

PROTEST TURNS VIOLENT

4 Dallas officers shot, killed

Four Dallas police officers were killed in a hail of sniper fire Thursday during one of several protests across the country in response to fatal police shootings this week in Baton Rouge, La., and suburban

St. Paul, Minn. The Dallas police chief said two snipers shot 11 officers from elevated positions. Some of the injured officers were fighting for their lives. Three people were in custody, and a

fourth was exchanging gunfire with officers. The violence erupted after the second fatal police shooting of a black man this week. In the Minnesota shooting, police made a traffic stop for a broken taillight.

According to the driver's girlfriend, he was shot when he reached for his license. In a chilling documentation, the girlfriend live streamed the aftermath of the shooting on Facebook. **NEWS 3**

“ We have to have a greater sense of urgency about this.”

NEWS 2



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Police respond after shots were fired at a rally Thursday in downtown Dallas to protest fatal police shootings of black men this week in Baton Rouge, La., and St. Paul, Minn.

BEACH WARNINGS



MINDY SCHAUER, FILE PHOTO

A Laguna Beach lifeguard surveys the ocean where a teen went missing last year after he was swept off a rocky outcropping near Thousand Steps Beach.

We go for fun and beauty. But lifeguards know some beachgoers won't survive the day. They tell us who, where, why.

By **LAYLAN CONNELLY**
STAFF WRITER

For most of the tens of millions of visitors to hit beaches in Orange County this summer, the ocean will serve as nature's playground – a place to swim or surf, to hang out with family and friends, to relax.

For a few, it'll be a place

to die.

Over the past decade, at least 96 people have drowned in the water from Camp Pendleton to Seal Beach, according to coroner's data.

Some deaths were intentional. Others involved alcohol or drugs. A few were the result of a severe injury.

For the majority, the ocean force was simply too

fierce.

In most cases, a lifeguard – or, more likely, many lifeguards – tried to stop them or save them or recover their body, or they risked their own life to help them.

Sometimes, all of the above.

The data on ocean deaths hint at some trends. People

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NICK AGRO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A view looking north up La Pata Avenue's extension. The road, which connects San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente, is set to open Aug. 15.

La Pata extension ready to link up

Road joining San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente opens Aug. 15.

By **FRED SWEGLES**
STAFF WRITER

After more than two years of work moving some 13 million cubic yards of dirt, the county is in the home stretch to open a long-awaited road linking San Juan Capistrano with San Clemente.

The idea for the four-lane La Pata Gap Closure, as it is known, was conceived

more than half a century ago. It is designed to ease traffic, link the two cities and provide an alternative to I-5. Cutting through 2.27 miles of rugged hills, the link finally is expected to open to traffic Aug. 15.

When work began in April 2014, OC Public Works described the \$127 million gap closure as the

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THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS



The new film "The Secret Life of Pets" imagines what Spot and Fluffy do when humans aren't around. **LIFE 1**



EMAIL PROBE REOPENED

As the FBI chief defended the decision to not recommend charges against Hillary Clinton, the State Department reopened a probe of possible mishandling of classified information. **NEWS 2**

Uncovering a giant planet's secrets

Get ready to hear, and learn, lots about Jupiter in the coming months as the spacecraft Juno orbits the massive, cloud-shrouded planet, seeking to uncover its secrets. **FOCUS, NEWS 8**



ANAHEIM COUNCIL TO VOTE ON HOTEL TAX INCENTIVES

Some city leaders say the subsidy for luxury hotels is needed to attract more high-end visitors. **LOCAL 1**

SERVITE'S SIMPSON SAYS GOODBYE TO FOOTBALL

Recent Servite grad Aaron Simpson is playing organized football for the last time in tonight's Brea Lions Orange County All-Star game. **SPORTS 1**

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COLLISION CAUSES CLOSURE OF ORTEGA HIGHWAY



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A street sweeper and a big-rig hauling sand collided on Ortega Highway about 7:15 a.m. Thursday, prompting a road closure in both directions near the county line. Rescuers cut the sweeper's driver out of his vehicle, and he was taken in stable condition to a hospital, Orange County Fire Authority Cpl. Larry Kurtz said. The truck driver was unharmed.

San Clemente pro surfers to host benefit contest for youngsters

The Gudauskas brothers will bring their latest Stoke-O-Rama event to Surf City.

By LAYLAN CONNELLY
STAFF WRITER



FRED SWEGLES, FILE PHOTO

Jimmy Wynne and his dad, Jim, watch as Tanner Gudauskas autographs a surfboard the boy won in a prize drawing at a past Stoke-O-Rama surf contest.

The U.S. Open of Surfing might bring some of the best surfers from around the world to Huntington Beach, but the Gudauskas brothers will gather stoked young surfers at a grassroots contest up the beach from the massive festival.

Patrick, Tanner and Dane Gudauskas – pro surfers from San Clemente – will bring their Stoke-O-Rama event to Surf City on July 23. The free surf contest benefits the Positive Vibe Warriors Foundation, a nonprofit that raises funds for youth water safety programs and ocean education.

Registration will start at 8 a.m. today at Jack's Surfboards at 101 Main St. in Huntington Beach, and the Gudauskas brothers will be there to greet young surfers. It's first come, first served, and only 100 slots are open. It's a community-focused event, so only kids with a Huntington Beach ZIP code can enter.

The contest will take place at Ninth Street, at what's casually known as "Taco Bell reef" – about a quarter-mile north of the contest site and where the Gudauskases grew up doing contests in their youth.

The brothers started Stoke-O-Rama four years ago in San Clemente. At that event, pro surfers – even 11-time world champ Kelly Slater – showed up to cheer on the groms. With all the pros in town for the

U.S. Open (July 23-31), no doubt there will be a few fans who will get up close with their favorite surfers.

"Seeing the kids at the beach hanging out all together, you just can't help but feel the stoke. I love seeing the kids high-fiving each other, cheering each other on and making new friends," Tanner Gudauskas said.

There will be groups for

12 and under and 10 and under, and a "pops and pups" push-in division for participants 8 and under. Every kid gets a goodie bag.

The funds go to the Positive Vibe Warriors, and money raised through sponsors such as Vans will go toward the Huntington Beach YMCA swim lessons for inner-city children.

For more info, visit positivevibewarriors.com.

Local arts groups receive \$170,000 in state grants

By PETER LARSEN
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen Orange County arts organizations will get a total of \$170,270 in grants from the California Arts Council, the most money the state agency has sent to Orange County arts groups in 13 years.

Arts Orange County received the largest amount of grant money with three separate awards that total \$46,930, according to Richard Stein, its executive director.

That includes \$9,100 to continue its Veterans Storytelling Project, \$9,600 to help fund the sixth annual Dia del Niño/Day of the Child arts festival in Santa Ana and \$28,230 to pay for a variety of services Arts Orange County provides as the state agency's local partner in Orange County, Stein said.

"We have an online arts calendar called SparkOC.com. We have the Imagina-

tion Celebration. We have our regular website with resources on it," he said. "And, of course, we are a conduit for the California Arts Council to get word down to the local communities on the availability of grants and how to apply for them."

The grants announced by the state agency typically fall into a handful of categories, said Stein, who in addition to heading up Arts Orange County is also the president of the California Arts Advocate.

Cultural pathways grants typically help newer arts organizations in communities with fewer arts opportunities grow and expand, Stein said. Breath of Fire Latina Theatre Ensemble and Media Arts Santa Ana each received \$10,000 grants for this kind of work, Stein said.

Local impact grants tend to be aimed at actual arts programming, he said. In that category, the grants in-

clude \$8,800 for the Friends of the Children's Museum at La Habra, \$9,600 for Media Arts Santa Ana, \$8,400 for Relampago del Cielo and \$10,800 for Shakespeare/Summerfest OC.

Receiving individual grants of \$3,000 each were Arts and Learning Conservatory, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center, Orange County Women's Chorus, Pacific Chorale, Relampago del Cielo and Vietnamese American Arts and Letters Association.

The final grants went to the Workshop for Community Arts, which received \$9,040 for a program known as Artists Activating Communities, and the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, which received two grants, \$28,500 for a program known as JUMP StArts that works with at-risk youths, and \$7,200 for Artists in Schools.

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