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A PROTESTER holds up a sign as police shift positions during a Black Lives Matter demonstration in Huntington Beach on Saturday.

Speakers share personal stories during Black Lives Matter protests

BY ANDREW TURNER

Protests in the name of George Floyd and in support of the "Black Lives Matter" movement continued Saturday with local demonstrations.

A large crowd was anticipated at the Huntington Beach Pier, and in accordance with those expectations the city decided to have the surrounding area blocked off to traffic, Huntington Beach police Lt. Ryan Reilly said.

In the middle of the intersection at Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway, people gathered to peacefully protest racial injustice and police brutality.

Speakers, encircled by fellow protesters, told personal stories on the subject, and one gave the crowd a history lesson on incidents that had shocked the world but had not resulted in lasting changes for the better in race relations. "First of all, I'm an American citizen, and I'm a teacher," said Jon Williams, 61, of Huntington Beach. "I'm a high school teacher at Estancia High School, and I teach U.S. History. The theme of my coursework for the entire year is social justice and promises of the American Constitution, and when justice is not served, when our rights are being taken away from us, that we have the constitutional rights as American citizens to fight against that injustice.'



O.C. reports two more deaths due to COVID-19

BY ANDREW TURNER

Orange County reported two deaths due to the coronavirus and an additional 274 cases of the disease in the latest numbers released by the Orange County Health Care Agency on Saturday.

There have now been 176 deaths countywide related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with 85 of those fatalities involving a skilled nursing facility resident. The cumulative total of coronavirus cases to date is 7,321.

In the last day, there were 2,074 COVID-19 tests administered, bringing the total number of tests performed to 154,511.

As of Saturday's report, there were 282 patients hospitalized due to co-ronavirus, and 122 of the cases currently require intensive care.

An estimated 3,156 people have recovered from the coronavirus. That number is calculated by taking the difference between the prior 28-day cumulative case count and the current day mortality.

Testing for COVID-19 has gone up in the county, with the average standing at 3,150 tests per day over the last week. Saturday's report broke a streak of nine consecutive days in which the county had reported more than 3,000 tests.

People in the age range of 25-34 have accounted for the most coronavirus cases, making up 19% of the county's case count. Those in the age range of 45-54 come in at 18%, and the age groups of 35-44 and 55-64 each stand at 15%. Another 10% sit between the ages of 18-24, and those ages 65-74 make up 9%.

Breaking down the county's COVID-19 related deaths by ethnicity, 36% have been white, 32% Hispanic and 18% Asian. African Americans and Pacific Islanders have each made up 2% of the death toll.

By age range, all patients who have

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Kamelle Nandi, 30, of Huntington Beach said she had held onto the memory of being

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PROTESTERS HOLD UP signs during a Black Lives Matter demonstration on Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach Saturday. The protest remained peaceful.



A LARGE number of protesters march from Newport Harbor High School on Irvine Avenue on Saturday.

ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:



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GOALKEEPER EMMA MARSH GREW AS A PERSON DURING HER 4 YEARS AT MARINA HIGH SCHOOL PAGE A2

CLASS OF 2020 SERIES

Edison High grad Faith Riehm uses digital art for expression

BY MATT SZABO

Edison High School senior Faith Riehm tends to be introverted.

A sort of running joke in her family is that Faith, the oldest of four children, has a space in the garage called her "introvert corner." It features a piano and a ukulele, and that's where Faith, 17, gets to spend some quality alone time.

The novel coronavirus pandemic has certainly given her plenty of that as she approaches Edison's drive-through graduation on Thursday.

"I've just really enjoyed having my time on my own, away from all the craziness of life and school," Faith said.

"Almost every night at sunset, I'll ride my bike around the neighborhood or ride down to the beach. I feel like an '80s kid, kind of, because I just have my earphones in and I'm just listening to old songs. It's amazing."

Faith's digital artwork tends to lead most people to use that same word, "amazing." She has a website and Instagram page that highlight some of her work.

She was awarded as Edison's Golden Key medallion recipient in digital media during a virtual ceremony, in which she was recognized by Edison graphic arts teacher Ryan Hayes.

"Faith is the most gifted and talented artist that I have seen in my 13-year teaching career," Hayes said during the ceremo-



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EDISON HIGH SCHOOL senior Faith Riehm, 17, is an accomplished digital artist.

ny. "She has exceeded every expectation and has rapidly outgrown what I can teach her as an artist. At this point, all I can do is get out of her way and let her flourish."

Faith will be attending Azusa Pacific University after being admitted into a prestigious animation studies program there. What's impressive about her journey

See **Riehm,** page A5

Alyson Nguyen got things done while at Ocean View High School

BY MATT SZABO

Ocean View High School senior Alyson Nguyen called the Ocean View Kay Walsh Memorial Walk to Benefit MS her baby.

Nguyen worked with Ocean View activities director Sara Spilsbury to create the inaugural event last year. The event was named for the late Kay Walsh, the mother of Seahawks athletic director Tim Walsh who battled multiple sclerosis before passing away.

"I spent months trying to figure out everything," Nguyen said. "I'm glad that we were able to do something to give back to our own school, especially for Mr. Walsh, who's given us so much with athletics and is so near and dear to my heart."

Nguyen did things like walking around the Ocean View campus to map out a 5K route, designed the T-shirts for the event and created games for kids who were attending. Her attention to detail helped raise thousands of dollars for multiple sclerosis.

"It was just so great to see our entire school community together at this walk," she said, adding that this year the walk was held virtually due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Spilsbury was appreciative of the efforts.

"She really helped make it as successful as it was," Spilsbury said. "I know it never would have been what it was if it wasn't for her organizational capacity and her ability to bring people together and make things



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ALYSON NGUYEN of Ocean View High at her home in Cypress. Nguyen was ASB president her senior year and also played volleyball.

happen."

The walk's success symbolized how Nguyen, who will be part of Ocean View's drive-through graduation on Wednesday, put her heart into her four years at Ocean View. She was ASB president this year and worked in groups like Social Society and Unified Sports, bonding with special-edu-

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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SUDOKU

By The Mepham 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.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

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CLASS OF 2020 SERIES Emma Marsh grew as a person during 4 years at Marina High

BY MATT SZABO

Emma Marsh was a goalkeeper, not a driver, for four years on the Marina High School girls' water polo team.

home, however, At Emma often drives around her older brother, Colby, or cooks for him.

Colby, who graduated from Ocean View High two years ago, was born with epilepsy. He has cognitive delays, Emma said.

"I drive him a lot of places," she said. "Then, it's just watching out for him, making sure he doesn't leave the stove on or the fridge open. At this point, it's not abnormal for me, because that's been my whole life since I was born."

Emma Marsh has been playing water polo for years, too. Her leadership at home translated well to the pool for the Vikings. As she gets ready to graduate on Thursday, her list of accomplishments is impressive.

Marsh made a CIF Southern Section singleseason record 452 saves for the Vikings as a senior, helping them win the CIF Southern Section Division 6 title. It was Marina's first CIF crown since 1998, three years before she was born.

Marsh finished her fouryear varsity career with 1,273 saves, which ranks second in the CIF record book. She spent two years as a team captain for coach Tamara Towgood and was voted this year's Wave League Female Athlete of

the Year.

"Leading by example is a huge thing for me," Tow-good said. "If you are doing exactly what you're supposed to without complaining, that's Emma to a T. When she would speak, she would use her words very wisely.'

Marsh was not vocal in the pool, but her leadership shined through, even in extracurricular activities.

She volunteered with the Epilepsy Support Network of Orange County and for three years has been a date for Tim Tebow's Night to Shine, a prom night for people with special needs ages 14 and older.

One of just three seniors on the team along with cocaptain Makenna Reynolds and Rianne Gear, Marsh worked to build the girls' water polo program. The Vikings went just 4-22 in Marsh's sophomore year of 2017-18, Towgood's first year as head coach.

"It doesn't come naturally, that leadership stuff," said Marsh's mother, Temre, of Emma's personality. "She's naturally pretty introverted, so having her in that role as a freshman, it was hard for her at first. I think she just stayed true to who she was. She has a work ethic like no one else. She didn't get it from me, that's for sure. When something is expected of her, she just rises to the occasion. She'll do what she needs to do to get there."

Emma said she was just fortunate that her senior season was played to completion, with the Vikings



Scott Smeltzer Staff Photographer

WATER POLO player Emma Marsh is graduating from Marina High School.

advancing to the semifinals of the CIF Southern California Regional Division III tournament before losing 3-2 to Imperial Beach Mar Vista in sudden death.

Her favorite moment was winning the Division 6 title, 6-4 over La Cañada Flintridge Prep on Feb. 22 at Irvine's Woollett Aquatics Center. That was a Saturday morning that Marsh won't soon forget.

"I'm so grateful that I got to end on such a good note," she said. "It's still not real. I don't think any of us have actually accepted that we won CIF. That's so far out of our mindset."

With Marsh, it became a reality.

She said she plans to take some time off from water polo. She will be attending Orange Coast College next year to study nursing.

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FOR THE RECORD

Pacifica Christian O.C. High graduation: In the June 6 News section, the story misstated the location of the Pacifica Christian Orange County High School graduation. The graduation took place in the parking lot at Mariners Church, not in the parking lot at Pacifica Christian.



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COMMENTARY | MEGAN KLINK, DR. JANUARY LOPEZ

Don't let fear of coronavirus be a reason to avoid getting a mammogram

The stay-at-home orders, cancellations, staff reductions and other changes in healthcare have had effects we are just beginning to measure.

In March alone, compared to averages recorded from 2017-19, medical records data show an alarming drop of more than 90% in routine screenings for breast, cervical and colon cancers.

The declines are certainly connected to public health alerts from trusted institutions, such as the Centers for Disease Control, which urged delaying "nonurgent" procedures or screenings.

Understandably, confusion and caution would cause declines in screenings, but along with delayed screenings comes concern about the greater number of late-stage diagnoses that may occur.

As many hospitals and healthcare systems restart elective procedures and services, how do you know when you should get screened or follow up on an appointment that may have been delayed or rescheduled?

Although a mammogram may not be urgent for many women, it is most certainly essential for others. Because guidelines vary as to when to begin mammogram screenings, (some recommend starting at age 40, others at age 45, and one set of guidelines suggests starting them at age 50), the only way to be confident about your breast health is to know your risk factors and work closely with your doctor.

From age to family history to genetic mutations, your risk factors for breast cancer matter. Also consider your COVID-19 risk factors, if you are over age 60 or have underlying health conditions, work closely with your doctor to determine additional safety precautions to take, or when it is safer for you to get screened.

If you have no symptoms, waiting one month to delay a breast health screening should not make a significant clinical difference, but waiting several months certainly could.

If you have no symptoms and are due for a check, don't hesitate to have a regular screening. However, if you notice symptoms — if something looks or feels different, if you find irregularities in the breast, such as lumps, redness or discharge consult with your doctor and make a diagnostic appointment immediately.

This pandemic is very real, and we must all do our part to slow the spread and protect ourselves. But breast cancer does not stop in the face of a pandemic.

Breast cancer is still the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women and five women in Orange County are diagnosed with breast cancer every day.

Mammograms save lives. They are essential,

because they can reveal abnormalities that are not detectable clinically, and early detection is key in surviving breast cancer. In fact, the American Cancer Society states that when breast cancer is detected early and is in the localized stage, the five-year relative survival rate is 99%.

If you need a mammogram, or notice something "off," don't hesitate to make an appointment today. It is safe to come in for mammography screenings as medical facilities are adhering to strict health and safety protocols. In addition to this, appointments may be much easier to schedule now, as entities are beginning to reopen.

If you are underinsured or uninsured and need help finding care, call California's Cancer Detection Program, Every Woman Counts, at (800) 511-2300 to find resources near you.

You can also call the local Komen O.C. office at (714) 957-9157 for help navigating local resources.

To all the families and friends who have women you treasure in your life, hold those wonderful ladies accountable for their health and encourage them to get breast health screenings. It's essential.

MEGAN KLINK is the CEO of Susan G. Komen Orange County. DR. JANUARY LOPEZ is director of Breast Imaging at the Hoag Breast Program.

MAILBAG

Governor has made many mistakes during pandemic

Newport Beach resident Lynn Lorenz has fawned over Gov. Gavin Newsom in her recent letters to local media extolling how the governor has saved the health of California by his "quick and resourceful actions" regarding the COVID-19 response ("Mailbag: If you're healthy in Newport you may want to thank Gov. Gavin Newsom," May 26). The author is ill-informed and simply wrong.

Here are some of those "quick and resourceful actions" by Newsom:

• His March 18, 2020, letter to President Trump stating that 25.5 million Californians will be infected with COVID-19 over an eight-week period.

• His proposed expenditure of nearly \$1 billion in taxpayer dollars for facemasks with a secretive Chinese company.

• His plan for 75 million taxpayer dollars for stimulus payments to undocumented immigrants.

• His politically driven, "ready, shoot, aim" myopic (literally) decision on April 30 to hard-close all Orange County beaches with inaccurate and misleading telephoto evidentiary support resulting in justified lawsuits by local cities.

• His commandeering St. Vincent Hospital and the old Sacramento ARCO Arena for the misjudged, never-to-appear COVID-19 tsunami.

• His gross miscalculation in the appropriation of 16,000 hotel and motel rooms for our homeless population.

• His joining four governors in the delusional request of Congress that it fund \$1 trillion in pandemic relief for poorly managed state and local governments. Despite the author's blind adulation, it is

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Paul Watkins Newport Beach Governor harmed the economy for little reason

sourceful actions" have been anything but.

clear that the governor's "quick and re-

Gov. Gavin Newsom told Californians to stay at home in order to flatten the curve of the coronavirus outbreak in order to not overwhelm our hospitals. But hospitals in California were never overwhelmed. Emergency rooms have been largely empty, and the state's 422 hospital ICUs are not at capacity with COVID-19 patients.

While California politicians and the news media are still hysterical over the coronavirus, it's as if the annual seasonal flu never happened this year.

So, while this pandemic is real, so is the reality that our governor continues to extend the lockdown on several businesses. I for one will not be thanking Newsom for shutting down our state's economy.

I will not thank him for allowing liquor stores and pot shops to remain open while independent mom and pops will never open their doors again.

I will not thank Newsom when he tries to repeal Proposition 13, which will further escalate the decline of businesses in California.

If you want to stay home, that should be your own personal choice. My choice has been to support local businesses and keep my employees off the government "dole and control" program.

> Peggy V. Palmer Newport Beach

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PROTESTS

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called a racial slur in her hometown for 12 years. On Saturday, she spoke about the incident, saying that people are not born with hate, but taught to do so.

Craig Bennett, 43, of Huntington Beach is a videographer who has been taking an active role in spreading word of the movement by recording moments from the protests he has attended.

He believes that the demonstrations seen across the country, and around the world, are telling that the message is being heard this time, with such events not just happening in urban areas, but in suburban communities.

"Now, it's kind of like you see places like Laguna or Aliso Viejo, or like Mission Viejo, cities that normally, not saying that they're not on the side of the protesting people, but they never come out," Bennett said. "This time, it seems like they're actually coming out and be like, you know what, either, 'We've been with you,' or, 'We're with you now.'

Huntington Beach police and the Orange County Department Sheriff's watched over the protest, some of which formed a line between the Black Lives

Matter protest and a counterprotest.

Ât one point during a requested moment of silence, a chant of "HB matters' sounded from the counterprotest side, to which the response was a chant of, "All cities matter."

Shops up and down Main Street were boarded up ahead of the protest. A mural reflecting Jason Hilbert's goal of spreading peace, love, unity and respect was included on the boards outside of his shop, HBBC ---Huntington Beach Bicycle Company (328 Main St.).

"If we have to be boarded up and unable to do business for a week, then let's take this opportunity to spread some love," Hilbert said. "I don't want to see either extremes act out their differences on our streets. It's not fair. It's not cool. Everyone believes the same thing as far as, ... they don't want police brutality, they don't want racism. There's no time for hate.'

Another protest is scheduled at the Huntington Beach Civic Center from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Derek Chauvin, the Minneapolis police officer who kneeled on the neck of Floyd for nearly nine minutes, has been charged with second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Gov. Gavin Newsom is



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KAMELLE NANDI of Huntington Beach speaks to the crowd during the Black Lives Matter demonstration Saturday.

working on police reform, including a restriction on use of force by law enforcement. He is seeking a ban on carotid holds, saying that a stranglehold technique designed to restrict blood flow to the brain "has no place any longer in 21st century practices and policing."

Marcus Brooks and Estelle Morris, a pair of freshmen at Orange County School for the Arts, organized a protest that started at Newport Harbor High and marched down to the Back Bay.

Brooks said he hoped to start a conversation to bring the issue of systemic racism to the forefront.

"I just thought that if I spread something around social media, I could get the people that don't pay attention as much to open their

eyes to these issues that they may not focus on as much because I am biracial," Brooks said. "My mom is white, and my dad is black."

Mesa Mayor Costa Katrina Foley was one of hundreds to show up for the marching protest, wearing a pink shirt with the message, Silence is not an option.'

Morris said she couldn't agree more. "I think anyone can do it," Morris said of the numbers that showed up in support of the cause.

"It's important to not silence people. It's important to let black voices be heard, and through the power of social media and the internet, look at how many people we've gathered."

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died were:

- 5 and up: 56 • 75 to 84: 47
- 65 to 74: 32
- 55 to 64: 19
- 45 to 54: 13
- 35 to 44: 6 • 34 and younger: 3

Here are the latest case counts for select cities, with numbers per 10,000 residents:

• Santa Ana: 1,438 (42.6 cases per 10,000 residents) • Anaheim: 1,297 (36.1

cases per 10,000) • Huntington Beach: 365

(17.9 cases per 10,000) • Irvine: 222 (7.9 cases

per 10,000) • Newport Beach: 158

(18.1 cases per 10,000) • Costa Mesa: 146 (12.6

cases per 10,000) • Fountain Valley: 70 (12.4 cases per 10,000)

• Laguna Beach: 46 (19.7 cases per 10,000)

Updated figures are posted daily at occovid19 .ochealthinfo.com/corona virus-in-oc.

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MAILBAG

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O.C. leaders failing to keep us safe

If you are keeping your eve on the statistics, as well as the residents, you will see that both the number of new cases of the coronavirus, as well as the death rate from COVID-19, are continuing to rise dramatically in Orange County.

Is this trend occurring because many of our local leaders are not strongly enforcing social distancing for fear of being unpopular or is it that they simply lack the strength, the direction and/or the motivation to do so?

Maybe the state sanctions have been withdrawn too quickly and local leaders need more guidelines?

To say that people should be able to decide their behavior for themselves, without government interference, in the face of a pandemic, is dangerous, selfish and faulty reasoning.

A pandemic requires strong leadership above all. Orange County has proven lately that without strong leadership there is no strong community cooperation.

> Lynn Lorenz Newport Beach

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is that she didn't really have any formal arts training until less than two years ago.

She would take her tablet with her almost everywhere she went, though, looking for inspiration. She creates projects via an app called Procreate.

She said she got positive affirmation when she attended an "AlienCon" event in Pasadena with her father, Matt, a couple of years ago. She hasn't looked back since.

"With art, I'm able to not use words and still express how I'm feeling in a situa-

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school.

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tion," Faith said. "Or even not having a

feeling, just having fun with it. Lately I've been working on personality-type drawings. I take the nine types of Enneagrams, I assign them a color and a scenery, what I think describes each type. It's been really fun and challenging. It's like I'm trying to capture a personality type in an image, without any words or description, just with feeling. It's been cool to work on that and see people's input about how it really relates to them."

Faith said that Hayes has pushed her to enter many art competitions, and she usually does well.

She also has been a fourvear member of the school's choir program, led by Christiana Franzetti, while managing to earn a 3.8 weighted grade-point average.

"She's probably one of the most creative people I've ever met," Franzetti said.

"She's been in choir for four years, and she loves singing in the group and has always contributed. She just does so much, like she designed all our posters for events too. She designed our sweatshirts. She's just one of the sweetest people ever, always wanting to help.'

Faith said she is excited

make every effort to do her been posted.

best. It was inspiring." Nguyen will attend the University of Portland next vear and study biology and organizational communication. She had a medical internship at St. Mary's Medical Center in Long Beach, though that was cut short

"It was definitely hard at first," Nguyen said of staying home due to the coronavirus.

"It was a huge, huge transition. This was supposed to be the fun part of senior year. We got through the hard parts of applying for about the Azusa Pacific animation program; she said only 15 students are admitted each year.

The program director is Tony Bancroft, who has worked at Sony Pictures and Disney Feature Animation in the past.

"I would love to work for Disney or some kind of animation thing, just be in the art world," Faith said. "That's been my dream, and something I would love to do. Just working in movies or TV shows, something where I'm involved and we're creating something bigger than ourselves."

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amazing things in her life," Ocean View Courtney Robinson said. "She just makes everybody else better around her, in no matter what she does.'

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cation students at the

Nguyen was a member of the school's Business Acad-

She was a three-year captain for the girls' volleyball team, moving from setter to libero this year after the graduation of standout Kelli Greiner. Recently, she was named the Ocean View Female Athlete of the Year.

Nguyen also managed to keep a 4.64 grade-point average, which ranks third in a class of 286.

"I love her humility," Ocean View Assistant Principal Jodi Young said. "She's a learner. She's one of those people who asks, 'What can I do to improve?' and actually really cares to know how she can grow as a person in all aspects. I went to many of her volleyball [matches], and just even watching her on the court. she was so dedicated to

due to COVID-19.

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college, applying for [student loans], everything like that. In the past few months, we've definitely worked hard in ASB to try and keep our student body connected. Social media Twitter: @mjszabo

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