

Briefly In the News

D.A. charges deputy with drunk driving

An Orange County sheriff's deputy who allegedly drank at a Costa Mesa bar before he was pulled over with a blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit was charged Tuesday with drunk driving.

Mario Castro, 33, was driving the wrong way on a street in Orange on Sept. 30 when he was pulled over, according to a news release from the Orange County district attorney's office.

According to prosecutors, Castro, who lives in Orange, had a blood alcohol content of .24 at the time of his arrest. He was off duty at the time and arrested by Orange police.

Castro is facing one misdemeanor charge for driving under the influence with a prior conviction and a sentencing enhancement for having blood-alcohol content greater than .15, according to the release.

The legal limit in California is .08.

Castro is set to be arraigned Nov. 16 in Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana.

— Lauren Williams

Banning Ranch meeting is Thursday

Costa Mesa officials plan to hold a public meeting Thursday to discuss potential traffic, noise and other effects from the proposed Banning Ranch development.

The City Council, and Planning and the Parks & Recreation commissions will review the project's draft environmental impact report, which was released in September.

The 400-acre Banning Ranch development, near the southwest corner of

Costa Mesa, is in Newport Beach's sphere of influence. It may have 1,375 homes, a 75-room hotel and 75,000 square feet of retail space.

The EIR found that residents on the west side of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa would experience congestion at more than seven intersections, and the increased traffic would cause a high level of ambient noise.

The joint study session will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center, at 99 Fair Drive.

— Mike Reicher

Appreciation party is Thursday

The 14th annual Fire & Lifeguard Appreciation Beach Party will take place Thursday at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina.

Individual tickets are \$35, and sponsored tables are \$375. Barbecue, cocktails and live music around a bonfire are on the itinerary.

The event supports the Newport Beach Fire Department and lifeguards. Justin Carr, firefighter of the year, George Leeper, marine safety officer of the year, and Chip Going, the seasonal lifeguard of the year, will be honored, according to a news release from the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Those interested in attending can contact the chamber at (949) 729-4400.

— Lauren Williams

Newport part of alert exercise

The city of Newport Beach is scheduled Thursday to hold a test of its emergency alert system in conjunction with the statewide Great Shakeout, simulating what would happen in a 7.1 earthquake, according to authorities.

More than 100 city employees and volunteers are expected to take part in the exercise, in addition to 30



Photo by STEVEN GEORGES

FOUNDER: Hillary Niblo, owner of Magnolia Mews Consignments, grew up in Lido Isle. She has made her weekend "treasure hunting" hobby into a full-time career with her consignment store.

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century Korean chest, \$850; an acrylic-on-canvas underwater scene by local artist Leslie Saris, \$600; and a vintage ivory pendant, \$30.

Many of the items come and go weekly.

"I want people to have these [items] in their homes," Niblo said. "I want people to have something with some history, some soul, and I want them to take it home and enjoy it the way that I have."

Prior to opening Magnolia Mews, Niblo worked for two decades in corporate management positions for both profit and nonprofit companies. However, not fully satisfied with her work, Niblo choose to turn her weekend "treasure hunting" hobby into a full-time career.

"In the first three weeks, I already had so many people coming in here, talking with me and sharing their stories," she said. "It's wonderful. I have relationships with the people who come in here."

The abrupt career change — put into motion one week before Niblo's

birthday last year — not only puts the local proprietor into a position where she empathizes with struggling artists, but one where she can do something to help them, too.

"I want to support local artists, whether it's jewelry or artwork or whatever I think is a good fit for the shop, because it taps into my creative side," she said.

"I also appreciate that they are following their dream. That's exactly what I'm trying to do, too."

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other cities, and simulate a quake along the Newport-Inglewood fault, according to a news release from the Newport Beach Fire Department.

The AlertOC emergency notification system will send out an alert to residential phone lines about 5 p.m.

No businesses are expected to be contacted. Those who wish to add a cell phone number to the emergency contact system can put in their informa-

tion at the AlertOC website. The drill is expected to run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

— Lauren Williams

District to hold online safety talk

Families can stay up to date on how to keep their kids safe online with a special presentation Wednesday.

The Newport-Mesa Unified School District is offer-

ing all families a Cyber Smart presentation from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Education Center, 2985 Bear St., Costa Mesa.

The event will feature guest speakers, including a crime-prevention specialist with the Newport Beach police and a community consultant to explain how parents can protect their children online with different monitoring and filtering options. Spanish translation will be available.

The event previews the

district's Cyber Smart Weeks, which begin Monday and run through Nov. 4.

Parents can access resources and check out the student curriculum provided by Common Sense Media at web.nmusd.us/cybersmart.

For more information, contact district spokeswoman Laura Boss at lboss@nmusd.us or Director of Educational Technology Jenith Mishne at jmishne@nmusd.us.

— Britney Barnes

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5:30pm - 8:30pm**

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