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CUSTOMERS WAIT in line to buy ammo during Crossroads of the West Gun Show on Saturday at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa.

Gun show back at OC fairgrounds

The Costa Mesa site has been host of the event for 25 years, but future dates are uncertain.

The Crossroads of the West Gun Show reopened its doors at the OC fairgrounds Friday for a three-day event, to the enjoyment of firearms hobbyists and collectors who have endured a 14-month pause to the long-held Costa Mesa tradition.

Operated by the Orange County Fair & Event Center, Costa Mesa's OC Fairgrounds has hosted shows through the Utah-based outfit for the past 25 years, earning a cumulative \$6.66 million from the agreement, officials report.

But that and other traditions were put on hold once pandemic restrictions prohibiting large gatherings were put into place and residents were forced to stay inside their homes. Since Orange County was moved on March 14 to a less restrictive "red" reopening tier, several smaller events have been able to come back online with caps on attendance and precautions in place.

The last Crossroads show to be held on the fairgrounds took place in January 2020. This weekend's show, approved by OCFEC



GUN ENTHUSIASTS check out sporting rifles during the Crossroads of the West Gun Show.

board members during a February meeting, is the only gun show sanctioned so far this year, officials confirmed Friday.

It comes as one politician, state Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine), attempts to gain support for Senate Bill 264, a proposal that would prohibit any state officer or employee, as well as anyone licensed to use any state-held property from allowing or contracting for the sale of any firearm or ammunition on that property.

Since the OC fairgrounds and OCFEC function as part of the state's District Agricultural Association, such legislation, should it pass, could effectively put an end to gun shows hosted by Crossroads of the West.

SB 264 on Wednesday was referred to the Senate's Governance and Finance Committee, which considers pieces of legislation pertaining to special districts.

— Sara Cardine

The Student Manager podcast helps students, parents with college search

It was started by Newport Beach resident Michael Fong in July 2019.

BY ANDREW TURNER

With the arrival of spring, high school seniors and their families experience a great deal of nervousness and excitement as they await the return on college applications.

Newport Beach resident Michael Fong embarked on a mission in July 2019 to help students — and their parents — make informed decisions about where to pursue post-secondary education.

Once a communications major at Long Beach State, Fong now gets his message out to anyone willing to listen through a podcast called "The Student Man-

"At the end of the day, it's (the student's) life, and he really focuses on that."

— Melissa O'Brien

Newport Beach resident on Fong empowering the student

ager."

The show is appropriately named, as Fong served as the student manager for the Long Beach State men's basketball team while he was an undergraduate student.

His time with the program fos-

tered an insatiable love of college campuses, sports and athletic facilities, so when he had a family of his own, college visits came naturally.

Fong, 51, has three children, two of which are now in college, but he spent several summers taking them on trips. During those journeys, he had a goal to check out at least one college campus a day, and after those regional excursions, he had a proposition for them.

"Then I told my kids, I said, 'Hey, when you guys get to high school, any college that you remember, we'll go back and see,'

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Laguna Canyon Foundation gets \$1M donation

The gift from Michael and Tricia Berns will be used to improve and maintain the landscape around the organization's headquarters.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Longtime Laguna Beach residents Michael and Tricia Berns have always enjoyed the outdoors.

The couple describe themselves as scuba divers, wind surfers, sailors and mountain bikers, and in addition, they have an interest in environmental conservation.

Their philanthropy has been centered around environmental education, and the Berns struck again earlier this month when they made a \$1-million donation to the Laguna Canyon Foundation.

The gift will be used to make improvements to and maintain the landscape around the Laguna Canyon Foundation headquarters, serving as a wilderness center, and for the community, as a place of both education and recreation.

About half of the donation will be turned into a maintenance fund for the parcel, which is known to locals as the Dewitt Property.

The Laguna Canyon Foundation's stated mission is to preserve the 22,000-acre South Coast Wilderness. Hallie Jones, the organization's executive director, said that the foundation does so through stewardship, habitat restoration, education, trail work and public programs.

"Laguna Canyon Foundation is thrilled to be partnering with Michael and Tricia Berns on the creation of the Berns Canyon Preserve," Jones said. "It is absolutely a wonderful opportunity for our community and our open space."

Terremoto Landscape was chosen by the Laguna Canyon Foundation as the landscape architectural partner for the project.

Tricia Berns said that the couple's philanthropy is inspired by similar community efforts, including the creation of the

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Pacific City concert series kicks off with singer-songwriter

Scottish singer-songwriter Natalie Clark performs as Pacific City in Huntington Beach started its spring concert series on Saturday.

Pacific City is featuring a different artist every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. through May 9 on its ocean deck. Genres will vary, and all shows are free.

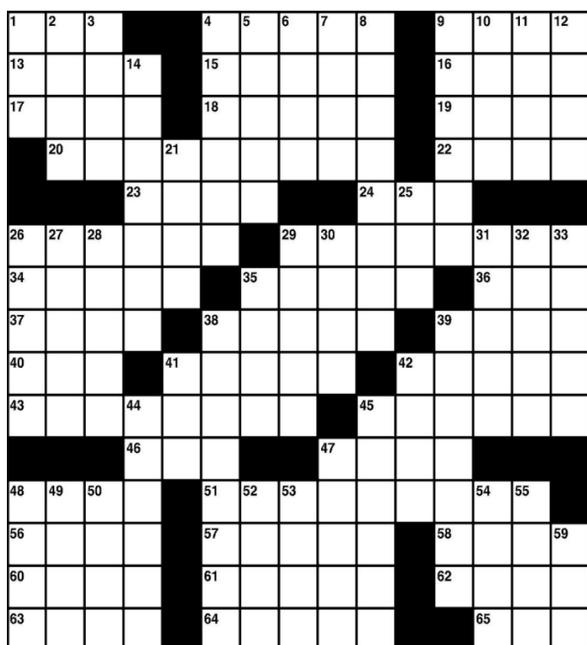
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SCOTTISH SINGER-SONGWRITER Natalie Clark performs at Pacific City's Ocean Deck in Huntington Beach on Saturday. The indie-pop singer is the first act of the spring concert series at the beach-front mall, which will be taking place every Saturday and Sunday through May 9.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

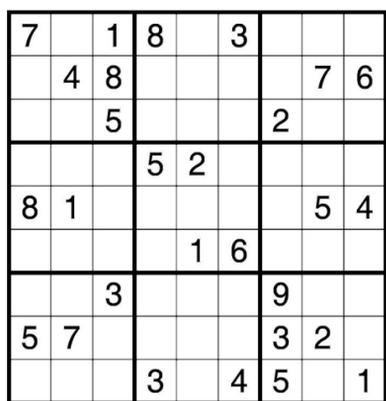


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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

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



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

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AROUND TOWN

Laguna Playhouse, Laguna Beach Pride 365 partner for Oscar Wilde comedy

Laguna Playhouse and Laguna Beach Pride 365 have partnered to bring a gender-bending edition of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." Tickets for the virtual show, priced at \$20 per household, are available at lagunaplayhouse.com. The performance will be available for viewing through April 4. The show will feature Lauren Molina and Nick Cearley, who form the musical duo known as the Skivvies, and Nathan Lee Graham as Lady Bracknell.



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Newport woman appointed to O.C. Superior Court

Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed 18 superior court justices statewide Thursday, including two in Orange County. Newport Beach resident Isabel Apkarian joins Carmen Luege of Santa Ana in their new appointments to Orange County Superior Court. Apkarian has served as a commissioner at Orange County Superior Court since 2021 and served as the senior deputy public defender at the Orange County public defender's office from 2003 to 2020. She will be filling a vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Franz Miller.

H.B. Kiwanis Club plans Easter drive-through event

The Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach is hosting a drive-through Easter event on Saturday. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Huntington Central Park Sports Complex. It includes a "bunny drive," a drive-through a controlled maze that will feature volunteers giving away Easter eggs, toys and candy. There will also be a unique activity for a photo with the Easter bunny, and a dunk tank for local politicians and other VIPs to get wet. The event takes the place of a traditionally free event called Easter Family Fun Day, which was canceled last year due to COVID-19. Each vehicle must have a timed reservation prior to arriving at the event. Registration is required prior to 6 p.m. on Friday at hbkiwanis.org, and there is a \$20 fee per vehicle to offset expenses.

Huntington Surfers' Hall of Fame to induct Casey Wheat in special ceremony

The Huntington Beach Surfers' Hall of

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE and Laguna Beach Pride 365 have partnered to bring a gender-bending edition of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Fame is planning a special ceremony to induct late local surfer Casey Bauer Wheat.

The ceremony will take place June 4 at 9 a.m., at the corner of Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

Wheat died May 28, 2020, at the age of 49, after becoming suddenly ill just days earlier. Born and raised in Huntington Beach, he helped the Huntington Beach High surf team win the national championship in his senior year.

A mainstay on the north side of the Huntington Beach Pier, Wheat stayed active in the culture, teaming up with friends Ziggy Williams and Chris Moreno in 2015 to launch apparel brand SOKFY (Sport of Kings, Forever Young).

He also coordinated and competed in local surf contests, while coaching groms.

LCAD Student Art Exhibition and Sale set for Thursday

Laguna Beach College of Art and Design and Laguna Beach First Thursdays Art Walk teamed up to provide a professional mentor program for the school's students.

The program, now in its 20th year, will have professional art galleries exhibit and sell the artwork of LCAD students, both in-person and online, on Thursday. The event runs from 6 to 9 p.m.

Through the work of the two organizations, 19 students had the opportunity to interact with art gallery mentors and learn about the business side of the industry.

"Our gallery partners stepped up to the challenge, some mentoring two students to meet the demand," Robin Fuld, director of career services at LCAD, said in a

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COMMENTARY | PHILIP A. ROBINSON

Inoculate yourself against bad information regarding vaccines

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe. They are effective. They have been tested on diverse cohorts of people. And no one manufacturer's vaccine is better than another's.

Unfortunately, due to a constant drumbeat of misinformation, nearly a third of all Americans still say they don't want to get vaccinated, or that they only want to get vaccinated by a specific maker's vaccine.

As someone who helped successfully care for the first known COVID-19 patient in California, let me be as clear as I possibly can be: You want the vaccine, because you don't want this disease.

Every year, I watch people die of the flu, a vaccine-preventable disease. COVID-19 is 10 times as deadly as influenza and is two to three times more contagious. Now is not the time to second-guess a safe and effective vaccine.

All currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines are 100% effective in prevent-



File Photo

THE COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective and have been widely tested worldwide, but they will only work if people get them, a doctor at Hoag Hospital writes.

ing hospitalization and death.

It is human nature to "wait and see" how something new or novel affects other people before trying it ourselves. I understand that.

However, these vaccines didn't appear overnight. Years of research went into

developing the mechanism by which the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines work, the use of messenger RNA.

All that work paid off when it came time to develop an effective way to immunize the public against the SARS CoV-2. Once the virus's genes were sequenced, the drug mak-

ers were able to use their mechanism to create vaccines.

And while the drugs' development was fast, it wasn't hasty. No steps were omitted, instead many of the steps required to develop and test a vaccine occurred concurrently. This allowed drug makers to get

these vaccines ready in less than 12 months.

Because mRNA hadn't made headlines in the past, there has been a lot of confusion about what it means and how it works.

First, it's important to note that vaccines that rely on mRNA do not alter a person's DNA. Messenger RNA teaches your immune system how to recognize and kill COVID-19. It doesn't become integrated into the nucleus of your cells. And if you're pregnant, it is safe for your baby as well.

Second, a misconception that persists is that the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are in some way superior or inferior (depending on which Facebook group you belong to) to each other and to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no "best" vaccine. The best vaccine is the one you can get.

Another important point to note is that the vaccines have been widely tested. Adults from all over the

world, of all ages, ethnicities, races and backgrounds have been involved in testing the safety and efficacy of these vaccines.

And what the trials have found — and what we have seen as the vaccine rollout continues worldwide — is that the dangers of a COVID-19 infection far outweigh the risk of vaccine side effects. This is terrific news. This means that the vaccines are safe and effective and could bring the world back to normalcy.

Now, it's up to all of us. If vaccine hesitancy can be overcome, the greatest healthcare crisis of the last 100 years would be over. After a year of tragic, painful deaths, the hope of a fully vaccinated public is within reach. And that gives me the shot in the arm I need.

PHILIP A. ROBINSON is the director of infection prevention at Hoag Hospital Newport Beach.

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

How can you fix bad writing? Here are 7 tips

For most of my editing career, I've worked in the lower rungs of the writing world, polishing the prose of inexperienced and, often, unskilled writers.

I love it. Bad writing fascinates me. I obsess over what, exactly, makes it bad and how to fix it.

I've learned there are a million ways to write badly, from corny dialogue to illogical juxtapositions of facts. But at the sentence level, some problems crop up again and again. And a

lot of them are easy to fix, or at least improve.

Here are seven tips for fixing some of the most common writing problems I encounter.

1. Make sure the main clause of your sentence contains the information you most want to highlight. Compare these two passages. "After shooting his business partner in the face, John felt tired." "John shot his business partner in the face. He collapsed, exhausted." Your main clause is the marquee position in any sentence. Read-

ers automatically know this is the main point. A subordinating conjunction like "after" suggests the stuff that follows is not the main point. So give your best information the billing it deserves by making it your main clause.

2. Break up long sentences. Compare: "I fired him even though I didn't want to because he gave me no choice." "I fired him. I didn't want to. He gave me no choice." Shorter sentences pack a punch. Longer sentences use connectives like "because," which create a hierarchy among the ideas, subordinating some information in a way similar to what we saw in our first tip.

3. Choose the most specific and tangible nouns and verbs. Compare "Those who visit the restaurant can choose from a variety of lunch and dinner options" with "Diners can dig in to hot or cold sandwiches, pasta or Sue's famous Cobb salad." Amateurs tend to crank out sentences like the first example. Pros lean toward the latter.

4. Deleting adverbs that don't add information. In a sentence like "Mary quickly ran out the door," the adverb adds nothing. Running is, by definition, quick. Now look at "Mary quickly closed her laptop." You can close a laptop slowly or quickly. So "quickly" adds more information to the action. In the process, it raises the intriguing question: What is Mary hiding?

5. Fix unclear antecedents. In a sentence like, "Bob and Lou both regretted his decision," the possessive pronoun "his" could be a reference to either Bob or Lou. We don't know who made the bad decision. It's easy to forget that the reader isn't in your head, so make sure it's clear what each pronoun refers to: Bob and Lou both regretted Bob's decision.

6. Dispense with state-of-mind verbs. If you ever have the dubious pleasure of reading a friend's unpublished novel or memoir, chances are you'll see a lot of sentences like "Ron realized he was in love." But if you pay close attention to professionally published writing — especially good writing — you'll see that verbs like "realized" and "knew" and "understood" and "thought" don't come up as much. Instead, pros cut to the chase: "Ron was in love."

7. Close connective words and phrases. "The

Judith Lynn Pierpoint
 August 10, 1941 - February 2, 2021

Judith Lynn Pierpoint of Huntington Beach, CA left this world on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Born in Los Angeles, CA on August 10, 1941 to Edward and Catherine Mondon, Judy leaves behind her sisters, Janet Friedrich and Susan Mondon, as well as her niece and nephew, Molly Schiessl and Edward Schiessl and two grand-nephews and a grand-niece.

Judy attended University of Colorado and had a long career in purchasing. She was an effortlessly elegant decorator and a generous host. Her home was always open to friends, family and travelers from around the world. Judy was a devoted sister, aunt and great-aunt. She loved animals, the beach, travel, gardening, reading, crosswords, cooking, needlepoint, applique and quilting. Judy was gracious, generous and witty to the end, a great conversationalist and was always ready and willing to help any person or creature in need.

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PODCAST

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said Fong, who speculates that the return trip is why his younger daughter, Julia, decided to go to the University of Wisconsin.

The Student Manager podcast was launched after Fong was asked by friends to share his knowledge of colleges across the nation.

Now more than 60 episodes into the life of his podcast, Fong has had a wide range of guests on his show. He said he has had interviews with college students, student-athletes, athletic directors, coaches and people who work in college admissions, among others.

Guests should have a story to tell, so some do not make the cut.

"I don't like to interview freshmen because freshmen aren't really going through that much experience right now," Fong said.

"Parents or kids are like, 'Hey, I want to be on your podcast,' and I said, 'You've got to at least go through a freshman year, right, to have the experience to share stories.'"

No topic is off limits, either. As the goal of the podcast is to find the right fit for the student, some guests have been asked about social life at their schools and how to

rush a fraternity or sorority, Fong said.

There are also discussions on the college experience like game day and the town, class sizes and retention rates, as well as how to handle adversity such as finding a fit after not getting into a dream school or facing the prospect of an impacted major.

Melissa O'Brien, 50, of Newport Beach is a listener of the show, and she said she has found it helpful to draw from different perspectives.

"At the end of the day, it's their life, and he really focuses on that," O'Brien said of Fong empowering the student. "This is their decision. It's not you reliving your college days. It's all about your kid figuring out what is the right fit for them, and I think that's a very refreshing perspective because especially in Newport Beach, it's super competitive.

"You, of course, want your kid to go to a great school, but at the end of the day, what you really want for your kid is to be happy and find the right fit."

O'Brien later revealed during a phone interview that her daughter, Grace, had been accepted into Georgetown University on Friday.

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Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

MICHAEL FONG runs "The Student Manager" podcast from a studio in Costa Mesa.

DONATION

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Nix Nature Center.

"We're beyond fortunate to live in Laguna Beach, a beautiful place [with] beautiful people, and in the course of the time that we spend in the environment, we see more and more encroachment by the civilized world," she said. "These spaces are such small jewels and so critical to our mental health and to the well-being of the planet, which is good for everyone's health, mental and physical."

A previous donation resulted in the creation of the Michael and Tricia Berns Environmental Study Loop at Crystal Cove State Park. Michael Berns said the discussion and ef-



Don Leach

THE LAGUNA CANYON Foundation headquarters in Laguna Canyon.

forts that went into that project took longer to produce the desired results.

Once it came to fruition, he said that they wanted to remain anonymous, but they changed their minds. He added that California State Parks personnel lobbied them to include their names, hoping that it

would inspire others to come forward and engage in similar efforts.

Michael Berns also said that the environmental study loop is about a half mile long, easy for youngsters to engage in and complete, and it is handicap accessible.

What has shown the Berns family the significance of their support for environmental causes is the letters that they would receive from students. Michael Berns said that elementary students would write to them about new ambitions to become scientists, forest rangers, naturalists and environmentalists.

"It made us feel like we were really making a difference for these kids," Michael Berns said.

The Berns family indi-

cated that in making the sizable donation, they wanted to be heavily involved in decisions regarding the use of the funds. Fortunately, they found a fit for Laguna Beach and with the Laguna Canyon Foundation's mission.

"We have to obviously all support the mission," Tricia Berns said. "It's not one person's idea, what they want. It's what suits the mission and what's good for everyone and what helps the environment, and so it was just so great. It takes a village."

The Laguna Canyon Foundation requested a naming rights agreement to have a sign installed at the entrance to the property on which its headquarters is located, naming it the Michael and Tricia Berns Canyon Preserve.

The Laguna Beach City Council gave unanimous approval.

"This is an opportunity for us to educate residents of Laguna on why we have this open space and the history of acquiring it and what it could have been and how lucky we are," Councilwoman Toni Iseman said after thanking the Berns family at the March 9 meeting. "It's turned into kind of a 24 Hour Fitness all over the county, I think, being used and abused by people who don't recognize the fragile nature of our open space."

"I think it's time to take a look at that and respect it, not just residents because we do respect it, but make the visitors respectful also."

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park is open from dusk till dawn Monday through Friday. In addition to being open on weekdays, the park is open even longer on weekends: till 10 p.m.

Connectives like "in addition to" force you to restate something you've just said. "Though it is true that," "in light of the fact that" and "despite it being true that" are a few more examples of terms that can bog down an otherwise good sentence.

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statement.

"We are deeply grateful to them for guiding the next generation of artists and opening their spaces to exhibit their work."

A total of 14 galleries are participating in the mentorship program: Artist Eye Laguna Gallery, Avran Fine Art, Cast of Crowns Art Collective, Dawson Cole Fine Art, Debilzan Gallery, Five 3 Gallery, Hugo Rivera Gallery, La Bottega Gallery, Martin Roberts Gallery/Dan White Images, saltfinart, SCAPE, Studio 7 Gallery, Unleashed Art Gallery, and Whitney Gallery.

For more information visit lead.edu.

Black Market Reverie Drive-in Concert on May 2

Laguna Beach Live! will be putting on a drive-in concert on May 2, as Black Market Reverie takes the stage for a tailgating show.

Black Market Reverie, led by Lyman Medeiros and Renee Myara, will play music from 4:30 to 6 p.m. without an intermission.

Cars can begin arriving for the concert at 3:30 p.m. A total of 30 tickets will be sold, and admission is \$80 per car.

Those in attendance are allowed to set up chairs in front of their vehicles and bring their own food and beverages.

The concert will be held in City Lot 10, 725 Laguna Canyon Road.

Tickets will go on sale to the public beginning Thursday at lagunabeachlive.org.

Tilly Wonka and the Golf Factory charity event

Tilly's Life Center — an Irvine nonprofit whose programs empower teenagers to cope with adversity, crisis and tough decisions — invites the public to participate in its 14th annual golf tournament April 19 at the Mission Viejo Country Club.

"Tilly Wonka and the Golf Factory" will include candy, food, music, games, contests, drinks and a 6-foot Golden Goose.

Participants can purchase a golden ticket to unlock special on-course contests.

Golfers will get a chance to compete for prizes. Complimentary food and drinks will be provided by local vendors Wahoo's, Monster Energy Drink, Hint Water, Trust Me Vodka, Califino Tequila, Archie's Ice Cream, Bratzermann, Dang Brother Pizza and others.

Tilly Levine, co-founder of the popular retail clothing and accessory store Tilly's, will be hitting the links and is available to speak with participants about the power of social and emotional learning and its positive effects on teens. COVID-19 protocols will be in place throughout the event.

The Aliso Viejo Country Club is at 26200 Country Club Drive, Mission Viejo. For tickets, sponsorships and underwriting opportunities, visit tillyslifecenter.org/2021charitygolf.

CMSD launches academy April 22

Have you ever wondered what happens to your trash after it gets picked up?

How about the water that travels out of your faucets and down your drains?

Just in time to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, Costa Mesa Sanitary District is offering a virtual Citizens Environmental Protection Academy.

CMSD is teaming up with the city of Costa Mesa and partner agencies to offer a free series of presentations and tours that provide a be-

hind-the-scenes look at how your trash, water, and wastewater are processed and recycled.

Tune in to CMSD's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel on April 22 at 6 p.m.

The virtual event features experts from Orange County Waste & Recycling, CR&R Environmental Services, Irvine Ranch Water District, Orange County Water District and Orange County Sanitation District. Viewers can win a free sustainability kit, which includes a reusable metal straw and cleaner, a grocery and produce bag and on-the-go-utensils, by taking a brief quiz to demonstrate what they learned from the academy.

Just look for a link to the quiz in the video description. Kits available while supplies last.

For more information visit cmsdca.gov/cepa.

24-hour Giving Day raises nearly \$180,000

The Orange County Community Foundation managed to raise \$179,519 in a 24-hour Giving Day for 11 nonprofits throughout the county that offer programs and services to help remove barriers to employment.

About 455 donors participated.

The Newport Beach organization called the cam-

paign "The Future is Working." Organizers said the initial fundraising goal was \$90,000.

"The Future is Working is not only a campaign theme, but a resounding declaration in support of the nonprofits that are bol-

stering equitable opportunities for Orange County's workforce," said Shelley Hoss, president and chief executive of the Orange County Community Foundation in a statement.

"We are grateful to our community for stepping up

today to support this Giving Day and invest in the long-term health and vitality of our region."

This is not the first Giving Day held by the organization, with the first dating back to 2015.

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Beef Dip Sandwich
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

CdM rebounds with rout of Huntington Beach

BY MATT SZABO

The Corona del Mar High football team played on its home field, Davidson Field, for the first time in nearly 16 months.

A lot has changed since then, but the Sea Kings' lofty expectations for themselves have not.

CdM put together a complete game in Friday night's 49-6 Sunset League win over Huntington Beach.

Sophomore quarterback David Rasor threw five touchdown passes to four different receivers, while physical sophomore running back Evan Sanders rushed for two touchdowns. The Sea Kings were sharp, scoring touchdowns on their first five possessions.

Senior Mikey Wein and junior Charlie Mannon had interceptions for CdM (2-1, 1-1 in league), which gave up its only touchdown to the Oilers (2-1, 1-1) after a five-yard punt set the visitors up in the red zone late in the second quarter.

"Offensively and defensively, it looked like a CdM football game," Sea Kings coach Dan O'Shea said. "We were challenged after [losing 52-28 at Los Alamitos, the Sea Kings' first league loss since 2011] last week. We had some adversity, and we had to bounce back. We showed



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

CORONA DEL MAR'S Max Lane (1) jumps into the arms of teammate Tommy Griffin (3) after scoring a touchdown against Huntington Beach.

a lot of character and responded to not only a difficult week of practice, but getting back to who we are. Being able to run the football and throw the football equally, I think we did a good job of that tonight.

"It was a really good night, to see CdM football back in order tonight."

Los Alamitos (2-0 in league) is

alone in first place in league with three games remaining after Friday's 27-20 win over Edison. The Chargers, CdM, Huntington Beach and Newport Harbor are part of a four-way tie for second place.

Wein, a linebacker, was in on all three of CdM's tackles on the Oilers' first possession, which was a three-and-out. The punt

was downed at the Huntington Beach 39.

Three plays later, Rasor found senior tight end Scott Giuliano in the front of the end zone for an 11-yard score.

He would add a highlight touchdown pass on CdM's second drive, eluding a sack in the backfield, scrambling left and finding Max Lane in the end zone for a 17-yard score.

Lane relieved Rasor at quarterback in the fourth quarter. Before that, Rasor threw two touchdown passes to Tommy Griffin, who finished with five catches for 120 yards. Tight end Trent Merriman also caught a two-yard score.

"We were mentally dialed in all week," said Rasor, who passed for 308 yards. "We wanted to set the tone of violent Sea King football."

Huntington Beach's offense got into a bit of a rhythm later in the game behind senior quarterback Joe Gentella, who alternated the Oilers' first several possessions with junior A.J. Perez.

Senior running back Sammy Green, who had 347 total rushing yards and five touchdowns in Huntington Beach's first two games, was held to nine carries for 22 yards on Friday night. He did score the Oilers' lone touch-

down on a 13-yard scamper.

"[CdM] is a really good football team, and we came out really flat," Huntington Beach coach Brett Brown said. "Our energy was terrible, and I'll take responsibility for that. We just weren't ready to play, and you can't do that against a good football team. We didn't start playing until late in the first half ... but we'll fix some things and we'll get better."

Senior safety MJ Chirgwin had an interception on defense for Huntington Beach, which hosts Los Alamitos on Friday night.

Meanwhile, CdM plays Newport Harbor in the annual Battle of the Bay game. The Sea Kings will have to clean up the penalties, after committing 18 of them against Huntington Beach.

As a senior, Wein said he's definitely looking forward to the rivalry matchup that CdM has won seven straight times.

"We've done three, and there's one to go," Wein said. "I'm super-excited for the atmosphere, and practice leading up to it is going to be good."

Added O'Shea: "Nothing bigger than Battle of the Bay in this town."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Los Alamitos beats Edison to take control of Sunset League

BY ANDREW TURNER

Just three weeks into the abbreviated high school football season, the pinnacle of the Sunset League

slate may have already come to pass.

Makai Lemon had three receiving touchdowns, including one on Los Alamitos' final drive, and the host Griffins defeated Edison 27-20 on Friday night in a league showdown with ample star power.

A sophomore two-way player, Lemon had eight receptions for 182 yards. He was the only one of quarterback Malachi Nelson's receivers to make more than one catch on the

evening, and he also had an interception.

With his big-play ability on display throughout the contest, Lemon's biggest contributions came immediately following the tying score by Edison (2-1, 1-1 in league) midway through the fourth quarter.

It took Los Alamitos (3-0, 2-0) just four plays to regain the lead, as Lemon brought in a pass and sprinted up the left sideline for a 74-yard gain. Tyler Gioia made the tackle at the Edison 7 to save the touchdown, but Nelson found his favorite target again to make it 27-20 two plays later.

"That's what got the momentum going," Lemon said. "We needed one big play to get the momentum and just keep on rolling."

There was 4:41 on the clock when the Chargers began their final drive. PJ Campbell demonstrated his toughness in helping his team move the chains, securing the ball through contact for a first down in Los Alamitos territory.

It came as Edison quarterback Braeden Boyles, who was under duress all night, broke the pocket to his right.

"He got absolutely drilled, and he did a great job and held onto it, gutted it out," Edison coach Jeff Grady said of Campbell, who had five catches for 48



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

EDISON'S TYLER HAMPTON walks off the field as Los Alamitos celebrates a 27-20 Sunset League win on Friday.

yards. The Chargers were unable to keep the drive going, however, as a key sack was turned in by Tyler DeLeon and Jojo Nuez. The clock ran out on Edison on the next play.

Los Alamitos coach Ray Fenton has learned to respect the talent in the Sunset League, cracking wise about his personal appearance being a result of coaching in close games.

"This is why I look the way I do," Fenton said. "You see my hair. You see these wrinkles. I'd like to call it experience, but it's experi-

encing games like this."

The Griffins have won back-to-back home games against Corona del Mar and Edison in a front-loaded league schedule, giving Los Alamitos the inside track to the league championship.

With Nelson and Lemon both being sophomores, the Griffins could have an electrifying connection that terrifies defensive secondaries for a couple of more years. Fenton said that is a blessing he does not deserve.

"[As] little kids, we always dreamed of this, and it actually happened," Lemon

said. "It's a dream come true."

Edison had its own unstoppable duo of Boyles and Nico Brown, who had eight catches for 178 yards and three touchdowns. He scored on plays of 15, 58 and 19 yards, the last knotting the score at 20-20 with 6:33 to play.

Brown said it "definitely hurts" to lose in a game that many believed would decide the league championship after the week before. He added, "We'll remember it, and we'll get them next year."

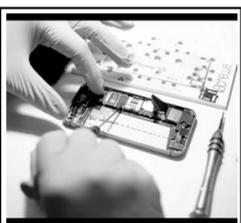
With no fall sports playoffs in the CIF Southern Section this season, the league title is the top prize for teams to play for in the shortened season.

Defensively, the Chargers got interceptions from Troy Fletcher and Brown, and Austin Grbic had a sack.

Halfway through the six-game season, the Battle for the Bell is next for Edison against rival Fountain Valley. The Chargers will also play CdM and Huntington Beach.

"It's a limited opportunity," Grady said. "I feel bad for them getting six opportunities, but at least it's six opportunities to do something. I'm really proud of them. We just came up short tonight."

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