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## O.C. headed for a viral winter

Hospitalizations spiked 72% since officials released data one week ago, according to the latest OCHCA report.

BY SARA CARDINE

County health officials are bracing for what looks like another winter coronavirus surge as the number of residents hospitalized with COVID-19 has continued to climb since Thanksgiving weekend, reaching levels not seen since February.

And as Los Angeles County officials consider the wisdom of returning to an indoor mask mandate, one UC Irvine professor said he believes Orange County denizens who want to avoid becoming infected this holiday season should do the same.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported Thursday 388 infected patients were being treated, with 48 individuals in intensive care, a 72% increase in hospitalizations since officials released data one week ago and nearly 250% jump over one month earlier.

And that's just COVID-19 — the flu and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, are increasing the burden placed on hospital emergency and intensive care units. On Nov. 1, Orange County officials declared a health emergency, claiming infections had pushed pediatric hospitalizations and daily emergency room visits to peak levels.

Andrew Noymer, an epidemiologist and UC Irvine associate professor of population health and disease prevention, told City News Service circumstances seemed to portend a pernicious winter ahead.

"We're back to [COVID] levels not seen since last winter, the tail end of the Omicron wave, and we're heading into another winter wave," he said Thursday.

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Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer

APRIL STRONG, the Balloon Diva, makes reindeers out of balloons in Santa's Town Center during the Sawdust Winter Fantasy.

## Winter Fantasy returns to the Sawdust Art Festival

BY ANDREW TURNER

The grounds at the Sawdust Art Festival have come to life once again, as the Laguna Beach festival is in the midst of its 32nd annual Winter Fantasy event.

For the past three weeks, 160 artists have showcased their work, to be taken in — and quite often taken home — by those visiting the winter show.

Whether they are new to the festival or longtime exhibitors, some of the artists say they are finding it hard to keep up with demand. That was the case for Christina Scheffe, a first-time exhibitor sharing a booth with fellow ceramicist Robert Jones.

"It's been pretty insane," said Scheffe, who called it a dream to be showing her work at the Sawdust Art Festival. "I'm trying to make [new pieces] as quick as I can during the week to catch up because I thought I anticipated it and made a lot of pieces, and I didn't make enough."



CHRISTMAS trees donated and decorated by local nonprofits adorn Santa's Town Center.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH resident Simone Parmenter, left, takes a photo of her 2-month-old son, Beau, with Santa Claus on Friday at the Huntington Beach House.

## Huntington Beach House warms up its menu for the holiday season

BY MATT SZABO

Santa Claus will be hanging out at the beach for much of the rest of this month.

Who can blame him?

The Huntington Beach House, located at Beach Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, has launched a family-friendly holiday experience that will run through Jan. 2.

The Huntington Holiday House includes touches like lights, snowflakes, and two candy canes that make a big heart at the northwest corner of the property. New menu items, including birria ramen, birria quesadillas, chili and soup, also seek to warm visitors.

"We've got heaters, our fire pit," Huntington Beach House general manager Andy Ugalde

said. "People can bring their babies and also their fur babies. You can't go to the mall and bring your dog and take pictures, but you can come here and do that, and enjoy a good time with that."

"We obviously can't put a rink here, but we can give you Santa Claus. We can give you a winter

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## Contract awarded for Newport Beach park expansion plan

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Construction will begin as early as next month on the expansion of access to Sunset Ridge Park, following approvals of a \$10.5-million contract between the city of Newport Beach and Reyes Construction, Inc.

Conceptual plans for the project were approved in 2019. The project will add 65 parking spaces and a pedestrian bridge

that spans Superior Avenue, allowing the connection of Sunset View Park to its larger sister park, Sunset Ridge Park.

Sunset Ridge Park opened in 2014, but is underutilized as the 13.5-acre park lacks onsite parking. Permitting constraints from the state Coastal Commission prevented the construction of a parking lot at the park.

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# Rain returns to Orange County this weekend

BY ERIC LICAS

Inland portions of Southern California will experience the brunt of a storm this weekend, but valleys and coasts in Orange County should still receive around an inch of rain.

Showers beginning Saturday should build into steady, at times heavy rainfall on Sunday before tapering off Monday, according to the National Weather Service. Orange County is expected to see more precipitation than the amount it received last week, but not as much as what came down from a storm powered by an atmospheric river at the beginning of November.

No mudslide warnings were scheduled for Orange County, but traffic and other issues related to flooding in low-lying and urban areas may still occur over the weekend, NWS meteorologist Stefanie Sullivan said. She also advised keeping an eye out for falling trees, branches and wind-blown debris.

"It doesn't take much to uproot a tree with roots

that might be too shallow," Sullivan said. "And gusts are always knocking down palm fronds."

The NWS issued a high-wind advisory effective Sunday between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Gusts may reach speeds of 30 to 35 mph during that period, Sullivan said.

A cool down will accompany cloudy, wet and breezy conditions early next week. Saturday highs of 60 degrees in Laguna Beach, 61 degrees in Huntington Beach, 62 degrees in Newport Beach and 63 degrees in Costa Mesa and Fountain Valley were expected to drop to the mid-50s by Monday.

At inland mountain ranges in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, falling temperatures will help bring the snow level to as low as 3,500 feet above sea level by Sunday evening, according to forecasts. Up to 2 inches of snow may hit the ground at that height, and as much as 2 feet of powder may cake elevations above 7,500 feet.

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Raul Roa

VEHICLES PASS through flooded areas on Pacific Coast Highway between Warner and Seapoint avenues on a rainy day in March 2021. Flooding in low-lying and urban areas may occur as a storm dumps about an inch of rain this weekend.

## AROUND TOWN

**OWNER SEAN CANOVA** at TZone Fitness & Pilates. TZone is collecting bicycle donations on behalf of FACT (Families And Communities Together, Orange County) through Dec. 23.



Susan Hoffmann

### Donate unused bikes for the holidays

TZone Fitness & Pilates in Costa Mesa is collecting bicycle donations on behalf of FACT (Families and Communities Together, Orange County). The nonprofit charitable organization will provide bikes to at-risk kids and teens who are recipients of program resources with the goal of giving a kid something they would never dream of getting. The group is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse.

All sizes of bikes will be accepted at TZone at 333 E. 17th St., Costa Mesa until Dec. 23 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday,

and on Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. Call (949) 689-0925 for more information.

### Foley leads drive for new children's coats

Join Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley in spreading holiday cheer and keeping kids in our community warm during winter for the 14th annual New Coat Drive for Kids, which runs through Dec. 15.

New coats or jackets for children can be dropped off at various locations during normal business hours: Foley's office at the Hall of Administration (400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana),

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CONTRACT

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Sunset View includes a 64-space parking lot that's used by its visitors as well as beachgoers.

Pedestrians regularly cross Superior Avenue, which curves and has four travel and three turn lanes that connect to Pacific Coast Highway.

The studies also recorded a daily count of 600 pedestrians — 470 of whom crossed Coast Highway —

and 90 cyclists, almost half of whom crossed the highway.

Thus, the bridge and the additions to Sunset View's parking lot, built by Caltrans in 1989, to expand access to Sunset Ridge Park.

Senior civil engineer Andy Tran noted Sunset View's passive park area will also be expanded as part of this project.

The project, carrying a total estimated cost of \$14.7 million, is expected to be completed in May 2024. The costs includes planning, the construction contract and a contingency.

Councilman Brad Avery said he sees multiple benefits to the project and considers it forward-looking.

"The Banning Ranch will happen and this will be a really good access point to reach Banning Ranch," Avery said. "We're taking care of a lot of things here and I think a line item of each benefit, what it's going to mean to our residents."

Avery said the bridge would not only benefit the safety and access of pedestrians, but that it would also improve traffic in the summer.

"I tend to be positive about projects because when you look back almost invariably five years, 10 years; you go, 'Wow, it's a good thing we did that



A PEDESTRIAN bridge will be built over Superior Avenue to connect Sunset View and Sunset Ridge parks in Newport Beach.

Don Leach Staff Photographer

then because of what it would entail now.' Not only just cost, but permitting and life just gets more complicated. I think we have the money," said Avery.

"There's a lot of grant money here and I believe we should strike on this and look toward a future that's going to be much better in this particular area for multiple reasons

for residents that want access to the beach, sport parks and Banning Ranch," he added.

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WINTER

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Scheffe's station largely consisted of functional dishware and pottery. Her affinity for cute kitchen items has been shared by her customers, who have helped her mugs and flower vases fly off the shelf.

Winter Fantasy opens its doors on weekends through Dec. 18. It will also be open Friday, Dec. 16. The operating hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children ages of 6 to 12. Admission is free to children age 5 and under and veterans (with military ID).

Walking around the venue, an assortment of artwork caught the eye of attendees. The artists incorporated various mediums, from painting to photography, and from glass to jewelry.

The booth belonging to Rosemarie Rossi stood out. While she has done painting, this year she tapped into her mixed-media side to produce dozens of dolls with distinctive noses and garments she is calling the Gourdie Boys and the Gourdie Girls.

"I am a fine art painter, and I studied in many media, but I thought that



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

RENE OF RENE'S MARIONETTES entertains a crowd of kids in Santa's Town Center during the Sawdust Winter Fantasy festival.

Sawdust kind of needed something not real expensive and whimsical," Rossi, 79, now in her 19th year at the show, said. "I created these dolls just for Sawdust. ... They were popular right away, and now they're really popular."

Rossi said she found that painters did better in the summer show at the Sawdust Art Festival. With a loyal, returning group, she now makes a few dolls daily.

"I never really make the same doll twice," Rossi said. "I've always been able to do that no matter what art medium I worked in, because I guess my brain just works that way. I do make one doll, I have to confess. It's a nurse, and she holds a matchstick that looks like a thermometer, but other than that, I don't like to make stuff twice. ... Each one starts where they'll hold something, and then that

becomes the theme of the doll."

In addition to viewing and shopping the wide array of artistic creations, families have opportunities to take pictures with Santa Claus and listen to holiday carolers. Christmas trees decorated by various community groups also provide a nice touch of holiday spirit.

A marionette puppet show and acts of magic are also being performed at the gazebo.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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5 Yanks' Civil War foes
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15 Once more
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18 Fined
20 Tobacco smoke component
21 "What Kind of Fool \_?"
23 Company shunners
24 Relocated
26 Fail to keep up
27 Bricklayer's tool
29 Small shapely tree
32 Mother's Day gift
33 Exhibitions
35 Most hurricane-prone state: abbr.
37 Chows down
38 Twirls
39 Begin to wake up
40 Pitcher's stat
41 Not hygienic
42 Columbo's title: abbr.
43 Like a clear night sky
45 Gives new guns to
46 "Wow!"
47 Becomes frothy
48 Bug barrier
51 Shoo-\_: sure winners
52 Actor Holbrook
55 Abundant
58 Eliminate errors
60 Petunia, to Harry Potter
61 Reason to study
62 Sofa
63 National League team
64 Slangy reply
65 South \_, Indiana

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting points for clues.

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.

Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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1 River transport
2 West Coast univ.
3 Heat regulator
4 "For \_ a jolly good"
5 Fast
6 90 degrees from NNW

7 Dancer Vereen
8 Songbirds
9 Beekeeper's risks
10 Flow out slowly
11 "The \_ Hunter"; De Niro film
12 \_ up; totals
14 Uses a Gillette

19 Cash advances
22 Man's nickname
25 Is in the red
27 Poplar or maple
28 Lion cries
29 Way too thin
30 Brut or Old Spice
31 Pelvic bone
33 Nimble
34 That guy
36 \_ and crafts
38 Calmness
39 Thailand, once
41 Say hello to
42 Rented long-term
44 Safeco employees
45 DeSantis or Paul
47 Launderer's target
48 Unwanted email
49 Helpful hint
50 Torn apart
53 As straight \_ arrow
54 Give temporarily
56 Charge
57 Nation most googled: abbr.
59 Bone in a cage

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Joan (Valley) Carr

August 2, 1945 - November 20, 2022
CARR, Joan Victoria (Valley) - Born August 2, 1945, to Roland and Vivian Valley of Balboa Island and lived her entire life in Newport Beach. She passed away on November 20, 2022 at the age of 77.
Joan was married for 33 years to Kenneth G. Carr, the love of her life, who predeceased her in 2011. They both loved the game of golf and were members of the Newport Beach Country Club for over 30 years. Joan had a great passion for keeping every picture of her family, friends and travels and had a photo library going back to when she and Ken were first married. Joan loved gardening and her favorite plant was the Plumeria.
She is survived by her four step-children, Kurt Carr (Rebecca), Canda Carr (Angela), Kevin Carr, and Christa Drexler (Michael) along with seven grandchildren, Andrew Carr, Angela Carr, Zachary Drexler, Megan Johnson, Tanner Drexler, Cory Carr and Aubrey Carr, as well as three great grandchildren, Ruby Bolton, Vinny Marzella, and Delaney Johnson. Joan is also survived by her brother, John Valley (Karen), nephew Eric Valley (Suzanne) and great niece Vivian.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation.
Per her request, services will be private and her ashes scattered at sea outside her beloved Corona Del Mar.

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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1680 RELATING TO STATE HOUSING LAWS AND THE CITY'S HOUSING ELEMENT
Adoption of Ordinance No. 1680 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 25.08, 25.14, 25.34, AND 25.48 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE HOUSING LAWS AND THE CITY'S HOUSING ELEMENT" was introduced at the City Council meeting of November 15, 2022, and is scheduled to be adopted on December 13, 2022, on the following 4-1 vote: AYES: Blake, Weiss, Whalen, Kempf; NOES: Iseman; ABSENT: None. Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

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(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
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(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE
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(10) This bulk sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
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**BOYS' SOCCER**

## Marina tops Ocean View for nonleague win

**BY SCOTT FRENCH**

Marina High has created plenty of chances through its first four boys' soccer games of the season, but finishing them hasn't been simple, and the Vikings' difficulties were apparent in the first half of Friday afternoon's nonleague clash against visiting Ocean View.

Fourteen shots, eight of them on frame, with nothing to show for it.

Things came together after halftime, with a pair of David Hallworth free kicks prodding Marina toward an emphatic 3-0 triumph, another step, it is hoped, toward a first winning campaign in eight years.

Quinn Hartman's glancing header from Hallworth's serve gave Marina (1-2-1) the advantage four minutes into the second half. Ryan Patterson, making amends for a missed penalty kick in the first half, put away a loose ball in the 55th minute, and Dominic Ortenzo added the third from Ryan Spielman's feed on a quick counterattack 15 minutes later.

"We've been able to create opportunities, we've just been struggling to put them in the back of the net," Marina head coach Gabriel Lucatero said. "To see them actually get some in the second half was great. Hopefully, we continue to build on that."

They'll have to do so to emerge from the tough Wave League after missing the CIF Southern Section postseason by one point last year, and Lucatero believes his team, with greater club experience, is capable of that and perhaps more.

"There's a lot more fight in them than we've seen in



**MARINA'S TYLER HYDE**, left, goes up for a header against Ocean View's Jesse Camacho during the first half in a nonleague match on Friday in Huntington Beach. The Vikings won the game 3-0.



**MARINA'S ETHAN FAULKNER** (4) battles against Ocean View's Erik De Los Santos (13) in a nonleague match.



**OCEAN VIEW'S** Jesus Esparza (7) battles against Marina's Pedro Flores (6) in a nonleague match on Friday.

the past," Lucatero said. "There's more composure than there's been. ... We

definitely feel they have what it takes to get there." Marina was in charge

throughout, forcing turnovers in the Seahawks' half, utilizing the flanks to by-

pass a clogged midfield and prospering from the play of Hallworth and

Pedro Flores in central midfield. The Vikings held a 23-6 shot advantage, didn't permit Ocean View (1-5-1) an attempt until the 51st minute and conceded just one shot on goal — Emiliano Balderrama's dipping, 50-yard blast that diving goalkeeper Enrique Guerrero kept from the lower-right corner.

Marina might have scored three in the first half, but Seahawks defender Jesse Gomez got in the way of Tomaslav Steele's close-range shot in the eighth minute, Vanson Vu fired wide off a rebound at the left post in the 30th minute, and Patterson's penalty kick in the 38th minute failed to challenge goalkeeper Jayden Trujillo.

Patterson made up for it after Hallworth's free kick from 36 yards caromed off Steele's back and onto his path.

"Missed opportunity, the penalty kick. Working on placement under pressure," Patterson said. "But great ball from David. He keeps playing perfect balls and our attackers are getting their heads on them."

Ocean View lacked the tactical awareness required to stay with the Vikings, but head coach Lucas Kim thinks his team can take some strides forward after ending a 52-game winless streak — dating to January 2020 — with Wednesday's 2-1 comeback victory over Cypress.

"That's something we talked about, that that potential's always there, but potential is useless unless you do something with it," he said. "I think, realistically, we'll get some wins, but it's going to take more hard work and tenacity."

Scott French is a contributor for the Daily Pilot



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

**THE HUNTINGTON BEACH HOUSE** has turned itself into the Huntington Holiday House for the rest of December.

**HOUSE**

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wonderland, if you will."

The venue, which was launched in the summer of 2021 through a partnership between Prik Restaurant Group chief executive Alicia Cox and the California State Parks system, is open for business from Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Santa Claus will be appearing on the weekends from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., through Dec. 18, Ugalde said.

Birria ramen has been a popular dish since the Huntington Holiday House opened earlier this month, Ugalde said.

"We can't make enough

birria," he said of the traditionally Mexican dish. "It just flies off the shelves."

Simone Parmenter came to the Huntington Holiday House on Friday. She said she's never been to the Huntington Beach House before, though she lives relatively close by.

Parmenter made sure to get pictures of her 2-month-old son, Beau, with Jolly Old Saint Nick.

"I'm definitely going to come back now," she said. "I think it's so cute, because there's nothing else really like this, especially down here during the winter. It's nice to have somewhere for the locals to go."

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**TOWN**

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Costa Mesa City Hall and after hours and on weekends at the Costa Mesa Police Department headquarters at 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, the Orange County Employees Assn. at 830 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, and the Foley Group, PLC, at 2755 Bristol St. Suite 110, Costa Mesa.

Donations support local organizations like the Boys & Girls Club — Central Coast, Marshallese Youth OC, SOY (Save Our Youth), and families identified in need by local schools.

Contact (714) 834-3220 for more information or to partner and host a collection box. Locations are updated daily at [d2.ocgov.com](http://d2.ocgov.com).

**Snoopy House returns Friday with light display**

The grounds outside Costa Mesa City Hall have been undergoing a holiday makeover as city staff prepare for the return of the annual Snoopy House Dec. 16 to 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In addition to a special light display, the event will feature photos with Santa from 6 to 8 p.m., train rides, stage performances, carolers and a miniature sledding hill (waiver required) on Dec. 16 through 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This year's event culminates on Dec. 23 with the announcement of winners of the annual citywide Holiday Lights Contest, a collaboration between the city of Costa

Mesa and local Realtor Kendra Fisher.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to brighten their neighborhoods by participating. To enter, email a photo of your decorated Costa Mesa home or business to [tatiana.madrid@costamesaca.gov](mailto:tatiana.madrid@costamesaca.gov) by Wednesday.

For more information, call Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services at (714) 754-5300.

**C.M.'s Balearic Park will become a 'Snowland'**

Families looking for a winter wonderland this season need look no further than Balearic Park in Costa Mesa, which will be transformed into "Balearic Snowland" with 40 tons of snow and plenty of holiday fun.

Started in 1989 by the owner of Torelli Realty as a sort of neighborhood block party, the annual event survived the pandemic and has grown to include photos with Santa, a live deejay, bounce house, face painting and a snow play area. The event takes place Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, outside the Balearic Community Center, 1975 Balearic Drive, Costa Mesa.

For more information, call (714) 540-7355 or email [snowland@torellirealty.com](mailto:snowland@torellirealty.com).

**Foundation seeks participants for walk**

Community members are invited to participate in the fourth annual Walk With Us fundraiser for the nonprofit Patrick's Purpose Foun-

datation. The event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The walk is staged at 1641 Ford Road, Newport Beach. The event is held to bring awareness to teen mental health, the importance of talking about it, and to celebrate the life and legacy of the late Patrick Turner, who died in 2018 of suicide.

The walk covers approximately two miles in the Harbor View Homes or "Port Streets" community.

Register at [www.patrickspurposefoundation.org](http://www.patrickspurposefoundation.org). The cost is \$35 per person; \$125 for a family of four. Registration includes a T-shirt and TK Burger lunch.

**OCMA director to host conversation with artist**

Los Angeles artist Lily Stockman, whose work currently appears in the Orange County Museum of Art exhibits "California Biennial 2022: Pacific Gold" and "13 Women," will be speaking with OCMA Chief Executive Heidi Zuckerman in a conversation Tuesday at 6 p.m.

She will discuss how she draws from her affinity for nature and interest in the organizing principles of structure — from the meter of poetry to musical form — to create arrangements of biomorphic shapes, planes and borders.

OCMA is located at 3333 Avenue of the Arts, Costa Mesa. Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved online through [ocma.art/calendar/artist-talk-lily-stockman/](http://ocma.art/calendar/artist-talk-lily-stockman/).

— From staff reports

**CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS**

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**VIRAL**

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"I think there are staffing shortages affecting Orange County, too.

"The best thing people can do is mask in indoor spaces like the mall or the grocery store," Noymer added. "Christmas will be more fun if people aren't sick."

Meanwhile, although OCHA reports more than 2.36 million people countywide are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, about 40% of those indi-

viduals have not received a single booster shot, let alone the bivalent formulation of the vaccine recommended by the Food and Drug Administration for protection against the virulent omicron variant of the virus.

California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly held an impromptu news conference Tuesday to discuss recent troubling trends seen statewide, sharing that the number of virus-infected patients in California hospitals doubled in the last three

weeks — from 2,094 to 4,321 as of Tuesday — according to the Los Angeles Times.

He predicted the number of Californians hospitalized with either COVID-19 or the flu could reach 10,000 by late December or early January.

"We are hearing from more concerned health systems and watching the data closely," Ghaly said.

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