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Purple tier has some schools on hold

Laguna Beach Unified School District offers update on school year as pandemic lingers, cases continue to rise.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach Unified School District officials provided an update on the coronavirus-impacted school year during the district's board of education meeting Thursday night.

Students attending secondary school in the district have remained in distance learning throughout the school year. The district had targeted a reopening date during the week of Thanksgiving.

When Orange County received a purple tier designation on Nov. 16, it delayed the return of students to the district's secondary school campuses of Thurston Middle School and Laguna Beach High School.

District Supt. Jason Vilorias said during a presentation at the meeting that current guidelines state the county would have to be in the red tier for a period of five consecutive days for secondary schools to reopen.

"We were ready in November, so we're ready now, and we'll continue to do what we need to do to ensure it's a safe place for students," Vilorias said.

Orange County currently has

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GIRL SCOUT Tess Berkley helps prepare cookie orders for Grubhub pickup at the Girl Scouts of Orange County headquarters in Irvine Wednesday.

Girl Scouts get creative during pandemic

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach resident Savannah Larson paused for just a second before naming her favorite Girl Scout cookie.

"My favorite is the Peanut Butter Sandwich," she said.

Why?
"Because it's good."

Savannah, a seventh-grader at Talbert Middle School, knows that many people have a go-to Girl Scout cookie. Some swear by Thin Mints that have been frozen. Others are quickly becoming fans of the Girl Scouts of Orange County's new offering for 2021, the French toast-inspired Toast-Yay.

A Cadette in Girl Scout Troop 3345, Savannah is an elite cookie seller. She's sold more



GIRL SCOUTS are selling cookies with Grubhub delivery at the Girl Scouts of Orange County headquarters in Irvine.

than 1,000 boxes in each of the last two years, earning her membership into the "1,000-plus club." Her tally this year is already more than 600 boxes, though she's set her goal at a more modest total of 750.

Cookie-selling season is here again, but COVID-19 has definitely affected the way Girl Scouts have operated their fundraising efforts. This year, cookie sales have been extended through March 28 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"The really cool thing that we've done this year is that we've made QR codes," Savannah said. "We put that on a sign that's outside of our house, so anyone who's driving by or walking outside of our house can take

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3 of 5 candidates in race for Board of Supervisors face off in forum

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Recovering from and responding to the ongoing pandemic was the crux of discussion for some of the candidates running in the special election to replace Rep. Michelle Steel (R-Seal Beach) during a candidates forum for the Board of Supervisors Friday morning.

Steel previously served as chair on the Orange County Board of Supervisors and represented the 2nd Supervisorial

District, which includes Costa Mesa, Cypress, Huntington Beach, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, Stanton, Fountain Valley, the unincorporated area of Rossmore and portions of Buena Park.

She ousted incumbent Rep. Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach) in the November election with 51.06% of the votes.

The forum — sponsored by several chambers of commerce — was attended by just three of

the five candidates in line to replace Steel in this March's special election, with Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley and Fountain Valley Mayor Michael Vo absent. Foley said in a call Thursday that she would be unable to attend because she had a scheduling conflict and would be in a COVID-19 briefing at the time of the forum. Vo was originally slated to attend, but campaign manager Aaron

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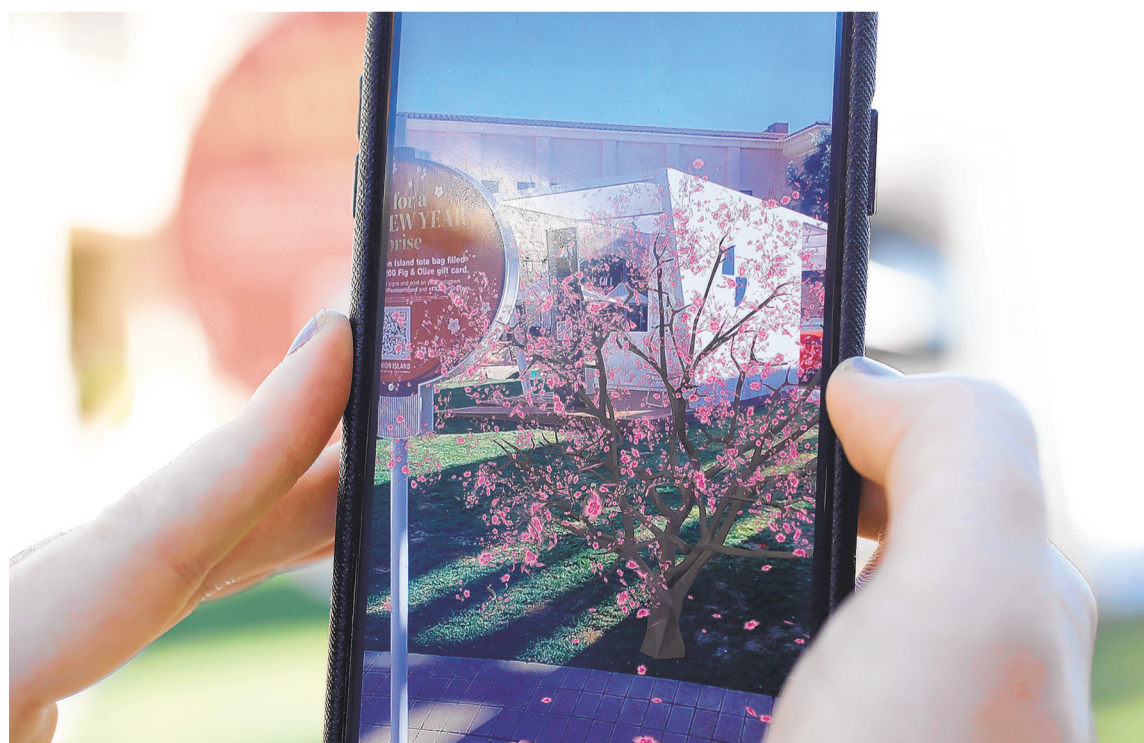
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THE LAGUNA BEACH Unified School District's secondary schools have conducted distance learning for students the entire 2020-21 school year so far.

Fashion Island rings in the Year of the Ox



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A SHOPPER VIEWS where a cherry blossom tree could be near the koi ponds on her phone, as she explores one of many augmented reality posts in premier areas of Fashion Island on Friday.

Fashion Island is ringing in the Lunar New Year with free augmented reality experiences and promotional deals.

Signs that state "Scan for a Lunar New Year Surprise" are in the courtyard of Neiman Marcus,

in the Atrium lawn nearest to Chanel Beaute and Restoration Hardware and in the Nordstrom courtyard.

The signs include a QR code. Interested visitors can take pictures with augmented reality characters and backgrounds,

including an ox, cherry blossom tree and lanterns.

Visitors can also take pictures at a photo wall near Voluspa.

The photo opportunities will remain through the end of February.

—Lilly Nguyen



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MIKE MORGAN, a server at Killarneys Irish Pub, attends to customers in November. The Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday night will consider extending the closure of the second block of Main Street through Labor Day instead of the end of February.

H.B.'s Main Street closure may extend to Labor Day

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday night will consider extending the closure of the second block of Main Street through Labor Day.

The second block downtown has been closed since last summer to encourage outdoor dining, and Tuesday's agenda item would extend that closure through Sept. 6. It is currently closed through the end of Feb-

ruary.

Huntington Beach City Council members voted 4-3 on Dec. 21, 2020 to keep the second block of Main Street closed to traffic through February but reopen the third block, which drew opposition from some business owners affected by the decision. The motion by Councilman Erik Peterson was also supported by Mayor Kim Carr,

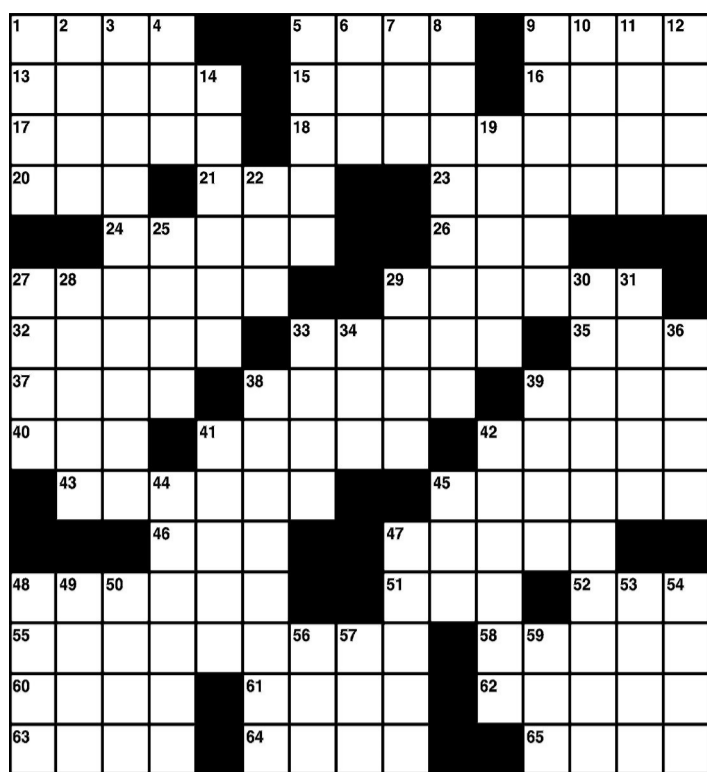
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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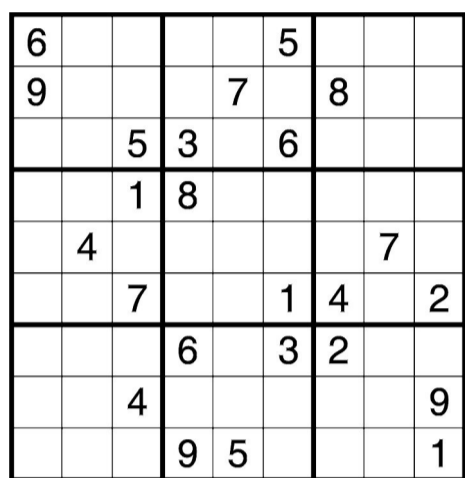
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A6.

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AROUND TOWN



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THE 39TH ANNUAL California Cool Art Auction produced more than \$440,000 in sales during the Laguna Art Museum's virtual benefit event on Feb. 6.

Virtual 'Cool Art Auction' draws 100 collectors, more than \$440,000

The 39th annual California Cool Art Auction produced more than \$440,000 in sales during the Laguna Art Museum's benefit event.

Over \$240,000 in net unrestricted income was raised from the virtual auction, for which California artists provided 125 pieces of artwork to be sold. The funds raised will go toward the museum's educational programs and its exhibits.

The auction, which took place on Feb. 6, had winning bids placed by more than 100 art collectors from eight countries and 10 states.

Qatar Donates \$40K to O.C. Soccer Club foundation

The Orange County Soccer Club Community Foundation received a \$40,000 donation from the Embassy of the State of Qatar, part of the celebration for Qatar's National Sports Day.

"We are incredibly thankful for this generous gift from the people of Qatar," Orange County Soccer Club foundation Executive Director Lisa Keston said in a statement. "The ongoing support we have received from the Embassy of the State of Qatar in the United States allows us to continue making our community a better, healthier place through soccer clinics, mental health clinics, equipment distribution and academic programs."

The Embassy of the State of Qatar also donated \$25,000 to the Los Angeles Football Club Foundation.

"Qatar believes in harnessing the power of sports to drive positive change," His Excellency Sheikh Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani said in a release. "In celebration of our National Sports Day, we are proud to support organizations that are making sports more accessible to communities

across the United States. During this health crisis, ensuring that kids can remain active and reap the benefits of sports is essential. Our partners are ensuring that, even at home, children can do just that."

In September, the Orange County foundation was able to make a \$15,000 donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County to fight food insecurity during the coronavirus pandemic, which came to fruition with the assistance of a grant from the Embassy of the State of Qatar.

Sage Hill School accepting applications for 2021-22 school year through Feb. 15

Sage Hill School, a nonprofit, non-denominational independent high school is accepting applications for students in grades 9-12 for the 2021-22 school year through Feb. 15.

Having reopened its doors to students in September five days a week, Sage Hill offered classes virtually or in-person during the 2020-21 school year.

For more information on programs, or to apply online, visit sagehillschool.org and click on the "Admission" tab. For all candidates who apply by the Feb. 15 deadline, first-round decisions will be announced the last week of February.

Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club to meet via Zoom Feb. 16

The monthly Zoom meeting of the Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club is set for 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, preceded by network and socializing time at 5:30 p.m.

In honor of Black History Month, Shel-

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

'Till,' a roughly 1,300-year-old word, predates its more popular cousin and is no less formal

I don't see the contraction 'til much anymore. I used to see it a lot, but I suspect that ever-more-advance spell-checkers on our computers, phones and social media platforms have learned to flag or correct 'til.

Don't see a problem with 'til? Technically, there isn't one. In general usage, 'til is not an error. But in professionally edited writing and other formal situations, the correct single-syllable alternative to "until" has no apostrophe and takes two Ls: till.

Here's the widely influential Associated Press Stylebook: "till. Or until. But not 'til."

And here's the equally influential Chicago Manual of Style: "till. This is a perfectly good preposition and conjunction (open till 10 p.m.). It is not a contraction of until and should not be written 'til."

That bit about contractions is key. One might naturally assume that someone is just using a shortened form of "until" when he says "till." But till doesn't come from until at all.

"The notion that till is a short form of until is erroneous," writes Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage. "Till is actually the older word, dating back to at least



the 9th century." The longer "until" didn't show up until a few centuries later and was first recorded around 1200.

Because "till" isn't a contraction or shortened form, it's no less formal or proper than "until."

"Until is often said to have a somewhat more formal quality than till and to be the more likely choice at the beginning of a sentence or clause," Merriam's notes.

"In general, our evidence supports those observations. Note, however, that till, although less common than until, can still be perfectly at home in highly seri-

ous writing and at the beginning of a sentence."

So to do as the pros do, use till or until. But style guides like AP and Chicago don't apply to everyone. If you prefer 'til, it's still an option. If you want to make a contraction out of until by dropping the "un" and replacing it with an apostrophe, that's a privilege enjoyed by every English speaker. You can contract anything you want. Heck, you can replace the first letter of my last name with an apostrophe if you're so inclined, though my husband might want a word if

you do.

But there's still a way to make a mistake with 'til. When you type an apostrophe before 'til, autocorrect software programs may change your apostrophe to a single quotation mark, assuming that's what you wanted. It's not. You want a proper apostrophe, which is either straight or shaped a little like a backwards letter C, with the opening to the left. A single quotation mark curves the other way, like the letter C. So if you type 'til your software might change it to 'til, which is wrong. To fix this, you can either change

BECAUSE "TILL" isn't a contraction or shortened form, it's no less formal or proper than "until," writes grammar columnist June Casagrande. The word "till," in fact, predates "until" in the English language.

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your autocorrect settings or use my lazier method of just typing two apostrophes then deleting the first one.

I notice this problem less and less because I notice 'til less and less. That's a good thing because it suggests people are writing better. But it's also a bad thing because my job is to fix writing mistakes, and every time a computer gets better at fixing writing errors, I move one step closer to obsolescence.

But if a recent experience is any indication, I won't be out of work anytime soon. While editing a document in the Google Docs word processing program recently, I ran spell-checker. It stopped on the word till and offered a suggestion I have never heard in all my years of reading about language: til. One L, no apostrophe.

So it looks like my job is safe — at least till computers get a little smarter.

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AROUND

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ley Henderson, president and chief executive of the National Women's Leadership Council, will speak on the significance of Black History Month historically and for the future.

Registration is required for this event. Visit NBWD-C.org to register and for additional meeting information, or call the administrative office at (949) 423-6468.

H.B. Academy students set to perform radio play online

The Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts, hbapa.org, will present three virtual performances of the play "Failure: A Love Story" on Feb. 19 and 20. Each performance will be conveyed in a family-friendly radio format that listeners can enjoy from their homes.

This magical, musical fable follows sisters Nelly, June and Gerty Fail as they live out their lives above the family's clock repair shop in Chicago during the 1920s, right before their own time unexpectedly runs out.

Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 7 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 per household and may be purchased online.

Free workshops help youth and adults cope with the pandemic

Tilly's Life Center — an

Irvine nonprofit whose programs are designed to help teenagers cope with adversity, crisis and tough decisions — has, in partnership with Western Youth Services and other area organizations, launched an online reset toolbox for youth mental health.

This free resource provides training for teens, educators, administrators and community members designed to help young people cope with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic by minimizing anxiety and building resilience. Topics include cyberbullying and bullying prevention, mindfulness for teachers, healthy coping skills, stress and time management, conflict resolution and more.

Workshops aim to assist children and adults in improving the emotional strength and overall well-being of youth in Orange County, both during the pandemic and beyond. For more, visit tillylifecenter.org or call (949) 246-3067.

Laguna Beach hires firm for city manager search

Laguna Beach has begun the recruiting process in search of the seaside community's next city manager.

John Pietig, the presiding city manager of Laguna Beach, announced the first week of January that he plans to retire in June. His service to the city has spanned 20 years.

The Laguna Beach City Council, which makes the appointment for the position of city manager, has

hired the recruiting firm Bob Murray & Associates to carry out a search for candidates to serve as the city's top executive. City officials said the estimated cost for the executive recruiting firm's services is less than \$30,000.

"This is one of the most important positions in the city, and hiring the recruiting firm will allow us to thoroughly evaluate both internal and external candidates for the City Manager position," Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen said in a statement.

Pietig began his run with Laguna as assistant city manager, and he has served as city manager for the last decade. According to Whalen, the City Council aims to name his replacement in May.

Rental assistance program taking applications

The County of Orange is accepting applications through the month of February for an Emergency Rental Assistance program for eligible renters struggling with unpaid rent or utilities bills during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Launched this week and funded by a \$65.5-million allocation from the U.S. Department of Treasury, the program aims to provide financial assistance to those whose combined household income is at or below 80% of the county's average median income.

In Orange County, the median income is approximately \$71,750 for an individual, \$82,000 for a two-member household,

\$92,250 for three people and \$102,450 for a four-person household. For more information on household size, visit era.211oc.org.

Residents of Anaheim, Santa Ana and Irvine may not participate in Orange County's assistance program, as those cities have population sizes over 200,000 and maintain their own local city programs, according to a release issued last week by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

The Emergency Rental Assistance program does

not apply to homeowners with past-due mortgage payments, utilities or energy costs. Funds may only be granted to renters.

Applicants will need to provide a photo ID, a copy of their lease agreement, proof of income affected by COVID-19, such as an unemployment letter or a letter from an employment detailing reduced hours or pay and proof of unpaid rent or utilities, such as documentation from a landlord or utility company stating an amount owed or overdue.

To learn how to apply, call 2-1-1 to receive assistance in multiple languages, visit era.211oc.org or text ERA to 898211.

Marine Corps Scholarship deadline March 2

A range of college scholarships are available to children or stepchildren of a Marine or Navy corpsman, chaplain or religious programs specialist attached to

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FORUM

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Spradlin said that Vo had last-minute conflicts due to the Lunar New Year, which was on Friday.

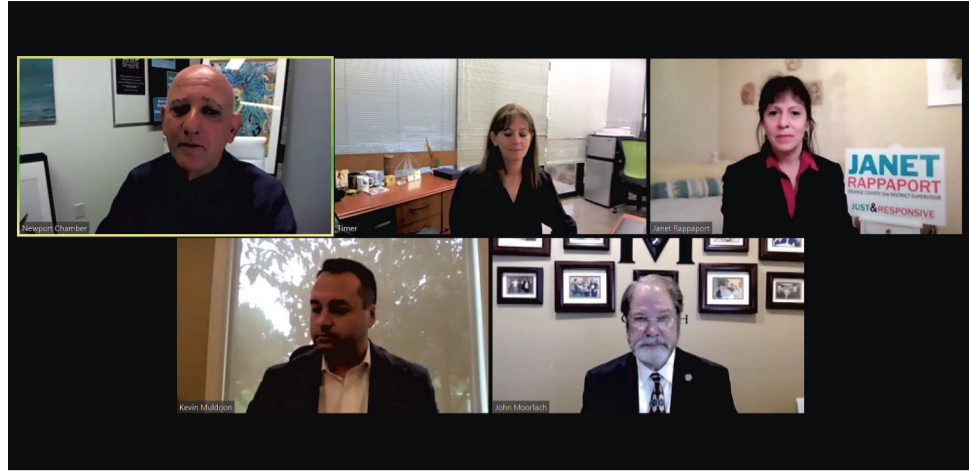
The hourlong forum was moderated by Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive officer Steven Rosansky.

The three candidates in attendance — former state Sen. John Moorlach, Newport Beach Mayor Pro Tem

Kevin Muldoon and tax attorney Janet Rappaport — were each given two minutes to make opening remarks. Questions were kept to about two minutes each and closing statements in a minute or less.

Candidates were asked to respond to questions about how they felt the county handled the pandemic, vaccine rollouts, budgets, homelessness, how to help small businesses, John Wayne Airport

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NEWPORT BEACH Chamber of Commerce president Steven Rosansky, top left, introduces the candidates participating in Friday's candidates forum for the 2nd Supervisorial District Vacancy Election.

Screenshot by Lilly Nguyen

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted online via Zoom.

304 Goldenrod, LLC Residential Condominiums – A request for a tentative parcel map for two-unit condominium purposes. A duplex has been demolished and a new duplex is currently under construction pursuant to Zoning and Building Code requirements.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15315 of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines - Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions).

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for the Zoning Administrator's consideration by sending them to the Community Development Department at CDD@newportbeachca.gov.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Joselyn Perez, Assistant Planner, at 949-644-3312 or jperez@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2020-352 Activity No.: NP2020-018, CD2020-149

Zone: R-2 (Two-Unit Residential) General Plan: RT (Two Unit Residential)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RT-D (Two-Unit Residential) Filing Date: December 3, 2020

Location: 304 and 304 1/2 Goldenrod Avenue Applicant: Nicholson Companies

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Gabriel Residence - A Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to allow the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the construction of a new 6,479-square-foot, two-story, single-family residence with an attached 925-square-foot, three-car garage.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303, of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines - Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Afshin Atapour, Planning Technician, at 949-644-3212 or atapour@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2020-346 Activity No.: CD2020-153

Zone: R-1 (Single-Unit Residential) General Plan: RS-D (Single-Unit Residential, Detached)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RSD-C (Single Unit Residential Detached) - (10.0 - 19.9 DU/AC) FILING DATE: November 30, 2020

Location: 941 Via Lido Soud Applicant: Andrew Gabriel

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Regenerative Institute of Newport Beach - A Minor Use Permit to allow 4,884 square feet of medical office use to relocate on the first floor within an existing three-floor, 20,643-square-foot office building.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines - Class 1 (Existing Facilities).

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Afshin Atapour, Planning Technician, at 949-644-3212 or atapour@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2020-338 Activity No.: UP2020-188

Zone: SP-7, BP (Santa Ana Heights Specific Plan, Business Park Area) General Plan: CO-G (General Commercial Office)

Location: 20341 Birch Street, Suite 110 Applicant: Knitter Partners International

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach.

Industrial Zoning (IG) Zoning District Code Amendments – Amendments to Sections 20.24.020 (Industrial Zoning District Land Uses and Permit Requirements), 20.40.040 (Off-Street Parking Spaces Required), 20.45.080 (Eating and Drinking Establishments), and Sections 20.70.020 (Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases) of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC).

The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 under Class 5 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for the City Council consideration by sending them to cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Chelsea Crager, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3227 or ccraeger@newportbeachca.gov.

Project File No.: PA2020-042 Activity No.: CA2020-005

Applicant: City of Newport Beach Location: The Industrial (IG) Zoning District is in the northwest corner of the City near Costa Mesa along Production Place, 16th Street, and portions of Monrovia Avenue

/s/ Lailani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

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Elimination of an amortization period for nonconforming signs – Amendments to General Plan Policy NR21.2, Coastal Land Use Plan Policy 4.4.4.4, and Sections 20.42.140 of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and 21.30.065 of Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) to eliminate the existing amortization period for nonconforming signs, which currently requires all nonconforming signs to be removed by October 27, 2020.

The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment and CEQA Guidelines Section 15265(a)(1) due to the fact it relates to an amendment to the Local Coastal Program.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Matt Schneider, Principal Planner at 949-644-3219 or mschneider@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

/s/ Lailani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

This Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances should be read in conjunction with information contained in the City of Newport Beach's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2019-20. The CAFR presents additional information critical to a reader's understanding of the financial position of the City of Newport Beach, including a full set of basic financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SCHOOLS

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seven-day averages of 29.7 daily new cases per 100,000 residents, a testing positivity rate of 9.4%, and a health equity quartile positivity rate of 12.4%. Those numbers come with a seven-day lag.

The county would have to show an adjusted daily case rate average between four and seven cases per 100,000 residents, a testing positivity rate of 5% to 8%, and a health equity quartile of 5.3% to 8% to advance to the red tier.

The school district has been providing voluntary testing for the virus. Over four testing opportunities for students, there have been 1,198 tests administered with a total of 25 positive tests, data presented by Assistant Supt. Michael Conlon showed. The next testing opportunity

for students in the district will be Feb. 23.

There have been seven testing opportunities for district staff, resulting in 908 tests being administered with five positive tests reported.

Board clerk Kelly Osborne asked how student participation in the optional testing could be increased. Conlon said the district is exploring the possibility of providing a saliva test in addition to offering PCR swabs.

High school sports have returned to a point, dependent on their tier designation.

The only fall sport under the CIF's revised two-season schedule that can currently hold contests in the most restrictive, purple tier is cross-country, while other sports can hold modified workouts.

Board member Dee Perry inquired about whether

students involved in the arts could also be brought back to school. Viloria indicated that opportunities for related electives, after-school programs and extracurricular activities need to be considered in preparation for a return to the red tier. He said sports is a separate issue because of the existence of youth sports guidance.

"We can do sports simply because there's sports guidance that allows us to do youth sports," Viloria said. "That's a separate set of guidance that we're following and adhering to."

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 42 more deaths due to the coronavirus and 779 more cases on Thursday in its most recent release of data concerning transmission of the virus.

An update was not issued Friday.

Through Thursday, the

death toll in the county because of the pandemic had reached 3,493, with the cumulative case count at 240,999.

Hospitalizations resulting from contracting the virus were at 965, with 298 COVID-19 patients being treated in intensive care units.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities in Orange County (through Feb. 11):

- Santa Ana: 43,289 cases; 615 deaths
- Anaheim: 40,152 cases; 640 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 9,918 cases; 164 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 8,452 cases; 95 deaths
- Irvine: 9,769 cases; 59 deaths
- Newport Beach: 3,481 cases; 57 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 3,277 cases; 57 deaths

• Laguna Beach: 767 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

- 0 to 17: 24,823 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 33,327 cases; six deaths
- 25 to 34: 48,259 cases; 38 deaths
- 35 to 44: 37,661 cases; 79 deaths
- 45 to 54: 38,700 cases; 225 deaths
- 55 to 64: 30,304 cases; 470 deaths
- 65 to 74: 15,100 cases; 675 deaths
- 75 to 84: 7,581 cases; 845 deaths
- 85 and older: 5,094 cases; 1,154 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at ocohalthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc. Information on COVID-19 vaccines in Orange County can be

found at ocohalthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources.

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted online via Zoom. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

The Goalpost Trust Residence - A coastal development permit and zoning clearance to demolish a nonconforming duplex and construct a new single-family residence and attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU). The development would result in a three-story, 1,411-square-foot, single-family residence with a 589-square-foot ADU on the first floor. Parking would be provided as an attached 454-square-foot, two-car garage. The project would close an existing curb cutout on 52nd Street to create one new on-street public parking space, improving public access. Additional appurtenances, such as walls, fences, drainage devices, and hardscaping are also proposed. The design complies with all applicable development standards and no deviations are requested.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 - Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 21.64 (Appeals and Calls for Review). A fee is not required to appeal any final action on a coastal development permit to the Planning Commission. The project site is located within the appeal area of the coastal zone; therefore, final action by the City to approve a Coastal Development Permit may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Patrick Achis, Assistant Planner, at 949-644-3237 or pachis@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2020-320
Activity No.: CD2020-146 and ZC2020-022
Zone: R-1 (Single-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RS-D (Single-Unit Residential)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RSD-D (Single-Unit Residential) (20.0 - 29.9 DU/AC)
Filing Date: November 3, 2020
Applicants: The Goalpost Trust

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1033	Cole Peters	2/15/2021	\$353.00
227	Michael Jeffers	2/15/2021	\$735.00

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Soliman Residence - Request for a coastal development permit to demolish an existing single-family residence and construct a new 2,400-square-foot, single-family residence and attached 374-square-foot garage in the VE Special Flood Hazard Area. The proposed structure includes a raised foundation supported by caissons to meet the minimum finished floor requirements of the Special Flood Hazard Area. The project includes hardscape, walls, landscaping, and drainage facilities.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 under Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Liz Westmoreland, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3234 or lwestmoreland@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2020-262
Activity No.: CD2020-131
Zone: R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RT (Two-Unit Residential)

Coastal Land Use Plan: RT-E Two Unit Residential - (30.0 - 39.9 DU/AC)
Filing Date: September 9, 2020
Applicant: Brandon Architects

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 9, 2021, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. PD2020-001 FOR THE RESIDENCES AT 4400 VON KARMAN PROJECT LOCATED AT 4400 VON KARMAN AVENUE (PA2020-061)

The Ordinance, among other things, amends Planned Community Development Plan #15 (Koll Center Newport Planned Community) for the creation of a residential overlay zone to allow residential use and a public park in Professional and Business Office Site B.

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 9th day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

- AYES: Mayor Brad Avery, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon, Council Member Noah Blom, Council Member Joy Brenner, Council Member Diane Dixon, Council Member Duffy Duffield
- NAYS: None
- RECUSED: Council Member Will O'Neill

The Ordinance shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk
City of Newport Beach

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 9, 2021, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, introduced an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT NO. LC2017-001 AS MODIFIED BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION TO TITLE 21 (LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN) OF THE NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE PARKING MANAGEMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT AND PLAN (PA2017-046)

The Ordinance, among other things, would add the Balboa Village Parking Management Overlay District and Plan ("PM-1"), which would modify required off-street parking requirements within the Balboa Village area, into Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code, as modified by the California Coastal Commission.

This Ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 9th day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

- AYES: Mayor Brad Avery, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon, Council Member Noah Blom, Council Member Joy Brenner, Council Member Diane Dixon, Council Member Duffy Duffield, Council Member Will O'Neill
- NAYS: None

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-4 will occur at the February 23, 2021 City Council meeting. If adopted on February 23, 2021, the Ordinance shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF UNSCHEDULED VACANCY

The City of Newport Beach is currently accepting applications to fill one (1) unscheduled vacancy on the Finance Committee (term expires 6-30-21)

The Finance Committee meets as required, on weeknights or weekdays (M-Th), at a time convenient for the Committee at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach.

An application can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at 100 Civic Center Drive, or can be sent to you by calling 949-644-3005. The application can also be accessed through the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/vacancy.

The deadline for filing applications is **noon on Friday, February 19, 2021**. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 949-644-3005.

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 9, 2021, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA2020-002 FOR THE RESIDENCES AT 4400 VON KARMAN PROJECT LOCATED AT 4400 VON KARMAN AVENUE (PA2020-061)

The Ordinance, among other things, approves an agreement between the applicant and the City, which provides vested rights to develop the proposed project, while also providing negotiated public benefits.

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 9th day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

- AYES: Mayor Brad Avery, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon, Council Member Noah Blom, Council Member Joy Brenner, Council Member Diane Dixon, Council Member Duffy Duffield
- NAYS: None
- RECUSED: Council Member Will O'Neill

The Ordinance shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk
City of Newport Beach

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement
NO.: 20216593682**

The following persons are doing business as: **Fictitious Business Name(s)** 1.) Momeh Boutique; 2.) Tom Walker Agency; 3.) Total Online Maintenance; 28831 Shady Lane, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. **Registered Owner(s):** Thomas John Walker and Jessica Lynn Walker, 28831 Shady Lane, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. **Businesses are conducted by:** A Married Couple. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **01/12/2012**. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime) **REGISTRANT/CORP/LLC NAME:** Thomas John Walker and Jessica Lynn Walker, Owners. **Signature:** Thomas Walker and Jessica Walker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Orange on January 14, 2021. **NOTICE:** In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in the state of fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state or common law (see section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions code). Hugh Nguyen, Clerk-Recorder.

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FORUM

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and hazard pay for grocery workers. Muldoon said he was glad to be attending

the forum virtually as the pandemic continues, but that he believes the county needs to reopen, citing the closures' negative effects on the community and local economy. He said his

focus is on keeping businesses open safely.

"Allowing businesses to be shut down again [is] ... bad for the community. It's bad for the economy, bad for mental health, bad for children," said Muldoon, adding that the constant closures is a terrible disservice to Orange County residents.

Muldoon was elected to Newport Beach City Council in 2014 and was mayor

pro tem in 2016.

In 2017, Muldoon was appointed mayor and followed then-outgoing Mayor Diane Dixon. He was appointed as the mayor pro tem again in December.

Moorlach said that he'd be focusing on responding to the pandemic and lockdown and said he is looking ahead to planning the budget as the current fiscal year nears its end in June.

"We got to work on keeping the economy going and in a fair and respectful manner," said Moorlach. "Everyone's job is essential."

Moorlach lost his bid for reelection to newcomer David Min in November but was a former supervisor for the district from 2006 to 2015 and won his seat in the state Senate in 2016.

For Rappaport, who said she is not a "professional politician" and is a tax attorney, her goal is to restore transparency in public decision-making, which she believes is lacking in county government. She said she's committed to conservative uses of tax-

payer funds but stressed that she intends to be non-partisan.

"My sole agenda is to listen and respond to the sole concerns of the 2nd District," said Rappaport. "My biggest priority is to end the virus's impact on Orange County."

The Orange County Registrar's Office said Monday that about 400,000 ballots have been mailed out to voters for the special election and that ballot drop boxes will be open through March 9.

The forum can be seen online at [youtube.com/watch?v=JjtlmyKeICI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjtlmyKeICI).

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James Clay Searby

April 21, 1957 - January 20, 2021

James Clay Searby, "JIM," aka by his family nickname, "Jiminy Cricket" was born April 21, 1957 in San Mateo, California. He passed away peacefully at home in Morro Bay, California, January 20, 2021, age 63.

Jim loved his life and cherished his children Cecilia and Miles more than anything in the world! He was a big kid at heart, always ready to help anyone, have fun, and live life to the fullest. Jim has been drawn to things that go fast. From his early days on bicycles and skateboards, to racing tubes on surfboards, and doing wheelies on his dirt-bikes through Laguna Beach. His love for speed expanded into Jet Skis on the ocean and on lakes and assorted off-road vehicles. He continued indulging his love for speed by cruising fast in his many Porsches along the Big Sur coastline and many of California's winding roads with his friends and kids. Jim never shied away from going a little faster than some might recommend. Throughout his life, his quest for adventure took him all over California, Hawaii, Mexico, Africa, and Samoa.

Jim was raised in Southern California. He moved from West Covina to Laguna Beach in 1972 where he "attended" and graduated from LBHS in 1975. Along with his siblings, Jim enjoyed his early days making sandwiches at Giovanni's I. He was a regularly seen surfer at Thalia St, Agate, and several other Laguna surf spots. After High School, he worked for several years as a handyman, painter, carpenter, and landscaper, for property management company Marion Milne Realty. It was local elders, Loyd Milne and his uncle Bill "Ace" Nelson that trained him to be the talented carpenter and contractor that he became.

Jim moved to Morro Bay in his early 20s where he established himself as a respected, loved, and successful contractor. He loved his work and was excited about each and every project. He built and remodeled quality homes for many happy customers on the Central Coast for over the last 40 years and was loved by all for his good nature and honest reliable work ethic. Jim was always an exceptionally hard worker, had incredible integrity, a deep concern for others, and easily shared his hands, home, knowledge, and infectious smile. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure to know and work with him.

Jim loved to laugh and joke around with all he encountered; He was everyone's best friend. Jim loved to play the lottery and was a regular at the black jack table. A shot and a beer with his friends and loved ones always made him smile at the end of the day. Jim would cook it up, often making a Turkey, Ham and all the fixings, enough food for 20 people, even if it was just a few family members for dinner. He especially loved his new reclining couch which he would always make a point to show off after a beautiful meal. Jim has a vast extended family that all hold him in their hearts dearly, we will ride a wave for you everyday Jim, we love you! We all miss his presence and will live life to the fullest in his memory.

Jim is survived by his beloved children Cecilia and Miles, Mother Babette, brother Steve, sisters Jan & Sue and "his girl" Caroline, his little dog Miss Sadie and cat Nalu-

Jim always told Cece and Miles, to never leave a room, without saying I love you, he was a great father and friend to all!

We love you Jim!!

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CLOSURE

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Mayor Pro Tem Tito Ortiz and Natalie Moser, while Barbara Delgleize, Mike Posey and Dan Kalmick voted no.

The City Council is now reexamining the second block closure. The item also calls for staff to engage an urban design firm, as well as for Carr, Ortiz and another council member to serve on an ad hoc Downtown Urban Design Study Committee.

According to the item prepared by director of community development Ursula Luna-Reynosa, "the temporary closure of Main

Street has resulted in robust discussions that warrants further study for informed discussions about future placemaking opportunities and better connection to the southern portion of the Downtown as defined in the Downtown Specific Plan."

Tuesday's City Council meeting begins at 6 p.m. and can be watched on channel HBTv-3 or online at [huntingtonbeach.legistar.com](https://www.huntingtonbeach.legistar.com). Residents may send comments on agenda items to supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org.

Communications received by 2 p.m. Tuesday will be distributed to the council prior to consideration of agenda-related items.

Residents are encouraged to submit comments during the meeting via Zoom. The Webinar ID is 971 5413 0528 and can be reached via the Zoom app or by calling (669) 900-6833 and entering the ID. Individuals will be placed in a holding queue and prompted to speak when the city clerk announces their name or the last three digits of their phone number.

Time for remarks is limited to three minutes.

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CREATIVE

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a picture and scan it. They can order cookies from me, and we can go and deliver them and stay socially distanced. We don't even have to interact."

Girl Scouts of Orange County has become creative during the pandemic, Communications Director Caron Berkley said. Their familiar booths are not allowed outside of grocery stores right now due to state health restrictions.

Door hangers with the QR codes and a personalized link are another new touch. The organization has also introduced the Great Girl Scout Cookie Buy-Out, which allows businesses to buy out a virtual booth, starting at 50 packages of cookies or \$250.

Girl Scouts of Orange County, which includes about 18,000 girls, has also partnered with Grubhub for cookie deliveries at certain hours. Girl Scout troops staff the three locations, including sites in Mission Viejo, Yorba Linda and at the county headquarters in Irvine, and receive app orders on a tablet. They then place the cookies on a table from which a Grubhub driver picks them up and delivers them to the buyer.

The money raised from the deliveries goes to benefit the volunteering troop.

"It's not in your face as much as it usually is, with girls out in front of stores or being able to go door-to-door in neighborhoods," Berkley said. "Not unlike small businesses, who are stressed these days in the pandemic to come up with new and creative business models, Girl Scouts are doing the same thing."

Marriana Alfano, an 8-year-old from Huntington Beach, has already sold more than 600 boxes this year for Troop 7332, though she has a way to go to match her total of 1,379 boxes from last year. She said cookie sales have been



GIRL SCOUT Tess Berkley, left, and her mother Caron Berkley, help prepare cookies orders for Grubhub pickup at the Girl Scouts of Orange County headquarters in Irvine on Wednesday. The troop has found ways to find customers despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ready for GrubHub pickup at the Girl Scouts of Orange County headquarters in Irvine.



harder this year — "my legs hurt more because I have to go around and drop off door hangers" — but she is still enjoying the work.

Alisa Lembke-Alfano, Marriana's mom, said the

family doesn't mind the contactless aspect this year. Both mother and daughter have asthma. They teamed up to post a video on social media.

"We considered not do-

ing this, but we wanted the consistency for her, because she's done it and had success the last few years," Lembke-Alfano said.

"I think it's important for her to realize that she can still do things. It might be different, but in the long run, we've learned a lot."

Devon Hills, who lives in Costa Mesa, also is learning as a troop leader for Troop 8480, which includes her 6-year-old daughter, Lucy. As a kindergartner Lucy is in the Girl Scouts' Daisy program. The family has been using social media for many of their sales.

"She loves it," Hills said of Lucy's involvement. "She's more focused on selling cookies, making the phone calls to friends and family so that she can earn money for activities in the future. Even at this age, they really are learning how to manage money and kind of getting the idea of the value of the dollar [and] what they might be

able to buy with this money that they've earned."

Berkley, whose own daughter, Tess, is a Junior Girl Scout, said online sales have been strong. The proceeds from the cookies stays local and fund many of a troop's activities for the year.

She said she drives around each Saturday with her daughter to deliver orders placed online.

"Cookie sales, as challenging as it is, it's still a bright light for these girls," Berkley said. "The success of each sale really gives them a boost of self-confidence. We want to do everything we can to help with that."

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AROUND

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a Marine unit who have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (on an unweighted 4.0 scale) and whose family has an adjusted gross income of \$106,000 or less for 2021-22.

Scholarships are available for those pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree, attending or planning to attend a college or career training school listed on the National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator website during the 2021-22 academic year.

Career and technical education scholarships are also available for students planning to attend a non-degree certificate program or vocational training 12 months or less at a community college or private career school listed on the College Navigator website.

Applications may be submitted through March 2. For more information, visit mcsf.org/apply.

Laguna Beach Festival of Arts 2021 grant applications due March 5

Nonprofit organizations with programs promoting fine arts in and around the city of Laguna Beach are welcome to apply for a series of art grants through the Festival of Arts Foundation beginning Feb. 8.

The Foundation, established in 1989 to preserve and promote fine arts and other artistic endeavors in the area, will be accepting applications through March 5.

"The FOA Foundation is proud to be able to assist local nonprofit art organizations during these challenging times," Foundation President Bob Earl said in a statement. "We hope that these funds will help to continue the programs that educate our community on the importance of art and cultural experiences."

Applications can be submitted online at foapom.com/grants. For information on eligibility, grant awards and the application process, contact Bob Earl at (949) 494-4132.

Laguna Beach school board appoints Michael Conlon to assistant superintendent

The Laguna Beach Unified School District has named Michael Conlon its assistant superintendent of human resources and public communications, according to district officials.

Conlon, who was serving as the director of human resources for the district, was appointed to the role at the board meeting on Jan. 28, at which the board considered reorganizing into a format with three assistant superintendents.

A statement from the district said that the decision would not result in an in-

crease in staff. Jeff Dixon is the assistant superintendent of business services, and the district plans to hire an assistant superintendent of instructional services.

"Michael [Conlon] has continued to demonstrate his focus on continuous improvement for himself and our community," District Supt. Jason Vilorio said in the release. "He is committed to developing positive relationships with staff and problem-solving conflicts when they occur. He has proven to be an effective human resources leader and administrator whose work is characterized by a genuine concern for the entire school community."

Edison alum Michael Saffell is Pac-12 Football Scholar Athlete of the Year

Cal senior football player Michael Saffell, an Edison High alumnus, has been named the Pac-12 Football Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Saffell, a center, started on the offensive line for the Golden Bears each of the last three years, earning honorable mention All-Pac-12 honors in 2020. He began his career at guard before moving to center as a junior.

Due to COVID-19, he is eligible for a fifth year of competition, and he has opted to return in 2021.

Saffell earned his bachelor's degree from Cal's Haas School of Business in three-and-a-half years, graduating in December with a 3.62 undergraduate GPA. He was accepted into the university's Master of Information and Data Science program, which he began in January.

Orange County SC shirt sales to benefit O.C. Educational Arts Academy

The Orange County Soccer Club has started the "JuntosMásFuertes" campaign, hoping to combine the community's passion for soccer and the arts to support diverse nonprofit organizations.


A custom shirt has been created in collaboration with a local artist, and all net proceeds from its sale will go to the Orange County Educational Arts Academy.

Located in Santa Ana, the institution serves about 630 students, ranging from transitional kindergarten to eighth grade.


Hugo Cesar Chavarria was the Southern Californian artist called upon to create the design for the shirt, which depicts action in an Orange County Soccer Club game with landmarks like the Santa Ana Water Tower and the Great Park Balloon in Irvine in the background.

The shirts are limited edition and will be on sale through February. The cost is \$20 per shirt, and they can be purchased at the following link: bit.ly/OCSCDASH.

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CALIFORNIA TO OPEN COVID-19 VACCINE TO PEOPLE UNDER 65 WITH HIGH-RISK HEALTH CONDITIONS

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California officials on Friday said that people between the ages of 16 and 64 who are disabled or at high risk for morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 will be eligible to be vaccinated beginning next month.

The move comes after weeks of debate over who will get to the front of the line for precious doses, which remain in short supply. Officials estimate the move will make 4 million to 6 million more people eligible for the vaccine, bringing the total number of Californians eligible to between 17 million and 20 million, or about half the state.

But supplies remain very limited. Based on current allocation projections, California won't come close to meeting demand for some time. It will ultimately be up to local providers to decide who gets the vaccine immediately, with medical workers, first responders, people 65 and older, teachers and essential workers all vying for shots.

The underlying conditions explicitly stated include cancer; chronic kidney disease of stage four or above; chronic pulmonary disease; Down syndrome; immunocompromised immune system from solid organ transplant; pregnancy; sickle cell disease; heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies (excluding hypertension); severe obesity; and Type 2 diabetes mellitus.

The state also broadly defined eligible individuals as those who are likely to develop a severe life-threatening illness or death from a COVID-19 infection or are limited in their ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their survival.

These groups can begin getting the vaccine March 15.

State Health and Human Services Secretary Mark Ghaly did not provide details on what verification individuals would need to provide in order to receive the vaccine.

The news follows a meeting last week set by a high-level task force with members from the depart-



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PHARMACIST MARIE ANTONETTE TAMBOT prepares Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccinations for healthcare workers at Seton Medical Center on Dec. 24, 2020, in Daly City, Calif. The state is planning to open vaccinations to a wider group of residents beginning next month, officials said Friday.

ments of Aging, Disability Services and Health and Human Services that hashed out details of a proposal raised by a vaccine advisory committee.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's previous announcement last month that the state would shift vaccine priority to an age-based eligibility structure sparked concerns from groups representing the disability community who may now have to wait longer to get vaccinated, with hundreds sharing their frustrations on social media.

Friday's announcement was welcomed by advocates.

"There's no question that there's going to be a lot of challenges, but there's also no question that this new policy is dra-

matically better," said Andy Imparato of Disability Rights California, who also serves on the state's vaccine advisory committee. "This creates a safety valve for people under 65" who may still face significant risk.

Imparato said he hoped the new rule would ease the disparities that have plagued the vaccine rollout so far. Many of the same factors that have made the pandemic more deadly in Black, Latino and Native American communities also create or intensify disabilities, so extending the current tier to include those with significant comorbidities would mean more doses reached hard-hit communities than in an age-based system, he said.

"We can look on a map and say which ZIP Code has the most COVID cases — these are often the same communities that have higher rates of diabetes and other comorbid conditions," said Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, an epidemiologist and co-founder of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations. "But that type of language [around severe risk] is hard to implement, and programs that are hard to implement create problems with efficiency and problems with equity."

In particular, she and others worried that the documentation requirement could gum up the works of California's already sluggish vaccination program.

"We need to be careful about

not splitting hairs about who's disabled enough to get vaccinated," said Dr. Alyssa Burgart, a bioethicist at Stanford. "It's so easy to show what your age is. But there is immense variety in the type of disability that can place you at higher risk from COVID."

Alice Wong, 46, a disabled activist in San Francisco who created the hashtag #HighRiskCA in response to the change, agreed.

"There are lots of people who don't have a primary care provider [to provide documentation]," she said. "We don't need more hurdles."

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