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ERIC CONNELLA, 53, stands near Tower P at the Wedge in Newport Beach on Saturday. As a teenager, Connella and his friends helped name the lifeguard tower, because back then, it did not have a name. "When I see that 'P Street' tower, it just gives me a sense of pride," Connella said.

The P on this Newport Beach lifeguard tower stands for pride

Eric Connella and his friends had an itch for some wholesome hijinks in 1983 and wrote a few lines into the city's history. It's the story of Tower P.

BY HILLARY DAVIS

This is a story about how young Eric Connella and his friends had an itch for some wholesome hijinks in 1983 and wrote a few lines into Newport Beach history.

It's the story of Tower P.

A new lifeguard tower went up that summer on the golden sands near their enviable neighborhood surf spot, the Wedge. Every lifeguard lookout in Newport Beach has a simple name corresponding to the closest street name, which on Balboa Peninsula is typically either a numeral or letter. A large



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See **Tower P**, page A2 **A SURFER DROPS** into a giant wave at the Wedge in Newport Beach in 2019.

Judge takes surgeon's rape case from D.A.

The state attorney general will assume prosecution in the case involving Dr. Grant Robicheaux and Cerissa Riley.

BY HILLARY DAVIS

The high-profile case of the Newport Beach surgeon and his girlfriend accused of working together to serially lure, drug and rape several women has been taken out of the Orange County district attorney's hands.

The state attorney general's office will take over prosecution for the case of Dr. Grant Robicheaux and Cerissa Riley, Orange County Superior Court Judge Gregory Jones ruled Thursday.

Jones said that any prosecutor in District Atty. Todd Spitzer's office who won the case would be in a position of making his boss look "foolish" for saying the case could not be prosecuted. And any prosecutor who did not "vigorously" pursue guilty pleas would leave themselves open to discipline from the state bar.

"I have serious questions about the district attorney's ability to prosecute this case at this point," the judge said. "I think they are hopelessly conflicted."

It was the ultimate outcome Spitzer had long wanted. He first directly sought to have the case transfer to the state a year ago because of how his predecessor Tony Rackauckas had handled the sensational case during the 2018 election season.

Spitzer asked the state to take over the case in September 2019 because of statements Rackauckas made in depositions for a related civil suit filed by an accuser, in which the former D.A. said he expected the publicity surrounding the case to be beneficial to his campaign. The lurid story line picked up media attention worldwide.

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Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force hosts forum on building community

BY MATT SZABO

While divisiveness seems to be building both nationally and locally, it was building community that was a focus of the first Huntington Beach community summit hosted on Zoom Thursday night.

The summit, put on by the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force, was free to attend.

Moderator Rhonda Bolton led a nearly two-hour conversation that featured questions from the community and five guest panelists.

The guest panelists included

Oak View neighborhood native Antonio Benitez, local actor and minister Daniel Bruce Kelly, retired Coast Community Colleges chancellor Ding-Jo Currie, Huntington Beach city archivist Kathie Schey and recent Huntington Beach High School graduate Matariya Ratanapan.

Spoken word artist Joandrea Reynolds dramatically read stories from those who responded to one of five questions.

The first anonymous submission answered the question, "What connection, if any, do you see between what is happening in our nation and what



RHONDA BOLTON, top left, leads discussion during Thursday night's community summit.

Matt Szabo

is happening in our neighborhoods and communities?"

"Life has been hard being a person of color in Huntington Beach, but I've managed to find

great friends and build a small community of support for me and my family," Reynolds read.

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Big West Conference postpones fall sports due to coronavirus



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

DESIREE MENDOZA, seen competing in her senior year at Estancia High on Feb. 6, is now part of the UC Irvine women's soccer program.

BY ANDREW TURNER

High school sports in the new school year in California have been delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, and increasingly, that is becoming the case at the college level.

The Big West Conference announced on July 29 that it would postpone fall sports through the end of the calendar year.

At UC Irvine, the affected fall sports would be men's and women's cross-country, men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball.

The Golden Coast Conference, in which the UC Irvine men's water polo program competes, also postponed its men's water polo season until at least January in an announcement made on July 31.

"I think if you asked me that back in March [if] we would be [postponing] the fall season, I think I would have been quite surprised, but as things progressed, it became quite clear that having fall sports is going to present lots of challenges," UC Irvine women's soccer coach Scott Juniper said. "I think by the time the decision came around, we were quite honestly very prepared for that decision and expected it, and I think you saw the dominoes kind of across the country, other conferences started to come to the same conclusion.

"Obviously disappointed, but completely understand why we're in the situation we are, and just have to guide our student-athletes through the chaos."

As more conferences opted

not to start fall sports on time, the NCAA also decided not to hold championships in the fall. The decision came on Aug. 13.

"We cannot now, at this point, have fall NCAA championships, because there's not enough schools participating," NCAA President Mark Emmert said in video posted on Twitter. "The board of governors also said, 'Look, if you don't have half of the schools playing a sport, you can't have a legitimate championship.'"

The door has been left open for fall championships to take place in the winter or the spring, although what those championships may look like is still uncertain.

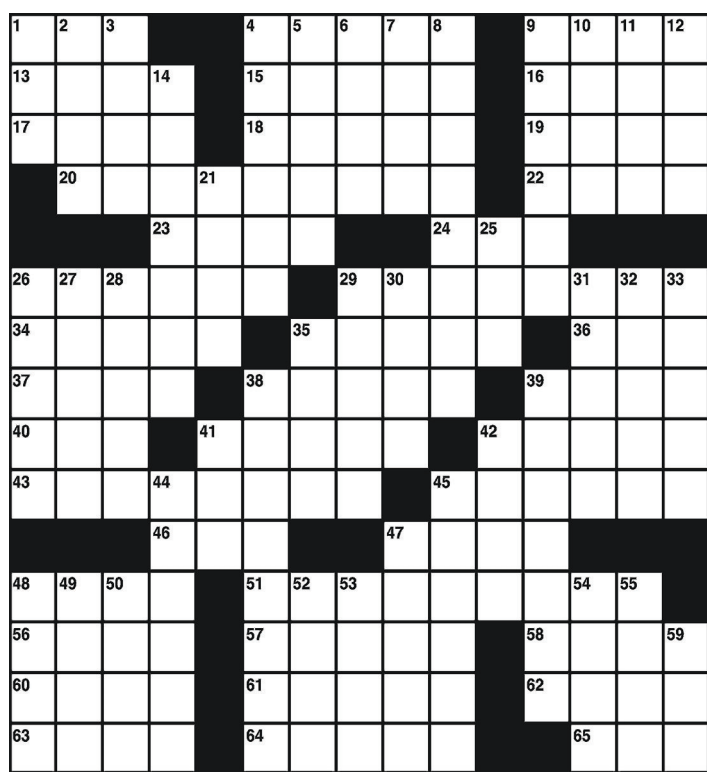
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

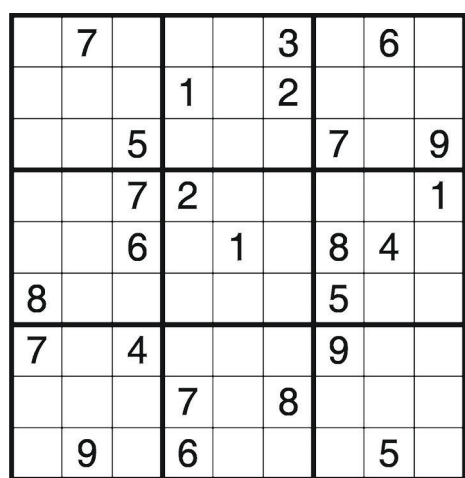
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 19 Forbidden topic
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 22 Recognized
 23 _ the line; obeyed
 24 Part of a royal flush
 26 Things listed in a will
 29 Going off course
 34 Begins to wake up
 35 Martin or Charlie
 36 Pekoe or oolong
 37 Greedy folks
 38 _ the way; pioneers
 39 Unwanted growth
 40 Shade tree
 41 Mountaintops
 42 Ointment
 43 Coast
 45 Appears happy
 46 "The _ and the Pendulum"; Poe story
 47 Sheep's coat
 48 Blemish
 51 Setting up
 56 To boot
 57 Rule
 58 Actor Robert De _
 60 Feast with pig and poi
 61 Actor Willem _
 62 Secluded valley
 63 Portable shelter
 64 Exhausted
 65 Female animal



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.



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

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 2 Has a bug
 3 Tight, as a rope
 4 Small fruits
 5 Angered
 6 Secondhand
 7 Waiter's offering
 8 Readies
 9 Word with wrench or business
 10 Feel put _; be resentful
 11 Trait transmitter
 12 Winter flakes
 14 Wobbles
 21 Cookware

- 25 Cylindrical container
 26 Blaze residue
 27 Shoplifted
 28 Greek "S"
 29 Tremble
 30 Kennedy & Knight
 31 Know-_; wise guy
 32 Boldness
 33 Microsoft's Bill
 35 Scorch
 38 Acrobat's attire
 39 Crying loudly
 41 Sorority letter
 42 Big city haze
 44 Produce new buds
 45 14-line poem
 47 Covered _; pioneer's transport
 48 _ and pepper
 49 Hadn't a _; suspected nothing
 50 As comfortable _ old shoe
 52 Gather a harvest
 53 Plentiful
 54 River near the pyramids
 55 Got bigger
 59 Dollar bill

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ACE PATEL SERVES tacos as Erin Yorty, left, and Kelsey Connelly, right, have lunch during the grand opening of Taco Asylum at the Camp shopping center in Costa Mesa in 2011.

Costa Mesa's Taco Asylum at the Camp closes permanently

Taco Asylum restaurant in Costa Mesa has closed permanently, unable to sustain losses due to the novel coronavirus pandemic. Owners of the taco shop, which opened in the Lab shopping center in 2011 and then later on moved across the street to the Camp, announced in an Instagram post on July 8 that they were closing down for good. "With each passing week, the difficulties of re-opening became more apparent," part of the post read. "Health concerns for both our employees and

patrons, in addition to the mounting restrictions and guidelines, have added a tremendous strain on our industry. Unfortunately, and with a heavy heart, we have decided to close Taco Asylum at the Camp. "During our tenure, we had the honor of working with amazing employees and the privilege of meeting many wonderful customers. You will genuinely be missed. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to share Taco Asylum's food and service with the community. Although we are uncertain of the future for Taco Asylum, we are optimistic."

The restaurant had announced on April 10 that it would be closed until further notice, "until we see a clear path to reopen again." Orange County restaurants are currently closed to indoor dining, though many have built or offer outdoor dining areas for their patrons. Taco Asylum opened nine years ago, and Ace Patel, Greg Daniels and Will Dee, from Haven Gastropub in Orange, ran it at the time. Patel took over sole ownership in 2014 before the Gallegos family became the new owners in 2018. — Matt Szabo

TOWER P

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plaque nailed to the sides of the elevated huts identifies it. But this new tower had no name. That was until 16-year-old Connella and his crew, with masking tape, spray paint, civic pride and a dash of silliness, decided to christen it Tower P. It was somewhat of a non sequitur, but with some logic, Connella explained. The last tower before the Wedge was at L Street. This new tower was close to M Street, near where Connella lived, but Tower M is on Main Street just west of the Balboa Pier. So they picked a letter between M and W. P Street doesn't exist, but Tower P does.

Tower P came from tragedy. Two young girls playing in the sand were swept to sea by the powerful waves the Wedge area is known for. Details of the nearly four decades-passed incident have become fuzzy. But as retired Newport Beach lifeguard battalion chief Jim Turner knows, the sand at the Wedge can get carved away by big summer swells. Without another lookout between the L and W towers at the time, this created a blind spot — body surfers out in the waves could be easily seen but the area closest to shore was harder to put eyes on. So when a large chunk of the sand berm the children were sitting on that dark day broke off, the girls were washed out to sea before lifeguards could reach them

— with the Wedge being 160 yards away in soft sand and the L Street tower twice that distance, if it was even open. The city installed a roofless platform to bridge the gap. Pondering how to make the tower fit in, Connella and his friends taped off a P outline one night and filled it in with white spray paint, approximating the other towers as best they could. "Our intention was to make it look nice and presentable. It wasn't just graffiti," said Connella, now 53 and a financial advisor in Laguna Niguel. "We were serious about trying to make it right." He vividly remembers a lifeguard sanding off their P and painting over the patch the next day. So they put it back on. The city painted over it again. This repeated four or five times until one day in the fall, the city hammered permanent P plaques onto the outer walls. P for persistence. Turner said the lettering system makes sense from a logistical perspective, though he agrees Connella has a good story. "I don't know about the local kids deciding to name the tower but there is a logic to naming the tower that would more likely come from lifeguard administration," said Turner, who served as a Newport lifeguard from 1973 to 2014. "Administrators would have needed to name the tower as an identifier for schedules, on the old-style phone plug board and to direct patrol vehicles on the radio." M was out because of Main Street, N wouldn't do because it was used for a backyard tower, and O looked and sounded too much like "zero." The next letter, P, didn't have any conflicts. Current chief lifeguard Mike Halphide has been working Newport's shore since 1984. Tower P's sad start and more cheerful naming predate him. But it's a good post. "I always liked working Tower P because you were part of the Wedge team but somewhat removed from all the crowds," he recalled. "Also, it is a great perspective to watch people ride the Wedge as you can see them deep in the barrel when they are obscured from view to most people sitting near Tower W." As for Connella, whose parents still live off M Street, it's still a local hang. "When I see that 'P Street' tower," he said, "it just gives me a sense of pride."

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Peggy Clark
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Peggy Clark (Jean G. Clark) passed away on August 7, 2020 at her Newport Beach home with her dedicated husband, Daniel, at her side. She died of serious complications involving her Post-Polio Syndrome. Peggy was born in Philadelphia, PA, on November 22, 1935 and had a happy Main Line childhood with her college professor father (E. Lee Goldsborough), mother (Jean Reid Goldsborough) and brother, Ted Goldsborough. At age nine she contracted polio and spent almost a year in the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She did her best to overcome these obstacles, made numerous friends and graduated from Lower Merion High School. She attended Allegheny College for three years where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Peggy knew Daniel O. Clark of Oil City, PA, a US Navy officer, for four years. They were married on September 7, 1957 in Philadelphia. They moved to Berea, Ohio, where she completed her bachelor's degree at Baldwin Wallace College. She taught second grade in Berea while Dan worked as an industrial engineer in the steel industry. In 1960 they moved to Southern California's Newport Beach and lived for fifty years in a Cape Cod house with a lovely view of the Pacific Ocean.

Peggy taught at Mesa Verde Elementary School in Costa Mesa, CA, for nineteen years and then enjoyed tutoring individual students over the next twenty years. During that time she also volunteered as a guide at Sherman Gardens and at the Environmental Nature Center. She was an active member of the Hoag Hospital Auxiliary working in the Emergency Room.

She and her husband, Dan, did extensive travel throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia—always adding new birds onto their life lists as well as visiting many baseball parks.

Peggy loved to keep in touch with her family and her wide-range of friends. She was prolific at sending cards for all sorts of occasions as well as keeping up with texts and emails. In these last years she did her best to overcome the obstacles of post-polio with a positive outlook.

As was her wish, the Neptune Society will take her ashes to sea. There will be no services at this time due to the pandemic. Survivors include her husband, Daniel O. Clark, and brother Ted Goldsborough (Susan) of Bala Cynwyd, PA; nephew John Goldsborough (Julia Stein) of Philadelphia, PA; niece Jennifer Sakano of Princeton, NJ; nephew Marty McWhertor (Nanette) of Costa Mesa, CA; niece Jill McWhertor of Costa Mesa, CA; nephew Tom McWhertor (Janice) of Grand Rapids, MI, and nephew Daniel Clark McWhertor (Mary) of Riverview, FL. She also has numerous great nieces and nephews as well as her devoted cat named Cookie.

Those wishing to honor Peggy may make a donation to the Environmental Nature Center, 1601 East Sixteenth Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663.

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

You can end sentences with prepositions if you want to

Over the years, I've seen a lot of "most common grammar mistakes" lists on the internet. And, over the years, I've learned they're almost always wrong.

That is, in every published list of the grammar mistakes you're supposedly making, there's usually one or two that aren't mistakes at all. It's the author who's mistaken.

But that experience didn't prepare me for a post I came across recently on *yourdictionary.com* titled "18 Most Common Grammar Mistakes."

Though this list contained more than one bit of misguided advice, No. 9 stopped me in my tracks.

"Nine. Another common grammar mistake is ending a sentence with a preposition," the author

wrote. "A preposition, by its nature, indicates that another word will follow it. In casual conversation, this type of error is no big deal, but you should avoid this mistake in your writing."

For example: Incorrect: 'What reason did he come here for?' Correct: For what reason did he come here?"

This just isn't true. Never has been. It's a superstition — one that's been debunked over and over by every credible authority under the sun.

In fact, this fake rule has been exposed so many times in recent years that I figured it was fading into memory. But nope. It persists. So it's a good idea to understand the underlying grammar concepts and why this supposed rule is

wrong. Prepositions aren't easily defined. Here's Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary's definition of a preposition: "a function word that typically combines with a noun phrase to form a phrase which usually expresses a modification or predication."

Not much to sink your teeth into there. But a usage note in Merriam's explains it better. "A preposition is a word — and almost always a very small, very common word — that shows direction (to in 'a letter to you'), location (at in 'at the door'), or time (by in 'by noon'), or that introduces an object (of in 'a basket of apples'). Prepositions are typically followed by an object, which can be a noun (noon), a noun phrase (the

door), or a pronoun (you)."

Some of the most common prepositions are: at, by, for, from, in, of, on, to, with, above, across, after, against, along, among, around, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, during, except, inside, instead of, into, like, near, off, on top of, onto, out of, outside, over, past, since, through, toward, over, under, until and without.

As Merriam's noted, these words usually take a noun or pronoun as their object, like "cheese" in "with cheese" or "the office" in "at the office."

And therein lies the germ of our grammar myth. If a preposition takes an object and is, as Merriam's notes, "usually followed by" that object, it

calls into question a sentence like "What did you do that for," in which the preposition "for" is followed by nothing. "Who are you going with," "That's one person I'm impressed by" and "Hamburgers are the food I eat the most of" all end with a preposition followed by nothing, so people figure these must be grammar mistakes. Not true.

"There is nothing wrong with ending a sentence with a preposition like 'to,' 'with,' 'for' or 'at,'" Merriam's notes. English speakers have been doing so since the days of Old English.

Here's Bryan Garner in Garner's Modern American Usage: "The spurious rule about not ending sentences with prepositions is a remnant of Latin gram-

mar, in which a preposition was the one word that a writer could not end a sentence with." (See what he did there?)

American Heritage Dictionary also traces the superstition to misapplied rules of Latin and sets the record straight. "English syntax does allow for final placement of the preposition, as in 'We have much to be thankful for.'"

All credible language authorities agree: It's not a grammar error to end a sentence with a preposition. It's a shame more people don't realize it.

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MAILBAG

Support for Sen. Moorlach

Although I am a dedicated Democrat, I must take issue with letter-writer Tim Geddes' concern about Republican state Sen. John Moorlach.

Yes, Moorlach is a fiscal conservative, but his concern is for all Californians, and he tries to work with his fellow senators in both parties.

In all of my 92 years, I have voted for only two Republicans, former County Supervisor and State Sen. Marion Bergeson and John Moorlach. Both have crossed party lines and have done their hard-working best for all of us.

Martin A. Brower
Corona del Mar

Defining 'liberal'

I have noticed some letter writers lately have labeled Harley Rouda as a liberal, saying he has been misrepresented as a moderate.

If a liberal is characterized as someone who introduces and gets three bills signed into law his freshman year of Congress, while introducing six additional bills and 59 legislative measures, who wins the Healthy Seniors Award for his work to ensure Medicare coverage for seniors to be treated at home during the COVID-19 crisis and ensuring they continue to have access to medication for chronic diseases, who

wrote a bipartisan bill to provide \$25,000 to small businesses to update their personal protective equipment (PPE) during the coronavirus pandemic, to bring \$554 million back to Orange County to help fight the pandemic and return \$2 million directly to his constituents in the 48th Congressional district, and over \$40 million to Orange County businesses, then gift us with such a liberal any day.

Despite the upcoming election, Rouda is ready to introduce his latest bill, the California Coastal Communities Act, to fund research and resiliency measures to protect people on the coast which will address flooding as one of its components.

To his greatest credit, Rouda stopped his campaign when the pandemic hit and asked businesses around Orange County to donate PPE to Orange Coast Medical Center.

Currently he is working on a bill to reduce airplane emissions and improve water quality. If being the most active congressman in his freshman class makes him a liberal, I would have to say that "liberal" takes on a very positive connotation.

I will not talk about the contributions or lack thereof of Rouda's predecessors, nor argue about semantics regarding conservative, moderate, liberal, democratic-socialist and fascist (words often thrown around indiscriminately), but since the word "liberal" has been

brought up, I will give you these words from President John F. Kennedy:

"If by a 'liberal' they mean someone who looks ahead and not behind, someone who welcomes new ideas without rigid reactions, someone who cares about the welfare of the people — their health, their housing, their schools, their jobs, their civil rights and their civil liberties — someone who believes we can break through the stalemate and suspicions that grip us in our policies abroad, if that is what they mean by a 'liberal,' then I'm proud to say I'm a 'liberal.'"

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach

A new New Deal for live theater?

As the theater writer for a community newspaper in Long Beach, I find it spiritually and artistically deadening that theater is no longer live (The state of O.C. theater will only get rockier as the pandemic continues, but many forge on, TimesOC, Aug. 2).

The skill, the commitment, the vitality so evident in a living, breathing theatrical production is a compilation of so many arts and crafts that to behold a live performance is an inspiration, if not an epiphany.

With the challenges facing the multitude of theater artists in this age of pandemic, perhaps it's time to transform live performance into a call

for political action.

In the years 1935-39 there was the Federal Theatre Project (FTP), which was one of five Federal Project Number One projects sponsored by the Works Progress Administration (WPA); it was developed as a relief measure to give employment to artist, writers, directors and other theater workers.

What's more, luminaries

such as Arthur Miller, Orson Wells, John Houseman, Elia Kazan and Burt Lancaster were products of the Federal Theater Project, which as a part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal was implemented as an economic stimulus program but also resulted in a cadre of artists and artistic endeavors that changed American culture immeasurably.

Though it may be some time before we are safe from the coronavirus, it's not unreasonable, nor is it unprecedented, to seek the support of our U.S. government in sustaining live theater and the artists and craftspeople who are devoted to this ancient art form.

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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BIG WEST

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onships, in terms of the number of teams participating, is very likely to be reduced, so there's a big conversation on how you select those teams," Juniper said.

The Big West and other mid-major athletic conferences that have had an automatic qualifier spot through a conference championship would be hopeful to retain it.

Attempting to integrate new players into a program has also become a challenge during the pandemic.

Desiree Mendoza, an incoming freshman for the UCI women's soccer program who starred at Estancia High School, said she felt fortunate that a teammate reached out to get her involved.

"It's only five of us to keep it minimal because of this whole coronavirus thing," Mendoza said. "We meet every day of the week. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, we do conditioning, and Tuesday, Thursday, we get to touch the ball around."

As has been the case for many, Mendoza has gained an appreciation for what she had in her sport after it was taken away.

"I'm definitely going to be able to appreciate and take advantage of the games more, now that I've gotten a taste of not being able to play for ... the longest that I haven't been able to play," she said.

The Orange County

Health Care Agency reported 23 deaths due to the virus and 429 new cases in its latest numbers released on Thursday.

In total, the county has dealt with 856 coronavirus deaths while also seeing a cumulative case count of 44,936. On Wednesday, the county reported the first death of a child in the county due to the virus. A release by the county health department said the teenage girl had underlying medical conditions.

Currently, the county has 400 coronavirus-related hospitalizations, with 118 of those patients in intensive care units.

There were 6,545 more tests performed within the last day, bringing the number of tests administered during the pandemic to 571,931. An estimated 36,596 recoveries have been made from a bout with COVID-19.

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

- Santa Ana: 8,747 cases; 215 deaths
- Anaheim: 7,673 cases; 199 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 1,994 cases; 56 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,477 cases; 15 deaths
- Irvine: 1,366 cases; 12 deaths
- Newport Beach: 974 cases; 17 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 440 cases; eight deaths
- Laguna Beach: 155 cases; less than five deaths

And here are case counts followed by deaths, by age group:

- 0 to 17: 3,010 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 6,693 cases; three deaths
- 25 to 34: 9,860 cases; 13 deaths
- 35 to 44: 7,288 cases; 25 deaths
- 45 to 54: 7,336 cases; 72 deaths
- 55 to 64: 5,413 cases; 120 deaths
- 65 to 74: 2,646 cases; 171 deaths
- 75 to 84: 1,500 cases; 188 deaths
- 85 and older: 1,159 cases; 263 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at ocovid19.oehealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc. For information on getting tested, visit ocovid19.oehealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO.

30-2020-01152616-CU-PT-
CIC

Petitioner or Attorney (name, state, bar, and address):
Michael R. Lawler, Jr. (SBN 97118), Attorney at Law, 901 Dover Drive Suite 110, Newport Beach, CA 92660

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:
Petitioner, RISE LOCKER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name
RISE LOCKER
Proposed Name
RISE TAYLOR

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 10/20/2020
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: D-100
ROOM: 44

The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Orange 700 Civic Center Drive West - Central, Santa Ana, CA 92701 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. Date: 8/03/2020 /s/ by: James, J Di Cesare, Judge /s/ By: DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk /s/ By: Valerie Hammer, Deputy Published in the Daily Pilot 8/7, 8/14, 8/21 & 8/28/2020 BSC 218630

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION LIEN SALE

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In accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 21700, et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California the under-signed will be sold at public auction conducted on **STORAGETREASURES.COM** on **September 12th, 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	Ashley Lindsey

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

Published: August 21st, 2020 and August 28th, 2020.

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids shall be submitted electronically via PlanetBids to office of the City Clerk, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 **By 10:00 AM on the 15th day of September, 2020**, at which time such bids shall be opened and read for

VIA LIDO SOUD & NORD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Contract No. 7645-2

\$4,800,000
Engineer's Estimate

Approved by
James M. Houlihan
Deputy PWD/City Engineer

Prospective bidders may obtain Bid Documents, Project Specifications and Plans via PlanetBids: <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=22078>

Hard copy plans are available via Mouse Graphics at (949) 548-5571
659 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Contractor License Classification(s) required for this project: "A"
For further information, call Alfred Castanon, Project Manager at (949) 644-3314

NOTICE:

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.

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LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OF MEDIANS AND ROADSIDES

Contract No. 7890-1

\$2,000,000
Estimated Annual Bid Value

Approved by
James M. Houlihan
Deputy PWD/City Engineer

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Contractor License Classification(s) required for this project: "C-27"
For further information, call Kevin Pekar, Project Manager at (949) 644-3069

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The Laguna Beach City Council will hold a virtual Public Meeting to consider the: **Appeal of the denial of Design Review 19-4333 for modifications to a prior approval and elevator/mechanical height exception in the R-1 (Residential Low Density) zone at 346 Alta Vista Way. Design review is required to extend the elevator to the top level, a 32 square-foot deck addition to the elevator, a 79 square-foot subterranean mechanical space at the rear of the garage, a new built-in barbecue on the deck above the garage, and to relocate the previously approved in-ground spa at the rear of the home to a self-contained spa on the front street-facing deck.** The property owner appealed the decision of the Design Review Board to deny the project. He asserts that the Design Review Board's denial did not cite any violations of rules, regulations, City ordinances, or building codes; did not follow the City staff recommendations; and did not provide any recommendation or solutions to resolve the issues identified by the Board members. SAID PUBLIC MEETING to be held **Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** For additional information, contact City staff: **Nancy Csira, Zoning Administrator (949) 497-0332** or ncsira@lagunabeachcity.net and/or the property owner/appellant: **Ieronim Andronesi (714) 679-0309** andronesi2002@yahoo.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). **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, September 1, 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. The City staff recommended that the Design Review Board determine the project to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions), Section 15301, Class 1(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines; however, because the project was denied, no CEQA determination was made. Lisette Chel-Walker, CMC, City Clerk

Title Order No. 95523894 Trustee Sale No. 84803 Loan No. 399196725 APN: 426-295-13 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/27/2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 8/27/2020 at 10:00AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 7/2/2018 as Instrument No. 201800243060 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Orange County, California, executed by: JASON A. SAVISAAR, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor PENNIMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC, AS TO A 25.00% (\$36,250.00) UNDIVIDED INTEREST; KAREN ANN JOHNSON, TRUSTEE OF THE KAREN ANN JOHNSON REVOCABLE TRUST DTD AUGUST, 04, 2005, AS TO A 75.00% (\$108,750.00) UNDIVIDED INTEREST, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the front entrance to 8180 East Kaiser Blvd, (Please check in with Receptionist) Anaheim Hills, CA 92808, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: LOT 32 OF TRACT NO 1634, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 103, PAGE 29 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 322 ALVA LANE COSTA MESA, CA 92627. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$169,517.40 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 7/31/2020 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 JANINA HOAK, ASST. VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 84803. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale."



Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times

DR. GRANT ROBICHEAUX and girlfriend Cerissa Riley, pictured during a break from court in October 2018, were charged with drugging and raping multiple women.

CASE

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However, the state declined Spitzer's request, saying that any conflict was moot because he had replaced Rackaukas.

So Spitzer put two new prosecutors on the case, and a three-month review showed insufficient evidence to proceed with prosecution, Spitzer argued.

But when county prosecutors sought earlier this year to have the charges dropped altogether, Jones declined to dismiss the charges in favor of presenting them to a jury.

Though Spitzer and the defense have argued that Rackaukas ginned up heavy and embellished pre-trial publicity fueled by his desire to be reelected, that cannot be a factor in the decision, the judge repeatedly told the lawyers at a February hearing.

So Spitzer asked Jones, who recently survived his own disqualification attempt by the defense on the grounds that he was preferential to a victim's rights attorney, to refer the case to the state, and Jones agreed.

In a statement Thursday, Spitzer said he was confident that the state A.G. will be fair and just.

"When the attorney gen-

eral ordered my office to keep the case [in 2019], it was then and only then that a complete reevaluation of the case revealed a lack of evidence to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt," he said.

"A lack of admissible evidence does not mean that a crime was not committed; it means we lack the evidence to meet our legal burden in a court of law. Without sufficient evidence to prove the filed charges beyond a reasonable doubt, the Orange County district attorney's office is ethically prohibited from moving forward with this prosecution."

Robicheaux, 39, is an orthopedic surgeon and a onetime reality-TV personality who is facing 17 felony charges, including five counts of rape.

His girlfriend Riley, 33, faces three counts of rape among 13 charges in connection with assaults that previous prosecutors alleged took place in Robicheaux's Balboa Peninsula home. They deny accusations of nonconsensual sex.

Both could face life in prison if convicted as charged.

City News Service contributed to this report.

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FORUM

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"On occasions, we've had minor encounters with skinheads and some unpleasant interactions with unkind people. However, things changed for us dramatically in November of 2016, and I've felt like a stranger in my community ever since. Within the first two weeks of the 2017 inauguration, my family and I were individually and collectively targeted and called the N-word, more times than we have ever been in our entire lives. I'm concerned about the complete lack of empathy, care and kindness that seems to have become openly prevalent in our community because of politics..."

The panelists offered both larger scale and smaller suggestions for connecting with neighbors. One of the questions, posed by City Councilman Patrick Brenden, asked for tips on having more positive dialogue within the community.

"Yes, there's a lot of hate out there, but we can start

to model a different kind of behavior," Currie said.

"We can be intentional about a counternarrative. We will define what Huntington Beach's identity is ... We cannot let a small number define who we are, and I really hope that starts with our leaders in the city, to model those kind of behaviors for our community."

Four more sessions of the Huntington Beach community summit are scheduled.

Relations between the community and law enforcement will be discussed on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and representation in local government is the topic on Aug. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.

High school students are invited to attend the forum about xenophobia and racism on Aug. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m., and the final meeting, about diversity and inclusion, will take place Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Preregistration is required at hbsummit.eventbrite.com.

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