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Pregnant women with COVID-19 at greater risk?

A UCI study found they are 10 times more likely to die, but few are getting the vaccine.

BY SARA CARDINE

Women's health specialists are urging pregnant women to get vaccinated, after a study found those who become infected with the virus are more likely to deliver prematurely, require intubation or mechanical respiration and die in childbirth.

Published in the American Medical Association's JAMA Network Open, the study looked at the health outcomes of 869,079 women who delivered in university-based hospital systems between March 1, 2020, and Feb. 28, including 18,715 flagged in a national database as having been infected with COVID-19.

Infected patients were 40% more likely to deliver prematurely and were admitted into hospital intensive care units at a rate six times higher than non-

infected patients, the study found.

During childbirth, about 5.2% of COVID-19 patients required intubation and mechanical ventilation, compared to .9% of their counterparts, and were 10 times more likely to die in the hospital, data indicated.

Dr. Jennifer Jolley, an associate professor of maternal and fetal medicine in UCI Medical Center's OB/GYN department, coauthored the study as part of a team that included UCI Health surgeon Dr. Ninh T. Nguyen. In an interview Thursday, she said the findings confirm what obstetricians have been seeing among their own patients.

"We actually don't know that pregnant women are more likely to get COVID-19," Jolley said. "The issue is those who do get it are more likely to have the severest manifestation of [the disease] — if they get it, they get sicker than women who are not pregnant."

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Newport to weigh partial closure of Tustin Avenue

It would give city staff time to examine how the move would affect traffic patterns.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

After a brief break for the month of August, the Newport Beach City Council will be returning to the dais Tuesday to consider the temporary and partial closure of Tustin Avenue.

The proposed closure would be at the north end of Tustin Avenue at Cliff Drive, where residents between Avon Street and Cliff Drive on Tustin and Ocean View Avenue have raised concerns about existing safety concerns between pedestrians and vehicular traffic in the area.

Both Tustin and Ocean View avenues are relatively narrow — about 28

feet in width curb to curb — with parking allowed on both sides and no public sidewalks, meaning that pedestrians often have to walk into the street.

Additionally, due to the width of the streets, opposing traffic typically will need to pull to the side or yield to pass. City staff said the average daily combined traffic on both streets — between April 19 and 25 this year — was 945 trips. Trips associated with the residential homes in that area accounted for about 295, so there were about 650 non-local trips via Tustin and Ocean View avenues combined.

A staff report prepared for the meeting said that a neighborhood petition was submitted to the city, including the signatures

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A BLUEFIN TUNA chases small fish during a feeding frenzy by a school of tuna in the Pacific Ocean on Wednesday.

Easier found than caught

Local fishermen tested by bluefin tuna

BY ANDREW TURNER

The sun had yet to rise, the darkness obscuring the view of the vast ocean beyond.

Free-flowing traffic on the way to the harbor in Newport Beach is as good a sign as any that a full-day fishing trip isn't for just anyone.

For the bleary-eyed fishermen showing up to the dock at Davey's Locker, though, this is too good, and too rare, of an opportunity to pass up.

Bluefin tuna have been showing up in the fish count for close to a month, and while the species may be found in other parts of the Southland more regularly, some of the seasoned anglers have shown up for a challenge.

"The last three years, off and on, we're catching bluefin tuna," Arnold Kubo, 73, of Costa Mesa said. "We never saw bluefin tuna on the coast here. Never. This is a once-in-a-lifetime deal. That's why so many guys come out and try to catch a bluefin."

Kubo, who said he has been fishing for 68 years, was one of about three dozen to come aboard the Western Pride for a full-day fishing trip on Wednesday.

He said bluefin are more commonly seen near San Diego. He cracked a wide smile as he thought about the challenge of reeling one in.

"Bluefin are really, really hard to



ANGLERS ABOARD the Western Pride wait for the captain to find bluefin tuna.

catch," Kubo said. "They're smarter than all the fish out here. They're more sensitive to hook size [and] the quality of bait. You've got to get the best bait you can get and use the smallest hook and the lightest line you can. They see better. They're just smarter. They're hard to catch."

For a good portion of the day, the patrons are singing the fisherman blues. One comments that it is not ideal to have the birds chasing the back of the boat. The birds are waiting

for bait to be dropped into the sea. Captain Paul Hansen pulls up alongside various spots of kelp, giving the anglers a chance to cast their lines. The search for the bluefin appears endless.

"That's why they call it fishing, not catching," another remarks.

Just when the wind seems to have come out of the sails, the luck changes. The Western Pride happens

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Teens who view upcycling as a vehicle for change make debut at South Coast Plaza

BY SARA CARDINE

A portion of Costa Mesa's South Coast Plaza — a mecca for the brand-conscious — on Thursday celebrated a different kind of awareness, as Orange County student designers and devotees of the art of upcycling showcased their own conscious creations.

Sixteen fashion designers working in three teams were given the task of reimagining, reconfiguring or repurposing materials and items provided by premium handbag maker Hammitt before presenting their work Thursday in a storefront in the shopping complex.

The high-fashion fundraiser was topped off by a runway show in which friends-turned-models took the upcycled bags for a spin on the catwalk for a crowd of potential buyers.

Called "Youth in Fashion," the project was one small part of a months-long fellowship they and 55 other enterprising high schoolers have engaged in under the aegis of the Orange County nonprofit Dragon Kim Foundation. Proceeds from designs sold went to team members and the foundation's fellowship fund.

Now in its fifth year, the fellowship program provides innovative teens with



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AYAH MOHAMED, 17, left, shows off handbags to Hilal Baik at a "Youth in Fashion" event at Hammitt - South Coast Plaza. The fundraiser included a runway show to display the handbags.

the mentorship, training and funds necessary to help their dreams take flight, according to founder Daniel Kim.

"They apply to us with a community service idea," the Tustin resident explained. "We give them intensive leadership training, business training — we call it 'MBA in a box' — then hook the kids up with a mentor or professional in their related field and fund them up to \$5,000."

Ri Gomez, a 17-year-old Garden Grove resident who

attends Samueli Academy, said she heard of the fellowship when her design teacher asked the class to submit projects that would benefit the community and possibly be submitted for entry into the program.

Ri teamed up with classmate and program fellow Gina Buitron, of Santa Ana, who shared her passion for upcycling and its ability to counteract the environmental toll of fast fashion. Together, they created a camp where LGBTQ+ youth could upcycle clothes and

learn about social entrepreneurship.

"We ran our own individual presentation and had classes on upcycling for teens and allies," she said of the effort, held under the team name Opia Upcycling. "Since our project was based around the LGBTQ+ community, for each bag we tried to incorporate that as a theme and called [the line] 'Coming out into Existence.'"

Rylen Schmid, an 18-

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UPCYCLING

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year-old from Newport Beach who attends Orange Lutheran High School, was paired up with Rosemary Academy student Ayah Mohammed in a project where they taught Girl Scouts to upcycle blue jeans.

Working as team STYLED (Sustainably Teaching the Youth a Lifestyle of Ethical Design), they partnered with Orange County chapters of the Girl Scouts and Girls, Inc. to take donated Hammitt bags and add painted details that transformed them into one-of-a-kind pieces.

"They donated bags to our project, and we were able to do whatever we wanted with them as long as it fit within the project," Schmid said. "We've gone out to find different projects and have run an upcycling program, where we teach about the dangers of fast fashion. It's been so amazing."

Team Greenprint — a collaboration between Cypress High School seniors George Iyalomhe and Ayden Quichocho — took a slightly different approach to Thursday's show. After the teams had taken a tour of Hammitt's Hermosa Beach headquarters, they opted to take pieces of leather to build their own designer bags from the bottom up.

"We have a bag on auction made from scrap leather — it's really cool and has a little place for your phone," he said of one of seven bags the pair created.

This summer, the friends presented a week-long camp, where they



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GINA BUITRON, left, and Ri Gomez of Team Opia Upcycling, Rylen Schmid and Ayah Mohammed of Team STYLED, and Ayden Quichocho and George Iyalomhe with Team Greenprint during Thursday's show.

taught youth aged 9 to 14 to make tote bags out of unwanted jeans and, in the process, learn more about environmentalism and emergency preparedness.

"The Dragon Kim Foundation was able to fund us and give us everything we needed to bring our dreams and ideas into reality," Iyalomhe said.

Tony Drockton, who founded Hammitt in 2008 and lent his store and materials to Thursday's Youth in Fashion show, said he was impressed with the teens' inspiring designs and, more broadly, the tenets behind the Dragon Kim Foundation's fellowship program.

"It was love at first sight for me, because of the entrepreneurship, the community service and the mentoring," Drockton said. "We have a lot of bags, either they get returned or they get bleached. [The fellowship] said why don't we take these bags and upcycle them and make them even more beautiful? It's just great."

The fellowship is just

one outcropping of the Dragon Kim Foundation, named for Kim's son, Dragon, who was attending Orange County School of the Arts for music in 2015, and had just created a music program for disadvantaged youth, when he died on a camping trip to Yosemite National Park.

Kim and his wife Grace created the nonprofit so the music program could continue. In the years since, the foundation formed the fellowship program and numerous other community service efforts, including Delivering with Dignity, a collaboration that provided more than 80,000 restaurant meals to people most at risk from the virus.

The idea is to foster connections that grow the greater good. It's the same with the fellowship, Kim said.

"It's about understanding what's going on, then getting them to make a vision that is bigger than themselves," he added.

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would be four months, during which staff would analyze any potential impacts on traffic and determine whether or not a permanent closure of that street to vehicular traffic should be considered by the City Council.

Council members will also hear several appeals, including one on the denied removal of two lemon-scented gum eucalyptus trees on Ashford Lane.

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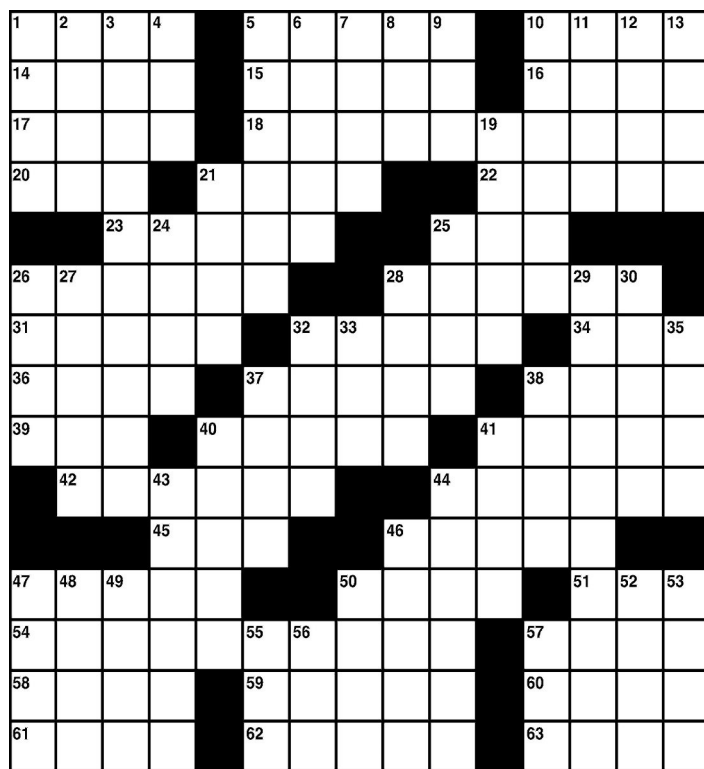
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 5 Bundle of grain
- 10 Apple sampler
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- 15 Stop
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- 17 Bridge crosser's fee
- 18 Breakfast side
- 20 180 degrees from NNW
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- 36 Whoppers
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- 40 Pretext; false front
- 41 Damp
- 42 Magazine editions
- 44 Pigs out
- 45 Cushion
- 46 Pack animal
- 47 Up and at 'em
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- 57 Brown skin growth
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- 61 Reason to study
- 62 Nervous
- 63 Closed sac

DOWN

- 1 Head toppers
- 2 Commotions
- 3 Continuous;



SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A6.

- 10 Quantity
- 11 Daybreak
- 12 "You _ seen nothin' yet!"
- 13 Cathedral service
- 19 Elevate
- 21 As strong _ ox
- 24 Dollar bills

- 25 _ house; flush beater
- 26 _ for; summon
- 27 Excuse
- 28 Healthy
- 29 Not optional; compulsory
- 30 Racket
- 32 Alpine lodge rentals
- 33 "_ the season to be jolly"
- 35 Chooses
- 37 Sought damages from
- 38 Shape; mold
- 40 On _; watchful
- 41 Long painful wail
- 43 Small piano
- 44 Shiny photo
- 46 City in England
- 47 Share a border with
- 48 _ as a boil
- 49 Pulls hard
- 50 1/8 of a gallon
- 52 Large trees
- 53 Robin's home
- 55 _ moment; instant of realization
- 56 Skedaddled
- 57 Late Bernie

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COLUMN | **PATRICE APODACA**

Orange County has not been spared from the opioid crisis

Chances are you know someone who is addicted to opioids.

A brother or sister. A friend. Perhaps a coworker or someone you met at church or at a club you belong to. It could even be a person you admire, who appears to be successful, happy and well-adjusted.

What might not be apparent is that they are in trouble and need help.

Opioid addiction is a public health crisis that has grown so big and become so widespread that it touches virtually every one of us in some way.

Though the legitimate, responsible use of opioids certainly has its place in medicine, the rampant misuse of these potent, addictive drugs lurked in the shadows for far too long, hiding under the mantle of respectability and the lure of "pain management."

It scaled up into a full-blown epidemic before most of us understood the depth of the problem, which has by now infiltrated every street in every town, including your own.

"Here at the hospital we see overdoses all the time," said Dr. Steven Ey, Chief of Service at Hoag Addiction Treatment Centers in Newport Beach.

"This affects all ages, races, sexes. It's everywhere." And it's getting worse.

Drug overdose is now the leading cause of unintentional injury death in the United States, accounting for more deaths than motor vehicle accidents.

Last year more than 93,000 people died of a drug overdose in the U.S., nearly 30% more than in 2019 and the most ever recorded in a single year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Ten states, including California, saw overdose deaths spike by at least 40%.

The vast majority of those deaths nationwide — just shy of 70,000 — were due to opioid overdoses.

The tragedy of these lost lives is compounded by the social and economic toll that addiction to opioids has wrought.

The CDC estimates that the misuse of prescription opioids alone costs the nation \$78.5 billion a year in healthcare expenses, lost productivity, addiction treatment and criminal justice actions.

Orange County has not been spared.

The death count for opioid overdoses in the county rose to

nearly 500 last year, a shocking increase from 2019's count of 272, according to the Orange County Health Care Agency.

How did we get here?

Beginning in the late 1990s, pharmaceutical companies began aggressively marketing and distributing prescription opioids for the treatment of pain, in many cases falsely assuring physicians and patients that the drugs as formulated were not addictive.

"We made pain the fifth vital sign," Dr. Ey said. "It became any way to deal with pain was to prescribe opioids."

As opioid deaths began to skyrocket and awareness grew about addiction to pain pills, authorities began cracking down on the flagrant overprescribing of these powerful drugs. Many lawsuits against drug manufacturers and distributors were filed, leading to multibillion-dollar settlements.

Yet as mitigation and accountability efforts increased and knowledge grew over the dangers regarding the misuse of prescription opioids, the crisis in the past several years shifted. Now it is largely fueled by the easy availability of illicit synthetic opioids — predominantly fentanyl, which

is 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine.

That deadly trend has been exacerbated as fentanyl is also frequently cut into other illegal drugs such as cocaine. Synthetic opioids now account for the majority of total opioid fatalities.

In the past year and a half the opioid epidemic has grown even more dire because of the coronavirus pandemic, which has left many addicts isolated, feeling additional stress and unable to access lifesaving treatment.

Answers won't come easily to this intractable problem, but efforts are gaining momentum.

Those efforts include: widening the availability of overdose-reversing drugs such as naloxone; investments in research into pain and addiction; evidence-based treatment of addiction; the promotion of healthy alternatives for pain management, and improving access to effective treatment and recovery options.

At Hoag, a multipronged initiative to tackle opioid addiction is underway, Ey said. It includes examining prescription practices by physicians and trying to standardize the treatment of pain according to best practices.

Hoag is also ramping up education for its staff and patients

and increasing resources to the community.

The Orange County Health Care Agency has also pursued mitigation efforts, which include its "Monitor, Secure, Destroy" campaign to reduce access to unused or unwanted prescription medications, and a media campaign called "Wrong For You" to raise awareness and counter misconceptions about the risks of opioid use.

These efforts are a promising start, but more is needed. A comprehensive, coordinated approach throughout the county — encompassing an all-out campaign by government agencies, the healthcare establishment, educational institutions and others in our community — is the only way we'll make significant progress toward turning back the scourge of opioid addiction.

It's too late for some. But lives can still be saved if we have the will to confront what for too long has been a silent killer in our midst.

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MAILBAG

Thoughts on H.B. council recall effort

You have published many articles and letters to the editor in recent days implying that the attempt to recall the Huntington Beach City Council over the appointment of Rhonda Bolton to the vacant City Council seat is among other things "disruptive," "chaotic" and "thinly veiled anti-Black racism."

The outcry over this appointment is due entirely to the deceptiveness and underhanded abuse of power displayed by the council. After falsely advertising that the seat was open to all and conducting phony "interviews" to cover their tracks, the council appointed a friend of one council member who just happened to hold the same leftist political activist agenda of the three openly leftist council members.

Rhonda Bolton was not a candidate in the last election. She did not spend an ounce of time or any money meeting with the citizens of Huntington Beach explaining her qualifications or ideas as all the other actual council candidates did over many months leading up to the election.

Her appointment is patently unfair and nothing more than a raw grab for partisan power on a council that is supposed to be nonpartisan.

This is not the only issue the citizens of Huntington Beach are concerned with:

Millions have been spent on a homeless shelter, promising enforcement of no camping laws. The shelter has never been more than half full, and the homeless and attendant crime issues are ever increasing. Millions were spent on apartment purchases for "work force housing," a council-created issue. The left-wing council members act to undermine our previous police chief and his second in command. They also work to undermine our current elected city attorney and attempt to change the language in our city charter to better fit and pass their

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agenda. There are many, many more issues I could cite here, but with limited space, I will only say that I agree with former mayor Dave Sullivan that this is the worst City Council we have had in my 30 years of living in Huntington Beach.

Martha Morrow
Huntington Beach

I will admit that because I didn't pay enough attention to local elections, I actually voted for Tito Ortiz whose resignation seemed to prompt this recall. He appears to be the kind of candidate the recall backers want. It is a viable assumption considering the so-called Save Surf City group did not target the only conservative member of the council, Erik Peterson. Recall backers need money to organize and publicize a recall. In California their efforts are made easier by enabling the hire of pay-per-signature barkers at high-traffic-stores like Walmart. Recent court rulings make it easier for corporate deep pockets to use their money through civic-sounding organizations to elect candidates who promote corporate agendas at all levels of government. Certainly, in the U.S. Senate, obstructionist Mitch McConnell collects a lot of money to do corporate bidding. Hopefully recall signers will keep this in

mind and consider the cause for the recall. I found that local elections are important too.

Jim Hoover
Huntington Beach

Voters in Huntington Beach will have two recall situations to contemplate in the near future that are somewhat similar. Both recall efforts are being led by conservative Republicans who are dissatisfied with not being in power. Both recall efforts are being pushed by ideologues who object to everything but have a solution for nothing. Leading Republicans running against Gov. Gavin Newsom are plying the airwaves with the same right-wing dogma of cutting taxes and cracking down on waste, fraud and abuse. That doesn't do anything to deal with the immediate challenges we are facing regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the wildfires, the need to keep our schools and businesses safe, climate change and other threats to our communities. Newsom's opponents fulminate furiously but shed little light on what and how they could do better. The same is true for those seeking the recall of City Council members who have their hands full with the same issues. It is embarrassing for many citizens here to see their city descend into such calculated chaos and Surf City's reputation take one hit after another. Protesters may think they mean business, but their only business is mean. It's too bad we can't recall the "recallers"!

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

I am very concerned regarding the state of affairs now taking place in Huntington Beach. Having lived here for the past 55 years I am appalled at the actions taken against our City Council by a very few individuals who have put forth a measure which is very harmful — a re-

call. Why is it harmful? The statements in their written documents and in their testimony at public hearings are filled with misinformation and outright lies.

They never explain exactly what they mean but just state a lie. Much of their dialogue revolves around density housing and a specific project which is the large apartment complex at Main Street and Ellis Avenue. They state that the current council voted on a measure which would allow for this building. This is untrue.

The members of this council did not vote on this issue! They also allude to backroom discussions but show no evidence. I ask them, please reveal who is giving you this information so that the citizens can take action and that whom-ever is releasing it can be made to account for their actions. They give incorrect information regarding the council's action to provide affordable housing for those trying to live in Huntington Beach on middle incomes. Over the life of the program, the middle income housing project is an investment that will end up earning the city significant returns and will provide much needed housing for our teachers, nurses, police officers, firefighters and many others. Council members were criticized for not bringing a lawsuit against the state, but the reality is, the city is party to a lawsuit brought by a coalition of Orange County cities against the state. In fact, the type of legal action they are being asked to sign off on has no chance of being successful and would end up costing the city millions of dollars. And opponents to the council do not tell the citizens the great amount of money this recall election will cost all of us. It's money that could be spent on projects that will benefit the entire city.

I just wish those behind the recall effort would take time to realize what this

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Laguna rides offensive outburst to opening win over Costa Mesa

BY ANDREW TURNER

Following an abbreviated spring season designed to give players a chance to compete in a school year defined by the coronavirus pandemic, high school football teams across Southern California returned to game action this week.

Despite the quick turnaround, opening night could not come fast enough for the Laguna Beach Breakers, who were eager to move past the memory of their only home game from the season prior.

On that occasion, the Breakers squandered a 21-point halftime lead to Ocean View in a critical game in a race for the Pac 4 League crown.

Will Bingham threw for 315 yards and five touchdowns, and Laguna Beach rode a red-hot offense to a 54-13 victory over Costa Mesa on Friday night in a nonleague game at home.

Luke Degner made six catches for a game-high 142 yards and two touchdowns. Ryner Swanson made five receptions for 97 yards and another score.

The opportunity to play in front of the home fans was one that Degner relished. He said the Breakers are coming into the season with a chip on their shoulder after they did not convert on a chance to win the league opener at Guyer Field last season.

"It was awesome," Degner said. "We've been super



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LAGUNA BEACH receiver Luke Degner (14) celebrates a touchdown with David Dworakowski after catching a pass from Will Bingham (10) during a nonleague season opener on Friday.

excited, ever since how last season ended. It didn't end in our favor, obviously. We came out here and we're excited. We've been practicing like crazy and grinding every day. We've been super excited for this, and I think we showed that tonight."

Laguna Beach needed just four plays from scrimmage to open the scoring, as Cooper Buckhorn scored on a 14-yard run. Prior to that, the Breakers lost first-string running back Tyler Fields for the game. Laguna Beach coach John Shanahan said that Fields sustained a dislocated elbow.

"They got it back in, and

things look positive," Shanahan said. "We're just praying that nothing is broken in there and to get him back."

"We have some good skill. We have some kids that play hard and a little bit of depth for the first time in a long time."

Bingham spread the ball around to six receivers in the first half, also connecting with David Dworakowski and Bronson Baylies for touchdowns.

Bingham said that he believes that the ability to participate in seven-on-seven events in the offseason improved his ability to read a

defense. A road game against a Dana Hills team making its season debut next week could serve as a proving ground.

Backup quarterback Sam Garwal dashed to the left pylon for a 20-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. He also had a couple of tackles for a loss defensively. Jack Arntz added an interception for the Breakers.

Costa Mesa's first touch of the game resulted in its longest play. Kobe Lemari returned a kick 61 yards, setting up the Mustangs at

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FOOTBALL



Photo by Spencer Grant

CDM RUNNING BACK Colin Pene, who rushed for 129 yards, is met by a group of Downey defenders on Friday.

New faces help Corona del Mar win season opener

BY MATT SZABO

DOWNEY — Colin Pene spent his freshman year in the Corona del Mar High School football program on the freshman team.

That makes sense, but what was unusual was that the six-game season was played last spring due to the coronavirus pandemic.

It's just a few months later, then, that Pene begins to try to make his mark on varsity. On Friday night, the running back found himself with an opportunity as his sophomore year begins.

Returning junior running back Evan Sanders is working his way back from an anterior cruciate ligament injury, which gave Pene a chance to shoulder the workload.

"I felt so excited, man," Pene said. "It took off a ton of distractions from my life, just being out here under the lights with my boys again. They've got my back every single time. I go down, they pick me right back up. I just keep running for them and running for my team."

He did not disappoint. Pene had 24 carries for 129 yards as the Sea Kings dominated at Downey 36-20 in a Week Zero opener that was not as close as the final score would indicate.

Corona del Mar built a 27-0 halftime lead. Junior quarterback David Rasor had three touchdown passes in the first half, two to junior Cooper Hoch

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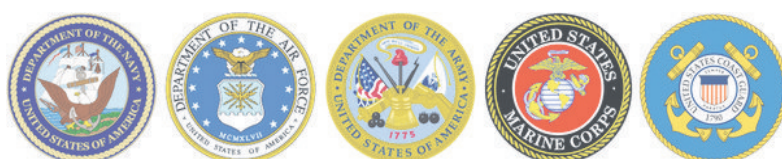
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CDM

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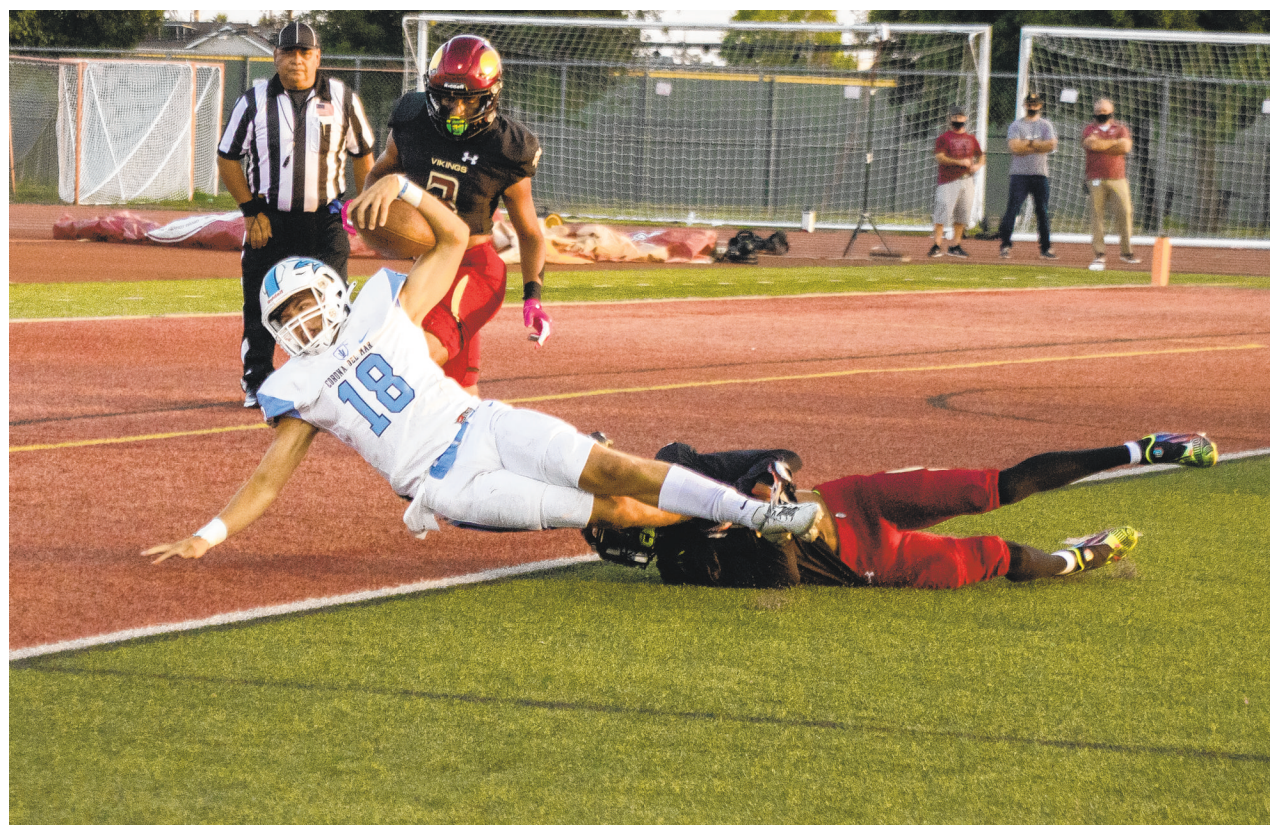
Razor also scored himself on a five-yard rush on the Sea Kings' first possession, capitalizing after Downey went for it on fourth-and-two from its own 28-yard line on its first possession.

Vikings quarterback Aidan Chiles couldn't convert on the keeper, with CdM's Tyler Brown and Finian Tran leading the tacklers.

CdM's defense impressed through much of the contest. The Sea Kings pitched a shutout until Andrew Garcia's interception return for a touchdown early in the third quarter for the hosts.

"They didn't scrimmage last week, so it's a little bit of an unknown who you're going up against," said CdM coach Dan O'Shea, whose team scrimmaged Tesoro.

"Talking to Jack [Williams] before the game, their head coach, they are extremely big up front and they're extremely athletic at the skill positions. But I



CDM QUARTERBACK David Razor stretches out to score a first-half rushing touchdown during Friday's 36-20 win.

Photo by Spencer Grant

thought we played really well ... For some reason we were really calm and collected tonight. For an open-

ing game, I was blown away how solid we were in all three phases — offense, defense and special teams. I

was really pleased, against a really good football team."

Kaleb Annette, a sophomore, played a few series at

quarterback in the second half for the Sea Kings. He led a scoring drive in the third quarter, capped when

he found John Tipton over the middle on a 36-yard touchdown pass.

"David's our starter but Kaleb has earned the opportunity, when the situation is right, to get some snaps," O'Shea said. "We're very confident with him."

O'Shea said building depth overall is a goal early in the season.

He added that the team had 11 returning starters on the field Friday night, but also 11 newcomers.

CdM tallied its final points on a safety in the fourth quarter, when a high snap on a Downey punt went out of the back of the end zone.

Senior receiver Tryse Redford had a pair of touchdown catches for Downey.

The Sea Kings return to nonleague action with a home game against Paramount on Friday at Newport Harbor High.

Expect Pene to be ready. "He was tough," O'Shea said. "He took some tough licks, and we were incredibly impressed with him."

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LAGUNA

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the Laguna Beach 5. Two plays later, Lemari took the handoff and carried the ball into the end zone.

The Mustangs took a 7-6 lead just over two minutes into the contest, but the Breakers scored touchdowns on all seven of their first-half possessions, leading to a running clock after the break.

Costa Mesa would score again in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Garrett Richards threw a deep pass to Kembe Howerton, who brought it in and broke away for a 53-yard touchdown up the right sideline. Those were the only

passing yards of the game for Costa Mesa. Meanwhile, the Mustangs ran the ball 29 times for 118 yards. Richards led the ground attack with 13 carries for 52 yards.

"We saw some flashes, and in our team, our line is probably the most seasoned players on our team," Mustangs coach Van Tuinei said. "So we're trying to take advantage of the experience of our offensive line."

"We do have a young quarterback back there, so we're trying to save him, have him throw short routes, but sometimes when your back is against the wall, you've got to pass."

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LUKE DEGNER of Laguna Beach breaks free for a big gain.

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MAILBAG

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council has done under some of the worst conditions any council has worked under — the pandemic. They don't know how lucky we are to live in this city. This council maintained a safe and secure budget, they made sure we had the very best police and fire protection, our streets are being maintained, housing issues were moved forward, we have a first rate library receiving national acclaim, eight miles of beautiful beaches that are well cared for. However I guess they don't enjoy these wonderful resources and for what I believe are strictly political reasons, they must "have their way," no matter the costs!

Shirley Dettloff
Former H.B. mayor

Recall process is being abused

Orange County citizens began to receive their ballots for the California recall election on Sept. 14.

The recall, initiative and referendum processes were adopted in 1914 as tools of "direct democracy." Instead they have empowered minority political interests, needing only 12% of voters in the last election, fewer than 1.5 million voters in this case, to initiate the recall process. As columnist Michael Hiltzik points out in the L.A. Times, "These reforms are powerful instruments in the hands of the cynical and moneyed."

The unfortunate office holder that proponents of the recall are attempting to remove from office is Gov. Gavin Newsom, who defeated one of the recall candidates, John Cox by 62% to 38%. Several leading candidates who want to recall Newsom are using his handling of the pandemic as their chief complaint, saying recently

that they would do away with mask and vaccination mandates. That is ironic because for most Newsom proponents, it is his pandemic record that has endeared him to many Californians. When the federal government wanted to rid itself of the responsibility of the pandemic, Gov. Newsom was the first governor to take on the challenge, moving quickly to secure equipment and energize the medical personnel needed to fight it. Other governors, particularly on the West Coast, were inspired by his leadership.

However, some local leaders from the beginning of the pandemic resented that Newsom made the critical choice to focus on saving lives rather than to focus on money.

The question now concerning the pandemic, which is again surging with the Delta variant, is whether to mandate masks and vaccinations.

While Newsom is now leaving that question up to local counties and health leaders, governors in Texas and Florida are raving against mandates of any kind and are leading all other states with their extremely large number of infections due to the Delta variant.

U.S. Rep. Michelle Steel, who represents the 48th district in Congress and was on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, was a critic of Gov. Newsom's initial handling of the pandemic. But rather than talk about issues related to the health and mortality of her constituents, her *forever* focus is on the economy, saying in an email statement that Newsom has pushed an "agenda of reckless spending and high taxes that is crushing California families." Many of her constituents in her predominantly conservative district agree with her.

Another local leader, state Sen. Dave Min who represents District 37, including Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach and Newport Beach says that the recall is an example of partisan politics and "a total abuse of the recall process."

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach



Kyong Hui Jones

August 8, 1953 - August 1, 2021

Kyong Hui Jones of Costa Mesa, died on August 1, 2021 at the age of 67 at Keck Medical Center of USC in Los Angeles. Born in Gwangju, South Korea, to Lim Jong-guk and Kim Soon-nim, she was the oldest of seven siblings. Being born the eldest daughter of a large family, she was strong, kind, driven, patient, generous and responsible. She loved to learn and always wanted to further her education. After graduating high school, she worked as dress maker during the day and attended classes at night. While traveling at a temple called Songgwangsa in Seungju, Jeollanam-do, she met her future husband, Ken Jones. She took a leap of faith and moved to Costa Mesa, raised a family and resided there until her passing. She loved nothing more than being a mom to her daughters, doting on her grandchildren and being an active member of her church, First Korean Baptist Church of Irvine. She was a woman who fiercely loved God, her family and friends, and fancy skincare products. She was always thoughtful and careful with her words and actions, and loved with a quiet strength that will always be remembered by those who were loved by her. Her fondest memories were of traveling; singing in the church choir; family vacations camping and fishing; working alongside her friends at Edwards Lifesciences for the last 21 years; karaoke; and taking long walks in the Back Bay. She was the most giving person you could ever meet, throughout her whole life, she always gave to others so they would not have to go without. Kyong is survived by her six siblings in South Korea Lim Soo-il, Lim Ran, Lim Myung-hee, Lim Mal-soon, Lim Su-jin, and Lim Hoon; her two daughters, Tanya and Laurie; stepchildren, Kenny and Gina; grandchildren, Huen, Annemarie, Kennedy and Carter; five step-grandchildren; and three great step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ken. She is our angel and she will be missed by all she touched.

The funeral service will be held at 10am, August 28th at Harbor Lawn-Mt. Olive Memorial Park and Mortuary at 1625 Gislser Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA.



Kathleen Power

Kathleen Power, daughter of Ed & Dee Power, all formerly of Fountain Valley, passed away in her sleep in Roseville in early November from breast cancer. She graduated from FVHS in 1972 and went on to CSULB to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She enjoyed skiing and planning parties & events. She moved to Lake Tahoe & Las Vegas where she worked & played. She also enjoyed travel & was fortunate enough to be able to see some of our world. She leaves behind 3 brothers, 3 sisters, 10 nephews, 2 nieces, 1 aunt & several cousins. And several heartbroken friends. We'll be having a Celebration of her Life on Sunday, August 29th at the Harbour View Clubhouse at 16600 Saybrook Lane, Huntington Beach from 1:30pm - 4 pm.

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And because expectant mothers pass along vital nutrients and oxygen through the placenta, maternal respiratory weakness and failure — hallmarks of the disease — can threaten fetal health.

Jolley said doctors may decide to deliver a baby before it has come to term so it can be hooked up to a machine that will provide adequate oxygen, instead of forcing it to rely on a com-

promised uterus. “If that system is broken, then the fetus is at risk,” she said.

The study also found patients with COVID-19 were more likely to be Black or Latina, compared to uninfected patients, and pointed out racial disparities in maternal health, due to discrimination, healthcare access and a disproportionate burden of underlying comorbidities that have likely been augmented by the pandemic.

Data collection took place before COVID-19 vaccines

were widely available to the public. Jolley said obstetricians, lacking evidence on the potential impacts of a vaccine to an expectant mother or fetus, initially supported a pregnant woman’s choice regarding vaccination.

But now, things are different.

The CDC earlier this month reported that data from three safety monitoring systems found no safety concerns for pregnant people vaccinated late in pregnancy or their babies, including no significant in-

creased risk of miscarriage or infections.

“The benefits of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine for pregnant people outweigh any known or potential risks,” CDC officials stated in an Aug. 11 release.

“The increased circulation of the highly contagious Delta variant, the low vaccine uptake among pregnant people and the increased risk of severe illness and pregnancy complications related to COVID-19 infection ... make vaccination for this population more urgent than ever,” the

release continued.

Despite the increased risk COVID-19 presents during pregnancy, Jolley noted CDC figures from mid-August showed only 23.8% of pregnant women had been vaccinated — far below the nearly 71% of all eligible Americans who’ve received at least one dose.

“When I see a number like 23.8%, that means to me I have 76.2% of my patients still to counsel,” she said, acknowledging a high level of hesitancy about the vaccine among pregnant women.

Because there is no ideal point in one’s pregnancy to get vaccinated, Jolley recommends her patients get inoculated as soon as possible. In addition to possibly saving their own lives, they can build antibodies that can be shared with a fetus in utero or, later, through breast milk.

“I want them to get the vaccine as soon as they can moving forward, for their health and for the health of their family,” she said.

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TUNA

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upon several schools of bluefin boiling at the surface in the span of an hour. Within that window, the crew brings in one bluefin and a dorado.

The schools of bluefin seen in the late afternoon were found near the 14 Mile Bank, about halfway between Catalina and Newport Beach, Hansen said.

During the recent run on bluefin, Davey’s Locker had a record catch — a 130-pound bluefin not far offshore. It took more than an hour to bring the fish in.

“We were coming down the coast from fishing sculpin up off Long Beach, and the whale watch boats, they told me they saw a few fish around, a few bluefin,” Hansen said.

“We were driving down and

saw a big foamer of tuna, kind of like the ones that we saw today, and threw bait on the fish, and the fish came up on our chum, and we hooked six that day.”

Marine biologist Nancy Caruso, who runs the nonprofit Get Inspired, said that the abundance of bluefin near Orange County is likely due to where they are finding their food.

“The only reason they move around is to chase food, and so their food is coming up through ... Orange County’s waters,” Caruso said. “Usually, you find the bluefin tuna in the little, warmer pockets, where the water kind of moves in pockets off the coast, and the fishermen go out.”

Nate Jaros, a curator of fish and invertebrates at the Aquarium of the Pacific, said that while it may be unusual for bluefin to be caught close to the Orange County mainland, it is not out of

their migratory patterns.

“They’re migratory,” Jaros said. “They spawn in Japan, and they come over, and they typically live off the Mexico and California coasts for the first one to three years, give or take, before they go back across.”

Bluefin began showing up consistently in the fish count at Davey’s Locker on July 31. A total of 47 bluefin were caught from three fishing trips on Wednesday.

The next two days, Davey’s Locker reported just three bluefin in its daily fish counts.

The single-day high for bluefin this month came on Tuesday with 55 caught.

Dr. Noah Ben-Aderet, a fisheries biologist who is now the sustainable fisheries and aquaculture program manager at the California Ocean Protection Council, said that similar volumes of bluefin have been seen around South-

ern California for a couple of years.

He had an idea on what the natural bait might be that is drawing the bluefin to the area.

“Right now, we just have a lot of anchovies, like huge, huge schools of young anchovies that are fairly close to the beach, and the tuna really like to eat those,” Ben-Aderet said.

Ben-Aderet added that while the migration of certain species of fish cannot be attributed solely to climate change, it should not be ruled out as a factor.

“The jury is still out, but there is a lot of thought that the prevalence of bait has to do with our changing offshore conditions,” Ben-Aderet said. “I wouldn’t link it exclusively to climate change right now.”

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ANGLER GUSTAVO ZAMORA, 32, of Rialto, left, stands with boat captain Paul Hansen and the bluefin tuna Zamora caught.

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