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## ALISO VIEJO

**High school:** The marching band, drum line and color guard from Aliso Niguel High School will be recognized by the City Council at 7 tonight at 12 Journey. The group had an undefeated season that culminated with a championship. Information: [cityofaliso viejo.com](mailto:cityofaliso viejo.com) or 949-425-2500.

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## ANAHEIM

**Fireworks sale:** The City Council on Tuesday will decide whether local nonprofits can raise their own funds through fireworks sales or continue the collective approach where sales go through Anaheim Arena Management and are sold at just two locations before proceeds are dispersed to participating nonprofits. Last year, the city sold \$346,452 worth of fireworks, with \$93,633 going to 99 groups.

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## Brea

**Reading romance:** The Brea Library is hosting 12 romance authors on Feb. 25 who will talk about their work in the romance genre. They will also hold book signings. The free event starts at 11 a.m. at the library, 1 Civic Center Circle. Information: 714-671-1722  
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## BUENA PARK

**Morning coffee:** The Police Department is hosting a "Coffee with a Cop" event from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at Starbucks, 7711 Beach Blvd. Residents can share their thoughts and ideas on policing and ask questions about the department. Information: 714-562-3901.  
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## THE CANYONS, COTO DE CAZA & LADERA RANCH

**Vendors wanted:** Ladera Ranch residents can showcase and sell their unique handcrafted items at the Spring Celebration Event as part of the Spring Handmade Craft Fair. You must be a Ladera Ranch resident to apply. The deadline is 5 p.m. March 16. Information: [laderalife.com](mailto:laderalife.com).  
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## COSTA MESA

**Memorial service:** Vanguard University will hold a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. today at Newport Mesa Church, 2599 Newport Blvd., for social ethics professor Sherilyn Benvenuti, who passed away Feb. 8. Benvenuti graduated from the school in 1989 and returned to teach in 1995.

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## CYPRESS

**Health counseling:** The Senior Center provides a free health insurance counseling and advocacy program for seniors and their families. The volunteer program gives unbiased information to help seniors make choices on health care needs. To make an appointment, call 714-229-2005.

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## DANA POINT

**Save the date:** Want to set up a booth at the two-day Doheny Surf Festival? The event, which includes surf contests, merchandise sales and music, will take place at Doheny State Beach on June 24 and 25. To reserve space, contact Mario Cuevas at 949-636-1008.  
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## MIXED MEDIA, BUT CLEAR MESSAGE



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Artist Chance O'Neil, left, of Huntington Beach works with Journeyman carpenter Pi on a new sculpture outside Muzeo in Anaheim on Tuesday. The installation of letters represents elements of the earth – copper, steel, plant life and wood – and is expected to be completed Friday.

## FOUNTAIN VALLEY

**Mayor's Breakfast:** Jim Herberg, general manager of the Orange County Sanitation District, is the featured speaker at the monthly Mayor's Breakfast, scheduled for 8 a.m. Thursday at the Fountain Valley Regional Hospital's Saltzer Room, 17100 Euclid Ave. Cost is \$2. Information: 714-593-4400 or [fountainvalley.org](http://fountainvalley.org).  
**Greg Mellen**, 714-796-7964  
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## FULLERTON

**Budget prep:** The City Council tonight is holding a special budget workshop and midyear budget review at City Hall. Council members and staff will discuss the city's upcoming budget process and fiscal condition. Proposed adjustments decrease the budget by \$659,266, a staff report says. The council meets at 6:30 p.m.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Animal services:** In January, the city switched from contracting with OC Animal Care to creating its own division, Garden Grove Animal Care Services. The division is part of the Public Works Department and is partnering with the Orange County Humane Society, which now provides shelter services. Information: 714-741-5565.  
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## HUNTINGTON BEACH

**Book club meeting:** Ann Patchett's award-winning novel, "Bel Canto," will be the subject of discussion at a monthly meeting for the adult book club from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Main Street Library, 525 Main St. The novel is based on the Japanese embassy hostage crisis in Peru in 1996-97. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Information: 714-375-5071 or [hbpl.org](http://hbpl.org).  
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## IRVINE

**Fundraiser:** Marty Burbank, who served as a medical deep-sea diver working with Navy Seal teams, and later pledged \$1.2 million to send an entire kindergarten class to college, will discuss his journey during a scholarship fundraising lunch for veteran families, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the Lazy Dog Café in the Market Place. Information: 949-660-9112.  
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## LAGUNA BEACH

**Workshop:** Laguna Beach Unified School District offers a workshop on blended learning at 6 p.m. Thursday. The workshop focuses on desired technology behaviors in the classroom and how these can be supported at home. Information: 949-497-7700, ext. 5210.  
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## LAGUNA HILLS

**Student projects:** The Assistance League of Saddleback Valley has awarded nearly \$22,000 in Links to Learning grants to 32 Saddleback Valley Unified district educators for student projects. Among the winners were Laguna Hills High School teachers Rebecca Rohde and Greg Roberts.  
**Marie Ekberg Padilla**  
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## LAGUNA NIGUEL

**Storytelling:** Baba the Storyteller returns to the Laguna Niguel Library at 6 p.m. Tuesday at 30341 Crown Valley Parkway. Baba will teach guests about West African songs and share stories with his African harp. Information: 949-249-5252 or [cityoflagunaniguel.org](http://cityoflagunaniguel.org).  
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## LAGUNA WOODS

**Holiday hours:** The Community Center administrative offices will be closed Monday for the Presidents Day holiday. Residents who experience a maintenance emergency after hours or on the weekend should call Security at 949-580-1400. For details on all Village facilities affected by the holiday, go to [lagunawoodsvillage.com](http://lagunawoodsvillage.com).  
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## LA HABRA

**In his honor:** Lettering was expected to be installed this week for naming the water facility at La Bonita Park in honor of the late Steve Anderson. A dedication ceremony is planned for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 22. Anderson served as a City Council member from 1992 until his death in 2008.  
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## LAKE FOREST

**Venue change:** The community meeting regarding public input on the Great Park by the city of Irvine will now take place at the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center, 28000 Rancho Parkway, instead of City Hall. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.  
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## LA PALMA

**Mark your calendar:** The 2017 State of the City town hall is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 30 at the Community Center. City leaders will highlight recent achievements and discuss the city's plan going forward. Free to attend. No RSVP necessary. Information: 714-690-3350.  
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## LOS ALAMITOS

**Choir show:** The Los Alamitos High Vocal Music Department presents "Bells of Freedom" at 7 p.m. Feb. 23-24, and 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at 3591 W. Cerritos Ave. For tickets, which start at \$15, visit [seatyourselves.biz/losalchoir](http://seatyourselves.biz/losalchoir).  
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## MISSION VIEJO

**Officials honored:** The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks #2444 on Saturday held its annual Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation Meritorious Service Award Dinner, honoring 17 distinguished first-responders with Firefighter, Officer and Deputy of the Year awards.  
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## NEWPORT BEACH

**Counter closure:** The Community Development and Public Works Center staff will not be available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Thursday. The front counter will be closed at that time. No reason was given for the closure.  
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## ORANGE

**Packing house:** A student housing development at the Villa Park Orchards Association Packing House will receive its third preliminary review from the city's Design Review Committee at 5:30 tonight in Conference Room C at City Hall. Information: [cityoforange.org](http://cityoforange.org) or 714-744-2225.  
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## PLACENTIA

**Renovation:** The city has completed renovations to its emergency operations center at City Hall. The \$225,000 renovation was done by R Dependable Construction. Work included new flooring, painting, storage, lights, data ports and secured access entry doors. The emergency operations center is used in case of a major disaster or crisis.  
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## RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

**Home repairs:** The city, in partnership with the Community Action Partnership of Orange County, has initiated a new program to assist qualified homeowners with up to \$5,000 to make minor repairs to their primary residence. To apply for the program or for more information, call 714-839-6199.  
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## SAN CLEMENTE

**Exhibit:** Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens' new exhibit features the artwork of Millard Sheets (1907-84), who traveled the world and was an artist correspondent for Life Magazine during World War II. The exhibit, which runs through April 16, is courtesy of the E. Gene Crain Collection. Admission is \$5. Call 949-498-2139.  
**Fred Swegles**,  
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## SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

**Ideas:** The Parks, Recreation, Senior and Youth Services Commission invites the public this week to contribute ideas on improving city trails, equestrian facilities, open space, parks and recreational, senior and youth services. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at City Hall, 32400 Paseo Adelanto.  
**fswegles@scng.com**

## SANTA ANA

**Community groups:** The Downtown Santa Ana business improvement district's lead consultant is hosting a meeting with nonprofit leaders and residents to go over recent funding and program changes in the city. The meeting takes place at 9 a.m. Thursday at The Frida Cinema, 305 E. Fourth St. Information: [ryan@smolarcorp.com](mailto:ryan@smolarcorp.com).  
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## SEAL BEACH

**Academic Decathlon:** After a 13-year hiatus, Los Alamitos High returned to the Orange County Academic Decathlon. Students competed against 15 other teams quizzed about World War II. At the awards ceremony Friday at Santa Ana High, LAHS took 33 individual medals, and the team placed first overall.  
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## STANTON

**Book sale:** The next Stanton Library book sale is from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at the library, 7850 Katella Ave. Shoppers can get paperbacks for as low as 50 cents and hardcover books for as little as \$1. The library hosts book sales on the third Saturday of each month.  
**Chris Haire**, 714-796-6979

## TUSTIN

**Preschool fundraiser:** Nonprofit cooperative Tustin Community Preschool will host a dinner and auction 7-10 p.m. May 5 at the Women's Club of Orange, 122 S. Center St. Funds raised go to scholarships, playground equipment and books. Tickets are \$30. Information: [tustincommunitypreschool.org](http://tustincommunitypreschool.org).  
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## VILLA PARK

**School board:** The Orange Unified School District board will get an update on the potential demolition of two long-vacant buildings at Villa Park Elementary School during its meeting at 7 tonight at 1401 N. Handy St. The two buildings have been deemed unfit for occupancy. Information: 714-628-4000 or [orangeusd.k12.ca.us](http://orangeusd.k12.ca.us).  
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## WESTMINSTER

**Presentations:** The Planning Commission tonight will hear a presentation from the community development director about his department and the city's development process; a senior planner will also give a presentation on Westminster's recently adopted General Plan, which lays out the vision for how the city should develop over the next 20 years.  
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## YORBA LINDA

**Volunteers wanted:** The Yorba Linda District is looking for volunteers to serve on a new advisory committee to study the agency's rate structure and make recommendations. The deadline to apply is Thursday. Information: 714-701-3000 or [ylwd.com](http://ylwd.com).  
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