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H.B. council to deliberate on new member Monday night

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council hopes to appoint a new member during a special meeting on Monday, filling the vacancy caused when Mayor Pro Tem Tito Ortiz resigned on June 1.

The council called the special 6 p.m. meeting after listening to more than 100 applicants for the vacant position on July 9 and 10. Each applicant made a statement of up to five minutes, on why he or she would be a good choice for the position.

Council members have agreed on parameters for Monday's meeting. Each will be able to nominate up to three candidate names to consider. Voting rounds will start from there, until and if one candidate receives the sup-

port of at least four council members.

The agreed upon candidate then would be sworn in at Tuesday's regular City Council meeting.

Alternatively, if no candidate is finalized by July 31, then a special election would be required.

Ortiz, a former professional mixed martial arts fighter, made an abrupt exit from the council at its first meeting in June. He issued a statement after the public comments portion of the meeting, saying that in his brief time on the panel he'd been met with "hostility and judgment" and subject to character assassination through the media. "To put it simply, this job isn't working for me," he said.

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CAST MEMBERS who play in the Declaration of Independence tableau wait backstage before they take the stage in the 2021 Pageant of the Masters show "Made in America." The re-creation of artwork is a unique style known as tableaux vivant.

Volunteerism keeps alive Pageant of the Masters

MICHELLE LIGGATT,

who stands in as the Statue of Liberty sculpture, waits backstage with a few redcoats as she waits to take her position in the show.



BY ANDREW TURNER

The lights go up, the audience goes quiet and all else is still. In that very moment, the crowd is transported to another period as it gazes upon the re-creation of artwork in a unique style known as tableaux vivant.

It is the great draw of the Pageant of the Masters, a show that like the art it replicates, has stood the test of time.

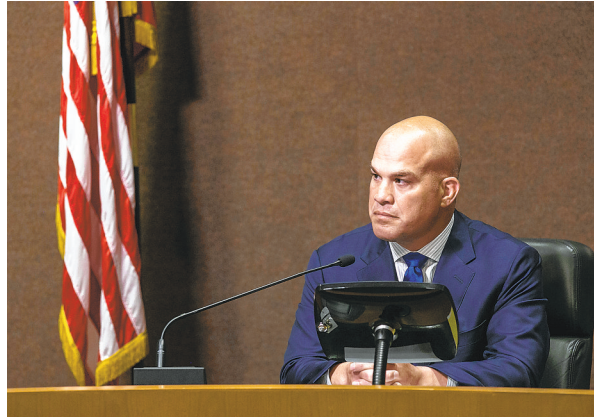
The living picture show started in Laguna Beach in 1933.

As seen from a distance, the subjects in the reproductions are largely humans inserted into the frame, becoming nearly indistinguishable from the original artworks when costumed and painted.

Those that pose as the living pictures themselves are volunteers, as well as many behind the scenes preparing them to play their parts for 90 seconds in the spotlight.

The shared experience, often with other family members, is a key aspect of what keeps the volunteers coming back.

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MAYOR PRO TEM Tito Ortiz resigned from the City Council on June 1. "This job isn't working for me," he said.



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BARBARA WINKLER of SoCal Quilts of Valor, left, surprises Joseph King with a quilt in the USC colors during his 100th birthday party at the American Legion post in Newport Harbor on Saturday.

WWII vet celebrates his 100th birthday with family, others at Newport Harbor

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Joseph King likes to joke that he's probably been exposed to more chemicals than any other person would be in his lifetime.

King, a chemical engineer who finally retired from his day job about four years ago at 95, thinks people should not necessarily trust everything that environmentalists say.

He's been around lead, chromium, asbestos in his profession and used to spray his family's potato crop with arsenic and white lead.

"I've been exposed to a myriad of chemicals that are supposed to have killed anybody and the only thing I can figure is that it killed the bugs," he said, laughing.

He theorizes it might be why he'll make it to his 100th birthday on

Monday. It also probably helps that he has no vices.

Though he admitted in a recent interview that he did enjoy a cocktail most nights and used to smoke, but quit in 1950. The only pills he takes, he said, are vitamins.

King was born in Michigan on a rural farm in 1921, where he lived up until he was about 8 or 9 and moved with his family to the port city of Muskegon.

There, he finished high school, went on to junior college and was working when the attack on Pearl Harbor happened in 1941.

"I decided I needed to get back to college as fast as I could. It changed my life quite a bit during that time," King said.

King initially started as a pharmacist before shifting gears to chemical en-

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BY MATT SZABO

Tiffany Yuhas no longer had her marriage.

A couple of years later, she no longer had her hair.

What she has rediscovered, though, is her sense of purpose.

As a receptionist, Yuhas is likely the first person a patient will encounter when he or she comes through the front doors of City of Hope Newport Beach. It's been that way since her first day of work on Feb. 3, 2020, just a week after the facility opened.

She is there to greet the patients with a smile, but also take calls from pharmacies seeking refills, along with a laundry list of other responsibilities.

"I can't refill, but I have to at least take the medication down and spell it right," she said. "I'm still learning, but I'm getting the hang of it. You have to have a general blanket knowledge of kind of what everyone's role is, make sure everybody's happy. There's a lot of things we do."

The 56-year-old Newport Beach resident takes it all in stride. It sure beats the alternative.

In a way, Yuhas is paying it forward. She credits City



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NEWPORT BEACH resident Tiffany Yuhas at the City of Hope offices in Newport Beach. Yuhas was one of the first employees hired to the City of Hope team after a lymphoma diagnosis.

of Hope for saving her life after she was diagnosed with lymphoma in September 2018. She said she had a CT scan that confirmed it, after she started getting bad headaches following the removal of her ovaries.

The news came just two years after the end of her

25-year marriage.

Yuhas said her doctor at another hospital initially said she was "too far gone" to recover.

"I must have been walking around with it for a while," she said. "By the time they got me, I had a collapsed lung, and it was

in my liver and kidneys. I was totally covered in lymphoma, my whole torso." But after the doctor called the City of Hope, Yuhas went via ambulance to the Duarte location. What followed was six

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THE DAILY
COMMUTER
PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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1 Like MacDonald or King Cole
4 More precious & adorable
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13 Be a couch potato
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16 Small musical group
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38 Whittles down
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A5.

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2 Washerful
3 Show courage
4 Chocolaty pods
5 Ride providers
6 Turner or Louise
7 Early garden

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9 Mental tension
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11 Marriage symbol
12 Toddlers
14 Bouquet arranger
21 Female animals

25 Baseball club
26 Cheesy chip
27 Parisian's love
28 Panorama
29 Sweat openings
30 Tall tales
31 Much the same
32 Adamant refusal
33 Freezing temperatures
35 Primary
38 Forbid
39 High school subject
41 Squealer
42 Room at the top
44 Soup holder
45 Kitchen storage area
47 Hayes or Hunt
48 Bad air
49 " _ Hand Luke"; Paul Newman film
50 Cutting tool
52 Bare
53 Contemptible
54 Stink to high heaven
55 Univ. in New Haven, CT
59 Wood thickness

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JOSEPH KING, sitting with girlfriend Shirley, pauses for a group picture with extended family during his 100th birthday party at the American Legion post in Newport Harbor Saturday.

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VETERAN

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gineering while studying at the University of Michigan.
While there he enlisted and was deployed for active duty upon his graduation in 1943. He served on the USS Biddle, an American destroyer ship during World War II.
He was responsible for maintenance of the ship's machinery.
King said that while he was serving he never encountered enemy forces, but that the crew came close on one occasion to a German submarine in 1945, just two months before the war ended.
“Our ship was stationed in Narragansett Bay and on a Saturday, I got a visit from our captain. He said, ‘We’ve got to go. A German submarine just sunk a merchant ship off the Cape Cod Canal. We’ve got to go.’
“We rounded up crew from the Coast Guard, went out, patrolled and somebody got the submarine, but we didn’t,” he added.
“It was a lot of stuff that went on along the coast with that submarine, which I found out years later. I wasn’t really involved with it... I was kinda chasing it but never really got involved.”
Once the war ended, King returned to finish graduate school at the University of Michigan before moving to Los Angeles in 1948.
His son, Doyle King,

said he recalls most of his own childhood as having been a normal one. He recalls that his parents divorced when he was in his teens. His father never remarried, but did meet his current partner, Shirley Johnstone, in the late 1990s.
Joseph King said he met Johnstone while on a trip to Louisville to see the Kentucky Derby. Johnstone was a host for that excursion, which was organized by the University of Southern California.
The two hit it off and have been together ever since, living in both of Johnstone’s homes in Glendale and in Newport Beach throughout the year. The two traveled to Hawaii in April.
Over the last century, King’s watched at least three generations of his family — though, one of his sons, Bruce, died in the late 1970s — grow up and has welcomed in Johnstone’s two daughters and their families too.
He hopes that they’ll make it to 100 too.
“My family has always had a pretty long lifespan,” he said.
One of Johnstone’s daughters, Jerrilynn Kline, said King is something of a “yes man.”
“He really is open to everything — doing, going, seeing. He’s a little bit older now, but he has friends from all different walks of life. He’s just always open to go,” said Kline, who lives in Newport Beach.
“He’s traveled all over.

He just says yes to things and I think he is always very happy and he doesn’t complain about anything, really.”
“I thought, ‘What do I want to do to be like Joe?’ He has more experiences than most people because he’s not picky,” Kline said.
Kline described King as a meticulous cook that loved to bake pies, make jams and his own tomato sauce from scratch.
Kline’s sister Jacque Ratto said that King and her husband, Anthony Ratto, shared an obsession with puzzles.
Doyle King said he remembers when his father bought him a 1934 Auburn convertible when he turned 16, but that the two had to work on it for nearly 50 years before it could be driven.
The celebration Saturday at the American Legion Newport Harbor Post on 15th Street was expected to be a big one, Doyle King said, since his father only celebrates his birthday every five years.
“In essence, we’re planning for his 105th,” he joked.
The family assembled all of the senior King’s recipes together in a cookbook for his 95th.
“I’ve lived a good life,” said King, then launched some advice that people stay away from drugs and show respect to the United States. “I would like to pass on whatever I’ve done that’s right to the rest.”

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Costa Mesa officials celebrate 2 new Lions Park facilities, a promise kept to the city’s Westside

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa’s Lions Park, a once-thriving Westside community hub that suffered from years of neglect, is undergoing a local renaissance as the city completes a series of building projects designed to reinvigorate a neighborhood that has historically lacked crucial amenities.

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, city officials celebrated the opening of a brand-new Norma Hertzog Community Center, named after Costa Mesa’s first female councilwoman and mayor, as well as a newly renovated Lions Park playground.

In addition to a completely repainted Korean War-era Grumman F9F Panther jet on the playground — which gives the park its local nickname “Airplane Park,” several new play areas, pieces of equipment and a padded surface will inspire countless hours of play.

City officials committed \$1.78 million to the renovation, with additional assistance from state Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach).

4th District City Councilman Manuel Chavez recalled growing up on the city’s Westside and said the area was an important center of activity for him and his family.

“Every Saturday, my mom would walk me to McDonald’s for a Happy Meal, then we’d walk to Lions Park to play and get books from the library,” he recalled in an interview earlier this week. “That really was my park.”

But in subsequent years, as the park became a congregation point for the city’s homeless residents, families discontinued their use of the area and, in 2017, the playground in the park was closed altogether, while



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COSTA MESA Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds speaks during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Lions Park playground on Saturday.



COSTA MESA Mayor John Stephens cuts the ribbon as he is joined by elected officials during Saturday’s ceremony for the Norma Hertzog Community Center on Saturday in Costa Mesa.

work on the surrounding buildings began.

“There really is a lost generation of residents who never had a chance to play at Lions Park,” Chavez said.

“Now, we’re bringing back that community space. In my opinion, it’s really an investment into a part of town that has felt forgotten.”



ATTENDEES WAVE to Norma Hertzog, Costa Mesa’s first female City Council member and mayor, via Zoom as the event Saturday is recorded live on a smartphone.

The two projects are part of a \$36.5-million renovation effort that also included the construction of a new Costa Mesa-Donald Dungan Library on the site

of an old community center, completed in 2019. The new Hertzog Center, meanwhile, was a renovation of what formerly served as the park’s library.



ORANGE COUNTY Supervisor Katrina Foley, the former Costa Mesa mayor, speaks at the event.

Councilwoman Arlis Reynolds, who represents Costa Mesa’s 5th District, said Thursday Lions Park used to serve as a downtown area on the Westside and was central to the lives of the residents there. Restoring the area is an important step in regaining the trust of the community.

“I feel like this is sort of a launch of what we’ve been calling out Westside restoration effort,” Reynolds said of Saturday’s celebration. “It’s an important follow through on a lot of conversations we’ve been having over the years. [And] it’s long overdue.”

For as much that’s been done, however, Reynolds said she hopes to be part of a grassroots effort to continue making Lions Park better, including possibly installing a small coffee shop, improving Davis Field and collaborating to bring community programming to the library and nearby center.

“The best way we can build trust is to follow through on our promises and to take people’s ideas and implement them,” she added.

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A WORD PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

The story behind ‘Giant Waves Down Queen Mary’s Funnel’ and other confusing headlines

It was the headline that launched a thousand linguistics blog posts: “Violinist Linked to JAL Crash Blossoms.” In 2009, a copy editor spotted this headline in Japan Today. Then he logged on to an internet language forum to ponder the question: “What’s a crash blossom?”

The rest is linguistics history. What had been a nonsensical pairing of two words became a term referring to just such nonsense.

Today, crash blossom means any headline that invites a misreading — especially a ridiculous one.

For example, the Japan Today headline didn’t mean that a violinist is linked to mysterious things called crash blossoms. It meant that a violinist who is linked to a crash is blossoming in her career.

How do we know that? Certainly not from the grammar.

As written, the headline has two meanings — one logical, the other nonsensical. We need logic to tell us which of the two valid interpretations is more likely.

Headline writing, which crams big ideas into very tight spaces, is uniquely vulnerable to such misunderstandings. Lots of well-known examples go back more than a century.

“British Left Waffles on Falk-

lands.”

“Giant Waves Down Queen Mary’s Funnel.”

“McDonald’s Fries the Holy Grail for Potato Farmers.”

“MacArthur Flies Back to Front.”

“Eighth Army Push Bottles Up Germans.”

“Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim.”

Why did Brits abandon their carb-laden breakfasts? Why did the giant need a funnel to wave to the queen? Why did the potato farmers order their grail fried instead of broiled?

Obviously, they didn’t. But the headline writers failed to make that clear.

Headline writing usually chops out little words — articles like “the” and conjunctions like “and” and, more problematically, verbs like “to be” and auxiliary verbs like “have.”

A headline that means to say, “A violinist is linked,” usually just says, “Violinist linked.” The “is,” a conjugated form of “to be,” is dropped.

As readers, we’ve come to expect it. So when you see “violinist linked,” it’s logical to assume it means “is linked” and that the words that follow constitute the think she was linked to.

In “McDonald’s Fries the Holy Grail for Potato Farmers,” an



Jay L. Clendenin | Los Angeles Times

TWO PEOPLE on a Jet Ski are seen in the water, with the Queen Mary ship in the distance, docked in Long Beach on May 25.

omitted form of “to be” is again the culprit.

This headline means “McDonald’s fries are the Holy Grail for potato farmers.”

The headline writer left the “are” implied, raising the grammatical possibility that “fries” is the verb and “the Holy Grail” its object.

Sometimes, however, you can’t blame a missing verb. In “Giant Waves Down Queen Mary’s Funnel,” the first three words are all highly versatile. “Giant” could be an adjective or a noun.

“Waves” could be a noun or a verb. “Down” could be an adverb or a verb. The verb form of “down” is so much less common than the adverb form (“He downed his drink”), it’s pretty understandable why you might at first think “waves” is the verb and a giant was the noun doing the waving.

“In everyday spoken and written language, we can usually handle this sort of grammatical uncertainty because we have enough additional clues to make the right choices of interpreta-

tion,” linguist Ben Zimmer wrote in a 2010 issue of the New York Times Magazine.

“But headlines sweep away those little words — particularly articles, auxiliary verbs and forms of ‘to be’ — robbing the reader of crucial context.”

Zimmer points out a unique, and I’d say unfortunate feature of our language that helps create these crash blossoms.

In English, the letter S is used to form plurals, but it’s also used to conjugate verbs in the third person singular.

She waffles. She likes waffles. This makes it unclear at first that “waffles” is a verb in “British Left Waffles on Falklands.”

These double-take headlines are nothing new. The 1915 manual “Newspaper Editing” warned headline writers confusion “can be avoided only by great care in the use of words with two meanings and especially words that may be used either as nouns or verbs.”

But since 2009, when violinist with ties to a crash blossomed, this old problem finally has a name.

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How do we simultaneously save water and add housing?

The governor has asked us to cut water consumption by 15%. As a number of experts have pointed out, we are already saving.

Since the “conclusion” of the last drought, most of us have continued to minimize our water usage, meaning there’s not a lot of room for cutbacks. At the same time, we face a state mandate to produce hundreds of thousands of new dwelling units.

At the very least the residents of these new units will bathe and flush toilets, increasing the amount of water used, and yet there was not a word of this in the governor’s announcement. If there is this wonderful budget surplus, the state should be focused on creating more groundwater replenishment and other recapture programs to insure an adequate water supply rather than creating more demands on a system that is once again in trouble.

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Let the H.B. voters replace Ortiz at the polls

Rather than hold laborious interviews with perspective council members to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Councilman Tito Ortiz, why not wait until the next election cycle rolls around in 2022 and let the city's voters choose?

Yes, Huntington Beach will be left with six council members, an even and easily deadlocked group of elected municipal politicians.

The upside is twofold, however: This even numbered group of public servants may be more motivated to authentically negotiate and genuinely communicate.

Our local government will be better served by this demonstration of democratic ethos and people's choice.

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OCSC shut out by Rio Grande Valley FC

BY ANDREW TURNER

Coming off its first loss following an eight-match unbeaten streak, Orange County Soccer Club was eager for its chance to rebound just three days later.

It did not play out that way, as an early goal by Rio Grande Valley FC had the host chasing the game.

Juan Carlos Azocar scored in the second minute, and Rio Grande Valley defeated Orange County 2-0 on Saturday evening at Championship Soccer Stadium at the Great Park in Irvine.

Orange County (6-4-3, 21 points) is tied for second place in the United Soccer League Championship's Pacific Division standings with the San Diego Loyal.

The hosts dropped their second straight game, the other coming against San Diego on the road on Wednesday. It marks the first time that Orange County has suffered consecutive losses this season.

"Obviously, don't want to give up a goal right there in the first five minutes," Orange County coach Braeden Cloutier said.

"We knew that we were coming into the game with a lot of heavy legs and a lot of miles that they've logged in the last three or four weeks, and we knew that if we dug ourselves a hole, it was going to make life really difficult."

Wan Kuzain made a run off the left end, sending in a cross that Azocar was able to deposit into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

"Two minutes in, we're down, and we have to chase the whole game, and it kind of changes the whole game," Eero Markkanen said. "We stuck to our game plan, and we just couldn't get the result today."

Orange County managed to put three shots on target, all of which were stopped by Rio Grande Val-



Spencer Grant

ORANGE COUNTY'S Michael Orozco executes a tackle against a Rio Grande Valley FC player in the first half of Saturday's match in Irvine.

ley goalkeeper Tyler Deric.

The best chance for Orange County in the first half came in the 29th minute, when the host authored its best scoring bid from the run of play.

Midfielder Eric Calvillo stepped into a shot from just above the 18-yard box, and Deric was able to make a diving stop to his right. He grabbed a cross that followed to end the threat.

In the 56th minute, Orange County earned a free kick from

close range. Chris Wehan, who came on as a substitution at half-time, bent his shot over the wall, but Deric again made the save.

Defensively, Kobi Henry had succeeded in denying Christian Sorto without conceding a corner kick on a well-played ball forward by Adrian Vera in the first half.

Henry, however, was the guilty party when Alexis Cerritos drew a penalty in the box in the 80th minute.

Rodrigo Lopez took the penalty

kick and tucked it inside the right post to double the lead for Rio Grande Valley (7-3-3, 24 points), which is tied for first place in the Mountain Division.

Orange County appeared to break through in the 90th minute. Wehan sent an aerial cross to the back post for Brent Richards. The ball crossed the goal line, but the goal was disallowed with a foul on the play.

Patrick Rakovsky made two saves for Orange County in net.

"That's where great teams come together and figure stuff out for the next game and try to get back on track," Calvillo said of the mindset following the loss.

"To me, these two losses in a row really hurt, and I'm not trying to think of another loss like this again, or even trying to have a streak of losses. I want to get back to a winning streak."

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