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LISA AND TODD SMITH greet a passerby who says she can't get used to wearing a face mask on Main Street in Huntington Beach on July 1.

Many in county resist masks even as coronavirus cases soar

BY HANNAH FRY AND SARA CARDINE

When Basilio's Pasta e Vino took to social media to proclaim itself a mask-free location amid the coronavirus pandemic in late May, it prompted responses ranging from overwhelming support to stern admonishments from customers who pledged never to dine at the restaurant again.

On Monday, officials at the Huntington Beach establishment had a message for those who have expressed anger about their policy. They updated the restaurant's voicemail greeting, joking that they were "having some fun with the haters."

"As you may know, we have been recently featured in the press and with great appreciation have been receiving an overwhelming show of support by the community and even from across the state and country, so if you're calling to place an order or express support for our position please hold or leave a voicemail," the greeting states. "If you're calling to place a death threat, please press 2 and leave your name, number and address so our cousin Guido and his crew can pay you a visit."

It is not clear whether the restaurant is mandating that diners remove their masks before entering. A man who identified himself as the restaurant manager declined to

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A GADSDEN FLAG flies with the United States flag at Basilio's Pasta e Vino in Huntington Beach recently. The restaurant has created some controversy with its anti-mask policy.

Orange County initiative aims to address root causes behind Latinos' high risk for COVID-19

BY SARA CARDINE

Orange County health officials on Thursday reported the countywide coronavirus infection rate stands at about 245 residents per 100,000 — a total of 21,517 cases — but in areas with predominately Latino populations, the rates are much higher.

In Anaheim, where census figures indicate Latinos account for 54% of the population, the transmission rate is 1,065 per 100,000. And in Santa Ana, which has a 77% Latino population, the rate climbs to 1,214 — nearly five times the countywide rate.

To respond to an apparent emerging healthcare crisis in "hot spot" neighborhoods disproportionately affected by COVID-19, county officials are teaming up with a network of area nonprofits and agencies to

provide education, resources and virus testing to communities that need it most.

The Latino Health Equity Initiative will take advantage of existing service infrastructures and build upon them to reach vulnerable residents "at an almost personal level," said Orange County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Andrew Do, who launched the effort June 30 alongside 4th District Supervisor Doug Chaffee and partnering organizations.

Do said the effort will address the many barriers that keep people from accessing information or acting on information that they have — from income and transportation concerns to immigration status and distrust of government agencies.

"With the Latino community,

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Courtesy of Latino Health Access

SOME 300 AREA residents received free coronavirus testing Monday at Walker Elementary School in Santa Ana through Orange County's new Latino Health Equity Initiative, which was launched June 30.

In O.C., cases top 1,000 for fifth day in a row

The healthcare agency reports 1,133 new coronavirus infections on Friday, bringing the total number to 22,650.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

For the fifth day in a row, Orange County climbed by another 1,000 new COVID-19 cases, according to new numbers reported on Friday by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

The county health agency reported 1,133 new cases, bringing the cumulative total of cases up to 22,650, which includes 1,291 skilled nursing facility residents, 420 county jail inmates and 116 people experiencing homelessness. The county also reported 10 new deaths on Friday, bringing the total to 412.

The confirmed total number of COVID-19 cases in the state has topped 300,000, with close to 7,000 deaths related to the virus.

Monday was the first time more than 1,000 infections were reported in a 24-hour period — 1,028 cases were logged countywide. Those numbers have since fluctuated, with Tuesday's daily cases falling to 1,010 before climbing again on Wednesday, when the county reported 1,333 new cases.

The county reported another 1,292 cases on Thursday.

The new number of tests logged were 7,315, putting the total number at 296,311. About 14.7% of tests returned positive.

The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 increased by 101% between June 18, when 335 people were hospitalized, and Friday.

County health officials reported on Friday that 672 current cases are hospitalized with 227 of those in intensive care units. On Thursday, 691 of current cases were reported to be hospitalized and 236 of those cases are in the intensive care unit.

The spike has prompted hospitals countywide to begin to prepare for a surge of sick patients,

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Coronavirus pandemic shuts down Newport Beach City Hall, again

Newport Beach will shut down its City Hall to the public for the second time in four months as COVID-19 cases pick up throughout the state and region.

City Hall will close to in-person services starting Monday. City services will be available through phone, email and pickup/drop-off, including permit applications, plan checks, payments and library services.

Participation in City Council and Planning Commission meetings can be done through live web stream and phone. The Police Department has also closed its front counter and will continue to work with the public through phone and email.

Newport previously closed its City Hall from mid-March to late May.

The current closures will be in place until further notice. See newportbeachca.gov for more information.

Costa Mesa's City Hall, which has also been closed since March, remains closed.

Laguna Beach, Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley city halls, which had previously closed and reopened, remained open to the public as of Friday.

— Hillary Davis



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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

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

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Tribune Media Services

Update to historical preservation ordinance heads to Laguna Beach City Council chambers for review

BY LILLY NGUYEN

After a years-long effort to update the city's municipal code, the historic preservation ordinance is returning to the Laguna Beach City Council chambers.

Staff is recommending approval of a draft ordinance designed to update the city's inventory of historic structures. The historic preservation ordinance, first adopted in 1989, acknowledged the 1981 Historic Resources Inventory and provided incentives to owners to maintain those properties.

Work to begin to revise current city code on historical preservation began in 2015, according to a staff report prepared for Tuesday's meeting.

The move to update the historic register, however, began in 2013 as it became outdated, with many of the structures listed having been modified or demolished and others were added to it, city staff said in February.

The City Council will review revisions to the draft ordinance, which was first introduced to the council in March 2019. City staff was subsequently directed to include several recommendations by the historic preservation task force and update the definition of a "historic resource" in the draft.

Staff was also asked to hire a consultant to prepare an initial study in accordance with state environmental law for the project.

The recommendations proposed by the task force include using state codes to replace the local historic rating system; concurrent review of applications for the historic register and incentives; elimination of age as a criterion; and changing when design re-



File Photo

THE LAGUNA BEACH City Council will be considering the historic preservation ordinance at Tuesday's council meeting. If approved, it will be passed to a second reading for adoption. Above, "The Ark" was built and designed in 1923.

view is required for historic properties.

Other revisions in the draft ordinance are the inclusion of "owner consent" as a criterion for eligibility for the local register and the removal of any reference to the 1981 inventory. Historic preservation incentives have also been expanded.

The city will also need to clarify an existing list in its general plan, which shows 41 properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, staff said. Since 1981, 21 of those properties were designated on the city's historic register, with two also on the national register. One property was demolished before adoption of the historic preservation ordinance in 1989.

The 20 other properties on the list — including Aneliese School, Hotel Laguna and Main Street Bar & Cabaret — would need to be evaluated as part of any future development applications to determine their historic status.

The Planning Commission reviewed the changes in February and unanimously recommended City Council approval.

Residents previously requested that discussion of the historic preservation ordinance be delayed until the public could be present in council chambers, pointing to the contentious debate between preservationists that favor protections and frustrated property owners that want to maintain or change their properties.

As of the posting of the agenda on Thursday, the city received 50 letters weighing in.

Tuesday's meeting will begin at 5 p.m. and can be viewed on Cox cable channel 852 or livestreamed through the city's website at lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/cityclerk/mam.htm.

Residents are encouraged to send comments on agenda items to City Clerk Lisette Chel-Walker at lchel@lagunabeachcity.net. All communications must be received by noon Tuesday.

Residents can also call in at (669) 900-9128 to listen to the meeting and comment during designated periods. While calling, dial 9292518960# and press *9 to comment on an item. Time for remarks may be limited.

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MASKS

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comment to a Times reporter on Tuesday. Huntington Beach police spokeswoman Angela Bennett said officials have sent the restaurant a letter requesting that they comply with the state's mask order.

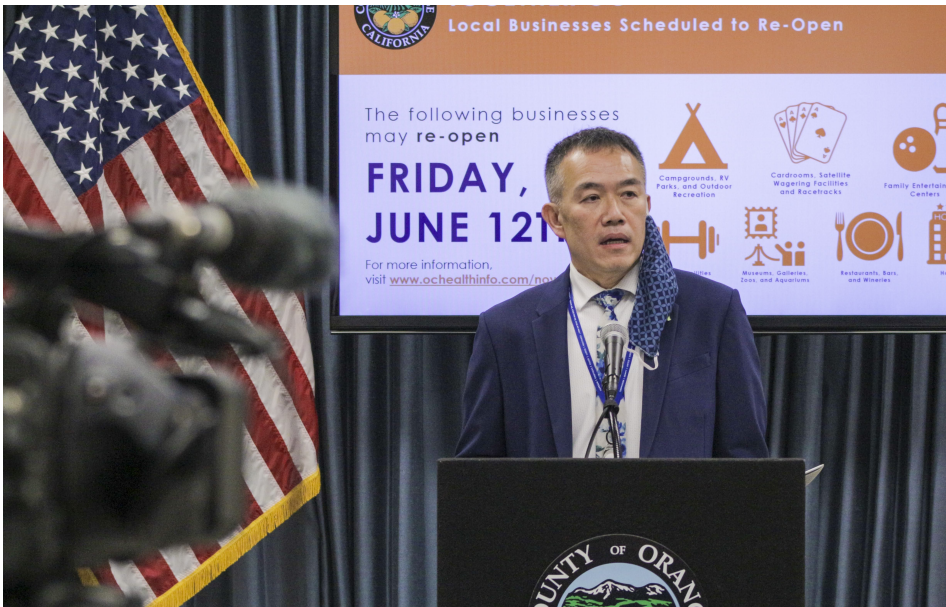
But the restaurant's defiance underscores how Orange County remains a battleground where dueling factions of the population debate the necessity of masks. As coronavirus cases have spiked, more officials are urging people to cover their faces when in public. But many are skill skeptical.

It's part of a larger debate raging this summer as businesses reopen even as coronavirus surges. The politics of masks are particularly intense among those who don't like the idea of the government telling them what they should wear.

Public health experts have said that wearing a face covering is an effective way to decrease the spread of the coronavirus. A study published recently in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, concluded that, "wearing of face masks in public corresponds to the most effective means to prevent inter-human transmission."

In early June, Orange County's public health officer resigned after weeks of verbal attacks, including a death threat, over her mandatory mask rules.

Her replacement rescinded the rules amid intense pressure from the Board of Supervisors, in-



County of Orange

INTERIM HEALTH officer Dr. Clayton Chau said on June 10 that Orange County "strongly recommends" wearing masks in public settings, but they are not mandatory.

stead "strongly recommending" that residents wear face coverings when in public.

A week later, Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered all Californians to wear face coverings while in public or high-risk settings, including shopping, taking public transit or seeking medical care.

The order was handed down amid growing concerns that an increase in cases had been caused by residents failing to voluntarily take that precaution.

Last week, Health Care Agency Director Dr. Clayton Chau included a mask requirement in Orange County's latest order.

The order also closed certain business sectors including bars and indoor dining at restaurants amid a troubling uptick in infections and hospitalizations

in the county.

On Monday, Orange County for the first time reported more than 1,000 new coronavirus cases in a single day, with young people accounting for the bulk of new infections. The county has the third-highest number of coronavirus cases among the state's 58 counties and the fourth-most deaths, according to Los Angeles Times data.

Officials say the recent spike was due in part to reports from backlogged test results.

The county reported 1,028 additional cases Monday, 1,013 of which were from specimens collected June 20 to July 3; the others were collected before June 19.

The county's positivity rate has also skyrocketed in recent weeks. The positivity rate, which health officials

use to gauge whether case numbers are increasing because of more testing or because there's more disease spreading within the community, was listed as 7.95% over a seven-day period in mid-May.

As of Monday, the county had a case rate of 222 per 100,000 residents and a positive test rate of 14.2%, according to health officials.

The state has set a desired standard average of 25 positive cases per 100,000 over a 14-day period and a seven-day average positive test rate of 8%.

The surge in new cases and the recent rollback of business reopenings prompted Supervisor Michelle Steel, who had previously repeatedly questioned the county health officer's decision to mandate masks, to appeal to resi-

dents to wear a face covering.

"With cases of COVID-19 in California increasing over the last six weeks, I ask the residents and visitors of Orange County to please wear a face covering when you are in a public place and unable to properly social distance, as well as following hygiene and social distancing guidance," Steel said in a statement this week. "This is of the utmost importance to protect your health and the health of others, so that we can return back to normal as quickly as possible."

While more public officials appear to be embracing the mask requirement, law enforcement throughout much of the county has taken a softer approach than its northerly neighbors. In some Westside cities in Los Angeles County, like Santa Monica, not wearing a mask could result in a \$300 fine for a first offense.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday could not immediately provide data about the number of citations they have issued.

Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes said in a statement that the department has to be practical when considering enforcement of face coverings in the sections of the county where deputies patrol. Officials said the sheriff is not taking an adversarial approach to the governor's orders, but is operating with limited resources.

"With limited exceptions, not wearing a face covering is a violation of the public health order, but it is not a practical application of a

criminal law violation," Barnes wrote. "As many other industries are gaining compliance through an education-first approach, deputies will continue to educate the public about the statewide face-covering requirement and will request voluntary compliance."

Cities with their own police departments in Orange County, including Irvine and Newport Beach, have also found success taking an education-first approach.

While police in Irvine can cite people who refuse to wear face coverings under a city order, officers have not found it to be necessary, said Sgt. Karie Davies.

"People have been receptive to the information that our officers provide. I think some of it is just a matter of clearing up misinformation," Davies said. "We're really trying not to give people citations, but if push came to shove and we really had to, we would."

Newsom on Monday indicated that counties not enforcing the orders could risk losing their share of \$2.5 billion worth of state funds, saying that if officials are "unwilling to do it, then we will redirect those dollars to communities that are."

"I have great respect for the overwhelming majority of officials in Orange County that want to do the right thing," Newsom said. "If there's a handful that don't, we'll work through them, around them or we'll work through whatever the problems are."

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Courtesy of Latino Health Access

A HEALTH ADVOCATE handles coronavirus testing supplies during a July 6 free drive-in and walk-up testing event held in Santa Ana under the Latino Health Equity Initiative.

LATINOS

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we know they are a large part of the essential workforce we rely on in Orange County," he said. "When you couple that with dense living environments and multi-generational households you have a confluence of risk factors and also a vulnerable population."

Do's 2nd district includes Santa Ana and portions of north Fountain Valley, while Chaffee represents Anaheim, La Habra and Placentia, among other neighborhoods.

The work of the initiative will be overseen by Latino Health Access, a Santa Ana nonprofit that since 1993 has employed a small army of *promotoras* to advocate for health and well-being directly in the neighbor-

hoods in which they reside.

On Monday, the group offered free drive-up coronavirus testing at Santa Ana's Walker Elementary School to some 300 city residents under the banner of the initiative. Similar events are planned elsewhere in Santa Ana and Anaheim.

Dr. America Bracho, chief executive of Latino Health Access, was part of a small group of advocates who actively campaigned county health leaders to disaggregate coronavirus statistics to provide a clearer picture of where obstacles to health education and prevention were most persistent.

"It was like a big wave coming. We were absolutely desperate seeing the numbers," Bracho said of a rapidly rising coronavirus trend among Latinos. "We said we needed to have data by ZIP Code, and we had to have

hot-spot strategies in those cluster areas so we can stop this."

By June 26, the Orange County Health Care Agency began reporting information by neighborhood and eventually released city-specific figures on the number of COVID-19 deaths.

Bracho said the initiative will aim to reach vulnerable individuals with important information about virus protection and prevention.

It will also focus on creating more materials in Spanish, making more tests available, teaching people what to do if and when they become infected and "multiplying leadership" by training hundreds of local youth and adults to disseminate information among their social and professional networks.

Bracho admits the newly launched initiative is at-

tempting to respond to circumstances constantly shifting and changing in real time.

"We have been building the plane while we're flying it," she said. "[But] my hope is that we can decrease the growth in the number of cases and reach a level of transmission that allows us to go to a semi-normal life."

Speaking at a June 30 news conference announcing the launch of the Latino Health Equity Initiative, Chaffee shared his confidence the effort could be a model for the future.

"It looks like a very successful venture we're about to start," he said. "If this works, it will be a pilot program that we can apply to other hot spots and throughout the county."

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TAYLOR MEDIN of Chino Hills sells masks and other items of clothing at her stand, Tayy Medd Shop, at the Pier Plaza in Huntington Beach on June 26.

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said Orange County Health Care Agency Director Dr. Clayton Chau during a news conference on Thursday.

In the past few days,

Chau said the county has reported more than 16% of total cases since the beginning of the pandemic.

"These trends are very concerning, and we can expect the impact on our healthcare system to get worse in the coming days and weeks," Chau said. "If the surge goes up to or beyond their capacity to mobilize resources, that will cause a real strain. A strain on the hospital systems means a strain on the ability to care for all patients, both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 folks."

On Friday, the three-day hospitalization rate, which is one of the key metrics the state department of public health is tracking as it determines which counties might have to go back into some level of lockdown, was 6.5%, which is below the 10% state threshold that indicates some level of stability.

The county healthcare agency currently reports that 39.1% of beds in intensive care units are currently available, above the required 20%, and 65.4% of

ventilators are also available, above the state's required minimum of 25% availability.

The agency reports that about 9,759 have recovered. Here are the latest cumulative case counts and deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 4,318 cases; 116 deaths
- Anaheim: 3,994 cases; 96 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 1,117 cases; 42 deaths
- Irvine: 743 cases; five deaths
- Costa Mesa: 690 cases; three deaths
- Newport Beach: 552 cases; three deaths
- Fountain Valley: 214 cases; six deaths
- Laguna Beach: 89 cases; fewer than five deaths

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AROUND TOWN

Second Harvest Food Bank launches free summer food program for children impacted by COVID-19

The Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County kicked off its summer food service program at 26 sites across the county to distribute food to all children ages 18 and younger. No eligibility documentation is required. The program provides access to lunches and snacks for children at risk of hunger while schools are out of session for the summer and while schools are closed because of COVID-19. It will be offering morning and afternoon snacks and lunches, including chicken wraps, fruit, milk, and turkey sandwiches, among other foods. The program is intended for children from families that struggle financially, especially in the midst of a health and economic crisis, with distributions at sites that are near schools with at least 50% or more of students who receive a free or reduced lunch. Distribution sites can be found at [feedoc.org/get-help](https://www.feedoc.org/get-help), or call 211 or text 898211 for hours of distribution.

Online fundraiser for Orange County disability support, services Thursday

On Thursday, several Orange County nonprofits will host the third annual Empowering Possibilities, a 24-hour online effort to raise crucial funds in support of county neighbors living with disabilities. The seven participating organizations — Project Independence, Blind Children's Learning Center of OC, Down Syndrome Association of OC, Family Support Network, Hope Center for the Arts, Special Olympics Southern California and Vocational Visions — hope to raise \$70,000 throughout the annual day of giving. This year's effort is especially important, as nonprofits throughout Orange County have had to cancel in-person events and services during the coronavirus pandemic. In response, nonprofits have had to find creative ways to serve their clients and stay engaged virtually. "In the midst of the pandemic's impact on Orange County residents, we continue to be in awe of our community's generosity toward the nonprofits serving our most vulnerable residents," said Shelley Hoss, president and chief executive of the Orange County Community Foundation. "Especially now, with an increased need for services, we are proud to unite nonprofits with similar missions as they work to support of our community members with disabilities," Hoss added. To give online, visit [empowering-possibilities-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org](https://www.empowering-possibilities-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org). Additional collaborative giving days will be announced throughout the coming year. For more information, visit [oc-cf.org/theartoc](https://www.oc-cf.org/theartoc).

Bolsa Chica Conservancy launching 12-month youth leadership program

The Bolsa Chica Conservancy in Huntington Beach will be launching a youth leadership program later this month, with orientation from July 27 to 30. The Youth Leadership in Environmental Action Program (YLEAP) is a 12-month program for students in eighth through 12th grades. The program provides local youth the opportunity to learn about wetland ecology and gain life skills like public speaking, leadership, teamwork and habitat restoration. The program schedule is for 30 hours of service over the



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JOSE SECUNDINO joins fellow recently hired Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County temporary employees as they pack boxes of food for the needy on April 1. The program is intended for children from families that struggle financially.

12-month period, which runs from August 2020 to July 2021. A donation of \$280 per student is required. Orientation will be held July 27-30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the conservancy, 3842 Warner Ave. in Huntington Beach. For more information, contact Jeannette Bush at jeannette@bolsachica.org or (714) 846-1114.

Mesa Water District leaders invite residents to participate in online chat

Throughout July, members of the Mesa Water District Board of Directors are encouraging residents to ask questions about Mesa Water operations, water supply, ongoing water use efficiency efforts or other topics of interest. Residents can submit questions through [mesawater.org/neighborhoodchat](https://www.mesawater.org/neighborhoodchat) through July 31. Questions and responses will be reviewed and answered at the site and shared on social media accounts in August. Similar questions and themes will be addressed by single responses. Mesa Water Board President Shawn Dewane said the district is committed to transparency and customer service, even when members of the public cannot participate in in-person events throughout the coronavirus pandemic. "During these unprecedented times, it more important than ever that Mesa Water's leadership be available to address the public's questions and concerns," Dewane said in a statement. "We encourage all residents and businesses in our service area to reach out with any questions or concerns throughout the month of July." To learn more about the board, visit [mesawater.org/leadership/board](https://www.mesawater.org/leadership/board).

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DAILY PILOT DREAM TEAM | GIRLS' BASKETBALL



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ISABEL GOMEZ, the Dream Team Player of the Year, led Sage Hill to the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 3AA playoffs this season.

Sage Hill's Isabel Gomez has become a multifaceted scorer

BY ANDREW TURNER

The local community first learned of Isabel Gomez's athletic abilities through the Daily Pilot Cup youth soccer tournament. Gomez played all four years — third through sixth grades — while at Harbor Day School in Newport Beach, reaching the finals twice. Playing multiple sports has long had its supporters. Once at Sage Hill School, Gomez had to make a choice between basketball and soccer, due to both being played during the winter in high school. She would be remiss if she did not think that one sport contributed to her success in the other. "My dad [Michael] played soccer in college [at the University of Pennsylvania], so there is kind of a history there," Gomez said. "He really loves the sport. I really love the sport. "I lived in Germany for two years in kindergarten and first grade, and I played on an all-boys' team [called TSV Grünwald], which really kind of lit a competitive fire in me because I just wanted to compete with them and be the best I could be, so I think that had a lot to do with my fitness and my competitive drive."



See **Dream**, page A7 **GOMEZ DRIVES** between St. Margaret's defenders in a San Joaquin League game on Feb. 4.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

O.C. All-Star games canceled because of virus

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Orange County North-South All-Star basketball games will not happen this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, event organizer Jesse James said. James said that the decision was made last week amid renewed restrictions from the state that have followed a recent spike in COVID-19 cases. "There's just no way that it looked from here that the governor is going to allow a large group of people to be in one place at one time," James said. "We've waited all this time in hopes that [the games could be played], but ... things have deteriorated as opposed to have gotten better for our state." The games were originally scheduled to be played on May 9 at Cypress College. Rosters for the showcase, sponsored by the Orange Coast Optimist Club, were released just ahead of a total sports shutdown in March. Local representatives in the boys' game included Ethan Barnella (Marina), Judah Brown (Pacifica Christian), Jake Covey (Estancia), Brian Pacheco (Los Amigos) and Jack Stone (Corona del Mar). James said that the players who were picked to compete as All-Stars would all be mailed medals in recognition of their accomplishment, and the coaches who were to lead the All-Star teams this year will have the honor of doing so next year. Estancia coach Xavier Castellano was picked to head the South roster. Yorba Linda coach Jason Pietsch will be his counterpart for the North roster in the boys' game. In the girls' senior showcase game, the locals selected to compete for the South roster were Taylor Fullbright (Edison), Greta Graeler (Marina), Kat Luu (Fountain Valley) and Marisa Tanga (Huntington Beach). Coaches for the girls' game were Anaheim's Vince Gomez for the North and San Clemente's Kerri Husbands for the South.

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BRIEFS

Fountain Valley's Phoebe Minch earns All-CIF honors in girls' volleyball

Fountain Valley High's Phoebe Minch received All-CIF Southern Section Division 3 girls' volleyball honors. The senior outside hitter led the Barons to the quarterfinals, amassing 60 kills over her team's three playoff matches. Fountain Valley earned road victories over St. Margaret's (25-16, 25-17, 25-23) and Rosary (24-16, 25-19, 25-23, 25-21). Third-seeded Menifee Paloma Valley knocked the host Barons out of the playoffs with a 25-21, 25-18, 25-22, sweep in the quarterfinals. A four-year varsity letterwinner, Minch helped the Barons qualify for the postseason two times in her career. The Barons also made the playoffs in her freshman year. Minch, a first-team All-Wave League selection, has signed with Westmont College to continue her volleyball career. Fountain Valley went 19-11 overall and 3-3 in the Wave League, finishing in second place. This season marked just the third time that the Barons had reached the playoffs in the past 15 years. Ontario Christian senior outside hitter Jenna Holmes was named the Division 3 MVP, and Ontario Christian's Paige Liebhart was the Coach of the Year. — From staff reports

FOUNTAIN VALLEY'S
Phoebe Minch signed with Westmont College to continue her volleyball career.
Raul Roa



Estancia's Jake Covey earns Orange Coast League MVP in boys' basketball

Estancia High senior center Jake Covey earned the Orange Coast League MVP award in boys' basketball after helping the Eagles win their first league title since the 2004-05 season. Covey averaged 16 points and nine rebounds per game for Estancia (27-4, 10-0 in league). He was joined on the first team by Eagles senior guards Brandon Pearson and Marvin Harry, as well as Costa Mesa freshman guard Christian Dasca. The Estancia trio guided the Eagles to the quarterfinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 5AA playoffs, the program's first quarterfinals appearance since the 2004-05 season. A 19-game winning streak ended there, as No. 2-seeded Estancia was upset 49-46 at Santa Barbara Bishop Diego. Dasca, the younger brother of 2019 graduate Nico Dasca, led Costa Mesa (9-19, 4-6 in league). The defending league champion Mustangs were younger this year, and they finished tied for fourth in the league and failed to qualify for the Division 4AA playoffs. Estancia senior forward Arthur Bishop and junior point guard Larry Andres earned second-team All-Orange Coast League honors. Costa Mesa senior wing player Hugo Menendez was also a second-team selection. — From staff reports

JAKE COVEY drives to the basket during a January Battle for the Bell game against Costa Mesa.
Don Leach



Judah Brown, 2 others named first-team all-league from Pacific Christian O.C.

Pacifica Christian Orange County High senior forwards Judah Brown and Josh Sims, as well as junior point guard Houston Mallette, have earned first-team All-San Joaquin League honors in boys' basketball. The Tritons went 22-8 overall and 7-1 in the league, sharing the league title with Fairmont Prep. Pacifica Christian advanced to the quarterfinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 2A playoffs before losing 62-53 to No. 4-seeded La Verne Bonita. Brown, bound for St. Mary's College, led Pacifica Christian with 16.6 points and 9.1 rebounds per game, adding 3.5 assists and two blocks. Sims averaged 9.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per contest, while Mallette was second on the team in scoring at 15.7 points per game and second in rebounding with a 7.0 average. He also averaged a team-best 4.9 assists per game and made a team-best 82 three-pointers. Pacifica Christian senior guard Charles Erving was second-team all-league, while sophomore guard Riyaan Jiwani was an honorable mention. Fairmont Prep senior guard Atin Wright earned league MVP honors, while Huskies' Joedy Gardner was the Coach of the Year. — From staff reports

JUDAH BROWN stops for a short jumper in a January game against Fairmont Prep.
Don Leach



HUNTINGTON BEACH'S

Andie Payne dribbles past Corona del Mar's Makena Tomlinson and scores in a Surf League game on Jan. 16.



Photo by Drew A. Kelley

DREAM

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Gomez had nerves of steel to become the Lightning's primary ball-handler as soon as she joined the Sage Hill girls' basketball program.

In her sophomore year, an increase in her scoring elevated Sage Hill's prospects, making the Lightning a dangerous team in the CIF Southern Section Division 3AA playoffs. For that, Gomez is the Daily Pilot Girls' Basketball Dream Team Player of the Year in the 2019-20 season.

Sage Hill played in a lot of close games this season, so Gomez almost never left the floor. Both playoff contests were decided by two possessions or less, including a 44-42 loss to No. 2-seeded Manhattan Beach Mira Costa with the Lightning trying to pull off the upset at home in the second round.

In the first round against Chino Don Lugo, Gomez had 28 points, six assists and five rebounds to lead the Lightning to a 61-55 road victory.

The regular-season finale at home against Fairmont Prep, which ended in a 57-51 defeat, was a big step for the Lightning in terms of their belief going into the playoffs. Gomez made seven three-pointers as part of a 27-point, 10-rebound performance.

"Honestly, even though we lost, I felt it was really good for us going into the playoffs because we knew that we could compete with that upper-tier team," Gomez said. "That really brought us a lot of hope for the playoffs."

Sage Hill (17-10, 4-4 in league) went into the playoffs as the third-place team from the San Joaquin League. Co-league champions Orangewood Academy (27-7, 7-1) and Fairmont Prep (25-7, 7-1) were a pair of powerhouses that wound up meeting again in the Division 2AA championship game. The Spartans beat the Huskies 57-49.

For the season, Gomez averaged 17 points, 5.8 rebounds, 3.9 assists, 2.5 steals and 1.4 blocked shots per game. She also shot 34.5% from three-point range and 79.7% from the free-throw line.

Gomez, who earned All-CIF Southern Section Division 3AA and first-team All-San Joaquin League accolades, knows she did not do it alone. A twin-tower duo in the paint in the form of junior power forward Emily Elliott and senior center Zoe Mazakas opened space for Gomez to shoot. Sophomore guard Megan Shean, who played on the same Daily Pilot Cup team as Gomez, took on some of the toughest on-ball defensive assignments.

In the summer, Gomez had the opportunity to train with the Mamba Academy and learn from the late Kobe Bryant. Among the things she learned from him were how to dip her shoulder, as well as the importance of change of pace and change of direction, both vertically and horizontally.

"I feel really lucky that I was able to learn from him, a basketball genius, and take as much of that as I could and implement it into my own game," Gomez said of Bryant.

Lightning coach Kerwin Walters said that Gomez has evolved into a multifaceted scorer.

"I think this year, she found her own identity a little bit better," Walters said. "I think next year is going to be even crazier because I think she is going to take another leap. It's all about her progressing every single year to her final goal,

which is to play collegiate basketball."

Walters believes his team will come back stronger, and if it does, it might just secure the signature post-season victory it was so close to getting this season.

"Next year, we are going to take another step," Walters said. "[Gomez] is going to be one of the main reasons why we're taking the next step."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Marianne Karp
Fountain Valley

Under the direction of Karp, Fountain Valley has made steady progress in each of her first three seasons in charge. Karp took over following a season in which the Barons went 0-10 in the Sunset League. The Barons improved by three wins in league play her first year at the helm. In the 2018-19 season, Fountain Valley advanced to the CIF Southern Section Division 4AA playoffs as the second-place team in the Wave League. This season Fountain Valley (16-13, 5-1) won the Wave League outright, which marked the first league championship for the Barons since the 1995-96 campaign. Fountain Valley lost to No. 3-seeded Calabasas Viewpoint 47-32 in the first round of the Division 3A playoffs. The Barons will return four starters next season in guards Audrey Tengan, Margaret Tengan and Madison Suekawa, and center Zoe Ziegler. All four of them will be juniors.

FIRST TEAM

Marisa Tanga

G | *Huntington Beach* | Sr.
A four-year varsity player, Tanga endeared herself to her coaches and her teammates in multiple ways. Not only did she bring the leadership expected from a varsity veteran, but she impressed Oilers coach Russell McClurg by never taking a break on the defensive side of the ball. Tanga shared the Surf League MVP award with teammate Alyssa Real, as Huntington Beach (23-6, 6-0) repeated as the league champion. Her across-the-board contributions included 7.1 points, 4.1 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.8 steals per game.

Trasara Alexander

G | *Corona del Mar* | Jr.

After the graduation of point guard Samantha Uehara last season, Alexander took matters into her own hands. The physical guard could create space for her jump shot by being effective with dribble penetration. Alexander, an All-CIF Southern Section Division 3AA selection, provided 15 points, nine rebounds and three assists per game for the Sea Kings (23-8, 4-2), who were the second-place team in the Surf League. The first-team all-league selection converted at a 30% clip from the three-point line and at a 77% rate on free throws. Alexander averaged 19 points and nine rebounds in the postseason, leading CdM to the Division 3AA quarterfinals. The Sea Kings' playoff run included a 48-42 upset of No. 4-seeded South Torrance in the second round.

Kat Luu

F | *Fountain Valley* | Sr.

The story of Luu's four years with the Barons is literally one of starting from the bottom and climbing to the top. Fountain Valley went 0-10 in the Sunset League in her freshman season. Things came full circle for Luu and the Barons this season, with Fountain Valley claiming its first league championship in 24 years. Luu averaged 10.3 points, 4.6 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.6 steals in earning the Wave League MVP award. "Kat is one of those players I will never forget,"

Karp said. "She chases down loose balls. She's locked in every play 100%. She loves playing basketball. Her stats are not record-breaking, ... but she brings a commitment of

love for the game, her coaches and her teammates."

Emily Elliott

F | *Sage Hill* | Jr.

When the game gets physical, Elliott thrives in tough situations. Now a three-time Dream Team selection, she had her biggest games on the biggest stages. She scored 31 points to go with 22 rebounds in a 62-57 win over Oceanside El Camino in the championship game of the NAIA Division at the SoCal Holiday Prep Classic in San Diego. Sage Hill narrowly missed out on an upset of Mira Costa. Elliott, a second-team All-San Joaquin League pick, had 30 points, 11 rebounds, four steals and three assists for the Lightning in the 44-42 loss. The

junior power forward gave the Lightning 16.8 points, 11.7 rebounds, 3.2 steals, 2.7 assists and 1.8 blocks per game.

Andie Payne

C | *Huntington Beach* | Jr.

Payne knew that her team would not be as good without her on the floor, so she battled through an ankle injury for much of the season. Despite the injury, Payne, a first-team All-Surf League selection, found ways to be effective. She was the difference for Huntington Beach in a 53-48 win over Aliso Niguel in the first round of the Division 1 playoffs. In that game, Payne provided game-high totals with 25 points and 14 rebounds. She demonstrated improved outside shooting

with a trio of three-pointers in the contest. On the season, Payne averaged 10.6 points, 8.9 rebounds, 1.9 steals, 1.6 blocks and 1.4 assists per game.

SECOND TEAM

Position, Name, School, Year

G/F Willa Rath, Newport Harbor, Jr.

G Alyssa Real, Huntington Beach, Jr.

F Greta Graeler, Marina, Sr.

F Taylor Fullbright, Edison, Sr.

F Tarah Harmon, Costa Mesa, Jr.

C Zoe Mazakas, Sage Hill, Sr.

C Makena Tomlinson, Corona del Mar, So.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PROGRAM
APPLICATION AND FIVE-YEAR PLAN


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held via Zoom webinar by the Costa Mesa City Council and the Costa Mesa Housing Authority at the joint regular meeting on **Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:

Consideration of the City's application and Five-Year Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Plan. The PLHA Program was established pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 2 and provides a permanent, ongoing source of funding to local governments for housing-related projects and programs that assist in addressing the unmet housing needs of their local communities. Estimated funding allocations for Costa Mesa over the next five years total \$3,171,486, with the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 allocation at \$528,581. As a requirement of the application, the City must prepare a Five-Year Plan detailing the activities that will be funded and how it will prioritize investments that increase the supply of housing for households with incomes at or below 60 percent of the area median income (AMI). The City is proposing to use all funding from the State's PLHA Program toward the emergency shelter and related wrap-around services assisting persons who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The Five-Year PLHA plan is incorporated in the City's PLHA Grant Funding Application. This document is available for inspection on the City website at <https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council/public-notices> or by contacting the Assistant Finance Director at (714) 754-5219 during regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The public comment period runs from **July 10, 2020 through July 20, 2020**. Public comments are encouraged and should be submitted to Jennifer King, Assistant Finance Director, at Jennifer.King@costamesaca.gov or by mail at: City of Costa Mesa
Attn: Jennifer King
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
Published on July 11, 2020


CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, July 23, 2020, 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:

Shvetz Residential Subdivision - An amendment to the General Plan and a tentative parcel map to subdivide an existing single-unit residential lot into two separate single-unit residential lots. An amendment to the City's General Plan is necessary to allow for the increase of one additional dwelling unit in accordance with Land Use Policy LU 4.2 (Prohibition of New Residential Subdivisions). The project is not located within the Coastal Zone.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303—Class 3 (New Construction nor Conversion of Small Structures) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact David S. Lee, Associate Planner, at 949-644-3225, dlee@newportbeachca.gov.


Project File No.:	Activity No.:
PA2020-041	GP2020-003 and NP2020-007

Zone:	General Plan:
R-1 (Single-Unit Residential)	RS-D (Single Unit Residential Detached)

Location:	Applicant:
2400 Santiago Drive	Ashley Shvetz

Lee Lowrey, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

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Short-Term Lodging LCP Amendment – Amendments to Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) to the regulations and operational standards for the operation of short-term lodging. This includes amending Sections 21.18.020 (Residential Coastal Zoning Districts Land Uses) and 21.48.115 (Short-Term Lodging) of the NBMC.

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378. The proposed action is also exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment. All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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Project File No.:	Activity No.:
PA2020-048	LC2020-007

Location:	Applicant:
Citywide	City of Newport Beach

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Industrial Zoning (IG) Zoning District Code Amendments – Amendments to Sections 20.70.020 (Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases), 20.24.020 (Industrial Zoning District Land Uses and Permit Requirements), 20.40.040 (Off-Street Parking Spaces Required), and 20.48.090 (Eating and Drinking Establishments) of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code. These amendments would allow food service uses subject to obtaining a minor use permit and the operation of wine tasting rooms subject to obtaining a conditional use permit in the IG Zoning District.

The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 under Class 5 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3.

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Project File No.:	Activity No.:
PA2020-042	CA2020-005

Applicant:
City of Newport Beach

Location: The Industrial (IG) Zoning District is in the northwest corner of the City near Costa Mesa along Production Place, 16th Street, and portions of Monrovia Avenue

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Listed & Sold in 8 Days | Lido Isle | 120 Via Quito
\$2,150,000 | 3 BR, 2.5 BA | **Web# NP20080128**



Just Sold | Lido Isle | 545 Via Lido Nord
\$3,000,000 | 4 BR, 4.5 BA | **Web# NP19118725**



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