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**STUDENTS RETURN** to campus for full-day learning at Newport Harbor High School on Tuesday. District officials approved the return on April 8.

## Class is back in session

**I**t was a Tuesday that might've felt more like a Monday.

Campuses returned to full-day, full-time instruction at secondary schools across the Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

District officials approved the return on April 8. Secondary students will be returning to classrooms four days a week with one day for remote learning, the scheduling of which is left up to the individual schools.

Up until Tuesday, students were able to attend classes either through the district's virtual Cloud Campus — which the Newport-Mesa board of trustees voted to maintain through the 2021-22 school year — or through a hybrid model since November, where students would go to schools in groups for two full days a week.

Alternatively, students could also livestream their classes into their homes through Cohort C, though it is not immediately clear as to whether or not that will be maintained into the next academic year.

Elementary schools in the district returned to full instruction five days a week last Wednesday, a move that Newport-Mesa officials approved on March 30.

As of Tuesday, an online dashboard maintained by the district reports that there are an estimated 13 confirmed cases throughout the district, excluding those that have been attending school through the Cloud Campus.

— Lilly Nguyen



**ABOVE:** Students cross Irvine Avenue along 16th Street as they return to campus for full-day learning at Newport Harbor High on Tuesday.



**LEFT** Newport-Mesa secondary students will be returning to classrooms four days a week with one day for remote learning.

## Trial begins for man accused in killing

Jason Becher could be sentenced to life if convicted of murdering his ex-girlfriend in Huntington Beach.

**BY MATT SZABO**

Both the prosecution and the defense made opening statements Monday at Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana in the often-delayed murder trial of a man accused of killing his ex-girlfriend in Huntington Beach.

Jason Becher of Anaheim, now 46, is charged with first-degree murder with the special circumstance of lying in wait in the death of Marylou Sarkissian. She was 50 when she died just after midnight on Dec. 2, 2016, at her home on Litchfield Drive, when prosecutors allege Becher entered her house, strangled her and beat her to death.

With the addition of the special circumstance, he could face life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted.

While public defender Irene Pai did not dispute that Becher killed Sarkissian, she said the evidence will show that it was a sudden act of rage instead of a planned murder.

See **Trial**, page A4

## OCC set to reopen its recycling center next week

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

The recycling center at Orange Coast College will be reopening with modifications on Tuesday, the college announced on Friday.

After being closed for more than a year due to the coronavirus pandemic, the recycling center will have new hours of operation and new health and safety protocols in place.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring back this vital recycling resource for our local community members," Orange Coast College President Angelica Suarez said in a statement.

See **Recycling**, page A2

## Motorist waiting in line for vaccine crashes at Soka University

**BY SARA CARDINE**

Drive-through traffic at the county's Soka University vaccine super site came to a temporary halt this weekend, after a motorist's vehicle suddenly accelerated, hitting a tent and several portable restrooms in an incident that caused three people to be hospitalized.

Orange County Health Care Agency spokeswoman Jessica Good confirmed Monday the crash took place at the Aliso Viejo point-of-dispensing (POD) site at around 10 a.m. Sunday.

"A vehicle suddenly accelerated to collide, causing the vehicle to fall onto three other vehicles," Good wrote in an email. "Three people, including the driver of the vehicle, were taken to the hospital for evaluation for

minor injuries."

People at the scene were moved inside to avoid delays in the vaccination process, Good continued, and all drive-through operations had been resumed by Monday.

Exactly what caused the car to accelerate is still being investigated, but people who have visited the site attested on social media that signs posted at the facility advise motorists to turn their vehicles off while they are waiting in line.

Sunday's incident follows on the heels of an April 23 announcement that a second county-run vaccine distribution POD at Disneyland would deliver its last doses Thursday, as the theme park prepares to reopen to California residents beginning Friday.

See **Motorist**, page A4



**A REAL ESTATE** agent escorts his client into the newly listed 1169 Bismark Way in Costa Mesa on Saturday.

Susan Hoffman

## Low inventory, pent-up demand create 'extreme' home seller's market in coastal O.C.

**BY SUSAN HOFFMAN**

In Orange County's hot residential real estate market, multiple offers are commonplace and often come in well above the asking price.

Valerie Torelli, founder of Costa Mesa's Torelli Realty, recently represented a buyer who made one

of 48 offers, according to the home's listing agent, Fred Sed of Keller Williams, Irvine.

Torelli recalled a weekend earlier this month when a house on Magnolia Street in eastside Costa Mesa drew "54 showing appointments in 15-minute increments

where clients and agents stood in line. The house was listed at \$999,900, and sold for \$1.375 [million] within three weeks of listing."

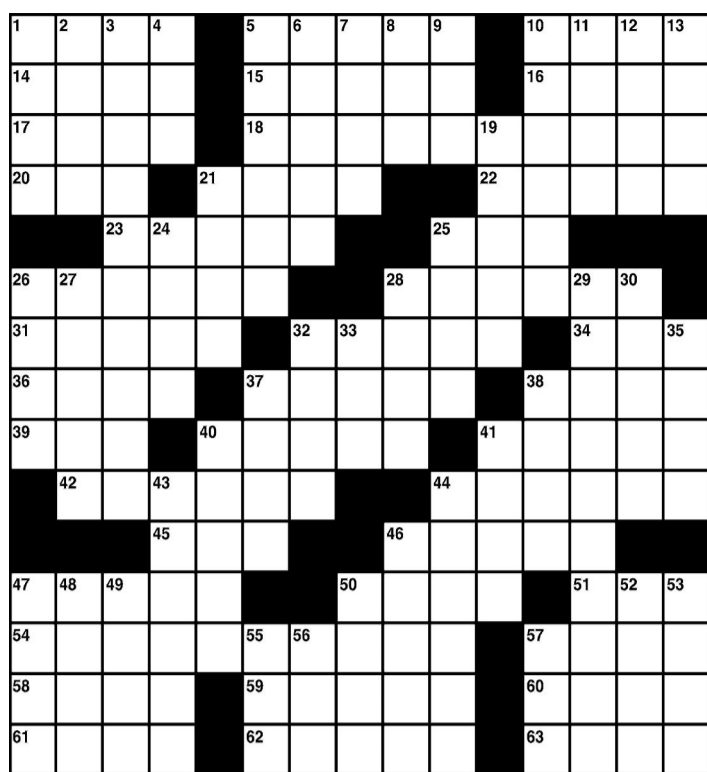
With no open houses allowed because of pandemic restrictions,

See **Homes**, page A3

**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**  
 1 Refuse to obey  
 5 Supermarket supply  
 10 Part of a.k.a.  
 14 Words of understanding  
 15 Hilo howdy  
 16 Brown amphibian  
 17 Quaker product  
 18 School recess area  
 20 Groove  
 21 Entrance  
 22 Range that traverses 7 nations  
 23 Oneness  
 25 "\_\_\_ of Destruction"; 1965 protest song  
 26 Breakfast nook, e.g.  
 28 Julius or Augustus  
 31 Filthy \_\_\_; ill-gotten gain  
 32 Actress/singer  
 34 "\_\_\_ Me Call You Sweetheart"  
 36 Straitlaced  
 37 Live's partner, in phrase  
 38 \_\_\_ put; go nowhere  
 39 Item for confession  
 40 Castle surroundings  
 41 Cash register user  
 42 Leave a ship  
 44 Like one with laryngitis  
 45 \_\_\_ of; free from  
 46 \_\_\_ Rica  
 47 Liver or kidney  
 50 Fishing worm  
 51 AAA service offered  
 54 Trondheim natives  
 57 \_\_\_ cabinet; office staple  
 58 Raise \_\_\_; act wildly  
 59 Gold bar  
 60 Lumberjack's stack  
 61 Award for "Friends"  
 62 Argon & xenon  
 63 Med. school



**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).

		7	4					
6			9					1
2			5	8	7			
8	6				2		4	
3	4				1		8	
		8	2	4				3
1				6				9
				7	6			

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

- DOWN**  
 1 Designer Christian  
 2 Genesis twin  
 3 Ribbon pasta  
 4 TV's "Say \_\_\_ to the Dress"  
 5 Author Truman

- 19 Become unwoven  
 21 Headfirst plunge  
 24 Accepted standard  
 25 Merit  
 26 Swiss skier's milieu  
 27 Gruesome  
 28 Train units  
 29 Tailor's job  
 30 Brings up, as kids  
 32 Acme  
 33 Advice to the underweight  
 35 Little child  
 37 Tolkien's "The \_\_\_ of the Rings"  
 38 Bench board  
 40 "The Pine Tree State"  
 41 Price  
 43 Muscular  
 44 Lifts with effort  
 46 Paddled boat  
 47 "\_\_\_ upon a time"  
 48 Wander  
 49 Gloomy; bleak  
 50 Works at a checkout stand  
 52 Olympian  
 53 Adam or Mae  
 55 Musician's job  
 56 \_\_\_ sense; sort of  
 57 Cape  
 Canaveral's location: abbr.

Tribune Media Services

**Huntington Beach police seek help finding hit-and-run driver**

Huntington Beach police on Tuesday asked for the public's help tracking down a suspect in a fatal hit-and-run collision in January. The police released details about the vehicle involved in the collision that killed 29-year-old pedestrian Jacob Andrew Conroy of Midway City on Jan. 24. Police are looking for a full-sized SUV with dark tinted windows similar to a newer-model Chevrolet

Tahoe or Cadillac Escalade, according to Lt. Brian Smith of the Huntington Beach Police Department. The SUV was going southbound on Goldenwest Street north of Oxford Drive when it struck Conroy, who was crossing outside of a crosswalk, Smith said. The driver fled the scene and Conroy was pronounced dead at the scene, Smith added. A second vehicle struck

Conroy, but that driver stopped and cooperated with investigators. The suspect vehicle is believed to have sustained moderate front-end collision damage, Smith said. Anyone with information was asked to contact investigators at (714) 536-5231 or (714) 536-5670. Orange County Crime Stoppers will accept anonymous tips at 855-TIP-OCSS. —City News Service



Courtesy of Orange Coast College

**AFTER BEING CLOSED** for more than a year, the Orange Coast College recycling center will have new hours of operation and new health and safety protocols in place.

**RECYCLING**

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"OCC is committed to safely reopening our facilities in accordance with local, state and federal health guidelines. We know the demand to reopen the recycling center is high, and we look forward to provide this service to our community once again." The recycling center will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The operating hours are set at 9 a.m. to

2 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The facility will be closed each week on Sunday and Monday. Face coverings and social distancing will be required of all on site. There will also be hand sanitizer made available to customers and cleaning of high-touch surfaces. A requirement introduced to mitigate the spread of the virus is that all material must be sorted prior to being handed over to the recycling center. That includes removing bottle caps.

The recycling center has been closed since March 2020, but prior to the shutdown, the college reported that the facility processed an estimated 60,000 aluminum cans daily, 20 tons of glass bottles weekly, and 1,000 tons of paper per year. Previously recognized with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certificate, the recycling center is funded by the Associated Students of the college. andrewturner@latimes.com Twitter: @ProfessorTurner

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OBITUARY

'Very Sandy Asper' right up to the end

The retired Newport-Mesa Unified educator, who proofread her own obituary, lost her battle with breast cancer at age 83.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach resident Sandra Asper was the kind of woman who proofread and approved her own obituary.

"It was very Sandy Asper," joked her son Bruce Asper, Jr. who wrote it.

"At the end, she was making sly jokes at my dad's expense and ordering us around. Like, literally — her involvement in the minutiae in the celebration of life ceremony and the service was hilarious. She told us what songs were going to be played, everything."

She was also the kind of woman who — never one to care for bright colors — always wore black and white.

She was the kind of woman who wrote stories about her grandchildren, said she once saw a ghost and earned trophies during family ping-pong tournaments.

She was the kind of woman who asked to officiate at the wedding of one of her daughters a day after coming home from a hospital with a terminal diagnosis.

Asper, who was 83, died on April 20 at her Newport Beach home of complications related to her breast

cancer. She was first diagnosed in 1996 and was in remission until late last year. She was released to hospice care in March, according to her three adult children Bruce Asper, Jr., Lara Sellers and Gabriela "Gaby" Asper.

Every decision they've made since she died has been with the thought that it might be something that she'd want, Bruce said. Though, Gaby joked, they did have to veto at least one of her requests to play a particular song at the celebration of life.

"She wanted us to play 'Young, Wild and Free' [by Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa], but it has drug references and there are going to be children there," Gaby said, laughing during a phone interview Friday. "We were like, 'We can't play that at her celebration of life.'"

Planning things has helped with the grieving process, the siblings said, and it helps that they'd been given at least five weeks to spend with their mother before she passed away.

But still, sometimes Bruce finds himself reaching for his phone to talk to her about recent news events like he used to. Lara

caught herself by surprise when she saw a text from "Mom" on her phone, then realized it was simply the contacts from her mother's phone that she had forwarded to herself.

"She was still getting texts and calls from people who hadn't heard," Lara said. "I have this bad habit of not wanting to talk to anyone on the phone. She used to give me a hard time about it. So in those five weeks, she would have me answer the phone because she had a hard time talking."

"I just called her friend. I was thinking the whole time, 'I could email her,' but my mom would tell me to call them," she added.

Sandra Dorothy Asper was born in Portland, Maine, on Sept. 8, 1937. She would eventually make her way to Pomona with her mother, Hazel MacMinn, when she was 12. She attended Mt. San Antonio College and transferred to LaVerne University, where she completed her degree in English literature in 1960. She married her husband, Bruce Asper, on July 1, 1961.

Asper began teaching in Los Angeles County before she, her husband and Bruce Jr. relocated to Peninsula



Courtesy of Lara Sellers

SANDRA DOROTHY ASPER is pictured in an undated photo with one of her grandchildren Mary Deck. Asper, a Newport Beach resident, died at age 83 on April 20.

Point in Newport Beach, where she embarked on a 40-year-long career teaching in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District at Newport Elementary, TeWinkle Middle School and Ensign Middle School.

She would later adopt her second daughter, Gabriela, when she was in the eighth grade. Gaby said she'd lived in a group home at the time and used to make up stories for her writing assignments. The Aspers would eventually foster her before adopting her when she was about 15.

"I got to know her as a teacher, then as a mom," said Gaby, choking up a little. "I would go back to her classroom and get to know her [students]. Her life was about service to others, and my sister and my brother

and I have been talking about this a lot lately. We have big shoes to fill. We have a lot of good deeds to do in my mom's honor."

Asper stayed involved with the goings-on of the district after retiring and for many years wrote commentaries about the school district and other topics published in the Daily Pilot and Orange County Register.

Asper also self-published a few books that her grandchildren illustrated and a workbook to help prepare people for death.

"Sandy was a huge advocate for teachers," said Tamara Fairbanks, president of the Newport-Mesa Federation of Teachers. "She was a retiree union member as well as an active union member when she

was a teacher. She was always a huge voice for teachers."

"She was great at highlighting the wonderful things that teachers did and really having honest conversations regarding the good things and the bad things that are happening all over the place in regards to the profession ... she was a friend of ours for the union and she will be sorely missed," Fairbanks said.

"I consider her a pioneer and a trailblazer for NMFT," she added.

The family will be holding a service at Christ Church by the Sea on Thursday and a celebration of life at the Harborside Restaurant.

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Brian Gibney

BRIAN GIBNEY, president of the Newport Beach Board of Realtors, sold the residence at 1602 Myrtlewood St. in 17 days. It brought in 20 offers and sold for \$150,000 over the asking price.

HOMES

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the only way to physically view a property is to first make an appointment online.

Torelli, who has been in the real estate business since the early 1980s, has seen cyclical ups and downs over the years. But she said she has never seen so little inventory and such a skewed market with prices rising exponentially since the end of January.

"People weren't moving during COVID-19, which created a bottleneck [of buyer demand]," Torelli said. "People didn't put homes on the market and they're still not moving, including a lot of seniors who are staying put and remodeling."

Torelli's clients have told her their homes have become their sanctuaries, something they never thought about until now. They spend more time in the kitchen and are enjoying cooking. Many have decided to work with what they have and started remodeling.

"The low interest rate on refinancing enables remodels," Torelli said. "It's incredible. They put \$150 to \$200K into a home, and several in the Mesa Verde tract have been torn right down to the ground [for remodeling work]. Money is cheap, people aren't moving."

Torelli sees the hot real estate market continuing "as long as there's low inventory and low interest rates," she said. "With inter-

est rates below 3%, lack of inventory, buyers wanting to have their own homes and the family unit becoming more imperative during pandemic."

Brian Gibney, president of the Newport Beach Assn. of Realtors and associate broker agent for Villa Real Estate agreed that the lack of inventory and low interest rates are driving an "extreme" seller's market that hasn't been seen in a long time.

"Who would have thought after what we've been through, with the shutdown, that the market came back even stronger despite no open houses?" said Gibney.

He explained that sellers taking advantage of the sky high prices and getting top dollar are often remote workers who don't need to be in an office. Many are moving to other states such as Texas, Oregon or Colorado.

The buyers, he said, are

coming from cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco. They are looking in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, he said, and are putting an emphasis on outdoor space, more square footage and home office space.

Gibney noted that because the market is so competitive, buyers have been asked to remove all contingencies, such as loan, appraisal and inspection, and some sellers are asking for nonrefundable deposits.

Elizabeth Do, affiliated with three Keller Williams offices, works all over the county along with her team of 27 who speak seven languages among them. Do believes Orange County has it all and notes it is a diverse melting pot.

"These days with the migration pattern of moves, being a local Realtor you must know the entire area," Do said. "With the current situation people are not comfortable in the [areas]

where they live and in one weekend we had clients from Atlanta, Chicago and Silicon Valley."

She said the Chicago family had two small kids, so Irvine was their top pick because of its schools. The customer from Atlanta was a single man looking for beach access, food options and diversity and culture.

"He read that Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa had that kind of vibe," she said. "And the Silicon Valley [client] was looking more in Fountain Valley and Westminster for a Vietnamese influence."

Sellers who don't want 50 people traipsing through their house during the pandemic set strict prequalification policies prior to a showing.

The off-market transaction trend also discourages foot traffic. These homes are not listed in the multiple listing service, nor advertised to the public on websites. Instead, agents bring select buyers to the seller.

But house-hunting websites continue to play a vital role, with offers coming in despite the fact the property has not been seen in person.

According to the Newport Beach Board of Realtors' 12-month stats for each city ending March 2021, prices and sales have risen while inventory has decreased in all four of the local beach communities.

• In Newport Beach the median price rose 8.6% to \$2,145,000, sales increased by 11.5% to 1,067, and there is a four -month inventory supply, down 31% over last year.

• In Huntington Beach, the median price rose 6.5% to \$1,022,500 and sales went up 4% to 2,017. There is a 1.9-month inventory supply, down 29.6%.

• In Costa Mesa, the median price rose 6% to \$890,000 and sales surged 5.8% to 937, with a two-

month inventory, down 23.1%.

• In Laguna Beach, the median price climbed 21.3% to \$2,325,000 and sales surged by 20.6% to

398, with a 6.4-month inventory, down 36%.

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Carmelita Singh Shine

Carmelita Singh Shine was born in Oroville, California on January 27, 1927 to Memel and Genoveva Singh. She is survived by her youngest son, Robert Shine, grandchildren Kristofer Shine, Jessica Shine, and Michelle Shine Morgan; great-grandchildren Madiynn, Delylah, and Delaney. Carmelita was preceded in death by her husband Gurbashen, and her sons Michael and Ralph.

Gurbashen and Carmelita started their family in Holtville, California, moved to Yuba City and settled in Chico, California where they raised 3 sons and enjoyed life together. Carmelita worked at Pacific Bell Telephone Company for 37 years until retiring in 1981. She spent countless hours volunteering with the Gleaners, as PTA president in the Tierra Buena School system, supporting her sons as a Cub and Scout leader, with little league, as a VFW auxiliary member, and with other various high school sports. She was also a member of Fraternal Order of Eagle's in El Centro for 70 years. Upon retiring, Carmelita moved to Huntington Beach and eventually Costa Mesa, California where she volunteered with the Telephone Pioneers.

One of Carmelita's joys was traveling to visit her family, including Australia, Mexico, New York City, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon and much of California. One of her legacies will be trips with her grandkids to adventure in these and other places.

Most recently, she was an active member of the Water Babes, Silver Sneakers, and St Joachim Catholic Church. Carmelita was well loved by her family and friends, and she will be missed greatly. She was a matriarch who was loving, generous, and had a great sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, her family invites you to make a donation in honor of her life of service to the Wounded Warriors Project or the Tunnels to Towers Program.

A visitation for Carmelita will be held on Wednesday, April 28 from 6-8pm at Harbor Lawn Mortuary. Mass will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 11am at St Joachim Catholic Church.

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Grid of crossword puzzle answers including words like DEFY, CARTS, ALSO, ISEE, ALOHA, TOAD, OATS, PLAYGROUND, RUT, DOOR, ANDES, UNITY, EVE, ALCOVE, CAESAR, LUCRE, PEARL, LET, PRIM, LEARN, STAY, SIN, MOATS, CLERK, DEBARK, HOARSE, RID, COSTA, ORGAN, BAIT, TOW, NORWEGIANS, FILE, CAIN, INGOT, LOGS, EMMY, GASES, ANAT.

Grid of Sudoku puzzle answers with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid format.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

# Laguna Beach's Mateo Bianchi wins 1,600 meters at Meet of Champions

Laguna Beach senior Mateo Bianchi posted a winning time of four minutes 11.82 seconds in the 1,600 meters of the Meet of Champions Distance Classic on Saturday at Arcadia High School.

Bianchi, a UCLA signee, chased down Newbury Park sophomore Lex Young (4:12.66) in the final lap.

The Laguna Beach distance-running ace now possesses the fifth-fastest 1,600-meter time in the state this season.

**SOFTBALL**  
**Huntington Beach 1, Murrieta Mesa 0:** Zoe Prystajko struck out 14 batters in a no-hitter for the Oilers in Monday's nonleague game at home.

Prystajko issued three walks in the standout pitching performance, which was the second no-hitter and seventh shutout thrown by Huntington Beach pitching this season.

Mikayla Carman went two for three with a home run and a double, accounting for the game's only run.

Huntington Beach (13-1), ranked fifth in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 poll, plays host to No. 7 Marina (10-2) in a Surf League game on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**BOYS' VOLLEYBALL**  
**Newport Harbor 3, Manhattan Beach Mira Costa 0:** Brendan Read had a team-high 17 kills to go with seven digs and two service aces to lead the host Sailors on Monday in a nonleague match.

Rees Clasen also had 14

kills and three digs.

Newport Harbor improved to 8-3 overall.

**BOYS' SOCCER**  
**Huntington Beach 6, Corona del Mar 5:** It took a season-high six goals for Huntington Beach to remain unbeaten on Monday in a Sunset Conference crossover game on the road.

Carson Dykes recorded a hat-trick for Huntington Beach (10-0-2), ranked No. 2 in the Division 2 poll.

Cesar Cerda, Mario Her-

andez and Josh Lucas each scored one goal.

Hassan Selim scored twice on penalty kicks in the second half to tie the score at 5-5. Carson Webb, Cameron Razaghi and Ethan Picarelli each had one goal for the Sea Kings.

Huntington Beach plays at Laguna Beach in a Wave League game on Wednesday, while CdM has a Surf League contest at home on the same day against Edison.

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**BOYS' TENNIS**  
**Corona del Mar 17, Los Alamitos 1:** Niels Hoffmann, Max Krykunenko and Jack Cross all swept in singles for the Sea Kings in Monday's Surf League match on the road.

The doubles teams of Scott Thompson and Austin Dick, as well as Jack Johnson and Alex Nikolaev, each swept for Corona del Mar (10-1, 2-1 in league).

CdM plays at Huntington Beach (0-3 in league) on Wednesday.

**GIRLS' GOLF**  
**Estancia 243, Calvary Chapel 309:** Estancia's Lexi Thorpe was the medalist with a seven-over-par 42 in Monday's Orange Coast League match at Costa Mesa Country Club's Mesa Linda course.

Estancia improved to 5-1, both in league and overall.

— *From staff reports*

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 UNIT # NAME  
 721 KONOMOS, TOBY  
 413 CHURCH, BRITTANY  
 513 CHURCH, BRITTANY  
 148 CHURCH, BRITTANY  
 801 FATEHI, PARHAM  
 111 HORNER, ZAIDA  
 224 MCCARD, ANGELA  
 304 KRICKORIAN, ARLENE  
 213 KRICKORIAN, ARLENE  
 323 PEREZ, SALLY  
 527 KILLIAN, COREY  
 580 BERRETTONI, PAUL  
 575 BERRETTONI, PAUL  
 153 GARCIA, HERKY  
 10 KHUC, SOPHIA  
 7 LINDSEY, ASHLEY  
 424 HUNTER, BARON  
 69 DIEDERICKS, NICOLE  
 559 PREVOSTO, ANITA  
 366 HILL, MONICA  
 LB37 PETERNELL, MICHAEL  
 536 HAMMOND, JOSHUA  
 65 ARTEMIS, LISA  
 138 LEFEBVRE, TAWNY  
 423 HYSON, LINDA  
 752 NIELSON, NATHAN  
 578 SAROZEK, PHILLIP  
 563 MERRILL, JEREMY  
 156 COCKERHAM, TRACY  
 338 VILLAFLO, MARILOU  
 597 IZENMAN, JONATHAN  
 533 LECLAIRE, SAMANTHA  
 72 WILLIAMS, YOLANDA  
 141 SAN MIGUEL, RAY  
 734 MURRAY, JEFFREY  
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 602 MOYER, ERYKA  
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 DAILY PILOT

**CITY OF COSTA MESA SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on April 20, 2021, the City Council gave first reading to proposed Ordinance No. 2021-09.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 9-29.5 OF ARTICLE 5 (ADMINISTRATION, APPLICATION AND PROCEDURES) OF CHAPTER I (BUSINESS TAX) AND SECTIONS 9-116, 9-119, 9-120 & 9-121 OF CHAPTER II (REGULATION OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES) AND CHAPTER VI (MARIJUANA BUSINESS PERMITS) OF TITLE 9 (LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS) TO ESTABLISH THE TAX RATE, OPERATING REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR CANNABIS USES, INCLUDING RETAIL CANNABIS STOREFRONT AND NON-STOREFRONT USES TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY OF COSTA MESA RETAIL CANNABIS TAX AND REGULATION MEASURE (MEASURE Q)**  
 A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2021-09 is posted and may be read in the City Clerk's Office, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The City Council will consider adoption of the proposed ordinance at the regular meeting on May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
 Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa  
**Published on: April 28, 2021**

**CITY OF COSTA MESA SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on April 20, 2021, the City Council gave first reading to proposed Ordinance No. 2021-08.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA AMENDING CHAPTER IX (SPECIAL LAND USE REGULATIONS), ARTICLE 21 (LOCATION OF MARIJUANA DISTRIBUTING, MANUFACTURING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING LABORATORIES), AND CHAPTER IV (CITYWIDE LAND USE MATRIX), TABLE 13-30 (LAND USE MATRIX) OF TITLE 13 (CODE AMENDMENT CO-2021-01) TO ESTABLISH THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR CANNABIS USES, INCLUDING RETAIL CANNABIS STOREFRONT AND NON-STOREFRONT USES TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY OF COSTA MESA RETAIL CANNABIS TAX AND REGULATION MEASURE (MEASURE Q)**  
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 Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa  
**Published on: April 28, 2021**

**Bids Wanted**

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS:**  
 Modular Buildings – Site work only  
 Talbert Middle School  
**For Bid Number: FVSD21-04**  
**Bid Deadline:**  
 1:00 pm May 27, 2021  
**Place of Bid:**  
 Fountain Valley School District  
 17330 Mt. Herrmann St  
 Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
 (714) 668-5882

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Fountain Valley School District of Orange County, California will receive bids up to and including **1:00p.m. on May 27, 2021**. At this time, date, and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for Bid No. FVSD21-04 Construction of the Site work required for the installation of Modular Buildings at Talbert Middle School 9101 Brabham Drive Huntington Beach, CA as indicated in the bid specifications. A **Mandatory Job Site Walk** has been scheduled for **May 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** at the address above. **Pre-registration** is required to attend jobwalk, due to social distancing guidelines. Send request to [Hastie@fvdsd.us](mailto:Hastie@fvdsd.us) with subject line: Jobwalk – FVSD21-04. All bids shall be submitted only on the forms supplied by the School District as part of the bid package. Bid documents are available at <https://www.fvdsd.us/apps/pages/Facilities> All Firms submitting a proposal to this project must be prequalified with the District pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6 (b)-(m) without exception prior to submitting a proposal. Any Firm that submits a proposal and is not prequalified will be deemed non-responsive and that Firm's proposal will be rejected and returned to the Firm unopened. The **FVSD prequalification process** is web based. Information can be found at [www.qualitybidders.com](http://www.qualitybidders.com). Prequalification documents must be submitted prior to **May 12, 2021**. The Board of Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity therein. The right is also reserved by the Board of Trustees to select items and/or scope of work which in their opinion will best serve the needs of the District. All bidders must be properly licensed at bid time and during the entire project per Public Contract Code Section 3300 and Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15. Dated this April 23, 2021. Joe Hastie, Director – Maintenance Director. Published: Daily Pilot Newport Beach/Costa Mesa April 28, 2021 and May 5, 2021.

**CITY OF COSTA MESA SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on April 20, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-07.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 99-02 (DA-20-03) BETWEEN THE CITY OF COSTA MESA AND SAKIOKA FARMS AND ROY K. SAKIOKA & SONS I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 2021-07 was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on April 20, 2021, by the following roll call vote, to wit:  
**AYES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: CHAVEZ, GAMEROS, HARLAN, HARPER, REYNOLDS, MARR, STEPHENS  
**NOES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
**ABSENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
 I hereby certify that the summary of the adopted ordinance was published in the Daily Pilot on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.  
 Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Notice pursuant to UCC Sec. 6105)**

Escrow No: 155601-004126  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a bulk sale is about to be made.  
 The name(s) and business address of the seller are: Aliso Beach Veterinary Clinic, 2235 Tustin Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660  
 Doing business as: Aliso Beach Animal Clinic  
 All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s) are: (if none, so state): NONE  
 The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: 2235 Tustin Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660  
 The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) are: Bryan Hayter, DVM, 27872 Calle San Remo, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
 The assets being sold are generally described as: ALL INVENTORY, STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL.  
 and are located at: 30816 Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
 The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Lennar Title, Inc. f/k/a CalAtlantic Title, Inc., 7555 N. Palm Ave., Ste 210, Fresno, CA 93711 and the anticipated sale date is 05/14/2021.  
 The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
 The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Lennar Title, Inc. f/k/a CalAtlantic Title, Inc., Attn: Erica Osborne, 7555 N. Palm Ave., Ste 210, Fresno, CA 93711, Escrow No.: 155601-004126 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be 05/13/2021, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.  
 Dated: April 9, 2021  
 Buyer(s) /S/ Bryan Hayter, DVM

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**Bids Wanted**

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS:**  
 Asphalt Paving  
 Fountain Valley School District – Various Sites  
**For Bid Number: FVSD21-09**  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PAUL R. PETERSON**

**30-2021-01194683-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: **PAUL R. PETERSON**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **MARK PETERSON** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MARK PETERSON** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on May 27, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
**(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using the court's designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.**  
**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
 Attorney for the Petitioner:  
 PAYSON L. LEDERMAN, ESQ.  
 LAW OFFICES OF PAYSON L. LEDERMAN  
 27068 LA PAZ RD., STE 305  
 ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656  
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**TRIAL**

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Released text messages and phone records show that Becher and Sarkissian had been feuding for months when she died.

Sarkissian, who shared custody of her three children with her ex-husband George Sarkissian, filed a restraining order against Becher in August 2016. That came after she alleged that Becher tried to choke her with a bath towel, until she pepper-sprayed him.

Sarkissian's sister, Debbie Zdrzil, also secured a restraining order against Becher, claiming that he was harassing her.

Sarkissian had a security system installed at her house just hours before she died, Deputy Dist. Atty. Jannine Madera said.

Madera issued opening statements Monday that lasted about 80 minutes. She said that Becher lived with his family in Anaheim including his mother, his brother and two uncles.

Madera said the relationship between Becher and his ex-girlfriend would likely be the primary focus of the trial. She told jurors that they would hear from retired Huntington Beach policeman Philip Gasca, who had 45 years of experience, much of it focused on domestic violence.

"You're going to learn certain things about these types of relationships and how they function," Madera said.

"There's verbal and/or physical abuse, designed to control ... I believe the evidence will show that the defendant was a domestic violence abuser. Often seen in victims of domestic violence abusers are issues with self-image. They believe they can change their abuser. They sometimes minimize abuse, they sometimes recant abuse, and they sometimes reunite with their abuser. You will certainly see evidence, I anticipate, that Marylou Sarkissian did all of these things."

The prosecuting attorney created a timeline to show jurors that evidence of Becher's abuse started by June 2016, months before Sarkissian's death. Voice-mails left by Becher prior to

the restraining orders accused Sarkissian of cheating on him and stealing his money.

"The messages are sometimes angry and hostile and threatening, and sometimes they take a somewhat kinder tone," Madera said. "But they're always emotionally manipulative, to try to get Marylou to come back to him."

On the night of the murder, Madera said that Becher was in downtown Huntington Beach drinking with a friend before traveling to Sarkissian's house. He attempted to break in with a crowbar but failed, Madera said, waiting before attacking Sarkissian when she let her dog out.

Several security camera videos from that night were shown to jurors, including one time-stamped after Sarkissian's death in which a man alleged to be Becher commented "How'd that work out for you?" in regard to her new security system.

Pai painted a different picture of the former couple's relationship during her opening statements. She acknowledged that Becher was in the house that night, even that he was waiting for an opportunity to talk to Sarkissian.

But Pai said that Becher was so angry because Sarkissian had been stealing thousands of dollars from his cash-only marijuana sales business. She showed videos of Sarkissian driving up to bank ATMs and depositing hundreds of dollars at a time.

"He wanted to know how much of the money was missing," Pai said. "He doesn't quite know, but he definitely knows that there's money in the house and that if he talks to her, he'll get clarification. He wanted that face-to-face conversation with her."

Pai said that it was not a premeditated murder, but "an explosion of rage that happened in [Sarkissian's] bedroom."

"Every single item that was used to inflict injuries on Marylou was taken from the bedroom," she said. "Dry cleaning bags, a hanger ... Is that a guy with an intent to kill from outside the bedroom? No way."

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**MOTORIST**

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In the month leading up to the closure, the Anaheim facility was reconfigured to offer only second-round COVID-19 vaccinations. OCHA director and county health officer Dr. Clayton Chau estimated the site, which opened to the public Jan. 13, will have delivered 233,000 doses of the vaccine by the time it closes.

"Our sincerest thanks to the Disneyland Resort for being the first organization to offer their time, talents and property to launch and sustain our first Super POD," Chau said in the April 23 release, reminding residents of the many vaccination options that still exist.

"We're not going away," he added. "We're just bal-

ancing the changing needs of eligible patients with our staffing and vaccine allocations to ensure we can be as responsive as possible."

As of April 18, health officials reported 2,289,789 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine had been distributed throughout Orange County. A total of 896,221 individuals had been completely vaccinated, whether on the two-dose Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech regimens or with the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Nearly 42,000 doses were delivered on April 16 alone, the second highest number distributed since vaccines began rolling out to the public earlier this year, according to an online tracking portal maintained by the agency.

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