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**DEONNE CULLEN**, a vocational nurse from Hoag Medical Group, administers a Phizer vaccine shot to a client at the Oasis Senior Center clinic.

# Newport opens up its first vaccine clinic for seniors

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

As the effort to vaccinate residents throughout Orange County continues, Newport Beach stepped up Tuesday afternoon to help fill the gap for residents who can't make it to vaccine super points-of-dispensing sites.

The city held its first community vaccine clinic at the OASIS Senior Center in partnership with Hoag Presbyterian Hospital, which allocated about 300 doses of the Pfizer vaccine to be distributed to Newport Beach residents older than 65.

Newport Beach spokesman John Pope said city staff reached out to eligible individuals via phone and email and signed them up for appointments.

City officials said there are currently no plans to make the clinic ongoing. Second doses are scheduled for April 13.

"Today is an important moment for this community and Hoag is privileged to partner with the city of Newport Beach as we provide COVID-19 vaccines to the senior population," said Marcy Brown, the senior vice president and chief hospital operations officer at Hoag in a statement, "especially those who have had limited access to obtaining it."

"We are proud of the passion and commitment of our staff and our city partners to vaccinate community members in need," Brown said. Orange County is currently vaccinating those over the age of 65, first responders and those working in healthcare,

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**LIFEGUARD CARLY CHRISTIAN**, left, and Hoag nurse Cullen, right, help a patient to her feet at the Oasis Senior Center community vaccine clinic hosted by the city of Newport Beach on Tuesday.

# 'Days of Dialogue' arrive at Huntington Beach, F.V. highs

#### BY MATT SZABO

"We fear each other because we don't know each other." — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fountain Valley High School senior Ciello Chavarria said she thinks of this quote when she thinks of "Days of Dialogue," the weeklong virtual program being presented to students at Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach high schools this week.

Ciello is the FVHS Barons

Bridge Builders president this year, and the group is coordinating the Days of Dialogue effort along with Huntington Beach High Bridges students.

The two organizations are part of the larger Orange County Human Relations Bridges program, a nonprofit social justice organization in the county. Ciello is one of three student board members on the O.C. Human Relations Bridges board.

"It's really hard to not like

someone and to stereotype someone when you know them and you build compassion for

them as a person," Ciello said.
"You begin to understand
their experiences, and I think
that's what Days of Dialogue is,
learning about other experiences
and sharing about your experiences. That's why it's been so
meaningful to me, because it's
been a space where I can learn
about my peers on a very deep
level and share about my own

experiences, and feel like I belong as well."

Day of Dialogue, which was canceled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, is typically a daylong event at each of the high schools, Fountain Valley Bridge Builders advisor Janet Marquez said.

About 20 speakers would go classroom to classroom at Fountain Valley, while it was held at

See **Dialogue,** page A2

# Hashing out plan for pot sales, delivery

Costa Mesa planners approve an ordinance defining where and how retail cannabis businesses may operate.

#### **BY SARA CARDINE**

After multiple lengthy discussions on regulating retail cannabis businesses in Costa Mesa under Measure Q, passed by voters in November, the city's planning commission on Monday recommended a draft ordinance that will soon go before the City Council for approval.

The ordinance attempts to regulate where dispensaries and marijuana delivery services may operate inside commercial zones, stipulating they would not be allowed within 1,000 feet of child-care centers, K-12 schools, playgrounds and homeless shelters, identified as "sensitive uses."

Planning commissioners removed an explicit direction that retail marijuana sales and delivery may not take place within 600 feet of a youth center — locations where minors learn, study, congregate and socialize — choosing instead to defer to state laws that already imply as much.

Business owners must seek a conditional use permit to open storefronts or non-storefront delivery services which, under the new proposal, cannot open within 500 feet of another existing retail cannabis operation.

One exception would be businesses already processing, manufacturing or distributing cannabis in accordance with 2016 voterapproved Measure X. Should

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## Newport Beach-based LEAD OC receives \$25,000 donation

The grant was presented Monday by the nonprofit's co-founder Nate Fikse of Northwestern Mutual.

#### BY MATT SZABO

Nate Fikse may have moved to Colorado about 18 months ago, but he hasn't forgotten that he's from Orange County.

Fikse, an Esperanza High School graduate who went on to play football as a kicker at UCLA and in the NFL, is one of the cofounders of Newport Beachbased nonprofit LEAD OC.

On Monday, Fikse was back in town. The financial advisor presented a \$25,000 check to LEAD OC at the group's charity golf tournament at SeaCliff Country Club in Huntington Beach.

The donation was made as part of Fikse winning a Northwestern Mutual Community Service Award, one of 16 awarded nationwide by the financial company

each year.
"It was a no-brainer," said
Fikse, a financial advisor with
Northwestern Mutual. "When we

originally created the organization, the focus was, how can we organically make sure that Orange County would be taken care of? How can we make sure that our legacy is going to be continued, not only when we're around but our kids?"

LEAD OC was founded in 2012. Co-founder Brian Davis, who lives in Huntington Beach, said the group seeks to alleviate financial burdens of nonprofits in the Orange County area that support children and military families. They seek to provide a platform for local executives to combine resources to support these organizations.

Because LEAD OC technically has no staff and is run on a volunteer basis, the overhead is non-existent, Davis said.

All of the money raised at Monday's golf event, estimated at

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**JOEY PAULK**, left, Brian Davis, Nate Fikse, Ross Bourne and Gary Ghazarian come together on stage during a golf tournament at SeaCliff Country Club to raise money for LEAD OC, a Newport Beach-based nonprofit.

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NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to submit them with the AGREN LAW FIRM. PC, 2600 Michelson, Suite 770, Irvine, California 92612. You are required to file your claim by mailing or delivering a copy to Shannon James as successor trustee of the trust dated May 4, 1987 wherein the decedent was Settlor, at 2600 Michelson, Suite 770, Irvine, California 92612, within the later of four months after 3/10/2021 (date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, AS PROVIDED IN Section 9100 of the California Probate Code, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the California Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Dated: February 24, 2021 AGREN LAW FIRM, PC

By: S/ Carl F. Agren, Attorney for Successor Trustee

Shannon James 3/10, 3/17, 3/24/21

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T.S. No.: 2020-1105 Loan No.: WILSON APN: 930-684-21 Property Address: 117 East Wilson Avenue #3, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/10/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashler's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: IHAB ELZEINI, A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: WESTERN FIDELITY TRUSTEES Recorded 8/22/2017 as Instrument No. 2017-000354263 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder. reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: IHAB ELZEINI, A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: WESTERN FIDELITY TRUSTEES Recorded 8/22/2017 as Instrument No. 2017-000354263 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, California, Date of Sale: 4/5/2021 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the north front entrance to the county courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$132,198.18 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 117 East Wilson Avenue #3 Costa Mesa, CA 92627 A.P.N.: 930-684-21 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lies you are considering bidding on this property lies you are considering bidding on this property lies on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date sh

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHRISTOPHER HICKOCK** 30-2021-01189286-PR-LA-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

CHRISTOPHER HICKOCK. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CYNTHIA MUNSON in the Superior Court of

California, County of **ORANGE**. **THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that CYNTHIA MUNSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause

why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST,

SANTA ANA, CA 92701

(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using the court's designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court's website at <a href="http://www.occourts.org/media-">http://www.occourts.org/media-</a> relations/probate-mental-health.html to appear for probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for

**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the Petitioner: CALVIN BRYNE, ESQ LAW OFFICES OF KIRK McINTOSH 129 W. WILSON ST., STE 105 COSTA MESA, CA 92627 (949) 650<del>-</del>2827 Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 3/24. 3/26. & 3/31/2021

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ERIC SAMSON

CASE NO. 30-2021-01188142-PR-PW-CJC To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent

creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ERIC SAMSON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PETER ROSENBERG, VICTOR R. SHAMES, BRIAN E. RAFTERY in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PETER ROSENBERG, VICTOR R. SHAMES, BRIAN E. RAFTERY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/21 at 10:30AM in Dept. C08 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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#### **DIALOGUE**

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Huntington Beach as part of the school's Social Justice Week.

This year, it has been expanded to four days — hence the plural "Days" of Dialogue and the schools are working collaboratively for the first time on the event.

The sessions, which started Tuesday and continue through Friday, will be shown via Zoom to 87 classes both during and after school hours.

They are aimed at facilitating intimate discussions on social issues.

Along with members of HBHS Bridges and FVHS Bridge Builders, students from both school's ASB programs, as well as UC Irvine's Diversity, Inclusion and Racial Healing program (DIRHA), will accompany the presenters and host the meetings.

One discussion will be on COVID-19 and Anti-Asian Racism. The presenter will be Julie Vue, the director of Youth and Education Programs for Orange County Human Relations.

Another presentation on economic and racial justice will be presented by Irene Rivera and Desiree Sanchez of the ACLU.

Sandra Robbie, the writer and producer of the Emmy Award-winning PBS documentary "Mendez vs. Westminster: For All The Children," will speak on the 1947 Orange County desegregation case that inspired

the documentary. A presentation by officials from the LGBTQ Center Orange County will focus on the history of the LGBTQ rights movement.

Overall, more than 20 topics will be addressed.

Kailee Maechtle, president of the HBHS Bridges group, which is advised by Kimberly McGlaughlin, said it's hard to overstate what Bridges has meant to

"I found it really hard to keep hope in the world when there's so many bad things happening, but then I got to meet so many people who shared the same passions and values as me," Kailee said.

"We got to make direct change on our campus and with our community. I can't even describe all of the opportunities I've been given with this program, but I absolutely love it. It means a lot to me."

Marquez, the longtime advisor of the FVHS Baron Bridge Builders program, definitely shares the same sentiment.

She said the program is

looking for funding for next year and beyond to cover its \$5,000 cost per year.

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The Huntington Beach High Bridges program began in 2006 with a grant from the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force, McGlaughlin said, and funding since then has been provided by the HBHS Foundation.

As for Days of Dialogue, students and advisors are hoping for productive interaction. But the program was already a difference-maker before it began, Fountain Valley High English teacher Lauren Bielefeld said in an email.

"I talked about what 'Day of Dialogue' is, and showed my third period the list of sessions," Bielefeld said.

"Then after I finished helping a student with something, he asked, 'Can white people experience racism or prejudice?' We talked about it. I asked him what brought it up, and he said that in addition to what has been happening recently, looking at the sessions and having a brief about discussion 'COVID-19 and Anti-Asian' session made him want to ask. I thought that was really cool!"

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#### **GRANT**

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more than \$200,000, went to benefit UCLA Operation Mend, which provides support for U.S. military who have been wounded in combat or are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injuries.

Davis said that LEAD OC has raised nearly \$4 million since it began.

"Our gala every year is for children's charities, then we have our golf tournament that focuses on Wounded Warriors and our warrior community," he said.

"We don't pay any money to consignment companies, and we don't do anything without everything being paid for in advance. A lot of

charity events, you'll have these trips and crazy auction items, but a lot of that money goes to the auction companies. We choose to have a much more modest event, but every single penny that's raised at our events goes directly to the charities.'

Ross Bourne, a co-founder and past president of LEAD OC who lives in Costa Mesa, said the more hands-on approach has helped the organization.

LEAD OC has partnerships with nonprofits like Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County, Think Together, Olive Crest and Ronald McDonald House.

"I'm in real estate, and [Davis] does a lot of real estate stuff," Bourne said.

'There's a ton of real estate organizations we could be involved in and network, [but] we were kind of done with the networking thing. It really wasn't any organizations that helped the community or focused on the community. It was all about business cards, that type of stuff. That's really how LEAD OC came about.

"We started going to our friends and saying, 'Hey, let's start something where we're going to have a platform.' Since we were all starting to have kids, we said, 'Let's start something for kids, where we can raise money for children's chari-

Fikse, the former kicker, was happy to help kick off what has been almost a decade of giving.

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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 <i>sudoku.org.uk</i> .											
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#### For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

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Tribune Media Services

# In a post-COVID world, what's to become of our seniors?

o put it bluntly, a year ago this month, Orange County seniors became "ground zero" of the coronavirus crisis.

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A that time, life was turned upside down for our county's older residents. Not only were COVID-19 deaths nationwide mostly among the older and vulnerable, but local support systems in place for seniors ceased to exist. Meals on Wheels Orange County programs such as hot lunch cafés at senior centers, home visits by volunteers and adult day care centers instantly shut down.

Older adults in O.C. were now homebound, even if they were previously active. And they were panicked — scared to go out of their homes — and when they did venture out to the store for essentials, they found store shelves bare.

So a year later, what is the new reality for our older citizens? The number of seniors in the county is projected to nearly double in the next 20 years, when one in four residents will be 65 or older.

Many will remain homebound. While younger seniors will return to active social lives, it will be much different for many older seniors. We're seeing some indications of continued fear — even with the vaccines — due to variants and other factors.

More seniors will choose to "age in place." Remaining at home was already a pre-pandemic trend, but there will be steady, increased demand for more home- and communitybased services.

Isolation and loneliness will increase. Prior to COVID-19, approximately 25% of older adults were socially isolated, and this number is growing. After months of sitting at home, many are now relying on walkers and wheelchairs, and we and our partners have observed cognitive deterioration, greater sadness and depression. Other seniors have rapidly deteriorated following the death of a spouse.

And yet there is hope. As a society, we can address these issues.

First, we must continue to expand safety-net services like those we provide at Meals on Wheels O.C. to fight food insecurity. To put this in perspective, we have seen a 600% increase in "grab and go" meals we are serving through senior centers, and we've increased the number receiving traditional home-delivered meals by 40%. The number of older adults living below the poverty level is growing, and these individuals will rely on us long past the pandemic.

Second, there is a growing need to provide social connections and supports for seniors. For all the reasons shared above, many older adults will remain homebound and participation at senior and adult day care centers will be slow to return. This means they will need food, visitation, physical therapy, access to senior-friendly technology and more.





Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**VALERY MORENO** with Above All Catering, delivers for Meals on Wheels Orange County to Lillian Modzeleski of Costa Mesa on March 3. The number of seniors in the county is projected to nearly double in the next 20 years.

For our part, Meals on Wheels O.C. makes visits and check-ins part of our delivered meals program — a meal *and* a visit, coupled with case management services. We have expanded our services to include telehealth calls, along with guidance and a listening ear for caregivers.

But we all must do more. A truly healthy society values its older people just as much as it values its children.

The open hearts and generosity of others have been a blessing to so many during this time. We must continue to reach out to our

older neighbors — whether by helping an elder we rarely see any more or by volunteering at a senior center or nonprofit that serves older adults. There simply aren't enough government resources to do this without the involvement of the community.

We must also continue to innovate. The pandemic has already been an accelerant for change, including more flexibility with telehealth, relaxed regulations on social services like ours and greater ability to quickly launch new solutions. This must continue.

olutions. This must continue. And finally, additional funding is needed and it needs to come from public and private sources. The recently passed stimulus funding is a much-appreciated boost, but our growing senior population will continue to need resources. Again, in this critical cause, government can only do and provide so much.

To learn how you can help, visit mealsonwheelsOC.org.

HOLLY HAGLER is president and CEO of Meals on Wheels Orange County, a major nonprofit senior nutrition and supportive services provider

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**MEASURE Q** was approved in Costa Mesa, allowing for retail cannabis sales and delivery. On Monday, planning commissioners recommended a draft ordinance for City Council approval.

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those enterprises wish to add non-storefront delivery to their list of services, permitted owners could seek a minor conditional use permit subject to approval by a director, the commissioners determined.

A proposal to deny applications from property owners or businesses that have conducted illegal cannabis operations in Costa Mesa in the past five years was shaved down Monday to 180 days with the added provision such operators reimburse historic costs incurred by the city in seek-

ing punitive actions.

"If an illegal cannabis dispensary is replaced by a legal cannabis dispensary, it seems like, irrespective of how long the illegal dispensary has been there, what we're trying to achieve," said Commissioner John Stephens.

The panel weighed the merits of additional impositions, such as capping the number of businesses allowed and considering a broader range of sensitive uses but decided against it.

"I'm not in favor of a cap, per se," said Chair Byron de Arakal. "If we have the 500-foot distance buffer, I think the number

will kind of regulate itself."
Vice Chair Kedarious
Colbert said he favored the
ordinance in general but
could not support a provision in the document that
would prohibit business
owners from employing
people convicted of a fel-

ony in the last seven years.

He said that, given the disproportionately high number of minority individuals who have incurred nonviolent felony drug charges, such a clause would continue to perpetuate unfair policies that have kept people who have paid their debt to society from becoming productive,

contributing citizens.

"The state of California has criminalized, imprisoned and punished a number of Black and brown people mainly for having nonviolent drug offenses, specifically possession of marijuana," Colbert said, adding such citizens may lack access to attorneys who can seek to have felony convictions withdrawn or expunged.

"Until we remove this [language], we create inherent barriers that we already know are barriers to people who don't have access," he said. "If we can't do that, I won't be supporting it."

Commissioner Jon Zich said he understood Colbert's reservations but believed eliminating the prohibition entirely could open the floodgate to violent felons and those with more serious or troublesome drug convictions.

Other commissioners ex-

pressed an interest in possibly minimizing the number of years former felons would have to wait to seek employment but said establishing such parameters seemed outside the

purview of the council.

Instead, they advised
Colbert to take his concerns directly to the City

Council.

"I think there are smarter people and smarter legal minds, and talented guys like you, who are passionate about it and can drive the policy from a different angle," de Arakal told Colbert

With 4-2 approval (Colbert and Stephens opposed the ordinance, while a latearriving Commissioner Jenna Tourje abstained) the draft ordinance will be heard at a future meeting of the Costa Mesa City Council.

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#### CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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#### HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

### Huntington Beach softball opens season with win over Marina

Devyn Greer struck out 12 over six innings to lead the Huntington Beach High School softball team to an 11-3 victory over visiting Marina on Monday in a season opener.

Emma Francisco had a home run and two runs batted in. Jaylene Duarte McKenna Zehnder each drove in two runs, and Emma McCraw had a pair of doubles for the Oilers.

Huntington Beach's Zoe Prystajko also struck out the side in her one inning in the pitching circle.

#### **BASEBALL**

Fountain Valley 6, Ocean View 2: Chris Quelette went three for four with two runs scored for the Barons in Monday's nonleague game at Fountain Valley High.

Ryder Brooks and Conner DeBenon each drove in two runs for Fountain Valley

Blake Wentz got the win,



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**HUNTINGTON BEACH'S** Devyn Greer celebrates during a CIF Southern Section Division 1 quarterfinal against Norco in May 2018. On Monday, Greer struck out 12 in a game against Marina.

for three with a run scored

allowing two earned runs in 5% innings.

Wentz walked one and struck out three.

Caleb Hohman went two

for Ocean View (0-1-1). **Huntington Beach** Marina 4: Mark Muranaka went two for two with a run batted in for the Oilers in Monday's nonleague season opener at Huntington Beach High.

Marina fell to 0-1-1.

#### **BOYS' VOLLEYBALL**

Calvary Chapel 3, Pacifica Christian 1: The host Eagles defeated the Tritons 25-17, 25-21, 16-25, 25-16 on Monday to take the rematch in a nonleague home-and-home set.

Pacifica Christian (1-1) will take on Cerritos Valley Christian at home on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

#### **BOYS' GOLF**

Huntington Beach won the Ayala Tournament on the South Course at Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills on Monday.

The Oilers had a team total of 393 strokes on the course, which has a par of

Newport Harbor finished fourth with 397 strokes. Senior Caden Dewey led the Sailors in carding a twoover 76.

Sophomores Nick Thayer (78) and Kenny Swanson (79) and seniors John

Herold (80) and Sam Thayer (84) also competed for Newport Harbor.

#### **BOYS' SOCCER**

Edison 3, Ocean View 0: Luke Slavik had a goal and two assists to lead the visiting Chargers in Monday's nonleague match.

Will Hooper and Grayson Marquez also scored for Edison (4-1), which has won four in a row. Ethan Emerson added an assist.

#### **GIRLS' LACROSSE**

Mater Dei 13, Edison 11: Blakely Malpass and Sydney Hoggard each had four goals and one assist for the Chargers in Monday's nonleague match at home.

Ali Bryant, Anna Beachner and Gwen Ontiveros also scored for Edison (1-1), with Bryant adding two assists.

Cailien Gorsuch made

**HOAG NURSE** 

Kristina Kuzma

Center vaccine

clinic on Tuesday.

— From staff reports

administers a vaccine

shot to a patient at the Oasis Senior

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food or education. It is also now distributing vaccines to those older than 16 with chronic or underlying health conditions at its super points-of-dispensing sites at Disneyland, the Anaheim Convention Center and Soka Uni-

As of last Thursday, data indicated that about 430,200 people had been fully vaccinated. Numbers are updated every Thursday.

On Tuesday, the Orange County Health Care Agency reported that current numbers meet the three requirements needed to move the county forward into the next tier in the state's reopening guidelines. That progression could happen as early as next week.

Tier assignments depend on a county's adjusted daily case rate for every 100,000 residents, its test positivity rate and its health equity quartile positivity rate.

Current data indicate that Orange County's adjusted daily case rate is now 3.5 for every 100,000 residents, and its positivity rate equity quartile positivity rate is 3.2%. Counties must log qualifying numbers for at least two weeks before they are able to progress into the next tier and have to remain in that tier for at least three weeks before they are able to move again.

Moving into the orange tier

Amusement parks will also be

Orange County moved into the

Below are the coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for

- Santa Ana: 44,466 cases; 810 deaths
- Anaheim: 41,364 cases; 815
- cases; 205 deaths

has dropped to 2.1%. The health

means bars that don't serve food will be able to reopen outdoors, and indoor capacities can increase for restaurants, museums, zoos, aquariums, places of worship, movie theaters, gyms and fitness centers.

red tier on March 14.

select cities in Orange County:

- deaths
- Costa Mesa: 8,799 cases; 125 deaths



able to expand their capacities to

• Huntington Beach: 10,462

71 deaths • Fountain Valley: 3,445 cases;

• Irvine: 10,319 cases; 80 deaths

• Newport Beach: 3,704 cases;

80 deaths

• Laguna Beach: 816 cases; six Here are the case counts by age

group, followed by deaths:

• 0 to 17: 25,963 cases; one death • 18 to 24: 34,513 cases; 10 • 25 to 34: 49,721 cases; 48

deaths • 35 to 44: 38,860 cases; 102

deaths • 45 to 54: 40,050 cases; 291

deaths • 55 to 64: 31,506 cases; 649

• 75 to 84: 7,941 cases; 1,142

deaths • 65 to 74: 15,679 cases; 902

1,490 deaths

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deaths • 85 and older: 5,366 cases;

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