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## 'I know they are still waiting for them to come home'

*Family of couple killed in DUI crash look forward*

BY LILLY NGUYEN

It takes Dayana Saldana Meija a minute to collect herself.

Since the fatal car collision in Newport Beach that killed her brother and sister-in-law on Dec. 8, she's been focused on taking care of the three children left behind.

She said she was doing all right. Better, she adds. Her voice still falters when she speaks about Henry Saldana Meija or Gabriela Andrade, or about her nieces, Samantha Belen, 1, Elena Sareen, 4, and Emma Sofia, 5.

What could she say about her brother? About the sister she'd never had?

"As parents, they were very loving. They were always together," Dayana Saldana Meija said from her Santa Ana home on Monday. "They went for a ride together that [Dec. 8] night. My brother used to work a lot, but he was taking a break from work and Gabby was a stay-at-home mom, so she was always with [the girls]."

The family had been in Newport Beach for Henry Saldana Meija to pick up a few of his things from the Resort At Pelican Hill, where he worked, and to view the city's holiday lights.

The trip ended in tragedy when, prosecutors say, a 22-year-old Newport Beach woman ran a red light. The two cars collided near Newport Coast Drive and South Pelican Hill Road.

Saldana Meija, 27, and Andrade, 28, both of Santa Ana, died at the scene. Their three daughters were secured in the backseat of the family's Nissan Versa.

The suspected DUI driver, Grace Elizabeth Coleman, remains in custody and is expected to appear for an arraignment hearing of her criminal charges at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana on Jan. 27, according to jail and court records. A civil lawsuit was filed against her and her family on behalf of the three children on Christmas Eve.

Dayana Saldana Meija said the three girls returned to Santa Ana from Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo later that month, but returned with no shortage of injuries: Emma Sofia broke both of her legs and Elena Sareen and Samantha Belen each broke one leg. At first, Saldana Meija said they'd been afraid it would hurt if they moved

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Courtesy of Dayana Saldana Meija

**GABRIELA ANDRADE**, left, and Henry Saldana Meija hold their youngest daughter, Samantha Belen, for her first birthday last year.

## Local districts return to distance learning

Students won't be back on campus for at least a week as coronavirus numbers continue to spike in Orange County.

BY MATT SZABO

Many Orange County students returned from the winter break without needing a ride to school — just a computer.

Newport-Mesa Unified School District, Huntington Beach Union High School District and Huntington Beach City School District are among the local districts that have switched back from a hybrid-learning model to distance learning, effective Monday, for at least part of January.

Fountain Valley School District and Ocean View School District have also gone back to distance learning as coronavirus numbers continue to spike, while Laguna Beach Unified School District secondary schools remain in distance learning as well.

Huntington Beach City School District Supt. Leisa Winston had her first day on the job Monday, after being hired in November. She said the district's elementary and middle schools would be in the distance-learning model through Jan. 15, with students able to return to the in-person hybrid model on Jan. 19.

"We've had very minimal to no spread within our school environment," Winston said.

"Our protocols are working. However, we have increasing cases of staff and students who are exposed outside of school. With increasing numbers of staff who are quarantining, it's really difficult to keep continuity of instruction going when you're trying to find substitutes and there's a documented substitute shortage statewide, especially now with COVID. Obviously, we need staff to be able to maintain our really

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## Wrongful-death lawsuit filed on behalf of 3 children orphaned by DUI crash

BY LILLY NGUYEN

A wrongful-death lawsuit was filed in Orange County Superior Court on Christmas Eve on behalf of the three children orphaned by a fatal car crash in Newport Beach.

The civil lawsuit names Newport Beach resident Grace Elizabeth Coleman, the sus-

pected DUI driver arrested in the Dec. 8 incident, and her parents, Newport Beach residents James and Kelli Coleman, as defendants.

Grace Elizabeth Coleman is also facing five felony counts, two of murder, two related to driving under the influence of alcohol and one for a hit-and-run collision, according to

the Orange County district attorney's office. If convicted on all charges, she could face 34 years and eight months in prison.

Newport Beach police said that they received a dispatch call at 7:46 p.m. on Dec. 8 near Newport Coast Drive and South Pelican

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## Huntington Beach City Council holds strategic planning workshop

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council held a strategic planning and goal setting workshop Tuesday at the Huntington Beach Central Library.

Five of the seven council members were in the building, including Mayor Kim Carr, Barbara Delgleize, Mike Posey, Dan Kalmick and Natalie Moser. Councilman Erik Peterson had an excused absence from the meeting, while Mayor Pro Tem Tito Ortiz participated via Zoom from his car in the library parking lot.

Ortiz, who has been candid in his refusal to wear a mask during

the coronavirus pandemic, posted on his Instagram stories that Carr told him he couldn't come into the meeting without one.

"Great way to start the New Year off," Ortiz said facetiously in the video. "Embarrassing."

Carr said Tuesday night that Huntington Beach City Manager Oliver Chi sent out two emails to members of the council indicating that masks were mandatory for the meeting because it was indoors.

Carr said she did ask Ortiz to wear a mask before entering the building Tuesday morning, but

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**A JOGGER PASSES** by the Westend Bar on Monday in Costa Mesa. The bar's owner is the first person criminally charged in Orange County for operating during the pandemic.

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## O.C. bar owner faces criminal charges for operating during coronavirus pandemic

BY HANNAH FRY

A Costa Mesa bar owner has become the first Orange County proprietor to face a criminal charge for illegally operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roland Michael Barrera, 47, who owns the Westend Bar, was charged with a misdemeanor after repeatedly failing to mandate that customers and employees wear face coverings, declining to enforce social distancing requirements and continuing to operate during restricted hours, the Orange County district attorney's office said Thursday.

Authorities have responded to the bar several times since November, when the state's overnight stay-at-home order

was issued, mandating that all nonessential businesses close between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The bar continued to operate past curfew, at times hosting up to 70 customers, who were not required to keep socially distanced or wear masks, prosecutors said.

On Dec. 12, a Costa Mesa police officer responded to the bar at about 11 p.m. The bar's manager, Luisa Giuletta Mauro, grabbed the officer to prevent him from entering, authorities allege.

Mauro, 26, was charged with a misdemeanor count of resisting a police officer.

If convicted, both Mauro and Barrera face a maximum sentence of a year in jail.

However, prosecutors said they are hopeful that if the defendants do not commit new violations, their cases can be resolved through education rather than jail time.

Bars that don't serve food have been closed for months in Orange County. Those like Westend that served meals could largely operate outdoors until last month, when Southern California's regional ICU bed availability dropped below 15%, triggering the closure of personal care services and all outdoor dining.

Barrera and Mauro could not immediately be reached for comment on Monday. The voice-mail boxes for the business and

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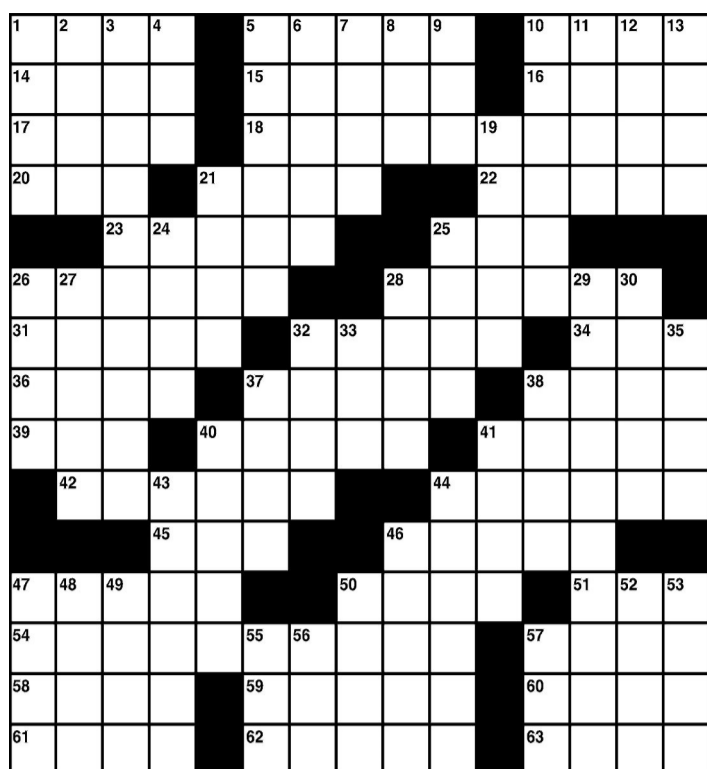
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**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

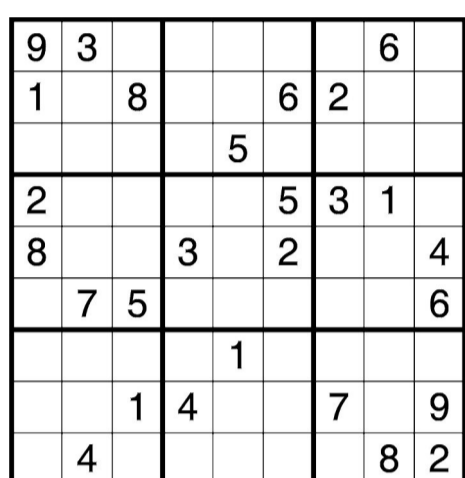
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**SUDOKU**

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



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

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# Hesperia man facing a felony murder charge in shooting death of Costa Mesa man outside motel

BY SARA CARDINE

A 23-year-old Hesperia man is in custody facing one felony count of murder in the Dec. 22 death of a Costa Mesa man outside a motel in Anaheim, according to police officials.

Gilbert Fred Falgo is suspected of shooting Mathew David Rawson, 23, of Costa Mesa outside a motel located on the 2000 block of East Via Burton Street.

Anaheim police officers received a call at around 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 22 regarding a possible shooting, according to department spokesman Sgt. Shane Carringer.

"The shooting did take place just behind the Motel 6 on Via Burton — it happened on the street," Carringer said Tuesday.

Upon their arrival on scene, officers discovered Rawson, who appeared to have sustained at least one

gunshot wound, police said. He was transported to a nearby hospital and ultimately died from his injuries.

The suspect was not located at the scene of the incident, but Carringer said Tuesday evidence and statements from witnesses pointed to Falgo and his Hesperia residence.

Homicide detectives with the Anaheim Police Department located Falgo in Hesperia the following day in a vehicle in the vicinity of his listed residence, police said. He was found in possession of a handgun and was arrested for Rawson's death, according to Carringer.

The incident is still under investigation and, as of Tuesday, detectives had not provided details on whether the two men may have known each other previously or a possible motive for the shooting.

A GoFundMe page set up to raise funds for Rawson's memorial service has collected more than \$11,000 in donations as of Tuesday.

Organizers of the effort, who did not disclose their relationship to the victim, allege the Costa Mesa resident was "shot three times in the chest" while protecting the life of someone else.

Carringer clarified that multiple people on scene have been identified by police as witnesses to the event and that no additional suspects or victims are thought to have been directly involved in the shooting.

Falgo is currently being held at the Orange County men's jail in lieu of a \$1 million bail. He is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 13 for an arraignment hearing.

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**LAWSUIT**

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Hill Road. Newport Beach Police Department spokeswoman Heather Rangel said in December that officers found a collision involving Coleman's black Range Rover and a Nissan Versa.

The driver of the Versa, Henry Saldana Mejia, 27, and his wife, Gabriela Andrade, 28, died.

The Santa Ana couple's 1-, 4- and 5-year-old daughters were in the backseat and taken to a hospital to be treated for injuries, police said.

The children are currently being cared for by their aunt, Dayana Saldana Mejia, and have since been released from Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo.

The complaint states that at the time of the collision, the three girls and their parents were going to

view the holiday lights.

The district attorney's office alleges that the crash happened when Coleman, 22, ran a red light. Prosecutors said in December that Coleman's blood alcohol level was more than 0.20%.

The state legal limit to drive is 0.08%.

Attorneys are accusing the Colemans of wrongful death and negligence.

The lawsuit states that Coleman had a duty to not improperly operate her vehicle and that her parents, James and Kelli Coleman, should have known of the possibility that their daughter may drive under the influence, which attorneys allege has occurred at least twice in Laguna Beach — once in June 2019 and again in August last year.

Grace Elizabeth Coleman was arrested on suspicion of DUI in August, said Kimberly Edds, a spokeswoman for the district at-

torney's office, in December. Coleman is currently being charged with misdemeanor DUI counts for that accident, prosecutors said.

In the civil complaint, attorneys are seeking a money judgment for economic and emotional damages incurred as a result of the fatal collision.

Brett Nemeth, one of the two attorneys representing the children, said Monday that there is not currently a hearing scheduled.

Court records, as of Monday afternoon, do not indicate who the Colemans have hired to provide their defense.

Coleman is expected to appear for an arraignment hearing of her criminal charges at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana on Jan. 27, according to jail and court records. She remains in custody.

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# Costa Mesa family displaced by fire on New Year's Day

BY SARA CARDINE

A Costa Mesa family was displaced on New Year's Day after a home on the 3000 block of Roanoke Lane caught fire, causing flames to spread from the garage to the attic of the residence, fire officials reported Tuesday.

Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue Capt. Joe Noceti said the call came in shortly after 11:30 a.m. Friday of a structure fire already in progress. Four units responded, assisted by an ambulance and members of the department's urban search and rescue unit.



Courtesy of Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue

"There was heavy smoke and fire showing from the garage of a single-story home," Noceti said Tuesday, adding that the rapid spread of the fire caused significant damage. "We cut holes in the roof to let heat and fire out of the attic."

Noceti said two adults and two children had escaped the burning building by the time crews ar-

**FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE** a blaze on Friday at a residence on the 3000 block of Costa Mesa's Roanoke Lane that left one family displaced, officials reported.

rived at the home. Noceti, who went into the building to retrieve items for the residents, reported a family cat also managed to flee to safety.

Firefighters battled the blaze for about 45 minutes before extinguishing it completely.

Due to high levels of carbon monoxide from the smoke, the family was not allowed to return to the

damaged residence, according to Noceti.

An area Red Cross team was called in to support the victims.

The cause of the fire was still being investigated Tuesday. No information on the estimated loss of property or contents was available.

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**HUNTINGTON BEACH** Union High School District is among other local school districts that are returning to distance learning.

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**LEARNING**

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safe environment and protocols. I think that's the biggest concern, making sure that we have continuity of instruction and that our staff and students are safe and healthy."

The Huntington Beach Union High School District, which includes Edison, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Marina, Ocean View and Westminster high schools and three alternative education schools, will be in distance learning through the end of the first semester on Jan. 29.

Newport-Mesa Unified School District announced on Dec. 18 that its secondary schools will be in distance learning through Jan. 22, while its elementary schools will continue in the hybrid model. Newport-Mesa also suspended extracurricular activities, including athletics, during the distance-learning period, unlike HBUHSD.

Huntington Beach High English teacher Josh Anderson said he will be continuing modified boys' tennis practices during this period.

"I'm going to miss being in-person, for sure," Anderson said.

"I'm going to have to modify my little office and make myself a podium so I can stand up and teach, still be energetic and be engaging ... But there are also a lot of positives. We have things like Google Meet and Zoom, where kids can connect with each other and teachers and tutors online. I fully support us taking this month, and it wouldn't surprise me if we end up extending it a couple of weeks into February."

Fountain Valley School District announced that it will be in distance learning this week and hopes to return Jan. 12 but may extend it another week to Jan. 19.

Ocean View School District will be in distance learning through Jan. 15, the board of trustees decided after a special meeting on Dec. 29. Students had Monday off so that teachers could prepare lessons.

OVSD Board of Trustees President Patricia Singer said that Orange County's modified Intensive Care

Unit bed count of 0% was the biggest factor in her in voting to return to distance learning.

"We've been extremely successful with all of our mitigating factors, but we just don't know what will happen here in the next couple of weeks," Singer said.

"If somebody gets sick, it's like, where do they take them? If our staff gets sick, where do they go? Believe me, it's disappointing. As a mom with a middle-schooler, I want my kid in school. I think kids deserve to be in school, and they do better when they're in school. But I think overall, when we're in charge of the health and safety of not only our students but our community, teachers and staff, we have to balance all of that."

Parents seem to be accepting the return to distance learning, up to a point.

April Helliwell, the PTSA president at Hawes Elementary School in Huntington Beach who organized a rally to reopen Huntington Beach City School District schools in September, said most of her parent friends are understanding of the reasoning.

"It's definitely something that we can wrap our heads around and are in agreement with," Helliwell said.

"Coming off of the holiday, it sounds like the safe and responsible thing to do. I just think that people are a little bit nervous. The last time they told us it was two weeks, it ended up being the rest of the school year, so I think there's a little of that PTSD in some of us parents."

Jeanine Bashore, whose daughter Kate is a sophomore at Newport Harbor High, voiced similar concerns.

Bashore has been a similar proponent of reopening schools and expressed frustration that her daughter, who is on the dance team, could not have practices on campus during the distance-learning period.

"I get it," she said. "It's not good in Orange County right now for COVID, and it seems like it's very contagious. But we did have all the precautions in place for athletics, as well as academics ... It's just really frustrating."

**ORANGE COUNTY COVID-19 STATS**

The Orange County Health Care Agency on Tuesday reported no new deaths related to the coronavirus and 1,376 new positive test results.

The death toll due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, remains at 1,926 deaths countywide. The cumulative case count is now 171,955, including deaths.

Orange County hospitalizations due to the virus are at 2,236, with 504 of those patients being treated in intensive care units.

The adjusted daily case rate per 100,000 people is 67.8, while the test positivity rate is at 17.1%. Both numbers are seven-day averages with a seven-day lag.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 32,110 cases; 380 deaths
- Anaheim: 29,194 cases; 414 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 6,900 cases; 103 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 5,651 cases; 55 deaths
- Irvine: 6,346 cases; 24 deaths
- Newport Beach: 2,429 cases; 28 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 2,230 cases; 32 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 541 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

- 0 to 17: 16,153 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 24,016 cases; five deaths
- 25 to 34: 35,494 cases; 27 deaths
- 35 to 44: 27,236 cases; 45 deaths
- 45 to 54: 27,884 cases; 144 deaths
- 55 to 64: 21,322 cases; 267 deaths
- 65 to 74: 10,683 cases; 373 deaths
- 75 to 84: 5,360 cases; 432 deaths
- 85 and older: 3,710 cases; 632 deaths

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# 'JURASSIC QUEST' TRANSFORMS FAIRGROUNDS INTO A DRIVE-THROUGH DINOSAUR SAFARI

**SHOWN IS A** Tyrannosaurus rex, one of 70 animatronic dinosaurs coming to the OC Fair & Event Center Feb. 5-14 in the drive-through experience "Jurassic Quest."



Courtesy of Jose Charo

BY SARA CARDINE

A 50-foot megalodon shark? A photo shoot with baby dinosaurs? A close encounter with a T-Rex?

All this, and more, will soon be on the menu as the popular "Jurassic Quest" dinosaur-themed drive-through event begins its migration to the Orange County fairgrounds. The immersive experience that has seen more than 250,000 vehicles pass through since its mid-July debut comes to Costa Mesa from Feb. 5-14 (except for Monday and Tuesday). The exhibit features more than 70 life-like animatronic dinosaurs that viewers can "track" from the safety of their vehicles.

A guided online audio tour, available in English or Spanish, will provide a deeper look at life during the Jurassic Period of roughly 150 million to 200 million years ago, as safari members peer at scenes and figures painstakingly crafted in collaboration with expert paleontologists to ensure each reptile is lifelike

and accurate.

Participants can visit with baby dinosaurs and their dino trainer handlers and capture the moment by posing for a safari-style photo of their vehicle against a Jurassic backdrop. One photo per vehicle is included in the price of admission.

Tickets start at \$49 for vehicles of up to eight passengers and must be purchased online before the event. Special online "Quest Packs" provide fun and creative add-on experiences and surprises for an additional cost.

The program lasts for about one hour, and COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions must be adhered to throughout the event. Crew and audience members will wear masks, and equipment, figures and workstations will be regularly sanitized.

For more, including showtimes, visit [jurassicquest.com](http://jurassicquest.com).

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## WORKSHOP

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he refused and walked out. "I was pleasantly surprised that he decided to Zoom in because I want him to participate," Carr said.

"I want him to be engaged and involved in the community, but I also want him to do it safely ... We're following all of the guidelines set by the CDC, by the state, by the county. I'm not asking him to do anything out of the ordinary or anything that's above and beyond what elected officials all over the United States are adhering to."

Ortiz and Peterson did not wear masks to the Dec. 21 City Council meeting and were admonished by Kalmick.

Tuesday's six-hour meeting was run in association with Pat West LLC. West is a consultant who is the former city manager of Lakewood and Long Beach. He held the latter post for 12 years before retiring in 2019.

City Council members identified five areas that they'd like to focus on for 2021: community engagement, homelessness, economic development,

infrastructure and COVID-19. Members had a brainstorming session about each topic.

Regarding community engagement, Kalmick said the key is to tell residents as many times as possible.

"Tell them again and again, on everything," he said.

"It should be a one-button dashboard, right? You type in all your information once and boom, the mail gets printed, the emails go out, the text blasts go out, the phone calls start, the social media campaign goes out. This is five-years-ago technology ... we just need the policy direction to say let's do this, and do it as much as we possibly can."

"We don't want social media from a third party carrying the message. I think we need to take back our control of our messaging and bring back that trust in the government, to a certain extent."

Ortiz shared a personal story regarding homelessness, as he said he encountered a group of homeless people near the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue recently. The city opened its homeless Navigation Center on Dec. 7.

"I pulled my car over and I went up to them, and I said, 'How can I help you guys get into the Navigation Center?'" Ortiz said. "The first automatic answer I got from one of the guys was, 'That's a concentration camp, we're not going there because we've got to do mandatory this and that.'"

"Well, that shows that's a person who doesn't want to get help. They're not educated on what the Navigation Center truly is for, and that's to help them ... I sat there and I talked to the guy for over 45 minutes, and, yeah, he wasn't all the way there [but he and his friends] don't want help. They're happy not having bills to pay and not having to answer people, and I think that's one of the roadblocks we'll run into every single time."

"The ones that don't want help, how do we get them out or to a different city? I want to do it with compassion ... how can we show them the right way and show them that we're here to help them. The reason why I ran [for City Council] is because I don't want this city to turn into Santa Monica or San Francisco."

Chi said the Navigation

Center is working on getting the internet up and running, with computer workstations on the way through the efforts of the city's Homeless Task Force. He added that the police

department has been engaging in enforcement efforts.

"It's not going to eliminate homelessness — there's nothing illegal about being homeless —

but we do have rules against camping and loitering in public spaces," Chi said.

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In accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 21700, et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California the under-signed will be sold at public auction conducted on [STORAGE-TREASURES.COM](http://STORAGE-TREASURES.COM) on **January 21, 2021**. The personal property including but not limited to: Personal and household items stored at 2059 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, County of Orange, by the following persons:

Size	Name
5x5	Alyssa Gutierrez
10x5	Alan Roberts

Property is sold "AS IS BASIS." There is a refundable \$100 cleaning deposit on all units. Sale is subject to cancellation.

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In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below:

Customer Name	Inventory
Elio's Kitchen LLC	Hsld Goods/Furn
Marx Douglas	Hsld Goods/Furn/TV Stereo Equip/Tools/Appliances

Kaz Douglas  
Rickards Dulce  
Thomas Jonathan

Customer Name	Inventory
Pekcan Nihat	Hsld Goods/Furn
Doshi Ayesha	Hsld Goods/Furn
Obolowicz Xanon	Hsld Goods/Furn/Promo Items/Medi Devices
Visiometrics	Hsld Goods/Furn

Mulligan Blaine  
Cannon Thomas  
Thacker Elliott

And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com), which will end on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 10:00AM.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DELORES SHEAHAN aka DELORES W. SHEAHAN aka DELORES A. SHEAHAN aka DELORES WENZEL SHEAHAN**

Case No. 30-2020-01175198-PR-LA-CJC  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DELORES SHEAHAN aka DELORES W. SHEAHAN aka DELORES A. SHEAHAN aka DELORES WENZEL SHEAHAN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Diana Delores Sheahan in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Diana Delores Sheahan 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 January 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM in Dept. No. C08 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE W, SANTA ANA CA 92701.

**IF YOU PLAN TO APPEAR: (1) You must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the court's website at <http://www.courts.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 a 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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## BAR

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Barrera's cellphone were full.

Barrera has been a controversial figure in Costa Mesa. He operated a nightclub, Maison, and a bar, Casa, that prompted frequent complaints from neighbors and code enforcement actions from the city. In 2015, he was ordered to pay a hefty fine for his role in recruiting investors into a Ponzi scheme.

The state's limitations on businesses to combat a surge in coronavirus cases have drawn widespread criticism from restaurant and bar owners, many of who say the restrictions have unfairly impacted them. Some establishments, like Basilico's Pasta e Vino in Huntington Beach, have been outspoken about flouting mandated closures and other regulations since the beginning of the pandemic.

Prosecutors have declined to file charges in nearly two dozen cases involving county businesses allegedly operating illegally during the pandemic.

Instead, they have focused on "an education and outreach philosophy" regarding the health orders, district attorney officials said.

Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer said in a state-

ment that the Westend bar had multiple opportunities to take corrective action but declined to do so. He called the continued defiance a "slap in the face to hard-working business owners who are trying to do the right thing" in increasingly challenging times.

As tens of thousands of others have either closed their doors or managed to

comply with the coronavirus restrictions, it is unacceptable for one business to "continue to operate without even attempting to institute any mitigating measures that are designed to save lives," Spitzer said in the statement.

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## 2020 DAILY PILOT PHOTOS OF THE YEAR



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**NEWPORT HARBOR'S** Olivia Golas (12) tries to get a shot off as Laguna Beach's Emma Singer (1) and Morgan Van Alphen (2) close in during the semifinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 1 playoffs at Irvine's Woollett Aquatics Center on Feb. 19. Top-seeded and defending champion Laguna Beach rallied for a 9-7 victory in the teams' fifth matchup of the season.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**NEWPORT HARBOR** goalkeeper Briant Alvarez stops a shot by La Habra's Sebastian Romero (5) in the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoff on Feb. 14.



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**CORONA DEL MAR'S** Tori Gyselaar walks off the court following a 34-28 to Lancaster in a CIF Southern Section Division 3AA quarterfinal playoff game on Feb. 19 in Newport Beach.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**HAYDEN HERNANDEZ** of Huntington Beach is turned by Newport Harbor's Kai Villasenor in the 106-pound class during Wave League wrestling at Newport Harbor on Jan. 8.



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY'S** Aden Casarez goes up for a shot against Yorba Linda defenders during a CIF Southern Section Division 3A quarterfinals game on Feb. 18. Barons won, 61-50.

## FAMILY

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too much.

But now they are playing and behaving more or less like other girls their age, she said — casts and all.

Quietly, Saldana Meija added: "They still miss my brother, you know."

The family's attorney, Brett Nemeth, organized a GoFundMe. Donations will be put toward medical and educational expenses.

All three are aware of what happened to their parents.

"Once they got home, there were not a lot of questions in the beginning, but once they got used to the house and not seeing them around, [the girls] would ask, 'Where's Mommy? Where's Daddy?'" Saldana Meija said.

"I know them. I know they are waiting for them to come home," she said.

The children have their own ideas on where their parents are now, and Saldana Meija said that she typically goes along with what they say.

"When they're good, they're playing around and stuff," she said. "But sometimes they do get a little sad, then they do start asking. It's only for a little while that they ask and I repeat



Courtesy of Dayana Saldana Meija

**HENRY SALDANA MEIJA** is shown with his wife, Gabriela Andrade, in an undated photo.

what they say to me. 'Remember, I told you. They're up in the sky with God. They're looking after you. They're little angels now.'

Andrade met Henry Saldana Meija in either 2011 or 2013 — "it was a long time ago," Dayana joked.

Jennifer Gutierrez, who is cousins with the Saldana Meijas, remembers Andrade as someone warm

and kind. Gutierrez said she was always very friendly and welcoming to everyone.

Dayana Saldana Meija said that her brother, on the other hand, was the complete opposite. He was shy and quiet, but worked hard.

Henry Saldana Meija was the kind of guy who would only joke with those he was confident with.

"They say opposites attract, so I guess that's why they worked well together," Dayana Saldana Meija said.

Gutierrez said that the two always "pushed through everything."

Gutierrez said her fondest memory was when she and Saldana Meija collaborated to hold a frozen-themed birthday party for the oldest daughter's fourth

birthday in 2019.

It was a surprise party and neither of the parents knew that they'd been organizing it. All of the work, she said, was worth it when they saw the look on Andrade's face.

Their last hurrah was just a few months before the accident, she said.

They'd gotten together at Andrade and Henry Saldana Meija's apartment. She, her sister, Henry, Dayana and Andrade all watched movies with the kids.

Once the children fell asleep, the four shared stories about their lives. Heart-to-heart conversations happened and Gutierrez said she remembers Henry saying that he wanted to work on being a better person and be better for his family, both immediate and extended.

"We all loved each other," she said.

Dayana Saldana Meija remembers that for the last two weeks before the incident that her brother was often home with his three girls, and that when she came home from work, she'd usually find him in the kitchen making lunch for them. Whatever they wanted, she said.

Henry Saldana Meija was great in the kitchen. He'd always be experimenting

with ingredients and recipes.

The three of them — Dayana, Gabby and Henry — had a connection, she said, and the memories that stand out to her the most are the little things like watching a movie together, having dinner. She said that morning before she headed into work, Dayana stopped by Gabby's room to say goodbye for the day.

Gabby was the only person that Dayana hugged hi or goodbye.

She gave Dayana, who she called "Daya," a hug and said, "OK, Daya, take care. Have a good day at work."

Dayana said she'd see her later.

It's a shock, Dayana Saldana Meija said, suddenly being responsible for three little girls. But she said she knew them and knew the way that Andrade and her brother raised and cared for them. She said she has the support of their extended family and that of the Andrade family especially in Gabby's sisters, who are often stopping by.

"I just try to think: What would Gabby do in this moment? What would my brother, what would he do?" Saldana Meija said.

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