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CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATIONS



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GRADUATES TOSS their caps into the air after receiving their diplomas from Edison High School during a drive-through graduation ceremony.

Edison High grads feel charged up after receiving diplomas

BY MATT SZABO

Jenny Kottman spent four years in Edison High School's Center For International Business and Communication Studies program.

She learned about innovation. Her senior project was to create a business, and she launched J Kott Collections, featuring handcrafted jewelry organizers.

The future Cal Baptist business major appreciated, then, the uniqueness of the Chargers' drive-through on-campus graduation Thursday.

Kottman, her parents, three of her cousins and her cousin's husband entered in a white Jeep. It was decorated with green and yellow balloons to celebrate.

"I actually like that part of the drive-through graduation, to have my family go through that with me and celebrate and make the whole thing upbeat is really cool," said Kottman, a four-year pole vaulter for the track team.

"It's probably less hot than sitting in a car for an hour." "It's probably less hot than sitting in a car for an hour."

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GRADUATE ANDREW SHUTTS, right, laughs as he is met by his cheering aunt, Judy DeCoudres, left, as they exit the Laguna Beach High drive-through graduation at Guyer Field on Thursday.

L.B. High seniors drive in as students, leave as graduates

BY LILLY NGUYEN

At the corner of Legion Street and Park Avenue in Laguna Beach Thursday, a parade of cars passed by, some with fluorescent markers decorating their windows, others with balloons and streamers.

One car had a cardboard cutout of a student's face pasted to the front of it with two, golden numbers that marked off the year.

One-by-one, each car turned left toward Laguna Beach High School's Guyer Field, where 254 graduating seniors received their diplomas amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Originally meant to be a virtual celebration, the high school pivoted toward holding a drive-through graduation ceremony after receiving guidance from the Orange County Health Care Agency. Students entered in a series of about 25 waves, organized alphabetically by last name. Graduating seniors took photos

at the ceremony. Graduating seniors took photos at the ceremony.

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County refines its mask order

Officials now just "strongly recommend" face coverings if people are unable to keep 6 feet of physical distancing.

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Orange County is peeling back its mask order, county officials announced Thursday.

The mask requirement has been relaxed to say the county "strongly recommends" facial coverings in public if they are unable to keep 6 feet of physical distancing. It supersedes a May 28 order issued by now-former county health officer Dr. Nicole Quick, which said people "shall" wear masks when able to maintain distance, with exceptions for very young children and people with conditions that prevent wearing a face covering.

Vocal opponents have been pointed in their criticism of Quick's mask order and of the doctor herself, who abruptly resigned this week; Orange County Sheriff's Department officials said in May that Quick had received several threats since issuance of the order and expressed concern for her safety.

HCA Director Dr. Clayton Chau said Thursday that the change was not because of the pushback but to be consistent with recent state guidance for reopened business sectors.

"I want to be clear, this does not diminish the importance of face coverings. I stand with the public health experts and believe wearing cloth face coverings helps to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and save lives. By being consistent with the state, this will give our business community and individuals the ability to make the most appropriate decision," he said.

"And you've heard me say this over and over again, wearing a face cloth mask is not to protect yourself but to protect your neighbor, to protect others."

Costa Mesa, which passed an emergency mask ordinance in April, will continue to require face coverings in stores, restaurants and other businesses.

Mayor Katrina Foley said that while cities cannot have looser rules than those issued by the county, they can go stricter, so Costa Mesa will.

"This is a common-sense, science-based measure intended to ensure the safety not only of Costa Mesans but of those patrons and employees who visit or work in our city. But our city is not in a vacuum, and the actions of neighboring cities, the regulations of

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KIRSTIN BUI, 18 of Huntington Beach, holds her dog, Bailee, after receiving her diploma from Edison High School on Thursday.

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About 550 Marina High students pick up diplomas

BY MATT SZABO

Alejandra Rosales thought she was going to have to miss her graduation from Marina High School.

Rosales, an accomplished track and field thrower for the Vikings, was set to compete at an international event in Panama. She would have been representing El Salvador, the country her parents Henry and Erika were born in.

The competition was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I'm glad I actually get to be at my school, instead of having to pick up my diploma some other day," Rosales said.

She and about 550 others graduated from Marina during a drive-through ceremony Thursday on campus.



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ILHAN BRONJA poses with his diploma during a drive-through graduation ceremony for Marina High School in Huntington Beach on Thursday.

Graduates and their families waited their turn in cars adjacent to Edinger Avenue. Once it was their turn, they graduated in the

parking lot, walking out and getting their diploma before hopping back into the car and exiting onto

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Valley Vista High graduates defy doubts, achieve success

BY ANDREW TURNER

Genesis Mariscal, a member of the graduating class at Valley Vista High School in Fountain Valley, said that she liked to rearrange things around the house when she was younger.

She would have been in her element if put to task when high schools across the country had to improvise with their graduation plans due to the coronavirus pandemic.

But bumps in the road would be fairly common for Mariscal, who said she attended five high schools and endured a home-year stint in her sophomore year before it was all said and done.

Valley Vista allowed her to cross the finish line to graduation, and several family members packed into the car to celebrate the momentous occasion.



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KENDALL DURANT poses for picture during a drive-through graduation ceremony for Valley Vista High School in Fountain Valley on Wednesday.

"I want to become an interior designer for homes," Mariscal said. "When I was younger, I would decorate the house and I would move

things around. I always decorated and always rearranged and always looked at a room and had a certain

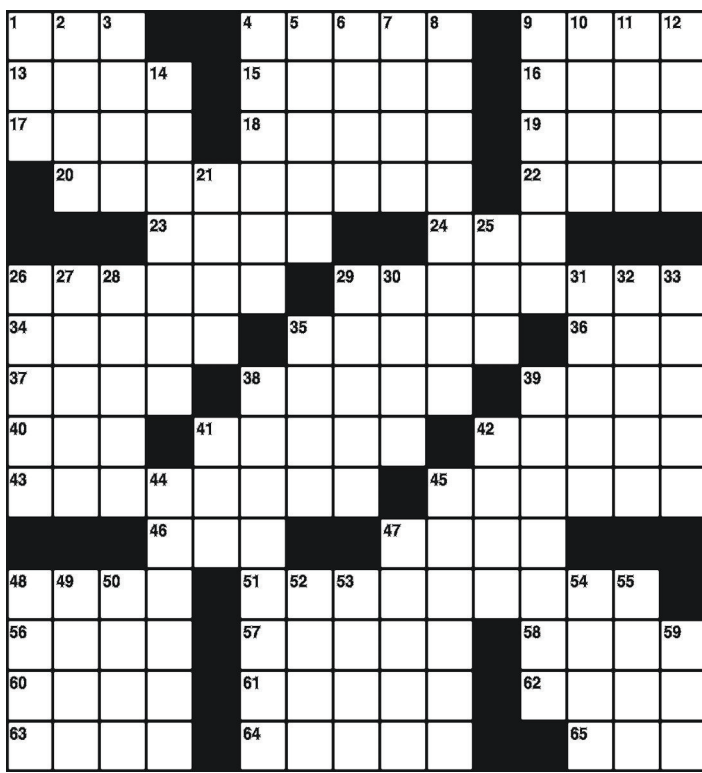
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
 1 Clumsy fellow
 4 Part of USNA
 9 Performs in a play
 13 Paints for Monet
 15 Off-repeated saying
 16 Bit of rain
 17 Stiffly formal
 18 Thinks deeply
 19 Cast a ballot
 20 Cowardly
 22 _ tea
 23 Nincompoop
 24 Suffix for count or lion
 26 Overdue for a haircut
 29 Soldiers' social clubs
 34 Gives a hoot
 35 Feeling blue
 36 Rule
 37 Baker's need
 38 Like a dull speaker's audience
 39 Negative reply
 40 Came in first
 41 Hair color
 42 Delhi dollar
 43 Dearth
 45 Most untainted
 46 Promos
 47 Without
 48 Three biblical kings
 51 Most peculiar
 56 Problems
 57 Pass out
 58 Is sorry for having done
 60 Detective's tip-off
 61 Reason to take Zantac
 62 Slangy affirmative
 63 Open-; observant
 64 Suspicious
 65 Use a towel

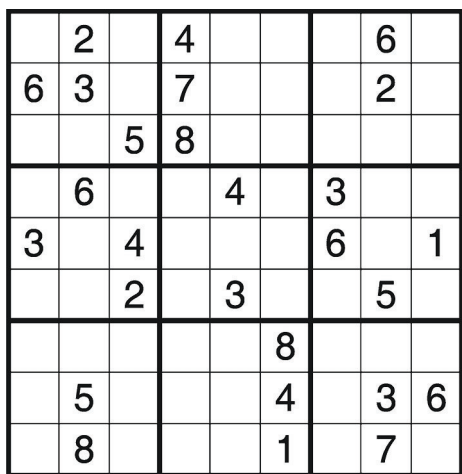
DOWN "Alley _"



SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

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



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

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 Put on _; act snooty | 10 Swamp critter, for short |
| 3 Turn over | 11 Schlep |
| 4 To wit | 12 Drove 90 mph |
| 5 One who's not a minor | 14 Tiny bit |
| 6 Bud holder | 21 New Year's Eve drinks |
| 7 Matures | 25 Pig's home |
| 8 Diminished | 26 Cargo |
| 9 Give counsel to | transport boats |

- 27 Wreak _; create chaos
 28 Rome's Colosseum, e.g.
 29 Like a stupid joke
 30 Ridiculed
 31 Wed secretly
 32 Neck parts
 33 "_ Caroline"; Neil Diamond song
 35 _ point; irrelevant matter
 38 Joyous
 39 Baby's room
 41 A's followers
 42 Part of a ladder
 44 Elevated
 45 Small room off the kitchen
 47 Not as nuts
 48 "Three Blind _"
 49 Actress Sheedy
 50 Stickum
 52 Old wives' _; superstition
 53 _ Chex
 54 Hauled into court
 55 Drop of joy or sorrow
 59 Timid around others

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AN INSTRUCTOR leads Newport Beach Junior Lifeguards at their training program in 2016.

N.B. Junior Lifeguards program gets a lifeline

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Evolving state and Orange County public health guidelines could loosen pandemic-driven restrictions on the popular Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard program.

The marquee, city-run summer youth program had been feared largely lost just a few weeks ago as organizers said they would limit enrollment to the oldest participants in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Sweeping statewide social and commercial restrictions were only just starting to relax when local officials, who had already postponed decisions on what if any programming they could offer, said they could only put together a limited camp.

But state guidance released earlier this month on next steps for the hospitality and recreation sectors — including day camps — could salvage what hundreds of area children would call their “super epic summer.”

“Although this is extremely exciting for us, it’s been a lot of work,” Newport Beach Fire Chief Jeff Boyles, whose department oversees the lifeguard divi-

sion, told the City Council on Tuesday. “Trust me, as a parent of two very active teenagers, I would like to see a program exist in a healthy, safe manner as well.”

Last month, Fire Department officials said the seven-week program would be pared down to only about 150 of the oldest participants, ages 14 and 15, and canceled for the younger kids who make up the majority of the long-running program. Junior Guards teaches ocean safety, physical fitness and citizenship every year to more than 1,300 children as young as 9, and has been a local fixture for 36 years.

The program’s progress is contingent on approval at the county level, which City Manager Grace Leung said she is anticipating this week.

The revived program would still be modified — instruction will be spread out around the Balboa Pier, Newport Pier and Marina Park areas, beyond the usual Balboa Pier headquarters, and require more staff to supervise smaller groups, more equipment and more sanitation. Only the oldest children will get the full seven

weeks, starting June 23. Everyone else will be on a five-week plan starting July 6.

In normal years, mild, common bugs blast through the close quarters and large groups. Although children and young adults have been largely spared from severe COVID-19 illness, they can be asymptomatic carriers, and Boyles said last month he had to protect his staff and the community.

Councilman Kevin Muldoon, who has previously spoken in support of maintaining the program this year, praised Fire Department staff for being nimble and responsive. He said they would have overwhelming support.

“There are a lot of lifeguards who bartend who’d probably be happy to be doing lifeguarding this summer since bartending might not be as busy,” he noted.

Councilwoman Joy Brenner said the council got about 1,100 emails on the matter and has read them all.

“Although the public pressure was important and it’s nice to know how

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 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 21700-21716 of the business and professions code, section 2328 of the UCC, section 535 of the penal code and provisions of the civil code, Alton Self Storage, 2215 Alton Parkway, Irvine, California 92606; County of Orange, State of California, will sell by competitive bid on June 19th 2020. Property to be sold as follows: Misc. Household Goods, Personal Items, Furniture, Clothing, and/or Business items/ Fixtures belonging to the following:
 TENANT NAME SPACE NUMBER
 Melaina Espinosa 3394
 Carlos Fernandez 3384
 Johnny Bond 3121
 Tammie Guillory 2518
 Micheal Lowery 2080
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 Xun Zhu 1094
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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH NOTICE OF FILING REPORT
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Finance Officer has prepared and filed with the City Clerk a report prepared pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 5473, showing sanitation and sewerage charges for Fiscal Year 2020-21 to be assessed against certain parcels of property within the City of Laguna Beach and proposing that said charges be collected on the tax roll. A hearing on said report will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 28, 2020 in the City Council Chambers of the City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California. Dates: 6/12/20, 6/19/20 and 6/26/20
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JU-LONG LEE
 30-2020-01138986-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: **JU-LONG LEE**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **CHENG CHIE LEE, aka JEFF CHENG CHIE LEE** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **SUSAN LEE NELSON, JACK LEE & JAMES CHENG-WEN LEE** 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 kept by the court.
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 **July 15, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in Dept. C6** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
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: **GIANNA GRUENWALD, ESQ. ROSS, WERSCHING & WOLCOTT, LLP** 3151 AIRWAY AVE, STE S-1 COSTA MESA, CA 92626 (714) 444-3900
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 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **NANCY ANN GIANNULLI**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **THOMAS C. GIANNULLI** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **THOMAS C. GIANNULLI** 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 kept by the court.
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A HEARING on the petition will be held on **June 24, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. in Dept. C6** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
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.
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Legal Notices
CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing pertaining to Costa Mesa's Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 originally scheduled for the June 2, 2020 City Council meeting will be heard at the Costa Mesa City Council regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item: Pursuant to Article XIII B the California Constitution, the Appropriations Limit for the City of Costa Mesa for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 has been calculated to be \$254,875,073.
 The documentation used in determining the City of Costa Mesa's Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is available from the Office of the Director of Finance at (714) 754-5243 or email angela.madsen@costamesaca.gov to obtain documentation.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, at the above time and place, all interested persons may be heard by the City Council on the above item and that all oral and written communication will be considered.
Public Comments:
 Zoom Webinar: Information to sign in will be provided on the agenda. Members of the public who wish to make a comment may submit your public comment via email to the [City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov](mailto:CityClerk@costamesaca.gov) and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov. Please note that records submitted by the public will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. Kindly submit to the City Clerk **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.** If you should need further assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at <http://costamesaca.gov>, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. **IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT**, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.
 Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
 Published on June 12, 2020

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 13 (ZONING CODE)
 The Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Zoning Code update (CO-2020-02) amending Title 13 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code to clean-up internal inconsistencies between various chapters of the Zoning Code and to conform to recent revisions to and requirements of State law. The update includes revisions to the following chapters:
 • Chapter I, Article 2: Definitions
 • Chapter III, Planning Applications
 • Chapter IV, Land Use Matrix
 • Chapter V, Residential Development Standards
 • Chapter V, Commercial and Industrial Development Standards
 • Chapter V, Planned Development – Master Plan
 • Chapter VI, Off-site Parking Standards
 • Chapter VII, Landscape Standards
 • Chapter VIII, Sign Standards
 • Chapter IX, Wireless Antennas
Environmental Determination: The ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule).
 The public hearing will be held as follows:
DATE: Monday, June 22, 2020
TIME: 6:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter
Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, City Hall and the Council Chambers are closed to the general public. Planning Commission meetings will be held remotely until further notice. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting remotely during COVID-19. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/commissions-and-committees/planning-commission/agendas-videos-minutes/2020-agendas-and-minutes>. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. Members of the public who wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item may submit your comment via email to PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov. Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City as described above **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.
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Newport passes balanced budget dented by pandemic

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Newport Beach has officially girded itself for a \$33.2-million gap in next year's budget.

The economic impacts of coronavirus lockdowns led city finance staff to fill the anticipated revenue holes for fiscal year 2021 through a combination of operational savings, a hiring freeze, setting aside less for savings along with dipping into existing savings, and, especially, deferring capital projects — but avoiding service cuts and layoffs.

The City Council unanimously approved the \$219-million fiscal 2021 budget on Tuesday.

Mayor Will O'Neill, who chairs the city finance committee, said the city is historically conservative on its sales and bed tax revenue projections. This year the city went even lower than its consultant's estimates.

"We've always assumed low on our revenue and we've assumed high on our expenses. This is one of the reasons we've done so well long-term on fiscal issues and why we typically have a surplus — and actually we're using last year's surplus to help stopgap this, which is a good mark of why we did it in the first place," he said.

City officials estimate sales taxes will dip about



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NEWPORT BEACH filled \$33.2 million in anticipated revenue holes from lost revenues, especially in sales and bed taxes.

17% and bed taxes will drop by 66% over the current year, which was also banded up as the pandemic's effects tightened their grip starting in the spring.

Deferred capital makes up about \$21 million of the proposed solution. Dipping into reserves chips in about \$2.3 million.

BOARD, COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The council selected the following board and commission candidates for terms to begin in July and end in June 2024.

- Board of Library Trustees: Paul Watkins (incumbent)

- Building and Fire Board of Appeals: Saum Nour (incumbent), Rolly Pullasky (incumbent)

- City Arts Commission: Marie Little (incumbent), Leonard Simon

- Civil Service Board: Robyn Grant (incumbent), Howard Herzog (incumbent)

- Harbor Commission: Gary Williams

- Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission: David Granoff (incumbent)

- Planning Commission: Curtis Ellmore (incumbent), Erik Weigand (incumbent)

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MASKS

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the county, have a substantial impact on our residents and workers," she wrote in a Thursday letter to county officials in defense of broader mask orders.

"If we are to effectively reopen our businesses and revive our economy, mandatory use of facial coverings countywide is necessary and proper to ensure the protection of the residents and workers in the city of Costa Mesa and throughout Orange County. The independence of the county

health officer to ensure our collective public health and safety should not be interfered with by the Board of Supervisors."

Supervisors Vice Chair Andrew Do encouraged wearing a mask when people cannot maintain enough physical distancing.

"If you are feeling sick it is strongly recommended to wear a mask and social distance and stay at home," said Chair Michelle Steel. "Public health is of the utmost importance during this crisis."

Meanwhile, the Orange County Health Care Agency reported 260 new infections

of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 Thursday and 1,831 additional tests over Wednesday, bringing Orange County to 7,987 known cases of the coronavirus and 172,072 total tests given. Daily updates are preliminary and subject to change as the county receives new information.

Deaths from COVID-19 increased by four, to 202 total. Two of the new deaths were in nursing homes.

Reported hospitalizations were at 294, with 142 in intensive care.

Estimated total recoveries increased to 3,726. Thursday's cumulative

case count is significant because it starts a new cycle in the disease's doubling time, which shows a disease's relative growth rate, in the county.

The longer it takes a population to double, the slower the relative growth.

From March 13 to 31 for example, in the pandemic's early weeks, confirmed coronavirus cases in Orange County doubled on average once every four days, according to county data.

After that, while cases grew steadily, doubling times stretched out — to eight days, then 17, then 19, then, as of Thursday, to 28

days.

By date and case count:

- March 31: 488 cases
- April 8: 996 cases
- April 25: 1,946 cases
- May 14: 3,937 cases
- June 11: 7,987 cases

Cases will double again when Orange County sees about 16,000 cumulative positive tests.

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

- Santa Ana: 1,716 (50.8 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Anaheim: 1,482 (41.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Huntington Beach: 404 (19.8 cases per 10,000 resi-

dents)

- Irvine: 227 (8.1 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Newport Beach: 166 (19 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Costa Mesa: 159 (13.7 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Fountain Valley: 71 (12.5 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Laguna Beach: 49 (21 cases per 10,000 residents)

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individually near the entrance where cars entered onto a black-carpeted promenade on the field's track. Seniors walked a short distance to pick up their diplomas before taking another photo on a stage surrounded by white and maroon balloon decorations before getting back into their cars and exiting the stadium.

"[Graduation] gives students some recognition, knowing anything we do is kind of a consolation," Laguna Beach High Principal Jason Allemann said, "but these kids have been thrown an unwelcome and an unwarranted obstacle like what we're dealing with in this pandemic and it's just important to recognize their accomplishments in some way, shape or form."

Avalon Brice said she was excited to graduate but



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GRADUATE ANDREW FINK walks alongside his grandfather's 1932 Ford hot rod as they participate in the Laguna Beach High drive-through graduation at Guyer Field on Thursday. The car overheated so they decided to push it instead.

added that it was upsetting that her class had to do so under the pandemic. She said she was thankful that the school had switched to a drive-through ceremony as opposed to an online one.

"I just feel like it's an amazing experience to be

able to experience this ... eventful thing in our life with other people even under a pandemic," Brice said. "I just feel that we have a small enough class compared to other high

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PROGRAM

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much everybody loves this program, including my family from almost the beginning, that was not the deciding factor for you. The deciding factor for you was that you could offer a safe program," she told officials. "I think if you didn't feel like you were offering a really safe program it wouldn't have mattered how many emails we got or anything, and I appreciate that."

Newport Beach chief lifeguard Mike Halphide estimated about 1,100 children would sign up this year, based on lower than

usual registration for the eldest cohort.

But the second start date is, appropriately, Ben Carlson Day, when local lifeguards honor the anniversary of the first and only line of duty death of a Newport lifeguard.

Halphide said that despite the abbreviated schedule the program will be more expensive this year with the modifications. The City Council will discuss funding at its next meeting June 23.

Registration could begin for the younger age groups as soon as Monday at nbgj.net.

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MARINA

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Springdale Street.

"Even though we know our graduation will look different this year, our district worked closely together to plan a ceremony that we know will be exciting and memorable for our families," Marina Principal Jessie Marion said.

"We are thrilled to be able to watch all of our students walk across the stage in their caps and gowns to receive their diplomas. We are very proud of the class of 2020 and all they have accomplished while at Marina High School, and we are looking forward to honoring them today. We truly believe that this graduation will be a day they will never forget."

Rosales, who plans to throw at Riverside City College next year, had hoped for an unforgettable spring track season, in which she would make the CIF State Meet for the first time. COVID-19 changed those plans, but Rosales, the 2019 Daily Pilot Girls' Track and Field Dream Team Athlete of the Year,



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FACULTY AND staff members, from left, Rita Peterson, Jennifer Letterman, Brittney Caldwell, Judy Goodhue and Tom Mushaney show support during a drive-through graduation ceremony for Marina High School on Thursday.

has adapted.

She said she picked up a temporary job at Walmart to help support her parents financially. After she graduated Thursday afternoon, she had no big plans, other than to return home to watch her 10-year-old sister Daniela.

"At school, athletes, it's like you're a part of something more special," Rosales said. "You win together,

you lose together. The love is still there, and the memories will never fade away."

Katherine Dillman walked across the stage in the morning. Her car featured her parents, her stepfather and her younger sister. Her mother, Kim, stood out of the car's sunroof proudly shooting video, which made Katherine Dillman smile.

"I am happy," Katherine Dillman

said. "I wish I did a couple more things [in high school], but I'm pretty happy about all of my decisions that have led me to where I am today. I took a lot of classes, I got into a good school [UC Riverside]. I'm just excited for the new chapter."

Dillman, who was a track and field sprinter for four years for the Vikings, had a cap that featured "UCR" written prominently. She said she considered wearing a "Black Lives Matter" mask, but ultimately decided against it.

"I decided not to wear it because my parents wouldn't agree with that and I don't know if the school would either," said Dillman, whose mother is Vietnamese, and father is Hispanic.

Dillman, who attended the protest at the Huntington Beach Pier on May 31, said she is still excited to see many of her classmates and other young people rallying around the cause.

"We all want change to happen immediately," she said.

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schools in our area. I just feel like we are grateful and fortunate to do this compared to other districts."

"It's very emotional. I'm first-generation, so ... I'm glad I got to be here when my parents came from nothing," Hailey Cortez said, her voice wavering.

"I thought it was great. The school did the best they could to plan and I think it ... couldn't have gone any better," Hailey said. "I think it was great to see ... a lot of the teachers that I had, so I think online wouldn't do it justice. I think this was better than online since I got to see other people and my family got to also experience what it was like [to graduate]."

Peri Brennan said she was super excited and wanted to say a "big thank you" to all the teachers for making a drive-through graduation possible. Caden Capobianco said that he felt that "it's been a long time" in high school but he felt accomplished and was glad to see his teachers again in-person after distance learning for much of his last semester at Laguna Beach High.

Jack Crawford said couldn't believe that high school went so quickly.

"I'm happy to finally be done and I'm excited to see what the future has in hold for me," Crawford said. "It's a lot of mixed emotions. Sad, that it's all over. High school's over. Can't get it back, but I'm happy that I made it through."

"I think this was amazing for them to do," Crawford said. "Our whole senior year, the second half just got completely ruined. We didn't have anything. So for them to do this instead an online [graduation] was a huge difference in my opinion. This made it seem like they actually care because they do."

The ceremony continued into the afternoon, and on a cloudless June day, Laguna Beach High said goodbye to its class of 2020.

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SUCCESS

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idea of how it's supposed to look."

Certain aspects of the graduation were as to be expected. Kerry Clitheroe, the principal, announced over a microphone each student that graduated as they arrived and asked them to move their tassels.

The students were presented their diplomas and then had their photo taken in cap and gown beneath a balloon arch.

Several of the graduating

students said that they did not always expect to make it to graduation.

Laila Ortua called the school and its staff a blessing.

Ortua said her self-doubt stemmed from a lack of motivation after her father's passing right before high school.

"I just kind of went through a wave of depression and lack of motivation," Ortua said. "I never thought that I was going to have the motivation ever to pull myself through this, and I kind of fell down to the wrong path, and then I just stopped

going to school altogether.

"One day, I just kind of had an epiphany, and I was like, 'I need to get it together,' and everyone here helped me with that, and so now I'm here."

Going forward, Ortua said she wants to pursue nursing in college with the hope of one day becoming a physician assistant.

She warmed hearts at graduation, thanking individual teachers for their efforts on her way out.

The class of 2020 rallied behind each other in their chance to make good, even when a pandemic took

them away from their friends and classmates.

Hector Gomez Bautista said that group chats were a way to establish that camaraderie the past few months.

"Some of my friends were down, saying like, 'Dang, I don't feel like high school ... it's not supposed to end like this,'" Gomez Bautista said. "I said, 'Well, what can we do besides finish and move on. We're not going to stay in this time forever.'"

Andrew Goodman said he received the individual help and the "push" he needed to get through high school at Valley Vista. He plans to go

to Golden West College and study mechanics.

A lei fashioned out of candy bars was around Goodman's neck, a treat for completing high school.

The journey to graduation also taught him a thing or two that he is not likely to forget as he heads into his next great adventure.

"No matter what's in your way, you can always achieve whatever you want to see, no matter what's going on with the world or [your] personal life," Goodman said.

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EDISON

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ting in the sun for three hours."

Edison graduated 489 seniors during the ceremony. Shannon Stolaruk, who played varsity girls' tennis for four years, was another one of them. Stolaruk participated in the Academy of Sustainability in Engineering for all four years. Working on cool science

projects should suit her well for her next stop, as she will major in biology at UC Irvine.

Stolaruk went to the drive-through ceremony with her mother Kazumi, father Randy and 12-year-old brother, Kai. Both of the family's dogs, Tucker and Dewey, also were in attendance dressed in little cap-and-gown outfits.

She planned to attend a gathering with fellow graduates after leaving

campus.

"It should be pretty safe," she said. "I think we'll be wearing masks and trying to keep our distance and whatnot. It'll be fun to see friends."

Sean Fajardo said he appreciated being in the Chargers' basketball program for four years, including two years as a varsity guard. "We're all one family," Fajardo said.

He added that he looked forward to a post-gradua-

tion dinner with several of his classmates, including Kate Davies, Nicole Field, Abby McCollam, Dylan Delaney, Ian Schilling and Jacob Shapiro, as well as their families.

As she moves forward, Kottman classified being in the class of 2020 as an interesting experience.

"I wouldn't say that it was easy, but I would say that you can find beautiful things in any stage of life," she said. "Going through

COVID for my class, I'd say we learned how to have life be slower, which was a huge blessing. This is a generation that schedules event after event, practice after practice. To be able to have time to just be with our family ... has been such a blessing. I'm definitely going to try to implement that into my life more."

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