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'Your friend, Mike Conrad'

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NANCY MIKAELIAN MADEY talks about the response letter sent to her from a Vietnam soldier, Michael Conrad, 50 years ago. She and her third-grade class in Wisconsin wrote letters to soldiers during the Vietnam War in 1970.

Huntington Beach woman connects with faraway family of late Vietnam War pen pal

BY MATT SZABO

Like many during the coronavirus pandemic, Nancy Mikaelian Madey decided to do a little bit of cleaning.

The 59-year-old Huntington Beach resident found a letter she received five decades ago, and it brought back a flood of memories.

Mikaelian Madey was a third-grader at Jerstad-Agerholm Elementary School in Racine, Wis., in 1970, when her class wrote letters to unknown soldiers in the Vietnam War. A couple of weeks later, she got a letter back from someone named Mike Conrad.

He explained that he was from North Carolina, then a 23-year-old newlywed, and stationed in south Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

"Back in those days, getting a letter addressed to you as a little kid was a big deal, coming in the U.S. mail," Mikaelian Madey said. "I don't know why, but I just saved it. It meant a lot to me."

"He said it was monsoon season over there, which meant that it rained a lot. He even gave me a definition, because as a third-grader, I didn't know what that was. He told me to continue to study hard and do good in

school, because education was important. He just signed it, 'Your friend, Mike Conrad,' so I had his name."

Mikaelian Madey wrote Conrad once more but never heard back. Still, when she found his letter again last month, she decided to reach out.

Some online research showed Mikaelian Madey that Conrad died on Jan. 2, 2019, at the age of 72.

The longtime resident of Gastonia, N.C., left behind his wife, Becky, children, Jason

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Newport council candidates face off in forum

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Election season continues in Newport Beach with another City Council candidates forum Wednesday night, this one held by the West Newport Beach Assn.

This follows other forums held this year by the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce and Speak Up Newport. The latest forum was moderated by board member Jim Miller.

Miller described the organization as the "eyes and ears of [the] community since 1956" and that its mission was to protect and improve the quality of life for residents of Newport Beach.

The forum was held through

Four hopefuls answer questions for about an hour and a half in an event held Wednesday night by the West Newport Beach Assn.

Zoom.

All five candidates attended, but only four candidates, including incumbents Brad Avery and Jeff Herdman and prospective council members Nancy Scarborough and Noah Blom, answered questions. Sitting Mayor Will O'Neill, who is running for reelection, also attended, but was not asked questions as he is running unopposed.

The others are running to fill seats in District 2, which includes Newport Heights/Clyffhaven and West Newport, and District 5, which includes Balboa Island.

O'Neill is running for reelection for District 7, which includes Newport Coast.

With 2 minutes to introduce themselves, candidates answered questions for a little over an hour and a half.

O'Neill used his introduction to thank the city's fire department in assisting fighting some of the 26 major fires and three extended attack wildfires burning throughout California. State officials said Thursday that firefighters responded to 22 initial attack wildfires. O'Neill said the city is rebuilding the fire station

near Lido Isle, adding that city officials are close to getting bids and financing for the station.

"I am really excited to see us moving that forward because that is going to increase our responsiveness throughout the peninsula and up into the heights as well," O'Neill said. "This is one of those moments where you look back on it and say, 'Maybe that should have been done a decade or maybe even two decades ago,' but the nice thing is we're able to do it

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Soccer clubs partake in virus study

124 teams in 34 states participate in research on the risk of coronavirus transmission through participation in the sport.

BY ANDREW TURNER

When the coronavirus pandemic arrived and put the sports world in a state of suspension in March, it caused drastic changes.

Among those impacted were youth athletes, accustomed to the ever-present activity and interaction associated with their sport.

Earlier this year, the University of Wisconsin conducted a nationwide study of youth athletes that found a significant portion of those surveyed were adversely affected by school closures and the loss of sports. Forty percent reported symptoms of moderate to severe depression, while 37% said they experienced symptoms of moderate to severe anxiety.

Dr. Drew Watson, a sports medicine physician and researcher at the University of Wisconsin, was then compelled to run a study to gather preliminary data regarding the risk of transmission in specific sports. As the chief medical advisor of the Elite Clubs National League, a youth soccer organization, Watson was able to start there.

"We recognized pretty early on that the isolation that is associated

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COSTA MESA City Council members approved Tuesday a \$1.78-million bid to build a new playground area and restroom at Lions Park.

Costa Mesa City Council OKs \$1.78-million bid to complete Lions Park

Upgrades could be done by spring, while a new east-side park will honor Rachel Perez Hamilton.

BY SARA CARDINE

New restrooms and play spaces at Costa Mesa's Lions Park — the final pieces in a years-long series of renovations on the 10-acre complex — could be completed by spring, after City Council members

Tuesday approved a \$1.78-million bid for construction.

The work is scheduled to begin next month and will include two age-specific play areas, several new pieces of playground equipment and a sand pit. An

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' WATER POLO

Melissa Seidemann to take over as head coach at Corona del Mar High

BY MATT SZABO

The new head coach of the Corona del Mar High School girls' water polo program certainly knows about winning the big match.

The Sea Kings have hired two-time Olympic women's water polo gold medalist Melissa Seidemann to guide them, CdM athletic director Dennis Wilbanks confirmed Wednesday.

Seidemann takes over for Justin Papa, who resigned in March after three seasons.

"I'm really excited to take over the program," Seidemann said. "I know there's a rich history with CdM water polo, and I know it's seen some coaching changes in the past. This is something I intend to do for a while, so I'm really excited to have the program."

This is the first high school head coaching position for Seidemann, 30, who previously coached club water polo at SOCAL for three years and was an assistant coach for UC Irvine women's water polo for two years. She has a busy schedule ahead, as her playing career isn't over.



Gary Ambrose | Los Angeles Times

MELISSA SEIDEMANN, shown competing with the U.S. water polo team in 2012, is the new coach of the Corona del Mar High School girls' water polo team. It is her first high school head coaching position.

Seidemann, a Seal Beach resident, is training with the U.S. national team for the Tokyo Olympics next summer.

Team USA will be trying for its third straight gold medal and

Seidemann, a defender, is one of the team's veterans.

She said her friend and former national team teammate, Kelly

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LAGUNA BEACH MAYOR BOB WHALEN COMMENDS COMMUNITYWIDE EFFORT IN 'UNEXPECTED' 2020

BY ANDREW TURNER

As tough as the past six months have been since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen appeared to find inspiration in the collaborative effort of the community in the fight against the virus.

Whalen made the rounds in his speech, touching on adjustments made by businesses in the face of economic hardship and lauding steps taken by community members to help mitigate the spread.

"If you think back, we were unprepared at Pearl Harbor, we were unprepared for 9/11, and while the lack of preparedness can't be overlooked, it's the response to a crisis that's most critical," Whalen said. "We saw that in World War II. We saw that at 9/11. American dedication, determination and discipline saved us from those crises and helped us to become a stronger and more resilient country. It is those qualities that will lead our recovery this time from this

global pandemic."

In reviewing the tests presented by the pandemic, Whalen said that he felt the City Council made wise decisions when it came to closing and reopening both the beaches and trails. He thanked local officials for their role in addressing the former.

"Closing and then opening our beaches was among the biggest challenges," Whalen said. "I have to thank [Orange County] Supervisor [Lisa] Bartlett for pushing the county to close and open beaches in South Laguna in coordination with what we were doing at the city.

"I have to thank [state] Assemblywoman [Cottie] Petrie-Norris for helping us to coordinate with the governor's office to be the first city in Orange County to have a plan approved to reopen our beaches after 41 days of closure."

Whalen acknowledged that the road to recovery is far from over, emphasizing the importance of wearing masks and social distancing to help fight the spread of the virus and guard against



Screenshot by Andrew Turner

LAGUNA BEACH MAYOR Bob Whalen gives the State of the City Address via a Zoom meeting on Tuesday.

another spike in COVID-19 cases, as seen earlier in the summer.

He also partook in a "Mask Up To Open Up" public service announce-

ment featuring other Orange County mayors and plans to implement similar messaging on city signs.

Laguna Beach has also introduced a "Clean, Safe, Ready" pledge program geared toward having businesses reopen in compliance with safety protocols and ensuring that visitors abide by them, too.

Whalen expressed his gratitude to local businesses that have followed guidelines while trying to survive.

"I would be remiss if I concluded without commending the owners and operators of our restaurants, our retail stores, our art galleries and other businesses for your part in hanging in there to help your employees survive as best you could through these closures and to reopen safely and in compliance with the reopening guidelines," he said. "Thank you very much for doing your part."

As the saying goes, necessity is the mother of in-

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vention. The Promenade on Forest came about to allow some local businesses to operate outdoors with the coronavirus restrictions in place. The council has voted to extend the Promenade's stay through January, and Whalen added that they are looking into making it a permanent fixture downtown.

The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce had its own campaign, "Think Laguna First," to encourage residents to shop locally. Chamber chairman J.J. Ballesteros said that the organization has added 41 members since the start of

the year. Chamber President Paula Hornbuckle-Arnold noted that in March the organization granted a three-month reprieve from member dues to assist its businesses. "I think it's important to remember that a large number of our business owners are, in fact, residents," Ballesteros said. "They invest a great deal of time and money to provide something of value to us, and we should give them the support they need to be successful."

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- Old crone
 - Teasdale & Gilbert
 - Out in the _; visible to all
 - Sty supper
 - Wooden box
 - Actor Bridges
 - Turner or Fey
 - Traveler's stop
 - SAT, for one
 - Chattanooga's state
 - _ and crafts
 - Showed up
 - Tai _; meditative exercise
 - Do-to-do on the piano
 - One who studies plants
 - Unsteady
 - Stitched
 - Sorority letter
 - Nat or Natalie
 - Prepared to take a selfie
 - Largest car maker in Italy
 - _ You Lonesome Tonight?
 - Closes
 - Walkway
 - Lifesavers
 - Shoved
 - Clear Day You Can See Forever
 - Make haste
 - South American capital city
 - Like a terrible headache
 - Big spades
 - In the air
 - Morays & congers
 - Express pent-up emotion
 - Barnes & _
 - Hilarious person
 - Does basic arithmetic
 - Rough woolen fabric
 - Scale divisions: abbr.

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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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	9	1		2		5		
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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A5.

DOWN

- Truman's initials
- Landed
- Going, going, _!; auction cry
- Crafty plot
- Went skyward
- Word of disgust
- Fits to _; is exactly right

- Chose
- Acquire
- Look long & hard
- Bridge position
- Crazy
- Flapjack
- Shade of blue
- "Humpty

- Dumpty _ a great fall"
- "Sesame Street" fellow
 - Task
 - Yarns
 - Outperforms
 - Has debts
 - Like Pierce Brosnan & Liam Neeson
 - Layered rock
 - Carried
 - Tart
 - Ring-necked bird
 - More questionable
 - Source of light
 - Brisbane's nation: abbr.
 - Shorelines
 - Played miniature golf
 - Soldier's gun
 - Mauna Loa's output
 - Applied frosting to
 - Repair
 - Farm machine
 - Frontal _; part of the brain
 - Diamond, for one
 - Big dollop
 - Canonized people: abbr.
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old Korean War-era Grumman F9F Panther jet installed in Lions Park in 1960, known to be a popular feature of the park, will also be refurbished.

New hardscaping and utility improvements will be made on the site, on the northeast corner of 18th Street and Park Avenue. The playground area will

be resurfaced and a new prefabricated restroom building with hand-washing station will replace the current structure.

Awarded to San Diego County-based contractor Handy Industrial, the \$1.78-million bid (which comes with an \$89,000 contingency fee) is a scaled-back version of plans being considered in March, before the coronavirus pandemic closed facilities and impacted the

city's budget. At that time, bids ranged from \$3.18 million to \$4.1 million.

Council members made the tough call in May to shrink the scope of work, giving up two picnic shelters, enhanced landscaping and some shade structures, according to Raja Sethuraman, the public services director.

"There was also an entry monument sign that was a little bit fancier with an air-

plane on top of it — we took that out," he said. "[But] we wanted to keep all the play places and the playground surfacing, because that's the main focus of this, and the restroom building."

Lions Park has been the scene of several changes in recent years. In May 2019, the city celebrated the opening of the new 23,355-square-foot Donald Dunagan Library, built on the site of the erstwhile Neigh-

borhood Community Center.

A new community center — converted from the former library and named after Norma Hertzog, the city's first female City Council member and mayor — could be completed as soon as next month.

Both projects have been estimated to cost \$36.5 million.

"I'm really excited; this is a long time coming," said Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds. "When this park was open there were birthday parties, baby showers and picnics there every day of the week. It's a really important gathering place for residents in this area."

Councilwoman Sandy Genis said she remembered playing as a girl on the old plane, which gave the site its unofficial moniker, "Airplane Park."

"It was really, really fun," Genis said. "I'm looking forward to kids in the future having just as much fun playing at this facility and playing on the lawn."

vice president of instruction.

In 2008, she was inducted into the Orange Coast College Alumni and Athletic Halls of Fame. Upon her retirement in 1993, she was honored with the Coastline College Humanitarian Award.

Perez Hamilton's service to the community includes being a board member of the Costa Mesa Historical Society from 2009 to 2013 and volunteer efforts on behalf of the nonprofit Share Our Selves, OCC Friends of the Library and the Mexican American National Assn., an organization that focused on equal rights for Latinas.

She was also actively involved in St. Joachim's Catholic Church, where she was a lector.

Mayor Katrina Foley said the county, which operates the land the park is planned for, asked the city for naming recommendations. Perez Hamilton was the first person she thought of.

"It's perfectly fitting to name this park Perez Park after Rachel Perez Hamilton," she added. "Not only was she an amazing volunteer in our community on the east side ... her husband was also a veteran, and they have family that have deep roots here in Costa Mesa."

The council agreed to waive a portion of its normal naming policy, which requires nominations be reviewed by the city's Parks, Arts and Community Commission. Since the panel has halted meetings during the pandemic, City Council members decided to forego the usual nomination process.

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CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing via Zoom webinar on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item: Application No.: PA-20-02 / TPM 2019-120 Applicant/Agent: Dan Vy Ngoc Nguyen / John Nguyen Site Address: 2156 Myran Drive Zone: R2-MD (Multi-Family Residential District, Medium Density) Description: Planning Application 20-02 is a request for a Design Review to allow a residential small lot subdivision project with a total of two, two-story, single-family dwelling units each 3,048 square feet in size. Each new dwelling unit would include three bedrooms, one powder room, three full bathrooms, and an attached two-car garage. Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 2019-120 is a request to subdivide the 10,316-square-foot subject property into two separate parcels each 5,158 square feet in size with one dwelling unit on each parcel intended for individual ownership. The property previously contained a single-family dwelling which has since been demolished; the property is currently vacant.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (Class 32), In-Fill Development and Section 15303 (Class 3), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

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Water board delays vote on Poseidon desalination plant

Proposed H.B. facility was given more time to answer questions about the project.

BY MATT SZABO

The Santa Ana Regional Water Board has delayed a vote on issuing a permit to allow the controversial Poseidon water desalination plant to move forward in Huntington Beach.

The board was scheduled to meet virtually on Thursday to make a decision on the waste discharge permit renewal.

However, Poseidon has requested more time to address concerns raised in three days of public hearings that concluded last month, the board announced in a release.

Among the issues that Poseidon requested more time to address were the need and cost of desalinated water, the Orange County Water District's commitment to purchase the supply, the harm to marine life caused by the facility's intake process and whether the Bolsa Chica wetlands marine life mitigation plan satisfies California's requirements for seawater desalination plants.

Poseidon's mitigation efforts were a big part of the concluded hearings. During the most recent Santa Ana Regional Water Board hearing on the issue, held Aug. 7, director Daniel Selmi proposed that Poseidon's mitigation would be

split at least 75%-25% in favor of restoration over preservation (inlet dredging). The rest of the board agreed.

Poseidon has informed the water quality board that it expects to complete its evaluation within 45 to 60 days.

Should Poseidon get a permit from the board, it would still need a permit from the California Coastal Commission before a possible contract with the water district could be agreed upon and construction could begin.

Poseidon plans to build the \$1.4-billion plant on 12 acres adjacent to the AES Huntington Beach Generating Station.

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THE PROPOSED \$1.4-billion Poseidon water desalination plant would be built on 12 acres next to the AES Huntington Beach Generating Station, pictured in 2016.



NANCY MIKAEILIAN MADEY shows the response envelope sent to her from Vietnam soldier Michael Conrad 50 years ago.

Photos by Don Leach Staff Photographer

CONNECTS

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and Peter, and four grandchildren.

Mikaelian Madey sent a letter to Becky Conrad with a copy of her late husband's correspondence 50 years ago.

"I included my email address, not knowing whether or not her address was current or if it would even get there," Mikaelian Madey said. "I kept my fingers crossed and remained optimistic."

It got there, all right. Across the country, a jaw dropped when this new letter was received.

"It was just amazing," Becky Conrad said. "It's one of those hard-to-describe feelings."

She emailed Mikaelian Madey that Mike had kept her second letter for all of these years. Becky had found it last year, when going through her late husband's letters sent from Vietnam.

"I got goosebumps when I got that email from his wife," Mikaelian Madey said. "I was like, 'Oh my gosh.' It went from a good story to a great story, by him having kept my letter for 50 years as well ... I just wonder, did it mean that much to him, or why did he save it?"

Becky Conrad sent back to Mikaelian Madey a copy of a picture of Mike in Vietnam in 1970, as well as a family picture taken in 2017.

She also has sent a laminated obituary from his fu-

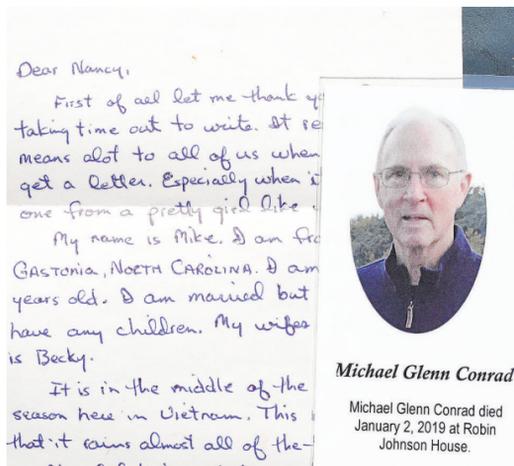
neral and a file of songs and eulogies.

Mike and Becky Conrad were married for nearly 51 years. He was an avid traveler and remained involved with his church, First United Methodist Church, until the end of his life.

Mikaelian Madey's only regret was that she didn't reach out sooner, when her pen pal of long ago was still alive. But now she has a new friend, and it's Becky Conrad.

Mikaelian Madey said her own family, including her husband, Randy, and children, David and Nicole, have responded with amazement to the story.

She is of Armenian descent, and she decided to plant a tree there in honor of Mike Conrad through



Michael Glenn Conrad

Michael Glenn Conrad died January 2, 2019 at Robin Johnson House.

THE LETTER sent to Nancy Mikaelian Madey 50 years ago from Michael Conrad. Next to it is Conrad's funeral card.

the Armenia Tree Project. "We talk all the time," Mikaelian Madey said of her friendship with Becky Conrad. "We just became really good telephone friends ... 50 years later, [Mike Conrad] managed to unite two families together."

Becky Conrad chuckled when asked about her new friendship with the former

third-grader from Racine, who now lives about 2,400 miles away. "Hardly a day goes by when I don't speak to Nancy," she said.

"It's been an amazing, wonderful journey. It's memories from the past, but a new relationship, and it's just very, very special."

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now."

"We're able to do it fiscally and responsibly and we're going to make the city safer and that's exactly what this job entails," O'Neill said.

Scarborough explained that she's never been a politician before, but that she's been involved in a number of city issues such as the nearby John Wayne Airport and involved with Still Protecting our Newport. A small business owner, Scarborough said she's lived in Newport Beach for 15 years and raised her three sons in the city.

Scarborough described herself as independent, adding that she felt the council needed a strong councilperson with an open mind.

Avery, the incumbent running for District 2, said he grew up and lived in several parts of the city, acknowledging that times have changed since his childhood. Avery said that he's enjoyed being a part of the conversations in the city on traffic and growth.

Avery said that he tries to uphold what is "on the

books now and try and mitigate what we can for folks that are being impacted by all the ramifications of the success of our great city."

Incumbent Herdman said he loves Newport Beach and has lived in the city just "eight years shy of [his] entire life." He added that he worked hard on the City Council while tackling issues with the airport, homelessness and, now, COVID-19.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported Thursday that there have been 1,101 cases and 21 deaths in Newport Beach.

Herdman said he doesn't feel that now is the time for change on the council, adding that stability and experience was what was needed. He said it's been an honor to serve District 5 for the last four years.

Blom followed, but countered by saying that he felt residents were excited for "new ideas that aren't the status quo, aren't things we've seen before." Blom said that he felt it was time to maintain who and what Newport Beach was but also continuing to push forward with the support of the community.

"We're coming off of

something that's challenged the world, not just our city. That challenge has to reunite us. I've seen it in Newport, more than I've seen it anywhere else," Blom said. "People aren't vacationing as much. They're staying home. They're re-experiencing what this town is and they're getting that excitement again."

Miller asked questions of what the prospective council members about the city's current relationship with the John Wayne Airport and its airlines, short-term rentals, how to improve the area in and around the Newport Pier, safety on the boardwalk, transparency with the public and the city's COVID-19 response.

City Council members in Newport Beach represent districts but are voted in at-large. Voters will cast their ballots on Nov. 3.

The next forum will be held virtually by the Corona del Mar Residents Assn. on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.

Readers can watch the West Newport Beach Assn.'s candidates' forum at [youtube.com/watch?v=dADc_3bomYQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dADc_3bomYQ).

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COMMENTARY | ALEX GOODMAN

Plan to reopen NMUSD schools raises multiple concerns

We, more than a hundred educators, staff, and community members of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, are coming together to strongly oppose the Level 2 hybrid model announced by the district on Sept. 11.

This hastily sketched plan is being pushed through even though it has not taken our concerns into consideration or been communicated clearly to interested parties. Moreover, this plan threatens the physical, emotional and academic wellness of our students and community.

With so much at stake, deciding how and when to return to campus must be done with the best interests of our students and community in mind. Once we open our doors again, we will have to deal with the consequences that result.

Here are some of our most pressing concerns:

This plan is rushed and care-less. Elementary schools are set to reopen in less than two weeks, and secondary schools by Oct. 12, but the district has yet to answer basic questions about its plan. Chief among them: What educational options would be provided for students who cannot return at this time? What about teachers and staff, including those who are in high-risk categories or care for vulnerable loved ones?

This plan is ineffective. The small amount of time students would spend in the same room as their teachers offers little benefit, since the necessary precautions would prevent students from participating in even the most basic social interactions with their classmates. They would not be able to work collaboratively with their peers. They would have to spend meal times, breaks and passing periods at least 6 feet away from their friends.

This plan is damaging to mental health. This plan would rob our students of the routine and predictability they've established so far, throwing them into a completely new system in the middle of the semester. They would have to navigate multiple different schedules every week and learn a whole set of safety protocols, all with less sleep to accommodate traveling to campus. What's more, some young children and students with special needs may be disturbed by the dramatic changes required to keep us all safe.

This plan is unreasonable. The complexities of working during a pandemic have already brought about a significant increase in stress for parents, teachers, nurses, counselors and support staff. Educators and school personnel would be tasked with

providing a meaningful education for students both on and off campus with limited resources, plus the burden of keeping everyone safe. They would not have the time to provide the individual attention, care and support our students so desperately need and

windows. Children in TK through second grade would not even be required to wear masks. And all day long, we would rely on hundreds, if not thousands, of students at each school site to adhere to strict safety protocols, surrounded by friends they

have to shut down suddenly. Worse, imagine the immense toll it will take on our students if they see their classmates, teachers or family members get sick or die.

We ask you to insist that the district do the following: Listen to and communicate clearly and honestly with all stakeholders before making final decisions. Keep students safe at home until we are at lower risk for community transmission. Provide strong safety protocols with defined contingencies to minimize infection and respond efficiently in the case of an outbreak. Ensure that the educational benefits of returning to campus outweigh the risks involved.

Please join us in this fight for a safe and effective reopening. You can find the contact information for the NMUSD school board at web.nmUSD.us/board; please let them know that you oppose the Level 2 hybrid model released on Sept. 11, and urge them to work with the community to develop a plan that serves and protects all of us. To show your support and add your voice, sign our petition at tinyurl.com/nmUSDsafereopening.

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deserve. Meanwhile, family members would have to accommodate multiple different schedules each week and still support their children through distance learning at home.

This plan is unsafe. Although Orange County has met the bare minimum state requirements for reopening, we have only moved into the red tier, the second-worst of four categories. This means there is still a substantial risk of community disease transmission. This is all the more concerning considering the glaring holes in the district's proposed safety protocols:

- Teachers would be stuck in enclosed rooms with their students for up to two hours at a time, many without functioning

haven't seen in months.

- Schools would not be administering COVID-19 tests, and staff members would be required to conduct temperature checks by sight. That means we won't know there's a problem until someone shows or reports symptoms. At that point, it will be too late; our students, loved ones, neighbors and colleagues will already be exposed to the virus, risking death, long-lasting health impacts and financial hardship.

We have already seen the consequences of rushing into reopening, with outbreaks at TK-12 schools and universities throughout the country. Imagine how disruptive it will be for our students if groups are required to quarantine, or if entire schools

STUDY

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with restriction from school and sports has a really profound impact, particularly on adolescents and adolescent athletes, specifically," Watson said.

The survey asked member club leadership how many players had returned to soccer participation, when they had done so, how many cases of COVID-19 they had, and whether those cases could be traced to transmission by soccer, Watson said. It also asked clubs to describe what risk-reduction protocols they were implement-

ing individually.

A total of 124 clubs across 34 states from the ECNL participated in the study, the sample size representing more than 90,000 players who had returned to training sessions, and in some cases games, for an average of 10 weeks.

"If you look at the case rate across the country from the data that the American Academy of Pediatrics put out for the 10 weeks prior to our survey, we kind of compared that case rate to ours, and what we found was that in ours that the case rate within our study sample was 310 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 athletes.

"That's not in it of itself

an easily interpretable number, but the case rate from the American Academy of Pediatrics for that 10 weeks across the country was 477 cases per 100,000 kids, so it's not directly apples to apples to compare those, but the takeaway for me is that it doesn't seem like participating in soccer within the context that most of these clubs are doing it incurs an increased risk of contracting the virus."

Watson wants to replicate the study across other sports, and he stressed that the new information is not a green light to do anything, especially given that safety protocols were in place.

"I think there is information that restricting young athletes from school and sports has pretty profound negative impacts on their physical and mental health, but that doesn't necessarily mean that in all contexts, we should be returning to activities," Watson said. "It means that we should be incorporating that into a discussion that hopefully also has information about the risks that is associated with participation with respect to COVID-19."

ECNL President Christian Lavers said that clubs were eager to participate in the study to help provide a "wide swath of potential data" for decision-makers regarding the return of youth athletics.

"I think nobody cares more about kids' well-being than parents," Lavers said, adding that every ECNL club in the study reported having risk-reduction plans in place to guard against the virus. "I think that needs to be remembered in this perspective, as well, that parents ultimately are going to have their kids' health and safety as the number one priority."

California has been one of the more restrictive states for youth athletics. The California Department of Public Health introduced guidelines for youth sports on Aug. 3.

Cheyne Gordon, who coaches U15, U16 and U18 girls' teams for Slammers FC, a club that trains out of Newport Beach and Irvine, said that the club recently began including goalkeepers in training sessions.

"What we've been able to do is literally skills and drills, so pretty much individual training, passing and shooting," said Gordon, who is also an associate head coach of women's soc-

cer for Concordia University. "We've only recently incorporated goalkeepers, and we were very conservative in adding that in."

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported four deaths and 140 new infections of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, in its latest numbers released on Thursday.

Overall, the county has had 1,115 lives lost due to the virus and 51,399 cumulative cases.

There are currently 198 patients hospitalized countywide because of the virus, with 64 of those patients being treated in intensive care units.

An additional 9,601 tests were reported in the last day, bringing the total number of tests performed in the county to 765,382. The healthcare agency approximates the total number of recoveries in the county from fighting the virus to be 46,153.

Orange County is in the second red tier with key metrics remaining firm. The county is averaging 4.7 new daily cases per 100,000 residents and has a testing positivity rate of 3.9%.

County health officials are asking residents to be mindful of the coming flu season, stressing that residents should get flu shots in addition to following best practices like social distancing, hand washing and good hygiene encouraged to fight the spread of the coronavirus.

"Cooler weather is coming, and we know that when people spend more time indoors and have closer contact with each other, germs spread much more quickly," Dr. Clayton Chau, director of the Orange County Health Care Agency, said in a release on Thursday. "It is

critical that everyone over 6 months old get a flu shot to decrease the incidence of influenza in the community and to ease the stress on the healthcare system when both viruses are likely to be circulating."

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

- Santa Ana: 9,885 cases; 260 deaths
- Anaheim: 8,778 cases; 241 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,320 cases; 70 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,771 cases; 28 deaths
- Irvine: 1,574 cases; 12 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,101 cases; 21 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 493 cases; 15 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 202 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

- 0 to 17: 3,555 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 7,722 cases; four deaths
- 25 to 34: 11,143 cases; 17 deaths
- 35 to 44: 8,233 cases; 30 deaths
- 45 to 54: 8,296 cases; 96 deaths
- 55 to 64: 6,189 cases; 158 deaths
- 65 to 74: 3,064 cases; 226 deaths
- 75 to 84: 1,756 cases; 239 deaths
- 85 and older: 1,394 cases; 344 deaths

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Rulon, who served as interim coach for CdM following Papa's resignation, encouraged her to apply to lead the Sea Kings.

Seidemann, whose younger sister, Natalie, is the head coach of JSerra girls' water polo, has met with the CdM players as they came together as a club program over the last couple of weeks.

Seidemann will be a walk-on coach for now, though she said she currently holds a multiple subject teaching credential and is working toward a master's degree in educational technology.

"I think it'll be really cool to have her perspective, as someone who's played so far in women's water polo," CdM senior center Kaity Greenwald said.

"I think she's just going to bring something different from a coaching standpoint, so I'm pretty excited for that."

CdM senior attacker Grace Myers, a two-time Daily Pilot Dream Team selection headed for UCLA, said she is also excited to have Seidemann in charge. CdM finished 12-16 last winter, failing to advance to the CIF Southern Section playoffs a year after making the Division 1 championship match.

"I think it's very fitting to have a new coach, because our last season didn't go as well as expected, not making it to CIF and stuff," Myers said. "Hopefully we'll have a better season this year."

Seidemann, originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, helped lead Stanford women's water polo to the 2011 NCAA Division I title. In 2013, she earned the Peter J. Cutino award as the top collegiate women's water polo player in the country.

She helped Team USA win 69 straight matches, a streak that ended last January, and capture FINA World Championships titles in 2015, 2017 and 2019.

Seidemann said she also has talked about her current Team USA teammate, Maddie Musselman, about her new position.

Musselman, now at UCLA, starred for CdM for three years before leaving to train full-time with the national team in 2015.

"Their family has been hugely supportive in me pursuing this opportunity," Seidemann said.

"Her dad, Jeff, has kind of walked me through a lot of the little pieces and given me some background, so that's been really cool. If you know Maddie, she's always supportive. She was just excited that I was interested at all. I did request her help in some of the traditions and the culture, so that I can keep it consistent with what it has been in the past. She's working on a little list of things I need to do as the new head coach."

One thing Seidemann understands is winning.

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