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Activist joins race for Congress

Joanna Weiss becomes one of four Democratic candidates running for the seat that will be vacated by Katie Porter.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Another Democratic candidate is entering the race for California's 47th Congressional District in hopes of keeping that seat blue in the 2024 election.

Joanna Weiss, founder and president of Women for American Values and Ethics, announced her run to represent the district Wednesday afternoon. Weiss is now one of four Democratic candidates running for the district so far, including former Rep. Harley Rouda, state Sen. Dave Min and Huntington Beach business owner and activist Dominique "Dom" Iones

tivist Dominique "Dom" Jones. Former state Assemblyman Scott Baugh, who ran for the district against Rep. Katie Porter last year, is the only Re-

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Suspect in break-ins remains in county jail

Man, 42, allegedly broke into two homes in Costa Mesa, assaulting one woman and exposing himself to two others.

BY SARA CARDINE

A 42-year-old man faces felony charges of sexual assault and first-degree burglary after he allegedly broke into two homes in Costa Mesa early Sunday morning, assaulting one woman and exposing himself to others, prosecutors contend.

Jorge Antonio Henriquez-Trigueros, associated with addresses in Anaheim and Santa Ana, was arrested by Costa Mesa police on Sunday and was being held Wednesday in county jail on \$80,400 bail while awaiting a Feb. 23 arraignment hearing at the West Justice Center in West-

minster.
A criminal complaint filed by

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NICO OSBORNE, center, with his six siblings and moms Sal and Lena Osborne, right, holds up a sign during the Huntington Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday night. The city voted to limit which flags can fly on city property, reversing a 2021 decision to raise the Pride flag each spring.

LGBTQ activists react to H.B. council's vote on Pride flag

Council members voted 4-3 to limit which flags can fly on city property, including the Pride flag hoisted each spring.

BY MATT SZABO

Ashley Williamson has felt the temperature rising in Huntington Beach for a while now.

To Williamson, an activist who lives in Surf City, Tuesday night's 4-3 vote by the City Council to essentially stop the LGBTQ Pride rainbow flag from flying on city property was indicative of that.

Williamson, who is bisexual and uses she/they pronouns, spoke at the meeting against the agenda item. She said she now feels more apprehension about raising her 11-year-old child, who recently identified as nonbinary, in Huntington Beach.

Some have derisively called her a "groomer," she said, a slang term used to refer to a person who wants to exploit or abuse impressionable children.

"I'm pretty loud with my beliefs, and it wasn't an issue for a long time," she said. "Before the Trump and COVID era, we flew under the radar. There wasn't that 'us vs. them' mentality. Now



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Housewives of Orange County star Braunwyn Windham-Burke reacts to a speaker during public comments on Tuesday.

I feel like that's been growing. I'm feeling more animosity from neighbors that disagree with me, specifically because of my beliefs, specifically because of my Black Lives Matter flag and my Pride flag [outside my home].

"It's making things that are not complicated a lot more complicated than they need to be."

Other local LGBTQ activists also expressed disappointment at the passage of that the agenda item, introduced by Councilman Pat Burns. To them, it erased the progress made two years ago when the council voted 6-0-1 to fly the rainbow flag at City Hall each June for Pride month. Even controversial former Councilman Tito Ortiz, who ran on a Donald Trump-inspired pledge to "Make Huntington Beach Safe Again," voted in favor of that

The flag actually was raised on May 22, which is Harvey Milk Day, honoring the first openly gay person elected to California public office.

"I think we here as a city need to continue to voice that we are a welcoming, inclusive community that embraces all," then-Mayor Kim Carr said at the time.

Aaron McCall, who is gay, is the vice chair of the Orange County Young Democrats. He said he spent time over the weekend encouraging people to speak

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DAILY PILOT FOOTBALL DREAM TEAM

Edison's Parker Awad remained calm under pressure



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AND ANDREW TURNER

Edison High senior Parker Awad

BY MATT SZABO

is a firm believer in preparation. His grandfather Ed, who lives down the street from the high school, has always stressed to him that taking school seriously was important. It's not an accident that Parker has a 3.8 weighted grade-point average.

As the quarterback for the Edison football team, he also knew that preparation in the sport he loves is important. Typically, getting ready for a game started much earlier than Friday night

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Parker called himself a film
junkie. During the football season,
he would watch two to three

hours of tape per day.

"It helped me so much once the game would come," he said. "Any little tell the defense gave, I'd be able to recognize it and pick them

able to recognize it and pick them apart."

Awad did a lot of that this season, helping the Chargers (9-2) earn their best start since 2009, second place in the rugged Sunset League and a berth in the CIF

Southern Section Division 1 play-

For his efforts, Awad is the 2022 Daily Pilot Football Dream Team Player of the Year.

The Sunset League Offensive Back of the Year had a season to remember, completing 202 of 287 passes for 3,082 yards, 34 touchdowns and just three interceptions. Awad also rushed for 177 yards and five scores.

He completed 70 percent of his passes. That was a statistic that Edison coach Jeff Grady, himself the former Chargers quarterback and a college quarterback at Fresno State, could appreciate.

"That's just who he is," Grady said. "He's super-efficient, as efficient as I've ever coached. As mentally sharp and just smart as I've ever coached. He's a pretty

special guy, to say the least.
"There's just an immense
amount of trust. It's a beautiful
feeling when you go into a game
and you don't necessarily have
nerves. You're not concerned with
how a guy's going to play. You
know what you're going to get,
each and every day. He treated
Monday just like he treated Friday
nights."

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EDISON HIGH senior quarterback Parker Awad is the 2022 Daily Pilot Football Dream Team Player of the Year. Awad completed 202 of 287 passes for 3,082 yards, 34 touchdowns and three interceptions for the Chargers.

Costa Mesa standoff suspect deemed unfit to stand trial

BY ERIC LICAS

A man facing charges including attempted murder and assault on a peace officer related to an eight-hour standoff in Costa Mesa announced he wanted to fire his attorney on Wednesday in the middle of a hearing shortly before he was found mentally unfit to stand trial.

The decision from Judge Michael A. Leverson was based largely on the testimony of Dr. John Richard Slosar, a psychologist who was supposed to interview Luis Mendez Jr., 50, of Whittier, after he was taken into custody Oct. 7. The defendant was accused of shooting at Costa Mesa police and California Department of Justice agents attempting to serve a firearms-related warrant at his metal fabrication business on the 1700 block of Monrovia Avenue. At the time, he was prohibited from owning a gun due to a previous misdemeanor domestic violence convic-

Mendez refused at the time to be questioned by Slosar or enter a plea of either guilty or not guilty in response to the most recent misdemeanor and eight felonies filed against him. Instead, ignoring the advice of public defender Richard Cheung, he insisted that the case be dismissed on the grounds of technical discrepancies and because he asserts he acted in self defense.

Tuesday, Cheung

asked his client what he would do if such a motion were filed and then declined. Mendez responded by accusing the justice system, an attorney who represented him in a prior case, the victim in the domestic violence case he had been convicted of and others of "railroading" and unjustly imprisoning him. Witnesses said he believed a former romantic partner was working with a member of the state Department of Justice to infringe on his rights and

cause legal trouble for him. People who called Mendez a friend testified that he was exceptionally skilled as a metal fabricator and hunting pathfinder. They said he was usually able to have intelligent conversations about mundane or technical topics.

However, they also said he harbored conspiracy theories, thought the government had too much control over individuals and that people should be free to ignore laws they see as unjust. They added that whenever he attempted to explain those beliefs to them, his reasoning was often difficult to follow or illogical.

Witnesses said the defendant was convinced he shared a lineage with Jesus Christ and the former rulers of Mexico and that he had been anointed to serve a special role in history. Mendez reiterated these claims while testifying on Tuesday, adding that his research

came from Wikipedia and "common knowledge."

Deputy Dist. Atty. David McMurrin said no evidence was presented in court to Mendez's counter sertions of noble ancestry. So, witnesses could only assume he was being delusional in making those claims.

Friends noted that Mendez was deeply religious. McMurrin pointed out that it is common for Christians to consider themselves and all people to be made in the likeness of Jesus.

McMurrin went on to suggest that it would be reasonable for a person with no formal legal training who thinks they have been unfairly arrested to feel frustrated and even ramble while speaking during court proceedings. He also suggested that the defendant's refusal to be arraigned was a conscious attempt to evade the charges he was facing. That and Mendez's efforts to find a different attorney were proof he had the intellectual capacity to underproceedings stand the against him, McMurrin said.

The prosecutor further argued that Mendez might be capable of cooperating with a lawyer whose views were more similar to his own. He added that those who disagreed with the law and how it should be applied, such as those who distrust the government, weren't inherently unfit for trial because of their unconventional beliefs.

questioning, During Slosar said he had spoken with self-described "sovereign citizens" on several oc-

"I see a lot of people ramble, but I am able to bring them back to the question," Slosar said. "But when asked to explain his beliefs. the defendant goes on and on, the question never gets answered, and it's infused with paranoia."

The psychologist was present when Mendez, his mother and some friends testified. Slosar said based on what he saw and statements provided by investigators and people who knew the defendant, he believed the accused was delusional and paranoid. He concluded that those conditions would likely prevent him from assisting Cheung or any other attorney assigned to defend him.

McMurrin pointed out that Slosar spoke to Mendez for less than five minutes before forming his inirecommendations, which were partly based on reports written by witnesses and investigators who were not trained mental health professionals. The prosecutor asked the psychologist if he would still consider the defendant unfit for trial based solely on the testimony given while he was in the courtroom.

Slosar said he would. Leverson asked Slosar to "delusional." define



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doctor replied: "It's when you present ideas that are obviously false as true."

Mendez was heard snickering and seen shaking his head as Slosar and others spoke from the stand.

"A person might believe everyone is out to get him, and so he maybe starts to stockpile weapons," Slosar continued. "And the next thing you know, the SWAT team is outside."

Slosar concluded his testimony on Wednessday. Cheung began making his closing arguments a short time later but was interrupted by his client.

"I'm firing you right now!" Mendez said.

Proceedings were halted so a special hearing could be held in private between

Mendez, Leverson and Cheung. The courtroom was reopened, the defense attorney was allowed to finish submitting his case, and the judge ultimately ruled in his

Now, Mendez's fate lies in the hands of the Orange County Health Care Agency, which will decide whether he needs to be committed to an institution, treated as an outpatient or receive some other form of care for his mental health condition or conditions.

If at some time in the future Mendez is found competent to assist in his own defense, the case may be brought back to court.

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publican to announce a bid for the seat so far.

Weiss said early response to her announcement has been primarily positive. She described support she's been receiving as "overwhelming."

"From the minute that I started discussing my candidacy with everyone from party leaders to na-



JOANNA WEISS

ers and local grassroots support, I've been over-

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whelmed with the encouragement to run ... it's such an important district to win,' she said. "All eyes will be on California in 2024.

"All eyes will be on this tional ordistrict and whether we ganizacan hold it.' tions to

As of 2020 redistricting, the 47th Congressional District includes the cities of Irvine, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach and Laguna Beach. Porter, who represents the district, announced that she will run for Sen. Diane Feinstein's seat. Feinstein is the oldest sitting senator and is not expected to run for reelection.

Weiss has not previously run for an elected office, but she has long been involved in politics.

In 2016, she founded WAVE, which supported Porter and state Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris in the last election. She is a former lawyer and former adjunct law professor at Chapman University. In an interview Wednesday, Weiss said experience as a mother, former lawyer and community activist positioned her uniquely in comparison to Rouda and Min.

"I've had my ear to the ground and have been a leader ... since I was 15 in Orange County and these skills translate to being able to represent the constituents of the district really well," Weiss said. "My primary reason for running is because I feel like we need to make sure that we have a better world for our kids."

'We need to protect everyone from senior citizens ... to reproductive rights for our girls to the environment from the devastating effects of climate change. With my proven track record in leadership, I feel that I have the best record for doing so."

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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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By the Mepham Group

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up online, and in person at the meeting, against the agenda item. The large majority of both emails received and speakers at the indeed were meeting against the limitations.

Those four members of the City Council are trying to give speech that LGBT people are not welcomed, they're not celebrated and they're not included," said McCall, who lives in Costa Mesa. "That's crazy, because Huntington Beach is the people's beach, Orange County's beach. That's where we all go, that's where we all celebrate our birthdays, celebrate the U.S. Open [of Surfing] and they're trying for the Olympics. But their stance is saying that their bigotry and their hatred toward the community is more important than the rest of the visitors and residents of Huntington Beach."

Burns received support on his agenda item by his three fellow conservative council members elected alongside him in November, Mayor Tony Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark and Casey McKeon. Voting against the measure were Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton.

Burns said Wednesday that activists speaking against his proposal during Tuesday's meeting were making the item about something it wasn't. In his comments during the discussion, he mentioned he has a nephew and niece

who are gay. Burns, a longtime police officer for the Long Beach Police Department, said Wednesday he taught a class on cultural awareness in the police academy.

"We don't fly Angel [baseball] flags," he said. "In October, we don't fly Breast Cancer Awareness flags. There's a place for them. We didn't ban any flags in the city ... Just not here in Huntington on the poles of the city."

He added that he didn't believe that it was city government's job to single out groups.

"I think that's divisive," he said. "I think that's actually demeaning to that group, that they need that lift up. I don't think they need the lift up, I just think they need to assimilate and be who they are."

McCall disagreed with that take, calling it a cynical argument.

"The reason why we have the Pride flag is to acknowledge there is a community of people we have systemically erased and pushed out of public life," he said. "We've said they're not valid for being who they are and loving who they love ... and this has been done not only by society at large but by government. It's the obligation of our governments, of our cities, to bring a sense of restorative justice.

"The flag is not just about LGBT people, it's about their allies, about their

friends. It's about love."

Larry Tenney, who is gay, first moved to downtown Huntington Beach in the early 2000s. An activist who is very active on Twitter, Tenney spent time after Tuesday night's meeting tweeting to different ac-counts, including LA28 chairman Casey Wasserman, telling them to boycott Huntington Beach as a venue for the Olympics in

"For the last couple of years, Huntington Beach just keeps going backward and backward," Tenney said. "It's not what America is. It's sometime in the past."

Notably, even if Huntington Beach was selected, the Olympic flag now couldn't fly on city property without

an exemption. Burns maintained that the agenda item was born out of a sense of unity.

"We're one community," he said. "I think we're stronger and better as one

than divided." Williamson wasn't buying that, though, calling it dou-

ble-speak. "My base knows what I really mean, but I get to get away with it because I've got our patriotism to stand up for," she said. "Or, [the Pride flag] is divisive because some people don't agree with gay people. Which is, you know, like disagreeing with mountains. There's still going to be mountains out there.

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the Orange County district attorney's office alleges the inciting incident took place at around 3:15 a.m. Sunday, when the suspect allegedly broke into two separate residences on the 500 block of Fairfax Drive in Costa Mesa.

One victim, a woman, was sexually assaulted, while Henriguez-Tigueros reportedly exposed himself to two other victims, City News Service reported.

He was charged with fel-

ony counts of assault with the intent to commit a sexual offense, first-degree burglary, attempted burglary of an inhabited dwelling and two counts of

indecent exposure. Court records indicate Henriquez-Trigueros was previously arrested on misdemeanor charges, pertaining to petty theft, shoplifting and being in possession and/or under the influence of a controlled substance, due to incidents that took place between August and No-

vember of last year. He was also the subject of a restraining order issued by the court in 2019 at the request of his stepfather, who claimed he and his wife had been emotionally and physically abused, respectively, and said his stepson often acted erratically while under the influence of

drugs. His stepfather requested that Henriquez-Trigueros be ordered to stay away from their shared home in Anaheim, as well as his workplace and vehicle.

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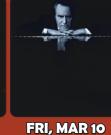


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Sports

BOYS' SOCCER

Waldorf sees progress in playoff setback

BY SCOTT FRENCH

Waldorf School's second trip to the CIF Southern Section boys' soccer playoffs didn't go quite as niftily as the first, in the debut season two years ago, but that's OK. Winning is great and all, but the Wildcats' ethos are about bigger, more important things.

So when their late comeback bid in a Division 7 wildcard clash fell short Tuesday afternoon in a 2-1 loss to visiting Rancho Alamitos, there was satisfaction among the tears. They'd lost to a superior foe, one far more technically gifted, but had battled gamely and offered a good look at the strides they'd taken since the first practice three months ago and through the Costa Mesa private school's first three campaigns.

Waldorf School Orange County, a K-12 school stressing academics and

the arts that opened in 1988 as part of a worldwide educational movement stemming from post-World War I Germany, has 62 high school students, just 23 of them boys. Nineteen play for the soccer team, and most had never seriously kicked a ball before joining up and knew little about the game.

"The goal and objective of the program is to teach a love of soccer, teach a love of the game," said head Wil Eijpen, a coach Dutchman who arrived in Orange County with his family 16 years ago and quickly discovered school through "Mommy and Me" toddler program with his Scottishborn wife, Kim (now a Waldorf teacher), and eldest son, Jamie, then 2. "So that they have a sport they feel proud of that they've played as part of their high school, a sport they feel

passionate about and,



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WALDORF SCHOOL'S Brandon Wang heads the ball toward the goal over Rancho Alamitos defender Alex Zuniga (17) in a CIF Southern Section Division 7 wildcard game on Tuesday.

hopefully, play past high school. We hope we can at least give them a love of the

sport." That toddler is now a senior and the Wildcats'

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premier talent, a do-it-all defender whose forays forward fuel the best of their attack. Jamie Eijpen provided the program's impetus, then a middleschooler playing club soc-

cer whose father wanted

him to have the opportuni-

ty to play in high school when the time came. joined Waldorf the Southern Section in time for the first post-pandemic

season and did well, finish-

ing third in the Agape League and routing Lucerne Valley in their Division 7 playoff opener.

"We were absolutely ec-static," Wil Eijpen said, "and it showed us that with dedication, with passion, really building a team and focusing on creating a family on and off the field, that's something that can create magic."

Brandon Wang bathed in that magic, evolving from "one of the runts" — an eighth-grader who'd never played the game - into a vital figure in attack and cocaptain of the squad.

"It's been an amazing experience. It's something you can't get anywhere else," the senior forward said. "I started off with low confidence, had no touch on the ball, had no game. At any other school, if I'm being honest, I wouldn't have had a [roster] spot. It's thanks to this program I've been able to grow so much and grow a love for this game.'

Only Jamie Eijpen and freshman goalkeeper Max Schwartz have club experience, so the focus often is on how to be a teammate and the basics of playing the game — "How do you control the ball, how do you

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BSC 222776 **NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VERNITA S. LAWS**

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DAVID D. LAWS in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

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THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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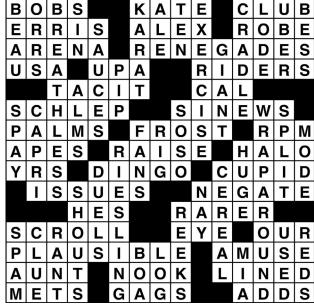
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Awad, who is 6 feet tall and weighs 185 pounds, developed a deep bond with receivers like seniors Ashton Hurley and Tucker Tripp and junior Mason York. He spread the ball around; the three receivers, as well as senior running back Carter Hogue, all had between 39 and 52 catches.

This season, which saw Edison start 7-0, was the end of a satisfying journey for Awad. He was Mater Dei's freshman quarterback but lost a quarterback battle to Elijah Brown at the start of his sophomore year, which was abbreviated due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Awad transferred to Edison and became the Chargers' starter, though he split time with Tyler Gioia late last season after he was exposed to COVID-19. As a senior, the reins were all his, and he delivered time and again for Edison. He said he was more comfortable on the field, and it paid off for the team.

Though the season ended in heartbreak, a 38-37 loss to Orange Lutheran in the first round of the Division 1 playoffs, Awad was appreciative.

"I felt like it was a great year," said Awad, an All-CIF selection. "Games like that San Clemente game, where it came down to the last drive, having our defense step up and win that game for us. That first OLu game was just one of my favorite games of all time in my career, and even that last OLu game was something I'll remember my whole life, back and forth, back and forth. It's one of those games that if you're a fan, you love it. If you're a player, you wish it would have gone the other way, but it is what it is.

'My teammates will be my friends for the rest of my life. I had a great year with them.

Awad said he wants to play football in college, though he's waiting for his first offer.

If and when it comes, he will be prepared for it.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Romel Guess Los Amigos Guess has been coaching with the Lobos since 2011, but he had the choice of job offers two years ago. Would he take the Los Amigos head coaching position, or a lower level job coaching football at powerhouse Mater Dei? The comparison was almost comical -Guess said Los Amigos had just 13 players after former coach Maopu Tuato resigned following the 2020 season — but the walk-on coach stayed true to the Lobos. That decision paid off with a memorable 2022 season. Los Amigos went 8-3 overall and 4-1 in the Garden Grove League for a share of the league title, their first in 14 years. Los Amigos made its first CIF appearance in six years, and though the Lobos lost to Arrowhead Christian in a Division 13 opener, Guess considered it a good building block. Also importantly, he said he had 65 kids in the program now, with close

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF

to 75 expected next year.

THE YEAR Jackson Kollock

QB | Laguna Beach | So. Kollock, a transfer from Santa Margarita, returned home and stepped up when the Breakers needed him most after becoming eligible for the Segerstrom game in late September. With senior Sam Garwal recovering from a broken collarbone suffered in the season opener, Kollock helped the team amass an eight-game



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EDISON QUARTERBACK Parker Awad threw 34 touchdown passes and three interceptions. His efforts helped the Chargers earn their best start since 2009, second place in the Sunset League and a spot in the CIF Division 1 playoffs.



Andrew Turner

LOS AMIGOS football coach Romel Guess led the Lobos to their first league title in 14 years.



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NEWPORT HARBOR'S Carson De Avila (4) tallied 146 tackles and forced four fumbles this season.



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LAGUNA BEACH sophomore quarterback Jackson Kollock (12) completed 173 of 262 passes for 2,202 yards and 32 touchdowns to help the Breakers to their first CIF championship.

off the field. Coach Peter

winning streak. The last game in the run was a 36-28 win at Diamond Bar that helped Laguna Beach net the CIF Southern Section Division 9 championship, the first CIF crown in program history. Along the way, the Breakers (11-4, 3-0 in league) won the Pac 4 League title behind league MVP Kollock, who was also the Division 9 Offensive Player of the Year. Now 6-foot-5 and 215 pounds, he completed 173 of 262 passes for 2,202 yards, 32 touchdowns and just three interceptions, and coach John Shanahan said two of the interceptions were just Kollock throwing the ball up for grabs at the end of the half. He also had five rushing touchdowns. Kollock, who Shanahan called the football equivalent of a gym rat, recently received his first college Division I offer from UNLV.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF

THE YEAR Carson de Avila

DB | *Newport Harbor* | *Sr.* De Avila was a three-year starter for the Sailors, and the safety was a safe bet as a leader of the team on and Lofthouse called de Avila the heart and soul of the squad, after a year in which he amassed 146 tackles double that of any other Newport Harbor player. The total included 73 solo tackles, and he also led the team with nine quarterback hurries. The Sunset League Co-Defensive MVP, de Avila had a nose for the ball, also leading the Sailors (8-5, 2-3 in league) with four fumbles caused and two recovered. On offense, he added in a rushing touchdown for good measure. An All-CIF selection, de Avila helped Newport Harbor nearly return to a CIF final for the second straight year, falling to Cypress 17-14 in the Division 4 semifinals. After playing for the South in the Orange County All-Star Game, he is bound for Navy.

ALL-PURPOSE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jackson Rodriguez WR-DB | Laguna Beach |

Rodriguez grew into a confident and explosive receiver as a senior, improving his route running and hands, and he played cornerback and safety on defense. But he also helped the Breakers in a number of other different aspects of the game, including as a kickoff and punt returner, kicker and punter. He had two kickoff returns for a touchdown, including a key one to start the second half as Laguna Beach beat Westminster 21-14 to clinch at least a share of the Pac 4 League title. In the Division 9 title game, he had another big-time return that set up Laguna with a first-andgoal. As a receiver, Rodriguez, a first-team All-Pac 4 League selection, tallied 56 catches for 879 yards and 15 touchdowns; all three numbers were team-best totals.

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

David Rasor

QB | *Corona del Mar* | *Sr.* In his third season as the starting quarterback for Corona del Mar, Rasor took the Sea Kings to the CIF Southern Section playoffs for the second time in as many seasons. The other, of course, did not have a postseason in the coronavirus pandemic-shortened spring campaign. Rasor threw for 2,040 yards and 30 touchdowns, adding 228 rushing yards and two more scores on the ground. The UC Davis commit missed time due to injury, but he returned to lead CdM to the Division 3 semifinals. He was an All-CIF and Sunset League first-team selection.

Nick Rogers

RB-SS | Laguna Beach | Jr. Rogers shouldered the vast majority of the running opportunities for Laguna Beach, accounting for 68.7 percent of the team's carries. The junior rushed 211 times for 1,259 yards and 12 touchdowns. The All-CIF Division 9 and Pac 4 League first-team honoree averaged 6 yards per carry and topped 100 rushing yards in a game on six occasions. Rogers was also a threat in the screen game, turning 49 receptions into 471 yards and five scores.

Carter Hogue RB-SS | Edison | Sr.

Hogue rumbled through defenses to the tune of 6.7 yards per carry, racking up more than 100 yards of total offense per game. The Arizona Christian commit rushed for 794 yards and 15 touchdowns, adding 413 vards and three touchdowns as a receiver out of the backfield. The Sunset League first-team honoree and Orange County All-Star also had 62 tackles and a team-best four interceptions as a member of the Chargers' defensive second-

Kashton Henjum

WR | Newport Harbor | Sr. Once across midfield, it seemed no fourth down was too long for the Sailors to give it a shot. Henjum's ability to make catches in traffic was a big reason why. The All-CIF Division 4 and Sunset League first-team selection paced Newport Harbor with 77 catches for 1,308 yards and 15 touchdowns. Henjum also caught five passes for 132 yards and two touchdowns to lead the South roster to a 24-7 win in the Orange County NorthSouth All-Star Classic football game on the Sailors' home field.

Cooper Hoch

WR | Corona del Mar | Sr. They're not saying "boo," they're saying "Coo-per." Hoch's name was called often in the passing game, as the San Jose State commit wound up with 101 catches for 1,434 yards and 21 touchdowns. The senior standout notched threetouchdown games against Downey, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach. An All-CIF Division 3 and Sunset League first-team selection, Hoch also made 15 catches for 208 yards (both season-high marks) and two touchdowns in a 27-22 win over San Juan Hills.

Ashton Hurley

WR-CB | Edison | Sr. With a quarterback that could provide precision while showing a willingness to take shots down the field, Hurley thrived as Parker Awad's top receiver. He ripped off 19 yards per catch, making 52 grabs for 988 yards and 12 touchdowns. An Orange County All-Star and Sunset League first-teamer, Hurley also had 17 tackles, six passes defended, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery on defense.

Ryner Swanson

TE-DE | Laguna Beach | Jr. The leading receiver and favorite target of Jackson Kollock, the big-bodied Swanson produced 83 catches for 952 yards and 12 touchdowns. Swanson would not be denied once the playoffs began. He scored in all five postseason contests for the Breakers, including a two-touchdown performance in a 42-35 win over Riverside Norte Vista in the Division 9 semifinals.

Zach Gruwell

OL | Edison | Sr. It takes time to make the big play happen, and the Chargers often had it thanks to their offensive line. Gruwell, a co-Offensive Lineman of the Year in the Sunset League, helped lead a group up front that saw quarterback Parker Awad complete 70.4 percent of his 287 passes, which he turned into 15.3 yards per completion and a 3,000-yard season through the air. Gruwell saw starts at center and guard.

Juan Hermosillo

OL | Los Amigos | Sr. The Lobos leaned on the offensive line, led by Hermosillo, in running the ball on 63 percent of their offensive plays. The formula worked, as Los Amigos won the Garden Grove League title, the first for the program since 2008. Hermosi-Ĭlo, a 5-foot-10, 200-pound right guard, was the Lineman of the Year in the Garden Grove League.

Chase Horton

OL | Corona del Mar | Sr. The Sea Kings continued to find ways to be competitive despite injuries at key positions. Quarterback David Rasor missed three regular season games, and CdM stayed afloat, going 2-1 in that stretch with wins over Palos Verdes and San Juan Hills. Horton was a co-Offensive Lineman of the Year in the Sunset League and an All-CIF Division 3 selection. New Sea Kings head coach Kevin Hettig said the senior center "had unique ability to redirect and find leverage on the move."

Makai Sagiao OL | Edison | Jr.

The Chargers produced 386 yards and 37.4 points per game, making them a tough out in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 play-

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pass the ball, how do you move the ball," says Wil Eijpen - and tactics emphasize the team's strengths, utilizing a counterattacking approach built from strong defensive organization.

That was on display Monday, when the Wildcats (5-7-1) limited Rancho Alamitos' ability to turn possession into opportunity. The Vaqueros (8-10-2), who advanced to Thurs-

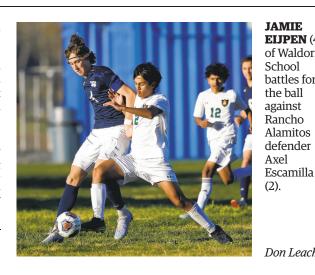
day's first-round game at Pilgrim (11-2-0) in Los Angeles, dictated play through a skilled and savvy midfield led by Kevin Hinojoza, whose zigzagging run into Waldorf's box set up Melvin Castro's 12th-minute opener. Hinojoza then scored on a beautiful chip off the post in the top-right corner three minutes into the second half for a 2-0 advantage.

The Wildcats were at their best in the final 20 minutes. They just missed halving the deficit in the 66th minute, Jamie Eijpen blasting wide from a closerange, indirect free kick, then got their goal three minutes into stoppage. That came from a long Eijpen throw-in that bounced through the box and was bundled home at the left post by one of the team's three Myanmar refugees who have asked to remain unidentified.

It wasn't quite enough, but that's all right.

"I think this program has longevity," said Jamie Eijpen, who looks forward to working with the program while he's in college. "There's a sense of community, and I think that holds longevity because the boys want to come out here. Not many of these guys would ever have had a team experience had they gone anywhere else. ... We have a sense of brotherhood, a sense of passion, and l think that brotherhood brings everyone in every

Scott French is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.



EIJPEN (4) of Waldorf School battles for the ball against Rancho Alamitos defender Axel

Don Leach

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offs. Edison lost to Orange Lutheran, 38-37, in the first round, a strong showing in the top division. The 6foot-2, 300-pound Sagiao was a first-team all-league performer in the Sunset League, in which the Chargers finished second behind Division 1 semifinalist Los Alamitos. "Like Zach [Gruwell], Makai moved around and played multiple offensive line positions and did so with consistency and in dominant fashion," Edison coach Jeff Grady said.

Justin Tauanuu OL | Huntington Reach |

OL | Huntington Beach |

A 6-foot-6, 280-pound left tackle, Tauanuu protected the blind side of quarter-backs Daunte Bell and Vaughn Popp. Huntington Beach coach Brett Brown called Tauanuu a "freak athlete." Brown added that Tauanuu, a co-Offensive Lineman of the Year in the Sunset League, has 17 offers from Division 1 programs before his senior season.

Josiah Lamarque AP-WR-KR | Newport

Harbor | Jr.
Lamarque remains one of the most elusive receivers in the area, flashing his bigplay ability in both the receiving and the return game. The repeat Dream Team first-team honoree at the all-purpose spot, he teamed up with Kashton Henjum to give quarterback

Colton Joseph two explosive receivers to work with.

Lamarque made 69 catches for 989 yards and 11 touchdowns, adding one kickoff return for a score.

Nicholas Preston PK | Edison | Sr.

Preston reclaimed the honor of top kicker in the Sunset League after a busy senior campaign. He converted six of seven field goals, while also splitting the uprights on 42 of 45 extra-point attempts. When called upon, he was able to make the tackle on two occasions to prevent kicks

from being run back.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSEMicah Chavez

DT | Laguna Beach | Sr.
A key cog in an opportunistic defense for Laguna Beach, Chavez finished second on the team with three fumble recoveries, and he also had a forced fumble. Chavez was recognized as the CIF Division 9 and Pac 4 League Defensive Player of the Year after helping the Breakers secure their first section title since 1946.

Jackson Irwin

DE-WR | Edison | Sr. Irwin could wreck a game on the defensive end, supplying 60 tackles (nine tackles for a loss). The senior defensive end finished second on the team with 61/2 sacks. He led the team with four forced fumbles, making one fumble recovery. The Sunset League Defensive Lineman of the Year blocked two field-goal attempts and one punt. Irwin also stepped in as a receiver against Palos Verdes, when he turned three catches into 59 yards and three touchdowns in a 35-7 victory.

Jayden Trujillo

OL-DE | Ocean View | Jr. The Seahawks had their struggles offensively, leaving the defense to keep Ocean View in games. The 6foot-1, 280-pound Trujillo provided a spark up front on the defensive end, supplying 45 tackles and a team-leading 10½ tackles for a loss. Trujillo, who shared Pac 4 League Lineman of the Year honors with Westminster's Kiso Logoleo, was second on the team with 51/2 sacks.

Riley Weinstein

DE-WR | Costa Mesa | Sr. A hulking target at 6-foot-8, 245 pounds, Weinstein enjoyed one of his proudest moments as a Mustang when he recorded the first pick-six of his career against Saddleback. He also had 43 tackles on defense. An Orange Coast League first-team honoree and Orange County All-Star,

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LOS AMIGOS' Adrian Ramirez posed a threat on both ends of the field. The sophomore led the Lobos with 572 receiving yards and six touchdowns, while tallying 54 tackles.

Weinstein also made 40 catches for 790 yards and six touchdowns, accounting for roughly half of Costa Mesa's production in the passing game.

Noah Aires

OLB-RB | Estancia | Sr. The heart and soul of the Eagles for several seasons, Aires had a reputation for being an electrifying player as a running back. He showed that his speed played on defense, too, delivering back-to-back sacks for Estancia that proved critical in a 38-17 win over rival Costa Mesa in the Battle for the Bell game. Aires accrued 62 tackles, four sacks, two interceptions, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery for a touchdown. Offensively, the first-team Orange Coast League selection added 862 rushing yards and 11 total touchdowns.

Christian Brooks

MLB | Corona del Mar | Jr.
The Sea Kings possessed
a dynamic duo at the second level of their defense.
Along with Mason Kubichek, Brooks finished with
102 tackles to give CdM two
players who surpassed the
century mark in that cate-

gory. Brooks, who was co-Linebacker of the Year in the Sunset League, added 2½ sacks, five passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Mason Kubichek MLB-WR | Corona del

MLB-WR | Corona del Mar | Sr.

A two-way contributor, Kubichek earned his stripes as the leading tackler for the Sea Kings. The All-CIF Division 3 and Sunset League first-team player was in on 116 defensive stops, including a team-leading 58 solo tackles. Kubichek also forced two fumbles and made an interception. Offensively, Kubichek made 20 catches for 336 yards and three touchdowns.

Dominic Lopez LB-R | Edison | Sr.

A two-year starter on defense for the Chargers, Lopez paced the team with 104 tackles, including six tackles for a loss and two sacks. Lopez shared Sunset League Linebacker of the Year honors with CdM's Christian Brooks. The senior also helped Edison earn extra possessions, securing three interceptions to go with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Lopez

added one receiving and one rushing touchdown to his ledger.

Oliver Ayala

CB | Corona del Mar | Sr. A cornerback that took on tough matchups on the outside, Ayala successfully defended 10 passes. The senior made 33 tackles (two for lost yardage) and recovered one fumble. Ayala earned Sunset League Defensive Back of the Year honors.

Adrian Ramirez

CB-WR | Los Amigos | So. For a Los Amigos team that won by keeping the ball on the ground and limiting possessions, every defensive takeaway counted. Ramirez made five interceptions and recorded 54 tackles at cornerback. A first-team selection in the Garden Grove League, Ramirez led the Lobos with 572 receiving yards and six touchdowns.

AJ Vandermade

FS-WR | Huntington Beach | Sr.

Vandermade had an all-access pass to the field for Huntington Beach, making an impact on offense, defense and special teams. The senior safety made 26 tackles, forced two fumbles and made one fumble recovery. The Sunset League first-team selection had 43 catches for 869 yards and 12 touchdowns.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Position, Name, School, Year

QB Colton Joseph, Newport Harbor, Sr.

RB Pedro Hernandez, Los Amigos, Jr.

RB Colin Pene, Corona del Mar, Jr.

WR Mason York, Edison, Ir.

WR Russell Weir, Corona del Mar, Jr.

WR Tucker Tripp, Edison,

TE Zach Giuliano, Corona del Mar, So.

OL JJ Hernandez, Los

Amigos, Sr. OL Nathan Gates, Edison,

Sr.
OL Luke Jones, Edison, Sr.

OL Brady Sarkisian, Corona del Mar, Sr. OL Noah Vaafuti, Marina,

Sr.
AP Nolan Olivares, Foun-

tain Valley, So.

K Ethan Smithlin, Costa Mesa, Sr.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Position, Name, School, Year

DE Brock Donaldson, Laguna Beach, Jr.

DT Ryan Nielsen, Corona del Mar, Sr.

DE Iofi Silao, Ocean View, Sr.

DL-MLB Nathan Tauanuu, Huntington

Beach, Sr. LB Logan Gregory, Edison, Sr.

MLB Jeremy Kanter, Laguna Beach, Sr.

OLB Nicholas Loboda, Huntington Beach, Sr. MLB Caine Elroy, Foun-

tain Valley, Sr. MLB Oswaldo Sanchez, Estancia, Sr.

CB Malachi Pierce, Edison, Sr.

DB Sam Garwal, Laguna

CB Luke Lastra, Marina,

Beach, Sr. FS Myles Freeman, Laguna Beach, Sr.

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