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NATALIE SALVATIERRA, 16, delivers letters of encouragement to patients in the Mental Health Inpatient Center at Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Teen's group sends uplifting letters to mental health patients

BY VERA CASTANEDA

"Are you ready to spread some sunshine?" reads the all-caps subhead on a Solely Sunshine web page. Below the question are suggestions on what to include or not include in a letter addressed to a patient at a mental health facility.

Solely Sunshine is an organization whose mission is to help

"It's a lot of teens helping teens. ... It's so timely because people are kind of trapped inside from COVID and they do want to help."

— Heather Salvatierra
Natalie's mother



LETTERS LIKE THESE are given to mental health hospitals and facilities around the world.

those coping with mental health conditions. Anyone can submit notes of encouragement online or via snail mail. The digital notes are transcribed onto letters and sent to mental health facilities around the world.

So far, over 1,000 letters have been delivered to people in 32 states and 35 countries.

The genesis of the organization started with Natalie Salvatierra, a 16-year-old Foothill High School student.

In March, her mom, Heather Salvatierra, shared an article about people with mental health issues, particularly those dealing with an OCD-related hand-washing compulsion, having a

harder time during the pandemic.

"I found it really interesting and I also have lots of family members who have dealt with mental health conditions," Natalie said. "It's just something that's close to my heart. I want the letters to bring encouragement, love and support so that people

know that they're not alone."

She posted on Instagram a call to write letters and received a good response. By May, she built a website and enlisted the help of the Girl Scouts for initial guidance and to make Solely Sunshine a Gold Award project.

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\$150M land deal keeps Angels in Anaheim

The controversial agreement intends to keep the major-league baseball team in the city until at least 2050.

BY BEN BRAZIL

The Anaheim City Council moved forward early Wednesday morning with a controversial deal to keep the Anaheim Angels in the city until at least 2050.

After a contentious, hours-long council meeting that went past 1 a.m., the council voted 5-2 to approve a series of agreements to sell 150 acres and Angel Stadium to team owner Arte Moreno's new company SRB Management for \$150 million in cash.

The deal also includes about \$170 million of "community benefits credits" for 466 affordable housing units and a seven-acre park.

The deal was originally tagged at \$325 million before the city subtracted \$5 million to retain some of the land for an existing water well and a planned fire station.

The deal includes options for the team to renew the agreement through 2075.

There will be a second reading of the deal at the council's next meeting. The sale likely won't be finalized until late 2021 or early 2022.

Mayor Harry Sidhu said the deal was a "major victory" for Anaheim. Keeping the Angels in Anaheim was a crucial part of Sidhu's mayoral campaign in 2018.

"We have made history," Sidhu said in a statement after the meeting. "What have been far too many years of uncertainty and inaction in Anaheim are now over.

"We have secured baseball while freeing our city from the costs of stadium ownership. Our residents will benefit for years to come as valuable, underutilized land gives way to a stadium area we can all be proud of."

Council members Jose Moreno and Denise Barnes cast the only dissenting votes. Both took umbrage with various parts of the deal, including that the price tag was too low.

Moreno voiced opposition to Sidhu's suggestion that the deal represents fair market value for the land.

"When we say its market value was \$320 million, we don't know that because we did not open it up for the market," Moreno said. "We opened it up to one bidder,

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Disneyland's push to reopen sets up critical moment in California's coronavirus battle

BY SOUMYA KARLAMANGLA, PHIL WILLON, STEPHANIE LAI

A growing chorus of businesses small and large has been desperately lobbying California officials to reopen this fall as they struggle to survive after months of coronavirus shutdowns.

This week, they got an ally with undeniable star power.

The Walt Disney Co., one of the world's largest entertainment companies, partially blamed California's strict reopening rules for massive layoffs in its theme park division after trying unsuccessfully to get officials to allow the gates of Disneyland to swing open again.

Disney's blunt criticism is putting more pressure on Gov. Gavin Newsom and health officials at a critical moment.

The state's first attempt at reopening led to a major surge in COVID-19, and Newsom has

vowed to move more cautiously this time and listen only to the science.

His reopening plan omits theme parks altogether, though officials said guidelines will be released this week.

Bradley Pollock, chairman of the Department of Public Health Sciences at UC Davis, said waiting on the state for guidance is undoubtedly frustrating for theme park operators, but that Newsom and his staff are confronting an extremely difficult calculus in determining the size and pace of reopenings.

Keeping businesses closed deals a major blow to the economy and to large swaths of society that may lose their livelihoods, he said.

But any reopenings will increase interactions between people, lead to more cases of the co-

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THE ENTRANCE to Disneyland on Wednesday, a day after company officials announced layoffs resulting from the coronavirus-induced closure of the theme park. Disney announced that it would lay off 28,000 staff members.

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SURFERS WASH ashore and collect their gear after a set of big waves in Newport Beach on Wednesday.



A SURFER leaps away from his board as he is taken over the falls on big wave at the Wedge on Wednesday.



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A GROUP OF BODY BOARDERS takes a break on the beach as a friend drops into a wave at the Wedge in Newport Beach on Wednesday.

A swell time at the Wedge

The latest heat wave was met with a decent 4- to 5-foot swell at the Wedge off Newport Beach on Wednesday which brought a few daredevil surfers to attempt to wrangle and ride the famous powerhouse jetty peak. Up the beach some riders even managed to regular surf a few, while body boarders, and body surfers, attempted to hang on long enough to get a barrel view of the mighty caverns known as cylinders. These waves are for the experienced only, but every now and then, even the best get thrown around a bit when the Wedge “turns on.”

— Don Leach



A SURFER FILMS his own ride, his camera secured in his mouth, as he glides under the ceiling of a big wave.



A SURFER collects his camera, his board and a friend's board.



A BIG WAVE rolls into the Wedge on Wednesday.



A SURFER shoots down the face of a glassy green wave.



A BODY SURFER finds himself atop a thick wall of water.



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UCI partners with O.C. businesses to develop safe reopening plans

BY BEN BRAZIL

UC Irvine is providing consulting services to private businesses to develop rules and procedures to keep employees and customers safe from COVID-19 as the economy starts to open up.

"As the only program in public health in Orange County, we have an obligation to assist our community," UCI professor Karen Edwards said in a news release. "I think there's a gap in this area for us to step up and offer these types of services. This has the potential to have a major positive impact."

Orange County was on track to move into the state's less restrictive orange tier until the average new daily case rate climbed this week. The county is currently in the red tier, the state's second-most restrictive tier.

The county saw its highest total deaths in a single day on Tuesday at 33.

UC Irvine is providing the consulting services to businesses with which it has already established relationships.

Currently, the school is working with three different businesses, including the Irvine Co. and Pacific Symphony. UCI spokesman Tom Vasich declined to identify the third business.

UC Irvine is also currently negotiating with two other businesses.

The college already helped the Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point put together a revised plan as well as a 45-minute training video for staff.

The effort required a detailed safety plan to deal with the hotel's 175 acres of hotel accommodations, dining, golfing, spa and fitness services. The resort is using a variety of safety protocols, including deep cleaning and sanitization, physical distancing, reduced seating capacity in restaurants, screening staff and keeping doors open in communal areas.

"For Orange County to be able to reopen safely, it can't just be public health experts saying we need to implement the kinds of policies and procedures that will keep everyone safe," said Edwards, chair of epidemiology at UCI. "Businesses have to want to do that too."

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UCI law professor says undercover police stings can create criminals

BY BEN BRAZIL

Undercover police stings aren't effective at combating crime rates and create criminals out of people who possibly wouldn't otherwise commit crimes, according to a new article by a UC Irvine law professor.

In "The Dangers of Police-Created Crime," Katie Tinto describes how undercover policing has evolved from focusing on larger crimes to low-level offenses, which tends to "ensnare" vulnerable people.

"Is this effective and cost efficient policing?" Tinto said in a phone interview. "We suggest the answer is no, that we are actually creating criminals. It's not at all clear that these individuals would commit these crimes were it not for undercover police officers presenting the opportunity."

Tinto said that rather than targeting high-level drug kingpins, officers are more likely to run a sting operation on vulnerable individuals like a homeless drug addict on Skid Row.

Undercover policing was born of the idea that some criminals



UC IRVINE law professor Katie Tinto has written an article that says undercover policing focuses on low-level offenses and vulnerable people who wouldn't otherwise commit crimes.

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Los Angeles
Times

are very hard to catch, whether that be a politician taking bribes, or somebody high up in a drug network. Yet, the approach has been "watered down," Tinto said.

Rather than targeting these high-level criminals, police tend to go after people from vulnerable populations, like homeless people or drug addicts.

"When you approach someone who is drug addicted or

down on their luck or recently out of prison or needs money and you offer them a tempting thing, people say yes," Tinto said.

"They are not going into the private law firm and being like, who wants to buy coke?"

Tinto partnered with the non-profit Justice Collaborative Institute for the article.

"Inviting people to commit crimes is fundamentally at odds

with what we expect police to do, which is to focus on credible and serious public safety concerns," said Dawn Milam, senior legal counsel for the Justice Collaborative Institute.

"Firefighters do not start fires just to extinguish them, and police officers shouldn't lure desperate people into breaking the law just to arrest them.

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The Priority Center in Santa Ana kicks off Mental Illness Awareness week with free resources, webinar

BY VERA CASTANEDA

The Priority Center, a non-profit working toward breaking the generational cycle of trauma, is kicking off Mental Illness Awareness week with free suicide- and child abuse-prevention resources.

The annual awareness week hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness is set for Oct. 4 through 10, and the focus is what people with mental illness want others to know.

The center is hosting a Zoom webinar "Understanding Trauma and the Wiring Effects on Brain and Mental Health" at noon Tuesday. Guest speakers include the center's Director and

CEO Lisa Fujimoto, UCI professor and Director of Public Policy Al Valdez and mental health specialists.

The Santa Ana-based center has served all of Orange County since 1983. It was originally known as the Child Abuse Prevention Center but has broadened its programs to include adults.

"Orange County Health Care Agency asked if we would consider partnering with them because the need for adults in crisis was starting to really skyrocket," Fujimoto said. "We were already doing the work with children and the county was shifting more into that side of a mental health focus."

She also said about 80% of the programs still serve children. They are 10 programs ranging from school readiness, child-abuse services and in-home intervention services.

The organization serves individuals during a crisis, which could mean they are experiencing suicidal or homicidal ideation or are in danger of hospitalization or transitioning to an out-of-home placement. Most of the people the center works with are referrals from county agencies or hospitals — typically those who are brought to an emergency room for a psychiatric evaluation but may not meet the criteria for hospitalization or those transitioning back to their

home setting.

Julia De Almeida, associate supervisor of the children's in-home crisis program, said summer is a slow time for the program.

"School presents a lot of stressors for our kids. When they're out of school, we did see referrals go down. However, it has been pretty steady over the [past] summer and due to the pandemic," De Almeida said. "I can attribute that to possibly the children feeling like they're missing out over the summer — not being able to hang out with their friends, not being able to go on their vacation, having to

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Food + Drink

Orange County chef Paul Cao wins on 'Chopped'

BY MATT SZABO

Paul Cao prefers his privacy.

Cao is the chef and owner of Burnt Crumbs, which has locations at Pacific City in Huntington Beach and Irvine, as well as the Burntzilla restaurant in Irvine.

He said he only went on the Food Network reality cooking show "Chopped" last summer at the urging of his publicist, Kat Nguyen. The move more than paid off.

Cao won the "Soup and Sandwich Savvy" episode, which aired Sept. 22, and the \$10,000 prize that came with it.

"My thing was just make sure you get everything on the plate," said Cao, 41, an Irvine resident. "I've seen so many people mess up because they forgot an item or forgot an ingredient, and they get chopped."

Cao made it to the third round of the show and avoided being chopped at the end. He created a funnel cake ice cream sandwich with an assist from his friend and fellow chef John Park, who runs Toast Kitchen + Bakery in Costa Mesa.

"I'm not a dessert or pastry guy, but I was able to memorize a couple of recipes with the help of my buddy John," Cao said. "I was like, 'I need to know how to make a dessert in 10 minutes.' He said, 'The only thing you can make that fast is either a funnel cake or a churro.'"

Cao's specialty at his restaurants is the spaghetti-grilled cheese sandwich, two things which might not seem to go together. Fame might not always be on Cao's plate, though he said he's appreciated the hundreds of text messages he's received since the show aired last week.

He flew out to New York City to tape the episode along with a couple of

longtime friends. One of them was Minh Pham, one of his business partners along with Phi Nguyen.

"The second day we were there, he went to go shoot the show," Pham said. "The later in the day that it got, the more confident we got that, OK, maybe he had a good shot at winning. He left at 5 a.m. and he didn't come back until 9 p.m. We saw him walking in with a big smile on his face, and we knew right away. Knowing Paul, if he lost, he was going to be pissed."

Cao won the prize money. He said he planned to use it go on a family vacation this spring, but the ongoing coronavirus pandemic took away that trip.

Cao, who has a degree in business economics from UCLA and started out as an accountant post-college before switching his career path, has tried to stay afloat. After running a food truck called The Burnt Truck for a few years, he and his partners opened the three restaurants in 2015 and 2016.

This year, COVID-19 forced their closure for about a six-week period from late March until Mother's Day weekend in mid-May.

Due to continued slow business, Cao said the Pacific City Burnt Crumbs restaurant is now only open from Thursday to Sunday each week.

"COVID came, and the \$10,000 got burned real quick," Cao said. "It's been tough, man. The ups and downs, the highs and lows have been crazy ... I don't think anyone in the restaurant business right now is actually making money. Everyone is just trying to stay alive. Everyone I know is just trying to doggy paddle and survive this thing."

Cao hopes for better times ahead, but watching the episode when it aired



Photos by Don Leach | Staff Photographer

CHEF AND restaurant owner Paul Cao recently won the reality cooking show "Chopped." Cao owns and operates Burnt Crumbs in Huntington Beach and Irvine, but like many restaurant owners, he admits it's a challenge to stay afloat during the pandemic.



SOUTHERN FRIED chicken at Burnt Crumbs in Irvine.

last week brought back some good memories. He hadn't seen the final product before it was on television, he said.

He has previously ap-

peared on shows like "Eat St." and "Junk Food Flip."

"I don't let [the attention] affect me or change me," he said. "It's cool, it's great attention for the



A CHALKBOARD shows some offerings at Burnt Crumbs.

business. If I can bring any attention to the chefs in Orange County, that's even more important. There's a lot of really good food out here. L.A. gets a

lot of credit, and deservedly so, but there's great food down here."

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Arts

3 art spaces collaborate on storefront exhibits

BY VERA CASTANEDA

Cal State Fullerton's Begovich Gallery, Grand Central Art Center and MUZEO Museum & Cultural Center remain closed. But they are collaborating on a two-part exhibit making use of public space.

Camargo was set to show his MFA thesis "Origins & Displacements: On Making Sense of Place, Histories & Possibilities" at Claremont Graduate University's gallery, but then the campus shut down. His photography series examines the depiction and erasure of Chicanx and Latinx identity making use of historical documents and archived news material touching on topics related to gentrification, systematic racism and police brutality.

Some of the photos in the series feature Camargo holding signs in a significant location. In "Y'all Forget Who Worked Here?" Camargo stands in front of the Anaheim Packing House holding a sign reading "Brown women used to pack oranges here."

"People of color get invalidated sometimes. A lot of that work that I was doing was looking at history and trying to bring up this memory of the folks that were invisible during that time too," said Camargo in a June interview with TimesOC.

Jennifer Frias, director and curator of the Begovich Gallery, was familiar with Camargo's work and kept thinking about the photography series throughout the summer when protests put social injustices on the forefront of people's minds.

"It was very fitting and I saw his work as not just photographs.

"DAMN Y'ALL

Were Violent in 1936!" 2020, archival inkjet print by William Camargo.



They're educational tools, a form of activism or also a form of outreach," said Frias.

Together they figured out a creative way to put on an exhibit accessible to the public, no matter the county's COVID-19 tier status.

Beginning Oct. 3, volume one of the series can be viewed from Grand Central's 2nd Street promenade while volume two can be viewed from the storefront of MUZEO's Carnegie building and sign boxes on the corner of south Anaheim and Broadway streets.

The exhibit purposefully relates to the city the art spaces are located in — each installation features Camargo's research using the Santa Ana or Anaheim city historical and digital collections.

"It's been interesting trying to figure out how to do things on the outside of the building instead of the inside. That's apparently not something that anyone had tried before [at MUZEO]," said Katie Adams Farrell, MUZEO's interim executive director.

One of Camargo's newer pieces

is a photo of him holding a sign in front of Anaheim City Hall reading that four KKK members were elected to the City Council in 1924. Frias described it as one of the more powerful photos in the show. It's going to be featured inside the MUZEO Historic Carnegie Library Galleries once it reopens on Nov. 21.

Gallery wall space will pose questions for visitors — "How far have we come? Where are we going?" and "How do we get there?"

Farrell said community is important to the museum's mission, and Camargo's series that extends inside the galleries is a chance for visitors to imagine what they want their community to look like in the future.

"People are sometimes discouraged to go into a museum, but what if they're seeing these [outward] displays and it continues inside?" Frias said. "It becomes more welcoming."

Frias later added, "When you think about murals and billboards, they have this immediacy



Courtesy of William Camargo

"Y'ALL FORGET Who Worked Here?" by William Camargo, taken in 2020 and part of his master thesis project "Origins & Displacements: On Making Sense of Place, Histories & Possibilities"

to provoke thought and conversations. They convey messages of hope in grim times and having William's photographs in front of a façade amplifies that sense of awareness and a call for resetting or decanonizing that system."

Virtual programming related to the installations are scheduled on Oct. 13, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. The exhibit runs until Dec. 31.

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ronavirus, and more deaths, he said.

"It's not a question of if, but rather, how much?" he said. "The virus hasn't changed. ... When you have people who can gather physically closer together, you increase the risk. Is it worth it?"

Complicating matters is that some states are beginning to see a new surge in coronavirus cases that experts fear could eventually arrive in California. That would come at the same time as a flu season already expected to make COVID-19 more difficult to manage.

In some parts of the state, including San Francisco and other, more rural, areas, businesses are beginning to reopen as cases plummet. But it's been slower going in Southern California, frustrating business owners and some local officials.

Los Angeles County announced Wednesday that shopping centers and nail salons will be allowed to resume indoor operations with limited capacity over the next 10 days. But there has been much debate about whether the region is reopening too quickly given the health risks, or not quickly enough given the economic woes.

Disney announced that it would lay off 28,000 staff members across its parks, cruises and retail stores because of the pandemic. Though the cuts affect employees across the U.S., executives cited in their decision California's "unwillingness to lift restrictions that would allow Disneyland to reopen."

The pushback from the corporation is part of a much larger, growing pressure that communities around California are facing as businesses grapple with a make-or-break fall after months of slashed revenue.

Jocelyn Campos said her family's restaurant, a mile from Disneyland and typically a popular spot with park visitors, can probably survive only six more months with business down by 40% since the shutdown.

"We're going to do everything in our power, but all we can do is cross our fingers that the customers return," Campos said.

Disney, one of the largest employers in the state, has been severely hobbled by the coronavirus health crisis. In April, the company said it was furloughing more than 100,000 workers after the pandemic forced the company to shut down its theme parks. Disney also cut expenses, slashed executive pay and suspended major projects to save

money.

In June, Disneyland announced plans to reopen but Newsom and his advisors persuaded park officials to hold off.

Disney Executive Chairman Bob Iger has been in direct contact with Newsom throughout the outbreak and is a key member of Newsom's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery, which was created in April to guide the state's financial recovery and create jobs.

However, the prolonged shutdown became financially unsustainable for Disney, said Josh D'Amaro, chairman of Disney's parks, experiences and products segment, in a memo to staff on Tuesday.

"As heartbreaking as it is to take this action, this is the only feasible option we have in light of the prolonged impact of COVID-19 on our business," D'Amaro said.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, California's Health and Human Services secretary, said the Newsom administration expects to release guidance this week for the reopening of theme parks across the state. The extent of reopening may depend on the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic in the counties where they are located.

State public health officials have been meeting with amusement park representatives since the outbreak first began, with re-

cent talks focused on the complex natures of those attractions, which have drawn millions of visitors annually.

Ghaly noted that initially, Disneyland and other parks were not expected to open until the final stage of the pandemic recovery, when herd immunity was established.

"When you think about an amusement park, there's components that are indoor and outdoor and there's different things, like there's water rides," Ghaly said Wednesday. "People usually come to the parks for weekends or weeks. It's a family event. You're in hotels and restaurants. If you keep your guard up while you're in the park, you may take your guard down when it comes to transmission in all these related activities."

Ghaly said the announced layoffs at the Walt Disney Co., as well as the economic toll on other businesses across the state, have weighed heavily on every decision made by both the Newsom administration and local public health officials.

"Nobody has a playbook on this," Ghaly said. "Ideally, the way that we look at this is that our choices around controlling transmission are in fact, helping us set up for more success moving our economy forward."

But not everyone is treat-

ing theme parks this way. In July, Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., was allowed to reopen. However, that Florida allowed Disney World to reopen should not be taken as a sign that Newsom should charge forward, Pollock said.

"They seem to have more tolerance for outbreaks," Pollock said of Florida. "Do I blame the governor here for being more conservative? No."

He added, however, that the opening of Disney World serves as a "natural experiment" testing whether the theme park will become a hotbed for cases. So far, that hasn't appeared to be the case, he said.

"Nothing helps explain risk like history and the facts. So they opened up their theme parks, they did it under very carefully controlled conditions, and there hasn't been a spike," he said. "So I think that theoretically, they may be able to reopen safely here."

Glynnadana Shevlin, who has worked at the Disneyland Resort for 32 years, said she felt shocked by news of the layoffs. Her union, Unite Here Local 11, expects 950 of its 3,000 members who work at the resort to be laid off on Nov. 1.

"I'm in limbo right now," she said. "Of course we want to reopen and work, but it has to be done safely."

The closure of Disneyland has had ripple effects throughout the city of Anaheim, where it is the largest employer. Unemployment in the city is at 12%, the same as during the Great Recession, according to Mayor Harry Sidhu.

"This is not a choice between public health and the economy," he said in a statement. "There is a safe, responsible middle path ... We need to begin restoring our economy in a way that protects public health and also allows people to support their families."

Before the shutdown, the Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham Anaheim at Disneyland Park was often booked, full of families enjoying the theme park. Now, the hotel is at only about 20% occupancy, said general manager Ziaul Islam Syed.

Syed helped manage the front desk on Wednesday, a change due to shifting roles during the pandemic. The hotel used to be often fully booked, but now they are barely scraping by, he said.

"We're canceling more bookings than we're getting," Syed said.

LA Times staff writer Taryn Luna contributed to this report.

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LETTERS

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Now the reach has expanded to members from the Assistance League of Tustin, teen-led nonprofits, a Vancouver-located rotary club and other groups who help transcribe letters.

"It's a lot of teens helping teens," Heather said. "It's amazing that via social media, she's able to reach so many people through this project and it's so timely because people are kind of trapped inside from COVID and they do want to help."

For Natalie, the best part is hearing back from people who received the letters.

One facility created a wall to post the letters. Another facility had kids ask for tape to post them in their rooms. She said the most well-received letters are those written by people who have experienced a mental health condition and offer advice.

"I hope that people in the mental health facilities if they receive a letter from someone in a different country who might be

going through the same thing as them, it just makes them feel like everything's going to be OK because other people can relate to them," Natalie said.

When deciding where to send the letters, Natalie does research on facilities and therapeutic boarding schools but also takes requests.

She won the Baskin-Robbins Pint-Sized Heroes award after being nominated by her mother.

In addition to free ice cream for a year, Baskin-Robbins donated \$5,000 to the organizations of her choice — the Assistance League of Tustin and the Children's Hospital of Orange County mental health facility, which is also one of the local spots that receive the letters.

Natalie is no stranger to writing about mental health. In June, she published a children's picture book "Do Not Worry, Little Donkey" about dealing with anxiety.

In between her junior year classes, Natalie plans to continue Solely Sunshine at least until she graduates.

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ANGELS

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and that was Arte Moreno."

Jose Moreno pointed out a city-commissioned appraisal that valued the site around \$500 million if the city tore down the stadium.

Moreno also questioned the community benefits portion of the deal, claiming that the 466 affordable housing units are meager compared to the city's need.

"It's being highlighted how much housing is coming in for us here but it's not necessarily at the level we need right now," Moreno said.

Supporters of the deal have pointed to the 45,000 permanent jobs and 30,000 temporary construction jobs that will benefit Anaheim as the area is developed out into the planned Platinum Triangle, which will include shops, parks, homes and restaurants.

But Moreno said those jobs will largely just have lower-paying wages, creating further economic strain on the residents of Anaheim.

"What I'm hearing from Councilmember Moreno is a lot of pavement pounding and a lot of yelling," Councilman Trevor O'Neil said.

Barnes at one point during the meeting proposed to table the council discussion until an in-person public workshop could be held to ensure residents' voices are heard. The city held three online town halls earlier this month.

The motion failed 2-4, with Moreno in support and Councilman Jordan Brandman abstaining.

Moreno eventually proposed to continue the item. He also hoped to have a public workshop before the final decision.

That, too, failed with the same vote as Barnes' proposal.

"I have read through many emails since Friday and the public has not had their right to be heard," Barnes said. "I think it's egregious that we are not discussing that first and foremost."

Moreno echoed those sentiments.

"I don't understand why we are rushing this deal," Moreno said. "The Angels are here until 2029, there is no longer a pressing urgent deadline ... My goodness, we are in the middle of a pandemic and we are in the middle of discussing and being presented a very complex land deal with a lot of components to it."



Danny Moloshok | Associated Press

THE ANAHEIM City Council moved forward with an agreement to keep the Angels in the city until at least 2050.

The more than 250 public comments submitted by email were not read aloud consistent with how the city has run council meetings since March.

Comments were provided to the council members and can be viewed online.

Barnes spent many of her turns speaking by reading aloud comments from the public.

The land deal has been mired in controversy for months.

Former Anaheim mayors Tom Daly and Tom Tait

have been outspoken in their criticism of the deal.

The People's Homeless Task Force filed a lawsuit in February against the city, claiming that the city has violated state transparency laws by holding meetings behind closed doors and failing to provide negotiating records.

An Orange County Superior Court Judge denied the city's request earlier this month to throw out parts of the lawsuit.

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Tinto said this type of policing doesn't have any meaningful impact on crime rates and puts these vulnerable, low-level offenders in jail for long periods of time.

The financial cost is significant, especially during the pandemic economy. Taxpayers end up footing the bill for the costly sting operations and long-term jail sentences.

Tinto said because the undercover policing doesn't primarily target high-level criminals, law enforcement isn't going after the root cause of the crime.

"Spending all that money doesn't make us safer," Tinto said.

Law enforcement agen-

cies use undercover police stings because it's an easy method to make arrests and get convictions, Tinto said. It's a way to boost the numbers.

To the layman, entrapment would seem to be a rock solid defense against being talked into a crime by a police officer.

But that's not the case. "Entrapment is a very limited defense," Tinto said.

The suspect has to show that they weren't predisposed to saying yes to the crime offered by the undercover officer.

Tinto said that under most legal standards, somebody is considered "predisposed" if they have a criminal record.

The suspect could have committed a wholly unrelated crime and still be considered predisposed.

Most jurisdictions hold that a suspect cannot be entrapped if they are predisposed.

Tinto said undercover policing should return to its traditional state, when it was limited to catching high-level criminals.

"When you know somebody is committing a type of crime and traditional methods don't allow you to apprehend that individual, then an undercover policing technique might be necessary," Tinto said.

"But simply going around and tempting vulnerable people, people down on their luck, people addicted to drugs, people who need money, I don't think that is effective policing."

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isolate and social distance from schoolmates."

The children's in-home program, for ages 5 to 18 years old, assists the entire family. A case worker typically visits the family at home and provides parents strategies to manage their child's behaviors or symptoms. After the short-term therapy program is completed, families can apply for the center's post-crisis services through the Connected Care program.

Since the pandemic, all programs were switched to phone or video sessions. Fujimoto said people have started to reach out more to the center as the county has opened up more within the state's red tier restrictions.

The center received about \$200,000 from the CARES Act about two months ago and began providing rental and utility assistance, food, transportation and other basic needs to clients. They have until mid-December to distribute the money to clients adversely affected by COVID-19.

"Mental health is really being highlighted right now," De Almeida said. "I know there's been a lot of talk about what the aftermath might look like as far as mental health and assessing for any sort of child abuse because children are spending so much time at home. We're willing and ready to adapt whenever that transition happens again to any sort of normalcy and any possible peaks [in services] we might see."

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