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**A WHITE PAINTED** "ghost bike" has been placed at the corner of 16th Street and Irvine Avenue, where an 80-year-old man, Ernest Adams of Newport Beach was struck by an alleged DUI driver on March 28 and later succumbed to his injuries early the next morning.

## Bicyclist, 80, fatally struck by alleged DUI driver identified

BY SARA CARDINE

A Newport Beach resident who died in the hospital last week after his bicycle was struck by an alleged DUI driver near the intersection of 16th Street and Irvine Avenue has been identified by the Orange County coroner's office.

Ernest Adams, 80, was riding his bike near Newport Harbor High School at around 3:15 p.m. on March 28 when he collided with a vehicle driven by Alexis Garcilopez, 20, of Norwalk, Newport

Beach Police Department spokeswoman Heather Rangel confirmed Monday.

Adams was transported to a nearby hospital with major injuries. A release issued by the coroner's office indicated Adams was taken to Orange County Global Medical Center in Santa Ana, where he reportedly succumbed to his injuries at 1:42 a.m. on March 29.

Garcilopez was arrested by Newport Beach police officers for causing bodily injury while driving under the influence.

No further information on the suspect's

detention was available Monday afternoon.

Nearby Newport Harbor High was not in session when the collision took place, as the incident occurred on a Sunday, but residents have complained of increased traffic and distracted drivers in the area during the school's pick-up and drop-off area. Rangel said Monday the incident was still under investigation.

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## Firefighters use jaws of life to pull man from vehicle after alleged joyride, 3 hospitalized

BY SARA CARDINE

Three people were hospitalized Saturday night following a collision on Harbor Boulevard that led firefighters to use the jaws of life to extricate a driver from a crumpled vehicle, officials reported Monday.

Costa Mesa police believe the collision may have been caused by a 28-year-old man who allegedly took his roommate's black Honda sedan without permission and was observed by witnesses running multiple red lights at a high rate of speed on Harbor Boulevard prior to the collision.

CMPD spokeswoman Roxi Fyad confirmed Monday that officers arrested Costa Mesa resident Eric Stockstill for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. Stockstill was transported to a nearby trauma

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**FIREFIGHTERS** use the jaws of life Saturday to extricate a man from his vehicle near Harbor Boulevard and South Coast Drive.

Courtesy of  
Costa Mesa  
Fire & Rescue

## H.B. council reacts to KKK fliers

Members vote to denounce hate speech and white supremacy and put in plans for two events promoting equality and diversity.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council on Monday night voted on items denouncing hate speech and white supremacy, less than 48 hours after Ku Klux Klan fliers were found in the downtown area.

The fliers showed up in a block of 18th Street on Easter morning, police said, and were promoting a "White Lives Matter" rally planned for the Huntington Beach Pier on April 11.

Tension has been building since word of the rally surfaced last week, when similar fliers promoting the KKK were distributed in the Newport Heights area of Newport Beach. On Monday afternoon, Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr released a statement denouncing the fliers as "a cowardly attempt to drum up support for a hateful cause that is in direct contradiction to Huntington Beach's values of integrity, respect and inclusivity."

Carr pointed out that the city is one of the only ones in Orange County with its

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## Estancia theater project fuels battle

Costa Mesa officials seek to overturn approvals for a performing arts complex, but NMUSD says the city's petition is invalid.

BY SARA CARDINE

Newport-Mesa Unified School District's plan to construct a \$32-million performing arts complex at Estancia High School is being challenged by the city of Costa Mesa in a lawsuit that alleges the project has not undergone adequate environmental review.

In a petition for writ of mandate filed in Orange County Superior Court in January, Costa Mesa City Atty. Kimberly Barlow stated Newport-Mesa trustees approved the project in October 2019 and submitted plans to the State Architect last November without holding ad-

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## Golf carts, cars, beach chairs hold faithful for drive-in Easter service

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Roughly 100 worshipers — counting those seated in cars, golf carts or on beach chairs — turned out Sunday for a drive-in Easter service at Newport Dunes, the second of its kind since the pandemic took hold more than a year ago.

The idea of a "Church With No Walls" was created by Newport Beach resident Dr. Robert Schuller Jr., he said, "because there was no place for anyone to go to church last Easter 2020. The only place anyone could go to worship in Orange County was the drive-in church."

Schuller is the son of the late televangelist Dr. Robert Schuller Sr., founder of the Crystal Cathedral, one of the nation's first megachurches, known for its popular "Hour of Power" broadcast.

Interestingly, Crystal Cathedral began as a drive-in ministry at the Orange drive-in in 1955.

When the church faced bankruptcy in 2010 it sold its iconic glass building in Garden Grove two years later to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, and it is now called Christ Cathedral.

Robert Schuller Jr. served as senior pastor of the Crystal Cathedral between 2006 and 2008 before parting ways with the ministry over visionary differences. An author, televangelist and pastor, Schuller plans to continue to hold Sunday services at Newport Dunes.

"We have every intention of being there as long as the Dunes will allow us, with many more years to come," Schuller said.

"There's no complaints about comfort of the pews or chairs, or temperature or music. It's a controlled environment, just roll up your windows and turn on the air."

**SUSAN HOFFMAN** is a contributor to Times Community News



Susan Hoffman

**GOLF CARTS**, bicycles, cars and beach chairs line up at the Newport Dunes Sunday church service in Newport Beach.









Courtesy of Newport-Mesa Unified School District

**A RENDERING** of a proposed performing arts complex at Estancia High School that could be completed by 2023.

THEATER

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equate and timely public hearings.

“[The city] and the public will suffer irreparable harm by respondents’ failure to take the required steps to protect the environment and follow mandatory environmental review in compliance with the law,” the document states.

Attorneys for the school district objected to the petition in a March 8 notice of demurrer that claimed city officials failed to file their petition within a stipulated 180-day deadline from the date of project approval.

A hearing on that demurrer is scheduled for May 7, ahead of a June 11 case management conference.

The dispute centers on NMUSD’s plan to build a 46,000-square-foot complex with a 350-seat theater and lobby, a black-box theater and new concession, storage and backstage areas on the Estancia High campus in Costa Mesa.

Outdoor work would include creation of a courtyard plaza, reconfiguration of a bus area and perimeter fencing. The existing theater would remain intact and be repurposed as a lecture hall, according to district spokeswoman Annette Franco, who said Tuesday the district would not comment on existing litigation.

Construction would also necessitate demolition of a nearly 1-acre senior lawn that contains several mature sycamore trees and provides respite for students at the windowless high school.

Claiming the project would not increase the school’s student capacity or require a change in facility use, NMUSD’s board of trustees adopted a resolution in a Dec. 9, 2020, meeting finding the Estancia project exempt from environmental reviews called for under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The city’s petition suggests school board members were wrong to claim the Estancia theater project exempt from CEQA review, as the performing arts complex and its construction could significantly impact aesthetics, open space, air quality, traffic and circulation.

“A massive theater complex taking up almost 2 acres, costing \$32 mil-

lion, taking two years to construct and destroying the much-loved senior lawn and two dozen iconic sycamore trees can hardly be categorized as a ‘minor addition’ to existing school facilities,” the document stated.

It also claims board members rubber-stamped the approval process without giving the public enough opportunity to review and comment on the project, although a project review committee comprising district officials and school site employees initially weighed in on some aspects of the proposal and its location on campus.

Barlow maintained in the document that comments and questions posed at a Dec. 3, 2020, community meeting, held weeks after plans were sent to the State Architect, went unanswered.

“[City employee] Minoo Ashabi specifically questioned the basis for any CEQA exemption for the project but received no response from district representatives,” it stated. “Both written and verbal comments were made at the community meeting addressing the potential significant impact of the project.”

Costa Mesa officials seek to vacate and set aside all project approvals and request Newport-Mesa Unified engage in a full CEQA review process and conduct “all necessary environmental review as required by law,” including the drafting of an environmental impact report.

A favorable ruling by the court could potentially push back the project, on which construction is slated to begin this fall in advance of a 2023 opening, by months or even more than a year.

In its objection filed in March, school district attorneys addressed what they called a “fundamental flaw” in the city’s complaint.

“The petition was filed more than nine months too late,” they wrote. “Because the statute of limitations bars the city’s action, the entire complaint, including all causes of action, [is] time-barred.”

An Orange County Superior Court judge could rule to sustain or amend Newport-Mesa’s demurrer at the May 7 hearing.

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COLLISION

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center following the crash.

The incident occurred at around 9:15 p.m. Saturday, when officers were called out to the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and South Coast Drive, according to Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue Capt. Joe Noceti.

Noceti said responders found the Honda and a white SUV near the intersection, both with drivers and at least one passenger trapped inside. Firefighters pulled Stockstill out of the sedan using the jaws of life.

Two people inside the second vehicle were able to

crawl out of the wreckage on their own, Noceti said Monday. They sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were taken to a nearby hospital where they were treated for minor injuries.

Fyad said Stockstill allegedly took the car from his roommate at around 9 p.m. Saturday. The roommate did not give permission and reportedly “felt threatened” by him, according to police.

Stockstill was arrested on a felony charge but Fyad said Monday it will be up to the district attorney’s office to file formal charges.

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Courtesy of Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue

**THE DRIVER** of a black Honda sedan was observed by witnesses running multiple red lights at a high rate of speed on Harbor Boulevard prior to the collision that hospitalized three.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEVEN B. ROYSE, aka STEVEN BLAKENEY ROYSE, aka STEVEN ROYSE 30-2021-01191185-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: **STEVEN B. ROYSE, aka STEVEN BLAKENEY ROYSE, aka STEVEN ROYSE**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **CYNTHIA A. HEUBERGER, aka CYNTHIA HEUBERGER** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **CYNTHIA A. HEUBERGER, aka CYNTHIA HEUBERGER** 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 May 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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

**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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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

CdM boys' tennis team wins Battle of the Bay

Max Krykunenko, Niels Hoffmann and Jack Cross all swept in singles as the Corona del Mar High School boys' tennis team earned a 17-1 win over rival Newport Harbor on Monday in a Sunset Conference crossover match at CdM.

The doubles teams of Jonathan Hinkel and Jack Knox, as well as Alex Nikolaev and Jack Johnson, both swept for CdM (7-0). Scott Thompson and Austin Dick won twice in doubles.

Julian Pierce and Josh Wooden won once at No.1 doubles for the Sailors (1-7).

CdM plays at Marina on Wednesday at 3 p.m., while Newport Harbor hosts Huntington Beach.

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
**Newport Harbor 61, Trabuco Hills 37:** Cydney Jover had 13 points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals to lead the host Sailors in Monday's nonleague game.

Daelyn Renee had a team-high 16 points for Newport Harbor (1-0). Emma Fults added 11 points, nine rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots, Chase Dionio had 11 points and five steals, and Will Rath chipped in with eight points, 10 rebounds and five steals.

Newport Harbor plays host to Northwood on Saturday at 1 p.m.

**BOYS' SOCCER**  
**Edison 2, Laguna Beach 0:** Esteban Palacios and Trenton Bellinger scored goals for the visiting Chargers on Monday in a Sunset Conference crossover match.

Edison (5-2) will be at home against Marina on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

— From staff reports

TENNIS

Orange County Breakers not expected to play in Newport Beach this summer

BY MATT SZABO

The Orange County Breakers will again compete for the World Team Tennis title this summer.

But for the second straight year, the Breakers won't do it with a handful of home matches at Palisades Tennis Club in Newport Beach.

World Team Tennis announced Friday the league will again hold all of its 2021 matches at one site, due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

Breakers general manager Allen Hardison said he expects the site to be announced by early May. Last summer, the mixed-gender professional tennis league played all of its matches at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia.

"The initial reaction is obviously that we're extremely disappointed that



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**THE CENTER COURT** at Palisades Tennis Club during a 2017 Orange County Breakers match.

we can't play in front of our home fans," Hardison said.

"I truly feel that we have one of the best, if not the best, fan bases in WTT. I'm bummed for our fans, for sure, but there's no question that this is the right decision. I think sticking these players on airplanes and going through eight or nine different cities in a two-to-three week period this July, it probably still is just a little bit too early."

Hardison said that California "is still in play" as the league researches potential venues for this summer.

He added that World Team Tennis wants to play at a bigger venue than Palisades or Omni La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, which the rival San Diego Aviators call home, in case capacity restrictions are still in place in July.

"We want to make sure that as many people as possible can come out and experience WTT," Hardison said. "I'm certainly keeping my fingers crossed for California, obviously. It would be great for our fans."

The Breakers are owned by Laguna Beach businessman Eric Davidson, who recently became the World Team Tennis chairman after Carlos Silva stepped down as CEO last month.

The team has played at Palisades since 2017, and also played there from the franchise's inception in 2003 through 2006.

Orange County finished 5-9 during the 2020 WTT season in West Virginia and failed to make the playoffs. The Breakers are searching for their first postseason appearance since winning the franchise's second King Trophy as league champions in 2017.

"I'm not going to lie, the last couple of years have been significantly below my expectation, Eric's expectation and [coach Rick Leach's] expectation," Hardison said.

"We need to get the team back to where it was in 2017 and 2016, when we were playing for WTT championships. There's definitely a ton of optimism as we go into 2021, and high expectations."

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