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NICK STEFFEN, left, Mateo Stanford, in red, and Julianne Zenkus eat at the Longboard Restaurant and Pub in Huntington Beach on Tuesday.

Phase 2 opens parts of O.C.

Retailers, restaurants, hair salons among businesses OKd for reopening, with limits.

BY SARA CARDINE

Just in time for Memorial Day - a mainstay for local beach communities looking ahead to summertime sales receipts - Gov. Gavin Newsom gave the green light Saturday for Orange County restaurants and retail businesses to begin serving more customers, with limitations.

County officials requested Thursday a variance that would allow local businesses to accelerate into Phase 2 of the state's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap, a plan that ties four phases of reopening to targets relating to coronavirus infection trends, testing and contact tracing.

Phase 2 permits in-person dining reserva-tions and retail shopping with distancing and face-mask protocols in place. Some personal service businesses may open, including car washes, pet groomers, tanning facilities and landscape gardening services.



where variances have been approved, marking the beginning steps of a transition into Phase 3.

For approval to move fully into Phase 2, Orange County had to demonstrate daily COVID-19 hospitalization rate changes of less than 5% throughout a seven-day period or show no more than 20 hospitalizations in any one day for the past 14 days.

The county also had to prove lower infection rates — fewer than 25 new cases per 100,000 residents in the past 14 days, or less than 8% positive results among countywide coronavirus testing in a seven-day period. In an attestation report submitted Thursday to the state's Public Health Department, Orange County health officer Dr. Nichole Quick showed the average daily percent

JAMES COELHO gives a haircut to Ramon Ramirez, of

San Pedro, at Makin Waves Salon in Huntington Beach on Tuesday

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change in COVID-19 hospitalizations between May 13 and 19 was .91%.

Quick also showed that, in the same time period, only 7.95% of the 10,147 coronavirus tests issued countywide returned positive results.

Orange County officials had to demonstrate the capacity to test 1.5 in every 1,000 residents (about 4,800, Quick estimated in the report) and provide 15 staff per 100,000 county residents have been trained and are available to

Health agency: 2K have recovered

But 110 new cases of the coronavirus were reported in O.C. Tuesday, with no new deaths. Total cases are approaching 6,000.

BY MATT SZABO

The Orange County Health Care Agency estimated Tuesday that nearly 2,000 county residents have recovered from COVID-19 since the novel coronavirus pandemic began in March.

The agency's daily update included recovery numbers for the first time. They were calculated by taking the difference between the prior 28-day cumulative case count and current day mortality. The agency estimated that 1,995 people have recovered from the respiratory disease.

There have been 5,578 reported COVID-19 cases in the county. According to Tuesday's update, there were 110 new cases reported, but no deaths for the second day in a row.

The cumulative death count now stands at 131, including 52 skilled nursing facility residents.

There are 269 COVID-19 cases currently hospitalized, including 106 in intensive care.

Both numbers represent a singleday high during the pandemic. The data comes with 24 of 25 eligible hospitals reporting.

Just 795 tests were reported administered on Monday, the Memorial Day holiday. To date, 105,138 people in the county have been tested for the coronavirus.

Of the cumulative reported cases, 18% of the people were in the age range 25 to 34, and 18% were in the age range 45 to 54. People ages 35 to 44 and 55 to 64 both account for 15% of the cases.

In terms of the deaths due to COVID-19, 86% of them have been people ages 55 and older. A total of 29% were ages 75 to 84, and 27% were 85 or older.

Males account for 52% of the cu-

mulative cases in the county, and

57% of the deaths.

The second phase also allows for the opening of outdoor museums as well as some manufacturing businesses and offices, though teleworking is still recommended.

And in a new announcement Monday, Newsom announced barbershops and hair salons would be allowed to reopen in counties conduct contact tracing.

Quick said the county had the capacity to perform more than 9,000 tests per day and assured more than 20 state and locally funded testing centers are conducting more than

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Those who identify as Hispanic or

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Move to hold graduations online draws protest



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

STUDENTS OUTSIDE of the NMUSD office in Costa Mesa on Tuesday protest the district's decision to not hold in-person graduation ceremonies this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BY MATT SZABO

About 80 Newport-Mesa Unified School District high school seniors gathered Tuesday morning in front of the district office in Costa Mesa, protesting the decision to cancel in-person graduations in the district due to the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic.

The peaceful protesters were from Corona del Mar, Newport Harbor, Costa Mesa and Estancia high schools.

Several parents also came in support of the students, all of whom were wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Many held signs that read things like, "Let us walk," or, "We deserve better.'

The Newport-Mesa board of trustees decided May 19 in conjunction with principals to move to an online broadcast for each of the six high schools in the district, also including Early College and Back Bay/Monte Vista.

The live broadcast will contain traditional graduation elements and be produced by Van Wagner Sports and Entertainment, and is to be shown the week of June 15.

Henry Hobin, the Corona del Mar senior class president, proposed that the seniors would like to have their respective graduations postponed to late July. This could increase the possibility for an in-person graduation if current restrictions for in-person

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Closure of Royal Thai Cuisine in N.B. marks end of a dynasty

BY SARA CARDINE

Orange County foodies and fans of Newport Beach's Royal Thai Cuisine are saddened by the end of an era, and a dynasty, as owners of the family-operated business recently announced the restaurant's closure after nearly four decades.

Mimi Dang, daughter of owner Sam Tilakamonkul, aka Sam Tila, confirmed the news last week. Tila opened the first Royal Thai Cuisine location with seven brothers in the late 1970s using their mother's home recipes and served as executive chef.



"There were plans to celebrate this [occasion] with our friends and family who have helped us along the way. But then COVID-19 Dang said Friday by hit," email. "As we socially distanced, we quietly and

AFTER 36 YEARS,

Royal Thai Cuisine in Newport Beach is closing down. The last in a chain of familyrun restaurants started in 1978.

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tearfully turned in our keys and reflected on the memories."

Shortly after arriving to the Los Angeles area from their native Thailand, the

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William Lyon, pioneering O.C. real estate magnate, dies at 97

BY MIKE ANTON

Orange County real estate magnate William Lyon, who built more than 100,000 homes nationwide and helped shape suburban America over the past half-century, has died. He was 97.

Lyon, a former Air Force general, was among the pioneers of Southern California's post-World War II economic boom, a prescient businessman who foresaw the region's stratospheric growth and the unquenchable need for housing.

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Photo by Ryan Miller

WILLIAM LYON,

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7,000 tests weekly. She estimated the 477 contact tracers would be trained throughout Orange County by July 1.

"With this attestation, it is our goal to ensure all Orange County businesses have the confidence to open as safely and as soon as possible without concerns about the state order," Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Michelle Steel said Saturday.

Before reopening, however, businesses must comply with certain protocols. They must:

· Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan

• Train employees how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and screen themselves for symptoms before reporting to work

• Commit to individual measures control and screenings and implement disinfection and physical distancing protocols.

• Post industry-specific checklists showing compliance in the workplace

that "We understand many businesses are hurting at this time and greatly want to reopen with as little issues as possible," Supervisor Don Wagner said in Saturday's statement. "However, the state is requiring training and assessments to be done prior to reopening. We ask that businesses work as best as they can to meet these guidelines."

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Legions of shoppers and beachgoers flocked to Huntington Beach for the Memorial Day weekend holiday, with some enjoying restaurant dining for the first time in months.

Mayor Lyn Semeta said in a release over the weekend the county's meeting the readiness criteria set forth by the state was a positive beginning for area businesses.

"This is an incredible step forward for Huntington Beach and all Orange County cities," Semeta said. "Moving further into Stage 2 will provide the lifeline that so many in our restaurant and retail industries need to survive this pandemic."

Semeta announced a new website "HB Ready" has been set up to answer questions about the reopening and help business owners learn guidelines specific to their industries.

COSTA MESA

In Costa Mesa - where officials are working toward a tentative June 1 reopening of City Hall - Mayor Katrina Foley called Newsom's recent announcement "encouraging" for local business owners.

"The last two months have been unprecedented, but all of our sacrifices and hard work truly paid off," Foley said in a statement. "I am optimistic that together we can enter a new phase of reopening our local economy in a way that is safe and restores the vitality of our amazing local businesses.'

The mayor said a new collaboration "restore Costa Mesa" has been working to develop guidelines that would allow for the safe reopening of city commerce, while a shop local campaign called "Costa Mesa's BAC" aims to impart the importance of shopping locally.

"I am grateful for the excellent partnership with our local business community and proud of their resilience," Foley said. "We all share a collective commitment to safety as we move into this new stage of our economic recovery."

South Coast Plaza plans to reopen its popular mall for in-store retail on Monday. "We are thrilled to learn

that we are now allowed to reopen to the public," said Debra Gunn Downing, a spokeswoman for South Coast Plaza. "South Coast Plaza and its retailers and restaurants are ready with new social distancing measures and other significant protocols designed to provide a safe and welcoming shopping experience for our visitors. We will reopen on June 1 and share details about our new practices soon."

NEWPORT BEACH

Retail businesses at Newport Beach's Fashion Island began opening to customers on Saturday, as owners implemented safety measures and guidelines, an associate said Tuesday. Representatives said the center, which had been offering meal takeout and delivery and some curbside pickup before Memorial Day weekend, could be fully reopened as soon as June 1.

News of the easing up of restrictions in Newport Beach followed on the heels of the city's phased reopening May 18 of its City Hall building to the visiting public.

The city's permit center was scheduled for an immediate reopening, with the building and safety counter on track to reopen after Memorial Day and all other services scheduled to resume June 1, with facial coverings and physical distancing guidelines in place.

Newport Beach libraries, the OASIS Senior Center and community centers remain closed until further notice, according to the city's website.

Meanwhile, City Council members were to convene Tuesday to vote on the Fast Track Back to Business Initiative, an emergency permit waiver that would allow businesses and religious institutions to temporarily expand into parking lots, sidewalks or public property to maintain their usual occupancy.

"If tonight's [item] passes, we'll be looking at dedicating staff to fast track these permits," city spokesman John Pope said Tuesday. "Safety and traffic are still going to be a concern ... but we do want to be flexible and work with business owners to give them as much space as possible.'

LAGUNA BEACH

City Council members in Laguna Beach also met Tuesday evening to discuss implementing an economic recovery and business development plan approved May 12, which could allow for the expansion of retail space into some public areas.

Council members will also consider postponing the conversion of Ocean Avenue to a one-way street until fall and approving and adopting a resolution that will allow for the proposed outdoor dining and enter-tainment on lower Forest Avenue.

If approved Tuesday, the panel would vote on a \$145,703 contract with Coachella organizers Choura Events to establish "Promenade on Forest" by June 15.

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For information on getting tested, visit occovid19 .ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing-and-screening.

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gatherings are relaxed by then.

Hobin began a short speech with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "I came to the conclusion that there is an existential moment in your life when you must decide to speak for yourself; nobody else can speak for you."

"We're very confident, after 12 amazing years of Newport-Mesa education, that the board will listen to our idea and hopefully think of something as similar as possible," Hobin said. "We are not here to shame. We are not here to ridicule. We're just here to demonstrate that we care, and that we do not want our hard work and dedication to be honored inappropriately."

Newport Harbor senior Riley DeCinces, who attended Tuesday's protest, wrote a letter to the board of trustees last week in favor of the previously scheduled in-person graduation at Davidson Field.

"We just want to show them that we can be safe DeCinces, the editor-in-chief of the school's yearbook. "We can stay 6 feet apart. We don't have to hug, we don't have to hold hands. We just want that opportunity to be able to graduate with our friends and with our teachers."

Newport-Mesa Unified School District spokeswoman Annette Franco said in an email after the protest that an in-person graduation would be the first choice of everyone involved.

"However, we must abide by state orders and socialdistancing guidelines, as we have a moral imperative to provide the safest environment for our school com-Franco munity," said. "[That] is why our high school principals, in collaboration with the district, decided to proceed with a graduation broadcast, allowing all students and their families to participate in a safe manner as we abide by state orders and social distancing measures.'

Franco added that district high schools are working with student leaders to plan

That may not satisfy many in attendance at Tuesday's protest. Grant James came in support of his daughter, Megan James, an Estancia senior.

"She's got a 4.2 gradepoint average and she's been accepted to [UC] Berkeley and everything," Grant James said. "But still, she's just like, 'I want to do my high school walk.' Thirteen years without anything just doesn't seem right."

Orange County high schools have approached the class of 2020's graduation in different ways. Mater Dei last week announced a drive-in graduation. Tustin Unified School District postponed its in-person high school graduations to early August.

Here are the currently scheduled virtual graduation dates for Newport-Mesa high schools: Early College and Back Bay, June 15; Costa Mesa, June 16; Estancia, June 17; Corona del Mar, June 18; Newport Harbor, June 19.

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

• Santa Ana: 1,032 (30.6 (9.4 cases per 10,000 resi-

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Tila brothers first opened Bangkok Market, thought to be the city's first Thai wholesale grocery store, on Melrose Avenue in 1972.

Known for once hard-tofind items, such as curry paste, kefir lime leaves, forbidden rice and lemongrass, the market closed in November, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The first Royal Thai Cuisine restaurant opened on Pico Boulevard in 1978, serving a mostly American clientele. In the years that followed, family members opened numerous locations in Laguna and Manhattan beaches, Carlsbad, La Jolla and San Diego (with a satellite kitchen on the UC San Diego campus).

(15.9 cases per 10,000 residents)

• Costa Mesa: 104 (9.0 cases per 10,000 residents) • Fountain Valley: 53

Newport Beach The restaurant, opened in 1984, was the last Royal Thai Cuisine to be owned and operated by the Tilakamonkul

family. It made headlines in 1992 when a 6-foot tall, 1ton teak elephant statue was stolen from chains that anchored it to the brick pavement near the entrance to the restaurant and carried off.

A 22-year-old man was later arrested after photos of him posing with the statue surfaced, and the pachyderm was returned (minus one tusk) to the establishment.

Dang said her father became a community figure, sponsoring philanthropic events and being recognized by the Southern California Restaurant Writers Assn. as a Gold Award winner many times over for

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the restaurant's authentic dishes and signature cocktail selection.

In 2019, Royal Thai Cuisine was awarded "Best Thai Food" as part of the L.A. Times' Best of Times OC contest.

Dang thanked the loyal patrons of the restaurant and the many family members who played a role in the success of the familyoperated establishment over the years.

"We can't close without thanking you, the people who have supported Royal Thai Cuisine the past four decades, as well as the entire Tilakamonkul family for all their hard work and dedication to the family business," she wrote. "We wish you much success on your next adventure."

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LYON

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"It is with deep sadness we announce our founder, General William Lyon, passed away peacefully at his home earlier this afternoon," the Lyon Air Museum announced on Twitter Friday. His son told the Orange County Register that the death was not related to COVID-19.

Lyon began his construction career in 1954 with a 66-home project in Anaheim. Within a decade he was among the nation's largest homebuilders and would ride the wave of suburban sprawl for decades to come. His William Lyon Co. was headquartered in Newport Beach.

"Lyon has grown large by selling a mass-produced, relatively inexpensive product," Forbes magazine wrote of him in 1990.

"A Lyon community is a latterday Levittown marketed with a Sam Walton flair. ... Like Walton, he undercuts competitors' prices and dresses his customer service people in distinctive blue uniforms."

Lyon was a decorated Air Force pilot who served in World War II and the Korean War, attaining the rank of major general. In the mid-1970s, he took a four-year sabbatical from business when he was appointed chief of the U.S. Air Force Reserves by President Gerald Ford.

'The General," as friends knew him, was a big-game hunter who owned one of the world's most valuable rare car collections some 100 vehicles that he housed in a 15,000-square-foot "garage" on his sprawling Coto de Caza estate. Among them were vintage Duesenbergs, a Mercedes used as a staff car by

Adolf Hitler and a 1931 Bugatti Royale Coupe de Ville, one of only six made.

Unlike some collectors, Lyon regularly took his irreplaceable automobiles out for a spin.

"These cars originally were made to be driven, so I put them to their intended purpose," he told a Los Angeles Times reporter in 1987. "If I couldn't drive a car, I wouldn't want it."

Lyon was a major philanthropist, donating millions to orincluding ganizations the Orangewood Children's Foundation for abused and neglected children and the Orange County Performing Arts Center. He was also a leading Republican fundraiser. He once hosted a \$100,000-per-couple lunch at his home to raise money to build Ronald Reagan's presidential library.

Lyon's business career mir-

rored California's roller-coaster real estate market. He became one of the nation's wealthiest men during the boom years of the 1960s and '70s but was nearly ruined by the 1990s housing crash. In 1999, he was able to rebound when the market did unlike many of his competitors.

"In business, as in religion, you have to believe in something," he once told a meeting of developers. "If you are a California builder, you must believe that people will continue to come to California, or you will not get to heaven."

Lvon was born in Los Angeles on March 9, 1923. The son of a beverage wholesaler, Lyon fell in love with aviation at age 16 after paying \$1 to fly in an airplane. Seven years later, he dropped out of USC to be a commercial pilot. While in the Air Force, he flew 75 combat missions in Korea, dropping U.S. agents behind enemy lines.

Flying remained in Lyon's blood throughout his life. He owned several aviation companies through the years and remained an active pilot, piloting his own corporate jet as well as a stable of World War II-era planes he collected.

In 2008, at age 85, Lyon flew a vintage B-17 Flying Fortress across the country to participate in a memorial ceremony in Washington, D.C. The trip in the World War II-era bomber took two days.

"It has four engines, so if one shuts down, it's not a big problem," Lyon told the Register. "I'm taking my chief mechanic and a lot of spare parts."

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CdN will miss Megan Chelf's scrappiness

BY MATT SZABO

egan Chelf went into the postseason this year knowing that every match could be her last in a Corona del Mar High girls' soccer uniform.

After four years wearing it, the University of Arizona-bound senior didn't want to take it off. But she said she went into the Sea Kings' CIF Southern Section Division 1 playoff match at No. 4-seeded Mater Dei with the flu and bronchitis.

"I was in the hospital the day before, but I wasn't going to let myself miss that game," Chelf said. "I thought I was going to go in and play maybe 10 minutes, but I played the whole game. I thought I was going to throw up after, but it was worth it."

CdM scored a 3-2 upset victory over the Monarchs in overtime. The draw got even tougher the next round, as the Sea Kings were eliminated 4-0 two days later by eventual champion Corona Santiago. But Chelf still could say she finished her career on the field, not the bench.

That kind of toughness signified the run of Chelf, a scrappy 5-foot-4 forward. She is an accomplished fullback for her club team, the SoCal Blues, but she played up top for CdM because that's where coach Bryan Middleton needed her. When the dust settled, Chelf ended her career with program-record totals of 58 goals and 34 assists.

Chelf is the 2019-20 Daily Pilot Dream Team Girls' Soccer Player of the Year.

"There were games where she was unstoppable," Middleton said of Chelf, who had 14 goals and four assists this season. "It didn't matter who was marking her."

A prime example came in a 6-0 nonleague win over Rolling Hills Estates Peninsula on Dec. 6. That was part of a red-hot start for the Sea Kings (13-6-2), who won their first 10 matches of the season. In that Peninsula match, Chelf set the single-game program record with five goals.

"It was just one of those days where she was on fire and whatever she put on target was going in," Middleton said. "She didn't want to come out of the game, so I put her at center back the last 20 minutes. She picked off a ball at [midfield], took two touches and hit one from like 45 yards out that sailed over the goalkeeper's head for her fifth goal. That was pretty incredible."

Chelf earned Surf League Offensive Player of the Year honors after helping the Sea Kings tie for third in the competitive league at 2-4. She was an All-CIF Southern Section Division 1 selection as well.

Though her numbers were down a bit from her CdM single-season record 22goal outburst as a junior, her presence opened things up for her teammates. Chelf's former club teammate Nikki Senske came out for soccer her senior year and scored five goals. Junior Avery Doherty also came on strong late in the season and scored five goals. "Soccer isn't just about one person," Chelf said. "It's really about all 11 people on the field. If someone is marking me, that doesn't mean we're going to lose or anything. I have such good teammates. If I'm marked, I can always count on them to do the job or finish it. If I'm not scoring, I can count on them to score.' Chelf is excited to head to the University of Arizona. She is expected to use her tenacity on defense for the Wildcats, who advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament last year.



MEGAN CHELF is the Daily Pilot Dream Team Player of the Year. She had 14 goals and four assists in her senior season for Corona del Mar.



10-5), which tied for third in the Surf League at 2-4 and advanced to the Division 1 playoffs. Stewart was a first-team All-Surf League selection.

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Itzel Ramirez

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Ramirez burst onto the scene as a freshman for the Mustangs, helping provide a scoring punch following the graduation of Rayleen Chavez. Ramirez scored 22 goals in the regular season, and 13 goals in the Orange Coast League alone to help the Mustangs go 7-1-2 and win their second straight outright league title. Costa Mesa (13-7-2) advanced to the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 4 play-

That Mater Dei match indicates, however, how much playing high school soccer really has meant to her.

"I'm happy that I did play," Chelf said. "If it was a different result, I would have never forgiven myself for not playing."

COACH OF THE YEAR Kerry Crooks

Edison

The Chargers lacked some of the big-

CHELF does a cartwheel after scoring a goal in the 26th minute of a Surf League match against Edison on Jan. 30. The forward was the league's Offensive Player of the Year.

time star power of recent years, but they were resilient under Crooks, in her 30th year in charge at her alma mater. Edison went 14-6-4 overall and finished second in the competitive Surf League at 3-2-1, behind rival Los Alamitos but was the only team to beat the rival Griffins in league, winning 1-0 at Los Alamitos in the second round. The Chargers then advanced to the CIF Southern Section Division 1 semifinals for the first time since 2014 before losing 2-0 at top-seeded Upland. Crooks got the most out of her team, which recorded 15 shutouts.

FIRST TEAM

Desiree Mendoza

FW | *Estancia* | *Sr.* Mendoza, a four-time first-team Dream Team selection, was one of the most dangerous forwards the area has seen in recent years. A two-time Orange Coast League MVP, she helped the Eagles (10-7-3, 7-1-2 in league) finish second in the league and advance to the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 4 playoffs, where Estancia lost 2-1 to top-seeded Hemet. Mendoza, bound for UC Irvine, finished her senior year with 10 goals and 15 assists.

Summer Stewart

FW | *Huntington Beach* | *Sr.* Stewart was a big contributor for the Oilers since she was a freshman, when she helped Huntington Beach reach the CIF Southern Section Division 1 semifinals for the first time and the CIF Southern California Regional Division I title match. She also concluded her career quite nicely as a senior, tallying team-best totals of 12 goals and 15 assists for Huntington Beach (10offs before losing 5-3 to Hacienda Heights Wilson. Ramirez was the Orange Coast League Offensive MVP.

Avery Doherty

MF | *Corona del Mar* | *Jr.* CdM coach Bryan Middleton moved Doherty up from defender in the Sea Kings' Surf League match at Edison, and it immediately paid dividends with two goals in a 4-2 win. The versatile Doherty finished the season with five goals, tied for second on the Sea Kings, and two assists. Doherty, a first-team All-Surf League selection, also scored twice in the Sea Kings' 3-2 overtime upset win at No. 4-seeded Mater Dei in the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 1 playoffs.

Kate Davies

MF | Edison | Sr.

Davies had a big responsibility as a defensive midfielder for the Chargers. She thrived in the role, earning Surf League Defensive MVP honors. Davies and her ball-winning ability were a big reason why Edison recorded 15 shutouts in 24 matches this season. That included shutout victo-

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Local schools among CIF Academic Award program winners



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

BY ANDREW TURNER

The CIF Southern Section has announced the winners of its Academic Awards program.

Cumulative grade-point average was the criteria used to judge the entries for 26 team sports. Teams had to have a minimum of five student-athletes with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale).

Schools were divided into two enrollment classifications — 1,500and above and 1,499 and below. The team with the highest GPA in each enrollment category received their sport's award, a banner to honor their accomplishments in the classroom.

Six new banners will be coming to the area, as that many local small-school athletic programs finished on top academically.

Sage Hill finished first in baseball (3.76), football (3.66), boys' lacrosse (3.75) and girls' lacrosse (3.82) for schools with less than 1,500 students. In the same grouping, the Ocean View boys' golf team (3.91) and Costa Mesa boys' wrestling (3.55) also finished first for their sports.

Schools also had the ability to make selections for their individual male and female student-athlete of the year. The chosen student-athletes must be seniors who have maintained at least a 3.5 nonweighted GPA over the past three years. That standard was in addition to earning a varsity letter in a sport and partaking in extracurricular activities.

"We are very proud to honor and recognize our Academic Awards champions," section commissioner of athletics Rob Wigod said in a statement. "Their outstanding achievements in the classroom, while also devoting countless hours to their athletic teams, truly exemplify and represent the concept of the studentathlete at the highest level."

Corona del Mar had Nicholas Rottler (baseball) and Megan Fisk (volleyball) as its honorees. Don Grable, the athletic director at CdM, said that he was proud to say that all 24 of the school's varsity programs carried a nonweighted GPA over 3.0 this school year.

Costa Mesa recognized Cory Richards (football and volleyball) and Malia Tufuga (volleyball and water polo).

Nathan Santy (soccer and golf) and Alyson Nguyen (volleyball) earned individual awards for Ocean View.

Sage Hill's individual academic award recipients were Matthew Strok (tennis) and Karina Grover (tennis), while Brethren Christian's were Derek Reiser (cross-country, basketball and track and field) and Shirlyn Rhee (cross-country and track and field).

The total number of teams honored for each school is as follows: Sage Hill 25, Corona del Mar 24, Costa Mesa 20, Ocean View 19, Estancia 13, Brethren Christian 12, Fountain Valley 6.

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NICK ROTTLER of Corona del Mar rips a two-run home run during a Newport Rib Co. Tournament game against Laguna Hills on April 17, 2018.

DREAM

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ries over Trabuco Hills, Santa Margarita and Long Beach Poly in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 playoffs before the Chargers finally lost at top-seeded Upland 2-0 in the semifinals. Davies was an All-CIF Division 1 selection.

Makena Castillo MF / Marina / Jr.

Castillo provided a moment to remember for the Vikings. It was her blast in the ninth minute that held up as the only goal in Marina's 1-0 win over defending league champion Newport Harbor at home Jan. 28, as Marina clinched its sixth league title in program history and first since the 1994-95 season. Castillo helped the Vikings (10-9-3, 5-1) then advance to the CIF Southern Section Division 2 quarterfinals before losing 3-1 to



Capistrano Valley. She shared the Wave League Offensive MVP award with Laguna Beach sophomore midfielder Acacia Edwards.

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Lexi Van Den Bosch MF | Sage Hill | Jr. Van Den Bosch controlled things in the middle and helped bring stability for a young Lightning side,

which had just two seniors on varsity. She helped Sage Hill finish second to rival St. Margaret's in the San Joaquin League, notching two big wins over Pacifica Christian Orange County. The Lightning (9-9, 6-2) would advance to the CIF Southern Section Division 5 playoffs, losing 5-3 at Rialto in the first round. Van Den Bosch was a firstteam All-San Joaquin League selection.

McKenna Pua DEF | Marina | Jr. Pua, a repeat first-team Dream Team selection, has Vanessa Carrillo DEF | Costa Mesa| Sr.

The Mustangs' center back, a four-year varsity starter, was tough to get by. Credit her quickness, as she was also an accomplished cross-country runner. Costa Mesa coach Jason Boyce noted that Carrillo didn't let Estancia senior striker Desiree Mendoza get a goal in the run of play in either of the rivals' Orange Coast League matchups, helping Costa Mesa repeat as league champion. Carrillo was a first-team all-league selec-

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EDISON COACH

Kerry Crooks, left, greets a former player on April 22, 2017. Crooks is the Daily Pilot Dream Team Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year.

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> Obispo commit, scored her only goal of the season in a big moment, nailing a free kick from 41 yards out in the Battle of the Bay match against rival Corona del Mar in what would eventually be a 1-1 tie. Golan was a first-team All-Wave League selection.

Cameron Russo

GK | *Laguna Beach* | *Sr.* Lola Fisher was a firstteam Dream Team selection at goalkeeper last year for the Breakers. She graduated and Russo, who had not played high school soccer since her freshman



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ESTANCIA'S DESIREE MENDOZA, right, and Costa Mesa's Jazmin Lopez give chase to the ball in an Orange Coast League match on Feb. 6. Mendoza is a four-time Dream Team pick.

been anchoring the back line for the Vikings for three years now. Her toughness as a center back helped Marina win the Wave League title, and Pua

Samara Golan DEF | Newport Harbor |

Golan and fellow junior center back Jenna Mc-Connaughey were the

year, burst back on the scene. The only senior in the entire program this season, Russo was outstanding, earning Wave League Defensive MVP honors after helping the Breakers pitch shutouts in five of six league matches en route to a second-place finish. Laguna Beach (7-6-6, 2-1-3) advanced to the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 3 playoffs before losing 2-0 to Palos Verdes.

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Amend City Council Policy K-3 to Incorporate Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis Methodology

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider amending the City Council Policy K-3 to incorporate Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis Methodology.

Due to the rapidly evolving public health response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the public are advised that the City Council meeting and public hearing will be convened telephonically or in an alternate format as deemed necessary by the City. Those individuals planning to participate in the public hearing are encouraged to check the City website https://www.newportbeachca.gov/agendas for additional information concerning in-person participation on the day of the public hearing for any

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Senate Bill (SB) 743, signed in 2013, changes the way transportation studies are conducted in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) replaces motorist delay as the new metric for transportation impact determinations. The State requires all cities to adopt VMT policy guidelines to include new transportation impact thresholds.

The City is proposing an Amendment to City Counci Policy K-3 to incorporate a methodology and framework for completing a VMT analysis in a CEQA document. The framework includes a) screening criteria, b) significance thresholds for land development projects (residential, office, retail, other), c) significance thresholds for transportation projects, and d) mitigation measures for significant impacts. The step-by-step analysis is outlined in detail in the proposed Amendment to City Council Policy K-3.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that all interested parties may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge this decision in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing. information call (949) 644-3055



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