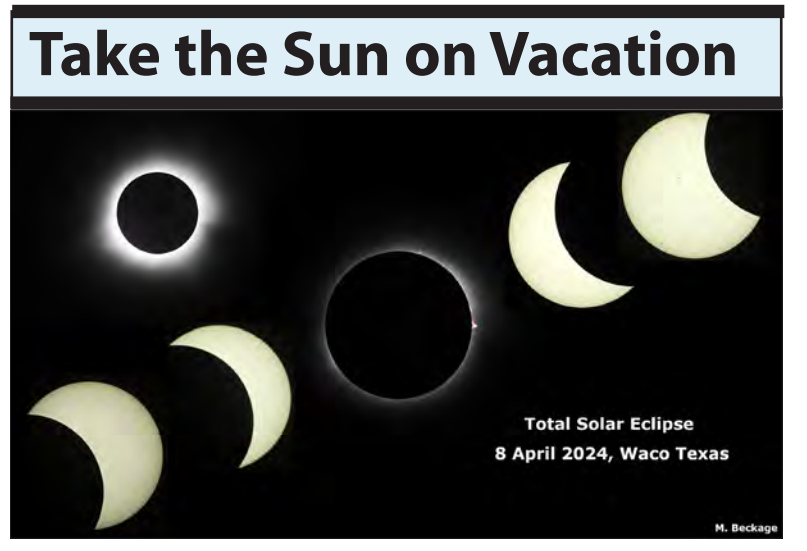


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Seal Beach residents Bridget and Mike Beckage, along with Dave and Sandie Atkins were recently in Waco, Texas for the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. They joined the Lowell Observatory and other guests from around the world on the Baylor University football field for this well attended event. They brought the SUN newspaper along for some good reading. "It was an amazing experience," Dave said. Pictured above left, are the travelers with the Sun News. Above, is a montage that Mike created with a telescope and camera. At right, is a cell phone picture through a filter, shot by Dave. Dave and Sandie also brought the Sun to Oregon for the 2017 solar eclipse. The Sun has been on a few celestial journeys recently, having visited Canada for the Aurora Borealis.



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Iconic Taco Surf of Surfside reopens after two years

By CHRIS MACDONALD FOR THE SUN

Recently the iconic Taco Surf of Surfside at 16281 Pacific Coast Highway reopened two years after being closed due to a fire.

The Maris family, who owns the establishment, said: "All the decor is new from vintage surfboards hanging from the ceiling in the new open concept dining room to the under the sea aquatic theme that adorn the walls behind the bar, a new lounge area has such a cozy feel for those who like to tuck away to have a drink - and of course our patio area or what we like to call the (bait tank) an ode to fishing past and present -handful of new cocktails, along with all of our classic drinks as well- entertainment primarily Friday and Saturday", he said. "The band schedule is coming soon. Customers have been saying their new look is nothing short of amazing, which is more than I could of asked for, after two years of rebuilding I feel grateful and humbled and appreciative for all of our returning customers and to our staff for their loyalty and patience through such a tough time, I'm proud to say."

The Maris Family started this Taco Surf Location in 1995 but prior to that they owned Uncle Dougies Diner from 1973 to 1988 where Woody's Diner is currently at 16371 Pacific Coast Highway in Sunset Beach and they also owned The Pot Holder Restaurant at 115 Main Street in Seal Beach where the other Taco Surf Location is at and also another Potholder used to be on Broadway in Belmont Heights of Long Beach.



Photo by Chris MacDonald

Todd Maris standing in the new Aquarium style bar area of Taco Surf.

Here's what customer's are saying:

Sunset Beach Woman's Club President Dawn McCormack said: "Taco Surf is our favorite restaurant. Tim and I love to walk down there from Our Home and enjoy their fantastic food and great entertainment. We've celebrated many Family Birthday's there. Two Years ago we held a Woman's Club Luncheon at the Location as well."

Sunset Beach Woman's Club Co-President Cheryl Coleman and her Husband Tommy Teissere said: "We were there a few days ago. Great service and love the fajitas."

Sunset Beach Woman's Club Member and Former Huntington Beach Mall Manager Pat Rogers said: "It's always a welcome addition to any community to see a new business open, especially one that has been part of the community

fabric previously, and experienced challenges—and made a comeback! Folks I know have been talking about Taco Surf since they closed, and are already planning get together to support them and show 'we care'! Congratulations!"

Huntington Beach Mayor Pro-Tem Pat Burns said: "Always love going to Taco Surf for good food, good music, and a good times with family and friends. Stoked to have it BACK!!"

Huntington Beach City Councilman Casey Mckeon said: "My family and I very much enjoy eating at Taco Surf and love the food such as the Tacos Al Pastor. Taco Surf is very adored in the Sunset Beach Community."

Their hours are Monday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. There is an online menu at: <http://www.tacosurf.com>.

Summary of the April 22 Seal Beach City Council meeting

By CHARLES M. KELLY

Closed session

The Seal Beach City Council took no reportable action during the Monday, April 22, closed session, according to City Attorney Nicholas Ghirelli. The council met to have a conference with the city's labor negotiators, City Manager Jill Ingram and Assistant City Manager Patrick Gallegos, according to the agenda. The agenda identified two employee organizations that Seal Beach is negotiating with: The Police Officers Association and the Police Management Association.

Regular meeting

During the public portion of the meeting, the City Council:

- Proclaimed April 2024 the Month of the Military Child.
 - Proclaimed April 26 to be Arbor Day.
 - Proclaimed May 5 to May 11 to be the 55th annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week.
 - Proclaimed April 2024 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
 - Received an update on Orange County Sanitation District Construction.
- Following proclamations, the council:
- Received the quarterly report of contracts approved by the city manager and city department heads.

the Seal Beach Supervisors & Professionals Association. (See story, page 1.)

• Approved a memorandum of understanding between Seal Beach and two employee groups: The Seal Beach Mid-Management and Confidential Employees Association and

the Seal Beach Supervisors & Professionals Association. (See story, page 1.)

• Created a Citizen-Citizen-Council Stormwater Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee. Public members of the committee will be appointed at a future date. (See story, page 1.)

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A look at city labor contracts

By CHARLES M. KELLY

groups expired June 30, 2022.

The city approved agreements with two employee organizations at the Monday, April 22, council meeting. (For details, see page 1.)

The memorandums of understanding (or contracts in plain English) between Seal Beach and some employee organizations have expired or will expire. The Sun obtained the MOUs by downloading them from the city website.

Labor negotiations have been taking place at the same time as the city is gearing up for the budget process.

Recently approved

As part of this week's Consent Calendar, Seal Beach has approved new MOUs with the Mid-Management and Confidential Employees Association and the Seal Beach Supervisors & Professionals Association. Both agreements have been renewed through June 30, 2025.

The agreements with both

Will expire

• The MOU with the Seal Beach Marine Safety Management Association expires June 30, 2024. It was last adopted July 1, 2021.

• The MOU with the Orange County Employees Association expires June 30, 2025. It was last adopted March 13, 2023.

Have expired

Seal Beach is negotiating with the following groups. The City Council had a conference with city negotiators about labor negotiations with this group during the April 8, 2024 closed session of the council meeting.

• The MOU with the Seal Beach Police Management Association expired June 30, 2023. It was last adopted July 1, 2020.

• The MOU with the Seal Beach Police Officers Association expired June 30, 2023.

It was adopted July 1, 2020.

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Stormwater

From page 1

Tom Moore asked for clarification that there would be seven members on the committee. He wanted an odd number of members on the committee.

“So that if there’s a vote, it’s

definitive,” Moore said.

“The count here is five residents and two council members for a total of seven,” Lee said.

The focus of the committee will be on stormwater improvements and funding, Public Works Director Iris Lee told the council.

“The parking committee was eight,” Moore said.

“Is this going to focus strictly on College Park East and their flooding issue or focused on citywide?” asked District Five Councilman Nathan Steele.

“The intent of this committee is currently structured for citywide,” Lee said.

According to Lee, if the council wanted to change the scope of the

committee, that is open to whatever direction the council provided.

“When I proposed an ad hoc committee, I was thinking specifically about College Park East,” Steele said.

He said he wasn’t opposed to including Old Town flooding issues or flooding on PCH. “It just seems like College Park East is so unique in their situation and their flooding problem, and it’s been around with them forever,” Steele said.

“I’m hoping that the committee will be able to focus on funding,” Steele said.

He said he was hoping the committee would focus on College Park East rather than District One.

District One Council Member Joe Kalmick said in District One they have identified over a period of many years the causes of flooding.

“There have been projects identified that would definitely help, it’s just a question of if and when they can be funded,” Kalmick said.

“I don’t think, unless I’m missing something that’s happening in Old Town, I think the focus at least initially should be College Park East,” Kalmick said.

He agreed the focus needed to be on financing.

Steele asked if that needed to be incorporated into the motion.

“It should be a citywide thing,” Moore said.

Steele asked if the city had an idea of costs.

Lee said there were focus studies of certain areas of Seal Beach, including College Park East.

Moore said it was a bad precedent to focus on just one part of the city.

Steele said College Park East has been a problem for the last 50 years.

Steele said he would rather focus on College Park East in order to get the funding needed rather than taking a citywide focus.

Moore said the committee would look at College Park East as part of their task.

“What is their task?” Steele asked.

“It’s right here,” Moore said, tapping a document with the back of his hand.

“We’re going to look at the entire city come up with some solutions for potential funding and look at what makes sense,” Moore said.

“How can you look at just one area of the city without looking at the entire city?” Moore asked.

“It comes out of the townhall that we had,” Steele said. He was apparently referring to the March 21 townhall meeting. (See “A flood of frustration” at sunnews.org.)

“If Old Town wants to have an ad hoc committee, they can have a committee,” Steele said.

“If it costs \$2 million to fix one part of the city and it’s going to fix it permanently, are we going to just focus on College Park East?” Moore asked.

District Three Councilwoman Lisa Landau, who was participating remotely, asked if she could say something.

She said it was too much to ask staff to run two different ad hoc committees.

Landau said she was concerned for College Park East residents, but residents of her district also had issues with flooding.

District Four Council Member/Mayor Schelly Sustarsic said her

district had a lot of enthusiasm. She said it would be a topic of conversation regardless of the make-up of the committee.

Moore made a motion to support the current item.

Landau seconded the motion.

City Manager Jill Ingram said staff recommended that the committee meet on a quarterly basis or as deemed necessary. “I would ask you again to be mindful of the fact of our workload at this time,” Ingram said.

In response to a question from Landau, Ingram said council member appointees would not need to represent their districts.

City Attorney Nicholas Ghirelli told the council they could select the council members who would sit on the committee now or at another time.

Sustarsic said she wanted to be on the committee. Kalmick offered to participate. Landau said she had a lot of ideas about College Park East.

Kalmick agreed to step back.

Moore said that was fine.

Then the council members voted on the motion to create the committee.

Background

“At the request of City Council, staff was directed to agendaize a Council item for the April 22, 2024, City Council Meeting to consider the establishment of an ad hoc committee to analyze potential stormwater improvements and funding mechanisms,” according to the staff report by Public Works Director Lee.

During the meeting, Lee said the structure of the stormwater committee would mirror that of the Parking Committee.

“This committee will be referred to as the Citizen-Council Stormwater Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee,” Lee wrote.

Meetings will be held quarterly or when the committee decides the meetings are necessary, according to Lee’s report. The meetings will follow the Ralph M. Brown Act, according to Lee’s report. The Brown Act is the state’s public meeting law.

“It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly,” according to the text of the Brown Act.

Applicants for the stormwater committee should have knowledge and experience with stormwater programs and improvement funding, according to Lee’s report. Applicants must be 18 and live in Seal Beach.

“The five (5) Committee Members may not be City of Seal Beach elected officials or City employees; other than those designated by Council and the City Manager,” Lee wrote.

According to her report, members of the public may apply by visiting <https://www.sealbeachca.gov/Departments/City-Clerk/Forms> or by emailing City Clerk Gloria Harper at gharper@sealbeachca.gov or by visiting the City Clerk’s Office in person.

Lee’s report said staff expected the stormwater committee membership to be similar to the Parking Ad-Hoc Committee.

Council members were allowed to appoint Parking Committee members who lived in a different council member’s district.

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Briefing Room: A look at police training

BY SBPD CAPT. NICK NICHOLAS
FOR THE SUN



Hi Seal Beach,
This week we thought we'd write about some of the training and police officers go through during the academy and beyond. I'm proud to say that California continues to lead in law enforcement training to best equip us to respond to all types of calls and serve our communities.

California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) has established a comprehensive and rigorous training regimen for all incoming law enforcement officers. Known as the Regular Basic Course or basic academy, this program is designed to prepare recruits for a wide range of duties, ensuring they are well-equipped to serve and protect with integrity and professionalism.

The basic academy extends far beyond a mere introduction to law enforcement duties. With a minimum requirement of 664 hours (although many academies exceed over 1,000 hours), the training encompasses 42 Learning Domains (LDs), covering everything from ethics and leadership to advanced investigative skills. These domains include detailed insights into the criminal justice system, crisis intervention, criminal law, and community policing. The curriculum is continually updated to address new challenges, with recent additions focusing on issues like human trafficking, terrorism awareness, and the complexities of sexual orientation and gender minority groups. Key Learning Domains such as "Leadership, Professionalism, and Ethics" and "Victimology/Crisis Intervention" reflect the academy's focus on ethical policing and sensi-

tivity towards victims. Other areas like "Use of Force/De-escalation" and "Traffic Collision Investigation" highlight the technical and tactical skills required in the field.

After graduating from the academy, recruits move on to a six-month field training program with their respective law enforcement agencies. This is generally a rigorous six-month field training program where new officers apply their classroom knowledge in real-world settings under the supervision of seasoned officers. This period is critical in transitioning from theoretical learning to practical application, ensuring that recruits are ready to handle the complexities of daily law enforcement tasks effectively.

In addition to the academy and field training, California law mandates continuous education for peace officers, ensuring they remain proficient in essential skills and aware of evolving legal standards. The state's Perishable Skills Program, for example, mandates ongoing training in areas like tactical firearms, driver training, arrest and control, strategic communications, and use of force. Special provisions are also in place for handling sensitive areas such as domestic violence, elder abuse, and sexual assault. Officers must undergo annual training on topics like bloodborne and standardized emergency management systems. Officers receive specialized training to handle these complex situations

with the necessary legal and emotional acuity.

The evolving nature of society and crime necessitates regular updates to training programs. Topics like racial and cultural diversity, hate crimes, and sexual harassment are continuously integrated into training schedules, reflecting the POST's commitment to an enlightened and inclusive approach to law enforcement.

The Seal Beach Police Department places a strong emphasis on both initial and ongoing training to ensure our personnel are well-prepared to serve the community. Officers undergo a comprehensive training program that includes various aspects of law enforcement, community engagement, and specialized areas such as handling elder abuse and drug education.

Key aspects of their training include a focus on Community Oriented Policing. Officers selected for this team are involved in high-visibility patrolling, particularly during busy periods, to maintain public safety and engage closely with the community. This initiative reflects the department's proactive approach to crime prevention and community relations.

Additionally, the Seal Beach Police Department invests in continuous professional development for its officers through policy manuals and training resources that cover a wide range of topics. This ensures that officers stay updated on the latest law enforcement practices and standards.

For more information about peace officer training, please visit: <https://post.ca.gov/Training>. To learn more about the Seal Beach Police Department, please visit: <https://sealbeachpd.com/>.

Seal Beach Junior Lifeguard registration opens in May

Swim tests 7-8 p.m., April 26, and May 3, at McGaugh

COURTESY OF MARINE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Summer is right around the corner and so is the Seal Beach Junior Lifeguard Program!

Summer registration for the Seal Beach Junior Lifeguard program opens in May, and hopeful participants need to pass a swim test before registering. There are swim tests scheduled for 7-8 p.m., Friday, April 26, and Friday, May 3 from at McGaugh.

The program is set to run for

seven weeks from June 17-Aug. 2 and meets Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to noon on the beach in Seal Beach.

Seal Beach Junior Lifeguards is one of the largest recreation programs in Seal Beach and has a long history of developing a love for the ocean among kids aged 9-17 in Seal Beach and surrounding communities.

The summer program is taught entirely by Seal Beach Lifeguards and promotes ocean safety through fun activities like surfing, boogie-boarding, ocean swimming, paddleboarding, and beach games. Junior Guards also learn lifeguarding skills, basic first aid techniques, and are introduced to

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

"Seal Beach Junior Guards is one of the best programs out there to introduce kids to the ocean in a safe and fun way," said Matthew Corb, of the Seal Beach Junior Lifeguard Program. "It's become a summer tradition in Seal Beach, and we are always looking to bring new kids in and share our love for the ocean."

For more information, email juniorguard@sealbeachca.gov.

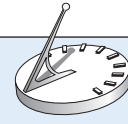
Los Al to host Arbor Day celebration

In celebration of National Arbor Day, City personnel will plant two new trees at Laurel Park on April 25 at 2:30 p.m. The City's Public Works Division will prepare planting sites the morning of the event.

Expanding the City's Urban Forest will continue to improve the community's quality of life, energy conservation, stormwater attenuation, and improvement to property values. Arbor Day, much like Earth Day, celebrates

the importance of a greener future.

The entire community is invited to join this free event where attendees can enjoy family-friendly games, crafts, snacks and face painting. The City is thankful to our sponsor Epsom America Inc. for the donation of a new tree and the ability to give away free seedlings to the first 50 attendees to plant in their own yard. Just remember to avoid planting on the City's parkways.



THE SUN DIAL

Mothers and Others Tea at First United Methodist

May 1 River's End Park Volunteer Day

The public is invited to volunteer at native plant restoration events led by the Lions Club at 9a.m., on the second Saturday of every month and every Wednesday through April and May. Or stop by to learn about our wetlands habitat.

Meet in the grass area near Ocean Place and First Street at 15 First Street.

May 4 Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration

The Aquarium of the Pacific partners with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program to host a habitat restoration event in partnership at the Los Cerritos Wetlands on the first Saturday of every month, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This provides an opportunity to visit and learn about local wetlands while joining the Aquarium and the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority in helping to restore this important habitat. The restoration focuses on non-native weed removal and rare native plant conservation in a habitat essential for local wildlife and endangered species.

Participants are eligible to win a free ticket to the Aquarium and other prizes.

Participants will be met and greeted by restoration staff at the corner of Pacific Coast Hwy and First Street in Seal Beach. Arriving around 10:15 a.m. is recommended.

Age: All ages admitted, but children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Free. No registration required.

Please bring: The wetlands are wildlands, so please dress accordingly. Closed-toe shoes are required. Hat and sunscreen are recommended. Drinking water will be provided, but this is a single-use plastic-free event. Please

bring a reusable water bottle.

Aquarium Info: (562) 590-3100 aquariumofpacific.org/events/info/los_cerritos_wetlands_habitat_restoration/

Visit the event webpage for safety protocol information.

May 9 Senior Get Together

Join us for a celebration of Older Americans Month. We will have a trivia game, Charlie Cart food demonstration, Library of Things demonstration, scanning party, adult craft and representatives from community partners: Cal Optima, SCAN, CalFresh, HiCap, OC Waste, OC Animal Care, OC Office on Aging and Meals on Wheels.

10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Eisenhower Park, Ocean and Main St. Seal Beach

May 11 Mothers and Others Tea

The Women of the First United Methodist Church of Seal Beach will be returning with their annual Mothers & Others Tea on Saturday, May 11 from 1 to 3pm. Your donation of \$20 will go toward our continued support of We Care: Los Alamitos to aid them in providing assistance to the food & housing insecure in our community.

Gather your family and friends for a delightful afternoon of delicacies, special "Take-home treats, and heartwarming fellowship." The church is located at the corner of 10th & Central in Seal Beach. Seating will be limited so please call the church office (562-431-0494) for reservations.

Please see Sun Dial, page 15

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Seal Beach Department Heads

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Sidewalk Talk

Where do you get your weather information?

— Question by Gayle Knapp. Compiled by Charles M. Kelly



"My KTLA weather app."
Jim Morey
Huntington Beach



"Actually, I get it online from Weather App."
Mark J. Meyers
Seal Beach



"I just stick my finger up in the air."
Michael Pless
Huntington Beach



"Apple Weather on my phone."
Amanda Bolinger
Palos Verdes

Reporter's Notebook

2023 city staff Christmas party was apparently within budget

By CHARLES M. KELLY

The city spent \$5,155 on last year's Christmas party for Seal Beach staff, according to the results of a recent Public Records Act request.

The city manager's office budget for 2023-24 included \$10,000 in the Special Departmental Account.

This story started when a reader suggested I look into the cost of the office Christmas party.

I started by filing a Public Records Act request on the city's website.

Feb. 15, 2024

"I request the following information concerning the Seal Beach city staff Christmas party or celebration:

"Where city funds used?" (Editor's note: This was a word-choice error on my part. The question should have been "Were city funds used?")

"How much was spent?"

1:13 p.m., March 22, 2024

The City of Seal Beach, City Clerk's Office

"Thank you for your inquiry regarding the City of Seal Beach holiday celebration.

"The City recognizes the importance of a positive and engaged workforce. To that end, we allocate a budget for the Staff Engagement Team (SET) to promote employee engagement throughout the year. These SET members are comprised from each of the City's departments and volunteer many of their own hours to accomplish

their stated goals, which are: Boosting staff morale Promoting health and wellness Developing inter/intra-departmental relations Partnering with the community; and Encouraging professional development.

"This year's holiday celebration, with an estimated approved budget cost of \$5,155, was funded through this established staff engagement program budget. As mentioned above, SET members volunteer many hours to achieve their goals and regarding this past year's holiday celebration, staff volunteers invested a significant amount of their personal time to ensure the success of the event.

"We believe that investing in employee well-being and fostering a positive work environment leads to a more productive and dedicated workforce, ultimately benefiting our entire community. If you have any further questions about the staff engagement program, please contact us at your convenience."

March 23, 2024

A search of the approved 2023-24 budget found no reference to holiday celebration, engagement, or staff engagement. That simply meant I didn't find what I was looking for. I so advised the City Clerk's Office by email.

Sometimes a record request is the fastest way to get information.

Sometimes going to an individual is the fastest way to get information.

I decided to do both. On March 29, I emailed Finance Director Barbara

Arenado asking where I could find the budget for staff engagement.

April 9, 2024

The City Clerk's Office responded:

"You are correct, the specific line item 'Staff Engagement Team' might not be explicitly listed in the current City budget. However, the funding for this program is allocated within the City Manager's Office Special Departmental Account (Account Code: 101-110-0011-52200). This account supports various citywide events and initiatives throughout the year, aimed at both staff and public engagement.

"The Staff Engagement Team program falls under this umbrella, as it ultimately fosters a more connected and collaborative work environment within the City.

"We apologize for any confusion caused by the lack of a specific line item.

"We're always looking for ways to improve the transparency of our budget documents. If you have any further questions or require additional information about the City Manager's Office Special Departmental Account or the Staff Engagement Team program, please do not hesitate to contact us."

The Sun consulted the budget for 2023-24. Page 93 of the budget showed \$10,000 budgeted for 2023-24 for the Special Departmental Account.

Also on April 9, Finance Director Arenado sent the Sun an email:

"Good afternoon Mr. Kelly, Thank you for your question. It was responded to in Next Request."

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The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is 988.

Crime Log

CRIME LOG COMPILED BY CHARLES M. KELLY

Wednesday, April 3

• Petty Theft (Priority 3)—10:02 a.m.—Electric Avenue (Old Town)—Someone took a bag left outside the reporting person's car in the Mary Wilson Library branch parking lot. The reporting person waited at the Library bookstore. Report taken.

• Animal information (Priority 3)—2:40 p.m.—Masthead Court—Police received a report of a 5-foot long snake next to the community dumpster. Animal control phoned the reporting person, who was an employee at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach. The reporting person was advised they were out of jurisdiction.

Thursday, April 4

• Disturbing Individual (Priority 2)—4:44 p.m.—Electric Avenue (Old Town)—A man with a small dog was in the Mary Wilson Library, refusing to leave. The man allowed the dog to walk around the library off leash. The reporting person asked him to leave and he became verbally abusive. As of 4:52 p.m., the man had left. Police contacted the reporting person.

• Disturbing Juveniles (Priority 3)—9:14 p.m.—Seal Beach Boulevard and Northbound 405 Freeway—A group of juveniles were throwing water balloons off the overpass onto the freeway. One

Seal Beach PD to take back unwanted prescription drugs this Saturday

COURTESY OF SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Seal Beach Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to the Leisure World Retirement Community - MAIN GATE at 13533 Seal Beach Blvd. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that most abused pre-

scription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - both pose potential safety and health hazards.

"Throughout Orange County we hear of tragic events in which people die from an overdose of prescription medication," said Seal Beach Chief of Police Michael Henderson.

"By creating this opportunity for the community to safely dispose of unused and expired medication, our goal is to help prevent access to dangerous prescription medication. We are grateful for the continued partnership with the Golden Rain Foundation and Leisure World community for allowing us to host this event at their main entrance," Henderson said.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the Take Back

Day event, visit <https://take-backday.dea.gov/>.

water balloon hit the reporting person's car while going northbound on the 405. The offending juveniles were gone when police arrived.

p.m.—Coastline Drive—The reporting person came to the lobby of police headquarters to report that an unknown person was using their business email.

• Stray Animal (Priority 3)—3:32

Friday, April 5

• Fraud Report (Priority 3)—1:35

Please see Crime Log, page 15



Photo by Ted Apodaca

Allyssa Ramos put this pitch over the right field fence for a third-inning home run.

Griffins 'Slam' Marina to go to 11-0 in Sunset League

By TED APODACA

Senior outfielder Callie Fitzpatrick's first-inning grand slam was all the Los Alamitos High softball team would need as the Griffins shut out Marina High, 9-0, in a Sunset League game on Thursday at Los Al High. In the final regular season home game the Griffins honored their seniors, many of whom played a part in a win that got the Griffins to 11-0 in the Sunset League.

Senior pitcher Cari Ferguson allowed just one base runner through four innings, setting the Vikings down in order in the second, third and fourth innings.

She had five strikeouts and some solid defense did the rest.

Meanwhile, the Griffins offense struck quickly when senior outfielder beat out a chopper down the first base line when the defender bobbled the ball. After a hit batter and a walk to senior Gabby Terrones, Fitzpatrick launched a fly ball to left field for a quick 4-0 lead.

Another hit batter and a double by junior Cienna Kowaleski kept the rally going, and one out later, junior Paige Kingery drove in another run with a sacrifice fly to center field. In the bottom of the third, the Griffins

Please see Griffins, page 15

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Car Show

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co-chair who went home to sleep during the car show and never came back. That was fun.”

The next year Joann recruited the help of local mechanic Brian Warner, owner of Brian's Automotive Service. “I moved my business to town in 2001 and I started entering the car show then. And then Joann asked me to help out, so I did.” For Warner, it was a labor of love. “I’ve been a car guy for over 50 years,” he later told the Press-Telegram, “and I personally worked on a lot of cars that were seen in the show.”

Another local car show regular over the years was Bob Griffith, long-time owner of Bob's Rexall drug store and much of the 300 block where he stores many of the cars he has shown over the years. Probably best known among these is the NASCAR stock car once driven by Jeff Gordon.

Warner took over as the sole event chair in 2008 and he says his main contribution was increasing the categories for awards. “You can't compare a Rolls Royce to a 57 Merc. They're different animals and should be compared against similar cars.” Another benefit from more trophies was it got more local businesses involved as trophy sponsors.

But the biggest reward for Warner is the event's importance to the community and town's economy. “I love to see my small business neighbors really do well – the stores, restaurants and pubs and ice cream and coffee shops.”

Under Warner the show grew to well over 600 cars, although he cut that back a bit after a year. “It was getting too crowded, and we wanted to give people a little more room to walk.”

In 2011 Warner gained the assistance of Vince Bodiford who had come to town as the new Publisher of the Sun. Bodiford, a big-time car buff himself, recalled that, “As a publisher you always want to get involved with local business and events, and when I saw that the town had a car show, I made sure we got



Photo by Charles M. Kelly

Seen above is one of the cars from the 2023 Car Show.

very involved with that.”

Bodiford took over the show's reins in 2013, and immediately put his own stamp on the event by arranging for highlights of the show to be broadcast nationally on various cable networks covering motor sports.

Bodiford also reached out to the Bay City Rodders to see if they were interested in again helping run what they had helped start. “That didn't go anywhere. Some members would still show their cars in the SB show, but there was not much interest beyond that.” It turned out the Rodders' numbers were dwindling and they would soon end their involvement with the Belmont Shore show.

In 2017 Bodiford and his group, led by local uber volunteers Deb Machen and Seth Eaker, revived a vintage Motorcycle area – this time at the Pier. The Vintage Motorcycle show featured 75 brands from Europe, Japan and, of course, classic American Harley Davidsons.

When Bodiford left town to head up a midwestern newspaper syndicate, Tim Way assumed the chairman role, a post he held from 2018 to 2023. But he wasn't alone, bringing back Brian Warner as his co-chair. The first two years didn't miss a beat, and the 2020 show was also a sell out until Covid forced the cancellation of that year's show. 2021 started out equally rough, but the crew pivoted to run a very

successful Classic Car Cruise in October 2021.

2022 saw a return to normalcy, with car sell-outs and big crowds returning to Main Street, a feat repeated in 2023.

For 2024, Way and Warner have allowed the show's reins to pass on to Gary and Diana Bean, who bring a lot of experience running the Chamber Health Expo and other events to the table.

In addition to the Lions pancake breakfast and hot dog and burgers lunch, other activities now include live music throughout the day from bands on three stages, fun and interesting vendor and nostalgic displays, a Pinewood Derby, and even celebrity appearances.

Actual attendance is hard to gauge, but Seal Beach police have estimated it as between 25,000 to 35,000 over the years. What's not hard to estimate is the financial impact of the event which provides nearly 60% of the Chamber's annual revenue. In addition to event costs, it also helps pay for other Chamber community activities such as the summer concert series, and holiday parade.

Most of the show's revenues come from the car space fees and t-shirt sales which are usually sold out by noon, according to Warner. The vendors around the event provide a significant contribution as well.

The car show is also the second largest fundraiser for the Seal Beach Lions Club which annually feeds around 1,000 people and now takes in more than \$5,000.

Another beneficiary of the show's crowds is the Seal Beach Animal Care Center which raises around \$2,000 from selling baked goods at the Car Show. Other nonprofits which have benefited include Interval House, Casa Youth Shelter, Seal Beach Tree Project and the Save Our Pool campaign to help improve the McGaugh School pool.

Over the years, there have been the predictable complaints from a very small minority of people, but they are drowned out by those who appreciate the event's positive impact on the town.

And although it is a Chamber event, the organizers are the first to say it takes an entire village to put on this show. It couldn't be done without the help of well over 100 volunteers, city staff, and members of the public works, lifeguards, and various other departments.

Who would have thought that around 50 hot rods on Main Street in 1988 would turn into the city's biggest annual event and the largest beachside car show in California?

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City seeks bids for North Gate Rd. project

By CHARLES M. KELLY

Businesses have until 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 1, to bid on the Seal Beach Boulevard at North Gate Road Improvement Project, according to a legal notice published in the April 18 print edition of the Sun.

The notice didn't describe the project, but the adopted 2023-24 budget does on page 88.

"This project will provide pavement rehabilitation to the intersection at Seal Beach Boulevard at North Gate Road," according to the budget.

"The pavement at this location is in need of rehabilitation due to age and the 405 Widening construction," according to the budget.

The city engineer estimates the project will cost \$546,135, according to the notice.

The winning bidder will have 15 days to complete the project.

The contractor will be required to pay prevailing wages, according to the notice.

Bidders will need to include a 10% bond or cashier's check with their bids, according to the notice.

Contractors will be required to have a Class A Contractor's license and a current Seal Beach business license.

The city reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities or informalities.

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City launches pilot micro-transit program

COURTESY OF CITY OF SEAL BEACH

Seal Beach is launching a pilot Micro-Transit program that will be operated by Circuit

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The hours of operation are from 4 to 10 p.m., Thursdays to Fridays; noon to 10 p.m., Saturdays, and noon to 6 p.m., Sundays.

This program offers easy, eco-

friendly transportation throughout the city and will commence from the beginning of May for a duration of one year. The pilot program service area will include Old Town, the Hill, and Bridgeport.

To start, Circuit will operate four days a week and provide transportation to all local spots such as Main Street and the Pier. Hours and uploading online virtual stops may be modified subject to demand and use input.

The city will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the launch of this program, 1 p.m., Monday, April 29, in the Eighth Street beach parking lot.

To use Circuit, riders must download the Ride Circuit app from the app store or visit ridecircuit.com/ride for more information. For more information about the pilot program, contact Jessica Salvador in the Public Works Department at 562-431-2527 ext. 1319 or jsalvador@sealbeachca.gov.

MOUs

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Understanding (MOU) between the City and each group," according to the staff report by Assistant City Manager Patrick Gallegos.

"Each bargaining group has accepted the terms, conditions and provisions set forth in its MOU," Gallegos wrote.

"If the MOUs are adopted by the City Council, each of the bargaining groups will receive the same cost-of living allowance (COLA) for the three-year agreements which includes a 2.5% increase in each of the three years," Gallegos wrote.

"Some of the more significant terms of the agreement include the addition of one floating holiday each fiscal year, the establishment of a 4/10 working group to explore the merits of a 4/10 schedule, and each eligible member will receive a one-time \$2,000 non-PERSable payment as part of the agreement," Gallegos wrote.

Gallegos explained that in an April 23 email

"The City Council staff report for Item G references a one-time, non-PERSable payment (meaning it won't affect employee retirement benefits) included in the recently negotiated agreement with the two labor groups (SBSPA and MMCEA)," Gallegos wrote in his email.

"More specifically, this one-time payment will not be factored into the calculation of future retirement benefits for employees (PERS stands for Public Employee Retirement System). We are committed to providing fair compensation for our valued employees while staying mindful of long-term budgetary considerations. The negotiated agreement, including this one-time payment, achieves a balance between these priorities," Gallegos wrote in his email.

"The terms of the agreement have already been included in the current FY 23-24 budget. In subsequent years, funds will be appropriated through the budget process. The total cost of \$74,000 for the one-time non-PERSable payment will be allocated from the fund balance," Gallegos wrote in the staff report.

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PASSOVER, MERCURY STATIONS DIRECT, AQUARIAN SALON

We are now in the time of Passover (Pesach), the Jewish festival of freedom and the story of the Angel of Death passing over the homes of the Hebrew people on the night when they left Egypt. Passover (Pesach, lamb) began Monday night, April 22 (ending Tuesday, April 30). Passover this year began the evening before the Wesak full moon Buddha Festival. When the different religions of the ages coincide, the foundation for the new world religion is being created. The heavens always proclaim important events summoning humanity to actively and consciously participate in its own history and destiny. Passover commemorates the Hebrew people's flight from slavery and bondage in Egypt (Age of Taurus, materiality) and their 40-year sojourn in the desert (purification) before entering Canaan, land of milk and honey (Age of Aries, the Age of the Laws). Canaan represented freedom. The festivals of Passover (Aries Age) and the Resurrection of Christ (Pisces Age) are of like significance. Both are liberation events, in different times and Ages (an Age is 2,500 years). Both occurred under similar stellar influences - Springtime. Both gave a fresh new impulse to the life of humanity. The 5th Life Wave (which is us, called the Aryans ("thinkers") has its foundation in the laws known as the Ten Commandments. A new law was added at a later time (during the Pisces Age), which was "to love one another." On Thursday, April 25, at 5:54am (PT), Mercury turns stationary direct at 16 degrees Aries. We can move slowly forward now with major decisions, plans and agendas. Slowly, because Mercury will move forward slowly too, through its retrograde

shadow. Mercury will be clear of its retrograde shadow Wednesday, May 15th. On that day, Mercury leaves Aries and enters Taurus, which will anchor the initiating ideas and revelations we experienced while Mercury was in Aries. Passover ends Tuesday evening, April 30. Wednesday, May 1 is Beltane, May Day. April showers bring May flowers. The next Aquarian Salon (on Zoom) is Saturday, April 27, at 10am (Pacific Time). The title is Three Festivals, a triangle, Goodwill & the Sound of the Divine Word. The paintings in the Salon, by Ludger Phillips, are of Aries, Taurus/Scorpio and Gemini. Ludger's paintings are creative, colorful, symbolic and potent. Everyone is invited. Won't you join us? (Aquarian Salon link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83900168325?pwd=cVJNdZzQlUpoRzV6VzdBZk5veTdNZZ09-code:gam-83900168325>) ARIES: Jupiter, the heart of Aquarius, calls you to leadership in the creation of the new culture and civilization. This great god provides you with courage, inimitable daring and mental audacity to see far into the future and adapt and reorient your professional talents for the progress of humanity. You will resist being overbearing and arrogant, opposing virtues of a good leader. You will travel and your gifts will be recognized. TAURUS: Through study, possible travel, and involvement with many different occult and historic, artistic and philosophical studies, you learn how different countries are meeting the needs of their people. You adapt them to the need of the country you live in. It is natural that previously held beliefs and possible prejudices cease as perspectives expand and knowledge leads to wisdom. You will then bring

needed change to your community. Think soil, food, fish, algae, biodynamics and building with nature. GEMINI: We must always begin with ourselves before offering change to the world. In coming months, a deep psychological self-awareness unfolds that offers a deep healing to your past. This liberates your energy and creates an inner regeneration. You then will understand more deeply the suffering of humanity and apply your love/wisdom to their needs. Many benefit from your loving beneficence. You will receive and then share a spiritual inheritance. CANCER: An inner need to help others grows more and more each day. Partnerships will be formed around the common themes of nurturing and caring those less fortunate. You are to cultivate gardens, animals, build storehouses of food, medicines, seeds, water and books for many in need may be arriving at a later date. For those who are married, attending to these tasks together enhances your original vows and promises. LEO: Realizing humanity (Aquarius) is your marriage partner, you will openly and willingly seek to offer creative and artistic skills to humanity as greater and greater needs surface in the world. As your true purpose of help and healing surfaces, you cultivate and better understand your creative strength, power and might. You will work hard to achieve balance and harmony for the kingdoms (earth, animals, plants, human) summoning you. Your health is vital. Lead with both power and love. VIRGO: More and more your true self becomes apparent, the vital essential inner beauty of self. You then become yourself, no longer dutiful or fearful and acting as expected but a new confident expres-

sion comes forth. This authentic self becomes useful to others. You are the sign of the mother who feeds the world. Your heart must be open to the world before you can attempt to nourish it. Think about food gardens - biodynamic and hydroponic. Why are they useful for the coming times? LIBRA: As the year unfolds, as the continuing crisis also unfolds, humanity will seek safety, healing, peace and security, and these will have to be found in many different ways. It is good to consider using your resources to seek land, create community and provide a stable purposeful village, commons, center for those close to you. Your usual generosity toward friends will expand to include many more. Something new is soon coming into the world. It will shake people up. You have the ability to create and sustain comfort, solace, security - psychological gifts soon needed. SCORPIO: Although you are considered the hermit of the zodiac, it will surprise you (and others) that in times to come you will emerge from your cave and offer the world vital and needed information. Your research into the coming times makes you more knowledgeable than most about a coming upheaval and reorientation. It's good to study and train in survival skills. Extended travel may be necessary forging newly formed relationships. Mental confusion, questioning and fears will cease. As world need arises, you step to the forefront. SAGITTARIUS: Perhaps you are not aware of this but you have been in training on using resources carefully and wisely. In the coming times, resources we've placed great importance on will dwindle and new resources will gradually become available. You

will be very sensitive to these new resources - how to seek, find and obtain them. Then, because your compassion is developed, you will share and disperse them judiciously, managing the new materialism with intelligence and prudence. The new materialism is the new sharing society. CAPRICORN: You will understand a new cycle is appearing in our world and your inherent leadership, governing and democratic skills come to light. No longer hiding talents under propriety or childhood wounds, you become a resource for others in how to survive difficult challenges. You're ahead and at the top now, providing everyone with direction in constructing the new culture and civilization. There will be many ladders to climb. You provide a creative impulse for others to follow. AQUARIUS: Deeply spiritual and religious dimensions have begun to reveal themselves to you. Seeking to know your past lives, seeking to help heal others, these are a few of what is new thinking in your life. Aquarians will become new era ministers and healers and the new scientists will eventually prove the Soul's existence. Empathy and dispassion grow along with keen observational abilities. You may help build the new Noah's Ark through writing and/or publishing. Humanity will seek comfort from the future you already know of and live in. Keyword: listening. PISCES: There is an aspiration within calling you to offer humanity a place where education, culture, knowledge and wisdom flourish. This place will be found. You will teach others to have hope, ideas, goals and wishes, all of which impact the future. You will teach the new values needed on our planet that will create the new materialism (spiritually focused goals). You will not work alone. Many will share your visions. Your communication and how you live will assist others in understanding the coming social reforms. You will build that community. It's already in the etheric plane.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 30-2024-01384153

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: SANDRA MARIE WEST, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SANDRA MARIE WEST to SANDRA WEST. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 30-2024-01389177

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ROBERTA ANN SCOTTY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ROBERTA ANN SCOTTY to ROBERTA ANN CHARLES. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 24FL000321

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: BRENDON PEACOCK and FELICIA PEACOCK on behalf of LILLIAN HOPE PEACOCK, a minor, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LILLIAN HOPE PEACOCK to LILLIAN HOPE CHENG PEACOCK. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JANE R. ADKINS

Case No. 30-2024-01390218-PR-PW-CMC To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JANE R. ADKINS A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Merideth Faith in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Merideth Faith be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 6, 2024 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

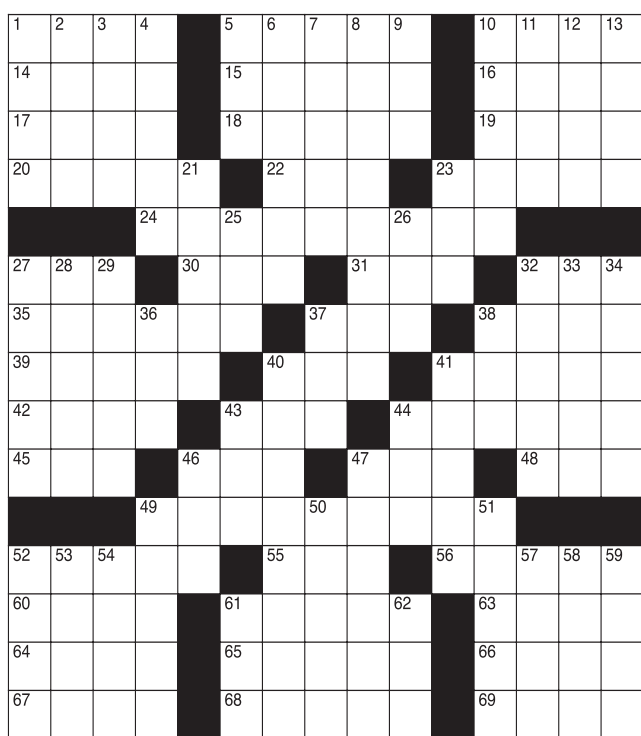
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19. A short note of what's owed
20. Criminal organization
22. Mimic
23. Try to grab
24. U.S.-born individuals
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35. Winged angelic being
37. Variety of Chinese
38. A way to be anxious
39. Famed wrestler Hulk
40. Partner to cheese

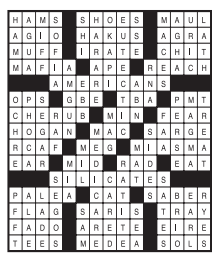
- 41. Slang for sergeant
42. Canadian flyers
43. Actress Ryan
44. Highly unpleasant vapor
45. Body part
46. Halfway
47. Cool!
48. Consume
49. Salts
52. Upper bract of a floret of grass
55. Housepet
56. Cavalry-sword
60. Symbol of a nation
61. Frocks
63. Used to carry food
64. Portuguese folk song
65. Sharp mountain ridge
66. Ireland
67. Where golfers begin
68. Greek mythological sorceress
69. Fluid suspensions

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Mad Men" leading man
2. Water (Spanish)
3. Annoy
4. Bulgarian capital
5. Japanese title
6. Capital of Zimbabwe
7. Giraffe
8. A mixture of substances
9. Midway between south and southeast
10. Staffs
11. Turkish title



- 12. Type of acid
13. Thin, flat strip of wood
21. Russian river
23. Ribonucleic acid
25. Partner to flow
26. Airborne (abbr.)
27. Earthy pigment
28. Genus of earless seals
29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
32. By or in itself
33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface
34. Partner to trick
36. British Air Aces
37. Ammunition
38. Supervises flying
40. Health care for the aged
41. Flanks
43. Millimeters
44. Where wrestlers perform
46. Not around
47. Flightless bird
49. Bell-shaped flowers
of the lily family
50. Expressed concern for
51. Satisfies
52. Flew off!
53. Wings
54. Load a ship
57. Vigor
58. British title
59. Whiskeys
61. _ Adams: founding father
62. Body of water



Crime Log

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p.m.—Galleon Way (Bridgeport)—The reporting found a duckling. The duckling was in a box. As of 4:08 p.m., animal control transported the duckling to the wetlands center.

Saturday, April 6

• Open Door (Priority 2)—6:45 a.m.—Sunflower Street (College Park East)—The front door of the house had been propped open for the previous two days. According to the log, boxes were piled up inside. As of 6:48 a.m., there was nothing else suspicious observed. The reporting person had apparently noticed the open door while walking her dog. As of 6:58 a.m., police confirmed the open door. As of 7:04 a.m., a responding officer requested another unit to assist with clearing the interior. As of 7:10 a.m., several announcements had been made and there was no response. As of 7:12 a.m., police were clearing the interior. As of 7:24 a.m., the interior was clear. As of 7:41 p.m., a building inspector was en route. As of 8:57 p.m., the building inspector had red tagged the house. The front door was secured.

Sunday, April 7

Transient (Priority 3)—10:46 a.m.—Marina Drive (Old Town)—A transient man was reported sleeping with a gray blanket in the reporting person's parking stall. As of 10:57 a.m., the man in question had been advised/warned/counseled and was leaving.

Monday, April 8

Injured Animal (Priority 2)—7:21 a.m.—Ocean Avenue (Old Town)—A sick sea lion was reported under the pier. As of 7:22 a.m., the reporting person had notified the Pacific Marine Mammal Center. The Marine Mammal Center transported the sea lion for treatment.

Tuesday, April 9

Animal Noise (Priority 3)—1:11 p.m.—Sixth Street (Old Town)—The reporting person reported that a dog at the location was barking all day. As of 1:44 p.m., the dog could be heard barking from the street. The barking stopped after several minutes. The dog would bark periodically for a few minutes. According to the log, the dog was tethered in the yard. As of 1:50 p.m., police rang the door bell. No answer. Animal noise complaint left on screen door.

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May 11

Lawn Bowling Club Open House

The Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club will be hosting its annual Open House event on Saturday, May 12. The event includes free lawn bowling lessons, and refreshments and gives visitors an introduction to the game of lawn bowling, which provides light exercise and a competitive game of skill. The open house will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Long Beach Bowling Club, 1109 Federation Drive, Long Beach, CA 90804

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Los Al softball team awaits Callie Fitzpatrick as she heads home after a first-inning Grand Slam home run in a Sunset League game on Thursday against Marina.

Griffins

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got back-to-back home runs from senior catcher Allyssa Ramos and Kowaleski to stretch the lead to 7-0.

In the bottom of the fifth, a walk and double by Kingery, led to a two-run single by senior outfielder Ava Morales and a 9-0 lead that led to Head Coach Rob Weil going to reserve players the rest of the game.

Marina threatened in the top of the fifth, with singles by junior Rachel Ruiz and sophomore Mia Valbuena to lead off the inning. But a grounder to senior second baseman Isabella Rodriguez led to a double play as she tagged the runner and threw to first to quell the threat.

Ferguson struck out the next batter to keep the Vikings off the scoreboard.

The Griffins were 19-5 overall heading into this week, with a game at Huntington Beach (10-1) on Tuesday. The Griffins are looking to capture a Sunset League Championship as they await the playoff brackets which are scheduled to be released on Saturday at 10 a.m.

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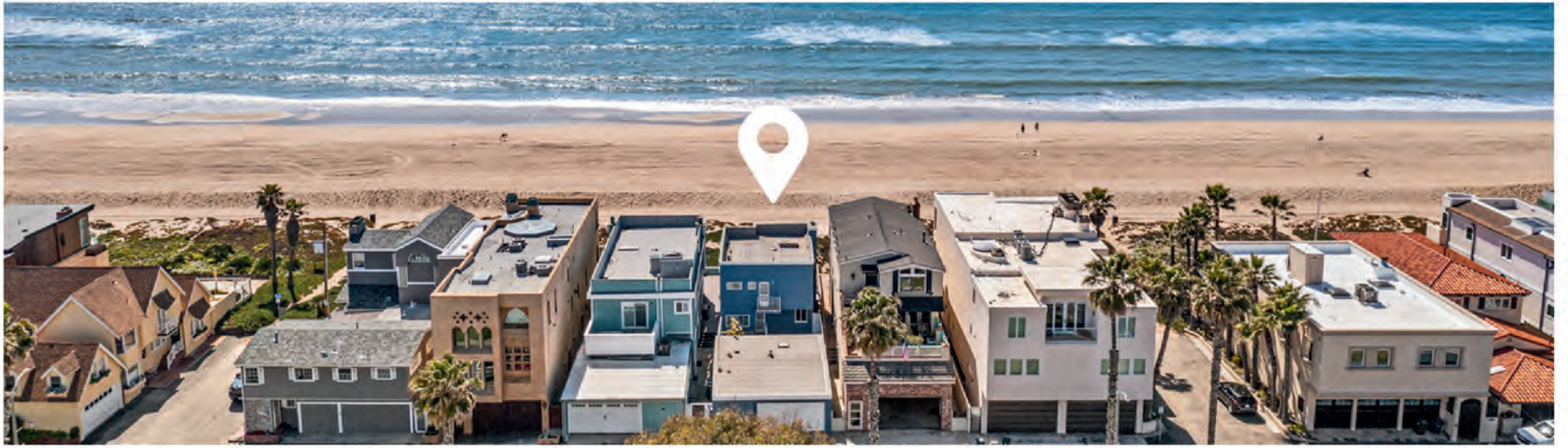
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