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## Orange County coronavirus cases rise by over 400

BY ANDREW TURNER

Orange County's coronavirus cases rose by more than 400 on Saturday.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 10 deaths due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, in its latest numbers.

With 413 new cases reported, the county is closing in on 10,000 cumulative cases since the onset of the pandemic.

That number stands at 9,988 cases. There have also been 267

related deaths.

Hospitalization numbers due to COVID-19 descended for a second straight day from their pandemic-high of 345 in Thursday's report. As of Saturday, the county reported 321 hospitalized cases, with 135 patients in intensive care.

The county has administered 207,873 tests for the coronavirus overall. Another 786 tests were reported within the last day. An estimated 4,785 recoveries have been made from bouts with the virus.

By age range, patients who

have died were:

- 85 and up: 81
- 75 to 84: 69
- 65 to 74: 48
- 55 to 64: 36
- 45 to 54: 23
- 35 to 44: 7
- 34 and younger: 3

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

- Santa Ana: 2,116 (62.7 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Anaheim: 1,924 (53.5 cases per

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**MARCOS ESCUTIA** of Costa Mesa wears a unique face mask at the Newport Pier on May 7.

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## Black Lives Matter protests roll on day after Juneteenth



Photos by Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

**PROTESTERS HOLD SIGNS** during a Black Lives Matter rally at Pier Plaza in Huntington Beach on Saturday.

Demonstrations are held Saturday at the Huntington Beach Pier and Bonita Creek Park in Newport Beach.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Black Lives Matter movement continued to build steam on Saturday, with multiple protests happening locally the day after Juneteenth.

It was June 19, 1865, that the last slaves of the Confederacy, in Texas, learned of their freedom.

Dozens of demonstrators raised their voices and signs against racial inequality and police brutality at Bonita Creek Park in Newport Beach. Some motorists honked in support as they passed by.

Kelsey Weisenberger, 31, of Orange said it is up to people to self-educate and change the conversation. She added that people should want to learn more.

"We have the world literally at our fingertips at all times," Weisenberger said, holding up her smartphone. "Why can't we be researching this



**DEMONSTRATORS REACT** to counter-protesters across the street at Saturday's rally.

stuff and then having the conversations, the conversations that might be awkward and uncomfortable, but it's only because it's a new subject to a lot of people."

As she looks at a younger generation participating in social activism, Katherine Hayes, who said she is the

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**A WOMAN HOLDS**

a sign in support of the police while standing across the street from a Black Lives Matter rally at Pier Plaza in Huntington Beach on Saturday.



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### CLASS OF 2020 SERIES



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**JACK KIESECKER**, a senior at Newport Harbor High School, will attend the University of Colorado Boulder.

## Newport's Jack Kiesecker seeks a cure for dementia

BY HILLARY DAVIS

With the insight of a seasoned soul and the vigor and optimism of youth, Jack Kiesecker believes the core of any individual is his or her memory — and the recent graduate of Newport Harbor High School wants to preserve that by finding a cure for dementias like Alzheimer's disease.

Kiesecker, 18, is bound for the University of Colorado Boulder, where he will study psychology and neuroscience. He's not sure if he wants to be a physician, but he does want to research a cure for the diseases that rob people of what makes them

unique.

"I truly believe the change I can bring in the world for helping others is through neurology," he said.

The fascination with neuroscience came to him precociously young.

Kiesecker attended Davis Magnet School in Costa Mesa for elementary school, where he said he enjoyed a diverse student body and hands-on experience in the sciences.

A visiting neurosurgeon showed the children a virtual surgery, and for a project Kiesecker built a model of the brain.

He was hooked.

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**PACIFICA CHRISTIAN** Orange County High School senior Rebecca Li is headed to Westmont College in the fall.

## Pacifica Christian's Rebecca Li will pursue deeply held principles

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Rebecca Li dabbled in a range of activities at Pacifica Christian Orange County High School — sports, music, theater, student government, the humanities and sciences — while developing a sense of right and wrong that will take root deep in her bones.

The valedictorian of the small Newport Beach private school is headed to Westmont College, a Christian liberal arts school in Santa Barbara, to study English and pre-law. She wants to defend the people who most

need it: the wrongfully incarcerated.

"Being a lawyer at its most organic form is all about justice for everyone," said Li, who graduated from Pacifica Christian on June 4.

The 2019 film "Just Mercy," based on the book of the same title by civil rights attorney Bryan Stevenson about his advocacy for the wrongly condemned, nudged a tendency that Li, 18, said was formed growing up in the Christian faith and recently refined in theology class discussions at Pacifica Christian.

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## CLASS OF 2020 SERIES

## Fountain Valley's Madison Grogan is looking to lead

BY ANDREW TURNER

If those at Fountain Valley High School did not keep up with every activity on campus, they still probably knew of Madison Grogan.

The recent graduate found herself in all sorts of social circles in her time at the school.

Being in the middle of everything suits Grogan quite well.

"I really like taking on leadership roles," Grogan said. "I really like public speaking and ways that I can involve myself with other people and other organizations, and so that's why I was always doing things."

Grogan, 18, was the president of several school organizations, including the debate club, the Future Business Leaders of America, and she was a co-founder of the Scholastic Society.

She took a long list of advanced placement classes at Fountain Valley, and she was a straight-A student throughout.

Grogan also has a competitive edge. She played field hockey for the Barons, serving as a team captain the last two years. She also earned the team's Most Valuable Offensive Player award as a senior.

Additionally, Grogan said that she has played competitive piano for 11 years.

All of that has led Grogan to her next great adventure, one that will take her away from her family for the first time in her life.

She is going to Babson College, a private business school in Wellesley, Mass. Grogan said she earned a full tuition merit scholarship to the institution, which has fewer students on campus than Fountain Valley High School.

"I know that I definitely want to work in upper management, whether it's



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**FOUNTAIN VALLEY** High School's Madison Grogan is a straight-A student with interest in a career in business.

in my own company or in an already established company," Grogan said. "I'm kind of interested in tech right now."

The fact that the future is unwritten is what excites Grogan the most about college.

"It's the first time in your life where you're really in control of your own life," Grogan said when asked what advice she would give to her fellow seniors. "You need to get in control of it the most that you can because the skills that you learn in college are the skills that you're going to take with you into adulthood."

"If you don't go into college with an open mind, then you're not going to grow as a person. That's the most important time that you can grow as a person because when else are you surrounded by so many diverse and intelligent people that all share a similar passion as you?"

Grogan was taught life lessons early on. When her brother, Nick, got a new unicycle, she wanted his old one. Her parents had her purchase it for \$40 at the age of 9, which she said amounted to all of her savings at the time.

While she has learned

things from several family members, Grogan's most inspirational person is someone she has no personal memory of. She lost her great grandpa when she was an infant, but she aspires to be what he was remembered for.

"He's been my biggest inspiration just because he was a great unifier in our family," Grogan said. "He loved everybody for who they were, and he's somebody that I aspire to be."

When the coronavirus pandemic took students out of the classroom, Fountain Valley Principal Morgan Smith said he made challenge videos to help the students stay connected.

Smith said that Grogan participated in the challenges, which was emblematic of the way she inspired other students to participate in her classes.

"This is someone that I can count on to lead when things are at their most challenging," Smith said. "As much as principals feel like they might have to make all the decisions or lead in every avenue, we really do count on those around us to lead."

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## Laguna Beach High graduate Tanner Burton turns to the skies

BY LILLY NGUYEN

There's just something impossible about flight, Tanner Burton said.

"I've always kind of had a passion for flight. Anything with flight just interests me," Tanner said. "I guess I just want to take that passion and just run with it. I think it's kind of like the impossible factor of it. It almost seems like it can't be achieved, yet we see it every day and it's just interesting to break the barrier between us and the ground."

And after graduating from Laguna Beach High School on June 11 with 254 other seniors in a drive-through ceremony at Guyer Field, Tanner's turning his eyes to the skies as he heads off to Arizona State University this fall.

Assuming, of course, that classes won't be held online, which Tanner hopes he doesn't have to do for his first semester of college.

Tanner said he plans to study aeronautical management technology while at the Tempe-based university, adding that he was most interested in the business side of aviation, the logistics and what goes on in the background of flight.

"I'm kind of hoping everything stabilizes out again. We're kind of on this upward path back to normal, almost, and I just don't want to see it fall back into the same place we were two months ago," Tanner said of the coronavirus pandemic that has swept through the country.

"I think I learn better in physical classes and just seeing people, it helps with my emotional state, I guess."

He describes himself as easygoing, patient and having a "pretty good" work ethic but admitted he could be clumsy. He said



**TANNER BURTON** plans to study Aeronautical Management Technology at Arizona State University.

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Staff  
Photographer

he likes to surf and to go hiking and traveling whenever he can, adding that he hasn't done the latter lately.

Tanner said he most looks forward to immersing himself in a new environment, miles away from where he grew up in Laguna Beach. He said he loves his life here, but that he felt it was important to experience different places and people.

While in high school, he was in cross-country and was part of the theater program, which he said he joined because of a production of "Guys and Dolls," which he said his sister was in when she was in high school. This year, he played Joseph in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

He said his best memories of high school were spent with theater or his cross-country team.

One of his favorite memories was when he went to Ireland with his cross-country team in his junior year, but added that other highlights were when he got cast to play Joseph and also Lumiere in the high school's production of "Beauty and the Beast." Last year's prom, he added, was pretty fun.

But, like his peers who have seen their senior years upended by the coronavirus pandemic, Tanner said he's been trying to stay hopeful, but admitted that online learning has been difficult without being able to see everyone in person.

"I don't think it can get any worse from here. I think we're only going up right now, maybe not right now," Tanner said. "Maybe in a couple of months. I've just been trying to stay as hopeful as I can."

He said he felt it was a "bummer" that his senior class wasn't able to partake in traditional senior year activities, but added that he knew that they were living through a huge historical event and that he felt having something like Grad Night or prom wouldn't change what he and his class were living through.

He said he was thankful that the high school could hold a drive-through graduation at all, adding that he felt it was most important that he and his senior class got to be together — even if it meant that he had to get his degree while he was in a car and not in a traditional ceremony.

"We've been through so much throughout these past 12 years. I think that's the most important thing," Tanner said. "Just coming together and celebrating our accomplishments together."

Tanner said he hopes that the COVID-19 cases won't pick up, but while the pandemic is still going, he said he'll take it one day at a time.

"My life is on pause," he said, "[but] it's not really done."

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## H.B. COUNCIL DELAYS DECISION ON 'SURF CITY LIGHTS'

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council on Monday night delayed a vote on approving closure of a block of Main Street for outdoor commerce.

The agenda item proposed closing the second block of Main Street downtown, between Walnut and Olive avenues, to automobiles.

Seven decks also known as "parklets" would temporarily be constructed for outdoor dining and commerce, as the city continues reopening after restrictions were put in place to curb the COVID-19 pandemic. Social-distancing requirements limit indoor dining to 50% capacity.

Huntington Beach has worked with Choura Events, which developed a similar program in Laguna Beach that opened Mon-

day, on the proposed project, tentatively called "Surf City Lights." It would potentially run through Labor Day and cost no more than \$175,000, said Ursula Luna-Reynosa, Huntington Beach's director of community development who presented the proposal.

Funding would be supported through the COVID-19 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

"If we approve this, what we end up with is a sense of place, more of a destination," City Councilman Mike Posey said. "The longer people are there, the more money they'll spend. If they have dinner, they'll stay for ice cream. If they stay for ice cream, they'll buy a swimsuit or whatever."

However, City Council members unanimously voted to table the proposal

until another meeting could be set up with the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District by June 30.

Luna-Reynosa said that city staff has worked with both Choura and BID leadership, but a letter dated June 12 had signatures of several business owners in the proposed area who opposed the parklets.

"The parklets really are beautiful, and I think they would enhance that second block of Main Street," City Councilwoman Kim Carr said.

"But I don't own a business downtown, and we've heard from these businesses downtown that they don't want it. I don't think it's right for us to impose something on them that they don't want. I really feel that there needs to be a meeting of the minds, because I think that we could

address so many of the concerns that they have, like the cleanliness, like the security."

**SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM APPROVED**

The City Council unanimously voted Monday to approve the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Program, which would provide economic support to local businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Huntington Beach has more than \$4.7 million available to small businesses through the CARES Act.

Eligible businesses must meet at least one of the following criteria: deemed nonessential and forced to close, sales down more than 25% over the previous three months, laid off at least one employee and/or at least one employee has contracted the coronavirus

while at work.

Businesses must be independently owned, with 30 or fewer full-time employees.

Each eligible business will receive a grant of up to \$5,000 to \$10,000, depending on the number of employees.

The program will be administered by the Orange County Small Business Development Center.

**COUNCIL REAFFIRMS HUMAN DIGNITY POLICY**

The City Council unanimously voted to reaffirm the Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity, which was originally adopted in 1996 and last reaffirmed in 2017.

Carr introduced the agenda item, saying she felt it was a good time to bring it up in the aftermath of George Floyd's death on May 25 and ensuing pro-

tests.

"This document is trying to say that we're all in this together," Carr said. "We are a welcoming city, and we need to shout that out loud. If this helps, I think that is something that we need to be a part of."

Huntington Beach has been home to numerous protests since Floyd's death, including one on Saturday.

The declaration states that "everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect, regardless of their racial background, their nation of origin, the religion they practice, their sexual orientation, gender or disability status."

It also states that the city will fight against hate crimes with all of the resources at its disposal.

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# Costa Mesa closes \$24-M gap in 2020-21 budget, making steep civic cuts

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa City Council members effectively closed a \$24-million gap forecast in the 2020-21 budget Tuesday, but what they had to do to balance the books may not bode well for city programs and services in the year ahead.

To help recover from titanic revenue losses endured through the still-on-going coronavirus pandemic, officials committed to nearly \$10.8 million in departmental cuts, employee furloughs amounting to 5% and draining a declared disaster relief fund — which stood at \$14.1 million at the start of the year — to zero.

Carol Molina, the city's budget and purchasing manager, told council members Tuesday several city staff positions would not be budgeted for in the upcoming fiscal year.

"We are estimating about 109 positions, both full-time and part-time, will be defunded in 2020-21, either partially or for the entire fiscal year," she said.

Across-the-board cuts will impact all departments. A total of \$1.7 million will be reduced from the Public Services budget, including five defunded positions, while \$313,951 will be cut from the Costa Mesa Police Department, \$472,732 from Fire & Rescue and \$361,698 from the city manager's discretionary fund.

The Parks & Community Services Department is trimming \$476,462, and \$744,653 will be taken from Development Services, among others.

Molina delivered a bit of good news during a June 9 initial budget hearing, namely that the gradual re-opening of businesses and



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**TO HELP** recover from titanic revenue losses endured during the coronavirus pandemic, Costa Mesa officials committed to nearly \$10.8 million in departmental cuts, employee furloughs and draining a declared disaster relief fund.

services in the past month will allow the city to adjust upward its anticipated sales tax revenue by \$4.3 million.

The recent resumption of street-sweeping services, and the parking ticket fees typically associated with restrictions imposed during sweeping, should net another \$1 million in fiscal year 2020-21.

Molina said an anticipated receipt of about \$3 million in COVID-19 funding provided by federal, state and county agencies will be transferred to the city's disaster fund in the current fiscal year and will eventually be used to help close the gap in 2020-21.

"In essence, this would reduce our general fund balance by 28%, from \$53.3 million to a little bit under \$39 million," Molina said at that hearing.

The Finance Department estimates the coronavirus, and resultant decreases in sales tax and transient occupancy tax receipts, will have cost the city roughly \$39.5 million by this time next year.

Mayor Pro Tem John

Stephens praised city staff for accomplishing a nearly impossible feat.

"This is my fourth budget that I've voted on and oddly enough it's the smoothest budget process because there was an incredible amount of communication, updates and information even under incredibly difficult circumstances," he said. "This is a really good job."

Councilman Allan Mansoor said he could not support the budget plan, as it failed to include cuts to the city's chief of staff and council aide positions.

He also suggested council members forfeit their own compensation, including their \$900 monthly stipends.

"We've heard this council mention they want programs funded," he said. "If we cut enough of our pay, that would go a long way toward that."

Ultimately, the council approved the budget 5-2, with Mansoor and Councilwoman Sandy Genis opposed.

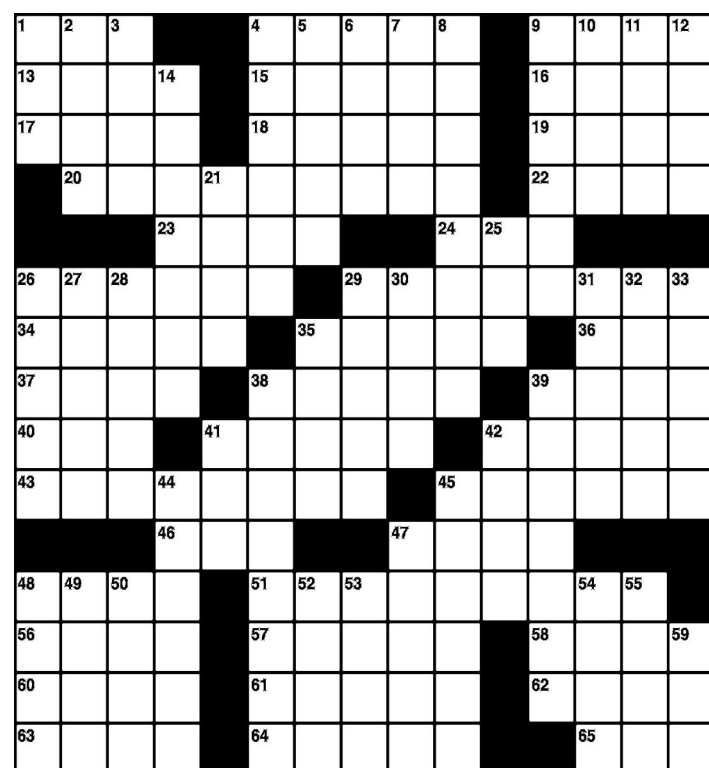
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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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22 New York team  
23 Protective covering  
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62 Han \_; "Star Wars" character  
63 Vane direction  
64 Rob or Will  
65 Moist

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2 "As ye sow, so



## 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](http://sudoku.org.uk).


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**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A7.**

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30 Military branch  
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32 Fit for a king  
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35 Flippant; cocky  
38 Car fuel  
39 Colors for yolks & lemons  
41 Prefix for year or wife  
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55 Hardy cabbage  
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- Micah Look
- Jesse Ott
- Brian Sandlin

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Kaitlin Tennell

**Newport Harbor High School**

- Aldrish Jimenez
- Jazmin Vazquez



## forum

COMMENTARY | COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS

## PLEASE PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS BY WEARING A MASK IN PUBLIC

The past two months have been devastating: 119,000 American lives lost, 5.1 million Californians filing for unemployment and pushed to the brink, hungry children and empty food banks.

It is heartbreaking.

Alongside this enormous loss, there is a self-inflicted wound: the politicization of this pandemic.

This is proving to be every bit as dangerous and destructive as the virus itself.

Sadly, some of our elected leaders seem to be less interested in solving problems or confronting this crisis than they are in fanning these flames, getting column inches and raising campaign donations.

I won't mention any names. But if you think I'm talking about you, chances are you're probably right.

We are in the transition phase of our COVID-19 response — moving from lockdown and taking careful steps to reopen our

economy safely and responsibly.

The challenges we face could not be more profound, and the stakes could not be higher.

Our success or failure depends on the actions of each one of us. And by taking simple, common-sense precautions, we will all be part of the solution:

- Wash your hands.
- Don't touch your face — or other people.
- Wear a mask to protect yourself and other people.

Allow me a moment to dispel some not-so-common misconceptions:

- Wearing a mask isn't part of a global conspiracy. It's just a common-sense health precaution, as prescribed by the Orange County Public Health Agency, California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.
- You don't wear a mask because you're afraid of the mask police; you wear a mask because



A WOMAN wearing a face mask checks her cell phone.

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it reduces the spread of germs and is the right thing to do. You don't wash your hands after you use the bathroom because you're afraid of the bathroom police; you wash your hands because it stops the spread of germs and is the right thing to do (at least I certainly hope you do).

This would almost be laughable if it weren't so insidious and dangerous. Just last week, this controversy forced Orange County's public health officer to resign after threats to herself and her family were so serious as to require constant police protection. We are reopening our economy

and returning to some semblance of normalcy. But this pandemic is far from over. As we continue to fight this virus, common sense and common decency will go a very long way.

**COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS** is a state assemblywoman.

## MAILBAG

## Orange County put politics over the sound medical advice of its health officer

Who would possibly want the job of Orange County health officer now? After Dr. Nichole Quick was hounded out of the job because she ordered people to wear masks in public to decrease the transmission of coronavirus, a scientifically-based recommendation, and she was not supported by the feckless Orange County Board of Supervisors, no dedicated public health professional with ethical standards and moral qualms will take the job.

Apparently, it is too much to ask of some people in Orange County that they suffer some minor inconvenience for the good of all, including themselves. I fear for our collective survival.

**Dr. Hildy Meyers**

Santa Ana

The writer is a former Orange County communicable disease control officer.

I am deeply saddened by Dr. Nichole Quick's decision to resign from the Orange County Health Department. She has admirably led our county with skill and professionalism at a time of great threat to our lives — despite support from some public officials and citizens.

I'm truly ashamed that public ignorance, politics or lack of resources impeded Quick's efforts to do her job. That fact that the COVID crisis happened during one of the most divisive times in our country, a time of personal threats and violent rhetoric, is not lost on me or the silent majority of Orange County's citizens who fully supported Quick and still do.

**Laurie Smith**

Newport Beach

## Stay-at-home orders proved effective

In the June 6 mailbag I read an interesting reply to Gov. Gavin Newsom's stay-at-home order ("Mailbag: Flattering letter about the governor overlooks his many mistakes during the pandemic").

The writer seemed to find our governor foolish since our hospitals in California were never overwhelmed and hospital emergency rooms have been largely empty. Ah, the irony. Does the writer not see the correlation between the order and the outcome?

**Chris Cramer**

Costa Mesa

The writer is a registered nurse.

## Please mask up, Newport Beach

Because some locals in Newport Beach continue to minimize and criticize the coronavirus response in California, I suggest they start reading the larger newspapers and other scientific sources that are readily made available online. As I look around our city and see the lack of social distancing and lack of serious concern for the coronavirus, I have become very fearful for our future.

Those fears were somewhat confirmed recently as I read the following on the front page of the Los Angeles Times: "California braces for second wave of the coronavirus."

In addition to the reason just stated are two additional factors, the mass protests and reopenings. New guidelines issued by the Orange County health officer on May 28 included several guidelines for businesses, as well as the stipulation that all Orange County residents "shall wear a cloth face mask when they are not able to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from another person."

All these rules sound hopeful, but they are only as good as the paper they are written on, if they are based on voluntary compliance. Where is the enforcement?

**Lynn Lorenz**

Newport Beach

## Irvine mayor Shea is off base

In Sunday's edition, staff writer Ben Brazil wrote an article on the protest that had occurred in Irvine in connection with the death of George Floyd. Near the end of the article, Mr. Brazil quotes the mayor of Irvine, Christina Shea, who I'm sure considers herself a savvy politician, at least on a local level. I was struck by her tone-deafness as she referred to "my city," "my residents," "my stellar police force" and finally, "my chief."

Four times in two short paragraphs and it made me wonder if the mayor knows the difference between the word "my" and the word "our."

**Gene Axelrod**

Huntington Beach

## COMMENTARY | THE REV. DR. SARAH HALVERSON-CANO

## Mask opponents proved 'terrifying' at O.C. Board of Supervisors meeting

I have just returned from the site of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, where I stood with other leaders in what we thought would be a socially distanced opportunity to share our plea for a return to the mask order.

We know the numbers continue to rise in Orange County and masks make a difference.

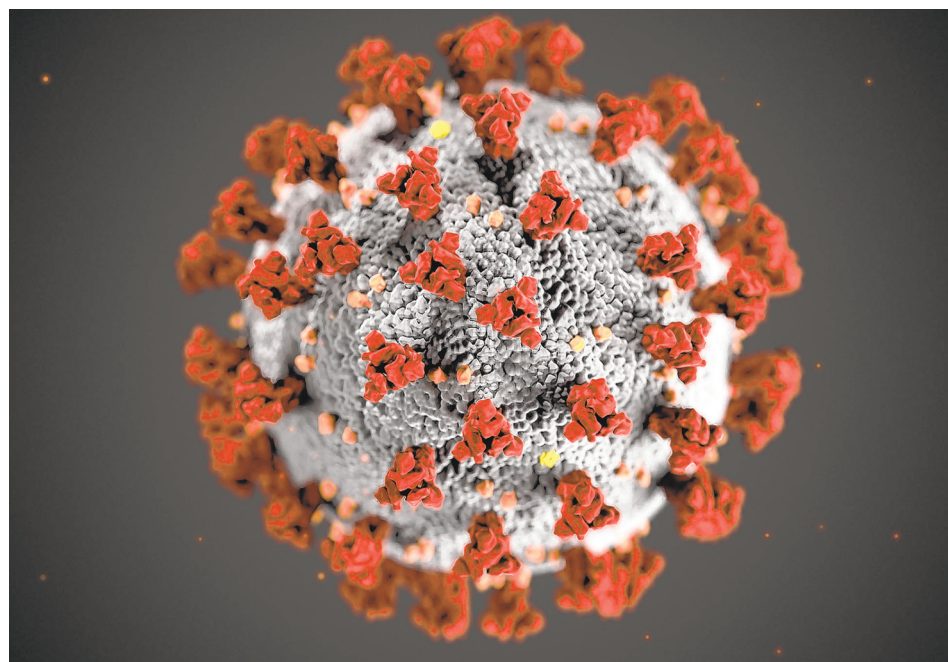
What I witnessed left me trembling and in tears. I say this as someone who is not unfamiliar with hatred.

Their jeers during my prayer, accusations that I was liar or a fake pastor were not new experiences. I've been called a witch, told I work for Satan and that I'm luring my flock away from the true teaching before.

As an advocate for LGBTQ rights, Black Lives Matter and a supporter of Muslims, I've been criticized and mocked. So my trembling and fear today did not come from their cruel words hurled at me as I spoke.

My shock came in that, despite having been in situations like this dozens of times, I've never actually feared for my life. I've received threats before, phone calls, and I've even been the recipient of cursed name calling.

But what I experienced was vitriolic hatred, a desire to hurt one another, not just a plea for "freedom," but an active threat to those of us who are standing asking for masks.



Alissa Eckert | CDC

**THIS ILLUSTRATION**, created at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, reveals ultrastructural morphology exhibited by coronaviruses.

To tell me that they think they have the coronavirus and to stand next to me, invading my personal space, with the intent to spread it, saying my "mask won't do any good," is terrifying.

They brought me to tears with their cruelty. I am shocked that they thought this was an appropriate way to get their message across by commandeering our news conference and threatening us with a virus we are actively asking for protection from.

These are the people the Board of Supervisors are

listening to — not scientists, not doctors, not pastors like me who share a belief that our call is to care for the least of these among us and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The board should be focused on keeping us safe, should listen to facts, and quite frankly should care about our community's health, safety and well-being.

But instead they are listening to the ravings of people who would seek to will a lethal virus upon a pastor and others they do not know simply because we are asking to keep our

community safe.

I tremble at the lack of humanity I witnessed today. And I pray leaders will emerge who care about this county and the people who live here.

I am still shaken. I'm still afraid of what they may have passed to me and the hatred that they spewed.

Orange County, we must do better. We owe it to ourselves, our neighbors, our brothers and sisters.

**THE REV. DR. SARAH HALVERSON-CANO** is a pastor at Fairview Community Church in Costa Mesa.

## COMMENTARY | MICHELLE BARTO

## Let's collaborate on ways to restore some of the classroom time lost to COVID-19

When I first ran for school board, a friend who had served on a school board for 30 years took me out to lunch.

"At some point, you're going to face some difficult decisions," he said. "As you decide, remember, you are there for the kids. You choose what is best for them and the decisions will be easier."

At no point would he have foreseen that his words would guide me through my first term as a school board member making the decisions of 2020. No one expected that schools would close, that we would take the leap into distance learning, that we would be faced with questions on how to come back from something we still really don't understand.

And about that distance learning. My four elementary-aged kids have been

so fortunate to have amazing teachers who have wholeheartedly taught them new concepts and creatively introduced math and language arts using the "Harry Potter" series and Kate DiCamillo books. It is high quality and innovative, but it is not a long-term replacement for in-person school.

Public school serves many societal needs among which the academic education of children is just one component. In addition to childcare, and often food, participation in society and social-emotional development are integral parts of a flourishing society.

Families often choose to meet these needs in other ways, which is their right, but the need for education to be provided by the people for all people is a matter that has been insisted upon since the early days

of our country.

Kids need to be in school for society to work and for children to learn the most. A recent Wall Street Journal article includes preliminary research that indicates only 70% of learning in language arts occurred and just 50% in math as compared to a typical year.

Learning requires more than a visual experience, for younger children in particular. And remember when we were concerned about too much screen time?

I am advocating for students and their futures. Disruptions like these have shown over time, and across nations, to reduce the high school graduation rate and in turn lower lifetime earning power.

Parents who have means will make sure that their children aren't impacted, whether by paying for tutors in their homes or

paying for private coaches and trainers. Those who have not, who have the most to lose, will now be even further behind.

No matter how we proceed, there will be mistakes. We have no historical precedent for how to reopen public schools after a pandemic. We still need to think of kids and their futures and go forward.

Parents, this is your time to stand up for kids and their futures, both for your own and for others. Write to your legislators. Run for office. Donate to charities that are helping to make up for the learning loss that has already occurred.

If we do not, then our children's generation will carry the burden of COVID-19 well after we have a vaccine.

**MICHELLE BARTO** is a Newport-Mesa school board trustee.





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**PACIFICA CHRISTIAN** graduate Rebecca Li plans to study English and pre-law at Westmont College in Santa Barbara. Li earned a 4.58 grade-point average to lead her class of 41 students.

**LI**

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ca Christian — where she answered questions like, “What do I think about morality? What do I truly believe?”

“I think that’s where my ideas started to form about taking justice and taking it from this abstract concept and applying it to my own life and just seeing how can I really exercise this if it’s something that I believe our world really needs,” she said. “Which I do.”

Li, who grew up in Irvine, attended Mariners Christian School before Pacifica Christian. As a member of Pacifica Christian’s third graduating class, she said she had opportunities to help build up a young school.

“As a result, I didn’t feel like I was excluded from trying sports or certain opportunities. Like I was able to try out for my first musical,” she said.

She played on the beach volleyball team, performed as a pianist, cellist and actor, shadowed administrators, learned to code, and earned a 4.58 grade-point average to lead her class of 41 students. Outside of school, she taught Sunday school at Newport’s Liberty Baptist Church. Although she will study the humanities and social studies in college, she also enjoyed Advanced Placement biology.

She admires the dedication of the Pacifica Christian, who went out of their way to engage with students, even sitting with them at lunch. In the spring, as the significance of the coronavirus pandemic began to take shape, teachers moved up the performance of “Fiddler on the Roof” so the students who had worked hard on the production — like Li, who portrayed Tzeitel — could showcase their talents before the imminent switch to online learning.

She said she found this touching.

Li is the daughter of Peter and Peggy Li and the younger sister of Christina. Stay-at-home orders were a blessing in disguise that allowed her to spend quality time with her family before heading off to college, she said.

In her graduation speech, she said she hopes the class of 2020 is judged by not just what happened to them, but what happened because of them.

“The history textbooks of the future are still blank. They might contain the name of one of these graduates,” she wrote. “When life came to a screeching stop these past few months, we were provided an opportunity to live with determination, wait in silence, love each other well, exercise our God-given passions, and think carefully.”

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CASE NO. 30-2020-01141847-PR-LA-CJC  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SUZANNE RHONE MILLER AKA SUZANNE R. MILLER AKA SUZANNE MILLER.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BARBARA RHONE BOWIE in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.  
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**JACK KIESECKER**, shown at the Balboa Pier, said he plans to study psychology and neuroscience. “I figured out what I wanted to major in in college in sixth grade,” he said.

**KIESECKER**

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“I figured out what I wanted to major in in college in sixth grade,” he said.

Experiences that come with emotions and become memories are what shape people, he said. Without those memories, “life becomes unimportant.” He can’t fathom what it would be like to forget what life’s most impactful moments felt like.

But if he can’t put himself into someone else’s head, he can recognize their challenges and pain. He’s driven to study the brain and mind because he intuitively

grasps the tragedy of memory loss. More recently, he’s attended local anti-racism protests. He said he can’t understand first-hand the struggle of people of color, but he can stand with them and support them.

He credits his empathy to his mother, Bel, who helped him make that model of the brain years ago that helped put him on his life’s path.

Kiesecker, the son of Bel and Peter Kiesecker and the older brother of Nic, graduated from Newport Harbor during the school’s virtual ceremony on Friday.

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• Irvine: 262 (9.4 cases per 10,000 residents)  
• Costa Mesa: 208 (18.0 cases per 10,000 residents)  
• Newport Beach: 193 (22.1 cases per 10,000 residents)

• Fountain Valley: 88 (15.5 cases per 10,000 residents)  
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**PROTESTS**

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mother of four Black children, wants more mothers to get involved.

"I had to have a conversation with my son at 7 about trying to be careful going out there," Hayes said. "He was only 16 when Trayvon Martin was killed, and I had to go tell my son to stop wearing hoodies. I had to teach him when he's driving to put his hands on the steering wheel when he gets pulled over."

Marina Jade and Rachel Han, both 22 and from Newport Beach, came to the protest together.

Jade, a first-time protester, said that she was motivated to spread a message of love, not hate.

Han noted that racial segregation was still around roughly a century after the end of slavery.

"If you don't care about something like this [movement], then you're not caring for the human race," Han said.

While some have called for defunding police departments, Lance Calonge, 34, of Irvine said he believes that one can back the Black Lives Matter movement while also supporting police officers.

"In the end, we're all humans," Calonge said. "There's a way for all of us to live amongst each other in peace, and I think we have the generation that is

[aware] right now. No distractions. No sports. Everybody is paying attention, and I think more people are getting more involved, so it makes me very, very humbled."

At the intersection of Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach, demonstrators expressing different viewpoints gathered on opposite sides of the street.

On the side nearest the pier, Black Lives Matter protesters sat and listened to personal stories from speakers.

Kevin Walton, 25, of Huntington Beach, an organizer of the protest at the pier, said that the movement remains strong because the "fight will not be over until systemic racism is over."

"I really want everybody, especially Huntington Beach, to know that we're not here to burn your city down," Walton said.

"We're not here to loot and riot like you're seeing everywhere else. All we're doing is trying to get our message across to the people on the other side of the street."

Justin Frazier, 25, of Orange has been to multiple Black Lives Matter protests at Huntington Beach. He shared his personal reason for getting involved.

"My uncle, Gregory Frazier, was murdered by police in Pompano Beach, Florida, in 2016," said Frazier, who had wrapped himself in an

American flag.

"That's why I'm so passionate. I was on a combat deployment when that was going on, so I couldn't be there for that, but I'm here for him now. I won't stop until we make it happen, until we get justice."

Frazier, who said he served in the Marine Corps, added that he is not "anti-cop," but he wants to see investigations of police that have misconduct charges.

On the other side of the street, Ted Petersen, 64, of Costa Mesa was collecting signatures for a petition to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom. He said he was not in favor of the recent order that Californians must wear masks in public.

Alejandra Menez, 26, of Costa Mesa said that she signed the petition. She had come out to demonstrate in support of law enforcement with her aunt, who held up a sign saying "Back the Blue."

"My greatest concern is that if we do get rid of the police, if we do defund the police, and we start cutting the resources, who's going to keep our community safe?" Menez said.

"They go through training and a lot of these officers do grow up in their communities that they do serve, so who else better to protect us than people who are a part of our communities?"

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Students from Costa Mesa high schools and Colleges were nominated by their teachers and principals for outstanding academics and community involvement.

#### COSTA MESA HIGH SCHOOL



**JASMINE AU**  
GPA 4.375 (W)  
**School Activities:** National honor society, Delta program, Asian culture club, Key club, We care club, Varsity tennis team  
**Community:** Went to China with our Mandarin teacher to learn about Chinese culture. Participated in heart walk, MS walk, ADA walk, CHOC walk, beach clean-up. Organized food drive, back to school supplies drive, coat drive. Volunteered at food bank and food pantry, and local library. Organized food and supplies giveaway for those in need during Covid pandemic. Sew masks to donate to hospitals for healthcare staff use during Covid pandemic.  
**College Plans:** To pursue a career in healthcare




**WILLIAM BRADFORD**  
GPA 4.38 (W)  
**School Activities:** Theater Tech, National Honor Society, Mock Trial, School Site Council, Project Lead the Way, MESA Club, Solar Boat Team, Key Club, Film Club, Drama Club  
**Community:** California Boys State, UCI Birobotics Lab research, theater tech for elementary school shows, Fairview Park restoration projects, church sound crew  
**College Plans:** Attend UC Berkeley for Mechanical Engineering and pursue a career in the aerospace field



**DELGADO LESLIE**  
GPA 4.5 (W)  
**School Activities:** Varsity girls tennis team, varsity wrestling team, Mock Trial, Latino Culture club, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, National Honors Society, DELTA, Simon Scholars Program.  
**Community:** Teacher Assistant at local church to help elementary students with disabilities to complete their First Communion, volunteered at fundraising events for high school athletic teams, danced for a Polynesian dance group.  
**College Plans:** Attending Bentley University in Massachusetts to major in Business Management with a minor in Human Resources with a full-ride scholarship. After graduating, I plan on returning to California for employment/internships and potentially pursue my Master's degree.




**DAVID MARTINEZ IBARRA**  
GPA 4.4 (W)  
**School Activities:** CMHS Band (Marching Band, Drumline, Musical Orchestra), National Honors, Society, Mock Trial, Key Club, Latino Culture Club, CMHS Drama, Delta, M.E.S.A., AV Club  
**Community:** Teen Advisory Group at Donald Dungan Library, 200+ hours of community service, Reality Changers, Community Bike Rides with Councilmember Arlis Reynolds  
**College Plans:** I am planning on attending the University of Southern California and majoring in Public Policy.



**HUGO MENENDEZ**  
GPA 4.458 (W)  
**School Activities:** Key Club  
**Community:** Costa Mesa Art Venture  
**College Plans:** Attend Chapman University as a Dance Major



**KAYLA NGUYEN**  
GPA 4.26 (W)  
**School Activities:** ASB, Volleyball, Asian Culture Club  
**Community:** Mainly hangout with friends by going to: our local fast food places (In-N-Out, Chick-fil-A, Raising Canes); the movies; the beach; the pool; the park; places with beautiful views (Top of the World, Hilltop Park) or trying out new places together.  
**College Plans:** major in biology and dorm at University of San Francisco



**RACHEL PHAM**  
GPA 4.39 (W)  
**School Activities:** Debate captain, co-president and co-founder of We Care Club, scholar athlete, varsity tennis player, CMHS student of the year for math, Principal's honors roll  
**Community:** Key Club, National Honors Society, Asian Club, CMHS Tennis, We Care Club, OCC math competition, MESA Club and competition  
**College Plans:** attend undergrad college majoring in chemistry, then go to med school, complete internships and residency, and become a dermatologist




**CINDY QUACH**  
GPA 4.5 (W)  
**School Activities:** Key Club, Reality Changers, smART Summer Camp, We Care Club, MESA  
**Community:** Truong Buu Diep Foundation (religious non-profit organization), Workplace Mentoring at Edwards Lifesciences, Self-learning Korean, Babysitting/tutoring  
**College Plans:** UC Berkeley, Business Admin




**JUSTICE SARTE**  
GPA 4.24 (W)  
**School Activities:** Earned the California State Seal of Bi-literacy, received the Reality Changers' College Apps Academy scholarship, received the Costa Mesa Academic Achievement Award - Math Finalist  
**Community:** I volunteer at my church in the Children's Ministry helping watch kids and practicing for being a teacher. I have earned 106 hours of community service doing this. I've been doing this every month for the past 5 years.  
**College Plans:** I am going to UCI and majoring in education sciences. I plan to be a teacher as my future career.



**HALLIE TRAN**  
GPA 4.36 (W)  
**School Activities:** Scholar Athlete, 2019 Varsity Tennis team captain  
**Community:** Key Club, Asian Club, We Care Club, MESA, Varsity Tennis (4 years)  
**College Plans:** UCI, Major in Pharmaceutical Science.



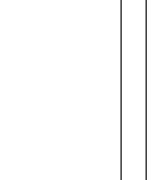
**MEGAN TRAN**  
GPA 4.4 (W)  
**School Activities:** Co-president of the We Care Club, Varsity Girls Tennis (10th and 11th grades), OC Varsity Scholar-Athlete, California Scholarship Federation, Principal's Honor Roll, CMHS Academic, Achievement Finalist in Math and Science  
**Community:** St. John the Baptists Religious Education Teacher's Assistant, CMHS Teacher's Assistant, Food Bank Volunteer, Beach Clean-Ups, WE Day Volunteer (WE Charity), Summer Arts, Program Volunteer, March of Dimes Volunteer Photographer, Youth Group, Elementary School Volunteer over the summer  
**College Plans:** Attending UCLA for a biology major



**MALIALANI "MALIA" TUFUGA**  
GPA 4.3871 (W)  
**School Activities:** ASB, NHS, DELTA, FCA, Keepin it Reel (Film Appreciation) Club  
**Community:** Club Volleyball (Apex1 Volleyball Club), CHOC Walk, Feed the Hungry, Junior Spikers in HB (coach/counselor)  
**College Plans:** Attend and play indoor volleyball at Stanford University, anticipating a major in psychology or communications



**CRISTINA VERA**  
GPA 4.45 (W)  
**School Activities:** Color Guard, Hoag Candystriper, Simon Scholars, CMHS Musicals Big Brothers Big Sisters  
**Community:** Hoag Candystriper, Key Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters  
**College Plans:** Attend the University of Pennsylvania as a Nursing major and become an inspiration to those around me




**ALEXIS VOTRAN**  
GPA 4.36 (W)  
**School Activities:** ASB, Key Club, National Honors Society, Varsity Tennis, Key Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Dance, Madrigal Choir, Asian Culture Club, Latino Culture Club, Make-A-Wish  
**Community:** Fundraisers and charity work through Key Club, Volunteering at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church; Various beach and campus cleanups, Food and toiletry preparations for local homeless shelters and homeless veterans.  
**College Plans:** Accepted at Berkeley, UCSD, UCSB, and UCSC. Attending dream school of UCLA to major in Communications on the pre-med track.




**DANE WENNERBERG**  
GPA 4.34 (W)  
**School Activities:** Principal's Honor Roll, Student of the Quarter, Student of the Year in P.E., AP Scholar with Honor, California Scholarship Federation Gold Seal Bearer.  
**Community:** Key Club Member, Backstage Manager for CMHS Theater Productions, National Honors Society Member, Wilderness Club Member, "Mesa Maniac" at football games, Delta Member  
**College Plans:** Attend Community College and transfer to a 4-year under a Sociology or Communications Major.

#### EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

#### MONTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL



**SOPHIA CONTI**  
GPA 4.00  
**School Activities:** AVID student since 2018 National Honor Society since 2018  
**Community:** 58 hours of community service completed Flagship Healthcare Center 2018 Mid-Term Election Polls - OC Registrar of Voters ECHS PTSA Annual Rummage Sale Local Beach Clean-up  
**Honors:** Principal's Honor Roll every semester since 2016 Champion for Character Award Recipient in 2017 Outstanding Citizenship Award Recipient in 2016-2018 ECHS Student of the Year Recipient since 2018 Coastline College Outstanding Student of the Year in 2019 California Scholarship Federation Member since 2019  
**College Plans:** Attend UC San Diego with a desire to study Computer Science



**MADISON GOLSHAN**  
GPA 4.00  
**School Activities:** AVID student since 2018 National Honor Society since 2018 Participated in the Coastline College Theater class offered at ECHS  
**Community:** 88.5 hours of community service completed Flagship Healthcare Center Orange County Mesa Verde Public Library Veteran's Hospital Danbrook Elementary School 2018 Mid-Term Election Polls - OC Registrar of Voters ECHS PTSA Annual Rummage Sale  
**Honors:** Principal's Honor Roll every semester since 2016 ECHS Student of the Year Recipient since 2017 California Scholarship Federation Member since 2019 Placed in the American Legion Essay Contest every year since 2015 (2nd place this school year)



**TY BURGESS**  
Ty Burgess is a graduate of Monte Vista High School. He is an avid surfer with high aspirations and goals to one day become a professional surfer. He has been a surfer since he was 3 years old and spends most of his time riding the waves. He trains at a surf training gym that centers around training professional surfers. He has competed in the Western Surfing Association events as well as Jack's Surfboards Every Wave Counts competitions. Ty has a strong commitment to becoming a professional surfer and has dedicated his life to training 5 days a week, eating healthy, and keeping his focus on school. His dedication is truly remarkable and he is a worthy recipient of the Les Miller Award.



ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

BREA NOEL BROWNE



GPA: 4.00
School Activities: Student Tutor at the OCC
Honors: Vice President, Philosophy Club. Secretary, OCC Honors Student Council. Treasurer, Philosophy Club.

JOSEPH M. LIU



GPA: 3.90
School Activities: Phi Theta Kappa: Book Drive, Help Your Harbor, Pirate Involvement Fair, Regional Conference.

STEM night, STEM research project, Honors Open House
Christian Students at OCC: Bible Studies, Ministry Series, Christian Conferences, Freshman Connect.

Positions: President, Phi Theta Kappa. Vice President of Scholarly Activities. Phi Theta Kappa. Book Drive Coordinator, Phi Theta Kappa. President, Christian Students at OCC.

VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

BRILEY NEYENHUIS



GPA: 2.848
School Activities: 3 years of student leadership
2 years of volunteering on chapel worship teams

Community: Volunteer as Sunday School teacher at The Church in Huntington Beach
Worked as a swim instructor for the YMCA
Future Plans: After graduation, I will be transferring to UC Berkeley where I will study Bioengineering.

EMILY HOWARD



GPA: 3.7
School Activities/Clubs: 4 year Softball student-athlete
LIONS Champion of Character small group leader
Vanguard University's House of Prayer

Community Activities: Study Abroad in Israel Summer of 2018
Feed the Hungry Volunteer through Newport Mesa Church
Fountain Valley Recreational Softball volunteer camps

ESTANCIA HIGH SCHOOL

BENJAMIN EVANS



GPA: 4.02
School Activities/Clubs: I was in the engineering club in both my sophomore and senior year.

Community: I assisted in Project Lead the Way and Kidz Connect throughout my second semester and summer of every year.

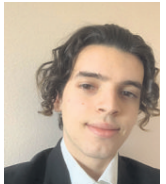
BRANDON PEARSON



GPA: 3.97
School Activities/Clubs: Basketball
Youth and Government
Awards/Honors: Varsity Basketball Captain
Orange Coast League All First Team

Community: Assisting run Estancia Basketball Tournaments
Helping teachers prepare their classrooms
Future Plans: Orange Coast College with the intent to transfer out to a 4 year university to pursue a degree in Business Administration.

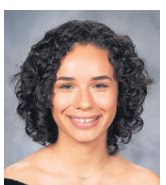
ERIC HUMBERT



GPA: 4.15
School Activities/Clubs: I did water polo during my Freshman and Sophomore year of water polo.

Future Plans: I plan to go to OCC and major in Business. I currently do not know what college I will transfer to afterwards.

JENNIFER ARAIZA



GPA: 4.05
School Activities/Clubs: ASB
California Scholarship Federation
JV and Varsity Volleyball

Community: Simon Scholar Recipient
OC Small Paws Volunteer Coordinator
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Trader Joe's Crew Member

JOSELYN SANCHEZ



GPA: 4.09
School Activities/Clubs: 2 year member of the Tennis Team
3 year member of the Estancia High School JV Soccer Team

Community: 2 year member Key Club California Scholarship Federation Club
Member of Do Something Club
Captain of the Estancia High School JV Soccer Team
Community Service Organizer for California Scholarship Federation Club

KURT MELVIN VENTURA



GPA: 4.07
School Activities/Clubs: Associated Student Body
Volleyball
Production Drama
Awards/Honors: ASB Vice President
ASB Junior Class President

LARISSA HERNANDEZ



GPA: 3.96
School Activities/Clubs: Robotics Club
PLTW
Book Club
Awards/Honors: Student of the Quarter
President of Robotics Club
President of the Book Club

LEONARDO GARCIA



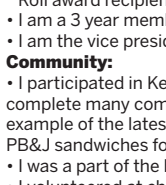
GPA: 4.13
School Activities/Clubs: I play in guitar concerts for Estancia
I go to Battle of the Bell
I watch Estancia Drama Plays

LIZETTE MATTA



GPA: 4.12
School Activities/Clubs: I was in HOSA, Key Club, CSF, Do Something Club, and Leos Club.

MATTHEW KEHOE



GPA: 4.37
School Activities/Clubs: I have played Water Polo and Baseball at the varsity level.

MEGAN JAMES



GPA: 4.2
School Activities/Clubs: Production Drama
Basketball
Golf
Awards/Honors: Principal's Honor Roll (every year)

MELIA KENNETH



GPA: 4.05
School Activities/Clubs: Volleyball, Basketball, Youth and Government, Leo Club, Girls Empowering Girls, Australia Club, 2018 Australia Exchange Delegate.

Community: Kiwanis Lion's Club Fish Fry Set-Up, Beach Clean-Up
Estancia Basketball Boosters
Violette Elementary School

MYLES WITTE

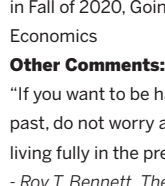


GPA: 4.18
School Activities/Clubs: Football, Baseball, Basketball, HOSA, Journalism

Community: 3 Year Friday Night Lights Coach, Two time 7/8 Grade Champions.

Future Plans: Attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to double major in Political Science and Business Administration

RILEY HASKELL



GPA: 4.0

School Activities/Clubs: Youth and Government, Soccer
Community: Peer Court
Future Plans: OCC for Fashion Merchandising and then transferring to

XITLALI MARTINEZ

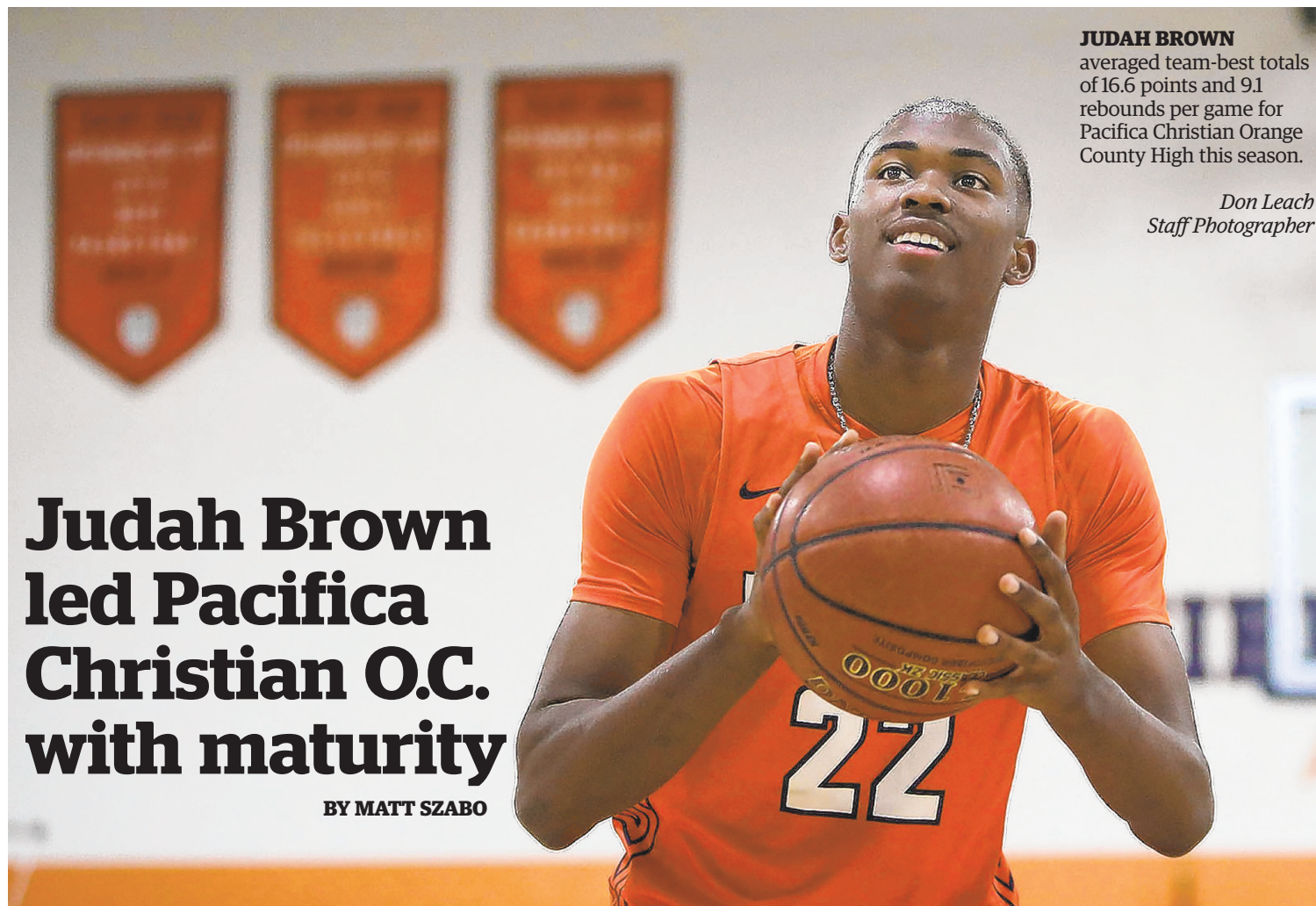


GPA: 4.0
School Activities/Clubs: Basketball: 2 years
Avid for 4 years
Big Brothers and Big Sisters for 1 year.

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**DAILY PILOT DREAM TEAM | BOYS' BASKETBALL**



**JUDAH BROWN** averaged team-best totals of 16.6 points and 9.1 rebounds per game for Pacifica Christian Orange County High this season.

*Don Leach  
Staff Photographer*

## Judah Brown led Pacifica Christian O.C. with maturity

BY MATT SZABO

Judah Brown is the fourth of seven siblings, the middle child.

All of Jonathan and Melissa's seven children, whose ages range from 26 to 10, are currently living at the family home in Tustin. With the Browns sheltered at home due to the coronavirus, it has made for a bustling household.

"For us, it's natural, because we do just hang out with each other all the time," Judah Brown said. "We've been home-schooled for most of my life, so we're just used to being around each other. It's kind of hard to get bored. Everyone has ideas, everyone has games."

Judah, a senior at Pacifica Christian Orange County High, excels most at the game of basketball. He will be leaving quite a legacy when he heads north to play at St. Mary's College next year.

Brown averaged team-best totals of 16.6 points and 9.1 rebounds per game for the Tritons (22-8, 7-1 in league). Pacifica Christian shared the San Joaquin League title with rival Fairmont Prep, which was the first league crown in the Tritons' four varsity seasons.

Despite moving up five divisions from last year's Division 4AA finalist showing, Brown helped lead Pacifica Christian to the Division 2A quarterfinals before losing 62-53 to La Verne Bonita.

Brown is the 2019-20 Daily Pilot Boys' Basketball Dream Team Player of the Year.

He accomplished a lot in two years playing for Pacifica Christian. Brown played for Bermuda Dunes Desert Christian Academy as a freshman, then transferred to the Tritons as a sophomore but was ruled ineligible by the Southern Section.

"He's such a selfless player," Pacifica Christian coach Jeff Berokoff said. "He plays the game the right way. Anybody who watches him play really appreciates his basketball acumen. He makes the right pass, jump stops, makes the right play. He's coming from the weak side or behind blocking shots. If he was more selfish, he could have scored a lot more points, but he realized with us this year that we had other guys that could score the ball. For him, he's a big team guy and very selfless with how he plays."

At 6-foot-7, Brown was a wing player for Pacifica Christian, but Berokoff appreciated his versatility. At different times, the All-CIF Southern Section Division 2A selection would guard a point guard or defend in the post.

"He never said, 'No,' or backed down from any challenge or task that we asked him to do," Berokoff said. "He's got a big heart for others and loves his teammates."

Pacifica Christian earned a standout victory when it beat Fairmont Prep 62-59 on the road in league play on Jan. 14. The victory was sweet for the Tritons, who lost four times to the Huskies in Brown's junior year, including in the Division 4AA title game and the CIF State Southern California Regional Division III quarterfinals.

"It just showed that we're mentally tough," said Brown, who had 18 points and 15 rebounds in the victory. "One reason we were able to win was that I felt like they were so focused on last year, and we were so focused on now. Last time was last time, and we'll leave that where it is, but right now we're coming out to win."

Brown, who made the All-San Joaquin League first team, is used to winning, and he hopes to continue that trend at St. Mary's. But he's also able to look back on his high school career with pride. He said the Tritons were close this year. They used the word "agape," a Greco-Christian term for "love," as a team slogan.

"It's really cool to take a step back and see how far we've come from the first Pacifica team," Brown said. "To be able to be a part of that foundation, it's truly an honor."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

**D'Cean Bryant**  
*Fountain Valley*

Bryant, who played college basketball at Long Beach State, was formerly an assistant coach at Riverside King and Orange Lutheran. He has turned around Fountain Valley, a school which had never made the CIF semifinals in 53 previous seasons. The Wave League runner-up Barons got there this year, advancing to the Division 3A semifinals before losing 82-70 to No. 2-seeded Indio Shadow Hills. As the No. 15 seed, Fountain

Valley also went on a memorable run to the CIF State Southern California Regional Division III semifinals before losing 78-58 at No. 11 Burbank Providence. The Barons finished the season ranked No. 16 in Orange County and are a good bet to get higher next season, as they graduate just one senior.

**FIRST TEAM**

**Jeremiah Davis**

*G | Fountain Valley | Jr.*

Davis was unquestionably the go-to player during the Barons' historic season and fun to watch, always hustling in Fountain Valley's fast-paced system. The All-CIF Southern Section Division 3A and first-team All-Wave League selection averaged 23 points, six rebounds and four assists per game for the Barons (20-11, 4-2 in league). His dunks would often energize his teammates and punctuate a win or a run. Davis will return as a senior leader for a team that will have high hopes again next season.

**Levi Darrow**

*G | Newport Harbor | Jr.*

Darrow had big shoes to fill, taking over as the Sailors' starting point guard after two-time first-team Dream Team selection Sam Barela graduated and went to play at Chapman University. He delivered, averaging 11 points and four assists per game. Newport Harbor shared the Surf League title with Edison and advanced to the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 2AA playoffs before the Sailors (22-7, 4-2 in league) lost 56-44 to eventual semifinalist Eastvale Roosevelt. Darrow also shared the Surf League MVP award, with Chargers junior guard Jackie Kwok. He had a penchant for big plays, scoring six points in overtime as the Sailors won at rival Corona del Mar 58-55 in the league opener.

**Jake Covey**

*C | Estancia | Sr.*

The 6-foot-3 senior's primary sport is baseball as a right-handed pitcher, but Covey shined as the man in the middle on the basketball court for the Eagles. A four-year varsity player, the Orange Coast League MVP averaged 16 points and nine rebounds per

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**SAILING**

## Governor's Cup regatta canceled

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Balboa Yacht Club announced that the 54th annual Governor's Cup Youth International Match Racing Championship in Newport Beach has been canceled.

Concerns over the coronavirus resulted in the regatta being called off after a unanimous vote by the Governor's Cup steering committee.

Committee chairman Andy Rose said in a statement that the determination was made that holding or postponing the event until later in the year was not feasible. The decision followed a briefing by BYC fleet surgeon Dr. Rob Bray on the COVID-19 situation, as well as communication with the invitees and coaches.

"Even if the eight international teams could have made it to California, most would have faced 14-day quarantine and perhaps other restrictions upon returning home," Rose said.

"While Dr. Bray had designed an extensive testing protocol for the event, he agreed that recent developments in the spread of the virus make it impossible to host the [Governor's] Cup in the manner in which teams, coaches, and BYC members expect of us, and in fact, it became highly unlikely that all or even most of [the] invited skippers would ultimately be able to attend."

The fleet for this year's Governor's Cup, which was scheduled for July 20-25, was selected and announced in late April. Three of the four semifinalists from last year's event were among the invitees, including defending champion Nick Egnot-Johnson.

Egnot-Johnson, from New Zealand, is the No. 2-ranked skipper in World Sailing's open match racing rankings.

Skippers wishing to compete in the Governor's Cup must be under the age of 23 through the conclusion of the event, and regatta chair Christine Robertson Gribben said that all of the invited skippers would be eligible to return. One, however, likely will not come back, as Leonard Takahashi was expected to represent Japan in the Tokyo Olympics before their postponement.

"We will be back next year to make the 2021 [Governor's] Cup the best ever," Robertson Gribben said. "Happily, none of this year's invited skippers will reach their 23rd birthday by the end of next year's [Governor's Cup], to be held July 19-24, 2021, so all will again be age-eligible if they continue their match racing success. Although, we sadly presume we won't see three-time runner-up Leonard Takahashi, who will represent Japan in the 49er class in next year's Olympic Games."

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**CLASS OF 2020 SERIES**

## Logan Brooks came a long way to lead Laguna Beach High's cross-country team

BY ANDREW TURNER

When Logan Brooks looks back on his family's decision to move to Southern California, he is glad that they did so because it showed him more of the world and exposed him to different perspectives.

Distance runners like Brooks travel miles at a time on foot, and over the last two years, few went farther than Brooks and the Laguna Beach High cross-country team.

After transferring from Santa Rosa Beach (Fla.) South Walton for his junior year, Brooks helped lead the Breakers to the CIF Southern Section Division 4 crown and the Division IV state championship, placing seventh in the race.

That same year, he was an All-American as a member of the Arcadia Invitational-winning mile relay team.

He came back with his second consecutive all-state performance, finishing third in the Division IV final to bookend his senior season.

Brooks' individual accolades are not the only noted repeat performance. For the second year in a

row, the Sunset Conference Wave League Male Athlete of the Year honor, given to Brooks this year, went to a member of the Laguna Beach cross-country program.

Last year, the award went to Ryan Smithers, who is still competing in college at Yale.

Beyond their involvement in athletics, an unfortunate shared experience bonded the two of them. Both Brooks and Smithers suffered the loss of a father in high school.

"Having Logan as a teammate, looking past the sport and [on] a personal level, he's a great guy," Smithers said of Brooks. "He definitely helped me through that hard period last year because we could relate to each other, not only on an athletic level but on a personal level."

Smithers also admired the drive that Brooks showed in the team's workouts.

"He just has the ability to push himself to a certain point that not a lot of other people can do," Smithers said. "I think that's something that we respect each other for because we both put a lot into what we do."

Athletes across all sports are up for consideration for the Sunset Conference Athlete of the Year awards.

Some of the larger spectator sports like basketball and football become the talk of schools. All the recognition that some cross-country athletes ever need comes from within their respective programs, Brooks said.

"You don't get a lot of attention from the rest of the kids at your school, so that is kind of what creates a lot of that close team chemistry you see on the cross-country team because really only your teammates understand you," Brooks added.

"Everybody else is looking at you, and they don't know how you could possibly go run 60 miles a week. You're like crazy to most people, so you really get close to the people that understand you."

As he prepares for the next step — Brooks has signed with UC Irvine for men's cross-country and track and field — he is interested in majoring in political science or economics.

Brooks, who said he likes psychology, demonstrated mental



*Raul Roa | Staff Photographer*

**LAGUNA BEACH HIGH** runner Logan Brooks, who will attend UC Irvine, was named the Sunset Conference Wave League Male Athlete of the Year.

strength to bounce back after his father died, and now he knows that obstacles are meant to be overcome.

For someone who has been through such trials so young in life, the change in lifestyle due to the coronavirus pandemic was the least of his worries.

"I lost my dad, you know, so that was a huge shock to me then," Brooks said.

"Now, stuff like this coronavirus is not even surprising me at all because I know that anything can and will happen. You just keep your head up and you keep mov-

ing forward, and eventually, you're going to get to where you're going, one way or another."

Brooks enjoys playing guitar and said he is proud to have been part of the band that has been the Laguna Beach distance runners.

Brooks added that he appreciates Breakers head coach Scott Wittkop and the coaching staff, saying that they do a good job of supporting their athletes and making sure they get the credit they deserve.

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**GOLF**

# 'A relief that it wasn't really over': seniors are showcased

BY ANDREW TURNER

The loss of the final season for high school seniors competing in a spring sport was part of the painstaking fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

From that troubling time, communities resolved to rally around each other.

Edison High boys' golf coach Brendan Patch was among those who wanted to make sure that the seniors had another moment to put in their memory banks when looking back on high school.

He organized the Orange County Boys' Golf All-Star Senior Showcase, and with the help of Costa Mesa Country Club, the players got an exciting final round of play in.

Washington State-bound Jaden Cantafio (Tesla Academy) edged former Mater Dei High School teammate Andrew Hoekstra in a one-hole playoff to win the

event.

Cantafio finished the round with a four-under-par 66. He trailed Hoekstra, who is headed to Long Beach State, by one stroke as he lined up for a pressure-packed birdie putt on No. 18 on the Mesa Linda Course.

"That 10-footer on the last hole was really big, and someone came up to me on the last hole and said it was for the tie," Cantafio said. "I like having that pressure on me. It was really cool to be in the moment like that."

Cantafio was part of a very competitive group that included Edison's Tiger Tahvildari (69, third), Chino Hills Ayala's Amaan Patel (70) and Huntington Beach's Cathan Peterson-Cheek (71).

As the medalist, Cantafio got an exemption into the 2020 High School Golf National Invitational at Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina. The tournament is

scheduled Aug. 3-5.

Patch said that Hoekstra and Tahvildari have also been invited to the national tournament.

Tahvildari, who plans to spend the next year playing amateur events before entering college, said it was fun to play with people he knew in his return to the golf course.

Between the drive-up graduation held by Edison and Monday's senior boys' golf showcase event, Tahvildari said the events salvaged a senior year greatly impacted by the coronavirus.

"I would say it really boosted the year from these last hard three months," Tahvildari said. "It was a good way to send me off and send off everybody around here. To finally see the teachers you had and to finally play your last high school event with people that you know, it was probably the best way to do it,

honestly.

"It was such a relief that it wasn't really over. You had that one last try at it."

Edison also had Dylan Delaney (85) and Jonny Blatt (90) in the showcase. Laguna Beach's competitors were Will Keary (85), Aiden Svenson (86), Tai Diggins (91) and Trent Ralston (96).

Additional locals in the field were Corona del Mar's Ashvin Wijay (73), Huntington Beach's John Cargasacci (86), and Estancia's Ian Hopp (87).

Patch, who helped organize the event along with Mater Dei coach Ryan Kehler, said that he has been approached about making the event more than just a one-off showcase for this year's seniors, and he said he is considering it.

He saw the event as a low-stress competition that was also fun.

"You want to win because it's your buddies and

**EDISON HIGH'S**

Tiger Tahvildari sinks a putt in Jurupa Valley in May 2019.

*Kevin Chang  
Staff  
Photographer*

you want to beat them, but at the same time, that's almost secondary," Patch said. "I thought that was really kind of a cool aspect to it, so we're very much

considering kind of making this more of a regular thing."

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**TENNIS**

## Pacifica Christian Orange County High hires Jill Casserly as founding girls' tennis coach

BY MATT SZABO

Pacifica Christian Orange County High announced in April that it was adding a girls' tennis program.

Two months later, the Tritons have found the coach to initiate that program.

Jill Casserly has been hired as the first girls' tennis coach in program history, Pacifica Christian Athletic Director Brandon Gonzalez said.

Casserly was previously an assistant tennis coach at Newport Harbor, her alma mater, from 2012 to 2014.

"They're just all about the kids [at Pacifica Christian]," Casserly said. "They want the kids to work together and bond as a team, build character and also be competitive and enjoy the sport. It's cool to be a part of that. And you know me, I love tennis. It's great to combine that."

During her playing days, she helped the Sailors win



Courtesy of Pacifica Christian Orange County High School

**JILL CASSERLY** was an assistant tennis coach at Newport Harbor High, her alma mater, from 2012 to 2014.

the Sunset League title and advance to the CIF Southern Section Division 2 quarterfinals during her senior year of 2005-06.

She then went on to play at Wheaton College in Illinois, and helped Wheaton win three College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) titles in

four years.

Casserly, 32, who currently is a kindergarten teacher in the Capistrano Unified School District, will be a walk-on coach.

"We wanted Jill from the beginning," Gonzalez said. "Not only does she understand the landscape of tennis in Orange County and has a wealth of knowledge in playing and coaching, she understands the importance of building relationships with these girls and building a program that will set the tone for others to follow."

Pacifica Christian will be entering its fifth year at the varsity level this fall, and now offers 21 programs across 11 different sports.

Newport Harbor has traditionally been strong in girls' tennis with programs like Corona del Mar, Sage Hill and Newport Harbor. Corona del Mar won last year's CIF Southern Section Division 1 title, its second CIF crown in three years.

Gonzalez said a venue for home matches for girls'

tennis is to be determined, but Pacifica Christian will likely use the public tennis courts near Superior Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway for practices.

Casserly said she is excited to begin, and Newport Harbor coach Kristen Becwar is happy for her friend.

"Jill possesses a strong passion for the game of tennis, as well as a deep care for the student-athletes she coaches," Becwar said.

"One of her greatest strengths is the way in which she is able to teach the ins and outs of the game, and at the same time, also finds ways to combine life lessons that all of her student-athletes can grow from. Jill's dedication to her faith, along with her dedication to bringing out the best in her players, will be a wonderful addition for Pacifica Christian athletics."

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**DREAM**

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game, helping the Eagles (27-4, 10-0 in league) win their first league title since the 2004-05 season. Covey, an All-CIF Southern Section Division 5AA selection, set the tone early in the season, with 23 points and 20 rebounds as Estancia beat Godinez 51-46 to win its Estancia Coast Classic for the first time since 1997. He also led the No. 2-seeded Eagles to the CIF Southern Section Division 5AA quarterfinals before suffering a 49-46 upset loss at Santa Barbara Bishop Diego, which snapped a 19-game winning streak.

**Nolan Naess**  
*F | Laguna Beach | Jr.*  
The 6-foot-7 junior really could do it all for Laguna Beach. Naess averaged 19.3 points, 6.1 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game for the Breakers. He also shot 55% from the field, and 44% from the three-point line. Naess was the Wave League MVP, leading Laguna Beach (21-8, 6-0 in league) to the league title and the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 3AA playoffs. He was an all-tournament team selection in the Godinez Grizzly Invitational, the Gary Raya SoCal Elite Classic and the Torrey Pines Classic.

**Houston Mallette**  
*G | Pacifica Christian Orange County | Jr.*  
Mallette enjoyed another year of growth in his second season as the Tritons' starting point guard. The 6-foot-5 Mallette didn't mind taking the big shot and finished the season averaging 15.7 points and seven rebounds per game, as well as a team-best 4.9 assists and 2.1 steals. He also made 80 three-pointers and shot 40% from beyond the arc. Mallette, a

repeat first-team Dream Team selection who has offers from multiple NCAA Division I schools including UC Santa Barbara and Penn State, earned All-CIF Southern Section Division 2A and first-team All-San Joaquin League honors. He will likely step into an even bigger scoring role as a senior for Pacifica Christian, which graduates its other three top scorers in Judah Brown, Charles Erving and Josh Sims.

**Jack Stone**  
*G | Corona del Mar | Sr.*  
The smooth-shooting Stone was the leader of a Sea Kings team that was young this year, made younger when starters John Humphreys and Ethan Garbers elected not to play basketball as seniors after leading the CdM football team to CIF Southern Section Division 3 and CIF State Division I-A titles. Stone, a 6-foot-2 shooting guard bound for Carnegie Mellon, averaged an area-best 23.6 points and 4.7 rebounds per game for CdM (16-11, 1-5 in Surf League). He was a first-team all-league selection and helped the Sea Kings win the Artesia Winter Classic, earning tournament MVP honors in the process.

**SECOND TEAM**

*Position, Name, School, Year*  
F Connor Collins, Edison, Jr.  
F Jace Knowles, Brethren Christian, Sr.  
G Ethan Barnella, Marina, Sr.  
G Brian Pacheco, Los Amigos, Sr.  
G Roddie Anderson, Fountain Valley, So.  
G Charles Erving, Pacifica Christian Orange County, Sr.

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### Louise Albertine Morgan

December 8, 1921 - May 16, 2020

Louise Albertine Morgan was born in Los Angeles on December 8, 1921 to Ethel and Karl Morin. She and her brother, Vincent (Vee), grew up during the depression giving them a strong work ethic and loyalty to their family. Her Mother instilled in her an independence and positive attitude. Her glass was always half full.

Louise graduated from South Pasadena High School where she made many friends. Louise and her friends often visited the beach, strolling the boardwalk and dancing at the Pavilion and Rendezvous Ballroom in Newport. She loved driving up to Lake Arrowhead, typically in one of her brother Vee's jalopies filled with friends.

During the war Louise was one of many who worked in local factories building airplanes to support the war effort. Her mother operated a lamp shade company that also supplied and supported the military.

In her twenties, Louise and her best friend Connie would support the troops by going to local dances where Louise met Lt. Ralph P. Morgan Jr. at the Palladium. They found a harmony on the dance floor. They married and had four sons: Ralph III, Lawrence, Gregory and Michael. The Morgan family moved from South Pasadena to the small town of Corona del Mar in 1958.

Louise never wasted a moment. She earned a grand master ranking in bridge and played in many tournaments until she was in her nineties. She was an avid golfer and bowler winning many trophies in both sports. Louise was a proficient seamstress and made beautiful clothes for the entire family. Her "old school" perspective and values began with her Mom and were shared by her family.

We'll miss her laugh, love, positivity and her own slant on life. She fiercely believed in getting back up whenever you fell down and always doing something to the best of your ability. In the jigsaw puzzle of life, we'll be missing a large piece. We loved her deeply and will cherish the many memories.

Louise passed away in her sleep on Saturday May 16th of natural causes. She is preceded in death by Ralph Morgan Jr., Vee Morin (Betty Lou) and her son, Lawrence Morgan. She is survived by her sons Ralph III, Gregory and Michael, her daughter's in law Sandi, Kathy and Michele, grandchildren Jacque and Ralph IV, her two great grandchildren Crystle, Cassandra and great grandson Noah.

We count ourselves lucky to have shared Louise's life and love.



### Joan B. Kitchens

1932 - 2020

Joan B. Kitchens died March 1, 2020, at home in Newport Beach, with family present. She grew up in Schenectady, New York. As a girl, Joan fell in love with The West on a trip to visit grandparents in Montana and Colorado. She attended her father's alma mater, University of Colorado, Boulder. While there, she met and married Bill Kitchens of Tucson, Arizona, in 1952. They moved to the Newport-Costa Mesa area in 1956 and raised their family here. Bill predeceased her in 2009. Joan is survived by her children David (Leyda), Robert, Susan (Jan Martin), James, and Tom Kitchens, grandchildren Haley, Drew, Jeremy, Valerie, Tyra, Jake, nieces and nephews, and extended family.

While her children were young, Joan completed her English degree at Cal State Long Beach. She worked as a substitute teacher, but teaching was difficult with very young children at home. She found a more flexible alternative. Joan purchased a small house to rent out, and, in time, traded up to own multi-unit rentals. Joan performed as much hands-on maintenance as she could. (As her children grew older, she gave them summer/weekend jobs painting apartments between tenants). More than two decades after her first rental purchase, Joan put her paint rollers and brushes away after trading up to a professionally-managed rental located farther away.

In the early 1970s Joan and friends founded CRUD — Citizens to Recycle Usable Discards, an endeavor to recycle bottles and cans. She was a founding supporter of Newport Beach's Environmental Nature Center. She was a supporter of Friends of the Newport Bay, and gave naturalist walk-and-talks at both locations. In addition to local natural history, she was interested in Native American basketry and served as a docent at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles.

Joan came from life-long learners and she passed on that tradition. She never met a museum she didn't like. The same is true for libraries, state parks, and national parks. Many a time she'd approach a museum guard and ask, "What's your favorite part of this exhibit?"

Joan saw worth in people no matter their background or station, and instilled that in her family. On vacation trips to Baja California, she instructed her children, "We are guests in their country; we treat the people with respect."

Joan was a bargain hunter. She taught two generations of offspring the finer points of thrift-shopping, including how to tell organic fabric (silk, cotton) from synthetic, by feel.

Joan's home and table were open to friends of her children. There are many who think of her as their second mother. Joan found ways to enrich the lives of her children, their friends, or nieces and nephews. Whether it was a thrift-shop find, an interesting library-sale book, a relevant newspaper clipping, or a road trip to visit a national park, she shared interests, knowledge, objects, and experiences. Always ready with a story or fact from a book she'd read, her trademark conversational hook was "And the INTERESTING thing is..."

Joan created and funded scholarships at Orange Coast College to memorialize family and dear friends. Many recipients are first-generation scholars.

Joan stayed active with water exercise. She said, "I even made a whole new set of friends in my 80s—my swim buddies." In her final weeks as she stared at a diagnosis of metastasized cancer, Joan repeatedly said, "I've had 87 good years. I feel very fortunate and I have no regrets."

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial tributes be made to: Newport Bay Conservancy newportbay.org. In light of COVID-19, plans for a memorial service are on hold until July. See susankitchens.com/joanmemorial for updates.

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