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The 2018 Newport Beach City Council candidates (left to right) Scott Peotter, Joy Brenner, Roy Englebrecht, Kevin Muldoon, Tim Stoaks, Marshall “Duffy” Duffield, Diane Dixon and Mike Glenn, at the first forum of the campaign season, hosted by the NB Chamber of Commerce.

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## CdM ‘Fibrary’ is On Budget, Ahead of Schedule

**BY SARA HALL | NB INDY**

The much-anticipated Corona del Mar library and fire station combo project is on budget and slightly ahead of schedule, officials confirmed this week.

The Board of Library Trustees heard an update Monday on the CdM project, dubbed the “fibrary.”

The project is currently running about one week ahead of schedule, Public Works Senior Civil Engineer Peter Tauscher reported.

Although it’s slightly ahead of schedule now, city officials are still anticipating completion of the project in June 2019, Tauscher explained in an email this week.

“We are on time and budget,”

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## Jokes, Jabs, and Hot Topics at First Council Candidate Forum

**BY SARA HALL | NB INDY**

The first Newport Beach City Council candidate forum of the year featured a range of topics, both agreement and disagreement between candidates, and a few jokes and jabs.

About 100 people attended the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce “Meet the Candidates” forum on Thursday morning. Orange County Business Council CEO Lucy Dunn moderated the event.

The 2018 candidates attended (incumbents listed first): Diane Dixon and Mike Glenn, running for District 1; Marshall “Duffy” Duffield and Tim Stoaks, in District 3; Kevin Muldoon and Roy Englebrecht, in District 4; and Scott Peotter and Joy Brenner, in District 6.

District 1 covers Balboa Peninsula and West Newport; District 3 in-

cludes area around Castaways, Dover Shores, and up the bay to Santa Ana Heights; District 4 covers Eastbluff, One Ford Road, Bonita Canyon, and Baypointe; and District 6 includes Corona del Mar, Cameo Shores, and Pelican Hill.

The forum included one-minute introductions, a lightning round of a series of support/oppose (or thumbs up/thumbs down) questions, several quick answers on hot topics, and concluding remarks.

A lot of the comments from the challengers focused on the need to change the current direction of Council.

“I love this city, but I think it’s going in the wrong direction,” Stoaks said.

Brenner echoed the sentiment that

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## Police Warn of Recent Residential Burglaries

Newport Beach Police Department shared several alerts this week about three separate residential burglaries in Harbor View Hills, Big Canyon, and Santa Ana Heights.

In the most recent incident, which occurred in the 2700 block of Windover Dr., on Wednesday between 6:15 and 8:20 p.m., the suspect was seen. Police described him as a male wearing dark baggy clothing in a white Kia Soul with no license plates.

The victims were out for the evening and the suspect entered through an unlocked rear sliding glass door and ransacked the master bedroom.

On Tuesday, police sent out two messages about other residential burglaries, one in the 2300 block of Azure Ave. on Saturday, and another earlier in the month on Cherry Hills Lane.

In the Saturday incident the suspect again entered through an unlocked rear door while the homeowner was out.



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# BIZ BUZZ

BUSINESS NEWS FOR NEWPORT BEACH

## Emsculpt Body-Shaping Technology Arrives in Newport Beach

By NB INDY STAFF

Emsculpt, an innovative, non-invasive body-shaping procedure, has just been cleared by the FDA for use in the United States.

Southern California patients are among the first to gain access to the procedure, as Newport Beach-based plastic surgeon, Dr. Rami Batniji, is one of the few leading surgeons specially trained and approved to practice Emsculpt.



Dr. Rami Batniji

Emsculpt is a breakthrough body-shaping treatment that simultaneously builds muscle and kills fat, utilizing high-intensity focused electromagnetic technology. The procedure is safe for everyone, including athletes looking to further tone their gluteal and abdominal muscles as well as those with pre-existing medical conditions which prohibit them from

exercising. It is completely non-invasive, non-thermal, non-ionizing and non-radiating with no downtime following the treatment.

“I, along with the majority of the cosmetic surgery community, truly believe this procedure will change the industry as we know it,” states Batniji. “The fact that this is non-invasive, and that the results are almost instantly tangible, is very promising and will change the game in regard to body-shaping treatments.”

The Emsculpt device was tested

in seven unique clinical studies, with 95.4 percent of participants reporting satisfaction with their treatment, and 85 percent reporting significant improvement in lift and muscular tone.

Dr. Batniji is a widely-respected board-certified surgeon with more than 12 years of experience in plastic and reconstructive surgery. He has been selected as an early adopter and practitioner of Emsculpt. Batniji has offices in Newport Beach and Beverly Hills.

For more information, visit the website at [drbatniji.com](http://drbatniji.com).

## Hoag First in So Cal to Perform Transoral Endoscopic Procedure

By NB INDY STAFF

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian is the first hospital in Southern California to perform the scarless transoral endoscopic thyroidectomy procedure, and one of the few hospitals in the nation where this innovative technique is available.

The minimally invasive approach eliminates visible scars by making three small incisions inside the mouth be-

tween the gum line and lower lip where surgeons can then use an endoscope to remove the thyroid gland.

“At Hoag we are always working to learn innovative techniques and the latest surgical advancements that can benefit our patients,” said Michael Demeure, endocrine surgeon and program director for Hoag Precision Medicine. “When compared to the conventional approach, performed through a two-

inch opening in the neck, this option provides the cosmetic benefit of no visible scar.”

Surgeons Michael Demeure, M.D., and Colleen Coleman, M.D., performed the first two transoral endoscopic thyroidectomies on the same day in March 2018 and have completed additional procedures since.

“The patients who have undergone this procedure were excited to be

among the first, appreciating the lack of a scar on their neck,” Dr. Coleman said. “Given the positive outcomes, I expect this will catch on.”

Hoag is an approximately \$1 billion nonprofit, regional health care delivery network that treats more than 30,000 inpatients and 425,000 outpatients annually.

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