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LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS

77 more acres will be conserved

Oilfield’s decommissioning would allow restoration work for 2027 completion

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The Los Cerritos Wetlands restoration project took another step forward last week, with the California Coastal Commission OK’ing the effort’s Phase 2, which includes reestablishing an additional 77 acres of tidal wetlands,

constructing a perimeter berm and improving public access amenities, among other things.

The project will be carried out on the southern, 86-acre portion of the 154-acre Los Cerritos Wetlands, which was a privately owned oilfield for the past six decades, according to the staff report. It is near the city’s

border with Orange County and is bounded by Studebaker Road, Pacific Coast Highway, Second Street and Loynes Drive.

A regional effort to restore and conserve the Long Beach wetlands has been ongoing for years, led by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, a joint powers agency with representatives from Long Beach and Seal Beach, the Coastal Commission,

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A former oilfield in Long Beach on the Seal Beach border is being phased out for the restoration of the Los Cerritos Wetlands. The California Coastal Commission OK’d the second phase of the restoration. **DREW A. KELLEY — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

VOLLEYBALL

MB Open winners bask in sun and spray



Chase Budinger, right, and Miles Evans pop the champagne after winning the AVP Manhattan Beach Open on Sunday. It was a first MBO championship victory for the duo. **PHOTOS BY HOWARD FRESHMAN**

Budinger, Evans are men’s champs; Nuss, Brasher defend women’s title

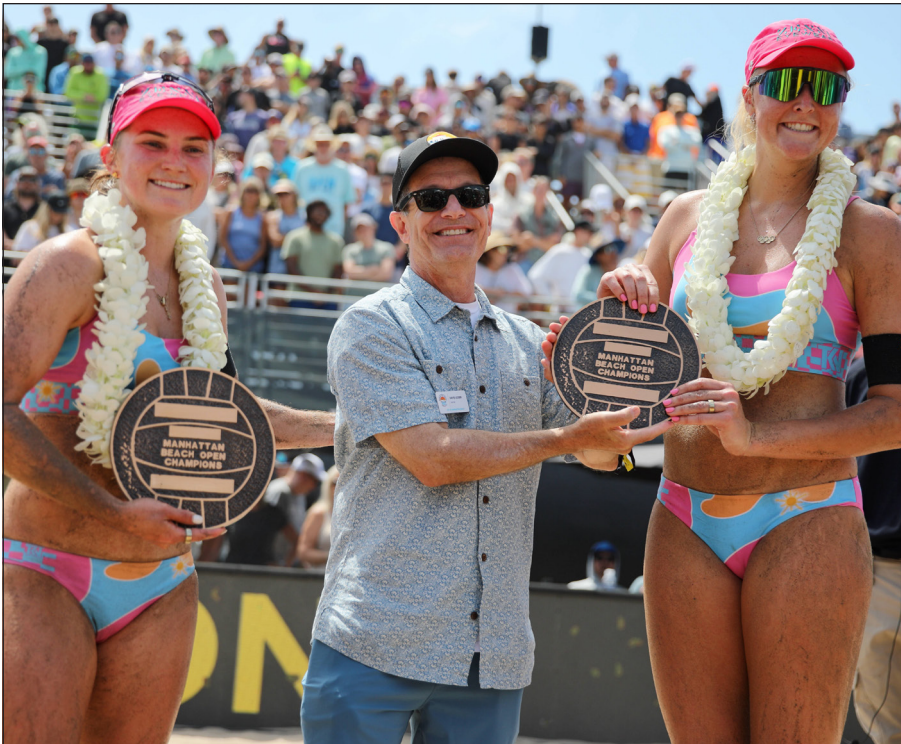
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Chase Budinger and Miles Evans will always have a link to the Manhattan Beach pier.

The duo claimed their first AVP Manhattan Beach Open title Sunday afternoon, sweeping both sets from Phil Dalhausser and Trevor Crabb — who have won the event 11 times combined — and having their championship plaque mounted on the pier along with all of the other past winners. Top-seeded Kristen Nuss and Taryn Brasher became the first women’s team to successfully defended their title on the sand at Manhattan Beach, edging Terese Cannon and Megan Kraft in three sets on Sunday.

The Manhattan Beach Open is regarded as the largest beach volleyball tournament in the U.S., in terms of both size and prestige, and is also the longest-running professional beach volleyball tournament in the country.

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Kristen Nuss, left, and Taryn Brasher receive their championship plaques from Manhattan Beach Mayor David Lesser after winning the AVP Manhattan Beach Open on Sunday.

WASHINGTON SUMMIT

Europe, Ukraine to meet Trump

Leaders say they want to show support and united front in Oval Office conference today

By Samya Kullab and John Leicester
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — European and NATO leaders announced Sunday they will join President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Washington to present a united front in talks with President Donald Trump on ending Russia’s war in Ukraine and firming up U.S. security guarantees now on the negotiating table.

Leaders from Britain, France, Germany, Italy and

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WEATHER

Having a heat wave this week in SoCal

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The most significant heat wave of the summer is moving into Southern California this week, forecasters say, along with heightened wildfire dangers in some areas.

The National Weather Service predicts high temperatures near or above 100 degrees across much of the region by Thursday.

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Dodgers add to lead with Padres sweep



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INSIDE: The Dodgers defeated the Padres 5-4 Sunday to extend their NL West lead to two games. **SPORTS B1**

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