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COSTA MESA'S 37-acre Fairview Park Wetlands includes a pond system whose pumps were intended to maintain flow. But poor recirculation is causing plant overgrowth and algae — and attracting mosquitoes. Higher mosquito populations could lead to more West Nile cases in Orange County.

Fairview Park Wetlands, once seen as a boon, bogged down by deficiencies

BY SARA CARDINE

When Costa Mesa opened a 37-acre wetland complex at Fairview Park in 2013, the project was celebrated as an environmental accomplishment city officials at the time described as a "perfect marriage" of engineering and ecology.

Its 23 acres of riparian habitat would provide refuge to species threatened or endangered by years of Orange County development, while a recirculating pond system would draw urban runoff from nearby Greenville Banning Channel and suffuse flows throughout a web of interconnected

streambeds

Residents could recreate on trails that would provide vistas of rock-lined streams above which red-tailed hawks and Northern harriers flew, while mosquitofish would keep pesky insect populations at a tolerable level.

But seven years into the project — and just one year before Costa Mesa is to negotiate a final conservation agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Orange County's Flood Control District and Transportation Authority — the project has become mired in problems.

Reported deficiencies in the design and construction of the water delivery system have resulted in poor water circulation that has caused algae to overbloom, while cattails and duckweed are growing like wildfire along pond shores, creating conditions ripe for mosquitoes

Costa Mesa City Council members convened in a study session Tuesday to address the issue of mosquito abatement at Fairview Park, where at least one insect sample tested positive for West Nile virus in August. During the discussion, countless issues with the area rose to the surface.

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Travel advisory issued for state

The health department recommends that people coming into California should self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

As coronavirus infections continue to surge in California, the state issued a travel advisory Friday ahead of the Thanksgiving weekend

The advisory from the state health department recommends that people coming into the state from other states or countries — including returning California residents — should self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Such individuals should limit themselves to their immediate house-holds

State officials said this does not apply to those who cross state or country borders for essential travel, defined as "work and study, critical infrastructure support, economic services and supply chains, health, immediate medical care and safety and security."

This is in tandem with issuance of travel advisories in Washington and Oregon by state Gov. Jay Inslee and Gov. Kate Brown.

"California just surpassed a sobering threshold — 1 million COVID-19 cases — with no signs of the virus slowing down," Newsom said in a statement. "Increased cases are adding pressure on our hospital systems and threatening the lives of seniors, essential workers and vulnerable Californians."

"Travel increases the risk of spreading COVID-19 and we must

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Huntington Beach leaders address State of the City at outdoor gathering

MAYOR LYN
SEMETA
speaks during
Huntington
Beach
Chamber of
Commerce's
annual State
of the City
presentation
on Friday
morning held
outdoors in
the courtyard

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at City Hall.



BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach Mayor Lyn Semeta is a mixed media artist.

On Friday morning, she painted a positive picture for the present and future of Surf City, despite leading Huntington Beach during an often tumultuous 2020.

Semeta, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Carr and City Manager Oliver Chi were the featured speakers at the State of the City presentation hosted by the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The event was held in the courtyard outside of City Hall, with chairs 6 feet apart to promote social distancing during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Chamber of Commerce interim CEO Sheik Sattaur used a sanitizing spray on the podium microphone after each person deliv-

ered a speech.

These were reminders of the challenges that Huntington Beach has

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Faux firs give blank canvas for arts groups in South Coast Plaza's Pavilion of Holiday Trees

BY SARA CARDINE

While shoppers have been allowed to return to South Coast Plaza, the center's traditional schedule of wintertime festivities — photos with Santa, hot cocoa and cider, live carolers — was looking like another unfortunate victim of the coronavirus pandemic.

But with some quick thinking, officials at the Costa Mesa shopping mecca are finding new, meaningful ways to make the holiday season merry and bright, including an inaugural event that opens to the public Saturday.

"Pavilion of Holiday Trees" is a showcase of 36 fir trees decorated by area arts organizations in seasonal themes that convey the philosophy, mission and programs of the groups that created them.

The Orange County Museum of Art, for example, provided an entry decorated in shades of navy blue and metallic inspired by mixed-media artist Alexandra Grant's work "She said to Creon," on display at the museum through June 6.

LACMA channeled its iconic outdoor sculpture "Urban Light" by Chris Burden — an artfully arranged display



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

KELSEY O'BRIEN, right, a South Coast Plaza social media specialist, shows Travel Costa Mesa's Paulette Lombardi-Fries, center, and Jenny Wedge some of the 36 holiday trees decorated by regional, national and global arts institutions.

of 206 lampposts — to create a tree festooned with lanterns.

Debra Gunn Downing, South Coast Plaza's executive director of marketing, said officials were thinking of how to make the holidays come alive for

visitors given current restrictions against large-scale gatherings.

"We had an idea to do something that would honor arts organizations

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Crystal Cove cancels tree lighting, holiday bazaar at the beach

BY LILLY NGUYEN

It's beginning to look *not* like Christmas.

At least not in Crystal Cove, which announced this week that it'd be canceling what would have been its 24th annual tree lighting and holiday bazaar at the beach. The Crystal Cove Conservancy said in a news release that it would be following guidelines from the state and county departments of health and California State Parks.

Crystal Cove borders Newport Beach and Laguna Beach.

guna Beach.

"We are sad not to be able to host this wonderful event again this year, but the health and safety of our members, park-goers, staff and volunteers remains our top priority," officials said.

"We look forward to gathering with our neigh-

bors again next year to welcome Santa back to the beach," said conservancy staff.

"Through this crisis, we've all seen how important protected natural spaces like Crystal Cove are to communities and we hope our neighbors and supporters will find their way here to explore the quiet of the park in winter until we can gather together again."

Last year's tree lighting and holiday bazaar included jewelry and handicrafts from local artists, seaglass wrapping, holiday arts and crafts and the arrival of Santa Claus on a lifeguard vehicle.

Another annual tree lighting in nearby Fashion Island was also canceled this year in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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 A4.

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South Coast Plaza's operating company C.J. Segerstrom & Sons names new CEO

BY SARA CARDINE

Greg Miller — a former executive for Caesars Entertainment, Universal Studios Theme Parks and Resort Group and Great Wolf Resorts — has been named the new chief executive of C.J. Segerstrom & Sons, owner and operator of Costa Mesa's South Coast Plaza.

Miller will bring to the position more than 30 years of experience in developing quality entertainment destinations, according to a release issued by the Costa Mesa company Wednesday.

An executive vice president of development for Caesars Entertainment Corp., he developed 5 million square feet of retail, dining and entertainment projects and led the master



al projects.

planning acres the heart of Las Vegas. As president of

Miller

Universal's Port Aventura in Spain, Miller garnered extensive experience in the development of glob-

'We are fortunate to have someone of Greg Miller's experience and knowledge as we look to the future and plan for opportunities in the years to come," comanaging partners Elizabeth Segerstrom and Sandy Segerstrom Daniels said in Wednesday's statement.

Most recently, as chief development officer of the private-equity-owned Great

Wolf Resorts, Inc., Miller led the national rollout of the family-oriented resort destination.

Miller holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in Management from Northwestern University's Kellogg

School of Management. He and his wife, Jeannette, and their two children have lived in Orange County for the past 26

years. "I am honored to have the opportunity to join C.J. Segerstrom & Sons," Miller said in the statement. "It is a privilege to be part of an organization that always represents quality at the highest level.'

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— and that seed of an idea turned into all this," she said Friday.

"We reached out to 50 art organizations in Southern California and a few international ones. The response was overwhelm-

For a venue, organizers looked to South Coast Plaza's open-air Pavilion, a parking structure near Nordstrom converted in August into an open-air, appointment-only shopping experience. It was the perfect place for an in-person event with limited attendance.

'We wanted to do something that would represent the holiday spirit but would be safe," Gunn Downing said. "This allows us to offer something with our usual style, despite the COVID environment."

Each tree will be on display through Dec. 4, when three winners will be named and awarded cash



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NEWPORT BEACH Film Festival organizers decorated "The Endless Summer" holiday tree, named after the film "A Life of Endless Summers: The Bruce Brown Story."

prizes benefiting their organizations.

An online auction will let people bid on the displays, with 100% of the proceeds going to the group that designed the tree. Trees will be delivered up to a 100-mile radius.

"I think the public is going to be very pleasantly surprised when they see them," Gunn Downing said. "They are just visually arresting. But then you'll get so much more than the tree."

To sweeten the deal, many organizations arranged special treats, tickets and gift cards among the boughs of the displays.

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Spa Del Rio celebrates opening in Laguna Beach

BY ANDREW TURNER

Back in February, a mother and her four daughters sat down for a birthday lunch and dared to dream.

Claudia Mendizabal, 54, and her four daughters, Lesli Del Rio Burt, 31, Perla, 30, Michelle, 21, and Nicole Del Rio, 19, had a feeling that this year could be the one that they realized their hope of running their own business.

A couple of them worked at a spa in Laguna Beach, and when the owner decided to sell, the family decided to buy it and take a chance in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic.

Spa Del Rio, which opened its doors on Sept. 12 at 384 Forest Ave., is the newest member of the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce and was wel-

comed to the community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday night.

"When we were younger, we didn't understand why there were so many of us girls in one house," said Lesli, who purchased the business. "Now it makes sense. This was destined to happen."

Claudia and Perla formerly worked in a spa called Skinterest, the mom as an esthetician and the daughter as a provider of integrative and wholistic serv-

To now be working in a family-owned and operated business with her children," Claudia said, "I feel blessed. I'm so happy for that."

Perla said the spa's proximity to the Promenade on Forest, which the City Council has hinted it would like to have stick around long-term, could be another draw.

"Fortunately, we do offer services for the mind, body and spirit, and I think people were very interested in that, especially during this time in COVID," Perla said. "To give something to offer, something that they needed ... we forge together to really create a beautiful spa and a beautiful communi-

More information about the family-owned spa can be found at *spadelrio.com*.

Many acknowledged the risk being taken to choose to open a business during the pandemic. The family, falling back on the advice of Mom, have chosen to believe in themselves.

"You have to be crazy in order to do something amazing," Perla said of starting a business during



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

LESLI, NICOLE, Claudia (mom), Perla and Michelle Del Rio cut the ribbon on their Spa Del Rio location in the Lumberyard Mall in Laguna Beach during grand opening on Thursday.

Community members, including representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Councilman Peter Blake came out to congratulate the new business owners.

"Looking at what you guys offer, it's really unique and special," JJ Ballesteros.

chairman of the board for

the Chamber of Commerce said. "It's a mother-andfour-daughters business that are offering ... enhancements and treatments, and they want to make you feel good, and we all know that right now, everybody can use that."

Laura Oatman, the district director for Rep. Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach), presented the family with a certificate of recognition. Though Rouda recently conceded his race to Michelle Steel, Oatman was able to make light of the situation.

'The good news is I'm going to have some free time to come and visit these ladies over here, and I think I need a full day here at least," Oatman said.

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WETLANDS

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D'Agosta said maintenance costs have ballooned far beyond the annual \$40,000 anticipated at the outset of the work.

"The (conservation) agreements stated initially that the maintenance and management would require little to no investment from the city, but shortly into the development of the project the system became more costly and challenging," she told the council Tues-

D'Agosta said the city spends some \$350,000 annually on clearing overabundant cattails and performing other necessary maintenance. In 2018, the city removed 16 tons of cattails over eight weeks in summer and had to return in winter with mowing equipment.

Meanwhile, data provided by the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District show mosquito counts are on the rise. In 2015, when the wetland area was still new, the district counted fewer than 200 insects in Fairview Park traps. By the following year, the count rose to 1,684.

Although only 262 mosquitoes were counted last vear, in 2020 more than 800 insects have so far been counted in traps. Higher populations could pose a health risk to residents as Orange County West Nile cases also rise.

As of Monday, 329 mosquito samples countywide had tested positive for West Nile virus — a 37% increase over 2019 totals and 68% above figures calculated in 2018. Some 17 human cases of the virus have been reported so far this year, compared to seven last year and 11 the prior year.

In Costa Mesa this year, three mosquito samples and three dead birds have tested positive for West Nile, while one nonlethal human case has been recorded. No insect or birds were found with the virus inside city limits in 2018

and 2019. Costa Mesa resident Bill



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

POOR WATER circulation at Fairview Park Wetlands has caused algae to overbloom, while cattails grow along pond shores, creating conditions ripe for mosquitoes.

Turpit has been following the wetlands project since plans started coming to fruition in 2007. On Tuesday, he credited faulty design and construction for "fundamental deficiencies" in the wetland system that have contributed to the mosquito problem.

City staff estimated Thursday Costa spent about \$4.7 million to build the wetland area. The ponds and water delivery systems were completed by Orange County contractor Land Forms Landscape Construction, which has since closed operations.

Turpit said improper soil elevation on the site prohibits gravitational flow, while plant overgrowth leaches from the water vital oxygen mosquitofish need to survive.

A float valve and pump intended to recirculate water from one end of the system to the other were never installed, he continued, causing excess flows to spill out onto a western portion of the property near adjacent Talbert Park residents call Swamp.

"It's kind of like building a highway but forgetting to build the bridges," he said. "It appears that the city accepted the wetland system without it being constructed according

Mayor Pro Tem John Stephens said several neighbors have told him they cannot go outside their homes without getting swarmed by mosquitoes. The situation is not only creating a health issue but draining city fi-

"I think this could be one of those situations where if we don't make a capital investment, we'll continue to suffer a year over year operating loss," he said. "The time is now to be aggressive about it."

City officials agreed to form a working group with neighbors and experts who could determine the most economic and effective way to immediately address the problems.

Mayor Katrina Folev asked to convene a closed session meeting later this month to discuss possible legal remedies, and said she favored taking decisive action.

"I actually was on the council in 2007 when they made those promises to us," Foley said. "We need to have an action plan ... so that the council knows sooner rather than later what we need to do to move forward to fix the problem."

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faced this year, the recent bitter political campaign being another. Two of the three elected to the City Council last week — Dan Kalmick and Natalie Moser - attended Friday's event. Tito Ortiz, the leading votegetter among 15 candidates for three spots on the City Council, was not present.

Semeta said she hoped community would reach out to the three newcomers and show a spirit of collaboration. As for leading the city in 2020, she said it has been like "constantly threading a needle."

"We had so many different opinions on should we keep the beaches open or should we close them," Semeta said. "Should we mandate the wearing of masks, and how we were managing the demonstrations? Should we have public comments in person at our council meetings or not? The opinions differed widely, but I thought the city did a good job of trying to go down the middle and balance those interests. Not everyone was happy all the time, but I hope that we achieved that overall.'

Semeta pointed to successes like the Junior Lifeguards program, which continued with contact tracing and safety protocols put in place by the Huntington Beach Fire Department.

"We didn't have a single transmission of COVID with all of those families, all of those children that came day after day," she said. "It was a real success and it made our city very proud."

Renovations at Murdy Community Center were recently completed, and this week the city launched a renovation project at Edison Community Center, the first improvement project there since the center was dedicated in 1973. The city also held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its homeless Navigation Center earlier this month.

Carr, who will become mayor next year, said she hoped to emulate Semeta's "steady hand" as a leader of a City Council that was often divided. She started off her speech with a joke,

noting that the event was being held on Friday the "I want to know what

joker picked this date, of all days," she said. "I think that pretty much sums up 2020."

Carr said small business owners in Huntington Beach have been courageous and gritty in 2020, though she conceded that COVID-19 will dictate how the city does business for most of next year as well.

"We as a community owe it to these businesses, and we owe it to ever resident who has made huge sacrifices during this pandemic, to do our part," Carr said. "This means leading by example and practicing the three 'W's — wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your distance ... Wearing a mask should not be a political issue. It's science.'

Carr said she sees 2021 as an opportunity to heal the community and develop a new respect for one another. She referenced the Human Relations Task Force, which is chaired by Moser and hosted a five-part community summit series over the summer.

"During that series, I heard a phrase over and over again that I truly appre-

ciated," she said. "That is, 'Speak without offending and listen without defending.' That's something that I think we all could benefit from after a long, brutal year that included protests, economic beach closures, wildfires, a very long political season and so on.

"I'm asking the community to restore that 'Aloha' spirt and bring back the Surf City vibe that we all love and celebrate."

Carr said various park improvements are in store in 2021, including restoring the railing at Bluff Top Park and creating a flagship playground at Central Park West. She also wants to bring more City Hall services online, and completely revamp the city website.

Chi, who will enter his second full year as city manager in 2021, said he also has hope for the future.

"Across Orange County, everybody's trying to do their best to respond," he said. "I know that Huntington Beach will be able to show that we are the brightest gem in the crown that is Orange County."

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An entry from Laguna Beach's Pageant of the Masters, produced by the nonprofit Festival of the Arts, features 24 mini-masterpieces hand painted by Director Diane Challis Davy as well as VIP tickets to next year's "Made in America" event and a behind-thescenes tour for six.

Organizers of the Newport Beach Film Festival designed a surfer-themed display inspired by this year's opening film "A Life of Endless Summers: The Bruce Brown Story," about two surfers on a quest for the perfect wave. It includes a movie poster autographed by Brown and two all-access passes to the 2021 festival.

Just a few trees over, an oceanic tree recognizes Laguna Beach artist and conservationist Robert Wyland star of the PBS show "Wyland's Art Studio" and offers the winning bidder a whale-watching excursion with the artist him-

A major participant in the event, Segerstrom Center for the Arts and several of its guilds submitted entries that give visitors a peek at the many aspects of the nonprofit's programs and offerings. Themes include creative takes on "Swan Lake," "The Nut-cracker" and "Star Light, Star Bright."

Segerstrom Center President Casey Reitz said volunteers had a blast creating tributes to the ballet, Broadway and the power of imagination.

"This is such a gracious and touching gesture on the part of South Coast Plaza to local arts organizations — and at such a crucial time for us," Reitz said by email. "We hope that these works of art bring joy to many people. What a wonderful and encouraging way for us to start the holidays."

Located in South Coast Plaza's Pavilion in the north parking structure, the exhibition is free and open to

the public during the censhopping ter's regular hours.

The online auction goes live Saturday at scparts .givesmart.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Residential Design Standards Code and LCP Amendments – Amendments to Title 20 (Zoning Code) and Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) revising development shadards applicable to single- and two-unit residential development. Specifically, the proposed amendments would reduce bulk and mass associated with future residential development. Specifically the proposed amendments would reduce bulk and mass associated with future residential development as follows:

Revisions to Third Floor Standards

- Third floor step backs would apply to covered deck areas (currently applies only to enclosed
- floor area).

 Third floor side step backs would apply to lots 30 feet wide or greater (currently applies to lots wider than 30 feet).

 Maximum covered third floor area (enclosed or unenclosed) limited to 50 percent of buildable area. Uncovered deck area would remain unrestricted.

 Third floor step back standards (front and rear) would apply to 25-foot wide or less lots zoned R-2 (currently exempt).
- Third floor step back standards (front and rear) would apply to 25-foot wide or less lots zoned R-2 (currently exempt).
 Third floor step back standards (front, rear, and sides) would apply to single- and two-unit dwellings in Multiple Residential (RM) zone (currently exempt).

Clarification of Gross Floor Area

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 Unfinished attics with a ceiling height of 6 feet or higher would count as floor area (currently only finished attics count).
 Covered patios, decks, and balconies above the first floor would count as floor area unless completely open on at least two sides, rather than one side.
 Carports only open on one side would count as floor area.

Single-Unit and Two-Unit Dwellings in the R-BI Zone Third floor and open volume standards applicable to R-1 and R-2 zones would now apply to single- and two-unit dwellings in Two-Unit Residential, Balboa Island (R-BI) zone.

single- and two-unit dwellings in 1 two-unit residential, Balboa Island (R-BI) zone.
Pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA),
the amendments are statutorily exempt from the CEQA in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA
and State CEQA guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378. The proposed action is
also exempt from the CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the general
rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on
the environment.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on September 17, 2020, by a vote of (5-2), the Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed amendments.

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 <u>provided</u>. Prior to the public hearing the agenda, staff report, and documents may be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at <u>www.newportbeachca.gov</u>. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. For questions regarding details of the project please contact Jaime Murillo, Principal Planner, at 949-644-3209, membeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA.

Project File No.: PA2019-070 Coastal Land Use Plan: Various Location: Citywide

Activity No.: CA2019-004 and LC2019-006 General Plan: Various Filing Date: May 14, 2019 Applicant: City of Newport Beach

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to the California Self Service Storage Facility Act (B&P Code 21700 ET seq.) The undersigned will sell at public auction on Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 3:30 pm Personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools and/or other household items located at: The sale will take place online at www.selfstorageauction.com

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 10. 2020, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DING CHAPTER 17.40 (LIVE AROARDS) OF TITLE 17 (HARBOR CODE) OF THE NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE AND OTHER RELATED

The Ordinance, among other things, amends the definition of Live-Aboard, adds language to expand live-aboards in commercial marinas under certain circumstances, ensures all vessels are capable of operating from their berthing place, clarifies that only offshore moorings are subject to a 7% limitation (commercial marinas would not be subject to limitations on the number of live-aboards allowed), and clarifies where anchored vessels are allowed.

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 10th day of November, 2020, by the following vote

AYES:

Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Avery, Council Member Joy Brenner, Council Member Diane Dixon, Council Member

NAYS: RECUSED:

Council Member Duffy Duffield Council Member Jeff Herdman

ABSENT: The Ordinance shall become final and effective

thirty (30) days after adoption Dated this 11th day of November, 2020.

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



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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 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. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following

Residences at 4400 Von Karman Project – Notice of Intent to Override the Airport Land Use Commission Determination of Inconsistency - The consideration of adopting a resolution of intent to notify the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission and the CalTrans Division of Aeronautics of the City's intention to override the Airport Land Use Commission's determination that the proposed Residences at 4400 Von Karman Project is inconsistent with the 2008 John Wayne Airport Environs Land Use Plan. The Residences at 4400 Von Karman Project includes 312 apartment units atop a 825-space parking garage, a separate 284-space, free-standing parking structure, an approximately one-acre public park, and the reconfiguration of existing surface parking lots serving existing office buildings. The project would be located within the Koll Center Newport Professional and Business Office Site B, generally located between Von Karman and Birch Street in the vicinity of John Wayne Airport. The City Council may also discuss the merits of the proposal, but they will not be taking final action on

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this resolution is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEOA Guidelines because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly

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. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. 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. Prior to the public hearing the agenda, staff report, and documents may be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office. 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application.

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 City Council consideration by sending them cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov. To give the City Council adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Monday, November 23, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. In addition, members of the public will have the ability to participate in this meeting telephonically. Please review the Agenda for further instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov, by end of business day on **Friday, November 20, 2020**. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact City Clerk at 949-644-3005 <u>cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov</u> and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Rosalinh Ung, Principal Planner, at 949-644-3208 or rung@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA.

Project File No.: PA2020-061

Activity Nos.: DA2020-002, LA2020-002,

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PC 15 Koll Center (Professional and Business Office Site B)

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General Plan:

4400 Von Karman Avenue

Applicant: TPG (KCN) Acquisition, LLC



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

TRAVEL

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all collectively increase our efforts at this time to keep the virus at bay and save lives," Newsom said.

Current state guidelines prohibit large gatherings, but that smaller ones of no more than three households, which includes both the host and guests attending, may be held outdoors. Other recommendations suggest limiting gatherings to two hours or less and for physical distancing and face coverings to be required.

In Orange County, cases have jumped by 598 cases, making the total number of cases 64,058, according to the Orange County Health Care Agency. Two deaths were also re-

ported Friday. The total number of deaths in the county is now 1,522. Area hospitals are reporting that there are currently

244 cases hospitalized with at least 95 of those cases in intensive care units. An estimated 56,018 have

recovered. Data on Friday shows Or-

ange County still remains in the thresholds for its current tier, which it has been in since Sept. 8.

The current adjusted daily case rate per every 100,000 is 5.6 and the health equity quartile positivity rate, which tracks test positivity rates in disadvantaged communities, is 5.5%.



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County health officials

have shifted their focus to

maintaining their place in

the current tier to avoid

backsliding into the "wide-

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Here are the latest cumu-

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lative coronavirus case

deaths for select cities in

• Santa Ana: 12,230 cases;

· Anaheim: 10.980 cases:

• Costa Mesa: 2,177 cases;

• Irvine: 2,134 cases; 14

• Newport Beach: 1,318

• Fountain Valley: 634

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Orange County:

• Huntington

cases; 26 deaths

2,811 cases; 86 deaths

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cases; 21 deaths

• Laguna Beach: 267 cases; fewer than five deaths

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

• 0 to 17: 4,868 cases; one death

• 18 to 24: 9,552 cases; five deaths

• 25 to 34: 13,748 cases; 21

deaths • 35 to 44: 10,168 cases; 40

deaths • 45 to 54: 10,320 cases;

118 deaths • 55 to 64: 7,725 cases; 211

deaths

• 65 to 74: 3,891 cases; 301 deaths

• 75 to 84: 2,111 cases; 330 deaths

• 85 and older: 1,627 cases; 495 deaths

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL



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PACIFICA CHRISTIAN point guard Houston Mallette speaks before signing his letter of intent with Pepperdine University on Thursday.

Pacifica Christian O.C. point guard **Houston Mallette Pepperdine-bound**

BY MATT SZABO

The first words that Pacifica Christian Orange County boys' basketball coach Jeff Berokoff used in introducing senior guard Houston Mallette on Thursday afternoon were the simplest.

"I love you," Berokoff said, repeating it a couple of times.

Berokoff called Mallette the most impactful player the Tritons have had in their young program, before rattling off that Mallette will end up as the program's all-time leader in points, assists, rebounds and three-pointers

But his leadership goes beyond that, as the only senior in the program this year. It also extends to the classroom, where Mallette has a 3.96 grade-point average.

There's a lot to love about Mallette, who shared his college plans at a signing ceremony in the Pacifica Christian gymnasium. Mallette announced his commitment to play men's basketball at Pepperdine University, before signing his National Letter of Intent to join the Waves and coach Lorenzo Romar.

It makes sense that a Triton would choose the Waves. Even the school's color schemes both have orange and blue in them.

"I've stayed in close contact with [Romar]," Mallette said. "I really love him a lot, and on top of that, the academic piece is fantastic ... It should be a lot of fun."

Mallette, a two-time first-team All-San Joaquin League, two-time Daily Pilot Dream Team and two-time All-CIF Southern Section selection, had to pivot quickly.

He had committed to Penn State in May but recently decommitted after Nittany Lions coach Pat Chambers resigned amid controversy on Oct. 21.

Mallette, who averaged 15.7 points, seven rebounds and 4.9 assists per game as a junior, had plenty of other options. His father Wes, a senior associate athletics director at UC Riverside, said Houston was contacted by 41 colleges after decommitting from Penn State.

Pepperdine and Loyola of Chicago rose to the top, but he ultimately chose to stay in Southern California with the Waves

Wes Mallette, who married Houston's stepmother Onita Mihley last year, moved with Houston from the Bay Area to Southern California in 2018 when he got the UC Riverside

Houston had just completed his freshman year at Salesian College Prep in Richmond, helping the Pride go 30-2 and win the CIF North Coast Section Division 3 title.

"That move was really hard," Wes Mallette said. "You're leaving Salesian, everything you know is in the Bay, and you're coming down here to a program that is really just starting. I said, 'This is an opportunity for you to make an impact, help the program grow and help build a culture within the school.' You know,

I'm so proud of him. Every day being his dad

Houston said he's excited to team up again with Mike Mitchell, a 6-3 guard who signed with Pepperdine from Archbishop Mitty High in San Jose. Mallette and Mitchell played together for two years in eighth and ninth grade on the Oakland Soldiers club basket-

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, Mallette said he wants to end his high school career with the Tritons on a winning note. Pacifica Christian made the CIF Southern Section Division 2A quarterfinals last year and shared its first league title in program history but lost seven seniors to graduation, including Dream Team Player of the Year Judah Brown, who's now at St. Mary's College.

"My biggest thing this year is that I want to get guys to believe they can do something they don't believe they can do right now,"

"I want to get them to believe in the unimaginable. I feel like that's how we'll be able to win. I had the opportunity to transfer, and turned all of [the schools] down. I'm loyal to Jeff Berokoff and I love him, and I just want to be able to go out here and win games, show these guys as a senior leader just how great a team we can be. I'm excited for that."

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SIGNING DAY

Ceremony honors Sailors headed to next level

BY ANDREW TURNER

Newport Harbor High School held off until the end of the week to celebrate its athletes going on to the next level, but it was worth the wait for the athletes that participated.

The fall signing period began on Wednesday, but Newport Harbor was a rare school that honored its athletes with an in-person, albeit brief, ceremony on Friday.

"It was good to be in person and to see everyone there, have the people watching," said Eliana Gottlieb, who signed with the Oregon State softball program. "That felt great, especially with going back to school, it's good to be able to see everyone again and kind of start to return to how things are."

Gottlieb, who previously committed to the University of Minnesota, said that she is excited to be playing for Beavers head coach and former Olympian Laura Berg.

Aquatics was well represented among the Sailors signing or committing. Olivia Giolas, a center, signed with the USC women's water polo program. Eli Liechty will be headed to UCLA for men's water polo.

"I'm stoked," Giolas said. "When I got the opportunity to talk to USC, and when I officially committed and now signed, I [knew] that was a program that I really wanted to be a part of. I wanted to play water polo really



at the highest level possible, and I knew that that program would take me up and be able to pro-

Then there were rowers Gabrielle Babin (Clemson), Miya Meskis (Cal) and Bella Tobin (Southern Methodist University). The Newport Aquatic Center products were coached by Garrett Pickard.

vide that for me."

"Definitely a lot of excitement," Babin said. "I would say we've all worked really hard for this. Women's rowing gets recruited a lot, but it doesn't mean you don't have to work hard.

"I've been rowing with them for the past four years, and they are some of the hardest working girls I know. It's definitely been a

fight, and I'm so proud to be a part of the women's rowing here at Newport Aquatic Center and get to know all of them and really work hard."

Brendan Read had his only season of varsity volleyball to this point cut short by the pandemic. The Pepperdine-bound libero gained inspiration from watching the 2019 Newport Harbor team that won the CIF Southern Section Division 1 title against Manhattan Beach Mira Costa, saying, "That set the standard."

Setter Joe Karlous, a captain on that team, was a big reason why Read chose Pepperdine.

"He's been such a big role model for me, so I think that played into why I wanted to go to

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Brendan Read,

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Pepperdine," said Read, who also plays for Balboa Bay Volleyball Club. "I want to play under his leadership, and I also really like the coaching staff there.

Reese Bodas, a high-scoring striker, signed with the Boise State women's soccer program. Joelle Rothbard is headed to San Diego State for women's lacrosse, and Will O'Neill signed with the USC baseball program.

Newport Harbor girls' golf coach Scott Tarnow said Friday that Cathy Tong, who won the CIF Individual Southern Regional tournament last year, is signing with Cal State Monterey Bay.

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TENNIS

MacCallum, Lynn each reach finals in Junior Sectionals tourney

BY MATT SZABO

The 118th annual United States Tennis Assn. Southern California Junior Sectionals tournament was one of the biggest on the calendar for 2020.

But calendars in 2020 have had to be written in pencil, not

The prestigious Level 1 tournament was postponed from June to November during the coronavirus pandemic. It was set to be completed last weekend at Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego, but championship matches in each age division were rained out on Sunday.

Still, Laguna Beach's Jessica MacCallum and Newport Beach's Rebecca Lynn have had impressive runs to the final and earned a shot to take home the championship hardware.

No. 5-seeded MacCallum advanced to the girls' 16 singles final, where she will play No. 2 Emily Deming of Fallbrook. Topseeded Lynn will face No. 5 Isabella Chhiv of Irvine in the girls' 18 singles final.

Both championship matches are now set for Nov. 20 in Palm Springs, before the start of the Final Eight tournament that takes place in the desert that weekend.

MacCallum, a 14-year-old freshman at Laguna Beach High, advanced to her first Junior Sectionals final in singles, though she won it in doubles two years ago with partner Lexie Flores of Riverside.

"I'm a perfectionist, so when things aren't perfect, I tend to get frustrated," MacCallum said. "But I've tried to just keep calm and let my opponents kind of beat themselves up. You have to be your own best friend on the court. I've been a lot more positive lately, and I think that's one of the things that really helped me in this tournament.'

MacCallum has yet to drop a set in the tournament. Her run included a 6-3, 6-2 win over topseeded Lucinda Gatsiounis of Studio City in the semifinals.

"I went into the match not really having any expectations," she said. "I mean, she was favored in the draw and I wasn't expected to win anything. I was just going out wanting to play a good match. I didn't want to give her an easy run into the finals."

Lynn, 16, is a high school junior in a hybrid study program split between Fusion Academy of Huntington Beach and online school through Laurel Springs. Similarly to MacCallum, she has breezed through her draw without dropping a set.

Lynn beat Mika Ikemori of Huntington Beach 6-1, 6-1 in the girls' 18s semifinals. She credited improvements in her footwork and serve over the last couple of years with helping her take her game to the next level.

"I love competing every point, working as hard as I can to just get to the next level and keep improving," Lynn said. "I was able to play some great girls [in this tournament]. It's great to be back in competition again; I really missed it. I've been feeling good lately and I'm really excited

to keep competing." Before COVID-19 hit, Lynn said she was playing International Tennis Foundation tournaments around the world. However, she has stayed closer to home lately.

"My parents don't really want me to travel right now, so I've been training and competing in these local tournaments," she said. "It's a really great setup. It's so awesome that I live in Southern California, I'm really fortunate.'

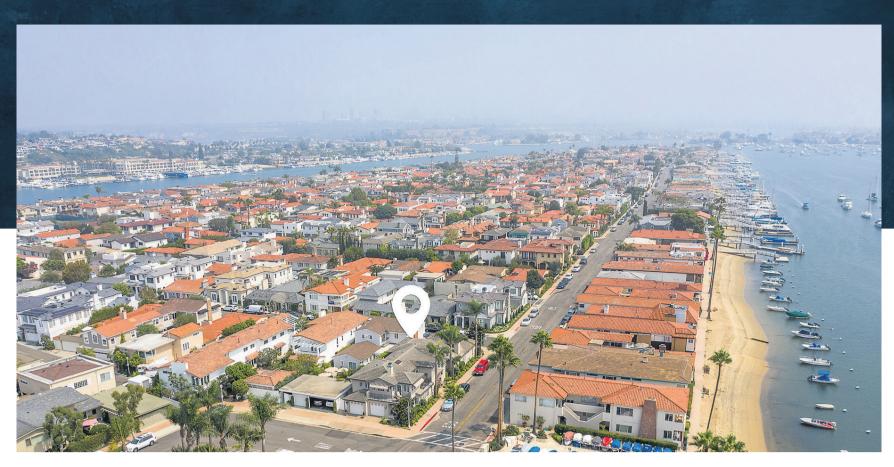
David Duong of Fountain Valley was another local player to advance to at least the semifinals of a Junior Sectionals draw.

Duong, the No. 3 seed in the boys' 14s, lost to No. 2-seeded Mason Bui of Yorba Linda 6-2, 7-5 in the semifinals.

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The McCormick Group Market Update

Douglas Elliman



Reduced Price | 412 Via Lido Soud, Lido Isle | \$4,895,000 | 5 BR, 5.5 BA | Approx. 4,569sf | Web# NP20192855



New Construction Listing | 309 Anade, Newport Beach | \$3,495,000 | 4 BR, 5 BA | Approx. 2,352sf | Web# NP20171812



Sold | Represented Buyer & Seller 901 Zurich Circle, Lido Isle | Sold Price \$5,300,000 3 BR, 3 BA | Approx. 3,190sf | Elevator | **Web# NP20167141**



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