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County health director warns, 'We will see more younger people die from COVID,' without vaccines

BY SARA CARDINE

While county officials are hopeful about a recent downward trend of new coronavirus infection rates, a steady climb in COVID-19 hospitalizations — particularly among younger residents — has public health leaders banging the drum for more to get vaccinated.

Orange County Health Care Agency Director Dr. Clayton Chau convened a news briefing Friday, during which he explained young people are now more likely to be hospitalized from the virus than their elderly counterparts, in large part because those 65 and older are more likely to have been vac-

cinated.

Agency data show 93% of county residents aged 65 to 74 have received at least one dose of the vaccine, compared to just 65% of residents aged 25 to 34. Hospitals are now reporting the average age of COVID-19 patients are between 35 and 45.

Three more Orange County residents under age 35 reportedly died from the disease this week. Chau said his heart goes out to their families but added this could be the beginning of a new reality.

"The demographics of those who've ended up in the hospital is now skewed toward a younger group," he said. "We've done a very good job in vaccinating our seniors. [But] we will see more younger people who are in the hospital. We will see more younger people die from COVID."

Countywide, about 1.99 million of the county's 3.2 million residents, or about 61.2%, have been fully vaccinated, while another 240,000 have received the first of a two-dose regimen.

While that shows a steady increase over time, it does not meet the basic herd immunity thresholds, let alone the higher thresholds needed to stave off more virulent strains of the virus, which seem to be making young people sicker.

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"Behind Delta, there will be variants that possibly could be more virulent if we don't take this seriously, if we don't ensure people truly get vaccinated."

> - Dr. Clayton Chau Orange County Health Care Agency director



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SHOPPERS FRIDAY hunt for treasures during Gem Faire, a three-day jewelry, gemstone and crystal event at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa.

Council recall effort hits setback in H.B.

BY MATT SZABO

An attempted recall of five members of the Huntington Beach City Council hit a snag this week, as petitioners may have to start over from scratch on a majority of their efforts.

Conservatives who formed a group called Save Surf City did not meet a paperwork deadline on their recall attempts of Mayor Kim Carr, Dan Kalmick and Mike Posey, three of the five council members targeted by the group.

Huntington Beach City Clerk Robin Estanislau informed recall proponent Russell Neal in a message Thursday that the group had 10 days to file two blank petition documents and proof of publication, following the response of each City Council member to a notice of intention to circulate recall petitions.

The five members, also including Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Delgleize and Natalie Moser, were served the notices during the City Council meeting on Aug. 3. Posey filed an answer on Aug. 6, followed by Carr and Kalmick on Aug. 9. The petition documents and proof of publication for Posey, Carr and Kalmick were filed with the city clerk's office on Aug. 20 —

O.C. fairgrounds are ready to rock, as Gem Faire hits town

S ince the O.C. Fair packed up and vacated its home base at the Costa Mesa fairgrounds, numerous weekend events and expos have been moving in to offer locals their own unique brand of fun, entertainment and shopportunities.

This weekend, the Gem Faire has returned to town after a pandemic hiatus to continue its three-decade run at the fairgrounds. Nearly 120 vendors have laid out dazzling displays of gemstones, crystals, beads and jewelry items for both big spenders and those seeking bling on a budget.

Yooy Nelson, director of advertising and promotion for the Portland-based company that organizes the event, says people can shop for jewelry designs or buy loose supplies and create their own jewelry.

"For people who want to buy



AZIZ AHMADY, right, owner of Elegant Healing in Roseville, prices a crystal Friday during Gem Faire Friday at the OC Fair & Event Center.

engagement rings and really expensive jewelry there are fine jewelry vendors, and you can place custom orders. [But] there are also items kids can buy, like really inexpensive bead bracelets — there will be something for everybody."

Aside from typical jewelry items like gemstones and beads, visitors will also find an array of crystals, polished mineral rocks and other fun finds like fossils, Nelson said.

While the Gem Faire travels throughout the country, a favorite stop has always been the Costa Mesa fairgrounds, where a weekend show typically attracts as many as 10,000 visitors. Organizers are considering a possible return to the site the weekend of Oct. 8.

"We're going to see how this weekend goes, then discuss things," Nelson said.

Located inside the fairgrounds' Costa Mesa building, the Gem Faire continues Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults, with free admission for children 11 and under. Parking at the O.C. fairgrounds costs \$10. For more information, visit *gemfaire.com* or the events page at *ocfair.com*. — Sara Cardine

Newport council rejects appeal on housing policy

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach resort hotels will still be allowed to convert a percentage of their rooms into residential units, following a unanimous decision by the City Council in an appeal of the matter Tuesday night.

The organization Still Protecting Our Newport (SPON) centered its appeal on a council policy implemented in March that aimed to lower barriers for the development of housing in order for the city to reach its mandated goal of zoning for at least 4,834 more housing units.

That policy allows city staff to "develop, modify as necessary and aggressively implement various strategies designed to accelerate housing production consistent with the policy, including encouraging and incentivizing the development of mixed-use hotels," according to a report prepared for Tuesday's council meeting.

That includes interpreting ambiguities in the city's general plan, coastal land use plan and city code to allow hotels and motels to convert some of their approved hotel rooms into residential units.

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Decades-old Balboa Peninsula flagpole removed after temporary reprieve, residents are surprised

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Old Glory will no longer sway in the breeze near a portion of the oceanfront Newport-Balboa Bike Trail where a flagpole stood for decades.

The pole was the subject of civic scrutiny in June when residents discovered that city code enforcement had placed a removal tag on it. The matter was brought to code enforcement via a complaint from a resident.

Neighbors say the flagpole had stood in its place near Adams Street for at least 50 years.

Officials say they aren't sure when it was put up or who was responsible for its installation years ago. It was initially set to be removed in June, but that action was put on pause while the city investigated its origins and studied whether the land it was on belonged to the city or state.

Residents said the pole was removed early Wednesday morning. City officials on Friday confirmed its removal.

Judd Shaw said a neighbor pointed out to him the pole was gone. Shaw said the removal came as a total surprise.

"[We] picked up on the fact that the town just said that they're taking no position on it. They're not removing it. That it won't be

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THE NEWPORT BEACH Public Works department posted a removal notice on a flagpole on the boardwalk near Adams Street in June.

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Up, up ... and away!



Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer A PARAGLIDER drops low over Main Beach as he floats along the shores in Laguna Beach on a recent sunset flight.

A PARAGLIDER carves a big turn over Seal Rock along the shores in Laguna Beach on a recent sunset flight.

AROUND TOWN

Sgt. Pepperoni's set to launch 6th annual Julian's LEGO Corner fundraiser

Sgt. Pepperoni's Pizza Store on Wednesday will launch the 6th annual Julian's LEGO Corner fundraiser. The restaurant raises money every September for Julian's LEGO Corner, a nonprofit that donates LEGO kits to the Children's Hospital of Orange County for pediatric patients undergoing medical care there.

The fundraiser was inspired by the late Julian Dunn's childhood friendship with neighbor Lauren Roberts, the daughter of Sgt. Pepperoni partners Erica and Jeff Roberts. The two were classmates when Julian was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2008. He passed away in 2013 at the age of 9.

The Sgt. Pepperoni locations in Newport Beach, Aliso Viejo and Irvine will be accepting donations of new LEGO sets and cash for Children's Hospital O.C. patients through the end of September. Additionally, all proceeds from purchasing the Pizza of the Month — the Parma Pie — and desserts will be donated to Julian's LEGO Corner.

Last year, Sgt. Pepperoni raised \$16,000 for the kits.

Change-of-Command ceremony held for U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Narwhal

The 87-foot Coast Guard Cutter Narwhal, sponsored by the Newport Beach Navy League Council and based in Corona del Mar received a new commanding officer during a change-of-command ceremony earlier this month.

Lt. Caroline Miller, the commanding officer of the Narwhal for over two years, relinquished command to LTJG Dustin Smith on Aug. 5. Miller moves to the USCG Cryptologic Command. Capt. Rebecca E. Ore, Commander, USCG Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach presided over the ceremony.

Smith, a 2018 graduate of the USCG Academy, previously served as the navigation officer and 1st lieutenant aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Dependable homeported in Little Creek, Va., and as executive officer of the Cutter Aquidneck in the Arabian Gulf.

How successful was the 2021 Orange County Fair? The final numbers are in

Orange County Fair organizers have crunched numbers on the 2021 celebration since the regional event closed its doors Aug. 15 and have some interesting factoids to report.

With 16 of the fair's 23 days selling out due to a limit this year that capped attendance at 45,000 per day, a total of 1,055,770 guests visited the Costa Mesa fairgrounds between July 16 and Aug. 15, officials with the OC Fair & Event Center reported Wednesday.

A total of 3,091 entrants competed for a blue ribbon this year, including 1,588 adult cut flower entries and 134 youth entries. More than 1,000 adults entered fruits and vegetables for consideration, while 300 youth participated in that competition.

More than 2.5 million rides took place

throughout the fair with the most soughtout rides being Skyride, La Grande Wheel XL and Euroslide. Game operators prepared 100 semi-truck trailers of stuffed toys to be distributed to winners, who ranked Bottle Up, Big Water Race and Bank a Ball as their top three games.

Fair foodies consumed an astonishing number of treats during the festival. A reported 10 pallets of Oreos were deep fried at RCS food stands, while two swimming pools worth of Flamin' Hot Cheetos were added to food items proffered by Biggy's, according to organizers.

Ten Pound Bun served up 7,700 pounds of pizza and avocado toast, while Mom's Bakeshoppe reported using 1 ton of flour, 2 tons of brown sugar, more than 100 pounds of margarine, 4,600 eggs and nearly 1.1 million mini chips to bake some 75,900 cookies.

Fairgoers surveyed gave the 2021 O.C. Fair 4.2 stars out of 5 and ranked the new ticketless entry process 4.5 out of 5. Sixteen percent of visitors said this year was their first time visiting the fair.

Alzheimer's organization seeks nominations for Outstanding Caregivers

Alzheimer's Orange County is accepting nominations for caregivers, both paid and unpaid, who live in the county and have demonstrated extraordinary compassion caring for someone living with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

Nominations will be accepted through Sept. 20 in five categories:

• Youth or young adult—unpaid care-

givers who provide regular care for a loved one with dementia.

 Family — unpaid caregivers past or present who provide compassionate care to a loved one.

• Professional/Direct Service - Paid caregivers on the frontlines of providing care in dementia, including hospice workers, in-home care workers and residential care facilities, etc.

• Administrative - Professionals who work in licensed residential or other care facilities or who work in other service agencies with persons with dementia.

• Medical/Clinical — Professional physicians, researchers, geriatric counselors or nurse practitioners, clinical social workers and case managers, care managers or other clinical workers in the field of dementia.

Nominations can be made online at alzoc.org/vwluncheon. This year's award ceremony takes place Nov. 19. For more information, visit *alzoc.org*.

Caregivers ratify contracts at area Tenet facilities

More than 830 healthcare workers at three area hospitals have ratified multiple three-year contracts with employer Tenet Healthcare that aim to increase pay, improve benefits and create safer working conditions, according to a union release issued Thursday.

Represented by the National Union of Healthcare Workers, employees had authorized a strike at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center, Los

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the deadline. However, an email that the group those petitions do need miplans to move forward on recall efforts of all five council members.

to hire legal counsel. Her Beach," he said. job is to effectively just file paperwork, and explain if that paperwork is correct or incorrect. I don't know where they're coming from when they're saying that it's Robin's fault that they missed their deadline, when the code is extremely clear that they have 10 days to file after our response."

"We're looking forward, hopefully, to getting back to work here without the distractions of this recall. This is a partisan witch hunt. and it has nothing to do with anything we've actually done on council. It's an abuse of the recall process."

placed in front of them. "The petitions to remove

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at least a "day short," Estanislau said in her message.

"On August 10, I provided vou dates and delivery methods pertaining to each answer filed, and indicated necessary steps to file petition documents within 10 days," Estanislau wrote to Neal.

for Delgleize and As Moser, their responses to the notice were filed on Aug. 10, so the petitions against those two, having been filed on Aug. 20, met

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nor alterations, Estanislau wrote to Neal.

The group has 10 days to make those tweaks before the revised petition can be approved by the city clerk's office, and the recall proponents can start collecting signatures.

Save Surf City put out a statement Friday morning largely accusing Estanislau of attempting to hinder the recall effort. She did not return messages Friday seeking comment.

A representative from Save Surf City, who did not give his or her name, said in

But the group will have to dedicate more money to republishing the petitions for Carr, Kalmick and Posey in a local newspaper, among other expenses.

Kalmick said in a phone interview Friday that he notified Estanislau that the petitions were late on the morning of Aug. 20.

"It's not the city clerk's job to help them or facilitate a recall," Kalmick said.

"Her job's to hand them the instructions, and if they have questions, they need

Kalmick said he believed that the attempt to recall himself and his four colleagues "has been baseless from the start."

"We've gotten a lot of support that we're grateful for from the community, the residents of Huntington

Thirteen former members of the council who agree with Kalmick that the recall effort is without merit wrote a commentary piece for the Daily Pilot titled Save Surf City from disinformation."

In it, they beseech Huntington Beach voters not to sign a recall petition if it is and replace the council members have failed to produce any persuasive arguments in favor of recall. These recalls are nothing more than a publicity stunt, haphazardly thrown together by a group of political opportunists seeking to politically profit at the expense of the Huntington Beach resident and taxpayer," they wrote in part.

The next Huntington Beach City Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 7.

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COVID

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As more Orange County children head back to in-

person classes, health officials are bracing themselves for the possibility of a resultant spike in new infections in the week ahead. Chau said Friday his agency re-



"Perhaps transmission in children is low, but when they do get sick, they get very sick," he said, adding that even among pediatric COVID-19 patients, most

schools each week.

adults are unvaccinated. "I have a suspicion we will see a rise in cases in our children before there is a plateau," Chau added.

In the weeks ahead, the Health Care Agency will work with school districts to provide contract tracing for all infections reported among students to determine whether transmissions are happening among the wide community or on school grounds.

Dr. Christopher Zimmerman, OCHA's public health medical director, said employing such a process last school year provided valuable information about how and where kids were catching the virus.

'Most of the cases we saw in school-aged children were due to outside-ofschool exposures and not in the schools," he said. "That was information that allowed the state to feel comfortable it was safe to open schools."

For schools to continue to remain open, health experts



Mark Boster | For the Times

RIDERS AT Newport Beach's Balboa Fun Zone in 2019. Orange County health experts warned Friday that more younger people are getting sick with COVID-19.

are urging children to follow state guidelines by remaining masked while indoors. The California Department of Public Health on Monday issued a statement to school leaders emphasizing the requirement for mandatory universal masking indoors on K-12 campuses.

"Unfortunately, some elected officials and school leaders have expressed their intent to violate the law, and risk their students' safety, by failing to enforce the universal mask requirement," the statement read. "[That] breaches not only a legal duty, but also the first and foremost duty of every school leader — to protect students."

The Health Care Agency

on Friday recorded 930 new coronavirus cases and five deaths. Of the new infections, 185 were reported among children under 18. Among children over 12, who are old enough to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, about 60.5% have done so.

"Help me. Help us. Help the community — stress the importance for people to get the vaccine," Chau told reporters. "Behind Delta, there will be variants that possibly could be more virulent if we don't take this seriously, if we don't ensure people truly get vaccinated."

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Following the new policy, community development director Seimone Jurjis issued a determination in April that resort hotels could convert up to 30% of their rooms to residential units providing they stayed within certain parameters.

Attorney Michelle Black, who represents SPON, said the group felt that Jurjis' determination exceeded his authority and contended that the determination violated the local coastal program and Coastal Act.

SPON first appealed Jurjis' ruling on May 14 to the Commission, Planning which considered the matter in July and denied the appeal. It was that decision the group was appealing to the City Council on Tuesdav.

Black said the organization believes Jurjis' determination would require an amendment to the city's general land use element and also trigger the Greenlight Initiative, which requires a citywide vote on any development that causes an increase of more than 100 peak-hour car

Raul Roa | Staff Photographer THE MARRIOTT Hotel and Spa in Newport Beach

is shown on Nov. 5, 2020.

trips or dwelling units.

"If you were to add this to the general plan update process, we would be ĥappy," Charles Klobe, president of SPON, told the council Tuesday.

"We fully support affordable housing and this appeal is only about the process. Since there is no project before you and the draft housing element has been submitted, why not slow this down and incorporate this into the general plan update as suggested by the Coastal Commission staff?"

Other members of the organization Tuesday simi-

FLAGPOLE

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removed," Shaw said. "They're just not taking any action on it. I was like, 'OK. They decided to grandfather it in or leave it or not do anything about it,' but obviously someone within the government ordered otherwise."

City spokesman John Pope said the city initially posted the tag in hopes someone would claim ownership of the pole and a resident eventually did. Pope said the city determined the pole lacked a permit and encroached on beach property.

Pope said the city reached out to the pole's owner and provided two different options for the flagpole to come into compliance with

regulations: The owner could acquire a permit, which would then require a number of steps before it would arrive before the City Council and eventually the Coastal Commission, or it could be moved onto the owner's property at the city's expense.

"We wanted to give the owner ... plenty of time to be able to respond. Initially, she had said no to our permit request and we came back and called her several times and left several messages about the alternative," Pope said. "Once we didn't hear back, we felt like we really reached out several times to make sure we could connect and give her time, but we needed to move forward at that point."

The decision was ultimately made mid-August to remove the pole.

larly stressed during public comment before the council that they were concerned about the process.

Other residents said they supported the ruling and what it could mean for the potential of resort hotels Newport throughout Beach.

Councilman Will O'Neill objected to accusations of the city was not following an appropriate process, pointing out that there have been several meetings on the policy and the determination.

"It's not like this was hidden," said O'Neill, proceeding to read the council poli-

"The question before us tonight: Is the interpretation consistent with what I read [of the council's policy]? Yeah, it is. It's not a close call. To the extent that the accusations are dealing with the general plan and Greenlight, I think the staff report does an admirable job responding completely to that issue ... I'm at a loss ... at the idea that we're now in our fifth meeting talking about this issue and the process hasn't been followed."

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"Our position is that it was an unpermitted beach encroachment, regardless of the type of property," Pope said. "It's illegal. It raises concerns about liability and public access. There's the matter of the Coastal Commission as well."

"We have about 30 flagpoles in public areas throughout the city at fire departments, parks, piers. Those are maintained by the city. We have a lot of flags out there, but ultimately this was one that was unpermitted and illegal and after discussing alternatives, we took the step of removal," he said.

The owner could not be immediately reached for comment.

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By The Mepham Group

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65 people leap off Newport Pier in fundraiser for Junior Lifeguard building

n Newport Beach, 65 citizens took a giant leap off the Newport Pier Aug. 13 on behalf of the Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Foundation. The jumpers — ranging in age from 40 to 70 represented a field of generous donors supporting the foundation with a gift of \$1,000 or more toward the goal of constructing a new Junior Lifeguard headquarters building on the sand.

Jake Janz of Newport's Arbor Real Estate and Graham Harvey of Arcon Insurance were organizers of the jump coordinating with Newport Beach lifeguards on site.

"We had solid yellow flag surf and fog the day of the jump," Harvey said. "A lot of the feedback we received from the jumpers was that the jump was super fun but getting out of the surf line was a challenge. Most of the jumpers left the event with a well-earned sense of respect for the Junior Lifeguards and the Newport Beach Lifeguard Department. The Newport Beach Lifeguards did a great job executing the event and kept the participants safe."

The foundation effort, led by Newport's **John Wortmann**, chairman of the board of governors at Balboa Bay Club, successfully raised more than \$1.7 million, reaching the fundraising goal set by the city of Newport Beach providing match funds to green light construction of the new headquarters.

Janz has a most personal connection to the project, following the loss of lifeguard **Ben Carlson** several years ago.

"Ever since we lost Ben, our family [Janz/Carlson] has had a special connection with the lifeguard community," Janz said. "Following the unveiling of his statue at the Newport Pier, I redirected my energy into giving back to the future of the department and joined the board of the NBJG Foundation to help energize the fundraising efforts for the Newport Beach Junior Guard's permanent building."

The 2020/21 USA Olympic Squad in Tokyo proved to be the year of the women. Southern California, and O.C. in particular delivered female champions across varied sports. Among the standouts, two young women taking home the gold; water polo stars **Kaleigh Gilchrist** and **Maddie Musselman**. Both Gilchrist and Musselman previously earned gold at the 2016 Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro. They are among 64 female athletes from the USA taking home medals.

In Newport Beach, the athletic programs for youth at Balboa Bay Club have delivered accomplished athletes to the Olympics over decades. Joining the BBC's Gilchrist and Musselman, taking home Olympic treasure this summer were Robert Ridland (equestrian coach whose team won silver), Alex Wolf (USA water polo), Luca Capido (USA water polo), Sam Mikulak (gymnastics), Kelly Claes (beach volleyball) and the legendary April Ross, icon of women's beach volleyball around the globe.

Former USC water polo player and present-day sports columnist **Ryan Cook** shares some family background on local gold winners Gilchrist and Musselman.

Both women, now two-time back to back gold medalists, grew up training in the Bay Club pool and on the club beach, attributing their success to growing up locally with family support. The two of them also have a family legacy with their fathers competing professionally," Cook said. "Kaleigh's father Sandy, who, prior to COVID, you would see swimming daily in the pool or hanging in the men's spa, was a two-time Olympic swimmer, and Maddie's father, Jeff, played in the MLB for the Blue Jays and Mets.

"Kaleigh stared winning championships at a young age starting with surfing and then water polo.

She was a 2008 CIF champion, the U.S. Surfing Junior champion in 2009 and 2010, a NCAA 2013 champion, and now 2016 and 2020 Olympic champion. What's even more fascinating is Kaleigh made a comeback after suffering almost career-ending near death injuries resulting from the South Korea balcony collapse incident while celebrating the world championships in 2019."

Coming in September, Angelitos de Oro, an auxiliary of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire will host its 60th anniversary Angelitos Card Week at South Coat Plaza. Since the inception of "Card Week" in 1961 when South Coast Plaza (and O.C.) was young, Angelitos has raised more than \$6.5 million for BBBS programs and expenses providing thousands of local youth with matched adult mentors.

This year the event unfolds Sept. 23 to 29 at South Coast



Photo courtesy of Jake Janz

GRAHAM HARVEY, Mark Schulein and Jake Janz at the Newport Pier jump event raising funds for the Newport Beach Junior Guard's permanent building.



Photo courtesy Ann Chatillon

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Sloane Keane. To learn more and

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PATTI ROSE, Nanette Mayo, Teri Elliott, Cari Young, Kris Peyton, Lorraine Eggleston, Jo Corbett attend Angelitos de Oro prevent party for the "Shopping Card" fundraiser to be held at Baccarat, South Coast Plaza.

Plaza with some 100 boutiques and restaurants offering a 20% savings to patrons holding the Angelitos Card. A donation of \$60 buys the card. Donors/card holders are invited to a champagne toast and shopping preview day Sept. 22 to be held at the Baccarat store. Chairing the massive event are **Joanne Johnson** and **Merilyn McClelland** with support from Angelitos President **Cari Young**.

Active and dedicated local Angelitos include community leader **Hylea Bertea**, **Catherine**

Jenner, who recently returned to the U.S. following completion of a television project in Australia, is among 46 candidates challenging Gov. Gavin Newsom in the recall election set for Sept. 14. Notable fellow challengers receiving most media coverage include talk show host Larry Elder, and Republican businessman John Cox and former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer. Add to the varied list of candidates entertainer Angelyne (mostly known for her giant full body spread on a longstanding billboard in the 1980s on the Sunset Strip in Los Angeles).

Jenner, arguably the most internationally well-known transgender American, is curiously not receiving significant support from the LGBTQ+ organizations and allies. Her campaign is being guided by Brad Parscale, a major power player and former Trump campaign guru. That, combined with Jenner's personal conservative political views has "trumped" the loyalty factor in the greater LBGTQ+ community. This is the ultimate irony and further evidence of the division in this nation over political affiliation and core values.

B.W. COOK is editor of the Bay Window, the official publication of the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.

Cannon that memorializes sacrifice of war should stay

I am sorry the Rev. Canon Cindy Evans Voorhees' sensibilities were offended by the World War I-era cannon on display in Costa Mesa (Daily Pilot, Aug. 19.)

Please know I was one of the donors to the restoration project done by a local Eagle Scout eight years ago.

I am also a SAL (Son's of American Legion) member of American Legion Post 291, the original donor of the cannon.

This artillery piece serves as a quiet reminder of "The war to end all wars," as World War I was known, and honors those Americans who died in that war.

Did the Rev. Voorhees look directly across the street and notice children climbing all over the Korean War era F9F Panther jet that is part of in Lions park? Should this weapon of war also be moved to "a better place?"

If we continue this thought process perhaps the brass plaque at the base of the Newport Harbor High School flagpole that honors those alumni who perished in World War II should be removed as it is associated with a war?

Leave the cannon where it is as a silent sentinel and remember those who perished.

> Jeff Diercksmeier Costa Mesa

Facts vs. political theater in Newport Beach

On Tuesday night the Newport Beach City Council entertained and approved by a 6-1 vote a resolution brought forth by Councilman Noah Blom; "Supporting local schools as they return to normal and parental choice in deciding whether children should be masked or vaccinated at school."

It was hard to watch as moms and a few dads repeated fake facts and studies about mask wearing and COVID-19.

A telling point was when a couple of those moms stated that "No doctor in Newport Beach will write a medical exemption."

Where was a Hoag hospital representative to enlighten these parents? Why did the City Council not work with Newport Mesa Unified School District on this resolution?

The following facts remain true even after the council presented a new red-lined version of the resolution minutes before the meeting commenced.

Fact: Newport-Mesa Unified School District schools opened for the 2021-22 school year on Monday, Aug. 23, and there were no mask incidents reported at any school. <u>Fact:</u> Students admitted to TK/K-12 are required by state law to have multiple vaccines/immunizations for entry into schools in the state of California.

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<u>Fact</u>: Cases of COVID-19 continue on the rise in O.C. and Newport Beach.

<u>Fact</u>: Children under age 12 are not eligible to be vaccinated and vaccination rates for those between 12 and 17 remain relatively low according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

<u>Fact:</u> According to O.C. Deputy Health Director, Chinsio-Kwong, on Friday, the current surge is predominately among younger people, who have received fewer vaccinations. The case rate in children and teens is the highest among 15- to 18-yearolds.

<u>Fact</u>: Pediatric hospitalizations are at the highest point since the Department of Health and Human Services started tracking them last year.

Fact: This resolution relies on outdated information from the World Health Organization and UNICEF. The guidance WHO posted was dated August 2020, over a year ago, and before vaccines were available. The guidance, which the resolution does not site, is the very first sentence which states: "WHO advises that people always consult and abide by local authorities on recommended practices in their area."

<u>Fact:</u> Current guidance from the California Department of Public Health is for "all students to wear masks inside classrooms."

Fact: The American Academy of Pediatrics news release dated July 19, 2021, recommends in-person learning and "urges all who are eligible to be vaccinated to protect against COVID-19" and further recommends "that everyone older than age 2 wear masks, regardless of vaccination status."

<u>Fact:</u> The city of Newport Beach has no jurisdiction over NMUSD.

Fact: The Orange County Board of Education's lawsuit against the state's mandate for masks in schools was denied by the California Supreme Court.

Based on the facts above, this resolution is meaningless, unenforceable, contrary to state law and education code.

It was nothing more than an opportunity to feed into the false information, accusations about COVID-19, masks and vaccines for political theater.

And such a resolution works against our school district and its trustees trying to ensure our local schools stay open during the fourth wave of this pandemic. The citizens of Newport Beach deserve better!

> Suzanne Gauntlett Newport Coast

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Alamitos Medical Center and Lakewood Medical Center as part of a wider effort to improve staffing, pay and benefits and COVID-19 safeguards.

A contract for more than 600 Fountain Valley respiratory therapists, nursing assistants, medical technicians and other caregivers will increase salaries on average of 15% in its initial year, with additional raises in subsequent years. It also includes late-shift differential pay and a health plan with lower premiums.

Another contract for subcontracted housekeepers and service workers at all three facilities sets a

minimum hourly salary of \$18.20, a move that will result in immediate raises of 17% to 30% for current employees. Workers will receive 3% raises thereafter.

The contracts were ratified with a 97% vote among employees.

"After a brutal last 18 months, this contract is a huge victory," Johnenfer Larry, a housekeeper at Lakewood Medical Center, said in the NUHW news release. "We won respect for the work we do and big pay increases that will make a big difference in our lives."

Rep. Steel announces \$811K grant for JWA

John Wayne Airport has re-

ceived a grant for \$811,167 from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program for the second phase of a plan to replace the facility's compressed natural gas-powered shuttle buses with electrical ones.

Rep. Michelle Steel (R-Seal Beach) announced the grant award in a release Monday, calling it welcome news for Orange County.

"John Wayne Airport is a leader in environmental best practices," she said. "The implementation of an entirely electric fleet of shuttle vehicles is another example of their commitment to sustainability and improving air quality for residents."

Created by Congress in 2012, the Airport Zero Emissions Vehi-

cle and Infrastructure pilot program lets AIP grant recipients to purchase zero emissions vehicles and construct or modify infrastructure to accommodate such fleets.

O.C. Community Foundation giving day seeks to raise \$75K

The Orange County Community Foundation — which connects local donors and philanthropists with groups whose missions and programs aligns with causes they care about — on Wednesday will bring together seven local nonprofits to raise \$75,000 in support of Orange County's open spaces and marine protected areas. The 24-hour online collaborative giving days "Protect & Preserve" is designed to help raise awareness of the importance of protecting natural ecosystems, including the county's 44 miles of coastline marine protected areas, or areas seaward of the high tide line that have been designated by law to protect or conserve marine life and habitat.

Participating organizations include Laguna Canyon Foundation, Laguna Ocean Foundation, Newport Bay Conservancy, OC Habitats, Ocean Defenders Alliance, Pacific Marine Mammal Center, and The Ecology Center.

To donate for Protect and Serve on Sept. 1, visit *protect-and-*

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preserve-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org.

Fountain Valley bridge class for 55 and up offered

A class teaching the card game bridge is being offered for people who are at least 55 years of age at the Center at Founders Village, 17967 Bushard St., Fountain Valley.

The course is \$86 to register. Classes will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays from Sept. 13 to Dec. 6. There will also be a book fee of \$12 and a printed materials fee of \$8.

Barbara Olschwang will teach the course, for which registration is available at the senior center reception desk or at *fountainvalley* .org.

Laguna Beach surveys city staff

Laguna Beach has begun circulating anonymous surveys to city employees to help guide the city in setting its goals, city officials announced on Thursday.

The surveys are being run through Polco. Surveys have already been completed by the Laguna Beach Police Department.

The results of the surveys, which will incorporate the business community, city staff and residents, will be brought to the Laguna Beach City Council in the fall.

Emergency **Response Team** training course

A Laguna Beach Com-

munity Emergency Retraining sponse Team course aims to help members of the community be prepared in case disaster strikes.

The classes take place at the Laguna Beach Susi Q and Community Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays from Sept. 29 to Nov. 17.

There will also be a meeting for a final drill on Nov. 20 at the Ranch.

Registration for the course is free. To learn more about this course, contact Emergency Operations Coordinator Brendan Manning at (949) 497-0350 or via email at bmanning @lagunabeachcity.net.

South Laguna **Fuel Modification** Zone Workshop

The Laguna Beach Fire Department will seek public input as it looks to install a fuel modification zone in South Laguna.

The removal of combustible vegetation from slopes near homes will be discussed at the meeting, which will take place on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Laguna Beach City Council chambers.

Those who will not be able to attend can submit comments Patrick to Antrim at (949) 464-6683 or email at *pantrim* bv @lagunabeachcity.net.

H.B. Academy for Performing Arts presents play

The Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts will present four showings of Rick Abbott's comedy "Play On!" from Sept. 9 to 12 in the APA Studio Theater.

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The comedy will kick off APA's 2021-22 season, and also serves as a benefit performance for APA Theatre and its students.

Evening performances start at 6 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 1 p.m. Dinner or lunch is provided.

Tickets are \$40 and available at hbapa.org/see.

UFC Gym set to mark anniversary

The UFC Gym in Hunt-

ington Beach will celebrate its fourth anniversary Saturday with gym tours, a meet and greet with UFC athletes and special UFC athlete instructors.

The lineup of guest athletes includes UFC Hall of Famers Chuck Liddell, BJ Penn and Urijah Faber, among others.

The gym opens at 6 a.m. Saturday for workouts and group fitness classes.

Liddell will host a special kickboxing class at 9 a.m., and Penn will host an open

mat Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu session at noon.

The UFC athlete meet and greet is scheduled for 2 p.m.

UFC Gym in Huntington Beach is at 17091 Beach Blvd.

Newport Dunes ready for Labor Dav weekend

Starting next Friday, the Newport Dunes is celebrating Labor Day weekend with a splash! Literally. The resort will have an

inflatable water park complete with a 17-foot slide and trampoline out daily starting Sept. 3 to Labor Day, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will also be watersports like kayaking, pedal boats, paddleboards and new 21-foot electric Duffy boats for visitors to enjoy. For information about pricing and times, visit newport dunes.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 15-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT 2020-2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 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, and the City Council of the City of Newport Beach will receive public comments and consider this matter.

DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) 2020-2021 - The City prepared the Unart Consolitableta hannal, Perromanice and Evaluation Perron (CAPE) 2022-2021 – The city prepared une draft CAPER for the Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2020, and ending Jule 30, 2021, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The draft CAPER provides a detailed account of how the City utilized its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in Fiscal Year 2020-21 to pursue the strategies, goals, and objectives proposed in the 2020-2021 Action Plan to address the housing and community development needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The purpose of the Public Hearing for the CAPER is to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the draft CAPER on the draft CAPER

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the review and approval of the draft CAPER is not subject to the 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 CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the publication of this notice commences a minimum 15-day public review period. Copies of the draft CAPER will be available during the public review and comment period from August 28, 2021 through September 14, 2021. The public is invited to submit written comments on the draft document to the Community Development Department on or before 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2021. Copies of the 2020-2021 draft CAPER will be available for public review on the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/CDBGreports and at the following locations

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Questions concerning the draft CAPER or the hearing and written comments may be addressed to Priscila Dávila, CDBG Consultant, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660, or via telephone at 562-673-3388. You may also contact Lauren Wooding Whitlinger, Real Property Administrator, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660, or by telephone at 949-644-3236, with any questions concerning this notice.

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

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Patrick Achis, Assistant Planner, at 949-644-3237, pachis@newportbeachca.gov.

Applicant:

Hoag Memorial

Hospital Presbyterian

Project File No.:	Activity No.:
PA2021-184	DA2021-001
Zone	General Plan::
Planned Community (PC 38) Hoag Hospital	PI (Private Institutions)

Location: 1 Hoag Drive

Curtis Ellmore, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday. September 09, 2021, at 6:30 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 Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application: BSP Bristol, LLC Medical Offices - A condominium

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

conversion in conjunction with a tentative parcel map to convert two existing two-story office buildings to medical office condominiums, creating between 22 to 30 ownership units. The applicant is also requesting a modification permit for the use of car lifts and a conditional use permit for the reduction of 21 on-site parking spaces to accommodate the conversion to medical office.

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

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding 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 and Section 19.12.060 (Subdivision Code). 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

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing, and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission. 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. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to the meeting. This allows time for the Planning Commission to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact David S. Lee, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3225, dlee@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2020-052

CC2020-002, MD2021-002, NP2020-003, TS2021-001, UP2020-185

Activity No.:

Zone: Newport Place **Planned Community** (PC11)

General Plan: General Commercial Office (CO-G)

Location: 1400 and 1420 North

Bristol Street

Applicant: BSP Bristol, LLC

Curtis Ellmore, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach



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To report scores of high school and college games, or other newsworthy items from youth to pro sports, contact the Daily Pilot sports staff.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL Huntington delivers shutout at Western

BY ANDREW TURNER

ANAHEIM - Members of the Huntington Beach High School football team did not have much time to hang their heads after letting a second-half lead slip away in the opener against Aliso Niguel.

Going into a short week, the Oilers understood the lesson that had to be learned: keep going.

A relentless defense racked up six sacks and three turnovers for Huntington Beach in its 41-0 win at Western on Thursday night in a nonleague game.

Jeffrey Hagedorn compiled 31/2 sacks and Jeremy Carpenter provided 21/2 sacks, as the Oilers' defense pressured Western quarterback Anthony Luna throughout the night.

Three interceptions were the spoils, including one that was returned 40 yards for a touchdown by Nathan Tauanuu.

"We couldn't lose again," Hagedorn said. "We were all fired up the whole week. We've been practicing as hard as we can, making sure we were doing everything.

"We weren't going to lose again this week. Again, as you can see, we shut them out. We were not going to let up on them."

Eli Anderson picked off a pass with the Pioneers looking to thread the needle in the middle of the field near the goal line. Jordan Castro also had an interception for Huntington Beach (1-1).

Western coach Dan Davidson said that the Oilers' defensive line posed a problem.

"Once you knock that quarterback off his spot, right, then I don't care if he's a veteran or a rookie," Davidson said. "Once you knock that guy off his spot, he's going to struggle a little bit more, and they continually knocked him off."

Huntington Beach took a 21point lead less than six minutes into the game. The Oilers forced a turnover on downs on the first defensive series. Perez rushed for an eight-yard touchdown on Hunt-



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

HUNTINGTON BEACH'S AJ Vandermade sheds a tackle against Western's Landon Legarda during a nonleague game on Thursday.

ington Beach's first drive. On the second, he threw deep to AJ Vandermade, who made the catch and then made a defender miss for a 75-yard score.

The Tauanuu interception return provided the Oilers with separation. A 17-yard touchdown reception by Caleb Kelly near the front right pylon in the second quarter gave Huntington Beach a 27-0 lead going into halftime.

A pair of touchdowns on quarterback keepers - by Perez Andrew Verdone — acand

counted for the second-half scoring.

"We preached all week that this was a bounce-back game, and I told them last week that this loss last week could, in hindsight, be the best thing that happened to us because we're going to stay hungry, and we're going to continue to get better, and we're not going to let down when we get up on a team," Huntington Beach coach Brett Brown said. "We've been stressing all week, keep the foot on the gas.'

Brown was pleased to get a couple of players back in the lineup in left tackle Trent Leicht and slot receiver Hideo Ray. He said Leicht had a calming influence on the offensive line.

"Us becoming more of a unit, I think trust was a big thing tonight, trusting them to hold up a couple more seconds," Perez said. "That just allowed me to get it into the hands of our playmakers.'

As a result, the Oilers had three passing plays of more than 30 vards, two to Vandermade and one to Tyler Moses. Vandermade finished with two catches for a game-high 130 vards.

Perez threw for 233 yards and accounted for four total touchdowns.

Drew Faulkner had six catches for 61 yards and added an interception defensively to lead Western (1-1). TJ Mitchell had eight receptions for 50 yards.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL Newport Harbor crushes Marina 44-14 in home opener

The quick turnaround from the makeshift spring season to the regular fall football season has been difficult for every school.

On Thursday night, it was business as usual, though, for the Newport Harbor High stars.

Bouncing back from last week's loss at Yorba Linda, the Sailors jumped out to a huge early lead en route to blowing out Marina 44-14 at Davidson Field.

Marina (0-2) came out swinging, opening the game with an onside kick that it recovered. But the Vikings went three and out and Newport Harbor (1-1) went to work.

The combination of senior quarterback Nick Kim and junior wide receiver Kashton Henjum sparked the Sailors' offense in the first quarter. A 69-yard catch and run by Henjum set up a 12-yard opening touchdown pass he received from Kim with 7:54 to go in the first quarter.

"I'm just lucky I've got a great quarterback, a great [offensive] line, [and] I've got great guys next to me getting open and giving me blocks," Henjum said. "I'm just thankful for them."

Newport Harbor fumbled



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JACOB CARLON (10) attempts to catch a deflected punt with Carson De Avila (4).

later in the quarter, but Henjum came up with an interception on the next play.

After a blocked punt inside the Vikings' 5-yard line, the Sailors' ground game punched in the second score, a Payton Irving 5vard touchdown. He scored a second rushing touchdown in the second quarter for a 28-0 Sailors lead.

Henjum even came up with a key block to help Josiah Lamarque weave his way down the sideline as part of a 23-yard touchdown reception.

"They're special athletes and we're lucky to have them here at Harbor," Newport Harbor coach Peter Lofthouse said. "They help drive our offense."

The scoring fest contin-

ued as backup quarterback Carson De Avila scored on an 8-yard keeper and Jon Richardson kicked a 30yard field goal for a 38-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, with a running clock, Newport Harbor continued to give De Avila reps while also getting senior AJ Guitron-Moore reps at quarterback, racking up 17 yards on four



of five passing.

On the ground, sophomore running back Henry Slater broke off a 53-yard touchdown to wrap up the

"I really like what I see out of him right now," Loft-house said. "During the COVID season, he was a freshman and it was the first time he ever played tackle football. ... for him, any kind of reps we can get him is a bonus."

Marina had some fight in the second half. Senior quarterback Brock Beaver moved the team down the field at the end of the third quarter and fed sophomore wide receiver Aiden O'Callaghan a 5-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter.

Then the Vikings marched down the field in

the final minutes of the game with sophomore running back Anthony Fabian driving in a 6-yard score.

"We've got a lot of grow-ing to do," Marina head coach Jeff Turley said. "We had guys make some good plays, and we were able to make adjustments and we slowed them down. It's just tough."

Next week, Marina hosts Elsinore while the Sailors square off with JSerra.

'This gives us some 'oomph' and some hype going into that game," Hen-jum said. "We know how good they are, and we know how good we are, so hopefully we can go get that win."

SHAWN MEDOW is a contributor to Times Community News.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP Laguna Beach girls' volleyball falls

Sophie Reavis had 23 kills and 23 digs, but the Laguna Beach girls' volleyball team lost to visiting Foothill 23-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-22 on Thursday in a nonleague match.

Natalia Hagopian had 42 assists and nine service aces for the Breakers, and Brooklyn Yelland added 18 kills and 22 digs.

Laguna Beach (6-4) plays host to Tesoro on Tuesday.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Woodbridge 12, Corona del Mar 6: Lauren Jones and Cate Montgomery won two doubles sets for the Sea Kings in Thursday's nonleague match on the road.

Sara Miller and Sydnee Spirlin also won twice in doubles for CdM (1-1), while Coco Davis won in singles for the Sea Kings.

CdM plays at San Clemente on Thursday.

GIRLS' GOLF

Estancia 227, Pacifica Christian Orange County 233: Danielle Breitwieser shot a 10-over-par 39 to lead the Eagles on Thursday in a nonleague match at Newport Golf Course.

Estancia (1-1) opens Orange Coast League play against Calvary Chapel at Costa Mesa Country Club on Wednesday.

– From staff reports



Sophie Reavis (3) and Kendall Fraser (2) go up for a block during a match in the Dave Mohs Memorial Volleyball Tournament in September 2019.

LAGUNA **BEACH'S**

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JOHNNY CHAIX high-fives a

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