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'Sunset Trace' brightens the day at Laguna Art Museum's Art and Nature

BY ANDREW TURNER

It stood out and seemed to fit into the surrounding landscape at the same time.

Tied to the palm trees and buildings in and around Heisler Park, "Sunset Trace," a colorful "Skynet" created by Los Angelesbased artist Patrick Shearn of Poetic Kinetics, soared in a steady coastal breeze on Friday.

'The thing is it's so ultra-lightweight that the smallest breeze can get individual streamers dancing," Shearn explained, "and then when the wind picks up, depending on the direction of the wind, you can really see and experience the sort of larger symphonic motions of the wind at large, how it wraps around the buildings and passes through the trees. ... You really become aware of sort of how much we're not aware of, or how much we don't really experience that's hidden from us visually.'

The 650-foot-long exhibit is the featured installation for Laguna Art Museum's Art and Nature, an annual event that is now in its eighth year. Art and Nature came to fruition under Malcolm Warner, who plans to retire as the executive director of the museum at the end of the year.

"I think it was really a master stroke by Malcolm Warner, the executive director, to come up with this concept eight or nine years ago," Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen said of Art and Nature. "Art and nature are kind of two of the key elements that Laguna loves, right? We love art, we love nature, the open environ-

"To blend those two together in an outdoor art display, which they've done yearly now is just very impactful, and the community looks forward to it every year.'

Whalen added that this year's Art and Nature installation was a collaboration between the Laguna Art Museum and the city's Arts Commission.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

THIS YEAR'S Laguna Beach Art Museum's Art and Nature exhibit, Patrick Shearn's Skynet, suspended along the coastline path from Las Brisas to Main Beach near the Laguna Inn.

ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS FOCUS ON STAYING IN RED TIER AS COVID-19 COUNTS CLIMB

BY SARA CARDINE

Orange County officials have for weeks been striving to advance through the state's colorcoded reopening tier system which ties new coronavirus cases to allowable reopenings — from "substantial" red to "moderate" orange and one step closer to economic recovery.

But as the county entered its 60th day in the red tier Friday, and with the number of new infections and COVID-19 hospitalizations continuing to rise, civic focus has shifted to keeping the county from sliding back into the "widespread" purple tier and more reclosures.

Orange County Supervisor Chairwoman Michelle Steel recently acknowledged the importance of keeping the county from following the lead of neighboring Imperial and San Diego counties, which were booted back to purple earlier this week.

"While Orange County remains firmly in the red tier, it is important that we continue this trend." Steel said in a news conference Thursday. "We have made a lot of progress as a county and continue to have stable numbers, and I am hopeful we can continue to do so"

With the holidays, and the lure of social gatherings, approaching and as COVID-19 fatigue begins to take hold eight months into the pandemic, Orange County Health Care Agency Medical Director Matt Zahn urged residents to remain vigilant in the months ahead.

"We're all aware the holiday



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See **COVID-19**, page A4 **A WOMAN** wears a mask while walking at South Coast Plaza on Friday.

Nayeri gets life with no parole

The Newport man is sentenced for his role in the 2012 kidnapping and mutilation of a medical marijuana dealer.

BY CHRISTOPHER GOFFARD

Hossein Nayeri, the 41-year-old Newport Beach man who was convicted last year of playing a role in the kidnapping and mutilation of a medical marijuana dealer, was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole for what a prosecutor described as "diabolical" behavior.

Prosecutors said the 2012 crime stemmed from Naveri's mistaken belief that the owner of a prosperous Santa Ana pot dispensary, who has been referred to in court as John Doe, had hidden \$1 million in the Mojave Desert.

Nayeri and two other attackers abducted the man and a female housemate from a home on 25th Street in Newport Beach and forced them into a van. The attackers tortured the dispensary owner, tasing him, burning him with bleach, severing his penis and leaving him in the desert. He was rescued after his housemate made it back to the road

hailed a passing sheriff's deputy. "From a psychology standpoint, I live with the feeling of always

See **Sentence**, page A3

Guilty plea in case of vandalism at restaurant

A Fullerton woman and a friend smashed several items with a bat at a business in South Coast Plaza in October 2019.

BY SARA CARDINE

A Fullerton woman pleaded guilty Thursday to felony counts of vandalism and conspiring to commit a crime 13 months after she and a friend stormed a restaurant at Costa Mesa's South Coast Plaza and smashed several items with a bat.

Laglennda Damona Carr. 25. also pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of wearing a mask or personal disguise for an unlawful purpose and for resisting arrest, according to Orange County court records.

For her role in the incident Carr will serve 45 days in jail and perform 200 hours of community service. Documents indicate she was also sentenced to two years probation and must pay restitu-

See **Plea**, page A4

Fashion Island prepares for holidays with Christmas tree arrival

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Santa's coming to town in just a few weeks, but at Fashion Island in Newport Beach — the tree's coming first.

Wednesday morning, cranes lifted a 90-foot tall white fir tree off the back of a flatbed truck to be "installed," which Victor Serrao, president of Victor's Custom Christmas Trees, said means that the tree needs to be lifted and placed. Serrao said it'll be about a few days for branches that are "plugged" back into the tree to fill

Serrao said the team will return to coat the tree in a flame retardant, then decorate it to make it the Christmas tree that shoppers are familiar with by Nov. 13.

This year, the tree's going without a lighting ceremony in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, but Fashion Island spokespeople said

the tree would be lit every night and that families would be able to take complimentary photos with the tree and make virtual visits to Santa, starting Nov. 20 through

The tree's arrival marks the beginning of the holiday shopping season at Fashion Island, which retailers Voluspa and Neiman Marcus said they already began preparations for.

Brittany Bell, an account executive and training and education director at Voluspa, described the arrival of the tree as a "north star" in planning holiday merchandising and events. Once it arrived, Bell said it was "full force until the New

Adriana Sender, the brand experience manager for the Fashion Island branch of Neiman Marcus, agreed, adding that the tree as a

See Tree, page A4



FASHION ISLAND'S 90-foot-tall holiday white fir tree is lowered by a crane into place at the Neiman Marcus-Bloomingdale's

Courtyard on Wednesday

morning.

Kevin Chang Photographer

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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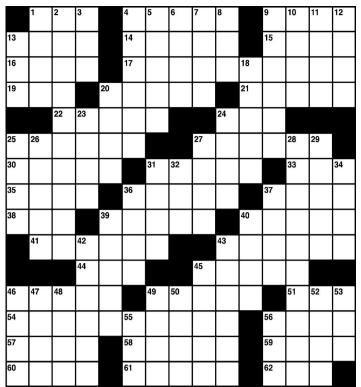
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SUDOKU

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

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H.B. holds ribbon-cutting event for new homeless Navigation Center

BY MATT SZABO

The city of Huntington Beach held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new homeless Navigation Center on Monday, after years of trying to find the right site and hammering out details.

The Navigation Center, located on adjacent lots at 17642 Beach Boulevard and 17631 Cameron Lane, will provide up to 174 shelter beds for adults, and will also facilitate additional case management and support services. It is expected to open by the end of November.

"During the past five years, addressing homeless related issues has been a top priority at the city," Huntington Beach Mayor Lyn Semeta said in a statement. "Establishing a Navigation Center here in Huntington Beach provides us with a critical tool to help our most vulnerable adults, while facilitating an improved quality of life for everyone in Surf City."

Those staying at the temporary shelter are expected to have access to services including vocational training, mental health treatment and transportation to necessary appointments.

Walk-ins will not be accepted; clients must be referred to the Navigation Center through Huntington Beach's homeless outreach partners.

Mercy House, which the



Courtesy of city of Huntington Beach

HUNTINGTON BEACH City Council members participate in Monday's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new homeless Navigation Center. Pictured, from left, are Mike Posey, Barbara Delgleize, Mayor Lyn Semeta, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Carr, Patrick Brenden and Jill Hardy.

city contracted with to operate the facility, will provide on-site security. Access will only be allowed off Beach Boulevard, a move designed to limit the impact to residents of Cameron Lane.

"We are amazed at the speed and urgency that the city displayed in building the Navigation Center, Mercy House Executive Director Larry Haynes said in a statement. "It was a remarkable project that converted vacant land into a comprehensive shelter that Mercy House is proud to operate, and we believe our services will truly benefit the entire Huntington Beach community.'

Michelle Steel, chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, also attended Monday's ribbon cutting.

The city broke ground on the Navigation Center in August after the City Council authorized purchase of the property in February.

Huntington Beach considered 35 different shelter sites over the last several years, City Manager Oliver Chi said in an August presentation to the City Council. A structure at 15311 Pipelane Lane fell through last year after residents and businesses sued the city, saying the property should only be used for industrial

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Costa Mesa man sentenced to six years for altered debit card scheme in Louisiana

SHREVEPORT, LA. — A Costa Mesa man was sentenced Tuesday to six years in prison for using altered debit cards to steal money from ATMs in Louisiana, acting U.S. Atty. Alexander C. Van Hook said in a news release.

Dennis Busch, 40, was sentenced in federal court

in Shreveport, La., Van Hook said.

Busch was ordered to pay more than \$63,000 in restitution.

The release says Busch admitted in July that he altered and reencoded Capital One debit cards and used them along with account holders' personal identification numbers he had obtained. Prosecutors said the illegal withdrawals took place in 2018 and 2019.

In May 2018, Busch was arrested in Laguna Beach on suspicion of conspiracy and drug-related offenses.

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SENTENCE

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looking over my shoulder, never feeling 100% safe in any one location for any period of time," the dispensary owner told Judge Gregg Prickett at Friday's sentencing hearing in Orange County Superior Court.

The man detailed the injuries he had suffered, from chemical and Taser burns to the genital mutilation he called "the most gratuitous, sadistic injury.'

"What kind of human being does such a thing?" he said. "The complications and pain both physically and psychologically which are connected to this sick act are so profound and deep that words cannot begin to discuss the depths of my pain."

Asking the judge to impose a life sentence on Nayeri, prosecutor Heather Brown said the crime was motivated by "pure and utter greed."

"Mr. Nayeri wanted something that he believed the victim in this case had, and he was willing to do anything to get that, including torture and tase and whip and burn the victim in this case, so that he could try to get some mysterious money that he believed that he had," Brown said. "In the People's mind there's no punishment that's great enough for Mr. Nayeri. He is incredibly dangerous. The acts he committed were dia-

bolical."

Prosecutors said Nayeri had been the ringleader of the abduction plot. Nayeri had been combative and volatile on the witness stand at his trial last year, and at his sentencing he spoke briefly, his voice stentorian and indignant.

Addressing the victims and their families, he said he was "truly sorry for what you all have been through" but otherwise offered no expressions of remorse. Instead, he used his platform to rage against the justice system and to brag of his personal

"We all have flaws and we know it. I have many flaws. Wanting to hurt someone is not one of them," Nayeri said. "I keep evolving. Moving and improving. Otherwise, as one of my heroes, Bob Dylan, says, 'If you're not busy being born, you're busy dying.'

Nayeri also denounced his trial, saying that "people were presented with incomplete facts and distorted reality," and adding: "John Wayne would have been dazzled by this wild wild West style of justice in Orange County."

During a monthlong trial in the summer of 2019, Nayeri admitted to having surveilled the dispensary owner but denied participating in the abduction.

Nayeri's DNA turned up on a glove inside a truck spotted at the abduction site. Jurors convicted him of two counts of kidnapping

and one count of torture, though they concluded that he had not performed the mutilation personally.

At the trial, Nayeri's former wife, Cortney Shegerian, testified that she helped Nayeri perform surveillance on the pot dispensary owner. When Nayeri fled to Iran amid the police investigation, Shegerian cooperated with authorities to lure him to the Czech Republic, for ultimate extradition to the United States.

On Friday, Prickett denied Nayeri's request for a new trial. The sentencing was originally scheduled for last October and was delayed for more than a year, in part because Nayeri fired his defense attorney after his con-

Nayeri will remain in the Orange County jail as he awaits trial on charges that he escaped from the jail in 2016, when he and two other inmates slipped through a plumbing tunnel and climbed down a length of knotted bedsheets to freedom. They remained fugitives for about a week before their recapture.

One of Nayeri's accomplices in the abduction plot, Kyle Handley, is serving a life sentence after jurors convicted him in 2018 of kidnapping and torture. Two other accused accomplices yet to

CHRISTOPHER GOFFARD

is a staff writer with the Los Angeles Times.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public meeting will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following:

ANNUAL REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, which is required pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act (Government Code Section 66000, et seq.)

Consideration of the report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Copies of the Development Impact Fee Report and Development Agreements are available for public review and inspection at the Finance Department (Bay C, Second Floor) and City Clerk's Office (Bay E, Second Floor), located at the Civic Center, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach and on the Finance Department's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/

For questions regarding this item please contact Rukshana Virany, Accounting Manager, at (949) 644-3146 or rvirany@newportbeachca.gov



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

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, November 19, 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:

Elimination of an amortization period for nonconforming signs – Amendments to General Plan Policy NR21.2, Coastal Land Use Plan Policy 4.4.4-4, and Sections 20.42.140 of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and 21.30.055 of Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) to eliminate the existing amortization period for nonconforming signs, which currently requires all nonconforming signs to be removed by October 27, 2020. The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act

(CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment and CEQA Guidelines Section 15265(a)(1) due to the fact it relates to an amendment to the Local Coastal Program.

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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SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19
Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for Planning Commission consideration by sending them to the Community Development Department at PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Planning Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. In addition, members of the public will have the ability to participate in this meeting telephonically. Please review the Planning Commission Agenda for further instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission, by end of business day on Friday, November 13, 2020. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above 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. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact the Planning Division at (949-644-3200 or CDD@newportbeachca.gov and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Matt Schneider, Principal Planner at 949-644-3219 or mschneider@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach CA.

Project File No.: PA2019-184 Location: Citywide

Activity No.: CA2019-007 and LC2019-005

Applicant: City of Newport Beach Lauren Kleiman, Secretary, Planning Commission, 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) Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3.

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

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Chelsea Crager, Associate Planner at 949-644-3227 or ccrager@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach CA.

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

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

Lauren Kleiman, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted online via Zoom. The Building and Fire Board of Appeals of the City of the Newport Beach will consider the following appeal application:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

7210 W. Ocean Front - The applicant is appealing the Chief Building Official determination with regard to drainage requirements for the third floor Loggia. The City has issued a temporary certificate of occupancy to give the applicant the required time to address the violations.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines - Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

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. 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

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Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for the Building and Fire Board of Appeal's consideration by sending them to the Community Development Department at CDD@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Building and Fire Board of Appeals adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Monday, November 16, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Please review the Building and Fire Board of Appeals Agenda for participation instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at $\underline{https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/dep}$ artments/community-development/building-

division/building-and-fire-board-of-appeals by end of business day on Friday, November 13, 2020. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact the Building Division at 949-644-3200 or CDD@newportbeachca.gov and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Samir Ghosn, Chief Building Official, at 949-644-3277 or sghosn@newportbeachca.gov, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Plan Check No.: 2932-2016

Permit No.: X2016-4273

Location: 7210 W. Ocean Front

Applicant: **Kyle Reeves**

MUSEUM

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community turned out to view the exhibit, some saying that they have already seen the Skynet multiple times even though the official introduction of the artwork took place on Thursday. "Sunset Trace" will remain up through Nov. 15.

Given its skyward location overlooking Heisler Park, Main Beach and Bird Rock, the impact of the artwork could, in part, be felt by its accessibility.

"It brightens up my day," said Olivia Bernal, 41, of Laguna Hills. "I love the colors, and it's just something cheerful in this dark world



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A COUPLE take pictures of this year's Laguna Beach Art Museum's Art and Nature exhibit, Patrick Shearn's Skynet.

we live in, being home alone and isolated [because of the coronavirus pan-

demic] and everything going on political and stuff like that. It's just a nice di-

version, a nice change of scenery."

Marshall Aren, 67, who said he has been a Laguna Beach resident for about 30 years, brought his camera to engage with the Skynet.

He said he had seen a number of outdoor public art projects, some of which he felt did not always fit into the landscape, but in his mind, Shearn's project was able to do so.

"I always find them interesting, but this one just really feels ... like it belongs there," Aren said.

People of all ages derived enjoyment from interacting with the Skynet. Theresa Marino, 67, of Laguna Beach brought her 6-yearold granddaughter, Brooklyn Darby, with her to check

The breeze picked up as the two of them walked across the pathway below. The Skynet reflected its natural environment, a collection of colors moving violently beneath cloudy skies and above crashing waves. Another observer compared the ability of the exhibit to capture sound to the rustling of tree leaves.

'You can feel it," Marino said. "That's what I like. You can feel it. You can see it. You can hear it.'

Added Brooklyn, "I love that art can be really nice, and it can also make nice memories."

The beach sometimes acts as a place to leave the world behind. Theresa Cavanaugh, 61, of Laguna

Beach described how "Sunset Trace" could have the same effect.

"It puts you in a different frame of mind when you're just present to the beauty," Cavanaugh said. "Just the color, the motion, it changes your perspective."

Shearn is scheduled to give an online lecture on the museum's website to discuss his work, including "Sunset Trace," on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Art and Nature will also feature a variety of virtual events. Among the offerings are museum tours, as well as workshops with family activities covering the fields of art, nature and science.

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COVID-19

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season is rapidly coming upon us," he said. "We all think of family gatherings, social gatherings, work gatherings. Unfortunately, you just have to think about those sorts of events differently, because there really is a risk there."

The agency on Friday recorded 309 new cases of coronavirus and nine deaths, bringing Orange County's cumulative case count to 61,421 and pushing the fatality rate to 1,503. Area hospitals reported they were treat-

177 individuals for COVID-19, including 72 being cared for in intensive care units.

The county's seven-day average of new cases rose this week six per 100,000 residents, while the average health equity quartile positivity rate decreased slightly to 5.7%.

Those figures would need to drop to 3.9 and 5.2%, respectively, for Orange County to be able to reopen more business sectors. But should new cases increase to seven per 100,000, the county could be subject to even greater restrictions.

Some 12,034 tests countywide Friday, bringing the cumulative number of tests issued to 1,160,473 and accounting for a seven-day average testing positivity rate of 3.6%, up from 3.2% earlier this week.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case COVID-19 counts and deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 11,803 cases; 319 deaths
- Anaheim: 10,492 cases;

cases; 86 deaths

- 326 deaths • Huntington Beach: 2,695
- Costa Mesa: 2,099 cases;

45 deaths

- Irvine: 1,999 cases; 14
- Newport Beach: 1,276 cases; 26 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 600 cases: 20 deaths 258

Beach: Laguna cases; fewer than five deaths Here are the case counts by age group, followed by

- deaths: • 0 to 17: 4,602 cases; one
- death • 18 to 24: 9,209 cases; five deaths
- 25 to 34: 13,163 cases; 21 deaths
- 35 to 44: 9,758 cases; 38 deaths

• 45 to 54: 9,896 cases; 117 deaths

- 55 to 64: 7,391 cases; 207 deaths
- 65 to 74: 3,729 cases; 297 deaths
- 75 to 84: 2,041 cases; 326 deaths

and older: 1,585 cases; 491 deaths

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tion and participate in an anger management program.

The charges stem from an incident that took place Oct. 5, 2019, when Carr and friend Passion Shenay Coleman, 27, of Fullerton, reportedly walked into Maggiano's Little Italy at South Coast Plaza wearing face paint and hooded sweatshirts and began smashing throughout items restaurant.

who Costa Coleman, Mesa police at the time said was a former employee of establishment, was

armed with a bat she used to allegedly smash a television, table settings and plates while yelling at staff members. The vandalism is thought to have caused thousands of dollars of damage.

Carr reportedly followed Coleman into Maggiano's, where she began yelling and acting in a disruptive manner as customers inside the restaurant fled from their tables. The two women were apprehended by police officers in a nearby parking lot and arrested.

Court records show Coleman pleaded guilty on Jan. 31 to five felony charges, including making criminal threats, assault with a deadly weapon (non-firearm), vandalism causing more than \$400 damage and conspiring to commit a crime.

Coleman's guilty plea also included five misdemeanor charges, including battery, assault, wearing a disguise for unlawful purposes, brandishing a weapon and resisting arrest. In exchange for her cooperation, she was sentenced to 180 days in jail and three years probation, according to docu-

Coleman was also ordered to pay restitution and participate County's "Whatever it Takes," a voluntary pro-

gram for nonviolent offenders who have been diagnosed as chronically, persistently mentally ill and are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Participants in the program must have a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or major depressive disorder. Documents indicate Coleman's progress in "Whatever it Takes" will be reviewed by a judge in a hearing Monday.

Carr is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a firearms relinquishment hearing, according to court records.

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TREE

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holiday tradition dates back three decades. Serrao's company has served Fashion Island for that entire period.

Serrao said that every year, the company aims to

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bring back trees, ornaments and lights of a better quality than the previous year. Many of his other customers, he said, aren't holding a lighting ceremony, but that the tree will still be there for people to enjoy.

"I think especially because the pandemic happening in March and we've gone through it now. We're hoping it's rounding a corner and that things are go-ing to get better," Serrao said. "This is kind of a good way to end the year, like OK. Things are getting back to normal. This is the way to celebrate it.'

Bell, who grew up in Newport Beach, said the tree was a sign of being officially "in" the holiday season in Orange County.

"It means it's time to Christmas shop, go to the boat parade, walk Balboa to see the Christmas lights, wrap presents and holiday parties. I think it is extra special this year because it's a symbol of joy and normalcy," Bell said. "Let's be honest, 2020 has been rough. I think everyone

could agree on looking up at the big pretty tree and letting the rest of the world melt away for a moment." Sender said she also usu-

ally sees an increase in customers in the past when the tree goes up.

Bell agreed, but added that she felt business has been consistent throughout the pandemic at Voluspa because of the products that it sells. Both said their respective stores will have special promotions as Black Friday and the holiday shopping season begins.

Both storefronts face the

tree at Fashion Island. Bell said she has seen people surprised that the tree's arrived. Sender said she's seen people taking pictures of the tree, even

though it's still undecorated. "I think everyone has been in survival mode and are shocked that it's already the first week of November, Bell said.

"It's time to get into the holiday spirit," she added.

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