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## 'Let's just keep moving forward': O.C. dining in the time of COVID-19

Starting a new restaurant is a challenge under normal circumstances, especially with Orange County's rent and depth of competition. But the pandemic has narrowed the odds of success even further.

BY ALIESE MUHONEN

Sixty-one degrees? Rain? Whatever. The elements didn't stop a queue of socially distanced customers from trailing out of Eggbred's door and around the parking lot on a chilly Saturday morning. The reward for their wait: inventive breakfast sandwiches crafted by owner Albert Shim, who opened the La Habra restaurant on Oct. 10.

"[The decision to open] was kind of in full faith," Shim said. "I was just like, 'Screw it, I can't hold off any longer. I just gotta do it.'"

Shim, 35, is one of the few bold souls who started a business in the food and beverage sector in 2020 — the industry's most devastating year in recent memory.

According to a survey conducted by the National Restaurant Assn., the food service industry is projected to lose \$240 billion by the end of the year. Within California, an estimated one in three restaurants will be casualties of the coronavirus pandemic, closing permanently or shuttering multiple locations.

Starting a new restaurant is challenging under normal circumstances, especially with Orange County's steep rent and depth of competition. But the addition of a pandemic has narrowed the odds of success even further.

Shim originally planned to open Eggbred in April but postponed when lockdown restrictions went into effect.

"I was so scared about the pandemic and stuff, [but] I feel like we bypassed the majority of that, and I just feel super blessed and fortunate."

And though he said he's exhausted and "borderline delirious" from working 40 days in a row, Shim's not complaining.

"I'm super grateful for everything," he said. "I just want to make sure we're structured and can serve the customers well. It's so hard to do right now."

If the lines outside of Eggbred are any indication, his faith has paid off.

Thirty-seven miles southeast in downtown San Juan Capistrano, George Barker, the 29-year-old owner of Mayfield, prepared for the dinner shift with his staff. Reservations for the restaurant's modern Mediterranean fare have sold out multiple weekends since it launched full service dining at the end of

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

OWNER GEORGE BAKER opens windows at the Mayfield restaurant in San Juan Capistrano.



**A SELECTION** of entrees and side dishes from the Mayfield restaurant.

Photo courtesy of Mayfield

## Newport Harbor product Elizabeth Eddy among pro athletes giving back to Stand Up for Kids O.C.

BY MATT SZABO

Elizabeth Eddy has scored some big goals in her soccer career.

The former Newport Harbor High School and SoCal Blues club standout went on to play at USC, and still plays professionally for Sky Blue FC as part of the National Women's Soccer League. She also recently got back from a four-month stint playing for the Damallsvenskan professional league in Sweden.

"We had a one-month long tournament [for NWSL called the

Challenge Cup] during the pandemic, and we lived in a bubble," said Eddy, a midfielder who graduated from Newport Harbor in 2010. "It was really cool, but it was really gnarly. After that, our league was still up in the air. My friends were playing in Sweden, and they were like, 'Hey, do you want to come play here on loan for four months?'"

Eddy, now 29, is always up for a challenge. Homeless youth awareness is one of her biggest goals yet.

Justine Palmore, the executive director of the Orange County

chapter of nonprofit Stand Up for Kids, said there are 31,000 at-risk and homeless middle school, high school and college-aged youth in the county. Eddy wants to help reduce that number.

She was one of six high-level athletes from Orange County who last week raised awareness of youth homelessness through social media. Eddy posted short videos on her Instagram stories asking for a \$31 donation to fight youth homelessness, along with the hashtag #WalkAMile.

Stand Up for Kids O.C. led the effort, which took place during

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. November is also National Homeless Youth Awareness Month.

Eddy, who returned home to Costa Mesa last week, pledged to get more involved with Stand Up for Kids. The Orange County chapter is also headquartered in Costa Mesa.

"I want to go play soccer with the kids or do something like that, create opportunities to connect with the kids and get to know them better," Eddy said.

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## Cities to partner on 70-bed bridge shelter

Under the agreement with Costa Mesa, Newport Beach will have access to 20 temporary beds for five years.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach approved a memorandum of understanding on Tuesday with the city of Costa Mesa to partner on the latter's 70-bed homeless bridge shelter, which is under construction.

It was approved unanimously, with Councilman Duffy Duffield absent and Councilman Jeff Herdman stepping down from the dais.

Under the agreement, Newport Beach will have exclusive access to 20 temporary shelter beds for an initial term of five years. In exchange, the city will provide \$1.6 million in one-time funds to finance construction of the shelter and an additional initial \$1 million annually for operational costs.

A 12,285-square-foot portion of an industrial warehouse building on Airway Avenue is currently being retrofitted by the Cerritos-based Cal-City Construction, Inc. to accommodate the 70-bed shelter with a full-service kitchen with office and intake space.

Construction is expected to be completed in January, which could allow for occupancy as early as March.

"This has certainly been a bit of a long journey, but I think there have been quite [a lot] of work over at least a year and a half as [homelessness] has become an issue here as well as in neighboring cities and really across the state," City Manager Grace Leung said. City staff and the City Council

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Richard Sanchez

## Richard Sanchez to head CalOptima

BY BEN BRAZIL

Richard Sanchez has been named the permanent replacement to lead Orange County's largest health insurer as the pandemic once again grips the county.

Sanchez had been serving as the interim chief executive for CalOptima since early May after leaving his role as the director of the Orange County Health Care Agency.

There was controversy surrounding Sanchez's departure from the leading health position in the county as it wrestled with the beginning months of the coronavirus pandemic and the politicization of masks.

Sanchez, who served on the board of CalOptima, takes the reigns as the insurer's membership numbers increase, lifted by residents facing new financial hurdles amid the pandemic economy. CalOptima serves the poor and homeless with Medi-Cal in

See **Sanchez**, page A5

### COLUMN | GUSTAVO ARELLANO

## How Huntington Beach became Angrytown, USA

The city has always been conservative, but the governor, masks rules and a new coronavirus curfew have fueled all-out rage.

If you've been to one locals-led protest in Huntington Beach during the Trump administration, you've been to them all.

The picturesque setting of Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway near the pier. The conservative bent of attendees. Their mountains of complaints — Joe Biden's presidential win, Black Lives Matter, California Gov. Gavin Newsom — born of conspiratorial molehills.

In this year, the lack of mask wearing and outright disbe-



Robert Gauthier | Los Angeles Times

**HUNDREDS OF DEMONSTRATORS** gather at the Huntington Beach Pier on Saturday to protest a state-mandated curfew of 10 p.m.

lief about the severity of coronavirus are hallmarks. In all years, the overwhelming whiteness of the crowd in an Orange County that has been majority minority for nearly a generation.

And anger, anger — so much anger.

The protests happen so much that the city's tourism website should list them alongside surfing and volleyball under "Things to Do."

But I still swung by on Sunday night to catch the latest one. The source of ire this time? A statewide mandatory 10 p.m. curfew issued to try and stave off more coronavirus infections. About 400 people showed up to the usual stomping grounds on Saturday night to protest and take back liberty from the man

See **Rage**, page A6



**FROM THE CREATORS** of Winter Fest OC comes Night of Lights OC, a mile-long immersive drive-through experience visitors can enjoy from the comfort and safety of their vehicles.

Courtesy of  
Night of Lights OC



# Night of Lights OC to offer in-car holiday experience

BY SARA CARDINE

Fans of Winter Fest OC at the Orange County fairgrounds likely suspected months ago the in-person holiday extravaganza would not pass pandemic muster — and they were correct — but for those still seeking tidings of comfort and joy, all is not lost.

From the creative team behind Winter Fest OC comes Night of Lights OC, a mile-long immersive drive-through experience that brings many fest favorites to life for visitors, as they remain in the comfort and safety of their vehicles during a 30-minute route.

From Dec. 10 through Jan. 10, excluding Christmas Eve, visitors can enjoy brilliant displays of holiday scenery, special effects and animated light tunnels synchronized to music accessed through a car radio or smartphone. Timed visits are available from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

The event will also feature some traditional Winterfest favorites, including a 50-foot holiday tree, the world's largest ornament, ice princesses and Santa Claus himself.

Katrina Carlson, the executive producer, said the show's organizers surveyed Winter Fest OC fans to see what elements guests enjoyed the most.

“We realized people really loved the tree aspect of it,” Carlson said Wednesday. “So, we’re bringing that all together. We’re still incorporating that Winter Fest brand but moving into a drive-through format.”

The event was previously scheduled to begin earlier in the month, but organizers had to postpone the show and refund tickets when it looked like a Nov. 19 statewide curfew might cut off timed entrances at 8 p.m., providing too narrow a window for a full-scale production.

But when Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley heard the entire event was temporarily canceled, she worked with the OC Fair & Event Center and the Orange County Public Health Care Agency to clarify guidelines and make some minor modifications. Now, vehicles may enter Night of Lights OC until 9:30 p.m.

Foley said in a release issued Tuesday she was thrilled the show would not only provide residents a safe, family-friendly option for the holidays but also ensure work for actors, entertainers and other event staff at a time when many are under- or unemployed.

“During these tough times for everyone, Night of Lights OC is not only spreading holiday joy, but also providing employment

opportunities for hundreds of individuals,” she said.

Early bird tickets can be purchased through Sunday and start at \$39.99 for a vehicle of up to five for the Monday through Thursday shows, with slightly higher rates for weekend performances. Tickets for larger vehicles of six to nine people start at \$59.99 on select nights. Pricing will increase after early bird tickets are sold out.

Attendees may preorder their own in-car holiday treats, including Mom’s Bake Shoppe cookie buckets, brownies, tamales and family meal packs, up until 10 a.m. the day of their show.

Carlson said the basic structure of Night of Lights OC has been built, and now programmers are working on synchronizing lights and music, while entertainers rehearse and staff work on logistics and traffic flow.

With daily health screenings and routine COVID-19 testing in place, creators can focus on creating memorable winter wonderland experiences.

“We’re like Santa’s elves working at all hours of the night,” Carlson said. “People are going to love it.”

For more, visit [nightoflightsoc.com](http://nightoflightsoc.com).

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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

**ACROSS**  
1 Attorney's field  
4 Acting award  
9 Word attached to writer or setter  
13 Repeated sound  
15 Supermarket  
16 Bat mitzvah dance  
17 In close proximity  
18 Formal agreements  
19 "I Only Have \_ For You"  
20 Elevator alternative  
22 Duplicate  
23 Long journey  
24 "Cry \_ River"  
26 Like a haunted house  
29 Al Capone & Bugsy Siegel  
34 Fruit salad ingredients  
35 Wolf cries  
36 Be dishonest  
37 Mickey Mouse hat features  
38 River barrier  
39 \_ pop; soft drink  
40 Tavern drink  
41 Dull lecturers  
42 Fight off  
43 Blushed  
45 Mayflower, Atlas & Allied  
46 Bizarre  
47 Citrus fruit  
48 In fashion  
51 Adversaries  
56 Early harp  
57 Suspecting nothing  
58 Brown amphibian  
60 Come \_; find  
61 Word of welcome  
62 \_ up; rob at gunpoint  
63 Inclination  
64 Backsides  
65 Actor Tommy \_ Jones

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2 Large clubs  
3 "Pardon me?"

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## SUDOKU

By The Mepham 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).

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

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4 Diving bird of prey  
5 Heap  
6 \_Cola  
7 Dancing, painting, drama, etc.  
8 Look like  
9 "\_ in the Hat";

Dr. Seuss book  
10 Toy with a string  
11 Abbr. in some high school names  
12 Effortless  
14 Speakers  
21 Rubs the wrong way

25 Pothook shape  
26 Piece of asparagus  
27 Author Norman Vincent \_  
28 Rowed  
29 Relocated  
30 Has debts  
31 Wed without fanfare  
32 Bus patron  
33 Some SeaWorld performers  
35 "\_ Comes the Sun"; Beatles song  
38 Cockney, for one  
39 Recent birthday for Prince George  
41 Breakfast's partner, in phrase  
42 "The Eternal City"  
44 Museum guide  
45 The Seven Dwarfs, by trade  
47 Paramour  
48 Nightstick  
49 Extravagant promotion  
50 Cast-\_ skillet  
52 Window piece  
53 Pocket bread  
54 Wrench or hammer  
55 Realtor's delight  
59 Initials for Ike

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**HORTICULTURISTS**, clockwise from top left, Erin Aguilar, Justin Williams, Carol Younger and Tim Chadd decorate a 24-foot-tall Christmas tree at Sherman Library & Gardens in Corona del Mar on Tuesday.

Southern California's no winter wonderland, but the holidays are coming tree-by-tree to Newport Beach. As cancellations of Newport Beach holiday traditions abound this year due to the pandemic, the Sherman Library & Gardens

brought in a 24-foot tree for the holidays on Monday ahead of its Nights of 1,000 Lights this December. This is the largest tree at the gardens. The Nights of 1,000 Lights kicks off Dec. 10. For more information on the event, visit *the sherman.org*. — Lilly Nguyen




Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

**ERIN AGUILAR**, manager horticulturist, hangs a pine cone as she helps decorate a 24-foot-tall Christmas tree at Sherman Library & Gardens in Corona del Mar on Tuesday. It is the largest tree at the gardens.



**CAROL YOUNGER**, a senior horticulturist, hangs an ornament on a 24-foot-tall Christmas tree at Sherman Library & Gardens in Corona del Mar on Tuesday.



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SHELTER

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looked at sites throughout Newport Beach previously, with one of the most contentious sites being at Superior Avenue, where neighboring residents argued the shelter would affect their property values, safety and quality of life. Some floated the possibility of litigation.

Other possibilities included leasing and converting part of a privately owned rental car lot near John Wayne Airport or partnering with Costa Mesa on its long-term shelter.

"But what eventually became the most viable was partnering with Costa Mesa as they're building a permanent shelter within Costa Mesa city limits," Leung said.

"I think as the issue has evolved further and looking at the homeless population, it really made a lot of sense to have regional partnerships."

The new shelter will be operated by the Mercy House Living Centers — the nonprofit that also operates

the Bridges at Kraemer Place facility in Anaheim. The annual \$1 million contributed by Newport Beach for operating costs will cover both the beds and full-shelter services, with the full intention of helping homeless individuals to advance to the next stages of housing, Leung added.

City officials in October reported the city has reduced its homeless population by 50% or more since March. Estimates place the current population at 20 to 30 as of October.

Many were housed as part of Project Roomkey, a statewide initiative to repurpose hotels and motels bereft of visitors in light of the pandemic to serve as temporary housing for homeless individuals more at risk for contracting COVID-19. The program ended in late September and housed 33 individuals.

Councilwoman Diane Dixon said the city of Newport Beach was never involved a lawsuit, including the federal lawsuit filed in 2018 against the cities of Costa Mesa, Anaheim and Orange, and that the city has moved along this path

"to do the right thing."

"We've had homeless living in our community on our streets and they deserve better," Dixon said. "They do not need to be sleeping on our sidewalks and in our streets and they need the proper care whether it's rehabilitation, drug rehabilitation or mental health treatment."

Dixon said the homeless were in need of assistance and that joining together with Costa Mesa on their shelter made sense from a financial standpoint. Dixon said that having the city having its own shelter would have been more expensive and that Newport Beach appreciated the city of Costa Mesa for the collaboration.

"There are so many hands in this project, but we, as a city, can take pride that we're doing the right thing and we will now have a humane solution for the homeless that occupy our public spaces and that we can help them hopefully move onto a better life," she added.

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Customer Name	Inventory
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Karen Navarro	Hsld gds/Furn
Cool Bev Holdings	Hsld gds/Furn
Jackie Dewey	Hsld gds/Furn
Vanessa Vasquez	Hsld gds/Furn/TV/Stereo Equip

Donald Hoeffner	Hsld gds/Furn
Shawn Burrell	Hsld gds/Furn/TV/Stereo Equip

Angela Desiderato	Hsld gds/Furn/TV/Stereo Equip/Tools/Applnces
Terry Bradshaw	Hsld gds/Furn/TV/Stereo Equip

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CITY OF COSTA MESA PUBLICATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Costa Mesa Zoning Administrator will render a decision on **Thursday, December 10, 2020**, or as soon as possible thereafter, on the following item:

**Application No.:** PA-18-33 A2 (ZA-20-18)

**Applicant/Agent:** Ed Sapigao and Cammy Hoang

**Site Address:** 3505 Cadillac, Building H - Unit B

**Zone:** PDI (Planned Development Industrial)

**Description:** Planning Application 18-33 A2 is a request for a minor modification to a previously-approved conditional use permit (CUP) for marijuana manufacturing and distribution facility. The CUP was previously approved by the Planning Commission per the city ballot initiative referred to as Measure X, codified as Titles 9 and 13 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code. The proposal would increase the manufacturing and distribution facility by approximately 200 SF and 80 SF, respectively, to satisfy State License requirements. There will be no change in operation including no net increase in equipment count.

**Environmental Determination:** The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.

**Additional Information:** For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email [planninginfo@costamesaca.gov](mailto:planninginfo@costamesaca.gov). Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday, except specified holidays. There will be **no public hearing** on this request. Any written correspondence must be emailed to [ZAPublicComments@costamesaca.gov](mailto:ZAPublicComments@costamesaca.gov) prior to **12:00 PM** on the day of the decision date (see above). The decision letter can be downloaded from the City's website following the decision date at: <http://www.costamesaca.gov/index.aspx?page=940>. If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, prior to the decision date.

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Joseph Gosselin	Lndscpng/Cnstrctn equip

Group Victory International	Hsld gds/Furn,Boxes
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Laguna Beach City Council will hold a virtual Public Meeting to consider the: **Appeal of the action on Temporary Use Permit 20-7520 and a Categorical Exemption to install an outdoor dining area at an existing restaurant (Las Brisas) at 361 Cliff Drive until September 30, 2021. On November 4, 2020, the Planning Commission approved the application for outdoor dining in the restaurant parking lot with conditions, including the condition that the previously installed tent be removed. The applicant is appealing this decision and is requesting to install additional clear windscreens onsite for the outdoor dining area.** SAID PUBLIC MEETING to be held **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** For additional information, contact City staff: **Martina Caron, Senior Planner at (949) 464-6629 or [mcaron@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:mcaron@lagunabeachcity.net)** and/or the appellant: **Laurence P. Nokes, Esq. (949) 376-3500 or [lnokes@nokesquinn.com](mailto:lnokes@nokesquinn.com).** You may also communicate comments about the proposed application and the appeal to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website ([www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net)). **At this time, the City Council Chambers will not be open to the public. However, comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, or in writing prior to the hearing, when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office. Written correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Procedures for participating in the virtual meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda.** If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Meeting. Lisette Chel-Walker, CMC, City Clerk

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"I want to help out where it makes sense. That's kind

of the gist. It's kind of crazy learning that there's 31,000 youth experiencing homelessness or at risk, and there's only 400 kids in the program."

The goal would be to get from 400 closer to 31,000, which is a huge goal but definitely do-able. It's just step by step.

"People see 'The O.C,' and they're like, 'Oh my gosh, it's perfect.' And it's like, 'Well that's a TV show, and they only show you one part of it.' Every part has a good and a bad to it. There's definitely a lot of need that people are unaware of because of the assumption that oh, it's so wealthy. Part of it is."

Other standout athletes from Orange County also posted to their Instagram stories, including Cleveland Browns fullback and Rancho Santa Margarita native Johnny Stanton, as well as Foothill Ranch native and UCLA gymnastics senior

Kendal Poston.

Jen Schroeder, former UCLA softball star and founder of The Packaged Deal, also contributed, as did former Stanford stand-out swimmer Ella Eastin, who's from Irvine.

Steven Birnbaum, a professional soccer player for D.C. United also from Irvine, met former homeless youth for a virtual question-and-answer session on Nov. 16 and posted to his Instagram stories.

"The kids were so excited," Stand Up for Kids O.C. director of operations Carlia Oldfather said. "In the beginning, they were shy, then they couldn't stop asking questions. It was very cool to see that."

Stand Up for Kids O.C. director of development Michael Olson said that former model and actor Cory Tomlinson helped bring the athletes together for the

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Courtesy of Elizabeth Eddy

**NEWPORT HARBOR** High graduate Elizabeth Eddy is a professional soccer player who recently played in Sweden.

## EDDY

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cause. Olson said that it was not so much about fundraising but raising awareness, though the non-profit hopes to raise \$10,000 next week on “Giving Tuesday.”

“It costs about \$2,000 to put a youth through our 18-24 [year old] program,” Olson said. “We’re hoping to use it for five youth.”

Olson said that volunteering is up during the pandemic, and the organization has about 130 active

volunteers.

Eddy is one who wants to continue to give back.

“The way that they run the program is really unique,” she said.

“It’s not just kids, it’s people ages 18 to 24, college kids. Some people are like, ‘They’re not kids,’ but at the end of the day, if they don’t have parents or their parents are poor, they do need mentorship, advice and support on how to get themselves on two feet and be self-sufficient.”

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## SANCHEZ

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Orange County.

“We’re anticipating that the financial hits that are being seen across Orange County are going to take its toll in terms of the population meeting criteria to be Medi-Cal eligible, and the signup may be ticking upwards,” Sanchez said.

Membership has grown by about 70,000 between February and October from 709,000 to 776,000. The county’s unemployment rate climbed to as high as 14.7% in May before tapering down to about 9% in September, according to CalOptima data.

Sanchez said the most difficult aspect of the new world under COVID-19 has been transitioning to telehealth for both employees and patients.

“The virtual nature of telehealth and transitioning to that very quickly and all the impacts that it’s had on basically the health world, I mean I can just go on and on with that one,” Sanchez said.

Sanchez said it was a “heavy lift” switching from in-person to telehealth. CalOptima doesn’t provide direct care, rather it provides care through its network.

Sanchez said it was easier for some of CalOptima’s national health provider partners to transition over to telehealth, but it has been far more difficult for smaller community clinics to redefine how they provide healthcare through retraining staff and the expenses that went along with the transition.

There’s still room for improvement.

“We’ve made headway in acceptance and usage,” Sanchez said. “... Not at the same level where I feel our preventative care, our ongoing natural care of

chronic conditions is where it should be.”

Sanchez said member acceptance of the new telehealth system is a major issue. Since CalOptima is the county’s healthcare provider for the poor and homeless, members may lack a computer or the technical knowledge to navigate the telehealth system.

“Our senior citizens may struggle with that and may be more vulnerable because of that,” Sanchez said.

Sanchez also said he will work to put the millions of dollars earmarked for homelessness programs to use.

Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Andrew Do, who serves on the board of CalOptima, was critical of the insurer while it was under the leadership of Sanchez’s predecessor, Michael Schrader for moving “too slowly” in rolling out programs to help the homeless.

“I am very frustrated,” Do said in 2019. “It’s to the point where they are either tone deaf or they don’t know what the heck they are doing.”

Despite requests for an interview this week, Do only provided an emailed statement.

“The CalOptima Board is excited to appoint Richard Sanchez as the permanent CEO,” Do said in the statement.

“Richard’s 36 years of experience in healthcare, together with his strong leadership at HCA and as interim CEO for CalOptima through the difficult challenges of COVID the past seven months, will allow him to be a strong leader in delivering a member-focused healthcare system centered on quality, increased access and equity.”

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# MARKETPLACE

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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION LIEN SALE**  
**West Coast Self Storage**  
**2059 Harbor Blvd**  
**Costa Mesa, CA 92627**  
**(949) 631-6666**

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 [STORAGETREASURES.COM](http://STORAGETREASURES.COM) on **December 5th, 2020**. 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	Cynthia Blake
10x10	Ryan Turnbull

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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### CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF

#### **ZONES 2 & 3 STREET CONCRETE REHABILITATION (CIP 503)**

**N-1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids with online bid price submittal will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for furnishing all labor services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, utilities, and all other items and facilities necessary therefore, as provided in the contract documents for the **ZONES 2 & 3 STREET CONCRETE REHABILITATION (CIP 503)**, together with appurtenances thereto, in accordance with the specifications on file at the Office of the City Engineer of the City of Laguna Beach, located at 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California.

**N-2 DATE OF OPENING BIDS:** Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-15) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system in accordance with the instructions beginning on page B-5 no later than **2:00 p.m. on December 15, 2020**. No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.

**N-3 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK:** In general, the work comprises removing existing curb, gutter, sidewalk and pavement; pruning roots; constructing P.C.C. curb and gutter, sidewalk, and installation of root barrier; adjusting utilities to grade, and implementing traffic control in five neighborhoods in the City of Laguna Beach.

**N-4 AWARD OF CONTRACT:** (a) The City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and reject all other bids, as it may best serve the interest of the City. (b) As a condition of award, the successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

**N-5 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** All work is to be completed in a total of **THIRTY (30)** working days, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be **February 16, 2021**. Liquidated damages shall be **\$1,000** per calendar day.

**N-6 CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION:** The Contractor shall possess a valid **Class A, General Engineering**, Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Profession’s Code.

**N-7 WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS:** In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations are available on the Internet at the World Wide Web site of the State Department of Industrial Relations at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov) under Statistics and Research. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

**N-8 RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS:** The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the Contract Documents from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payments by the City, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

**N-9 OBTAINING OR INSPECTING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** Contract Documents, in digital Adobe Acrobat (.PDF) format, are available at the City of Laguna Beach’s website at <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/bidinfo/default.htm>. Click on the “Click here to access the City of Laguna Beach PlanetBids portal”. If you are not currently registered with the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the “New Vendor Registration” button and then complete the electronic supplier registration process, including selecting Category Code(s) describing the goods and/or services you provide, as well as entering your Contractors State License information. After registering your firm, click on the “Bid Opportunities” button to view and download the Bid Documents. Interested firms must be registered on the City’s website and download the Bid Documents in order to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to download any and all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

**N-10 REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:** No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH

/s/ Mark Trestik, City Engineer

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. **14521-JP**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: **LUNCH2YOU.LLC, 17805 SKY PARK CIRCLE, STE BC, IRVINE, CA 92614-6108**

Doing Business as: **LUNCH2YOU**  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: **SAIGA LLC, 17805 SKY PARK CIRCLE, STE BC, IRVINE, CA 92614-6108**

The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, LEASE AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS** and are located at: **17805 SKY PARK CIRCLE, STE BC, IRVINE, CA 92614-6108**

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: **ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 17316 EDWARDS RD, STE B160, CERRITOS, CA 90703** and the anticipated sale date is **DECEMBER 16, 2020**

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 17316 EDWARDS RD, STE B160, CERRITOS, CA 90703** and the last date for filing claims shall be **DECEMBER 15, 2020**, which is the business day BEFORE the sale date specified above.

DATED: **11/14/2020**

BUYER: **SAIGA LLC**  
**115555 DAILY PILOT 11/27/2020**

### LEGAL NOTICE

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.

Location: **Life Storage #514**  
**8041 Edinger Ave.**  
**Westminster, CA 92683**  
**(714) 841-4119**

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:

Day/Date/Time Auction Ends:  
**Monday, December 14th, 2020 10:00 A.M.**

Customer Name	Inventory
Jeff McCormick	Hsld gds/Furn
Tracy Shaffner	Hsld gds/Furn
Rosa Quintana	Hsld gds/Furn
Henry A Johnson	Hsld gds/Furn
Kindra Ross	Hsld gds/Furn
Tuongvi Vuong	Hsld gds/Furn
Timothy Tuney	Hsld gds/Furn, Tools/Aplneces, Beauty Supplies
Tracy Fox	Hsld gds/Furn
Ryan Norris	Hsld gds/Furn
Randall Harford	Hsld gds/Furn
Gary B Waghorn	Hsld gds/Furn
Jun Nakiri	Golf Clubs
Ruth Smith	Hsld gds/Furn
Nhu Thao Dang	Inventory products
Brandon Sanchez	Hsld gds/Furn
George Lopez	Hsld gds/Furn,Legos
Rosa Quintana	Hsld gds/Furn
Julieann Best	Hsld gds/Furn
Tracy Shaffner	Hsld gds/Furn,Motorcycle
Jason Pope	Hsld gds/Furn
Steven Hutchinson	Hsld gds/Furn, Tools/Aplneces
Laura C. Hernandez	Hsld gds/Furn
Luis Lay	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Tools/Aplneces
Jocelyne Martin	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Off Furn/Mach/Equip
Stan Clark	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Tools/Aplneces
Carmen Lockett	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Actctng rcrds/Sales Sampls
Chris Potter	Hsld gds/Furn
Chris Hohimer	Hsld gds/Furn,Tools/Aplneces,Off Furn/Mach/Equip
Tu Thanh Tran	Hsld gds/Furn
Christopher Huynh	Hsld gds/Furn
Brittney N Ribertelli	Hsld gds/Furn
Larry Webb	Hsld gds/Furn
Jesse Drene	Hsld gds/Furn
Kindra L Ross	Hsld gds/Furn
Laura Pacheco	Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip,Tools/Aplneces, Off Furn/ Mach/Equip, Actctng rcrds/Sales Sampls
Nicholas Howell	Hsld gds/Furn
Maribel Sanchez	Hsld gds/Furn
Constabtin Porunbita	Hsld gds/Furn
Guy Provenzano	Hsld gds/Furn

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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.

17392 Murphy Ave, Irvine, CA 92614, 949-222-0270

**Customer Name Inventory**  
Shawn Wyatt Hsld gds/Furn,TV/Stereo Equip 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 Monday, December 14, 2020 at 10:00AM. Published in the Daily Pilot on November 20, 2020 and November 27, 2020.

CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH:  
INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM LODGING  
Introduce the Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 25.23, 25.10, 25.12, 25.14, AND 25.43 AS MODIFIED BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM LODGING” was introduced at the City Council meeting of November 17, 2020, on the following 5-0 vote: AYES: Blake, Iseman, Kempf, Dicterow, Whalen, NOES: None, ABSENT: None. The proposed Ordinance will amend the Chapters 25.23, 25.10, 25.12, 25.14 and 25.43 as modified by the California Coastal Commission relating to Short-Term Lodging.

Lisette Chel-Walker, CMC, City Clerk  
Publish: November 27, 2020

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:

Life Storage, 3190 Pullman St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 714-979-4100

Customer Name	Inventory
Razvan Timingeriu	Hsld Goods/Furn
Christopher P House	Hsld Goods/Furn
Ashley Decker	Hsld Goods/Furn
Alireza Ray Talebi	Hsld Goods/Furn
Jesse Benitez	Hsld Goods/Furn/Offi Furn/Machine/Equip/ Tools/Apliances
Charity Brannon	Hsld Goods/Furn
Abdullah Asiri	Hsld Goods/Furn
Brian Humphreys	Hsld Goods/Furn/TV/ Stereo Equip/Tools/ Appliances
Amy Caris	Hsld Goods/Furn
Elio’s Kitchen	Hsld Goods/Furn
William Bishop	Hsld Goods/Furn
Anthony Conrad	Hsld Goods/Furn
Arrash Kavvand	Hsld Goods/Furn/Offi Furn/Machine/Equip/ Landscaping/Construct Equip/Tools/Apliances
Andrew Watt	Hsld Goods/Furn
Carlos Negrete	Offi Furn/Machine/ Equip/Acct. Rec/Sales Samp
Lisa Owens	Hsld Goods/Furn/TV/ Stereo Equip

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 Monday, December 14, 2020 at 10:00AM.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SAEED MIRZAI**  
**30-2020-01170651-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: **SAEED MIRZAI**  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **MASOUD H. MIRZAI** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MASOUD H. MIRZAI** 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 06, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
**(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the Court’s website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.**

**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**EGGBRED OWNER** Albert Shim is shown at his La Habra restaurant, which he opened in October.

## DINING

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August.

Tonight's challenge is the rain, hindering seating on the outdoor patio.

Barker chuckled.

"It's cold outside, and basically sitting inside will feel like you sat outside," he said.

Named after Barker's hometown in the U.K., Mayfield is his dream four years in the making. After moving from London to Orange County in 2017, Barker opened a food truck, vetted potential restaurant locations and secured Mayfield's current space on Camino Capistrano.

Construction began the week before lockdown in March. Barker couldn't go to the site for seven weeks and had to communicate with the construction crew and his chef through video calls.

"At the very start, it was hard," he said. "We were trying to plan, like, building a kitchen, stocking the kitchen, hiring, writing menus. And we didn't even get the recipe tests for like 12 weeks because we couldn't see each other. So that was challenging."

Though opening in the midst of a pandemic wasn't an ideal scenario, Barker is grateful that he could open Mayfield later in the year.

"We've worked with it," he said, "And I think part of being a restaurant is every night, you have to deal with situations and figure things out and work things out. And [the pandemic] is just another one of those."

The next day in downtown Santa Ana, Brit Costello, 35, and Jason "J-Bird" Venable, 36, sat in the taproom of Cerveza Cito Brewery and reflected on the chaotic five weeks since the brewery's Oct. 1 opening.

On separate weekends, there were the Santiago and Blue Ridge fires (resulting in poor air quality), Halloween, the presidential election and now a spike in COVID-19 cases.

Costello, the tasting room manager, smiled wryly.

"It feels like we've been open longer than we have," she said. "It really does."

Venable laughed. The owner of the brewery and one of the three co-founders of the Santa Ana hair products company Suavecito Pomade, Venable was in the middle of purchasing the brewery space when lockdown went into effect.

"It's just one of the things where [we said] 'Let's just keep going forward,' and I don't think we had any idea it was going to get this crazy," he said. "I think we've actually been luckier than most, that people are totally willing and haven't really caused many issues when it comes to, like, abiding by the rules."

Of all the businesses in the food and beverage sector, craft breweries have had some of the largest losses in sales and the most confusing restrictions. Under the current tier system, customers cannot buy beers at a brewery without also buying an accompanying meal.

For breweries without dedicated kitchens like Cerveza Cito,

that means playing musical chairs with food trucks and forming partnerships to guarantee there's a different one onsite every day. The food also needs to pair well with the brewery's Latin-inspired beers, whose ingredients — prickly pear fruit, Ibarra Mexican chocolate and ghost pepper spice, among others — reflect the city's and Venable's heritage.

While the brewery has had consistent sales, Venable and Costello stressed the importance of being flexible and having an action plan to survive.

"You have to be totally willing to throw anything out the door if something changes at the drop of a hat, because it does," Costello said. "I think we all learned that this year: how fast things can change."

That afternoon in Garden Grove, Phoebe Pham carried a folding table and chairs outside and arranged them in front of the dessert shop she co-owns, Mmm Gelato and More.

Though the customers stayed inside the shop — it's 64 degrees and windy — Pham was comfortable sitting outside.

"This actually feels good," she said. "I went to school at Boston University."

Pham's business has endured every closure and restriction since the beginning of the pandemic. She and her business partners tried to open Mmm Gelato in March but closed when lockdown began.

Featuring mainly gelato, coffee and matcha drinks with a Southeast Asian twist, the business couldn't sell many of its offerings



Courtesy of Mmm Gelato

**COCONUT DRINKS** and gelato at Mmm Gelato in Garden Grove.



Courtesy of Mmm Gelato

**MMM GELATO** offers a variety of matcha, mango and other fruit drinks.

through delivery services due to their risk of melting.

Mmm Gelato reopened for takeout after lockdown ended and slowly expanded its hours to a regular schedule by August.

"We have to push back our grand opening day," Pham said. "In fact, we haven't had a grand opening day yet. So it's like we have the longest soft opening ever."

In addition to the rigor of helping run her first business, Pham is expecting her second child, due at the end of the year. She credited having a growth mindset with getting her and the shop's

staff through the difficult days.

"[The pandemic] slowed down our plan. But on a positive side, we have more time," she said.

"When we first opened, we made mistakes. But we learned through it. Me and the other partners, we think of this as something to try, just to have fun. So that's why we opened the store; we try to bring that positivity to other people."

"A lot of things happened this year. But at the end, we still have to be positive to get through everything together."

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## RAGE

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they call "Gruesome Newsum."

I expected the same party on Sunday, but it was a far more subdued affair: No more than 40 bundled-up folks stood in the clear night to the approving honks of traffic on PCH. Equal numbers of Trump flags flapped alongside Old Glory flags and a solitary California flag that read, "Trump Country."

There was even a sizable Latino presence.

Progress, right?

The rallies have unsurprisingly drawn widespread attention and out-of-towners looking to join the fun. To clueless outsiders who think California is a sapphire of socialism, the Huntington Beach gatherings are surprising, even perplexing. How can such vivid displays of right-wing pique persist in such a blue state?

But even Californians can't look away. Because we know they're our doppel-gangers.

Throughout our history, a significant chunk of the state's residents have risen up as California inched leftward.

The anti-curfew protests that happened here over the weekend and across the state are a manifestation of the same tendencies that has seen Californians vote against gay marriage and housing desegregation in the past, and keep Proposition 13 — which keeps property taxes low for those who can afford property — and reject affirmative action this year. Wearing a mask and acting for the common good during a pandemic, of course, should be a nonpartisan act. But in these polarized times of ours, our outgoing president and his followers see such common sense acts as lefty wimpiness.

In the past, it was the



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**HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE** protest near the Huntington Beach Pier and Pacific Coast Highway on Saturday night. "No place is more fertile for Golden State grievance politics than Huntington Beach," writes columnist Gustavo Arellano.

San Fernando Valley, San Diego and the Inland Empire that led the anti-lib revolt. Today, no place is more fertile for Golden State grievance politics than Huntington Beach.

Because, as always, participants think of themselves as guardians of the California Dream they fear is slipping away.

The story that locals like to broadcast to the world is a simple, even truthful one. Beaches and waves worthy of H.B.'s Surf City nickname. Largest Fourth of July parade west of the Mississippi. A haven for mixed-martial arts. One of the last places in Southern California with a healthy white working class.

But this veneer of gentility has always masked ugly truths. It remains a breeding ground for neo-Nazis, and has battled California Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra so

much over matters the rest of the state largely accepts — affordable housing policies, sanctuary state laws, coronavirus-provoked beach closures — that it should switch its nickname to Sue City.

Huntington Beach is the type of place where City Atty. Michael Gates can be so baldly partisan that he was a featured guest at a meet-and-greet for newly minted council member, mixed-martial artist and coronavirus truther Tito Ortiz. (Huntington is also the type of place that elects people like Ortiz). It's a city that riots every once in a while for surfing events, chaos that residents summarily blame on their cousins from Yucaipa. Where residents counter-protest anything that stinks of progressives, whether it was antiwar vigils during the Iraq war or a George

Floyd solidarity gathering this summer. For that latter event, the city declared an 8 p.m. curfew that tellingly didn't draw carloads of whining Trump Bros screaming tyranny.

All these traits have compounded on themselves to the point that the rest of Orange County now stereotypes H.B. residents as spittle-flecking, over-muscled, badly tattooed, ultra-tanned men and women whose idea of dressing up is matching Rainbow flip-flops with Oakley shades.

It used to not be like this. Yeah, H.B. has always been conservative — you can't not be when voters kept sending Russian President Vladimir Putin's favorite congressman, Dana Rohrabacher, back to Congress for decades. But as a lifelong Orange County resident, and someone

who has kept an eye on Sore City for 20 years, I've seen the Huntington Beach ethos degrade from a hang-loose cheeriness into one of eternal anger.

Something seeped into the acai bowls and breakfast burritos these townies scarf down religiously, folks. Gina Clayton-Tarvin has lived in Huntington Beach since 1993 and also remembers when the conservatives in town were more measured. She used to be one herself, and more than a few of them helped elect her in 2012 to the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees. But by then, said the sixth-grade schoolteacher, "people were starting to get upset because a Black man was in the White House."

The election of Trump was like gasoline to this "vocal minority" of residents. But so was the reali-

ty of a changing city. People of color now make up nearly 40% of the population. Two progressive Democrats won council seats in the November election. And Clayton-Tarvin won reelection in 2016, ran unopposed this year, and is considering a City Council run in 2022.

Those demographic and political shifts, she says, have led to the spate of protests in recent years. But the ones surrounding the coronavirus are by far the dumbest.

"The level of cognitive dissonance that it takes to get out there at 10:01 and declare your freedom against this so-called tyranny is astounding," Clayton-Tarvin said.

She placed direct blame on city leaders and Orange County law enforcement officials who have openly said they will not enforce curfews or mask mandates.

"If the City Council is not telling their police chief to enforce orders, then don't you think that the general public will say, 'Hey, that's the place we should flock to?'" she said. "When children act out in my classroom, that's what they do. They think, 'I'm going to flaunt my ability to not follow the rules.' And they do."

That's what I thought when I readied to leave the Sunday night shutdown. The protesters were in good spirits as they filed down Main Street toward the pier. They paid no attention to the homeless men settled in for the night in front of shuttered storefronts, or the restaurants that were cleaning up their tents.

Instead, a woman with a megaphone proclaimed, "We are the curfew breakers!" with all the glee of a playground dodgeball champion.

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