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DYLAN JIN-NGO, 16, presents a \$500 check to Cash Harman, II, at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley on Thursday.

Boys & Girls Club youth get stock tips

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach resident Dylan Jin-Ngo still remembers when his aunt gave him his first stock certificate when he was in the sixth grade.

The Christmas gift intrigued him, and Dylan's interest in business and stock trading took off. He was mostly self-taught.

"When I wanted to learn about the stock market in the sixth grade, there was no available programs or resources in Orange County for young kids like us," said Dylan, now 16 years old. "This is why I wanted to start this

program, to truly be able to be a resource to kids in Orange County who are driven and motivated."

Dylan, a junior boarding school student at the Thacher School of Ojai, started the non-profit company Youth Investors Corp. last year. Soon after, he approached the Haynes Family branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley to discuss teaching middle school students about stock trading.

After a five-week online course conducted this summer via Zoom, those kids aged 10 to 13 can say they have the formal instruction that Dylan never got. The first Youth In-

vestors Corp. session concluded two weeks ago, and it was capped off with an awards ceremony Thursday afternoon at the Boys & Girls Club.

Cash Harman, a sixth-grader at Dwyer Middle School, received a \$500 grant for earning first place in a stock market simulation game that was part of the curriculum.

"He truly impressed me since day one with both his passion and his skill," said Dylan Jin-Ngo, who manages his own hedge fund, of Cash's performance.

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9 new deaths from virus in O.C.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reports 251 additional cases of COVID-19 as the holiday weekend starts.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported nine deaths due to the coronavirus and 251 new infections in its numbers released on Saturday.

Cumulatively, the county has now had 1,051 deaths due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus. There have also been 49,509 coronavirus cases county-wide.

Hospitalizations due to the virus were at 274, with 83 of those patients in intensive care units. An additional 7,379 tests were reported by the healthcare agency on Saturday, bringing the total number of tests administered to 690,743.

To date, an estimated 43,224 recoveries have been made after a county resident contracted the virus.

Orange County was designated as "widespread" when the state rolled out its latest four-tiered system tracking the transmission of the virus.

The county remains on track to move into the next tier of "substantial transmission," which has thresholds of four to seven daily new cases per 100,000 residents and a testing positivity rate of 5% to 8%.

Currently, the county is sporting a testing positivity rate of 5.0%. It is averaging 5.6 new infections per 100,000 residents a day over a seven-day period with a seven-day lag.

With warm weather descending upon Southern California's coastal cities, the temperatures may seem appealing for beach-

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Newport Beach to weigh emergency ordinance restricting walk-up bars

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport Beach City Council will consider Tuesday an emergency ordinance that would mandate face coverings for employees and social distancing at any eating or drinking establishment with a walk-up bar.

The item was requested for consideration by Councilwoman Joy Brenner at the council's Aug. 25 meeting.

Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered the closure of all indoor bars and restaurants on July 13, and operations are currently stalled for indoor dining while Orange County remains in the first tier

of the state's new guidelines for reopening. The Orange County Health Care Agency reported Saturday that there have been 1,067 cases and 22 deaths of COVID-19 in Newport Beach.

The proposed ordinance will enforce current state guidance on face coverings and implement a "one person, one seat" policy that will require establishments to limit seats at a walk-up bar to those that are 6 feet apart. Only one patron can occupy a seat at a time.

Customers will also not be allowed to stand at any walk-up bar and those waiting to purchase

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Huntington Beach council to consider reopening Main Street to vehicular traffic

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday night will consider a timetable for reopening the second and third blocks of Main Street to vehicular traffic.

The City Council will meet for the first time since Aug. 3. One of the agenda items is to consider the duration of the street closures, which were approved to aid outdoor commerce and dining during the coronavirus pandemic.

On July 1, California Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered the closure of indoor operations for restaurants and hair salons, among other businesses, as a response to

COVID-19 increases statewide.

Five days later, the City Council directed City Manager Oliver Chi to temporarily close the second block downtown to allow businesses to operate outdoors. The city created an expedited Temporary Emergency Use Permit program.

After a successful pilot program, the City Council voted to expand the closure on Aug. 3 and shut down the third block of Main Street as well.

For Tuesday's meeting, the City Council is being asked to either authorize Chi to expand the tem-

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SOCCER



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ORANGE COUNTY Soccer Club midfielder Aodhan Quinn, right, heads the ball against L.A. Galaxy II forward Augustine Williams during the first half at Championship Soccer Stadium in Irvine on Saturday.

OCSC is unable to rally this time

BY ANDREW TURNER

IRVINE — A heat wave has hit Southern California.

Few teams had been hotter than Orange County Soccer Club, which came into Saturday with just one loss through its first nine matches.

Facing the L.A. Galaxy II for the second time in four days, Orange County was unable to complete the sweep, dropping the match 2-1 at Championship Soccer Stadium at the Great Park in Irvine.

The game-time temperature was 98 degrees, and Orange County left itself an uphill climb once again. In the first of back-to-back home games against the Galaxy on Wednesday, Orange County was able to rally after giving up a goal just two minutes in.

It would not be so fortunate on the back end, a slow start costing Orange County a chance to put separation between itself and the Galaxy in the United Soccer League Championship playoff race.

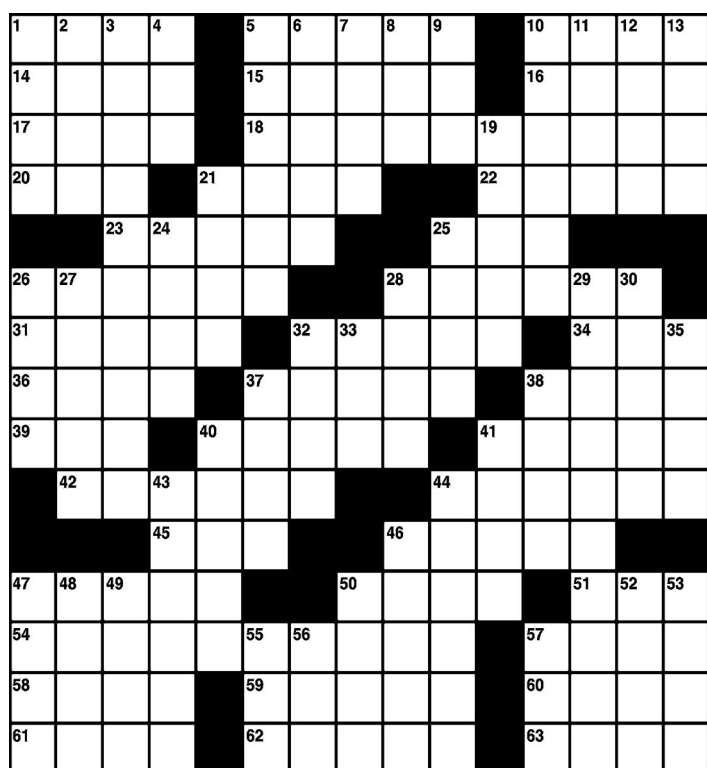
The Galaxy (6-4, 18 points) pulled even with Orange County (5-2-3, 18 points) for second place in Group B. The top two teams in the group advance to the playoffs. Phoenix Rising FC (7-2-2, 23 points) is in first place.

Orange County conceded an early goal for the second consecutive contest. A pass played into space by Jonathan Perez was tracked down near the top of the box by Augustine Williams, who authored a one-touch finish to

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

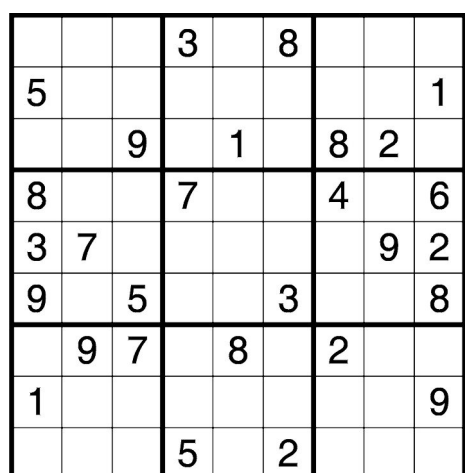


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SUDOKU

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 A6.

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 33 Attorney's field
 35 Bouquet greenery
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Orange County to offer drive-through voting for election at Honda Center

BY BILL SHAIKIN

In these pandemic times, Orange County voters are about to be presented with an intriguing option: Cast your ballot without leaving your car.

Honda Center in Anaheim will serve as a polling place for the presidential election, with all Orange County citizens invited to drop off ballots there or vote in person — either inside the arena or inside their vehicle.

"A polling place in your car," said Neal Kelley, Orange County's registrar of voters.

Honda Center will be a one-stop voting location from Oct. 30 through Election Day, Nov. 3.

"We're going to have a

very large setup inside of the Honda Center," Kelley said, "as well as drive-through lanes in the parking lot." Honda Center becomes the third major Southland sports venue announced as a polling place, joining Dodger Stadium and Staples Center. In a statement, Kelley called Honda Center "an identifiable location that can accommodate a large number of voters while maintaining social distancing and health and safety protocols."

"Together, Honda Center and the Anaheim Ducks are committed to doing our part in assisting our community," said Tim Ryan, chief executive of the Honda Center, in a statement. "We are thrilled

that Honda Center will serve as a polling location, providing a unique voting experience."

Since the Ducks last played in March, Honda Center has been a community gathering place for such events as pop-up weddings and drive-through food distributions.

Kelley said he has not talked with the Angels about the possibility of setting up a polling place at Angel Stadium. The Honda Center plan has been in the works for some time, he said, and Angel Stadium sits just on the other side of the 57 Freeway.

BILL SHAIKIN is a staff writer with the Los Angeles Times.

OCSC

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send the ball past goalkeeper Frederik Due (two saves) in the eighth minute. The Galaxy kept the pressure on. A turnover in the attacking third sent Perez in with company, and Due made a kick save to deny the scoring chance in the 25th minute.

Only two minutes later, Sebastian Nava earned a free kick working against Kevin Alston, who was shown the yellow card for his foul at the top of the box. Mauricio Cuevas capitalized on the free kick, as his shot avoided the player wall and went into the right side of the goal for a 2-0 lead.

The best chance of the first half for the hosts came just before halftime. On a give-and-go, Brian Iloski redirected a pass into the center of the box for Sean "Ugo" Okoli. He

put his hands on his head in frustration after his attempt went well over the crossbar.

Orange County played like a desperate side in the second half, penetrating deep into the attacking third and creating several quality chances to score.

"I feel like we need to have that kind of urgency the whole game. It's as simple as that," Iloski said. "It's almost like we need a wake-up call these last couple of games, these last few games to get going. I don't know why that is, but we have to change our mindset coming into games."

Orange County finally broke through in the 60th minute. Aodhan Quinn sent a shot off the inside of the left post. Okoli chased down the rebound to the right side of the goal and fed the ball back into the box, where Cameron Palmer was able to convert on a header to cut the

deficit in half.

It was just the second time this season that Orange County has allowed multiple goals in a match. The other occasion resulted in Orange County's only previous loss, a 3-1 defeat at Las Vegas Lights FC on Aug. 25.

"I think we were confident coming into the game, but ultimately, the first half killed us," Palmer said. "Obviously, we gave them two cheap goals, and from there, it's an uphill battle. We knew in the second half that we just had to go for it, and we did that. On another day, we could have taken more chances and gotten a draw or won the game."

"Very disappointed, but we can't really dwell too much on it because we've got games coming up, and we're still in a decent position."

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VIRUS

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goers looking to wind down the summer over the three-day Labor Day weekend.

The coronavirus pandemic has disrupted many things, but beaches are open locally this weekend after Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach and Newport Beach all closed theirs for the Fourth of July.

The National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat warning through Monday, spanning coastal areas in Orange County and San Diego County.

Across the Orange County coastline, cities from Seal Beach to San Clemente experienced mid-90s temperatures.

County health officials are urging residents to implement best practices during the Labor Day weekend, reminding people to wash their hands, wear face coverings and

maintain a social distance of at least six feet apart.

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

- Santa Ana: 9,522 cases; 250 deaths
- Anaheim: 8,489 cases; 226 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,255 cases; 69 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,719 cases; 23 deaths
- Irvine: 1,504 cases; 12 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,067 cases; 22 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 481 cases; 10 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 188 cases; fewer than five deaths

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

- 0 to 17: 3,359 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 7,382 cases; four deaths
- 25 to 34: 10,794 cases; 15 deaths
- 35 to 44: 7,951 cases; 30 deaths
- 45 to 54: 8,028 cases; 92 deaths
- 55 to 64: 5,969 cases; 149 deaths
- 65 to 74: 2,957 cases; 210 deaths
- 75 to 84: 1,696 cases; 224 deaths
- 85 and older: 1,341 cases; 326 deaths



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A SURFER GRABS a nice wave near the pier in Huntington Beach on Friday. With temperatures predicted to rise across the Orange County coastline for this Labor Day weekend, large crowds were expected to make their way to the beach.

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STOCK

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"In every class he was in, whenever I would open up the floor for questions, his face would pop up with his hand raised right in front of the camera. His passion was truly evident. He memorized every single one of his stock tickers, he traded stocks and chatted in the chat room outside of class and peppered me with dozens and dozens of questions about how to make his portfolio better. I had to end up giving up two of my own personal stock tips just to appease him."

Cash, who is 11, said he hopes to use the \$500 to help purchase a new computer.

"When I heard there was a cash prize, that was really cool," he said. "I never really thought I would win ... I just went for the [stocks] that were doing OK. I bought Apple, and I bought Wingstop because



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

CASH HARMAN listens to Dylan Jin-Ngo from Youth Investors Corps on Thursday.

Wingstop was doing really good, and then I bought Amazon. I also bought a lot of other small companies, and they just gave me money in the simulation game." Huntington Valley Boys &

Girls Club unit manager Ryan Brenes said that Dylan's online stock market class became a favorite after-lunch activity for many of the middle-school kids, twice a week.

Cash's top competition in the stock market simulation game was Lilianna Dominguez, but in the end he came out on top.

"This age group in general is usually the toughest for us to find things that they will get excited about," Brenes said. "The first day, I kept peeking my head in and sitting on the Zoom.

But after the second one, Dylan called me and said, 'They love it, they're so great.' I'm like, 'Thank God.'

"Cash especially, all day after that on the computer lab time, he would just be checking his stocks, explaining to everybody else what he's doing and how he's going to win. We were really excited that the kids were able to last all five weeks and still enjoy it at the end."

Dylan said he hopes to do another online stock trading class this winter. The first one went well enough that plans are in the works to include the other two branches of Huntington Valley Boys & Girls Club, Brenes said.

That would be fine with Dylan, who is excited to keep teaching kids about the stock market. That's an investment he wants to make.

"The kids were really engaged throughout," he said. "I'm surprised, because they're middle-schoolers, right? But they've been great."

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NEWPORT

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chase a drink from a walk-up bar will have to do so in a manner that ensures 6 feet of physical distance.

All dining areas in eating or drinking establishments will be required to organize in a way that tables and corresponding chairs are separated from those not of the same household. If dining amenities cannot be moved, then certain accommodations will be selected and labeled for non-use to maintain a 6 feet distance.

It will also require the wearing of face coverings by all volunteers, agents and employees of eating or drinking establishments while working in both outdoor and indoor areas.

Offenders of the emergency ordinance, if adopted, will be fined \$100. The fine for a second violation within six months will be \$200 and, for a third violation within a six-month period, \$500.

Upon adoption, the ordinance will be in effect until the local emergency is terminated or if the ordinance is repealed by the City Council.

Tuesday's council meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and can be viewed on NBTV or streamed online at newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/public-information-office/nbtv/nbtv-live. Phone numbers will be listed on-screen during the meeting for residents to call in and comment on specific agenda items. Only 20 people can be on hold at one time.

Members of the public are also encouraged to submit comments to the city clerk at cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov by 5 p.m. on Monday.

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Vincent Stefano, Jr.

December 21, 1938 - August 24, 2020

Vincent Stefano, Jr. (81), husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, friend, and lifelong Burbank, California, resident and former Mayor (Burbank) passed away on August, 24, 2020.

Born on December 21, 1938 in Burbank, the only child to Vincent Sr. and Mary Stefano, decedents of Italian immigrant families. He graduated in the last winter class at John Burroughs High School in 1957. He attended the University of Southern California, lead the student body, became an active member of the Theta Xi fraternity, President of the Trojan Knights, Trojan Squires and an avid Trojan football fan. After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration, Vince attended Loyola Law School. He was President of the Loyola Bar Association from 1963-1964 and earned his law degree. He went on to practice law for over 40 years.

Before starting his private law practice, where he counseled and supported countless local clients in matters of family, real estate, and corporate law, Vince was a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County, and City Prosecutor for the City of Burbank. Vince was a firm believer in civic duty. It was his passion for local politics and debate that ultimately lead him to run for Burbank City Council, serving from 1973 through 1977, and as Mayor from 1974 to 1975. Vince was largely responsible for initiating the City's paramedic program and improving its safety retirement formula in the Cal-Pers Pension Plan for the Police and Fire. He also served on several other Boards and Commissions for Burbank and was an active member of the Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center and Providence High School communities. Vince was well known as a great leader, friend, and supporter of businesses both big and small, lending insight, advice and endorsements when asked. It was his strong work ethic, sense of pride, and his integrity, that his friends and family will always remember. This is most evidenced by the tremendous outreach the family has received from hundreds of individuals Vince helped, many times pro bono, during his legal career.

Without question, Vince was most proud of his family. He leaves behind his wife of 45 years, Mary Lou (Moore) and his five children: Vincent Joseph (wife Brooke, granddaughters Taylor, Erin, Makenna), Robert James (wife Amy, grandsons AJ and Bode, granddaughter Owyn), Daniel Anthony (wife Michelle, granddaughters Sofia, Siena, Sicily) Ann Marie Bash (husband Steven, granddaughter Stevie) and Paige Moore Kirkpatrick (husband David, grandson James and granddaughter Reese). He took great pride in his children's accomplishments, consistently teaching them to work hard, play hard, love deeply, be loyal, while always putting family first.

Vince loved spending time with friends, traveling to watch USC football, visiting various wine regions of California, and retreating to Dana Point, CA on weekends. But most of all, Vince relished in his Sunday night pasta dinners surrounded by family.

A private mass will be held for Vincent's family in the coming weeks and a Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring for his extended family and friends.

He was a legend whose Spirit and Legacy will live on. Fight on Vince!

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COMMENTARY | MISAGH KARIMI, M.D.

Chadwick Boseman's death from colon cancer is a wake-up call for young people

The tragic loss of actor Chadwick Boseman, who died of colon cancer Aug. 28 at age 43, was a shock to all who were unaware of his four-year battle with the disease.

His passing has left a painful void for his family, friends and fellow actors to navigate, but there's also a vital opportunity here — to raise the alarm that colon cancer is not a disease that only affects older adults.

A report released by the American Cancer Society in March found that half of all new colorectal cancer diagnoses are in people under the age of 66 and that cases among those under 50 have been steadily rising since

the 1990s.

The report also projected that in 2020, 12% of colorectal cancer cases will be diagnosed in people under 50 — about 18,000 cases. That is substantial to say the least, considering that colorectal cancer is the third deadliest cancer among men and women in the United States — after lung and prostate in men and lung and breast in women.

Screening can help prevent colon cancer by detecting growths (polyps) that can be removed in the colon and rectum before they turn into cancer. Screenings can also find cancer early, before it has grown or spread,

often making it easier to treat and beat. Survival rates greatly increase when colon cancer is caught early.

The American Cancer Society recommends regular screenings start at age 45 for those at average risk. Average risk means no personal history of colorectal cancer, certain types of polyps, ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease, among other factors. Average risk also means no family history of colorectal cancer.

There are varying levels of risks and different methods of screening available. The important thing is to speak with your primary doctor or healthcare provider about your level of risks and get

information about the different methods of screening available.

For those under the age of 45 and at average risk of colon cancer, screenings aren't necessary just yet. However, staying in tune with your body will be your best defense against colon cancer, which doesn't always cause immediate symptoms.

For example, if you have unintentionally lost weight; noticed changes in bowel habits such as diarrhea, constipation or narrowing of the stool; observed blood in the stool; experienced abdominal cramping,

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Jay L. Clendenin | Los Angeles Times

CHADWICK BOSEMAN'S death from colon cancer shows the disease is not only a worry for older adults, an oncologist in Newport Beach writes. An American Cancer Society report found that cases among those under 50 have been steadily rising since the 1990s.

A WORD, PLEASE JUNE CASAGRANDE



AP | Universal Studios / Andrew Schwartz

NATHAN LANE as Max Bialystock, left, and Matthew Broderick as Leo Bloom in a scene from the movie musical version of Mel Brooks' Broadway hit, "The Producers." June Casagrande writes that "He, as well as the producer" is the same as saying "He and the producer" and therefore takes a plural verb.

Congratulations, as well as clarification, are in order

Congratulations are in order. Congratulations to you. I'm more than a little late extending them. But it has only recently come to my attention that you've been walking a linguistic tightrope for your entire English speaking life and, for the most part, you've done so well you haven't even noticed the difficulty of your task.

I'm talking about your — everyone's — use of the term "as well as." I presume you, like everyone else, have used "as well as" from time to time in your speech and writing. And I also presume you've been using it so well, so effortlessly, that you have no idea how difficult it is to employ.

Behold: "He, as well as the producer, are Broadway newcomers."

"The theme, as well as the writer's art, makes the novel a work of art."

"Available evidence as well as past experience suggests as much."

"John as well as Jane was late for dinner."

All these sentences are lifted from Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English usage, the first three are real-world examples and the fourth a deliberately simplistic made-up usage. But they all prove the same point: As a coordinator — meaning a term that, like "and," links nouns and other parts of speech —

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AROUND TOWN

Newport Beach Garden Tour raises more than \$40K for Sherman Library & Gardens

The Sherman Library & Gardens held a summer garden party, named "The Soiree of Summer," on Aug. 29 as part of the 24th annual Newport Beach Garden Tour, raising more than \$40,000 for the nonprofit.

Attendance was capped at 200 people with only 50 people allowed into the gardens each hour. A silent auction and raffle featured prizes donated by area businesses.

Organization members, volunteers and community members helped Sherman Library & Gardens have the organization's most successful garden tour.

"I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of our members, volunteers and the community who continue to support Sherman Library & Gardens, especially during this challenging time," said Scott LaFleur, executive director of the facility.

Proceeds from the Newport Beach Garden Tour and the summer garden party will support children's education programs.



Courtesy of Beverly Morgan

Mesa Water District launches video contest for students

Mesa Water District, mesawater.org, is calling on high school and college stu-

dents in its service area — including most of Costa Mesa, parts of Newport Beach and unincorporated Orange County — to create video entries for the district's "2020 Mesa Water

Matters Video Contest." Now through Oct. 31, students are encouraged to create a fun and informative 60-second video highlighting the theme "Mesa Water Matters."

Topics could address areas such as water education in local schools, participation in community events, conservation programs such as drought-tolerant gardens or Mesa Water's role as provider of safe and healthy drinking water. Videos must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Oct. 31, with the video and entry application uploaded as two separate files via Dropbox at ow.ly/hYaa50B5S1f. Videos should not exceed 250 MB.

Entries will be evaluated for their accuracy and effectiveness, creativity and originality, production quality and entertainment value.

The first-place prize is \$500, followed by \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place.

Winners will be notified on or before Nov. 6 and will be recognized on Mesa Water's website and social media channels.

Students must live in

Mesa Water District's service area (for a map, visit mesawater.org/customer-service/service-area).

For official contest rules and entry requirements, visit mesawater.org/video-contest.

Decorative Arts Society grants \$25K to support Blind Children's Learning Center

The Santa Ana-based nonprofit Blind Children's Learning Center, which helps prepare children with visual impairments and disabilities for a life of independence, recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Decorative Arts Society to support its Global Infant Development program.

The program provides critical home-based early intervention services for newly diagnosed and medically fragile infants and toddlers up to 3 years of age.

The goal is to maximize the development of visually impaired babies and toddlers, while minimizing developmental delays.

DARTS, which aims to

improve the lives of women and children in Orange County, recognizes the importance of these early services and how life-changing such resources can be for new moms and parents.

BCLC recently expanded its Global Infant Development program, due to a growing demand for services. The grant will help serve 125 infants and toddlers in Orange County during the 2020-21 school year along with 150 parents of visually impaired children.

"We at BCLC are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Decorative Arts Society," said Angie Rowe, the nonprofit's president and chief executive, in a statement. "We believe our programs and services align with the mission of DARTS ... and feel beyond thankful for this partnership."

Infant and toddler support includes Individual Family Service Plans, weekly home visits, optometry referrals, deaf-blind intervention, counseling and other services.

To learn more, visit blindkids.org.

Project Independence fundraiser has gone virtual

The nonprofit Project Independence of Costa Mesa has transformed its 11th annual Walk for Independence into a virtual fundraising event.

It is inviting participants to walk from Sunday through Sept. 12 and enjoy a live online celebration on the final day.

Accessible at proindependence.org, the event will feature short inspirational videos, interactive workout sessions, special guests, easy ways to give online, a virtual auction and more.

Walkers can share their own progress made throughout the week with photos and/or videos that will be posted and played during the event.

Prizes will be awarded for most steps walked, most money raised, most days walked, best shout-out to Project Independence and best costume. Winners will be announced during the online event.

For the past 40 years, Project Independence has provided a lifeline to Orange County adults with developmental disabilities, who are now at even greater risk because of the pandemic.

The essential workers who comprise the Project Independence staff continue to serve clients despite challenges brought on by COVID-19.

Eighty-seven cents of every dollar raised by Project Independence goes directly to support vital programs for people with developmental disabilities.

For more information, visit proindependence.org.

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A WORD*Continued from page A5*

“as well as” is a minefield.

Look at the verbs to see what I mean. In the first example, the verb “are” suggests that the subject is plural — that “he as well as the producer” is grammatically the same as “he and the producer.” Hence it’s a plural subject with a verb to match: “he as well as the producer are.”

Now look at the verb in the second example, “makes.” That’s conjugated for a singular subject, like “Ed makes.” Yet the presumably singular subject of this sentence, “the theme, as well as the writer’s art,” is grammatically the same as “he as well as the producer.” Yes, this one has commas and, yes, those commas seem to have an effect on whether the subject is plural. But commas alone don’t explain why “the theme, as well as the writer’s art” takes the singular verb “makes.”

So what’s going on here? The term “quasi-coordinator,” which some experts have used to refer to “as well as,” sheds some light. The word “and” is a full-fledged coordinator and, as a coordinator, it can link two single things in a way that calls for a plural verb: Bob is here. Jane is here. Bob and Jane are here. The coordinating conjunction “and” changes everything.

“As well as” is not a coordinating conjunction. But it can act like one: Bob as well as Jane, is here. Bob, as well as Jane, is here. A lack of commas can indicate that the writer considers the second noun to be part of the subject, making it plural. Commas, on the other hand, can indicate that the writer thinks of the second noun as essentially parenthetical.

Parentheticals don’t affect the grammar of the main sentence: Bob (not to mention Jane) is here. But commas or no, the truth is there’s no clear rule to tell

you whether “as well as” triggers the need for a plural verb.

“Our advice to you is that if you join singular subjects with ‘as well as,’ you should follow your instinctive feeling for the singular or plural verb, but it will help your readers if you omit the commas with the plural verb and insert them with the singular verb,” Merriam’s usage guide suggests.

In other words, congratulations. You’re already your own go-to expert on this subject. But if you want a little more outside help, consider this advice from Merriam’s: “If your instinct does not lead you to prefer one approach over the other and you do not want to rewrite ... choose commas and a singular verb. That will offend no one.”

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weakness or fatigue; or have the feeling like you have to “go” but get no relief from bowel movements — any of which last longer than a few days, don’t wait to contact your doctor to arrange a screening.

Being familiar with your body and how it normally functions and making colon cancer screenings part of your health routine can save your life. Caught in its early stages and localized, the five-year survival rate for colon cancer is 90%, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Staying alert can keep you alive. For your health and peace of mind, waiting is simply not an option.

MISAGH KARIMI is a medical oncologist at City of Hope Newport Beach.

TRAFFIC*Continued from page A1*

porary closure of the second block through Dec. 31 or direct that the block be reopened to vehicular traffic once indoor restaurant dining is allowed.

Additionally, the council is asked to consider maintaining the third block closure or reopening it to vehicular traffic, while still allowing restaurants and commercial operations to continue utilizing parking spaces and walkways for business expansion.

Orange County remains in the purple category due to state guidelines, which means “widespread” COVID-19 risk.

Once the county drops to the red category for “substantial” risk, restaurants would be allowed to open indoors with modifications.

Capacity must be limited to 25% or 100 people, whichever is less.

Tuesday’s meeting begins at 6 p.m. and can be watched on channel HBTB-3 or online at huntingtonbeach.legistar.com.

Residents may send comments on agenda items to supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org.

Communications received by 2 p.m. Tuesday will be distributed to the council prior to consideration of agenda-related items.

The council chambers will not be open for in-person attendance to provide public comment.

Residents can call (669) 900-6833 to listen to the meeting and comment during designated periods. The webinar ID is 970 3003 2548.

Once a caller has entered the meeting, the caller will be put in a holding queue to speak in order. Time for remarks is limited to three minutes.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' WATER POLO

Laguna Beach's Nicole Struss wins Surf League MVP honor a second straight season

Laguna Beach High junior utility player Nicole Struss has earned Surf League MVP honors for the second straight girls' water polo season.

Struss helped the Breakers (33-1, 6-0 in league) win the league for the second straight year and go on to defend their CIF Southern Section Division 1 title. Laguna Beach rallied to beat Foot-hill 7-6 for the crown.

The Breakers also won the CIF

Southern California Regional Division I title, earning a 17-8 win over the Bishop's of La Jolla 17-8 in final.

Struss was second on Laguna Beach with 74 goals. She added 28 assists and 25 steals, and led the Breakers with 61 exclusions drawn.

Also earning first-team all-league accolades were Laguna Beach juniors Emma Lineback, Molly Renner and Rachael Carver,

as well as Newport Harbor junior Olivia Giolas and sophomore Morgan Netherton, and Corona del Mar senior goalkeeper Maya Avital.

Lineback, a left-handed attacker led the Breakers with 80 goals, was second on the team with 59 assists and added 32 steals. Renner, an attacker, had 63 goals, 43 assists and 34 steals. Carver, an attacker, scored 37 goals, adding a team-best 60 as-

sists as well as 41 steals, also a team-best total.

Giolas and Netherton helped Newport Harbor (23-9, 4-2 in league) finish second in the league and advance to the Division 1 semifinals for the first time since 2015. The No. 4-seeded Sailors lost there to No. 1 Laguna Beach, 9-7.

Avital, bound for Stanford University, provided another year of stellar goalkeeping for CdM (12-16, 2-4), which finished third in

league play but failed to advance to the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs due to a sub-.500 overall record.

Second-team all-league selections included Laguna Beach senior Morgan Van Alphen and junior Emma Singer, Newport Harbor senior Emily Cantu and sophomore Taylor Smith, as well as CdM senior Kira Hoffman and junior Grace Myers.

— From staff reports

Emily Tucker, who led Huntington Beach to second straight league title, is Wave MVP

Huntington Beach High senior defender Emily Tucker earned Wave League MVP honors in girls' water polo after helping the Oilers win their second straight league title.

Huntington Beach senior utility player Lizzie Lovat, senior goalkeeper Elaina Davey and junior center Morgan O'Connell also earned first-team all-league accolades. Edison junior center Sam Worley and sophomore attacker Lily Worley earned first-team nods as well, as did Marina senior goalkeeper Emma Marsh and Fountain

Valley senior attacker Victoria Wilcox.

The Concordia University-bound Tucker scored a team-best 34 goals to go with 16 assists for Huntington Beach (13-13, 6-0 in league). She led the Oilers to the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs, where they lost 10-7 at Manhattan Beach Mira Costa in the first round.

Lovat, who will play for Iona College, had 20 goals and 15 assists for the Oilers. Davey, bound for San Jose State, made 112 saves. O'Connell had 15 goals, and team-

best totals of 26 assists and 20 steals.

The Worley sisters, Sam and Lily, helped Edison (18-14, 4-2) finish second in the league. The Chargers advanced to the Division 4 semifinals, their first CIF semifinal appearance in program history, before losing 8-7 to No. 2-seeded Glendora.

Sam Worley led Edison with 73 goals, adding 11 assists and a team-best 28 steals. Lily Worley tallied 23 goals, 29 assists and 17 steals.

Marsh had a big season for the Vikings (22-12, 2-4), who finished

third in league play but went on to win the CIF Southern Section Division 6 title, defeating La Cañada Flintridge Prep 6-4 in the title match. Marina also advanced to the CIF State Southern California Regional Division III semifinals before falling 3-2 to Imperial Beach Mar Vista.

Marsh made a CIF Southern Section single-season record 452 saves. She finished her career with 1,273 saves, which is second in the section record book.

Wilcox was a leader for Fountain Valley, which finished 6-20 overall

and 0-6 in the league. The Barons failed to qualify for the Division 5 playoffs.

Second-team all-league selections included Huntington Beach junior attacker Sierra Cavano and sophomore attacker Jericho Calender, as well as Edison junior attacker Ella Jensen and sophomore goalkeeper Madie Ambrose.

Marina freshman attacker Lily Ensley and sophomore attacker Lana Kardos also earned second-team honors, as did Fountain Valley junior utility player Skylar Volz.

— From staff reports

Costa Mesa freshman attacker Kira Anderson is selected Orange Coast League MVP

KIRA ANDERSON, shown shooting during a game on Feb. 5, helped Costa Mesa earn its second straight Orange Coast League title.

Kevin Chang
Staff
Photographer



Costa Mesa High freshman attacker Kira Anderson earned Orange Coast League MVP honors after helping the girls' water polo team win its second straight outright league title.

Anderson finished with 126 goals for the Mustangs (24-7, 4-0 in league). That broke the Costa Mesa single-season record previously held by Sarah Bowman, who scored 121 goals in 2005. Anderson also had a team-best 74 assists, as well as a team-best 89 steals.

She helped the top-seeded Mustangs advance to the CIF Southern Section Division 5 title

game, a first in program history. Costa Mesa lost 10-6 to No. 2-seeded Whittier California.

Anderson was joined by Costa Mesa senior attacker Sey Currie, senior center Taiuta Uiagalelei and junior attacker Hanna Jackson as first-team all-league members. Estancia seniors Sydni White and Gidget Brestel, as well as junior Cassie Corrigan, also earned first-team honors.

Currie and Uiagalelei finished tied for second on Costa Mesa with 63 goals each. Currie added 39 assists and 64 steals, both of which ranked second on the

team.

Uiagalelei, bound for Concordia University, had 21 assists and 23 steals. Jackson had 34 goals, 36 assists and 19 steals.

White, Brestel and Corrigan helped Estancia (18-10, 3-1) finish second in the league. The Eagles lost 8-6 to Pacifica in the first round of the Division 6 playoffs.

Second-team all-league selections included Costa Mesa senior Malia Tufuga and junior Michelle Kiefer, as well as Estancia junior Giannina Bauer and sophomore Connie Guzman.

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