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Participants in the Komen Race for the Cure event leave the starting line in Fashion Island. More race photos in Weekend Rewind on page 21.

Thousands Race for a Cure

By NB INDY STAFF

Fashion Island was awash in a sea of pink last Sunday as more than 18,000 Susan G. Komen Orange County supporters, many sporting pink capes and other superhero accessories to match the theme of "There's a HERO in YOU," participated in the 24th Annual Susan G. Komen Orange County Race for the Cure.

One of the largest Race for the Cure events in California, the Newport Beach event raised an estimated \$1.5 million towards its \$2 million goal. Race participants are continuing to fundraise through October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with Oct. 31 the deadline to receive all donations.

"On Sunday we witnessed truly super-heroic efforts to help us get one step closer to a world without this terrible disease," said Lisa Wolter, executive director of Komen Orange County. "It's inspiring to see supporters come from all over Orange County, and beyond, to help us raise funds that are critically needed. We loved the support of so many true superheroes wearing Komen pink capes who embraced our mission of providing life-changing breast cancer treatment, education, and groundbreaking research."

"Although we always set extremely high expectations for ourselves, this year was special and seeing all the superheroes was a tremendous reminder that you don't need special powers to step up and be a hero – just hope, inspiration and dedication to defeat breast cancer," said Doug McKay, 2015 race chair and the first male chair in the history of Komen Orange County's Race for the Cure. "I believe the entire Race committee would agree with me that this year's Race was fabulously successful."

The Race offered events for every type of competitor. More serious runners tested the new PLUS Timing Chip option which

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Chamber Wakes Up With Minimum Wage Debate

By SARA HALL

Minimum wage hikes are coming-what effect will they have on our local economy, particularly restaurants?

That was the question of the day for a room full of business owners and residents who attended the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce's monthly Wake Up! Newport meeting on Thursday in the Friend's Room at the library.

The guest speakers were General Manager of the Orange County Employees Association Jennifer Muir, Vice President

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Coastal Commission Considers Banning Ranch

By NB INDY STAFF

The California Coastal Commission is scheduled to discuss and consider two important Newport Beach projects Wednesday: Banning Ranch and Lido House Hotel.

Newport Banning Ranch, LLC, applied for a coastal permit to construct the 401-acre housing and mixed-use project.

The proposal includes 261 acres of open space, 30 acres of parks, 9.5 acres of public trails, 17 acres of roads, 72 acres of residential with 1,375 residential units, four acres of retail, and six acres of resort with a 75-room hotel.

Staff is recommending the CCC deny the application.

The site has been used for oil production since the 1940s, according to the staff report.

The amount of soil disturbance that would occur as part of the voluntary abandonment and remediation of the contaminated soil is almost five times the amount that would be required for oil clean up on the property if the residential/commercial development were not proposed, CCC staff explains in their report.

The key resource agencies reviewing the proposed Remedial Action Plan (the plan that sets the cleanup standards and establishes the cleanup locations and

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Race

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kicked off the early 5K at 7:15 a.m. while Fashion Island was blanketed by a thin layer of fog.

Snoopy was the official starter of the second annual Kids One-Mile Fun Run and Family Walk presented by Knott's Berry Farm, which brought families together to envision a world without breast cancer for future generations.

Late-risers and those preferring a slower pace chose the last 5K at 9:45 a.m. By that time, the fog had burned off and temperatures climbed to the mid-80s.

Along with the three races, more than 1,000 survivors gathered on the steps of Pacific Life Insurance Company (Home of the Race), to be honored during an inspirational Breast Cancer Survivor Tribute. Donning Komen pink super-hero capes and wearing strands of pink beads with

each strand signifying another year of survivorship, survivors celebrated life and honored those who lost their battle to the disease. Three local breast cancer survivors and advocates shared their emotional personal journeys.

The Race had more than 13,000 registered participants. There were more than 500 teams; the largest, from First American, had more than 300 members.

Breast cancer survivor Carla Cammack holds the title for top individual fundraiser, having raised \$21,039 to-date for this year's Race. Komen Cures is the top fundraising team, with a current fundraising total of \$24,596.

More than 1,700 volunteers from Orange County and all over the world helped at booths, water stations and on the course. Hundreds of spectators lined the course to cheer on race participants.

For more information on Susan G. Komen Orange County, please visit komenoc.org or call (714) 957-9157.

WEEKEND REWIND

Komen Race for the Cure Draws 18,000 'Super Heroes' to Fashion Island



The early race begins



Celebrating survivors



Supports of all sizes



Even guys dressed up



Members of Jennie's Brigade

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