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Hoag, Newport extend pact

The 10-year extension is the fifth amendment to the development agreement, which was first approved in 1994. **BY LILLY NGUYEN**

The Newport Beach City Council approved a 10-year extension to a development agreement with Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian on Tuesday, the fifth such amendment to the development contract.

According to a city staff report, the contract was established in 1994. Previous amendments made changes to the text to allow for greater flexibility on where existing entitled Hoag-related uses could be developed and contract extensions. The third amendment, made in 2019, came with the additional benefit of the hospital paying out \$3 million in equal installments to the city to address homelessness.

To date, \$600,000 has been paid to the city by the hospital.

Under the terms of the agreement, the contract would end in 2030, but the extension Tuesday will now push that to 2040.

Councilwoman Diane Dixon said the agreement protects Hoag's entitlement for future development in the area where it currently is located in lower Pacific Coast Highway. That protection prevents current and future city council members from potentially revoking that entitlement to address things like planning for future housing.

The proposed amendment considered this week would have called for Hoag to pay an additional \$3 million on top of the \$3 million called for with the 2019 amendment, with the payments made to the city in \$300,000 installments to be earmarked for homelessness services. Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon moved to cut the \$3 million down to \$1.5 million so the total outlay would be \$4.5 million instead of \$6 million. "For those in the audience ... these are called development agreements [where] an entity or a private builder — in this case, Hoag — will spend money in exchange for preserving their rights to build something," Muldoon said. "Everyone knows I'm pretty much against these agreements in their entirety when it comes to private developers. I am especially when it comes to Hoag. They're such a pillar to the community. "They did so much with COVID. I'd rather every dollar go toward better healthcare in the community than to a city that quite frankly is doing incredibly well due to high property tax revenue and due to federal funding that's been spent."



FOUNDER ROBBIE MCINERNY is shown seated inside WILLBO in Laguna Beach, a unisex clothing brand featuring the California lifestyle.

WILLBO startup opens shop in Laguna

BY ANDREW TURNER

In their youth, brothers Robbie and Will McInerny were known as the athletes in town.

The McInerny brothers, both of whom went on to play baseball for schools in the Pac-12, learned that life has a way of throwing curveballs.

Where they were once the big men on campus in the small town of Laguna Beach, new roles were in store.

"I think any great leader also knows how to follow, and that was something for me, as well," Robbie McInerny said when asked what he learned from his time as an athlete. "The foundational lessons that I learned

on the field and in the locker room, team-

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ROBBIE MCINERNY speaks to a customer visiting from Ventura after she purchased a black hat.

lilly.nguyen@latimes.com Twitter: @lillibirds Costa Mesa students get down to business

BY MATT SZABO

Friday afternoon can be a tough time to concentrate for any student.

The students in Amy Meunier-Bogdan's fourth-grade class at Victoria Elementary School in Costa Mesa, however, count it as one of their favorite times of the week.

Their eyes are transfixed on the big screen in the front of the class every Friday at 1:15 p.m., as they hop on a Zoom call with some high-ranking business executives.

The 15-minute session each week — short enough for the attention span of a 9-year-old — allows the students to learn from employees of Costa Mesa-based artificial intelligence company Veritone.

Meunier-Bogdan came up with the idea as the school year began and her class was studying business during the first few



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

AMY MEUNIER-BOGDAN, a fourth-grade teacher at Victoria Elementary in Costa Mesa, watches as her student Kylee Merron interacts with Veritone executives on a Zoom call on Oct. 22.

weeks of school.

"We were talking about inventors and entrepreneurs, and they were just really having a lot of

fun with it," Meunier-Bogdan said. "They were learning about Thomas Edison, and the Wright Bros. Then we got into our current inventions with things like Apple and Google, and we started talking about different types of public companies."

She mentioned to the kids that her husband, Scott, worked for Veritone as a senior vice president of operations. He was one of the founders of the company in 2014.

"I went home that night and I thought it would be so cool for these kids, especially since I'm in a lower socio-economic school, to have access to some of these influential business leaders," Meunier-Bogdan said.

About 64% of the students at Victoria Elementary are categorized as economically disadvantaged.

"I just thought it would be cool to pair these two up," Meunier-Bogdan said. "My students could hear more about the actual business world, and how great it

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Newport police hold first 'Trunk or Treat' Halloween celebration



Photos by Susan Hoffman

AXA ABTS, 4, (Cleopatra) with brother Axl Abts, 7, (mummy) fill their pumpkins with treats during the Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration.

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

The Newport Beach police station parking lot looked a little different Friday night.

Instead of cars, there were robots, space cadets, skeletons, clowns, caped crusaders, winged fairy princesses, glittered butterflies, pint-sized firemen and police officers along with a jailbird.

Cleopatra was reincarnated and escorted by a mummy. Batgirl, the Incredible Hulk and Darth Vader were all there too.

As a way to make up for lost events during the pandemic shutdown, the Newport Beach Police Department held its first Halloween community family event, "Trunk or Treat" that included the Newport Beach Fire Department.

The Newport Beach Police Foundation sponsored the party. Newport police invited everyone to wear costumes and celebrate Halloween at the station at 870



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Chelsea Luitwieler decides on a Tootsie Roll pop flavor for Hulk and his Black Cat pal.

Santa Barbara Drive, which had displays and booths with trunks decorated by CSI, SWAT, Animal Control, Dispatch and more.

Newport press information Officer Heather Rangel explained that there had been only one community event, which was last summer, held by the police department during the pandemic.

"We went from hosting Citi-

zens' Academy classes, Open House and all in-person activities to state mandates requiring minimal activity," said Rangel, who is in charge of planning the Halloween party.

"This event gives us a chance to reconnect with our community in a fun way while providing a safe

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AROUND TOWN

Nov. 12 fundraiser at Fun Zone

The iconic Balboa Fun Zone will be the venue on Nov. 12 when the Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach stages its annual fundraiser in support of the museum's stated mission "to collect, preserve and promote the culture and history of Balboa Island and Newport Beach."

Organizers promise that the Fun Zone Festival will include food, drinks, carnival games, a patio concert, photos, entertainment and a silent auction.

This event generates funding for museum educational programs, events and exhibitions. Tickets are \$150 per person and can be purchased at the event website, BIMNBFun ZoneFestival.com, or at the museum, 210 B Marine Ave., Newport Beach.

Fun Zone Festival sponsorship opportunities are also available.

To learn more about sponsorships call the museum at (949) 675-3952 or email info@balboaisland museum.org.

Tickets now on sale for Winter Wonderland

Tickets are now on sale for ice skating at Hunting-

A FUND-RAISER is set for Nov. 12 for the Balboa Fun Zone, a historic landmark.

File Photo

For many of the families, the

Winter Surf City Wonderland runs from Nov. 26 through Jan. 2, and tickets are available at scww.simpletix.com. Winter Wonderland is open to people of all ages. For more information, including parking and hours, visit the city website.

Families Helping **Families Holiday** Drive is underway

The end of October marks the beginning of this year's Families Helping Families holiday drive sponsored by the Priority Center.

Individuals will be able to "adopt" a family currently receiving services through the center to provide those in need with items on their holiday wish list.



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serve need extra support

during the holiday season.

With the help of generous community 'Santa's' who

adopt our families, we are

able to take some of the

stress off of their plate and

bring more joy to the holi-

day season," said Lisa Fuji-moto, executive director of

Wish lists are available

online and individuals can

select families to adopt

through December. Fam-

ilies on the receiving end

of the holiday drive will re-

ceive their holiday gifts on

the Priority Center.

ton Beach Pier Plaza this holiday season.

through their wish lists will be the only gifts they receive during the holiday season, according to Priority Center officials. The center will be collecting anything from jackets, shoes and gift cards to dolls, toy cars and scooters. "Many of the families we

Dec. 18 during a drivethrough event at Freddie Georges Production Group in Huntington Beach.

To adopt a family, or to learn more about the program email Wylie Peremarti at wperemarti@the prioritycenter.org.

Safety tips for trick-or-treaters

Fountain Valley officials sent out a list of tips to help families have a fun and safe Halloween this Sunday.

To protect children from oncoming traffic, families are advised to carry a glow stick or flashlight with them to increase visibility for drivers. Those behind the wheel should take their own precautions - turn on headlights early and slow down. Drivers should be on alert for kids who may enter into the street.

Children under the age of 12 should not go trickor-treating alone. Remind children to use crosswalks when crossing the street.

Costume selection can make a difference, too. Making sure the costume fits can help to prevent falling. tripping and Choosing face paint over a mask also helps children see while out trick-ortreating.

The healthcare community also suggests face coverings be worn around crowds, particularly children who are not eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine yet. Handing out candy outside is also recommended.

Public invited back to Laguna council meetings

The public will be welcomed back to Laguna Beach City Council meetings, beginning with Tuesday's regular meeting at 5 p.m.

Attendees must wear a mask while in council chambers.

As a safety protocol to combat the coronavirus pandemic, members of the public who chose to attend council meetings in person previously were allowed to enter to speak on their subject of interest while wearing a face covering, but they were then required to leave after giving their testimony.

Additional options to tune into Tuesday's meeting will remain, including through Zoom and Cox cable channel 852.

Lifeguard patches support breast cancer awareness

Laguna Beach lifeguards

have pink lifeguard patches that are being sold for \$10 each, with all the proceeds going directly toward breast cancer awareness.

The patches can be purchased at the Laguna Beach Lifeguard headquarters at the north end of Main Beach.

Holiday Market at Newport Harbor High coming up

The community is invited to support local vendors when Newport Harbor High School holds its Holiday Market on Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the school campus, 600 Irvine Ave., Newport Beach.

Shoppers will find a wide variety of for sale, such as home decor, handcrafted jewelry, clothing, accessories, gourmet treats and more goods, according to organizers.

Among the many vendors expected to participate are BackHouse Fragrances, Crew Quarters, Bird + Shop, Style Society Boutique, Glitter for Breakfast, Strap Lab and Heather Pullis Designs.

The event will be held in the small gym and courtyard in front of the big blue anchor. Admission is \$3.

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environment for children and their families to dress up in their favorite costumes and enjoy an evening out with us.

The parking lot was decorated with a Candyland experience tent, featuring life-sized swirled suckers, cotton candy, jawbreakers, gumballs, candy necklaces and balloons. Dispatcher Chelsea Luitwieler gave out Tootsie Roll pops to kids.

treasure chest filled with chocolate coins wrapped in gold sitting in the trunk of a pirate-themed police vehicle draped in fake spider webs and skull and crossbones symbols.

truck decorated with or-

ange foiled garland and grave markers bearing skeleton heads. Not to be outdone, the

Newport Beach Fire Department added special effects of periodic bursts of steam inside its haunted house. At the entrance, a mannequin holding an electric saw dripping blood, sat on the ground stunned that he had just sawed his leg in half.

The emergency rescue truck with its doors open was loading a gurney carrying a skeleton dressed in a battalion chief's coat with a foot holding the large metal bedpan filled with candy.

Rangel said there were around 300 kids in attendance, not including the parents and grandparents.

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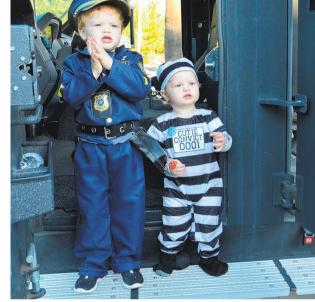


Photo by Susan Hoffman

THREE-YEAR-OLD police officer Austin, left, and 1-year-old jailbird Nolan Chaplin stand inside the Newport police SWAT truck during the Trunk or Treat Halloween event.



A few steps away was a

There was a SWAT team

WILLBO



Marian M Michaels

November 22, 1930 - August 12, 2021

Marian Marie Michaels was born in Lakewood, Ohio and moved to Burbank, California in the 1930s when her father brought his beauty business to serve clients in the city's developing movie studios.

Marian's childhood included show jumping and riding horses with her best friend Berny on the studios' western lots and learning how to dance Flamenco. Her life changed when she and a group of college friends rented a house for spring break in Laguna Beach. That was when she fell in love with a lifeguard named Donn Michaels. Marian and Donn were married in 1950. Son Craig was born in 1951 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange County, while Donn was a U.S. Marine serving in the Korean War. Daughters Cathy and Cindy were born in the original wing of Hoag Hospital in 1953 and 1954. Their early years were spent in homes in Laguna Beach, Riverside, Anaheim and Newport Beach before settling in the Balboa Peninsula Point.

Marian lived a full life, as a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and volunteer. During her children's younger years, Marian volunteered as a Girl Scout leader and a PTA president at their schools. In 1971, when Donn transferred his many years of experience in the construction business into his own firm, Marian also served as the company bookkeeper.

Marian began her 55-year connection to St. James Episcopal Church on Via Lido as a regular member of the congregation in 1965. Her numerous positions there include serving as the administrator of the parish, the church finance director, and assistant for parish life; handling baptisms, weddings, and funerals; while managing the front office staff, and all church volunteers. She also became the church's unofficial historian and volunteered with the Flower Guild. She retired after 45 years on the job, and it was said she was the heartbeat of the parish.

Marian is remembered for her gentle nature, generous spirit and hospitality. Her rose gardens were always spectacular, as were her floral arrangements at home and at church. Marian was renowned for the impressive meals she prepared and table settings she created. She loved using the good silver and china and had cloth napkins and candles of every color imaginable.

Marian is survived by daughters Cathy Michaels and Cindy Drennan, grandson Travis Michaels, great-grandson Robert Michaels, former daughter-in-law Pam Michaels, long-time friends Brenda Burney and Bernard Wolff, cousins Clyde and Lia MacLeod with Ian, Rhianna and Melissa, great-nephew Ryan Watt, and great-niece Reese Watt. She was preceded in death by her parents Luella Esther Clark Mitchell and Vincenzo Melandri, husband Donn Michaels, brother Vincent Melandri, son Craig Michaels, nieces Michele Melandri and Andrea Melandri Watt.

A celebration of Marian's life will be held on November 6, 2021, at ten o'clock in the morning at St. James Anglican Church, 2995-A Airway Avenue in Costa Mesa. A private inurnment ceremony will be held at Pacific View Cemetery in Newport Beach. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to St. James Anglican Church, or to a charity of your choice.

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work and being accountable, doing what you say you're going to do, showing up on time, the value of hard work — all of these foundational lessons, I learned.³

Second to none in that list was the ability to accept a change in role. While his playing days may be in the rear-view mirror, he has now turned his focus to the next frontier.

the WILLBO, what founders refer to as a California lifestyle company, launched its first retail location at 353 N. Coast Highway in Laguna Beach on Saturday.

After living under the roof of two entrepreneurial parents, Robbie and Will, along with business part-



ner Wes Barnes, have teamed up to become a business presence in the community. Their brand largely focuses on their love of the outdoors.

Currently, the store is featuring a fall line spotlighting destinations within Yosemite National Park.

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Dan McInerny, the father

of Robbie and Will, said.

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er who began his career with a 15-year run at Quiksilver, advised his children that if they were going to bring a new product to the market, it needed to be a quality one.

"My dad said, 'Hey, if you're going to bring product to the table, don't bring more sand to the beach, because we don't need more stuff,' " Robbie said. "So make sure it's done really well, and I took that to heart."

The founders' vision for WILLBO is that it will establish a communal experience, one that brings people together and fosters a deeper connection to the environment.

'Each season, we'll draw inspiration from one of the geographical regions in the west — so the coasts, the mountains, the valleys, the deserts and the cities - as a backdrop for us to celebrate and extract inspiration from," McInerny said.

The store will be open from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednes-day through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. It will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

"Clothing is great, and it's beautiful and all that, but ... it's not going to change anyone's life," Barnes said. "I think we're all aware that having a meaningful connection with somebody is one of the, if not the strongest type of emotion and sensation you can feel.

"That's why I feel really passionate about this brand and what the possibilities are because I just see the types of relationships that we've formed in just a short amount of time, and we really just want to have an impact on the lives of the people who consume our products."

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A weighty issue that isn't often discussed

or the past several months I have been writing about some of the biggest, most pressing issues of our time: Climate change. An epidemic of hate. The opioid crisis. Inequality. The offshore oil spill. COVID, COVID and more COVID.

So for my next weighty theme I decided it was time to address another matter that threatens to upend life as I've known it.

I don't know what to do about my skinny jeans.

There's a stack of them in my closet, taunting me, teasing me, testing me. I've ignored them for a year and a half of slouchy, elastic-waisted living. Now we're told that it's time to put our big-girl pants back on, and I don't know exactly what that's supposed to look like.

Are skin-tight pants completely out of fashion now, or should I try to squeeze my pandemic-padded thighs back into them?

For me, this is a top-priority problem. If I can't figure out what to wear for any given situation, everything else just falls apart. Call me shallow, brand me as materialistic, I won't argue. My life only makes sense if I'm wearing a cute outfit.

Yet herein lies a contradiction. As much as I love fashion, I can't pretend that I even remotely understand it.

Yes, I'm well aware that I'm being manipulated by an industry that — no surprise here — just wants to sell me stuff. That's why the "must have" pieces of each season actually change almost daily, and why I'm bombarded by pop-up ads with unsubtle messages like " 'I have too many black boots,' said no one ever!"

I get that I'm being played for a sucker. And I understand that my purchasing choices have consequences beyond my own selfish desire to look good. The apparel industry is notorious for exploiting low-paid labor and for wreaking havoc on the environment.

I do try to take these factors into consideration, favoring brands that promise to treat workers fairly and operate more sustainably. Still, the guilt nags at me.

On top of all that — the transparent brainwashing techniques, human rights violations and terrible environmental record do the fashion powers-that-be have to make it so confusing? And occasionally, also humiliating?

We're encouraged to express our individuality through fashion. But really?

It took me a long time to embrace the skinny jean trend. Peeling them on and off is taxing work, and I wasn't sure I was ready for the commitment to body-hugging couture, even if the well-made pairs did have the booty-enhancing properties of Spanx shapewear.

Once I commit to a look, though, I am all in, and that's exactly how it went with skintight pants. Dark wash, light wash, black, brown, white, even corduroy — you name it, I got it. I should have known better. Clothes lover though I am, far too often I'm behind the curve style wise, which is never the place anyone who cares as much as I do wants to be in the fashion world.

Worse still, my overripe enthusiasm has led me to some spectacular misfires, like the time I was so eager to wear a new fall ensemble — wool skirt and sweater — that I blithely ignored the fact that autumn in Orange County can be hellishly hot. By midday I was so feverish and itchy I almost lost my lunch.

Another memorable fashion fumble was underscored when I attended a "tacky" themed party and was awarded first prize for tackiest outfit. I had worn a dress that just a few years earlier I had considered to be the essence of chic sophistication.

What had I been thinking? The dress was covered in multicolored, golf-ball-sized polka dots, for crying out loud. I conjure that uncomfortable memory whenever I get a little too sure of myself and am tempted to venture into more adventurous territory for my wardrobe.

There have been plenty of other ridiculous looks that I have willingly embraced and for which I'll be forever embarrassed — big hair and leg warmers in the 1980s, shoulder pads in the 1990s, and denim on denim with studded belt in the 2000s leap to mind. For anything prior to the '80s, I plead the stupidity of youth.

I will no doubt fall victim to the whims of fashion again. After all, the apparel industry is also adept at recycling and rebranding old styles, convincingly marketing them as cool modern updates.

Sweatpants have transformed into joggers. Culottes are the ancestors of today's skorts. Baggy jeans have been repackaged as relaxed fit or boyfriend jeans. Today's flared leg pants are reminiscent of the bell bottoms of the past.

Don't even get me started on waistlines, which are up, down, somewhere in the middle, I don't know. Just when I think I've got the elevation right, it changes again.

As always I'm running behind the fashion pack, trying to figure out where it's going. I've been thinking lately that I might invest in more high-waisted items. But then I read that hip huggers are coming back. Heaven help us.

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Newport Harbor Foundation works toward local control

Last week, 175 residents, political leaders and Newport Harbor supporters donated over \$550,000 to kick off the Newport Harbor Foundation. The foundation's goal is to return local control of our harbor to the city.

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Duffy Electric Boat. Duffy's passion for the harbor spans decades.

With 25 miles of frontage, almost 10,000 boats of all shapes and sizes, kayaks, paddle boards, sailing clubs and charter boats, the harbor resembles the 405 Freeway on a busy weekend.

An estimated 7 million visitors per year use Newport Harbor's complex ecosystem that generates an estimated \$1 billion per year of economic activity.

Our harbor is essentially a city within the city. We believe our harbor asset needs to be properly managed by the city.

Our mission is to "Take Back Our Harbor." It begins with Newport Beach creating our own Harbor Public Safety Department operated by our city, not the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The foundation will raise over \$2.5 million to purchase and donate a fire boat and police boats to the city for a Harbor Public Safety Department.

This plan does not displace the Sheriff's Harbor Patrol. They will continue to use their Homeland Security grant to police the coastline for drug runners and immigrants attempting to enter the country illegally. They will be available for large-scale emergencies in the harbor through existing mutual aid agreements.

Our Harbor Public Safety Department will use the city's existing police, fire and lifeguards to make the harbor safe for residents and tourists. We believe local control of the harbor is best achieved by Newport Beach running the show. If you agree, sign up for regular updates at *newportharbor foundation.org*.

Dennis Durgan

Chairman, Newport Harbor Foundation Past Newport Beach Harbor Master

Thoughts on campaign to elect Newport mayor

It was rumored that a sizable number of proponents were going to attend the Oct. 12 Newport Beach City Council meeting to support Councilman Will O'Neill's "Elect a Mayor" plan.

However, the supporters never materialized, leaving instead an audience primarily of opponents. It was not unusually large, but sufficient in size to chasten the council members for considering putting the mayoral plan on the discussion calendar for a future date.

Not one person in the audience spoke in favor of electing a mayor. Instead, in measured and intelligent speeches, seven community leaders spoke against the proposal citing the fact that electing a mayor should be one vetted by the whole community, not just the council, before going on the ballot.

This, said one speaker, would allow for more careful consideration of the proposal. The failure of the proposal to meet the term limits of the City Charter, thus allowing the mayor to serve 16 uninterrupted years in leadership instead of eight, sets an unbelievably long period of control by one person. This coupled with the expanded power that the new proposal would give the mayor in relationship to the council could easily lead to authoritarian rule.

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When it came time to vote it appeared that Mr. O'Neill had already persuaded the council members to support bringing the proposal up for discussion at a future date. My observations of members' faces and gestures indicated to me that they were not overly enthusiastic about their votes or their role. In fact, not one member commented or spoke to issues brought forth by the audience.

Giving the council the benefit of the doubt, perhaps they thought that

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putting the plan on a future agenda would allow them to discuss the proposal at length. Unfortunately, this has not been a successful route in the past for opponents of an issue because public discussion will occur in only one meeting consisting of comments to the council. It excludes the public from any meaningful discussion regarding whether this major attempt to restructure our city government should even make it as far as the ballot.

Lvnn Lorenz Newport Beach

Proponents of the Newport Beach charter change say that the people should

elect their mayor. But the people do select their mayor, indirectly. Residents elect seven City Council members who select (each year) one of their number as mayor.

Given the small size of the council, and the fouryear terms of the members, and the frequency of second terms, most council members serve as mayor for at least a year.

The current system effectively ensures that mayors have prior experience in our city government. Since 2001, nobody has served as mayor without serving at least 18 months on the council; all but one mayor has served a prior year as mayor

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pro tem. Nothing ensures, under the proposed system, that the mayor will have any prior city experience.

A few large cities in California elect mayors directly, but smaller cities generally have mayors (like ours) chosen by the council.

Newport Beach is not large, with only 85,239 people. Among cities in Orange County with populations between 80,000 and 100,000, only Westminster elects its mayor directly. Five cities in this population bracket use indirect election. And some much larger cities, like Huntington Beach, use indirect election.

The current system encourages collegiality among the members of the City Council, for each member either has served or is likely to serve soon as mayor. The system encourages the city staff to treat each council member with respect, not to defer to the powerful mayor and to slight the weaker council members.

The proposed system would be more prone to corruption. You do not have to be James Madison to see that a powerful mayor, who serves at least four years, perhaps eight, and who would likely have protégés on the council, would create risks that do not exist with a ceremonial mayor, serving one year, and who needs three votes from fellow council members to pass anything.

Join us in opposing the proposed charter change.

Walter B. Stahr Newport Beach

On Tuesday night, the City Council has a pretty simple question to answer. Do they trust voters to make a decision about electing the mayor?

Only the voters can change the charter. Only voters can choose whether they want to elect their mayor. And so it's time for the same people who rely on voters to occupy their positions on the City Council to trust the voters again with this important decision.

Without question, we want to elect our mayor. Many people agree with that basic statement and agree that the system proposed makes a whole lot of sense. Some people have disagreed with that basic statement. But we won't know how many are on either side without an election.

No one on the City Coun-

the "community" by voting against giving the community the choice.

In an era when governments across the board are taking away choices, Newport Beach's City Council can be the light shining through as one that gives its residents the ability to take the power of electing the mayor back.

We encourage the City Council to support voter choice by placing the "Elect Our Mayor" initiative on the ballot.

Michelle and John Somers Newport Beach

School walkout undermines truth and civic duty

Civil disobedience as a political tool has a long, storied and particularly American history. Henry David Thoreau coined the term in his famous essay of the same name. And Thoreau put his words into action.

In refusing to pay his poll tax (which he argued publicly supported the Mexican American war) he was briefly imprisoned. His mentor, Ralph Waldo Emerson (in a possibly apocryphal exchange) was shocked to see his friend Henry so imprisoned and blurted out, "Why Henry, whatever are you doing in there?!" To which Henry replied, "Why my dear sir, whatever are you doing out there?" The point being that for civil disobedience to be anything less than simple lawlessness, the citizens who undertake to break immoral or improper laws must freely admit guilt and then accept the imposition of the prescribed punishment. Thoreau was arguing for disobedience as a civic duty, as opposed to simple noncompliance and lawlessness.

For the teaching staff who improperly called in sick to attend the walkout or otherwise improperly reported personal time, for the parents who elected to report their children as excused and, unfortunately, for the children themselves who lost yet another opportunity to engage with their peers in the school setting, the ordinary consequences for these actions must be imposed impartially and without favor. Certainly, the districts of Huntington Beach have suffered the consequence the organizers

dren be safe and in a safe environment be allowed to learn and develop the friendships and skills that will serve them a lifetime. In the genuine fog of uncertainty of a global pandemic, provoking elective fear to further a political agenda is unconscionable. Raising the concern we all feel for our children and our loved ones to the level of mortal terror and moral panic serves only to undermine our safety and the effectiveness of our educational institutions. It is a blow struck in the service of evil.

Galen Pickett Huntington Beach

Hoping to say goodbye to oil

Congratulations to Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr and Councilwoman Natalie Moser for spearheading a permanent ban on new offshore oil drilling.

Oil must be put in the collective rear-view mirror of our city, our nation and our earth as we drive toward a sustainable future.

Ben Miles Huntington Beach

Like we have done several times over the years, two of my baby boomer friends and I recently met to discuss the good, the bad and the ugly of life in America these days.

After we "solved" all of society's ills, we asked each other this question: What's one issue you would like resolved before you pass? One said, "An all-out, national commitment to solar energy." The other said, "The need for new approaches to solving homelessness." I connected the dots between 1985, when I first was involved in the issue and today, when I answered: "The need to permanently end offshore oil drilling off our coast."

The recent Orange County oil spill underscores our need to protect both the ocean and our way of life. The fact that the Laguna Beach and Huntington Beach city councils have formally adopted resolutions calling for an end to offshore oil drilling is a step in the right direction.

What's needed now is city council members in Santa Ana, Anaheim, Fullerton, Buena Park and other inland communities to step up and pass similar resolutions. Tar balls on our beaches aren't just problems for people lucky enough to live near the water, they potentially are economic disasters for everyone living in the county. To be honest, I don't know if my friends will live long enough to see their last bucket issues fulfilled, but I am certain we have the chance to see mine become a reality. It's been 36 years since I first was involved in the offshore oil fight. If enough people have the political will now, I believe we can solve this problem once and for all in the next 36 months.



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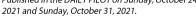
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of the walkout intended to engineer - a one-day loss of state revenue.

That the organizers of the walkout constructed the justification of their action upon the shifting sands of distortions of scientific fact with a clear intent to deceive is a matter of grave concern for members of the community of Huntington Beach (as I am) who are also members of the scientific community (as I am). When lies are designed and honed to provoke unreasoning and unreasonable fear, it is clear that the aim of the whole endeavor is to occlude the genuine interests of parents of children in the district: that our chil-

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would be for some of [the Veritone] executives to reach out and help a community school."

Meunier-Bogdan has a blended family with her husband, with five children ranging from eighth grade to Corona del Mar High School seniors. The blending of their two careers was born in early September.

The 15-minute Zoom session each week is informative, but light for the students. They get to ask questions, but also laugh and tell jokes. Meunier-Bogdan appoints a student as a CEO and a president, and they get to be in front for the meeting and introduce themselves to the executives.

Each week there's a different topic. The students heard from Hector Morales, a Veritone customer success manager who grew up in poverty in Compton but went on to get scholarships at UC Berkeley.

They also talked to Julie Harding, the company's vice president of people operations.

Denny Freidenrich

Laguna Beach

"She was talking about qualities she looks for in hiring candidates for jobs - hard-working, and people that are good communicators, people that can work on a team," Meunier-Bogdan said. "That was a pretty powerful one, as well.

Billie Whittaker, a student in the fourth-grade class at Victoria, said she has learned a lot about stocks and money during this fall's sessions.

The students also made their own businesses in class.

"It's really fun and it's really interesting," Billie said of the Zoom time with Veritone. "I feel really special that we're the class that gets to do it."

Scott Bogdan said the sessions have also been well-received by the executives within the company.

"I see the little glimmer in their eyes," he said. "It's fun giving back, too. It's been a great little morale booster internally. Everyone's jockeying for when they get to go do a session with the kiddos."

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SARAH'S STORY

An ER Doctor Fights—

and Defeats—Breast Cancer During Pandemic

Sarah worked on the front lines as an emergency room physician in the height of the COVID pandemic. Her world came to a halt when the mother of three found out she had an aggressive form of breast cancer. At Hoag, Sarah never felt like a number. Hoag saw her as a person, a mother and a fellow physician. Daily, she felt the support of a team fighting hard to get her back to being healthy for her family. Today, cancer-free, Sarah credits the care and support she received at Hoag for helping her defeat breast cancer once and for all.





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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL Costa Mesa clinches first playoff berth since 2013

BY MATT SZABO

It came down to a matter of inches.

On Friday night, the Costa Mesa High football team was trying to beat crosstown rival Estancia in the Battle for the Bell game for the first time since 2013.

That would secure a third-place finish in the Orange Coast League and a trip to the postseason, also for the first time in eight years.

Nobody said it would be easy, but a late goal-line stand propelled the Mustangs to a 14-7 home win in the regular-season finale for both schools. Costa Mesa students rushed the field to celebrate.

Costa Mesa (5-5, 3-2 in league) got city champions medals from Costa Mesa United, and a postgame dinner at Newport Rib Co. The Mustangs also get to practice next week.

Estancia (4-6, 1-4), which finished in fifth place in league, saw its season more than likely end.

'It means a lot, because it's been a long time since we've had the bell," said Mesa senior running back Kobe Lemari, who scored the go-ahead 12-yard touchdown run with 1:30 remaining in the game.

"It's good to have it back. I thank my teammates and my coaches for making this happen. It's not just me; it's



Photo by James Carbone

THE COSTA MESA HIGH football team celebrates after winning the Battle for the Bell game against Estancia on Friday night, winning the matchup for the first time since 2013.

my teammates."

The margin was razorthin. The Eagles drove the field and had a first-andgoal at the Costa Mesa oneyard line with 16 seconds remaining, after a 13-yard scamper by senior quarterback Cameron Knickerbocker. Estancia coach Mike Bargas used his final timeout.

Estancia ran an option, with Knickerbocker running right. He was met at the goal line by a group in-Simco, cluding John Kendrick Figueroa and Riley Weinstein.

Though the Eagles players initially celebrated, the referees said that Knicker-

bocker didn't get in. In the confusion, and without any timeouts, Estancia was unable to get another snap off before the clock hit zeroes.

The usually diplomatic Barga was furious after the game.

"They did not stop him," he said. "Worst officiating I've ever seen. I feel like we had to play against not only Costa Mesa but the officiating team as well. You know how I am, but that's a bunch of crap right there. They took the game away from our kids."

Bargas said he was also upset at a holding penalty called in the third quarter. The call negated a 25-yard touchdown run by Noah Aires that would have given Estancia a 14-7 lead.

"I think our kids played hard, and our defense was good," he said. "I'm not going to call them unlucky breaks ... we had a lot of nemeses on this field. I'm all about victory with honor, and I love the officiating crews. But tonight, I hope these guys really study this film.'

With the score tied 7-7, the game seemed destined for overtime late. Costa Mesa was faced with a fourth-and-14 situation from the Estancia 37-yard line, after junior quarterback Garrett Richards was

sacked by Estancia senior Marcos Linares.

But Richards went deep to his 6-foot-7 receiver, junior Riley Weinstein, who made a 20-foot catch in heavy traffic to keep the drive alive. A play later, Lemari found room rushing left and scored the go-ahead touchdown.

In the matchup between Weinstein and Estancia's 5foot-6 cornerback Asa Davis, Davis held his own, but Weinstein delivered with the game on the line.

Weinstein said he and Davis are friends, and shared some good-natured trash talk before the game.

"Before the game, everyone was like, 'We're going to need you to make a big-time play,' "Weinstein said. "I knew it was coming. I knew I had to do something, had to beat him. I just went up for it, and I was not dropping that ball."

Costa Mesa struck first on a 12-play drive that conwhen Richards cluded scored on a two-yard keeper. The Mustangs, who controlled the time of possession in the first half, led 7-0 at halftime.

The Mustangs almost had a 14-0 halftime lead. But on fourth-and-goal from the midway one-yard line through the second quarter, Richards was stuffed by Josh Romero. Oswaldo Sanchez recovered the fumble on the play.

Estancia tied the score on a one-yard touchdown run by Romero midway through the third quarter. The offenses sputtered, as the teams combined to turn the ball over on downs on three straight possessions before the Mustangs' eventual game-winning drive.

It may have been too close for comfort. But Costa Mesa, led by first-year coach Van Tuinei, owns the city again for the first time since 2013.

The Mustangs will find out their playoff division and first-round opponent when the CIF Southern Section releases the draws Sunday at 10 a.m.

'We knew it was going to come down to the wire, but not like that," said Tuinei, who played defensive end for four seasons in the NFL. "It was really close. It was a tough game, well-coached on both sides, but I'm glad our boys were able to pull it off. They had to dig deep for this one.

"I'm proud of them. They really wanted it, and the team that wanted it was going to win. I'm not going to take away [from Estancia]. They have a good team, they had a good game plan. But we also had a pretty good game plan against them, compared to the past. These kids stepped up.'

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL Marina falls to Katella in Big 4 League finale with CIF berth at stake

BY ANDREW TURNER

ANAHEIM — Two teams with struggling offenses took the field at Glover Stadium on Thursday, and with everything to play for, something had to give.

As it turned out, the Katella High School football team got right with its ground game against Mar-



ina in a game that both teams had to win.

Gabriel Dawson accumulated 203 yards from scrimmage and two touchdowns to lead the host Knights past the Vikings 28-7 in the teams' Big 4 League finale.

Dawson dazzled in turning nine carries into 155 rushing yards. He showcased his speed to gain the edge on a 52-yard touchdown that came just 10 seconds after Marina's only score of the night. In the second half, Daw-

son got the Knights out of the shadow of their own goalpost with a 35-yard run, one on which he displayed patience and vision to negotiate an escape route from the battle in the trenches.

"They try to get me to stay patient, to see the holes, because you can't rush through," Dawson said. "I'm a patient runner, and once I hit it, I hit it."

Katella (5-5, 1-2) greatly improved its chances of qualifying for the CIF Southern Section playoffs the pairings for which will be released on Sunday — by finishing the season with a .500 record, allowing the Knights to apply for an at-large berth.

Marina (3-7, 1-2) was left with the hope that Garden Grove (7-2, 2-0) would defeat Segerstrom (4-5, 1-1) on Friday, creating a threeway tie for second place in the league. That hope was dashed when Segerstrom earned a share of the league title by beating Garden Grove.

The Knights drove 70 yards on the opening drive of the contest, capping it with an 18-yard rushing touchdown by Aaron Ruiz.

Katella coach Juan Viramontes said he wanted his team to start the game with the ball to send a message that he had trust in their offense. It paid off.



"No matter what, I wanted the ball, and I wanted to put these guys there," Viramontes out said. "I wanted to tell them and make a statement that we wanted to run the ball and just keep MARINA'S AIDAN **O'CALLA-**GHAN catches a pass against Katella on Thursday.

James Carbone

last month, the perfect storm keeps hitting us," Turley said. "Last week, I thought our [offensive] line did real well. We didn't provide any protection. It just seems like each week, there was something else

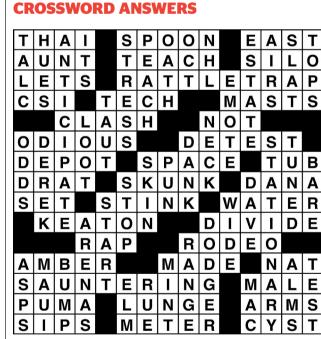
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forward going with them.'

Anthony Fabian got the Vikings on the board with a goal-line run at the start of the second quarter, tying the score at 7-7.

In a flash, the Knights regained the lead with Dawson's long run down the right sideline.

The junior running back would add a 20-yard rushing score, and Daunte Bell scored on a quarterback keeper with just 16 seconds left in the half, stretching the Knights' advantage to 28-7.

Starter Brock Beaver (113 yards) and backup quarterback Peter Kim (119 yards) split the snaps for Marina, which scored just two offensive touchdowns across its three league games.

"It just seems like this

we were misfiring on. We just kept struggling to bring it all together.

"It's hard. The kids were gutsy, they came out, they kept fighting. I'm very proud of the fact that they never stopped fighting."

Katella recorded seven sacks on defense, including 21/2 sacks by Daniel Viramontes, who also had an interception and recovered a fumble for the Knights.

"It feels really good because the past two games, we've been really down," Viramontes, a junior defensive end, said.

"A lot of people have been talking down on us, and now we can finally show what [kind of] team we are."

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