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CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION



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SEVEN CORONA DEL MAR HIGH students watch their graduation ceremony live on television, sitting from left, Zach Green, Jack Mehoffer, Dylan O'Hearn, Aidan Pyne, Mason Gecowets, Nicholas Rottler and Luke Sullivan, in Corona del Mar on Thursday.

CdM graduates still have each other with at-home graduation

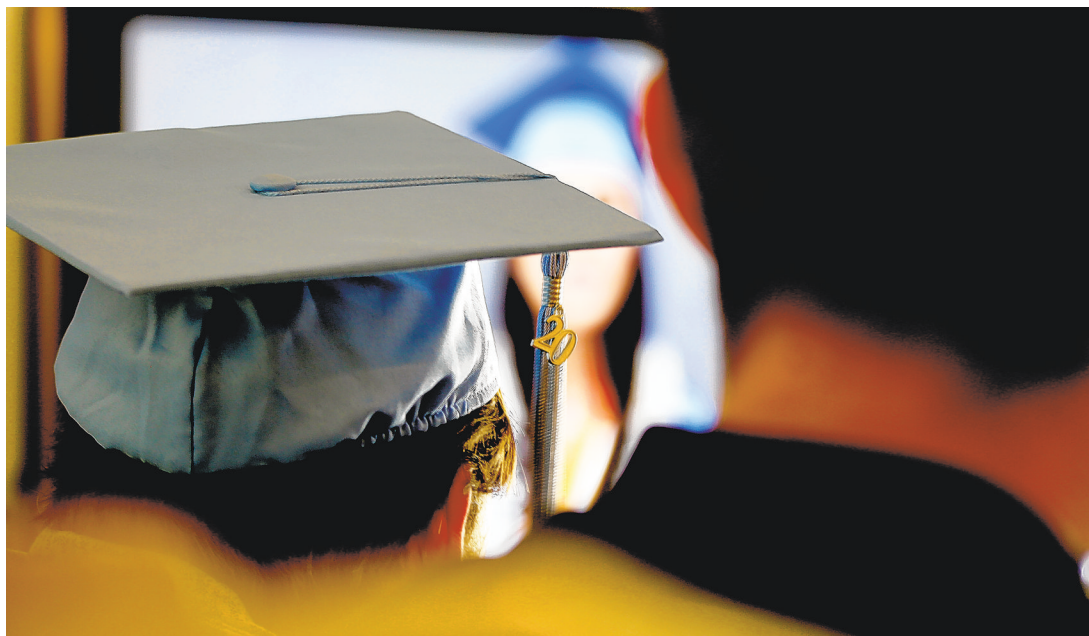
BY HILLARY DAVIS

A living room is not a football field, but at least your closest friends can be at your side on a couch instead of scattered about on folding chairs separated by alphabetization.

Seven bright and good-natured graduating seniors from Corona del Mar High School, many wearing the glittering state championship rings they earned last fall as members of the Sea Kings' football team, cheered and called out warm thoughts about their classmates and teachers as their faces flickered across the screen Thursday evening during a streaming video presentation that substituted for their traditional graduation ceremony.

The cozy party at Luke Sulli-

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CORONA DEL MAR HIGH student Luke Sullivan wears his graduating cap as he and friends watch their graduation ceremony live on television in Corona del Mar on Thursday.

Old World restaurant owner in Huntington Beach sues Southern California Edison for negligence

BY MATT SZABO

Old World German Restaurant owner Bernie Bischof is suing Southern California Edison after he was severely injured when an underground transformer exploded at the Huntington Beach restaurant in October.

Bischof, 60, filed a civil negligence lawsuit Tuesday in Los Angeles County Superior Court, claiming that SoCal Edison created a "death trap" that nearly killed him and injured his family members when a fireball erupted on the restaurant patio during an Oktoberfest celebra-

tion on Oct. 5. Four of his family members — his son, Markus, father, Josef, sister, Cyndie Kasko, and brother-in-law, Jason Kasko — were also injured and are also listed as plaintiffs.

Bischof evacuated the patio before the explosion after noticing an odd smell. It was when he returned with firefighters and some staff that the transformer bank blew up. Bischof suffered second- and third-degree burns on nearly half his body and was hospitalized until Nov. 11. He still wears a bodysuit to compress his

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OLD WORLD German Restaurant in Huntington Beach was closed for three days in October 2019 after a transformer exploded.

Photo by Julia Sclafani

Positive COVID-19 tests cause Newport restaurant closures

BY ANDREW TURNER

Countless businesses have experienced hardship due to the coronavirus, not the least of which has been the restaurant industry.

As some restrictions that were in place to manage the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 are lifted, it is evident the change will not mark the end of related struggles.

Javier's Cantina and the A Restaurant, two Newport Beach-based restaurants, closed their doors this week for deep cleaning and testing.

"At Javier's, the health of

our guests and employees is our top priority," Javier's said in an update provided on its official Instagram page. "For the safety of our customers and our staff, we voluntarily closed the Newport Beach location for deep cleaning and testing. We look forward to reopening the restaurant on July 1 and we're excited to see everyone soon! Please stay safe and healthy!"

Officials said that at least one staff member tested positive for the coronavirus at the upscale restaurant, prompting the eatery to announce it was closing on Tuesday.

Orange County officials began working with Javier's on Wednesday, said county spokeswoman Molly Nichelson.

Javier's representatives did not respond to an email request for further comment regarding the closure of the Newport Beach location.

The A Restaurant, which had been closed since March 17 and reopened on June 1, also closed for two days on Tuesday to perform deep cleaning and test employees.

Jordan Otterbein, an op-

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THE A RESTAURANT, at 3334 West Coast Hwy., recently closed briefly after an employee tested positive for COVID-19.

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Newsom issues statewide mask order

The governor's move follows growing concerns of a spike in coronavirus cases as Californians begin to leave their homes again.

BY ANDREW TURNER

On the same day Orange County reported seven deaths due to COVID-19 and an additional 132 cases of the coronavirus in the latest numbers released by the Orange County Health Care Agency, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a new order on Thursday mandating that Californians must wear face coverings while in public.

The order comes as concerns grow about a spike in coronavirus cases as more of the state's residents leave their homes.

"Simply put, we are seeing too many people with faces uncovered — putting at risk the real progress we have made in fighting the disease," Newsom said in a statement. "California's strategy to restart the economy and get people back to work will only be successful if people act safely and follow health recommendations. That means wearing a face covering, washing your hands and practicing physical distancing."

Customers of restaurants and peo-

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County 'Dreamers' react to DACA ruling

BY LILLY NGUYEN

In a win for so-called "Dreamers," the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday ruled against President Donald Trump's plan to cancel a program that protected thousands of young immigrants who were brought into the country illegally as children.

The Obama administration introduced in 2012 the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which allows young immigrants without criminal records to register with the government, apply for a work permit and obtain a driver's license.

The decision elicited mixed responses from Dreamers in Orange County. Many were relieved, but others questioned what the ruling means for the program, themselves and their families in the future.

For Ever Arias, 30, of Orange, the ruling brings more of the uncertainty he says he and his family are used to.

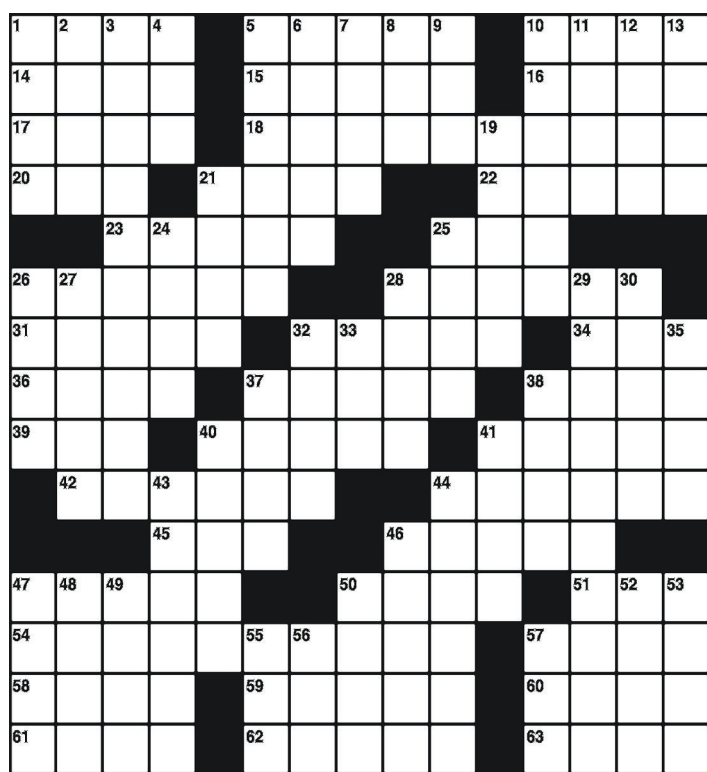
Arias, who was a student at Costa Mesa's Shalimar Learning Center, came to the U.S. when he was 7 from Michoacán, Mexico. He said he was

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

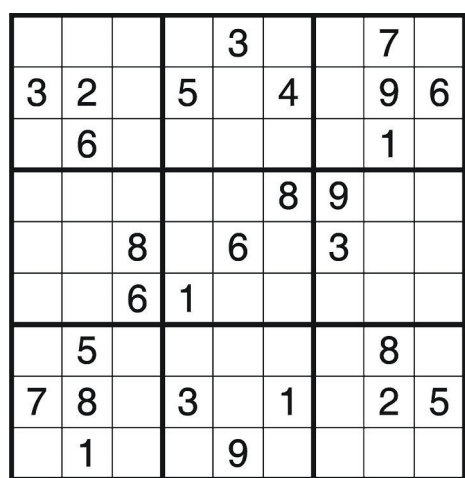
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23 Does not include
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26 Swank or Duff
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51 "Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a ___"
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram 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.



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

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2 Move along slowly
3 Kid in the next desk
4 Extremely important
5 Word before pin or first
6 Vulgar
- 7 Mr. Springfield
8 " ___ was saying"
9 Allen or Gibson
10 Making a choice
11 TV's "Let's Make a ___"
12 Ending for cigar or kitchen
13 Grain planted

- 19 Actor Jeremy
21 Soil
24 Injure
25 Brief snoozes
26 " ___! The Herald Angels Sing"
27 Just right
28 Robust
29 Warning
30 Circular
32 Icy forecast
33 Lawn tree
35 Dark ___; historical period
37 Pitt or Garrett
38 ___ out; exclude
40 ___ in; interject a remark
41 Cookware
43 Has confidence in
44 Crisis in Third World countries
46 Ballroom dance
47 Reach across
48 Word of agreement
49 Torn in two
50 Where money is made
52 Craving
53 Truman or Myerson
55 Org. for Nets & Nuggets
56 Facial twitch
57 " ___ cares?"; words of indifference

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Costa Mesa's plan to retrofit warehouse for temporary homeless shelter draws criticism

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa city officials took a step forward in a years-long effort to provide temporary housing for homeless residents on a permanent basis, approving Tuesday a \$3.65-million contract to begin constructing a bridge shelter at Airway Avenue.

But some in the community, including one advocate for the homeless, have expressed concerns the warehouse space may not be the best fit for the complex needs of the area's unhoused population.

City Council members unanimously approved the contract with Cerritos-based Cal-City Construction, Inc. to retrofit a 12,285-square-foot portion of an industrial warehouse building to accommodate a 70-bed shelter and full-service kitchen with office and intake space.

The agreement includes a 5% contingency fee totaling \$182,750. Most of the funding would be covered by nearly \$2 million in Community Development Block Grants and additional county grants and allocations from the state, according to a staff report.

The industrial property, at 3175 Airway Ave., was purchased by the city for \$6.9 million in March 2019. At around the same time, a 50-bed opened at Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene, on the city's Westside. About 25 individuals currently reside there.

Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman said Tuesday the concrete tilt-up structure would require several infrastructure improvements to make it habitable and accessible to people with disabilities.

"Because now we're converting industrial into a shelter environment, we need to have new gas, electric, water and sewer — all those connections," he said.

Costa Mesa has been working for nearly a decade, since the formation in 2011 of a force, to examine and address the needs of homeless individuals.

Until 2018, however, people living in makeshift encampments along the Santa Ana River were regularly cited or arrested for violating local anti-camping laws.

A January 2018 lawsuit filed by the nonprofit assistance agency Orange County Catholic Worker accused Orange County — and named Costa Mesa, Anaheim and Orange, in particular — of



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

THE COSTA MESA City Council on Tuesday approved a \$3.655-million contract with Cerritos-based Cal-City Construction, Inc. to retrofit a warehouse building at 3175 Airway Ave. to accommodate a 70-bed homeless shelter.

employing legal frameworks that drove homeless individuals to seek sanctuary in riverbed communities and then using local ordinances to force them from the encampments.

"At every opportunity the county and its cities have invested in enforcement instead of housing, blaming other entities for the problem, and leaving unhoused people nowhere to turn, nowhere to live, and nowhere to sleep," the complaint stated.

A negotiated settlement agreement reached later that year stipulated cities could not continue to enforce anti-encampment ordinances until they met several requirements, including providing bridge shelters, where residents could access services that would help them find housing.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, some members of the public questioned whether spending nearly \$11 million on converting a windowless warehouse into a temporary shelter with no recreation quarters — at a time when health experts advise physical distancing during the coronavirus pandemic — was the best option.

"The council is now at a crossroads that they did not or could not have anticipated when the Airway building was acquired," said Richard Tucker in a public comment. "This building was never meant to be occupied by people. With all these people packed into small spaces, this is going to be the next COVID-19 hotspot."

Tucker and others instead advocated for alternatives, namely leasing under-occupied hotels and motels or using portable trailers that could provide temporary tenants with isolation or let them cohabitate with partners or children.

One commenter suggested a portion of the 114-acre state-owned Fairview Developmental

Center on Harbor Boulevard — parts of which were recently re-equipped to house severe COVID-19 patients but which is due to close its doors June 30 from underuse — might be an option.

Council members held firm in their intention to move forward with the Airway Avenue site.

"We have been very thoughtful, to the point of being slow on this," said Councilwoman Andrea Marr before the 7-0 vote. "It's time to move forward with our plans for permanent (temporary) shelter — this is the step to do it."

Attorney Brooke Weitzman, who represented the plaintiffs in the 2018 Catholic Worker lawsuit, commended Costa Mesa officials for working to comply with the settlement terms but questioned the risk of creating congregate housing with the threat of coronavirus still looming.

The long-term leasing of hotels, unoccupied office buildings and trailers, she said, might be a safer and more fitting option. Weitzman also named Fairview Developmental Center as a potential solution.

"There are empty rooms meant to be used as housing by the state," the attorney said. "I have trouble reconciling, on behalf of my homeless clients, why they are living in congregate shelters so close to a perfectly good building."

If housing is the goal, she continued, then people need a place not just to lay their heads, but where they can feel safe and work on overcoming the issues that contributed to their homelessness in the first place.

"If it's not a place that's comfortable, a place to spend the day, you can't really move forward," Weitzman said. "That's just warehousing humans."

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CLOSURES

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erating partner for A Restaurant, said on Wednesday that one employee tested positive for the coronavirus.

He said the restaurant was in the process of testing every employee, and nobody would be allowed to come back to work at the establishment until they brought back a negative test result from their doctor.

Otterbein said he anticipates more restaurants will face similar situations requiring closure, cleaning and testing, especially as more people return to life in public.

"I get the pressures of having to stay open," Otterbein said. "Believe me, I don't want to close for two days, but I want the northern star to be an abundance of safety and that we can say, 'We did our best.'"

Orange County Health Care Agency director Clayton Chau said at a news

conference on Thursday the agency cannot confirm or deny details related to cases associated with a particular facility.

If a staff member at any business reports having the virus, county officials said that public health services will contact the facility to provide guidance.

"For any worksite, including restaurants, if a case of COVID-19 is reported in a member of staff, our Public Health Services team reaches out to the facility to provide guidance based on the particular circumstances," Marc Meulman, chief of operations for Orange County Public Health Services, said in a prepared statement.

"If there is a cluster of cases, depending on the number of cases and the size of the facility, we may either mandate that all staff be tested and/or a facility close for a period of time until it is clearly safe to reopen."

Orange County plans to allow personal-care businesses like nail salons,

massage parlors and tattoo shops to reopen beginning on Friday.

Hospitalizations due to the coronavirus climbed to their highest in the county since the start of the pandemic on Thursday. There were 345 patients receiving care at hospitals for COVID-19, with 144 of those people in an intensive care unit.

Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday issued a state-wide order to require that masks be worn while in public or in high-risk settings.

Those applicable situations included while shopping or utilizing public transportation, and while seeking medical care.

The order comes amid growing concern that a spike in coronavirus cases may be related to residents not voluntarily taking the precaution of wearing a mask in public.

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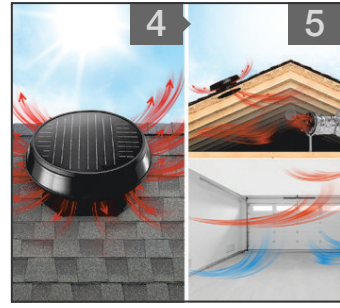
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COMMENTARY | **CELESTE ASBERRY**

Do you understand what it feels like to be me, to be Black?

This is an open letter to the faculty at UC Irvine. I am currently a third-year Black student now majoring in economics at UCI.

Do you know what it feels like to be Black? Do you understand what it feels like to be at a stop-light and be called a Black bitch by a police officer for no reason?

Do you understand the fear that comes with having teenage brothers and wondering every time they go out with friends if they possibly encounter a racist officer and be harassed?

Do you understand the fear that comes with being pulled over by a cop and not knowing if this could be your last day on Earth, depending on whether that officer feels "threatened" by the mere color of your skin?

Do you understand what it feels like to see another Black person being killed senselessly by a police officer time after time, the same police officers who are there to serve and protect?

Do you understand what it feels like to see this and hope and pray that this doesn't happen to your family member when they step outside their home or decide to go for a jog?

Do you understand what it feels like when a white woman



Photo by Ben Brazil

HUNDREDS ATTEND a protest for the death of George Floyd outside Irvine City Hall earlier this month.

grips her purse closer to her body as you walk by in fear of you? Do you understand what it feels like to be looked at in shock when you say what university

you attend as if a Black person getting into a good university is so unheard of? Do you understand what it feels like to be me, to be Black?

I find myself wanting to go out to protest but wondering if I will still be able to study to pass finals. In a time where we are fighting a pandemic, unemploy-

ment and an oppressive system, even when I want to, it is hard to get my mind to settle down and just focus on school.

I am a student but I am also a Black woman, unemployed, fighting a pandemic and fighting a system that was never made for me.

So this leaves me stuck between trying to be a role model for my Black brothers and sisters, showing them that we, as Black people, are capable of obtaining a degree and going out to fight and stand by my fellow Black peers to use our voice to fight the very system that has continuously silenced our voice.

I am fighting back and although knowledge and a degree can bring power needed to go further, what is that knowledge if we are not alive to use it?

I am asking for your assistance as faculty on my campus and on campuses across the globe. Please participate in fighting a flawed system. We are not asking to be better than anyone else, not asking to be higher than anyone else but simply to be seen, heard, valued, respected and to stop being killed.

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EDISON

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scarring, he said Thursday in a phone interview, and still feels pain.

"I can move around and walk around, but it's an ongoing, lingering pain," Bischof said. "I also wear gloves ... [Southern California Edison] needs to step up and be responsible for their actions, what they did or what they didn't do."

Southern California Edison spokeswoman Sally

Bischof's lawyer, Greg Bentley of Newport Beach-based Bentley & More LLP, said that Bischof was aware that the transformer had prior problems.

According to the lawsuit, the 25-year-old transformer had previously exploded in 2010. The lawsuit alleges that Southern California Edison failed to perform basic maintenance and transformer inspection, and "then spent years lying to Bernie and his family, falsely reassuring them that the transformer bank was 'OK' and safe."

"They did nothing to replace or remove this underground vault," Bentley said. "It's shocking to me. Bernie can only report what he's aware of, and then trust that Edison is going to do their job. They come out and they give him the clean bill of health, and then, lo and behold, it explodes again on Oct. 5."

"The other thing that's significant, at least to me, is that technology has changed as well. The subject vault is a mineral oil vault, which is much more flammable and explosive. There's better technology now with what's called an FR3 oil, which is derived from vegetable oil, which is less flammable. They could have put that in there, and they didn't. In my career, I've never seen a corporate entity fail to heed safety warnings as much as Edison did with this vault."

Dan Escamilla, a restaurant spokesman, said at the time that Old World suffered no structural damage in the explosion. It reopened on Oct. 9, four days later.

Bischof said Thursday that his sister, Cyndie Kasko, has been handling many of the day-to-day management responsibilities since the incident.

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Greg Bentley
Bernie Bischof's lawyer

Jeun said the utility company would not specifically comment on the lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages through a jury trial.

"Our thoughts go out to Mr. Bischof and his family," Jeun said in a statement. "While Southern California Edison is aware of the lawsuit that was filed by Mr. Bischof in relation to the incident that took place in October 2019 in Huntington Beach at the Old World German Restaurant, SCE can not discuss the specifics of pending litigation. The safety of the communities we serve is paramount. SCE has a rigorous and extensive inspection, maintenance and upgrade program, with crews working every day to ensure the reliability and safe operation of the system."

MASK

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ple engaged in recreational activities are among those exempt from having to wear masks in public, provided social distancing is practiced.

Face coverings are not required for children 2 years old or younger and people who have a medical, mental health or developmental disability that would prevent them from wearing a face covering.

The order requires a mask to be worn by people in their workplace and while walking through common areas such as hallways, parking facilities and while riding elevators.

Face coverings to stem the spread of the coronavirus had gone from being required to being recommended in public in Orange County, which has seen a total of 9,292 reported cases during the pandemic.

The county is closing in on 200,000 coronavirus tests administered. Another 1,199 tests were reported on Thursday, bringing that number to 199,015 overall.

The county death toll due to COVID-19 is now 250, with 128 of those fatalities involving a skilled nursing facility resident.

A pandemic-high of 345 COVID-19 cases are currently hospitalized, and 144 of those patients are in an intensive care unit. The total coronavirus-related hospitalizations are a new high for the second straight day. There were 328 in Wednesday's report.

The county estimates that 4,496 people have recovered from COVID-19 infections. That number is determined by taking the difference between the cumulative case count from 28 days earlier and the current day mortality.

By age range, patients who have died were:

- 85 and up: 78
- 75 to 84: 64
- 65 to 74: 45

- 55 to 64: 33
- 45 to 54: 20
- 35 to 44: 7
- 34 and younger: 3

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

- Santa Ana: 1,994 (59.0 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Anaheim: 1,784 (49.6 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Huntington Beach: 455 (22.3 cases per 10,000 residents)

- Irvine: 252 (9.0 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Newport Beach: 182 (20.9 cases per 10,000 residents)

- Costa Mesa: 188 (16.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Fountain Valley: 83 (14.7 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Laguna Beach: 52 (22.3 cases per 10,000 residents)

Updated figures are posted daily at occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/corona-virus-in-oc.

For information on getting tested at one of the nearly two dozen public clinics around the county, visit occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing-and-screening.

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DACA

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a recipient of the program until last year, when he married his now-wife and became a green card holder.

"It's like a little sigh of relief that at least, for now, it's not going anywhere," he said. "This is something that we're used to. When I had DACA, I knew that it could go away any minute. It is not something new to us. Our life is on hold."

At least for now, DACA will remain in effect. The court ordered that the case be remanded so that the Department of Homeland Security, which attempted to revoke DACA, could better explain its reasoning.

Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. wrote in his opinion that the decision did not concern the soundness of DACA as a policy.

"We address only whether the agency complied with the procedural requirement that it provide a reasoned explanation for its action," Roberts wrote.

Arias said some of his family are also Dreamers who are working "high-end" jobs and who were nervous for their futures if the program was repealed.

"We're dependent on the government to determine if we can continue in this job or not. It's unfortunate that ... if I didn't change my status, I would be depending on DACA," Arias said, adding that he is currently studying internal medicine in residency.

Some of his friends were also waiting for the decision to be handed down by the Supreme Court.

"We're already stressed enough as it is. At least I am. Put on top of that, you might not even be able to continue your training, depending on the government to tell you whether you can stay in the U.S. or not," he added. "We've been facing this since we got DACA. We knew it was an executive order."

But for Eduardo Iniestra, the news came as a relief. He has



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PROTESTERS GATHER to demonstrate against Trump administration changes in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration policy at City Hall in Los Angeles in 2017.

lived in Costa Mesa since he was brought to the U.S. in 1994 from Mexico City when he was 12.

"As a DACA recipient ... ever since the Trump administration became a threat to try and get rid of [the program] and try to stop it, [it's] been this heavy weight on your shoulders daily from the minute you wake up," he said. "Something always reminds you about it."

Iniestra, who recently graduated from Huntington Beach Adult School, reflected on how he felt when Obama first announced the program.

"It was the opposite. I cried. This amazing feeling that I haven't felt since I've been here and this was the complete opposite," he said.

Iniestra's stress intensified after he was laid off from a job he worked at for 13 years due to the pandemic that has crippled the economy. His wife, who is also a DACA recipient, is pregnant with

their first child.

He said there were nights he couldn't sleep, especially as the decision on the program came closer and closer to being made.

He said that when he found out about the ruling Thursday morning, he woke up his wife and told her, and he was surprised the ruling was so close.

"As the time drew to the decision, it was this intense buildup. You didn't know what was going to happen. When I heard the news this morning, I could finally breathe," he said.

Angela Chen, director of UC Irvine's DREAM Center, said that it is difficult to sum up how many of the center's students felt in response to the ruling, adding that the good news came with multiple layers.

"It's a lot to take in. I think we're all still processing what this means. I think [it's] hard to kind of be so definitive about this ... it's an unexpected ruling and I think

it does provide reprieve for our students in terms of what is going to happen," Chen said.

Chen said going forward that she'd like to see what the ruling means in practice, raising questions as to whether or not the DHS will be accepting new applications for DACA recipients and the conditions thereof.

Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley said she felt the court made a good decision but added that Roberts' opinion "creates an area of law, or begins to create an area of law, that makes it very difficult to prove discrimination."

"I look at the case as a lawyer also, not just from the political or social lens. The ruling is really narrow, and it's based on a procedural issue, not really the merits," said Foley, who is an employment attorney.

"It said the president didn't follow the proper procedure. You could argue he could just fix the procedural error and renew his

effort to terminate the program.

"The case also essentially makes it impossible to show there was a racist or discriminatory motive for either enacting a particular piece of legislation or terminating it."

"We can't get too celebratory," Foley said. "We have to be really careful about the other component of this case as it relates to equal protection claims in other matters."

Cintya Garcia, a 24-year-old social ecology major at UC Irvine, shared some of the same apprehensions but said that it fueled her determination to thrive.

Garcia has been following discussions about the case's decision on social media and through traditional media outlets and felt the DACA community has mobilized in a way similar to the LGBTQ community and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Garcia said she was brought to the country as a baby without asking to be, but she knows more about America's history than Mexico's. She speaks Spanish but didn't get to know her home country.

Garcia said she once felt ashamed she was not an American citizen, adding that she still wants a sense of belonging in the country where she grew up.

"Yes, there is uncertainty, but at the same time, I want to use that as courage and motivation. I saw a lot of, 'The fight goes on' today. I would rather have that mindset. Instead of feeling that we are surviving, we have the motivation to thrive and say, 'You know what? We've been here since we were kids,'" Garcia said.

"With the protests happening right now, I decided, 'You know what? I need to fight now. I'm not going to stay silent. I'm going to regret that.' We're determined."

"We are demanding to have our voices heard," Garcia said.

"We are a form of American. We are the DACA recipients. We are Americans at the end of the day," she said.

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van's house still had the core of a commencement ceremony — laughter, selfies and proud parents, only this time a few feet away in the kitchen instead of faraway bleachers.

"It kinda feels special,

knowing we have something different," said graduate Mason Gecowets.

In the video, coaches, teachers and student leaders offered words of praise and wisdom.

"Our class is filled with resilient, hard-working, compassionate, successful, genuine young adults. It is also filled with the leaders

of tomorrow," said student speaker Alex Ianni. "Whether an achievement we achieved or a tribulation we faced, one thing remained: We continue to stand together stronger and bolder than before."

Then it was time for the main event, the reading of graduate names over the familiar "Pomp and Cir-



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

SEVEN CORONA DEL MAR HIGH students stand for the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of their graduation ceremony live on television, from left to right, Zach Green, Jack Mehoffer, Dylan O'Hearn, Aidan Pyne, Mason Gecowets, Nicholas Rottler and Luke Sullivan.

cumstance."

"Hats on, you guys," one of the boys called out.

Yearbook photos flashed on the screen with each name, and many students — who, the video stressed, will always be Sea Kings — augmented those traditional portraits with can-

dids or brief video clips hamming it up in their sky-blue caps and gowns.

Many tossed their caps on the beach. Others jumped, in full regalia, in or out of pools or the harbor.

A few waved to the camera with their pets — dogs mostly, but one duck made an appearance. One graduate popped out of the trunk of a car, another a portable toilet shack.

Zack Green's video was the most poignant —

showing a visit bearing "Congrats Grad" balloons to the grave of one of his best friends, Patrick "Patty" Turner, who died by suicide halfway through his sophomore year. Thursday would have been his graduation day, too.

The at-home ceremony wasn't what Green initially wanted, but it wasn't bad, and Patty was still with him, he said.

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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH NOTICE OF FILING REPORT

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Finance Officer has prepared and filed with the City Clerk a report prepared pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 5473, showing sanitation and sewerage charges for Fiscal Year 2020-21 to be assessed against certain parcels of property within the City of Laguna Beach and proposing that said charges be collected on the tax roll. A hearing on said report will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 28, 2020 in the City Council Chambers of the City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California. Dates: 6/12/20, 6/19/20 and 6/26/20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 20-376974-MK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: ASIK CORP., 120 TUSTIN AVE, STE. C, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663-4729

Doing Business as: THE MAIL BOX
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: KEVIN LEE, 13972 RAMHURST DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURES, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENTS, TOOLS, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD INTEREST, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, ALL TRANSFERABLE PERMITS, LICENSES AND INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE and are located at: 120 TUSTIN AVE, STE. C, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663-4729

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW INC, 17310 RED HILL AVE, STE 140, IRVINE, CA 92614 and the anticipated sale date is JULY 7, 2020

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 61062.

If the sale is subject to Sec. 61062, the following information must be provided: The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: TEAM ESCROW INC, 17310 RED HILL AVE, STE 140, IRVINE, CA 92614 and the last day for filing claims shall be JULY 6, 2020, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: 6/14/2020
BUYER: KEVIN LEE
LA2544078 DAILY PILOT 6/19/2020

CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN

Introduce the Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN AND SECTIONS 25.16.050 AND 25.40.010 OF THE LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE UPDATE OF THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN, AND ADOPTION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION" was introduced at the City Council meeting of June 16, 2020, on the following 4-1 vote: AYES: Blake, Kempf, Dicterow, Whalen, NOES: Iseman, ABSENT: None. The proposed Ordinance will amend the Downtown Specific Plan and Municipal Code Chapters 25.16.050 and 25.40.010 and Local Coastal Program.

Lisette Chel-Walker, CMC, City Clerk
Publish: June 19, 2020

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHARLES WALTER GUNTHER 30-2020-01135594-PR-PW-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **CHARLES WALTER GUNTHER**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **CHRISTOPHER CHARLES GUNTHER** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **CHRISTOPHER CHARLES GUNTHER** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 01, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in Dept. C6 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

(1) You must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.courtscs.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.

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