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Pilot's brother: Bryant knew the risks

He says basketball star's family members aren't entitled to damages from the estate of pilot involved in fatal crash.

BY NATHAN FENNO

The brother of the pilot in the helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others argued in a court filing that the former Lakers star knew the risks of flying, and his surviving family members aren't entitled to damages from the pilot's estate.

Newport Beach resident Vanessa Bryant sued the estate of Ara Zobayan, the pilot from Huntington Beach, and the charter company that owned the helicopter, Island Express, in February. In the lawsuit, Bryant's widow accused Zobayan, who also died in the crash, of failing "to use ordinary care in piloting the subject aircraft" and negligence.

The answer to the complaint filed by Berge Zobayan in Los Angeles County Superior Court on Friday disputed the lawsuit's claims.

"Any injuries or damages to plaintiffs and/or their decedent were directly caused in full or in part by the negligence or fault of plaintiffs and/or their decedent,

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N.B. police join family in tribute to lost colleague

Procession honors Det. Jon Jarema, 36, who died from brain cancer.

BY SARA CARDINE

Area law enforcement officers gathered Monday to pay their respects to Newport Beach police detective Jon Jarema, who died Saturday after a two-year battle with brain cancer.



Newport Beach Police Department personnel joined members of Jarema's family in a memorial procession along a 5.5-mile route from Hoag Memorial Hospital in Newport Beach, eastbound along the Pacific Coast Highway, to Pacific

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MAGGIE AND KATE DIETRICK, left, 14 and 16, and Isabelle and Hannah Dastgheib, 15 and 16, have created a nonprofit offering face masks that feature a clear plastic window in the middle so the mouth of the wearer can be seen by members of the hearing-impaired community.

Read My Lips: Newport teenagers launch nonprofit mask service

BY MATT SZABO

ISABELLE DASTGHEIB drew a prototype for Read My Lips Masks designed for the hearing-impaired community.



The realities of the novel coronavirus pandemic hit Hannah Dastgheib hard. Dastgheib, 16, and her younger sister, Isabelle, 15, were on spring break from Phillips Academy, their boarding school in Andover, Mass., when COVID-19 struck in mid-March. The Dastgheib sisters found out they would be spending the rest of their spring at their family's Newport Coast home.

One day Hannah was on a walk and FaceTiming with Maggie Dietrick, her friend since they were in kindergarten at Harbor Day School. But Maggie, a Newport Beach resident who's now a sophomore at Mater Dei High School, wasn't getting a lot out of the conversation.

Maggie, 16, is deaf and relies on a cochlear

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Festival of Arts calls off 2020 pageant, fine art show

BY SARA CARDINE

Laguna Beach's Festival of Arts announced its Pageant of the Masters and Fine Art Show — summertime programs that draw 225,000 art lovers and spectators who come to see live cast members posing in recreations of famous artworks — have been canceled.

Organizers with the nonprofit arts group said in a release Monday the decision to cancel the popular events was difficult but necessary given California's stay-at-home orders in place throughout the coronavirus pandemic. This would have marked the 86th show for the Pageant of the Masters.

"We are hopeful and tried our best to open our doors this summer but, sadly, our shows have become another victim of COVID-19," Festival of Arts Board President David Perry said in a statement. "The decision to cancel our shows was not taken lightly. But given these unprecedented times, we believe it is the right thing to do."

Board members had decided at an annual meeting in the fall "Made in America" would be the theme for this summer's planned production of living pictures. The show, which would have been the pageant's

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LAGUNA BEACH'S Festival of Arts announced Monday its 2020 summertime Fine Art Show and Pageant of the Masters have been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

COVID-19 cases continue to climb in Orange County — but don't blame the beach-goers, officials say

BY LUKE MONEY

There are a number of reasons why Orange County continues to see new coronavirus infections, but there's no evidence that the throngs of people who flocked to the region's famed shoreline weeks ago have contributed to the caseload, officials said Monday.

"As of now, that is not something we are pointing to as a cause of cases," said County Health Officer Dr. Nichole Quick.

The crowds over the weekend of April 25 and 26 — either a prime example of what not to do or a blip that was blown out of proportion, depending on who you ask — prompted Gov. Gavin Newsom to temporarily close the county's beaches, a decision state officials said was meant to stave off potentially

unsafe conditions that could worsen the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Quick, though, said "correlation to the beach, that is not something that we have evidence of at this point."

Regardless, Orange County has continued to see its weekly case count rise.

Between April 20 and 26, the county confirmed 441 new COVID-19 cases. That figure jumped to 664 the following week and 787 the week after that.

Though its overall number of cases also continues to rise, neighboring Los Angeles County has seen a dip in how many new cases it's confirmed week-to-week over the same time period.

Dr. George Rutherford, an ep-

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Judge weighs arguments in Huntington Beach lawsuit against Gov. Newsom's order to shut down O.C. beaches

BY MATT SZABO

An Orange County Superior Court judge heard oral arguments by telephone Monday, as the city of Huntington Beach is claiming in a lawsuit against the state, and the city attorney's office filed it the following day. Since then the beaches have been partially reopened for active use, but the lawsuit, which includes several private businesses in Huntington Beach and Newport Beach, remains active.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Nathan Scott, who denied a temporary injunction on May 1, heard arguments from

lawyers on both sides Monday during a 90-minute conference call. Scott said he would likely rule on the civil case by the end of the week, along with a suit, Muller et. al. v. Newsom et. al., that was filed by three city council members in south Orange County.

"When we last spoke on May 1, I asked you to work together to see if you could bring a balance, find a compromise," Scott said. "It looks like you folks have done so and that people are now enjoying the beaches as we speak. Thank you for your hard work on this issue. It is not entirely clear to what extent there is an ongoing dispute, in light of your hard work. If there is an ongoing dispute, it's not entirely clear what order would be appropriate. You folks have given me a lot to think about."

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COUNTY CORONAVIRUS HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS REACH ANOTHER HIGH

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Hospitalizations for COVID-19 reached a new high in Orange County Tuesday with 230 inpatients, according to the county Health Care Agency.

Of those, 100 were in intensive care. Both measures top single-day high points set on Friday, when area hospitals saw 218 inpatients and 87 people in intensive care with COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

Even with the bump, however, area hospitals were at 59% capacity, according to county data — within the tight 56 to 60% overall capacity range that Orange County hospitals have reported over the past two weeks.

The health agency also announced one additional death Tuesday related to the virus, along with 62 new cases and 399 additional tests. This brings Orange County to 77 total deaths, 3,602 total known infections and 54,769 cumulative tests given.

COVID-19 continues to be the most consequential for elderly people. Forty of the 77 deaths to date were patients older than 75, according to healthcare agency data. Another 13 were between 65 and 74.

These age groups, however, comprise much smaller portions of the to-



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A TENT OUTSIDE the emergency room of the Fountain Valley Regional Hospital & Medical Center is used to screen people for coronavirus symptoms before allowing them inside the hospital on April 2.

tal patient pool: only 10% of all known cases were in people over 75. Another 10% were in people aged 65 to 74.

Testing opportunities backed by the healthcare agency also continued to expand this week, as the OC COVID-19 Testing Network added sites in Fullerton, Tustin, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Mission Viejo and Newport Beach, plus another in Santa Ana. The network debuted April 21 and also has clinics in Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Garden Grove and at UCI Health locations. Tests are by appointment only for people with symptoms of what could be COVID-19.

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

- Santa Ana: 570 (16.9 cases per 10,000 residents)
 - Anaheim: 545 (15.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
 - Huntington Beach: 270 (13.3 cases per 10,000 residents)
 - Irvine: 143 (5.1 cases per 10,000 residents)
 - Newport Beach: 132 (15.1 cases per 10,000 residents)
 - Costa Mesa: 51 (4.4 cases per 10,000 residents)
 - Laguna Beach: 41 (17.6 cases per 10,000 residents)
 - Fountain Valley: 41 (7.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Updated figures are posted daily at ocovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc.
- For information, visit ocovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing-and-screening.

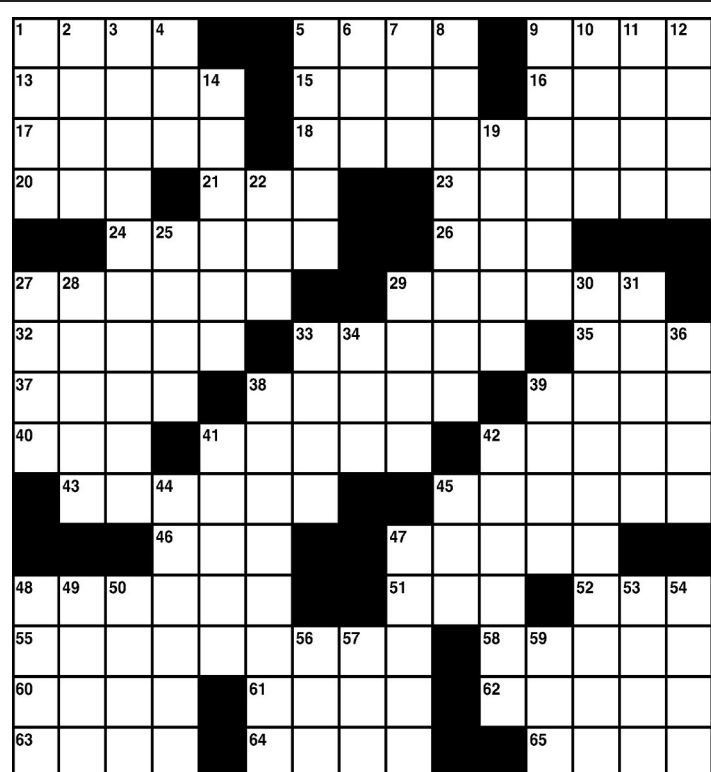
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Time gone by
- 5 Belgrade resident
- 9 Ashen-faced
- 13 Of the same rank
- 15 Couple
- 16 Call it __; quit & go home
- 17 Sudden increase
- 18 Act as a mediator
- 20 Edison's initials
- 21 Nov. honoree
- 23 Humiliated
- 24 Rogers & Gwynne
- 26 __ cholesterol; LDL
- 27 Uses Brillo
- 29 Most rational
- 32 Diving birds
- 33 __ steak; London broil meat
- 35 __ green; moderate color
- 37 Plays a movie role
- 38 Actress Glenn
- 39 Toot one's own horn
- 40 __ the line; obey
- 41 Objectives
- 42 U.S. state capital
- 43 Rehab candidate
- 45 Removed wrinkles
- 46 Madden
- 47 Refuse to let go
- 48 Chevy sedan



For answers to the crossword, see page A4.

- 51 Like your great-grandma
- 52 Siesta hour
- 55 Mushroom
- 58 Foreign farewell
- 60 Hint
- 61 All at __; suddenly
- 62 Arms & legs
- 63 Steerer's horn
- 64 Feedbag contents
- 65 Tree house?

DOWN

- 1 Nuisance
- 2 Pool water's color
- 3 Not likely to stumble
- 4 Clothing label
- 5 Arguments

- 6 Word attached to mark or ring
- 7 Curved bone
- 8 Populous Australian city
- 9 Founders' Day event
- 10 Actor Arkin
- 11 Tardy
- 12 Black__ Susan
- 14 Crowbars
- 19 Express gratitude to
- 22 Ames & Asner
- 25 Baseball scores
- 27 Blinds piece
- 28 Drink served hot
- 29 Talk back
- 30 Season of new growth
- 31 Kid around with
- 33 Apartment
- 34 Reply to a

- texter's joke
- 36 Elderly
- 38 Large parrot
- 39 Timely benefit
- 41 Little misses
- 42 __ shower
- 44 Crown
- 45 Seasick
- 47 Nat & Natalie
- 48 Eczema symptom
- 49 Internal spy
- 50 Epistle writer
- 53 Spider creations
- 54 Boot out of office
- 56 Stop __ dime
- 57 31-day period: abbr.
- 59 Clamor

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Orange Coast College receives \$9.2M through CARES Act, plans to share with students

BY SARA CARDINE

Orange Coast College officials announced Monday the school has received \$9.2 million in federal CARES Act funding and will soon roll out a plan to distribute some \$4.5 million directly to students in need affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Costa Mesa campus applied for the federal funding in mid-April and was notified last week that the funds had come through, according to Madjid Niroumand, Orange Coast's vice president of student services.

School officials plan to distribute the money to students based on financial aid status and the number of credits for which they are enrolled. Niroumand said every effort is being taken to see that the funding reaches as many students who need help as possible.

"As much as it is a great assistance, when you really sit down and divide the number of students in need into the amount of money you have, it gets complicated, because the amount we have is not enough to cover the need we have," he added.

Among the 20,554 students enrolled at Orange Coast in the fall semester, about 46% received federal or state financial aid, according to figures provided by the community college.

Students with the highest need taking 12 or more

units of course credit will receive \$1,000 in assistance through direct deposit from the school's digital banking service, Bank Mobile. Students of high need currently enrolled in six to 12 units will receive \$750 via direct deposit.

Other full-time students whose financial circumstances have been affected by the pandemic will receive \$500 in funding, through direct deposit or check, upon submitting a form to the Financial Aid department categorizing the impact to their financial or personal situation.

OCC President Angelica Suarez said in a release issued Monday the school's top priority was providing all learners access to a high-quality education, even during exigent times.

"We know that many of our students have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are looking forward to providing some relief as quickly as we can," she said. "We are grateful for this federal funding that will support our students in continuing their educational goals."

The college's Student Equity program is meanwhile making provisions for students who do not qualify for the federal funding, including undocumented students attending Orange Coast through the California DREAM Act.

"The CARES Act does

not include certain categories of students, so we've tried to realize other funding available to recognize students who don't qualify," Niroumand said.

Orange Coast also qualifies for an additional \$734,000 in emergency relief funding made available by the U.S. Department of Education to campuses whose full-time undergraduate enrollment is at least 25% Hispanic and Latino students and 10% Asian American and Native American/Pacific Islander.

Enrollment figures show about 35% of OCC students identify as Latino, while roughly 26% identify themselves as Asian or Native American.

Niroumand said officials plan to use the remainder of the CARES Act funding — about \$4.7 million — to help offset financial impacts sustained by the college since the campus closed its doors on March 16 and transitioned to an online learning model.

No determination has yet been made on exactly how those funds will be distributed, he said, as officials are still analyzing qualifications and criteria laid out by the federal government.

"We want to make sure we honor the mandated restrictions," Niroumand added.

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ORGANIZERS FOR Costa Mesa's summertime Concerts in the Park series said they were "heartbroken" to have to cancel this year's festivities at Fairview Park due to the coronavirus.

C.M.'s Concerts in the Park, Lions Fish Fry nixed due to pandemic

BY SARA CARDINE

Organizers for Costa Mesa's annual summertime Concerts in the Park series and the Costa Mesa-Newport Harbor Lions Fish Fry have announced the popular events will not take place in 2020, due to shelter-in-place restrictions imposed during the coronavirus pandemic.

The concert series, organized by the nonprofit Costa Mesa Foundation, typically takes place Tuesdays throughout the month of July in the city's Fairview Park and is supported by city staff.

Free to the public, the event drew nearly 3,000 attendees with live music, gourmet food trucks and a range of family activities.

Foundation President Nichole Scott said in a release issued by city officials

Monday organizers were "heartbroken" to have to cancel this year's festivities.

But with Fairview Park facilities remaining largely closed, even after city officials agreed last week to begin opening many parks to active use only, it made sense to call off the large gathering, Scott reasoned.

"COVID-19 has shown to be extremely contagious, and having concerts with very large crowds would endanger the public," Scott said. "This is something both the Costa Mesa Foundation and the city are trying to prevent."

The annual fish fry was scheduled to take place this year, from Oct. 2 to 4. Lions Club President Phil Marsh said the cancellation decision was made out of an "abundance of caution" and a desire to

protect public health. "This would have been our 73rd annual event, and this was a very difficult decision," he said. "But we look forward to being back in 2021 when the Fish Fry will return to Lions Park."

News of the closures followed on the heels Monday of a similar announcement made by the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts that its annual Fine Arts Show and Pageant of the Masters, scheduled for July and August, would not take place as planned.

Scott invited the public to mark their calendars for the 2021 Concert in the Park series and urged people to visit costamesafoundation.org and support community sponsors also financially impacted by the crisis.

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Costa Mesa AI firm Veritone lands \$210K contract with DOJ

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa artificial intelligence company Veritone has been awarded a two-year contract with the U.S. Department of Justice to provide AI-enabled audio and video transcription and translation services to assist with evidence discovery in 94 U.S. attorneys' offices nationwide.

The \$210,000 contract signed Friday provides for an indefinite quantity of supplies and/or delivery of services through the contract period, which began Monday and runs through May

10, 2022, according to contract details listed in the Fed's System of Award Management site.

The Department of Justice identified Veritone's aiWARE Government system as capable of helping speed up evidence discovery, while "greatly reducing human labor and associated costs," according to a statement issued Tuesday by Veritone.

On its website, Veritone explained how the cognitive computing capacity of AI-based systems can be used to assist industries across the board by retrieving and analyzing enormous data

sets and generating actionable insights.

Approximately 16.1 zettabytes of data (1ZB equals 1 billion terabytes, or 1 trillion gigabytes) is created each year, the company states. Of that, less than .5% gets organized for organizational decision making.

"We appreciate being selected as the provider of AI-based transcription and translation services for the DOJ to assist their agencies with audio and video-based discovery, securely and at scale," said Jon Gacek, Veritone's head of government and legal compliance, in a statement.



COSTA MESA-BASED Veritone will provide AI-enabled transcription and translation services for the DOJ and 94 U.S. attorneys' offices.

Jose Luis Magana
Associated Press

"In our pursuit to help operations government through AI-enabled solutions that provide actionable intelligence and tools that save cost, resources and time, this contract represents a major milestone and op-

portunity for Veritone," Gacek added. Veritone also operates offices in Denver, London, New York, San Diego and Seattle.

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including their knowing and voluntary encounter with the risks involved, and that this negligence was a substantial factor in causing their purported damages, for which this answering defendant bears no responsibility," the answer said.

Island Express hasn't filed an answer to the lawsuit stemming from the January crash in Calabasas amid

dense fog on the way to a youth basketball game at Kobe Bryant's Mamba Sports Academy.

In addition to Kobe and Gianna Bryant, the others who died were John, Keri and Alyssa Altobelli; Payton and Sarah Chester; Christina Mauser and Ara Zobayan.

Surviving members of the Altobelli and Mauser families sued Island Express last month.

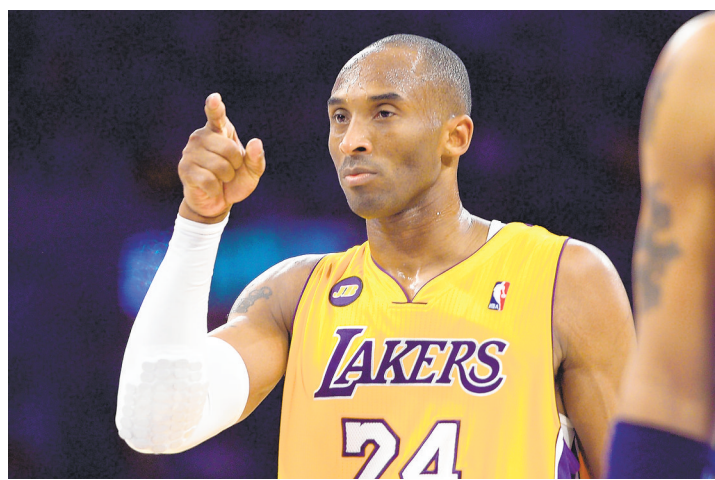
Vanessa Bryant's lawsuit accused Zobayan, the longtime pilot for Kobe Bryant,

of failing to abort the flight, not monitoring and assessing the weather, and failing to keep a safe distance between natural obstacles and the 1991 Sikorsky S-76B helicopter.

An attorney representing Bryant didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

A case management conference in the lawsuit is scheduled for June 22.

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KOBE BRYANT'S surviving widow, Vanessa Bryant, has sued the estate of the pilot from Huntington Beach, who died in a helicopter crash with Kobe Bryant and seven others, and the charter company that owned the helicopter.

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idemiologist and infectious disease expert at UC San Francisco, said he noticed a steep rise in Orange County's cases in the days following the weekend of April 25 and 26.

Further investigation is necessary to determine whether the beaches — most of which have since reopened in a limited capacity — contributed to the spread of the coronavirus, however.

"But you know, just us looking at it, there was a big jump in Orange County that was temporally consistent with possible transmission from that crowd event," Rutherford said.

Another factor is likely increased testing, though, as the county began notably ramping up its daily screening activity starting around April 28.

"As we test more, we're likely to pick up more cases," Quick said.

She added that the percentage of people who are tested and come back positive "has remained relatively stable and, overall, has been decreasing, which is good."

"As we loosen up any amount of the stay-at-home order or put more people to work, we do expect to see an increase in cases," she said. "So that would be something that would be expected."



Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

SOME BEACH-GOERS actively use the beach in Huntington Beach while others relax, despite Gov. Newsom's active-use-only order. Investigation is necessary to determine whether use has added to spread of the coronavirus, health experts say.

The Orange County Health Care Agency confirmed 55 new coronavirus infections Monday, boosting the region's cumulative total to 3,557.

The increase is the smallest number of new cases in a single day since April 28. But the county also reported only 196 additional COVID-19 tests — the fewest in any one day for which data are available.

The county's death toll remained unchanged at 76.

As of the latest update, 196 people were hospitalized countywide and 77 of them were in intensive care.

Though health officials say maintaining physical distancing and avoiding gatherings are key to fighting COVID-19, Orange County hasn't been immune from crowds.

About 1,500 demonstrators flocked to the Huntington Beach Pier on Saturday to call for an end to coronavirus-related economic and social restrictions — the second sizable protest in the city in as many weeks.

Some businesses also have reopened their doors in defiance of state health orders. One, Nomads Canteen in San Clemente, has

recently offered dine-in service despite the state's prohibition.

When it comes to compliance, Orange County Executive Officer Frank Kim said the approach has been education, rather than bringing down the hammer.

"We're not out here really trying to work with a heavy hand," he said Monday. "We're trying to understand

what is going on with each of these entities and working with them to see voluntary compliance."

Other factors also can fuel increases in COVID-19 activity. The city of Newport Beach said its local case count recently spiked "due to, in large part, outbreaks inside a small number of local care facilities where patients and staff have tested positive."

"County public health officers and Newport Beach Fire Department officials have met with the CEOs, head nurses and other top staff at the facilities to ensure that best practices are in place to mitigate further spread of the virus," city officials said in a statement.

Newport Beach spokesman John Pope declined to identify where the outbreaks have occurred or say how many cases have been reported in those facilities. But between Friday and Sunday, the city's COVID-19 case count jumped from 105 to 130 — an increase he said is "largely attributable" to the local care facilities.

"Our residents would be understandably curious as to why there was such a big spike, and we didn't want people to speculate as to why it might have occurred," he said.

Times staff writer Rong-Gong Lin II contributed to this report.

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Huntington Beach City Atty. Michael Gates said during arguments that Huntington Beach city leaders had been taking action leading up to the April 30 directive from the governor, including closing the pier and beach parking lots, and social distancing was taking place during the coronavirus pandemic.

"There was no need or reason for the governor to step in," Gates said. "The state argues that the governor has broad authority, which we do not dispute,

but that broad authority is not without limits ... Partial reopening is nothing more than the state and the governor continuing to exercise unconstitutional control over Orange County beaches and the city of Huntington Beach."

Gates said the plan to open the beach in phases and current "active use" limitations violate the civil liberties of those including the physically disabled, families who want to take their children to the beach and the homeless population. He added that if Scott issued an injunction stopping the state's previous orders regarding the beach

closure and partial reopening, the city of Huntington Beach desires to fully open its beach to recreation and active beach-goers while still enforcing social distancing.

"I would submit to your honor that this partial reopening is still a serious issue for the people of Huntington Beach," Gates said, addressing Judge Scott.

Gates said after the hearing he was happy with the arguments made, calling the city's case "compelling."

"As folks know, this is an issue having to do with the Constitution but also the ability to govern, whether our local authorities are

equipped and have the constitutional right to govern for us," he said. "That's really what we're fighting for."

"Our position in Huntington Beach is that we have control, and it's the state's position that the governor under these conditions or circumstances has the right to control. There's still that conflict; that conflict lives on."

Attorneys for the state indeed argued Monday that Newsom was within his rights to close Orange County beaches, given the pandemic and in accordance with the state's Emergency Services Act.

"I would note that the entire purpose of the act is to buy the governor the ability to deal with issues that local authorities are not in a position to deal with," said Mark Beckington, California's supervising deputy attorney general. "This pandemic does not respect borders ... this requires a statewide response ... a swift and decisive action to protect the public health. On that basis, it's clear that the very premise of this case is wrong."

Huntington Beach has 269 confirmed cases of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 among its 203,761 estimated resi-

dents, according to numbers released Monday by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

"You have tens of thousands people coming to the beach on a warm summer day or a warm spring day," Beckington said. "It's inevitable that there is going to be the situation where people are gathering, where people are closer than the recommended guidelines for social distancing. The disease will be spread not only among people on the beach but in the local community."

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implant.

"I was wearing a mask because I was on a walk," Hannah said. "Maggie couldn't understand what I was saying. Then we got the idea — what if we made clear masks?"

Isabelle said she was inspired by a piece of mail in which the envelope had a clear plastic window. She drew up a prototype mask that similarly had a clear window around the mouth area.

"I was really interested in [the idea]," she said. "I was like, 'How can I make this work?' After I saw [the envelope], I was like, 'We can definitely do this. This is 100% possible.'"

A few days later, on April 21, Read My Lips Masks was born as a nonprofit company.

Maggie's younger sister, Kate, 14, who is also severely hard of hearing and relies on two hearing aids, has also been part of the effort.

"I just noticed that COVID-19 has changed the way to communicate," Maggie said. "It's hard for people to understand, and people mumble usually through the mask. When I was talking with Hannah, we decided to come up with the idea. It's good for people who are hard of hearing, and it's also good for people who have a hard time communicating through a mask.



Photots by Scott Smeltzer | Staff photographer

HANNAH AND ISABELLE DASTGHEIB, 15 and 16, and Maggie and Kate Dietrick, 14 and 16, have designed masks inspired by the clear plastic window found in mailing envelopes.

"We just want everyone to feel included, especially during this time where it must be harder for some people than others. We want to help the most people we can."

Read My Lips Masks has an Instagram page and a GoFundMe, which had more than \$5,200 in donations as of Tuesday afternoon. Many of the girls' friends promoted the masks on social media, Isabelle said, sharing the idea on their Instagram stories.

Bitu Bagheri, who is Hannah and Isabelle's

mother, and a Newport Beach dermatologist, said about 1,000 masks have been produced so far.

The teenagers take the orders, and the masks, which come in three sizes and several colors, are sewn together by Minerva Alvarez and two other women. Alvarez had to shut down her bridal store in Santa Ana in the wake of the coronavirus, but she found out about the teenagers' idea because her daughter, Shelsy, is a friend of Bagheri's office manager, Chad Hassett. Shelsy's younger

brother, Jashua, is a freshman at Mater Dei and friends with Maggie. Jashua also is deaf.

The GoFundMe donations go toward material costs and paying the three seamstresses.

"It's a small world," Shelsy said. "We were so surprised at how we were all connected in a way ... [The teenagers] needed someone to make their vision come to life. Because it's a hard time, this has definitely helped [my family] in many ways. We've been able to find comfort." The masks are double-



ISABELLE DASTGHEIB, 15, wears a mask designed for members of the hearing-impaired community.

layered and machine washable. Bagheri said they are also useful for medical offices.

"I find that even the regular patients love it, especially the elderly patients during procedures," she said. "They like to see the doctor smiling at them."

Spreading goodwill is part of the teenagers' mission. Hannah said that orders can also be taken via Instagram direct messages, and different designs and patterns can be requested.

One Harbor Day family placed an order for a student that is hearing impaired, she said, and the mask was made in the school's colors of navy blue and gold.

"This has been a really big part of our lives for a long time," Hannah said. "Some people were like,

"That's a great idea," but to us it was part of the everyday. We would go to the pool or beach, and the cochlear implant is not waterproof. [Maggie] would take it off, but I would always be amazed because she could still understand what I was saying. She was like, 'Oh, I can read your lips.'"

Hannah said the plan is to continue producing masks for the foreseeable future, adding that the venture has surpassed the girls' wildest expectations.

"As a hearing person, I've found that I actually love these masks anyway," she said. "The brightness adds some brightness to your day, and just being able to see expression and smiles also really helps."

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Photos courtesy of Newport Beach Police Department

ABOVE AND RIGHT: Newport Beach police officers joined a 5.5-mile procession Monday to honor Det. Jon Jarema, a 36-year-old who died Saturday from a slow-growing malignant brain tumor discovered in 2018.

TRIBUTE

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View Memorial Park in Corona del Mar. Jarema died Saturday due to complications from late-stage anaplastic astrocytoma, a condition which had caused the development of a slow-growing but malignant brain tumor. He was 36.

sued Sunday by the department, Jarema was a 12-year veteran who served the Newport Beach community as a dedicated patrol officer, SWAT Team member and detective. "Jon loved being a police officer," the release stated. "Above all else, Jon's devotion to his colleagues, dedication to duty and charismatic smile will always be remembered." In May 2018, Jarema was

at work when he felt a pop below his left ear immediately followed by vision changes, slurred speech and a numbness in his left hand, according to a GoFundme page set up by fellow Newport Beach Det. Jenny Kresge. An MRI and CT scan revealed Jarema had a kidney bean-sized brain tumor surrounded by swollen tissue. But a subsequent surgery revealed the tumor

was the size of a tennis ball and inoperable, and Jarema was soon diagnosed with Stage 3 anaplastic astrocytoma. Over the next 18 months, the police detective would receive chemotherapy, immunotherapy and radiation treatments, the last of which was to conclude on May 1, according to posts by Kresge. Supporters helped blow past a \$25,000 fundraising

goal during the first 48 hours of the campaign. The GoFundMe page has now collected more than \$54,000 for Jarema's family. In a post on June 20, 2018, the detective shared his heartfelt appreciation for the effort. "This journey has been a whirlwind," he wrote. "Through it all, the love

and support sent to me and my family has made me constantly smile — I love each and every one of you and I am eternally grateful." Jarema leaves behind a wife, Lauren, and 3-year-old twins Jett and Quinn.

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ARTS

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86th and run from July 6 through Sept. 3, was to spotlight artistic works documenting America's history, back to its revolutionary days. The last time the show didn't go on was during World War II, from 1942-45. Organizers said Monday the theme would return in the summer of 2021. Artists juried into this year's Fine Art Show will be guaranteed a spot in next year's exhibit, according to the release. "The Festival of Arts team is exploring the

possibility of a virtual art exhibit that could be available later this summer, as well as other art initiatives," the release stated, indicating updates will be announced online and on social media. Pageant ticket holders will be contacted by email regarding ticket cancellation options. Those who choose to donate their tickets back to the organization will be entered into a Sept. 4 drawing, where 10 winners will be selected for a walk-on role in the 2021 Pageant. For more information, visit foapom.com. sara.cardine@latimes.com
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASE TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of Laguna Beach will conduct a virtual public hearing via Zoom on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., to consider an increase to the sewer service charge imposed on real property within the City of Laguna Beach, excluding properties within the boundaries of the South Coast Water District. The proposed charges are apportioned to the various use categories based upon wastewater discharge quantities and discharge constituents for the various types of uses and the availability of sewer facilities for vacant lots. The amount of the charge is based upon adjustments needed to support funding the wastewater operations in the sewer service area and the capital improvement programs for the City's collection system and the wastewater treatment infrastructure. The improvements are needed to replace aged sewer systems infrastructure with the goal of reducing sewer spills. The sewer user charges are imposed annually and collected through the property tax rolls.

Improvements to the City's wastewater collection and treatment plant systems are prioritized based on cost-benefit, spill risk, and age of infrastructure. The annual Capital Improvement Program identifies improvements to sewer lines, sewage lift stations, and the City's portion of improvements to the regional wastewater treatment system operated by the South Orange County Wastewater Authority. The cost for the City to complete the next ten years of planned collection system improvements is about \$23 million and another \$21 million for wastewater treatment plant improvements. The City continues to make significant improvements to the aging system that includes replacing and rehabilitating sewer pipes, rehabilitating lift stations, odor control infrastructure, and adding improvements to make the system more reliable to reduce sewer spills.

To fund improvements in the plan, sewer user charges need to be adjusted for the coming year by 5%. A question-and-answer Zoom meeting will be held as follows:

Review Meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 998 3561 5557
Password: Sewer
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Protests to the proposed increase in sewer service charges must be delivered in writing to the City Clerk, City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California 92651, prior to the beginning of the public hearing on July 14, 2020. If written protests against the proposed increases are presented by a majority of owners of affected parcels, the increases will not be imposed. Please include the parcel number shown on this notice with any correspondence or written protest.

As noted above, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on July 14, 2020 to consider the proposed sewer service charge increase. If approved, the charge for sewer service will increase by about \$3.03 per month next year for single family homes. Additional information regarding the Wastewater System Financial Plan can be reviewed at www.clbwq.net.

Questions or comments regarding the proposed rate increases should be directed to the City of Laguna Beach Water Quality Department at (949) 497-0378.

Zoom Meeting Instructions: On your home computer: Go to http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/zoom_meeting_instructions.htm
Use Meeting ID: 998 3561 5557

Residential Fiscal Year 2020-21 Increase @ 5%			Commercial Fiscal Year 2020-21 Increase @ 5%		
Description	Current FY 2019/20	Proposed FY 2020/21	Description	Current FY 2019/20	Proposed FY 2020/21
Unimproved Lots - Annual charge per parcel	\$526.00	\$552.00	Commercial Light - Annual Charge		
Exact Calculation			Charge per 100 cubic ft. (ccf) of water consumption	\$4.06/ccf	\$4.26/ccf
Monthly Cost	\$43.83	\$46.00	Minimum annual amount per parcel	\$716 min.	\$745 min.
Annual Cost	\$546.00	\$578.00	Commercial Medium - Annual Charge		
difference in monthly costs	\$1.66	\$2.17	Charge per 100 cubic ft. (ccf) of water consumption	\$6.22/ccf	\$6.53/ccf
difference in annual costs	\$20.00	\$26.00	Commercial Heavy - Annual Charge		
Ultra-Low Water User Single Family Units			Charge per 100 cubic ft. (ccf) of water consumption	\$8.98/ccf	\$9.42/ccf
Annual charge per unit	\$596.00	\$626.00	Minimum annual amount per parcel	\$716 min.	\$745 min.
Monthly Cost	\$49.67	\$52.17			
difference in monthly costs	\$1.92	\$2.50			
difference in annual costs	\$23.04	\$30.00			
Single Family Units - Annual charge per unit	\$728.00	\$764.40			
Monthly Cost	\$60.67	\$63.70			
Monthly Difference Year to Year	\$2.33	\$3.03			
difference in monthly costs	\$2.33	\$3.03			
difference in annual costs	\$28.00	\$36.40			
Condominiums - Annual charge per unit	\$716.00	\$752.00			
Monthly Cost	\$59.67	\$62.67			
difference in monthly costs	\$2.34	\$3.00			
difference in annual costs	\$28.08	\$36.00			
Apartments (2 Units) - Annual charge per unit	\$643.00	\$675.00			
Monthly Cost	\$53.58	\$56.25			
difference in monthly costs	\$2.08	\$2.67			
difference in annual costs	\$24.96	\$32.04			
Apartments (3 Units+) - Annual charge per unit	\$590.00	\$620.00			
Monthly Cost	\$49.17	\$51.67			
difference in monthly costs	\$1.92	\$2.50			
difference in annual costs	\$23.04	\$30.00			

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
CHARLES SCOTT MALCOLM
30-2020-01139380-PR-LS-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **CHARLES SCOTT MALCOLM**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **TODD SPITZER, OC District Attorney-Public Administrator** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE** THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **TODD SPITZER, OC District Attorney-Public Administrator** 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 **August 5, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C9** located at: **700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST SANTA ANA, CA 92702**

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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