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LONGTIME COMMUNITY ACTIVIST Oscar Rodriguez, right, buys a bag of chips from street vendor Fernando Aguilar in Oak View.

Latino enclave fights to preserve its heritage and raise its clout

Uncertainty looms over Huntington Beach's Oak View neighborhood as the COVID-19 pandemic has further choked residents struggling to survive.

BY PRISCELLA VEGA

In a makeshift bedroom in a corner of his apartment's living room, decorated with a religious altar, Hilario Herrera scrolled through his phone, staring fondly at photos and videos of festivities he hosted in his Huntington Beach neighborhood, when daily life felt less anxious.

There was the time he hosted El Grito, the traditional Mexican Independence Day cry, with mariachi for hundreds of people outside his home along Koledo Lane, in the historic Oak View neighborhood. Or his all-time favorite event, an annual daylong celebration on Dec. 12 to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Autumn was always the busy season for Herrera, one of the unofficial bookers for Oak View, a working-class Mexican enclave in Surf City whose roots reach back generations.

Now, uncertainty looms over the historic



HILARIO HERRERA pets his dog near a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe at his Oak View apartment.

barrio, as the COVID-19 pandemic has further choked a neighborhood struggling to survive economically and preserve its culture in a city that has long neglected and ridiculed it as the "Slater Slums," named after the street that cuts through it.

Oak View residents wonder whether there will be any *fiestas navideñas* this year, amid state mandates to avoid large gatherings and maintain social distance. A few long-

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County reports 3 more COVID-19 deaths

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported three coronavirus-related deaths and 322 new cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, on Saturday in its latest numbers tracking the county's virus transmission.

On the whole, the county has had 1,506 deaths because of the virus, while 61,743 people county-wide have contracted it during the pandemic.

There were 199 hospitalizations due to the virus, with 72 of those patients receiving treatment in intensive care units.

An additional 8,050 tests for COVID-19 were reported within the last day, bringing the total number administered to 1,168,523.

There have been 54,799 people who have recovered after battling the virus, the healthcare agency estimates.

Orange County currently resides in the second, red tier in the state guidelines that have been used to determine the extent to which counties can reopen.

Counties in the red tier must maintain seven-day averages of four to seven new daily cases per

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2 arrested in fatal shooting of Martin Chavez

BY MATT SZABO

Two Huntington Beach residents have been arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of Martin "Necio" Chavez, also of Huntington Beach.

The Huntington Beach Police Department responded to reports of gunfire in the area of Keelson Lane and Kristin Circle on Oct. 28 at 10:15 p.m. Police said they found a 23-year-old male victim with a gunshot wound, who was transported to the hospital and died due to his injuries the following day.

Family members identified the victim as Chavez. He was taken to UC Irvine Medical Center, where doctors pronounced him brain-dead, his sister Gabby Chavez said.

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Trump backers demonstrate in Huntington Beach

BY ANDREW TURNER

Orange County residents woke up Saturday to the news that Joe Biden was being projected as the president-elect of the United States.

Major news networks had called the races for Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes and the six in Nevada, pushing Biden over the threshold of 270 electoral votes needed to win the election.

Biden and vice president-elect Kamala Harris gave victory speeches in Wilmington, Del., on Saturday night.

"I'm humbled by the trust and confidence you placed in me," Biden said. "I pledge to be a president who seeks not to divide, but unify, who doesn't see red states and blue states, only sees the United States."

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PRO-TRUMP

protesters rally Saturday afternoon at Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach.

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UPDATED SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION, HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY AND LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS PAGE A2

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Investor Bill Gross is accused of blaring song on loop to torment Laguna neighbor

BY LAURENCE DARMIENTO

A dispute between bond king Bill Gross and his next-door neighbor over a \$1-million outdoor sculpture has devolved into police calls to their Laguna Beach mansions, multiple legal actions — and allegations that the billionaire investor blared the "Gilligan's Island" theme song on a loop at all hours to annoy his neighbor.

The PIMCO co-founder and his partner, former professional tennis player Amy Schwartz, are being accused by tech entrepreneur Mark Towfiq and his wife, Carol Nakahara, of harassment and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The cause? A 22-foot-long blue glass installation — and an even bigger pole and netting structure erected to protect it — that Towfiq said blocked his view, prompting a complaint to the city.

It's another in a long line of bitter quarrels between well-to-do neighbors in Southern California's



Mark Towfiq

BILL GROSS' \$1-million outdoor sculpture and protective netting — the focus of the dispute — are visible from his neighbor's backyard.

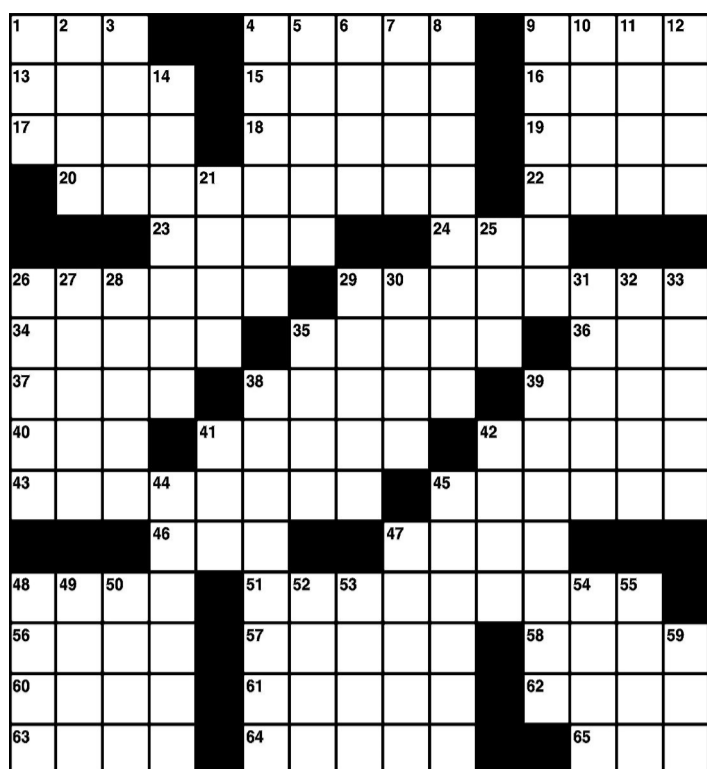
most expensive neighborhoods, who sometimes find that with a coveted address comes deep-pocketed adversaries and little peace of mind.

At issue this time is an artwork that can be lighted at night and features cobalt-colored reeds

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

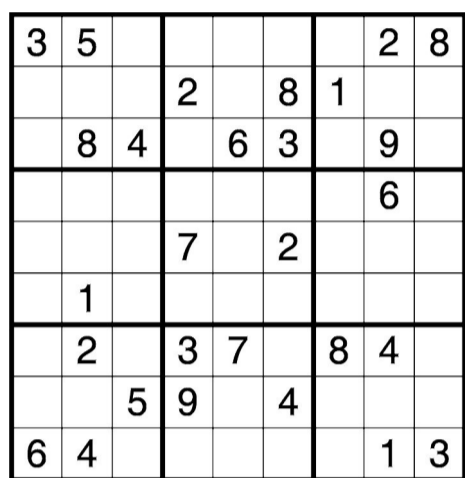


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 34 Large quantity, slangily
 35 As silly as a __
 36 Name for 13 popes
 37 Sups
 38 Small salamanders
 39 Weeps
 40 Hardwood tree
 41 See-through rectangles
 42 Trial setting
 43 Abandoned
 45 Headed metal bolts
 46 Fragrant neckwear
 47 Zinfandel or Riesling
 48 Davenport
 51 Rivals
 56 Actor Robert
 57 Comes closer to
 58 "__ makes two of us!"
 60 Ones, in gin rummy
 61 Ascend
 62 "__ Noon"; classic Gary Cooper film
 63 "My Country, 'Tis of __"
 64 Tempted
 65 Negative vote
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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.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A10.

- 1 "Chicago Fire" network
 2 Diamond Head's island
 3 Conceited
 4 On an incline
 5 Blackboard writer's need
 6 Portable shelter
 7 __ other; one another
 8 Actor Richard
 9 Malayan garment
 10 Asian nation
 11 Headfirst plunge
 12 Lemony drinks
 14 Hauls; drags

- 21 All __; listening
 25 Years of life
 26 In the lead, so far
 27 Landlord/tenant contract
 28 Tub activities
 29 Planted
 30 Plenty
 31 In seclusion
 32 Counter an argument
 33 Prescribed amounts
 35 Man's nickname
 38 Countrywide
 39 Middle school grade
 41 Prefix for trial or sliced
 42 Grape bearer
 44 Pass, as time
 45 Washed off soapsuds
 47 Sicker than before
 48 "Get lost!"
 49 Toe-stubber's cry
 50 Escape
 52 Neighbor of Bolivia
 53 Couple
 54 Skinny
 55 Long story
 59 Your, to Shakespeare

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ELECTION 2020

Latest returns for Orange County school board races

BY DAILY PILOT STAFF

Below are the results from the Orange County Registrar of Voters as of 5 p.m. Saturday for the school board races involving the Newport-Mesa Unified, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach Unified, Huntington Beach City and Laguna Beach Unified school districts, and the Coast Community College District:

NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

In the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, Leah Ersoylu, Carol Crane and Krista Weigand maintained their lead in Tuesday's election that saw eight candidates vying for three seats on the district's board of trustees.

Ersoylu held 53.04% (6,565 votes) in Trustee Area 1, which serves Early College and Estancia high schools, TeWinkle Intermediate School, and Adams, California and Killybrooke elementary schools. Behind is incumbent Vicki Snell with 46.96% (5,813) of the votes.

In Trustee Area 3, which includes Eastbluff Elementary, Corona del Mar Middle School, and Back Bay/Monte Vista and Corona del Mar high schools, Carol Crane holds 65.21% (9,642) of the votes, leading the two-candidate race. Opponent Charles Kent Booker currently has 34.79% (5,145) of the votes cast.

Krista Weigand currently has 50.21% (7,147) of the votes cast in Trustee Area 6, which encompasses Kaiser, Woodland, Mariners and Newport Heights elementary schools and Harper Preschool. Weigand leads a four-person race for the area. Amy Peters is second

with 37.99% (5,407) of the votes. Xeno Ralf Muller II and Alexis Zavouris are behind with 7.68% (1,093) and 4.12% (586) of the votes, respectively.

COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The race in the Coast Community College District has not changed, with the incumbents leading in their respective trustee areas.

Jerry Patterson has 51.38% (23,734) of the votes in Trustee Area 2, with opponents Tony Bui and Long Pham trailing with 27.64% (12,765) and 20.98% (9,691) of the votes.

Mary Hornbuckle is leading with 72.76% (38,276) of the votes cast before or on Election Day. Michael Collier has 27.24% (14,328) of the votes.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Steve Schultz and Jeanne Galindo lead a group of four candidates for two seats on the Fountain Valley School District Board of Education.

Schultz carries 16,110 votes (36.73%), while Galindo, seeking a third consecutive term on the five-person board of trustees, was in second place with 12,039 votes (27.45%).

Incumbent Ian Collins, who has served on the board since 2008, was in third place with 8,708 votes (19.85%). Tom Nguyen was in fourth with 7,005 votes (15.97%).

The board oversees the district's seven elementary schools and three middle schools.

HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Incumbents Susan Henry and Michael Simons were each reelected

to the governing board of trustees with relative ease, taking each of the two seats up for grabs.

Henry had 63,542 votes, which represented 25.71% of the total. Simons tallied 56,745 votes, or 22.96% of the total.

Other candidates included Saul Lankster (36,870 votes), Spencer Hagaman (36,681), Christine Hernandez (33,571) and Claudia Ramos (19,736).

HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Incumbent Bridget Kaub was reelected to the board of trustees in Area 1. Kaub had 5,848 votes, or 74.80% of the total. Challenger Roger Noor had 1,970 votes, or 25.20%.

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

With two seats up for grabs on the Laguna Beach Unified School District Board of Education, Kelly Osborne and incumbent Jan Vickers have separated themselves in the five-person race.

Osborne has received 8,249 votes (30.95%) and Vickers 6,122 votes (22.97%).

Vickers has a lead approaching 1,000 votes over Amy Kramer, who is in third place with 5,248 votes.

Sheri Morgan, who is in fourth place, and Kramer, both attended a demonstration at Main Beach to have the district's secondary schools reopened on Oct. 2.

The district is home to Laguna Beach High School, Thurston Middle School, and El Morro and Top of the World Elementary schools.

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LATINO

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time dwellers such as Herrera, whose family — like many here — emigrated from the south-central Mexican state of Puebla, are thinking about quitting the U.S. altogether and moving back to their ancestral homeland.

"I can't do it all by myself anymore," said Herrera, 55, who has had trouble getting hired to cater parties, after he lost his job as a soap factory worker.

He now ekes out a living by selling tacos and tamales. "Our neighborhood is rich with culture, but we don't have any money."

Yet other Oak View residents resolve to stay, adopting a different strategy: organize to gain political power for Latinos, who make up about 20% of the city's 199,000 residents, according to 2019 census figures.

Oscar Rodriguez and Victor Valladares started Oak View ComUNIDAD in 2015 to help mediate disputes between families doubled-up in apartments but also to document the physical changes to the neighborhood, as refurbished apartment complexes began to crop up and raise rents.

The grassroots group broadcasts on social media the neighborhood's tragedies and triumphs, such as its legal victory in getting the waste-disposal plant across the street from Oak View Elementary School to enclose its facility and donate millions for a new gym and trees.

Rodriguez ran for a seat on the Huntington Beach City Council, with the endorsement of the Democratic Party of Orange County and the area's congressman, Harley Rouda.

His platform focused on helping residents who are food insecure during the pandemic, prioritizing affordable housing for working class families, and investing in youth and small businesses.

It's "not healthy, living with two, three families in apartment buildings," said the 26-year-old, who attributes his interest in politics to his father's efforts to improve the Oak View playing fields used by Latino youth soccer teams. "It's not the way you want to live."

The square-mile neighborhood presents an alternative



Genaro Molina | Los Angeles Times

CHILDREN SPEND time on the staircase in front of their apartment in the Oak View barrio in Huntington Beach.

Huntington Beach to the post-card-fantasy town favored by sun worshippers and corporate hotel chains, and which has made national headlines in recent years for boisterous — and sometimes violent — right-wing demonstrations.

As the city grapples with struggling businesses, revenue shortfalls and homelessness, some Oak View residents have felt forced to leave their community and find cheaper housing elsewhere.

"I feel like we're facing a growing community with people without housing," said Laura Lavin, 48, who was drawn to Huntington Beach after being priced out of East L.A. several years ago.

Said Valladares: "I'd walk around with Laura and we'd see obvious telltale signs that these places are gonna be for sale, so we'd warn people and be on the lookout."

Decades before Huntington Beach became emblematic of Southern California beach and right-wing culture, the city was home to several historically important immigrant communities.

Oak View overlaps with the remains of Wintersburg Village, a former Japanese enclave, including a mission and a former goldfish farm, that the National Trust for Historic Preservation recognizes as an endangered national treasure.

Mexicans who migrated to the region found themselves working in the village or nearby crop fields and started setting down their own roots.

They urged families back in Mexico to move into the area later renamed Oak View after Japanese American residents were incarcerated during World War II.

By the 1980s, Oak View, bounded by Beach Boulevard, Gothard Street and Warner and Talbert avenues, had become a predominately Spanish-speaking neighborhood.

The area is home to two schools, a modest park, and a mishmash of renovated and rundown apartment complexes as well as a cluster of affordable housing units.

Latino residents who couldn't travel far or needed to supplement their income created their own businesses.

"We were looking for Mexican neighborhoods where we could sell our products, and Oak View was perfect for our business," said Roberta Hernandez, 57, who first lived in a friend's Santa Ana apartment when she and her husband moved to the United States from Morelos, Mexico.

They sold spices and dried chili from their truck for 25 years in Oak View until she couldn't keep up with the \$1,900 monthly rent and moved north of the 405 to the unincorporated community of Midway City.

"I had everything well-organized and people would always look for my produce. Many don't have cars and they won't visit me in Midway City until I have time to drive out there."

While Hernandez misses her old business, and finds her new neighbors to be "very reserved," she doesn't miss the gunshots that occasionally rang out in Oak View or the young men hanging out drinking and smoking reefer.

"The truth is that neighborhood is no longer safe," she said of Oak View. Her new residence, by contrast, is "a quiet community that one sleeps in very com-

"I feel like we're facing a growing community with people without housing."

— Laura Lavin

fortably."

Rodriguez's campaign excited many locals. He's one of the few Oak View residents ever to run for elected office in Huntington Beach.

Gina Clayton-Tarvin, president of the Ocean View School District board of trustees, said she identified Rodriguez as the person to collaborate with to legally challenge the trash facility. "We knew him from running this amazing soccer league for years. He was already leading the charge."

Oscar Maldonado has seen Rodriguez's campaign signs and met Valladares earlier this year. Inspired to help his fellow Latinos, Maldonado started working with ComUNIDAD by helping distribute food every Friday to those in need.

The 18-year-old said that his activism has opened a path for him and his family out of what he describes as "the 'hood'" and away from Oak View's long-established street gangs.

"Everyone I used to call my friends are troublemakers," said the high school senior, who also holds down a janitorial job at a local gym and hopes to work for the Border Patrol someday. "I try to focus on myself, trying to graduate and have good grades. That's the one reason I help, to stay focused and help the community so I won't get in trouble."

But for some older residents, like Herrera, staying no longer seems like an option. Oak View is very different from when his father arrived in the 1950s to work as a bracero. Now his parents are dead. Jobs have dried up. Traffic is awful. Even with two roommates, he's facing a choice between paying his share of the \$1,600 rent and keeping food on the table.

And Puebla, the land of his forebears, beckons.

"Now with smartphones, you can get on YouTube to see everything in your country. I miss my country," he said.

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COLUMN | GUSTAVO ARELLANO

In O.C., pretending coronavirus is fake news wins you elections

For the last four years, reporters and politicians have descended upon my native Orange County like detectives at a murder scene.

The victim: O.C.'s reputation as a GOP kingmaker.

In 2018, Orange County voters picked an all-Democrat congressional delegation for the first time. It came in the wake of Hillary Clinton's victory here over Donald Trump in 2016 — the first time we didn't go for a Republican presidential candidate since the Great Depression.

Orange County's march toward liberalism largely continued in this election. Trump lost yet again. A slate of Bernie Sanders supporters won their races for Santa Ana's City Council and school board. Democrats made inroads in city councils, school boards and the state Senate, where conservative lion John Moorlach of Costa Mesa is on course to lose his seat to UC Irvine law professor Dave Min in yet another stunning upset.

The conservative powerhouse that Ronald Reagan once described as "where all the good Republicans go to die" is now supposedly dead, according to progressive activists. But there's still life in the O.C. GOP corpse.

The cure? Pretending the coronavirus isn't a thing.

COVID-19 has walloped Orange County, with over 61,000 cases and more than 1,500 deaths. But in the coastal cities that remain the Republican Party's last true stronghold, residents and politicians have waged

war against its inconvenience to their blessed lives.

Restaurants have proudly flouted public safety guidelines restricting indoor dining. Cities and school boards filed lawsuits against California Gov. Gavin Newsom's shutdowns. Protests against the simple act of wearing a mask draw thousands.

In polite society, such callous disregard for public health gets you shunned.

In Orange County? It gets you elected.

Dr. Jeffrey Barke, who retained his board seat in the services district that oversees the unincorporated community of Rossmoor, is a far-right darling for casting doubt on the effectiveness of masks to combat the spread of the coronavirus and insisting its fatality rate "is in the ballpark of a bad seasonal influenza."

Down in the southern tip of Orange County, San Clemente Councilman Gene James won reelection with tough-guy Facebook talk such as saying he "will no longer be complicit with the tyranny of Sacramento" and its coronavirus policies.

In Newport Beach, incumbent Councilman Will O'Neill took the bold stance in February of opposing the transfer of any coronavirus-infected patients to a facility ... in neighboring Costa Mesa.

Meanwhile, City Council candidate Noah Blom got an F from the Orange County Register over the summer — not for his political agenda, but for allowing workers at his

restaurant to not wear masks and operating "the indoor dining room and bar as if the pandemic has never happened."

Both easily won their races.

Orange County's two most prominent political coronavirus skeptics also happen to be in the lead for far-more-prominent seats and have introduced a new era of wackiness to the annals of the O.C. GOP.

In the 48th Congressional District — which stretches from Seal Beach to Laguna Beach and encompasses all of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach — Michelle Steel leads incumbent Harley Rouda by nearly 7,000 votes. If she wins, the Orange County supervisor would make history as the first Korean American congresswoman.

Her platform has largely rested on the usual GOP canards of low taxes, border enforcement and trash-ing sanctuary cities. But Steel has also become prominent as a coronavirus quote machine — although her rhetoric is more Michael Scott from "The Office" than Winston Churchill.

In April, Steel sent out a news release opposing Newsom's beach closures by boasting that Orange County was "flattening the curve" on coronavirus cases and had kept hospitalization rates stable. A month later, both figures skyrocketed.

She then earned national ridicule this summer for

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COLUMN | PATRICE APODACA

COVID-19 may redefine society as past crises have

My favorite line from the popular television show "Downton Abbey" was delivered by the incomparable Maggie Smith in the first episode.

When the unexpected new heir to the estate, a young lawyer, said he planned to continue working and would fulfill his earl-in-waiting duties on the weekend, Smith's character looked confused. "Weekend?" she said. "What is a weekend?"

That fictional scene was set in 1912, in a time and place far removed from life today. It's obvious that the line was meant to elicit a laugh, the humor deriving from an aristocratic dowager's cluelessness about a concept we take for granted.

But it also cleverly underscored another reality that was at the heart of the award-winning series: Things change, people resist, yet eventually we all get swept along anyway.

It's a thought worth remembering, given our current circumstances. Most of us tend to default to operating as if the way the world works will continue on indefinitely, and then our brains must play catch-up to the forces of change as they propel us into unfamiliar territory.

So it has been throughout history.

In the earliest days of human civilization, what we know as "work" was essentially subsistence living. People performed simple but arduous tasks centered

around survival — seeking food, caring for children, finding shelter.

More complex societies were enabled by the development of everything from pottery and textiles, to metal tools and weapons. Over time, larger, more organized work environments, specialization, public works projects and new technologies fueled the transition from an agrarian society to industrialization.

The emergence of the factory system, the managerial class, banking — all these instigated large-scale movement in the manner and places in which people worked. In more recent decades, we've seen the transition to a service-based

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MAILBAG

Newport-Mesa community cares about kids

As I walked the District 6 sidewalks in my campaign for Newport-Mesa Unified school board, I learned this firsthand talking to my friends and neighbors.

They are concerned for the 300 students in our district currently experiencing homelessness.

They are worried our education system is not preparing our youth for 21st-century careers. They see a need for a return to skills-based learning and Career Technical Education pathways that lead to fulfilling jobs.

They know the isolation of the nationwide shutdown has impacted the emotional and physical

health of our kids. Local charities like Project Hope Alliance and others continue to lift up the housing unstable with Wi-Fi hotspots and access to technology to support distance learning.

Mental health providers are working nonstop with full caseloads. High school and club coaches are fighting for the return of youth sports.

Everyday acts of kindness from our neighbors remind us how much we have in common and how much love we have for each other.

Thank you to everyone who supported my campaign for NMUSD school board Trustee Area 6. I am truly grateful and touched by your overwhelming dedication to my vision for a brighter future for our

students. I will continue to fight for our kids and know you will too. Our collective future depends on our commitment to each other and the children that depend on us.

Please join me in challenging the NMUSD mistakes of the past to make education relevant for our kids and give them hope for the future.

Amy Peters
Newport Beach

Where Kanye West's votes came from

I can only surmise that the 4,378 Orange County residents who so far have voted for Kanye West are

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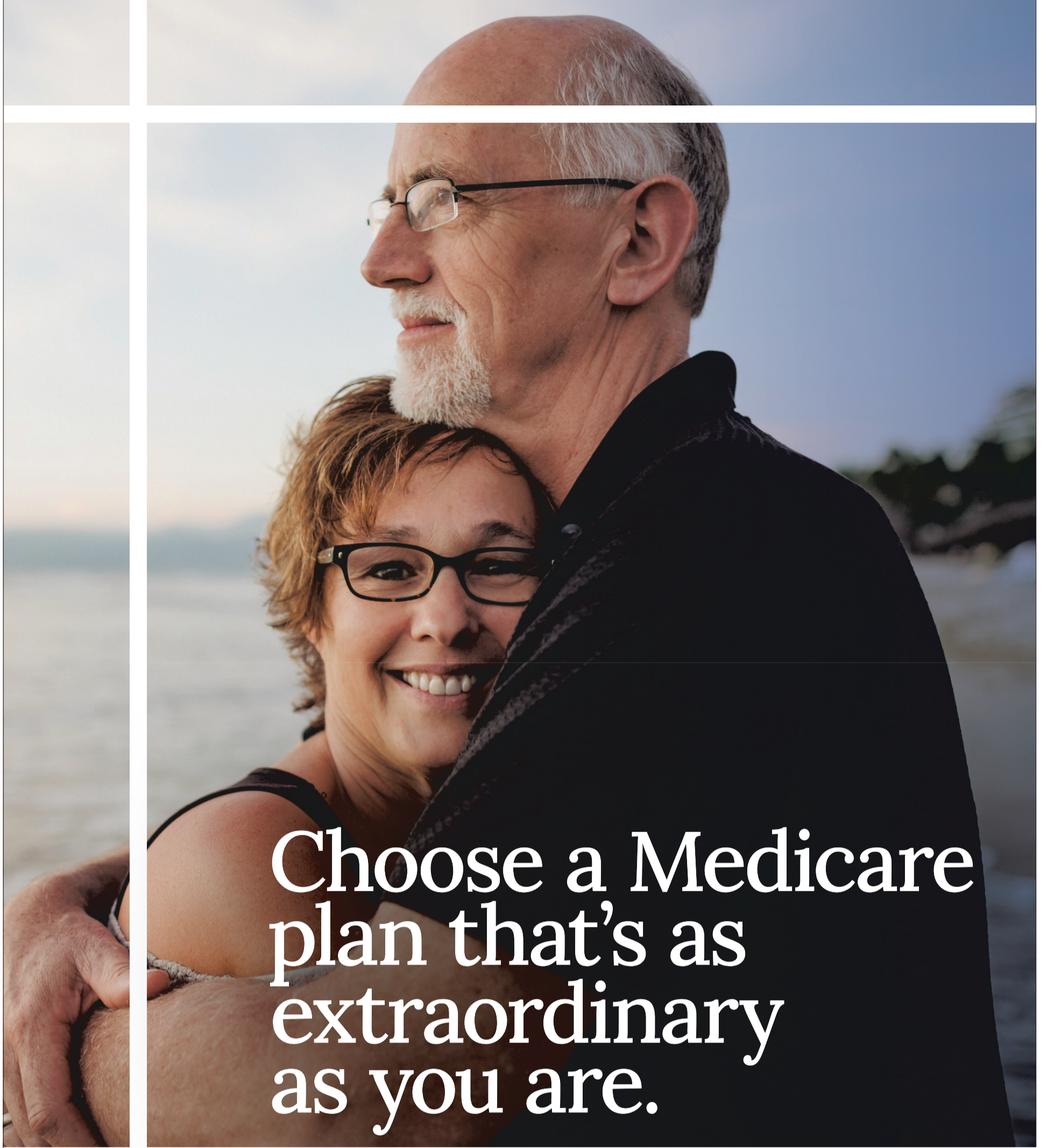


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insisting that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advocated for “species discrimination” because the agency advised Americans not to put masks on their pets. “If it’s not healthy for the dogs,” Steel concluded during a Board of Supervisors meeting, “it’s not healthy for us to be wearing it.”

Steel’s campaign literature mostly shows her maskless, even if she’s talking to older constituents. Yet the congressional candidate had the gall during one commercial to proclaim she “delivered on coronavirus” without exactly spelling out what she did.

The best that can be said about Steel’s approach to the coronavirus is that she hasn’t gone on a podcast to call it a form of “population control” and a “political scam” that would disappear by Election Day. That would be mixed martial arts legend Tito Ortiz, who just won a seat on the Huntington Beach City Council.

Ortiz is such a political novice that the Surf City native originally announced he wanted to run for Huntington Beach mayor, even though the position isn’t elected. He freely shook hands and mugged for photos with maskless supporters during campaign events, and recently told a reporter that the ventilators that keep alive COVID-afflicted victims were actually “speeding up the process” of the sickness.

All this happened months after Ortiz told a group of cheering Huntington Beach residents that “antifa [and] Black Lives Matter” promised to visit Surf City to “burn this city down” and “rape the women and the children.”

Ortiz finished in first place. Neither Steel nor Ortiz returned a request for comment. It appears both will win and make headlines, but it’s also a last true gasp for this type of craziness. Joining Ortiz on the Huntington Beach City Council will be two progressive Democrats. And even if Steel wins, her margin will be so thin that the Democrats will have an easy time picking her off during the 2022 midterm election....

If the coronavirus is finally gone by then, amirite?

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COVID-19

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100,000 residents and a testing positivity rate between 5% and 8%.

The county currently carries seven-day averages of 6.0 new daily cases per 100,000 residents and a testing positivity rate of 3.6%. Those numbers come with a seven-day lag.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and

COVID-19 deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 11,854 cases; 319 deaths
- Anaheim: 10,562 cases; 327 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,706 cases; 86 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 2,104 cases; 45 deaths
- Irvine: 2,021 cases; 14 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,284 cases; 26 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 601 cases; 20 deaths

• Laguna Beach: 260 cases; fewer than five deaths

- Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:
- 0 to 17: 4,634 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 9,257 cases; five deaths
- 25 to 34: 13,222 cases; 21 deaths
- 35 to 44: 9,811 cases; 38 deaths
- 45 to 54: 9,956 cases; 118 deaths
- 55 to 64: 7,426 cases; 208 deaths

• 65 to 74: 3,752 cases; 297 deaths

- 75 to 84: 2,047 cases; 326 deaths
 - 85 and older: 1,590 cases; 492 deaths
- Updated figures are posted daily at occcovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc. For information on getting tested, visit occcovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing.

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died in the wool Republicans who could not stomach voting for Trump because of among other things, his disastrous handling of the pandemic virus, which has led to the deaths of more than 230,000 Americans.

In the past when finding themselves in such a dilemma, voters would write in Ulysses S. Grant.

The important thing is that in the most important and consequential election in U.S. history, they voted.

Richard C. Armendariz
Huntington Beach

Snell’s efforts deserve praise

I am responding to Vikki Snell’s commentary on the Daily Pilot website and published Nov. 1.

In my opinion, Mrs. Snell’s personal sense of commitment and professionalism made her a prime candidate to continue her position on the Newport Mesa school board.

If nothing else, her personal commitments to our community and her family’s stellar reputation, were proof that she would be an exemplary, professional and caring school board member.

I first met Mrs. Snell about 30 years ago, when I was a local boy

at Harbor View Elementary School. For years, she and some other talented mothers contributed to the community through top-notch instruction, in this case in artwork. Although her daughter transferred to Lincoln Elementary in the famous splitting of all elementary school students in 1992, Mrs. Snell still taught for our school as a volunteer for years afterward.

While local politics can be as fierce as state or national political races, and we often see conflicts of different people we know become involved, we must remember we are on the same team, the same community.

Certainly, in these trying times of COVID-19, we must continue

to pour in great amounts of effort, patience, compassion, strength and resources to make sure our community stays strong against external challenges. If I myself continue to support institutions at home, despite spending notable periods of time working and living abroad, I am sure those who are in Newport-Mesa, voluntarily or not, can band together to make sure our institutions remain strong.

I am happy to praise Vikki Snell, and hope to write praise for any other excellent local I have met who will run for local office in the future.

Joseph Klunder
Newport Beach

APODACA

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economy, fueled by the growth and increasing sophistication of computers, robotics and, more recently, wireless communications and artificial intelligence.

Sometimes, a shock to the system forces more sudden changes, as was the case when women moved into the workforce in massive numbers during World War II. Past pandemics provide another case in point, one that’s highly relevant now.

The Black Death in the 14th century, the deadliest recorded plague in human history, wiped out a huge share of the world population, as many as 200 million people by some estimates. But an unexpected side effect of that devastation was that many serfs were freed, wages for laborers rose and living standards for the survivors began to rise.

The 1918 flu epidemic also generated profound changes. The virus hit young men particularly hard, which together with the

effects of World War I, resulted in a labor shortage so severe that entire sectors of the economy were brought to a near standstill.

Into the gap came many women, taking jobs that were previously held only by men. Notably, this occurred at the same time that women were mobilizing to advocate for more rights; two years later, women secured the right to vote in the U.S.

It now appears that we are at another pivotal point at which the very nature of work could be taking a sharp and irrevocable turn.

I’m not suggesting that everything we’re going through now due to the COVID-19 pandemic will stick. Eventually, retail stores and restaurants — those that survive — will return to something approaching normal levels of operations, theaters and theme parks will reopen, many employees who have been laboring at home will go back to communal workplaces, and most of us will resume our usual underappreciation of essential workers. But it’s also likely that some aspects of the working world will emerge from the pan-

demically fundamentally altered. How altered, and in what ways, remains to be seen.

I spoke with UC Irvine sociology professor Judith Stepan-Norris, an authority on workforce issues, about what sort of lasting effects might come out of the pandemic.

On the one hand, some innovative ideas about how to work more efficiently could get some traction, she said. Emerging technologies like virtual reality might get a boost, and we could see a heightened interest in reimagining transportation systems, office and retail design, and business networks.

“The experience that everyone is having is going to shift their thinking,” she believes.

But Stepan-Norris is also concerned that women might come out on the short end this time around. “There have been a lot more women that have dropped out of the workplace” this year, she said. In large measure that’s because we haven’t resolved the issue of child care, and that failure disproportionately affects women. We’ve also seen the pandemic hit minorities and workers on the

lower end of the socioeconomic spectrum particularly hard, she noted.

“All those things would argue for greater inequality coming out of this pandemic.”

I’ll add my own prediction about that. Those historically disenfranchised groups won’t sit quietly on the losing end but will use their collective power to push forward their struggle for equity. Perhaps we’ll see a burst of entrepreneurship by women and minorities play a significant role in a recovering employment market.

And a final thought. COVID could hasten the long-anticipated demise of the five-day workweek. Indeed, future generations might find themselves puzzling over exactly what the old-timers mean when they refer to a certain relic of times past, the one they so quaintly called a “weekend.”

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Miso Marinated Chilean Sea Bass
Soy glaze, coconut rice, stir-fried vegetables, mushrooms, lemongrass ginger beurre blanc



Tier 3 | Seventy four dollars per guest

Prime Bone-In Rib Eye
Sixteen ounce prime bone-in rib eye, whipped Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, onion strings

Northern Australian Lobster Tail
10 ounce tail, drawn butter, grilled lemon, Yukon Gold mashed potatoes

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PEOPLE IN THE KNOW...DINE AT THE BUNGALOW

DISPUTE*Continued from page A1*

stretching nearly 10 feet in height, swimming marlin and globes inspired by traditional blown-glass Japanese fishing floats. It was created by Dale Chihuly, an artist whose striking blown-glass work adorns the ceiling of the Bellagio hotel's lobby in Las Vegas.

The lawn sculpture was installed in 2019 and in itself appeared not to foment any trouble. The dispute began when Gross and Schwartz were installed netting this year to protect the work after it was damaged, according to legal filings and city records.

Gross and Schwartz in a lawsuit say more than \$50,000 damage, "apparently" caused by a thrown rock, is evidence of an "escalating campaign of vandalism"; Towfiq and his wife say it was probably damaged by something falling on it.

Redacted emails released to The Times by the city of Laguna Beach indicated someone associated with Gross and Schwartz told a code enforcement officer the netting was temporary and needed to protect the sculpture from "trees and mother nature," and that a palm frond caused \$100,000 in damage.

Towfiq and Nakahara, in their lawsuit say the netting was at first removed intermittently but later remained up, with Gross and Schwartz avoiding attempts to resolve the problem. That prompted Towfiq to call the city, which inspected the property and sent Gross a letter July 28 informing him that the netting, lighting and sculpture lacked the proper permits.

The quarrel has escalated since then.

The neighbor's lawsuit accuses the billionaire and his partner of playing blaring music at all hours, including the "Gilligan's Island" theme song, rap and pop, in an effort to force him to drop the complaint. The couple say they have had to take refuge twice with either relatives or in a

hotel room.

In an application for a temporary restraining order filed Oct. 15, which was granted, Towfiq cites a text message allegedly sent to him by Gross after he asked the music to be turned down: "Peace on all fronts or well [sic] just have nightly concerts big boy."

"Defendant William Gross is a 76-year-old billionaire used to getting his way no matter what. As proven by their behavior here, Gross and his decades-younger-girlfriend, defendant Amy Schwartz, are bullies," states the Superior Court lawsuit filed by Towfiq and his wife.

Gross and Schwartz, 51, actually beat their neighbors to the courthouse, filing their own lawsuit Oct. 13 and accusing Towfiq of developing an obsession with them, which included installing cameras directed at their property and "peeping tom behaviors." In a request for a temporary restraining order filed last week that is pending, Gross said he had played music since moving in to the property and felt "trapped in my own home."

"Defendant Towfiq appears to have a particular fascination not only with Mr. Gross but also Ms. Schwartz, particularly when the pair are swimming and thus wearing minimal, if any, clothing," states the lawsuit, which accuses Towfiq of invasion of privacy, among other causes of action.

Towfiq, in his temporary restraining order application, said that after Gross and Schwartz complained to a police officer that he had inappropriately recorded them, he told the officer he made the videos on his property and only to record their "harassing noise violations" and "intrusiveness of their unpermitted additions."

Schwartz issued a statement that the dispute was "very upsetting" to her because the sculpture, with its assorted blue pieces, was bought for her by Gross because her mother was ill.

"Since I have no children of my own, they are like my

babies. My mother, who has Alzheimer's, and I pray to them and she enjoys looking at them because it's her favorite color and makes her smile," she said in the statement.

Schwartz also said she and Gross were the "best neighbors" since they were only at the house about five days a month, for five months a year. She added that the noise from the nearby highway and ocean were a lot louder than their music.

Towfiq and his wife allege in their lawsuit that the harassment escalated to the point this month that loud music was played even when Gross and Schwartz were not home, "apparently controlling their sound system remotely."

Neighboring disputes in Southern California's wealthiest corners don't only involve celebrities and entertainers, such as Jim Belushi and Justin Bieber — sometimes they include business leaders too.

One highly publicized case in 2017, ensnared KB Home Chief Executive Jeffrey Mezger, accused by Bel-Air neighbor and comedian Kathy Griffin of an obscene rant caught on tape over an allegedly noisy backyard party. The KB Home board announced it would dock his year-end bonus.

Nobody is docking Gross' pay no matter what the outcome of this dispute. The bond investor retired last year and is worth an estimated \$1.5 billion by Forbes. He made his vast fortune at PIMCO, the Newport Beach bond house he co-founded in 1971 but left in an acrimonious 2014 split as returns fell and investors left.

Gross sued and accused a "cabal" of PIMCO executives of pushing him out because of their "lust for power, greed and a desire to improve their own financial position," while PIMCO called Gross an abusive and disruptive force. The two sides reached a 2017 settlement that paid Gross' family foundation \$81 million, with the firm agreeing to honor its co-founder with various

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gestures, including creating an award that recognized his long history of philanthropy.

Gross contributed \$19 million to the foundation as part of the settlement, and this year signed the Giving Pledge, which requires signatories to give away the majority of their wealth.

Around the same time, he went through an acrimonious divorce from his second wife, with both sides obtaining restraining orders and Sue Gross accusing him of turning over a separate Laguna Beach home to her in "utter chaos and disrepair," including infusing it with puke and fart smells dispensed from spray bottles.

In a mea culpa, Gross admitted in a Financial Times interview last year that he bought the spray at a drugstore and wasn't even sure why he did it, though he alluded to the strain of a divorce that had gotten "very ugly."

Towfiq, 56, an Orange County businessman who owned a data center operator, is no stranger to defending his property rights in court. He bought the South Coast Highway property in 2009 hoping to build his dream home in the ex-

clusive Rockledge neighborhood. But he first had to endure a protracted legal battle with a neighbor who opposed the project, citing its proximity, effect on coastal access and other issues. The neighbor tried to get the City Council and California Coastal Commission to stop the project and took legal action, but Towfiq ultimately prevailed.

The home also raised eyebrows because of its design by prominent modernist architect Mark Singer.

After it was completed, though, the home — with its spectacular views, 2,000-square-foot covered patio and infinity edge pool — received a glowing write-up in the Orange County Register. The paper lauded Singer, who died in 2015, for "creating structures that harmonized with nature while at the same time making a bold, contemporary claim to the space they occupy."

Gross made his own news when the Register reported in 2018 he had picked up the property next door for \$32 million, just a month after buying another seaside

Laguna Beach property for nearly \$36 million. A spokesman said he jointly owned the Rockledge property with Schwartz.

The 10,000-square-foot home, dubbed Rockledge-by-the-Sea, features a nearly 3,000-square-foot master suite, gym, wine-display room and commercial-grade elevator, according to the paper. Gross has other museum-quality art inside and outside the mansion, including one of Robert Indiana's famous "Love" statues.

A hearing on Towfiq's request to convert the temporary restraining order into a lengthier civil harassment order is set for Nov. 2. Meanwhile, Gross has been given an extension until Nov. 16 to seek the proper permits, which a spokesman said were being pursued.

Neither Towfiq nor Gross agreed to be interviewed, according to their representatives.

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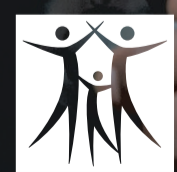
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AROUND TOWN

Bank of America awards \$200K Neighborhood Builders grant

Serving People in Need in Costa Mesa and Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County in Irvine were each awarded a \$200,000 grant by Bank of America for being the 2020 Neighborhood Builders, selected for their work to address food insecurity and homelessness.

The Neighborhood Builders program provides skill development and topics to help nonprofits address current and future community challenges and is refined yearly by Bank of America to include topics varying from strategic storytelling to human capital management and highlights themes critical to moving the nonprofit sector forward.

Since 2004, the program has invested \$260 million in 50 communities through the program.

About \$5 million has been invested in Orange County nonprofits over the last 15 years.

"As we consider many of the challenges that our community is facing — from the health and humanitarian crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic — the Neighborhood Builders program is a relevant and timely initiative to support the communities we serve," Orange County market president for Bank of America Allen Staff said in a statement.

Laguna museum's Art & Nature back

Laguna Art Museum's Art & Nature, an annual pro-



Two hundred thousand

JEAN WEGENER, left, CEO of Serving People in Need, and **Kim Frazier**, director of events and marketing, hold a \$200,000 check from Bank of America.

gram in its eighth year, is back in town.

A Skynet titled "Sunset Trace," by Patrick Shearn of Poetic Kinetics, was installed and extends from the gazebo in Heisler Park to Main Beach Park.

Installation of the project began on Oct. 30, and the Art & Nature program started Thursday and will end on Nov. 15.

The public is asked to follow COVID-19 safety protocols of wearing a mask and practicing social distancing

while enjoying the installation.

The Art & Nature Family Festival is on Sunday with several free virtual events for an audience of all ages.

Marina High girls' soccer hosts clothing drive

The Marina High School girls' soccer program is hosting a clothing drive to benefit Colette's Children's Home in Huntington

Courtesy of Bank of America

nerable learners.

The grant is part of Spectrum's multiyear \$6-million cash and in-kind national commitment to digital education in the communities across the country where Spectrum provides service.

Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce to host State of the City

The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual State of the City meeting on Friday at City Hall.

Featured guest speakers, including Mayor Lyn Semeta, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Carr and City Manager Oliver Chi, will review the city's accomplishments from the past year and discuss the current state of Huntington Beach.

They will also present upcoming projects, address challenges and opportunities, and offer a preview on what's ahead for the city's business community and residents.

Coffee and pastries will be provided for the event, which starts at 8 a.m. Tickets cost \$20 for Chamber of Commerce members, and \$25 for nonmembers.

Seating is limited, and are available by visiting hbchamber.com or calling (714) 536-8888.

Sponsorship opportunities are available; inquire with Tina Figarsky at tfigarsky@hbcoc.com.

'Outstanding Dementia Caregivers' honored

Two healthcare professionals in Costa Mesa — Carla Turney of Assured In-Home Care and clinical psychologist Dr. Miriam Galindo — were recently named Alzheimer's Orange County (AlzOC) Outstanding Dementia Caregivers.

Turney was selected in the Administrative Professional category, which recognizes individuals in licensed residential and care facilities or who serve as administrative professionals in other service agencies to persons with dementia.

For more than four years, Turney has cared for her mother.

Galindo, who runs a practice with an office in Costa Mesa, was selected in the category of Medical/Clinical Professional, which honors physicians, researchers, geriatric counselors, clinical social workers, geriatric nurse practitioners, care managers, case managers and other clinical professionals in the field of dementia care.

Since 2016, Galindo has been a highly valued volunteer educator with Alzheimer's Orange County, logging more than 100 hours of service, and is one of the organization's most sought-after speakers.

"The task of caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease represents a challenging and emotional journey," AlzOC CEO and President Jim McAleer said in a release.

To learn more, call (949) 955-9000 or visit alzoc.org.

Make-A-Wish to host 'Wish Extravaganza'

Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire will hold its 2020 Ambassadors of Hope Gala on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The free virtual event will be themed "Wish Extravaganza," during which Bob Chapek, the chief executive officer of the Walt Disney Company, will be honored.

Disney has granted more than 140,000 wishes over the past 40 years.

Founded in 1983, Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire has helped more than 7,300 wishes come true for children with critical illnesses.

Make-A-Wish has postponed the fulfillment of wishes that necessitate travel or gathering in public due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"While the health and safety of our wish families is our top priority, we remain committed to our vision of granting every eligi-

ble child their wish," Gloria Jetter Crockett, president and CEO of Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire, said in a release.

"With a situation unlike any other we've faced, we all are in need of some extra 'hope' this year.

"We are thrilled to honor Bob Chapek with this year's Ambassador of Hope Award and all it symbolizes. Without the aid of our local community, we would not be able to provide children the wishes and hope they so deeply need."

Those who want to become a sponsor or donate can visit ocie.wish.org.

Harvesters Fashion Show raises \$1.6 million

An Oct. 7 virtual fashion show, a collaboration between supporters of Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County and Costa Mesa's South Coast Plaza, raised more than \$1.6 million to help the area nonprofit meet the overwhelming need for service during the coronavirus pandemic.

South Coast Plaza representatives produced and curated the runway show featuring highlights from the fall/winter 2020 collections of iconic fashion houses, including Chloé, Isabel Marant, Lanvin, Marni, Max Mara, Moncler, Oscar de la Renta, Salvatore Ferragamo and Versace.

The event was organized by Harvesters, an independent volunteer organization of committed and philanthropic women who raise funds and awareness for Second Harvest.

It also featured a virtual silent auction with luxury indulgences, exclusive experiences and the latest fashion trends.

Second Harvest has so far met the rising need for food caused by the pandemic. But the shift in the volume of food distributed has skyrocketed compared to previous years.

From March through August, the group distributed 32,303,589 pounds of food — a 104% increase from the same time last year.

"We're incredibly grateful for the dedicated partnership between Harvesters and South Coast Plaza in championing awareness and fundraising for the important issue of food insecurity that we face in our county," Harvesters Chairman Gail Haft said in a release.

To learn more, visit feedoc.org.

'Pan-Damn-It!' Zoom play highlights mask debate in schools

A one-act, 90-minute Zoom play called "Pan-Damn-It!" by Kyung Hyun Kim, a faculty member in the UC Irvine's department of East Asian Studies and Visual Studies, will be live broadcast on YouTube on Nov. 15, starting at 4 p.m.

Kim said the play was written based on a personal experience and highlights the mask debate in schools. The play is co-directed by Jane Page, a faculty member in UCI's Drama Department, and Gavin Cameron-Webb, theater director.

The live Zoom reading will include professional and MFA actors and is sponsored by the Center for Critical Korean Studies and Illuminations at UCI.

No RSVP is required. The broadcast can be viewed at youtube.com/watch?v=3977cADyH4s&feature=youtu.be.

Laguna Children's Holiday Palettes

The Children's Holiday Palette exhibition is coming up, and children ages 5-17 who live in Laguna Beach or attend a school or art program in the city are encouraged to participate by drawing or painting original designs that celebrate the holiday season.

Palette designs submitted by Nov. 16 will be considered to be displayed on wood palettes at City Hall and to be recognized by the Laguna Beach City Council. Up to 12 designs will be selected, and the artists of

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020**, at 7:00 p.m. or soon as thereafter as the matter shall be heard, at City Hall, 77 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, California, to consider the following item:

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITYWIDE TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE PROGRAM

California Government Code Section 66006(b) requires an annual review and accounting of the Citywide Traffic Impact Fee Program. The Fund Balance Account Sheet is posted in the City Clerk's Office.

Public Comments:
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Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
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SHOOTING

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Police said in a news release that detectives from the Crimes Against Persons Unit and Gang Unit led the investigation.

Evidence found at the scene led them to speak with and eventually arrest Richard Cardozo, 18, of Huntington Beach on Oct. 30.

On the following day, police surrounded the home of a second suspect, Armando Delgado Jr., 21, of Huntington Beach, who was also arrested. A firearm was located during the arrest of Delgado.

Cardozo and Delgado are currently in custody and charged with murder, police said. Bail was set at \$1 million.

Martin Chavez, the youngest of five siblings, was born and raised in Huntington Beach. He leaves behind sisters Gabby, 25, and Anna, 33, as well as brothers Daniel, 29, and Hugo, 32, and his parents, Bertha and Martin.

"Growing up, he was always a jokester," Gabby said. "He liked to play games with all of us ... [but] he always took care of us. If we needed him at any moment, he was there. So many people loved him. He would always be at the beach, and he loved playing soccer. All you can remember about him is his huge smile."

Gabby said her younger brother would always take care of his girlfriend's two children, and he loved playing with his nieces and nephews. He had a job interview the morning after he was shot, Gabby said. "He made so many plans that

he didn't get to [do]," she said. "It's hard. There's a big hole."

Since his death, Chavez's family has put a small memorial up near the site of the shooting. They have also been trying to raise money for a proper funeral through car washes and other fundraisers.

A GoFundMe was established and had raised more than \$2,000, as of Friday afternoon, toward a goal of \$25,000.

The family planned a *kermés*, Spanish for a charity bazaar, Saturday morning, with another scheduled for Sunday starting at 9 a.m. at 2601 S. Farview St. in Santa Ana. Food will be served including tamales, pozole, tortas and pasta alfredo, and there will be several raffles as well to raise money.

"So many people loved him because of the way he helped everybody," Gabby said of Martin. "He literally took the shirt off his back, even if it meant that he was left with nothing. That's all I remember of him. Always happy, always smiling, always giving."

Huntington Beach police said the investigation into Martin Chavez's death is ongoing and did not release additional details, including Cardozo and Delgado's booking photos. Anyone who has further information related to this investigation can contact the department on its nonemergency line at (714) 960-8811.

Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the Crime Tip line at (714) 375-5066.

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TRUMP

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Harris, now in line to become the country's first female vice president, addressed the subject in a speech that preceded Biden's.

"What a testament it is to Joe's character that he had the audacity to break one of the most substantial barriers that exists in our country and select a woman as his vice president," Harris said. "But while I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities."

The Huntington Beach Pier — a frequented location for protests in the name of social justice as well as against coronavirus pandemic-related shutdowns, earlier this year — once again was the site of a demonstration that came in the aftermath of the election results.

Both supporters of President Donald Trump and proponents of the Biden-Harris ticket came out to demonstrate on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

Jeremy Tangaro, 50, of Huntington Beach, who took issue with the administration's handling of the pandemic, said he was awoken by cheers. "I heard cheering in my complex," Tangaro said. "I turned on the mainstream media, and I was pretty excited that it turned out the way that it did."

Hillary Green, 45, of Huntington Beach was one of few that stayed around once a heavy rain began to fall. She carried a Trump flag. "There's been implications of some things that are fraudulent, and I'll accept whatever the election result is, but I want to know that our elections are done fairly and that there's



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A PRO-TRUMP protester holds a sign claiming Joe Biden is stealing the election during a rally Saturday afternoon at Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach.

oversight," Green said. "I'll wait for as long as I have to for whatever's the right outcome." Green added that no matter what side people are on, "They need to love America."

Dawn Southern, 54, of Seal Beach brought a Biden sign, but she joined the Trump supporters on the pier side of Pacific Coast Highway. She said she believes the country is divided and needs to be united.

"We've got to remember we're Americans first," Southern said. "We're not Republicans. We're not Democrats. We're not Independents. We're Americans."

Some feel uneasy about questions that have been raised regarding the legitimacy of the election results. The Trump campaign has pursued legal action to contest the election results in several key battleground states.

Kent Braithwaite, 62, of Huntington Beach, who said he has done volunteer work for the Democratic Party, had a response to that. "Let them sue," Braithwaite said. "I think everything has been thrown

out at the initial level. I am extremely happy."

Michelle Peterson, 55, of Huntington Beach was collecting signatures for a recall of Gov. Gavin Newsom. She said that she was able to gather about 50 signatures before the rain came.

Peterson did not have faith in the election results, saying, "Why in this day in age, when we all carry a computer in a telephone in our pocket, why are we not voting electronically 200 years later? Why are we still voting like we're in the 1700s, like it's 1776? Why? That's how we did it 200-plus years ago. Because we can manipulate the election."

Ethan Chang, 28, of Huntington Beach remained on site, even after a heavy downpour of rain dispersed most of the crowd. Chang was dressed in a colonial era Loyalist costume after an event he was scheduled to work for a living history museum in Yucaipa was snowed out.

He stood with Green as the afternoon continued, and though he identified as a Libertarian who voted for Jo Jorgensen, his strongest stance was against the identity politics he said he feels define the Democratic Party.

"I'm actually technically a person of color, and I abhor that," Chang said. "My entire life, I just wanted to be seen as a person and treated as everyone else."

The demonstration was mostly peaceful throughout the afternoon, although not without signs of the division prevalent throughout the election cycle. Some passersby in cars displayed obscene hand gestures toward partisan attendees.

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AROUND TOWN

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those palettes will be recognized at the City Council meeting held over Zoom on Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. Submissions can be made to the Cultural Arts Department at City Hall, 505 Forest Ave., or via email to mmcgregor@lagunabeachcity.net.

An application and instructional video for the contest are available on the city's website at lagunabeachcity.net/news/displaynews.htm?NewsID=2292&TargetID=20.

Sherman Library & Gardens hosts Nights of 1,000 Lights

The Sherman Library and Gardens will

be hosting Nights of 1,000 Lights for 10 nights this December, starting on Dec. 10.

No tickets will be sold at the gate. All tickets must be purchased in advance at thesherman.org or calling (949) 673-2261.

All guests must be wearing a face covering and choose a timed, ticketed entry to ensure safe physical distancing.

Tickets are \$15 for members of the Sherman Library and Gardens and \$25 for non-members. Children ages 3 and under are free.

"Yes, Nights of 1000 Lights is happening with the comfort and well-being of our members, volunteers, guests and staff as the top priority," said Scott LaFleur, executive director of Sherman Library & Gardens, in a statement.

"This beloved annual event will have several safety protocols in place, beginning

with timed, ticketed admissions to ensure safe physical distancing."

"In addition to timed admissions, we're limiting guest capacity in the Gardens each night. It is our hope that the community will join us for a safe and spectacular stroll through the Gardens this holiday season," LaFleur said.

Nights of 1,000 Lights will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 10-13 and Dec. 17-22 each night.

Red telephone booth art installation contest

The Laguna Beach Arts Commission is holding a contest for the installation of temporary public art incorporating the red telephone booth on Forest Avenue.

Proposed designs or installations may

include the interior or exterior of the booth, and the application asks that designs be "imaginative, whimsical and colorful."

Entries will be judged by the seven members of the Arts Commission, based on criteria of creativity and appropriateness for the location.

The chosen design will be installed for a period of two years.

The contest is open to residents of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, San Diego and Ventura counties. There is an honorarium of \$5,000.

The deadline to submit designs is noon on Jan. 4 at lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com.

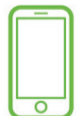
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BASEBALL

Higashioka sees years of work pay off

BY ANDREW TURNER

Through time immemorial, coaches have shared words of wisdom, trying to tap into their players' potential.

Steve Lambright, who served as head coach of the Edison High School baseball team from 2006 to 2013, said he has often told his players, "You get rewarded for what you put into it."

In his mind, no one he has ever coached has personified that more than Kyle Higashioka.

After 12 years of battling through the minor leagues, Higashioka earned the backup catcher role for the New York Yankees, the team that drafted him in the seventh round in 2008.

Lambright indicated that Higashioka, 30, had always hung his hat on his play behind the plate, especially in blocking and pitch framing. It helped him build a rapport with fellow Orange County product Gerrit Cole (Orange Lutheran), and he became the ace's personal catcher as the season rolled on.

"Kyle with his forte [being] defense, any pitcher in his right mind would want to throw to that guy because he knows that he is going to call a good game," Lambright said. "He's going to do a good job behind the plate, make him better."

It worked both ways. Higashioka could not offer up enough superlatives to describe his battery mate. He was behind the plate for Cole's last four starts of the regular season.

It culminated in him drawing the start in a winner-take-all Game 5 of the American League Divisional Series against the Tampa Bay Rays, who went on to lose to the Los Angeles Dodgers in six games in the World Series.

In their first outing together, Cole threw five shutout innings before allowing five runs (one earned) in the sixth inning at Baltimore on Sept. 5. Higashioka recounted how special he thought Cole's stuff was that day.

"It didn't end up the way that we wanted it, but the first few innings was like incredible," Higashioka said. "I was thinking to myself, 'This is maybe the best pitcher I've ever caught.'"

"I would say a little bit of the pressure of pitch-calling was taken off me because his stuff's so good," Higashioka added. "It's almost every situation you have multiple options as far as what pitch to call because of just the nature of how good his stuff is. It's



THE ANGELS' Michael Hermosillo slides past Yankees catcher Kyle Higashioka on Sept. 18, 2019, in New York.

Frank Franklin II
AP

pretty fun to catch."

The path to the major leagues was elongated by struggles with the bat. Lambright remembered his former catcher as a "cage rat," one that he had to ask to leave at times so that he could go home for dinner.

Higashioka did not stop working, but in the minors, hitting coaches could change in rapid succession, especially in moving between levels. The 2008 Edison graduate, who had passed on a scholarship offer from Cal to play professional ball, realized that he would have to be the one to retool his swing.

He would unwittingly join a movement that became known as the launch angle revolution.

"After the 2015 season, I kind of underwent a drastic swing overhaul where I was kind of taking a risk because it wasn't something that was being taught widespread at the time," Higashioka said. "It was kind of just based on more like physics, creating more margin for error for myself, basically matching the plane of the pitch with my swing, so having a slight uppercut."

The fruits of that labor showed up with a bang, or several, when Higashioka hit three home runs in a 13-2 win over the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 16.

Asked if he was superstitious about using a hot bat or if he put it away as a memento, Higashioka chuckled.

"Actually, I kept using it, and then our hitting coach Marcus Thames, he was like, 'Hey, you need to save that bat,' " Higashioka said. "It kind of dawned on me, 'Oh, I probably should put it away,' and so I had our trainer Steve Donohue mark it up, and so now it's sitting in my house."

The baseball bubble had its oddities. Higashioka noted that even his wife and parents were unable to attend a game until the Yankees were in San Diego for the playoffs.

In a year where few could play sports due to the coronavirus pandemic, Lambright, who is now the pitching coach at Cypress College, was thrilled for the former Chargers standout. Lambright said Higashioka never takes anything for granted, and he had a likable personality, treating lower-level players like they were "an All-Star."

"I always knew that if he just kept working hard that he would get a shot, and just to see his success in the playoffs, it was amazing as [his] former high school coach," Lambright said. "As a coach, you're proud to see him have some success."

Looking back on his time at Edison, Higashioka recalled being knocked out of the CIF Southern Section playoffs by a Freddie Freeman-led El Modena team his junior year. The next year, the Chargers were shut down in the first round by Long Beach Wilson and Aaron Hicks, who is now his teammate.

Higashioka, who did not make his major league debut until 10 days prior to his 27th birthday, knows that hard work is what got him there and is what will keep him in the league.

"It's definitely something that I've worked my whole life toward," Higashioka said. "I don't think, by any means, I've made it yet. I'm still working hard every offseason to get better and better, just take advantage of whatever time I do have in the major leagues."

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GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Pacifica Christian tabs Forsberg as interim coach

BY ANDREW TURNER

Pacifica Christian Orange County High School has named Ally Forsberg as its interim girls' volleyball coach, the school announced on Wednesday.

Forsberg had been serving as the top assistant to Amy Yiannikouros, who was hired to lead the program in June. Yiannikouros said in a statement that she stepped down to focus on her family.

She was coming off a season in which she led Saddleback Valley Christian to the semi-finals of the CIF Southern Section Division 4 playoffs, posting a 20-14 record and earning a share of the San Joaquin League title in the process.

"I just want to continue moving forward with this program," Forsberg said. "I'm definitely excited to continue [and] humbled for this job. I just have a vision of creating a hard-working, competitive culture within the team, and I definitely expect us to do well this year. I think we have some good talent, so I'm excited for that."

As far as her prior experience in the sport, Forsberg checks the box. The 2014 Huntington Beach High graduate played four years of varsity volleyball. The middle blocker went on to play one year at Cal State Fullerton, transferring and playing out her final three years at Biola.

More recently, Forsberg returned to Huntington Beach, serving as an assistant to Oilers boys' and girls' volleyball coach Craig Pazanti at the varsity level the past two years. She also took on the head coaching duties for the Huntington Beach freshmen girls' volleyball team last season.

Additionally, Forsberg is the younger of two children for longtime Huntington Beach softball coach Jeff Forsberg, who has enjoyed substantial success of late, including a trip to the CIF Southern Section Division 1 semifinals in 2019.

"I've had great mentors," Ally Forsberg said. "I think Craig Pazanti definitely helped me learn a lot about volleyball."

"My dad definitely taught me a lot about how to run a program with character and how that has a big impact on your athletes."

Given that Forsberg grew up with a coach at home, Pacifica Christian athletic director Brandon Gonzalez said it makes sense that she would carry herself in a way that shows she is ready for her new role. "There's just something special about Ally that you can already tell she feels confident she's going to do a good job," Gonzalez said.

Kimberly Adams served as the head coach of the Tritons the past three seasons. Pacifica Christian reached the second round of the Division 7 playoffs last season, dropping a five-set match at home to eventual finalist Garden Grove 25-23, 25-22, 22-25, 21-25, 15-13.

The Tritons also advanced to the Division 9 championship match in 2018, falling to La Puente 23-25, 25-17, 25-15, 21-25, 15-4.

Under the revised CIF sports calendar, girls' volleyball teams could play their first contest as early as Dec. 19.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' WATER POLO

Laguna Beach's Rachael Carver Princeton-bound

BY MATT SZABO

Rachael Carver is known as a smart player for the Laguna Beach High School girls' water polo team, so it might not be a surprise that she would also make a smart decision for her future.

Carver has committed to play water polo at Princeton University, she said Thursday. Her commitment means that all 11 players from the Breakers' class of 2021 have committed to play the sport in college.

"I went and visited Princeton in late June with my parents [Rob and Julie]," Carver said. "Obviously, it was different because there were no students there on campus and we couldn't go into any buildings or anything. That was my first time back to the East Coast, actually, and it was just eye-opening to



Rachael Carver

me how big the world really is, and how much I haven't really seen."

Carver, who said she has a 3.9 weighted grade-point average, said she enjoyed the academic aspect of Princeton and the water polo team.

Grace Houlahan, a 2020 Laguna Beach High graduate, redshirted this year at Princeton and will be coming into the program at the same time as Carver. Breakers alumni CiCi Stewart and Alana Evans already play for the Tigers, while alumna Cara Borkovec is an assistant coach.

Carver, an attacker, is entering her fourth year as a key varsity contributor for Laguna

Beach. Last year, she ranked fourth on the Breakers (33-1) with 37 goals, and her 60 assists led the team. She also had 41 steals, another team-best total.

Carver comes from a water polo family. Rob is a former Sunny Hills High and USC star in the sport. Rachael's younger sisters, Hannah, who's a junior at Laguna Beach, and Kara, an eighth-grader, also play.

"She's a really smart kid in general," Laguna Beach coach Ethan Damato said of Rachael, a first-team All-Surf League selection as a junior.

"As a young player, she just had a great feel for the game, and was very mature and intelligent always. For us, she was our leader in that sense this last year, in terms of just making the smart plays. What a testament to what she's done not only in the pool but in the classroom, to

be able to set herself up to do this. I'm really proud of the work she's put in for both arenas, to be able to put herself in a situation to attend a school like that."

Carver said the seniors have a special bond in the pool, and hope to defend their back-to-back CIF Southern Section Division 1 titles this year. Nicole Struss, Emma Lineback and Molly Renner are all committed to UCLA, with Emma Singer and Jessie Rose are both headed to Cal.

The other commits include Imani Clemons and Kenedy Corlett (UC Santa Barbara), Skylar Kidd (Indiana), Mikayla Lopez (Loyola Marymount) and Ella Baumgarten (Marist College of New York).

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