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THE CITY OF COSTA MESA along with the Orange County Health Care Agency and 360 Clinic are providing free COVID-19 testing at the Costa Mesa Senior Center on 19th Street, by appointment, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through March.

Costa Mesa offering free walk-up COVID-19 testing

The Orange County Health Care Agency logs 4,204 infections, 43 more deaths Saturday as the number of fatalities in O.C. rises to 2,041.

BY SARA CARDINE

While lines of cars at Orange County COVID-19 testing super sites continue to wrap around city blocks, area residents on Saturday took advantage of a new weekend testing option at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

A walk-up testing kiosk outside the 19th Street facility will offer free coronavirus swab testing, by appointment, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday through March.

Made possible by a partnership between the city of Costa Mesa, the Orange County

Health Care Agency and the 360 Clinic, the kiosk is anticipated to provide up to 500 tests per day.

Clinicians will be on hand to answer questions, and those tested will receive results within 24 to 72 hours via text message or email. Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley said in a release issued Thursday city officials were grateful to be able to offer testing options to even more residents.

"This new testing and health kiosk at our Senior Center will allow those who live on the Westside better access to testing and healthcare resources closer to home," Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley said in a statement. "Testing for COVID-19 is an important tool to help us get this virus under control."

Registration is available at 360clinic.md, and visitors must bring a form of identification and an insurance card, if available. Orange County Health Care Agency offi-

cial on Saturday recorded 4,204 new cases, bringing the cumulative total of coronavirus infections to 185,481 cases.

With 43 new deaths reported, the countywide fatality rate rose to 2,041.

Area hospitals reported 2,221 residents were being treated for COVID-19, with 528 in intensive care units. The county's seven-day average of new cases remained fixed Saturday at 67.8 per 100,000 residents.

Another 17,080 tests were issued, bringing the cumulative number of tests issued to 2,223,962 and accounting for a seven-day average testing positivity rate of 17.1%.

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

- Santa Ana: 34,258 cases; 393 deaths
- Anaheim: 31,432 cases; 432 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 7,446 cases; 113

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Foley kicks off virtual campaign in bid for supervisor

BY SARA CARDINE

With a special election for an open seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisors set for March 9, one hopeful — Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley — wasted no time pressing virtual flesh Saturday in an online campaign kickoff.

Supporters, volunteers and friends of the Democratic candidate gathered in a video conference call to learn what Foley has in store in the 60 days leading up to the election and her plans for the county if the campaign succeeds.

The recently reelected mayor took a moment to recognize riots Wednesday in Washington, D.C., in which five people were killed as a mob breached the U.S. Capitol, and the election Tuesday of U.S. senators Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff in Georgia that gave Democrats a potential advantage in Congress.

"America was under siege this weekend. We all survived, but we have much more work to do," she told a video crowd of nearly 150 people. "Now, we have to turn to Orange County — we have to galvanize more people."

Foley vowed to support organized labor and described her priorities in office would be overseeing COVID-19 vaccine distribution, getting businesses back up and running and protecting public employees and essential workers, in part, by continuing to support mask wearing in public.

She said she'd also side with teachers on education and mental health issues, work with cities to reduce homelessness and focus on creating a climate action plan to reduce greenhouse emissions.

Those views would place her in a minority on the five-person board, whose remaining members favor the Republican party 3 to 1. Undaunted, Foley said Saturday the county is due for a change.

"We cannot forget all the people who are suffering right now from poor leadership, from the very top all the way down to the county," she said. "We need

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Debunking the myths of COVID-19 vaccine

BY TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

DEAR MAYO CLINIC: There has been a lot of news coverage about the forthcoming COVID-19 vaccines, but the more I read, the more I am confused about whether these vaccines will be safe and effective. Can you clear up some of the mystery?

ANSWER: As the COVID-19 pandemic has continued around the world, the brightest hope for ending the pandemic has been the vaccines being developed.

People have been sharing a lot of claims and misinformation, and this may make you hesitant as to whether these COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

Below are the top myths and facts about COVID-19 vaccines:

Myth: The COVID-19 vaccine

isn't safe because it was rapidly developed.

Fact: Many pharmaceutical companies invested significant resources into quickly developing a vaccine for COVID-19 because of the worldwide effects of the pandemic. The emergency situation warranted an emergency response, but that doesn't mean that companies bypassed safety protocols or performed inadequate testing.

Mayo Clinic recommends the use of vaccines that we are confident are safe. While there are many COVID-19 vaccine candidates in development, the Pfizer vaccine is the first authorized for emergency use by the FDA.

This vaccine was created using new technology based on the molecular structure of the virus that allows it to be free

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OBITUARY



Richard Drew | Associated Press

DODGERS MANAGER Tommy Lasorda autographs a baseball inside the Dodgertown locker room on Feb. 15, 1990.

Heart attack claims the life of Dodgers legendary manager Tom Lasorda, 93

BY HELENE ELLIOTT

Tom Lasorda, who in 20 years as the Dodgers manager won two World Series championships, four National League pennants and eight division titles and always insisted that he bled Dodger blue out of loyalty to the organization, has died at age 93.

The vibrant and voluble Lasorda spent 71 seasons with the Dodgers and was among the few remaining links to the club's Brooklyn roots. In and out of the hospital in recent years for heart, back and shoulder problems, Lasorda died of a heart attack Thursday night, according to the Dodgers.

He had returned to his Fullerton home Tuesday from an extended stay in the hospital and at

10:09 p.m. Thursday suffered a sudden cardiopulmonary arrest. He was transported to the hospital with resuscitation in progress and was pronounced dead at 10:57 p.m.

A friend to presidents and Little Leaguers, a devout Catholic with a talent for rapid-fire profanity, a self-promoter who tirelessly raised funds for convents and disaster victims through banquets and speeches, Lasorda spanned several eras in baseball and — along with Vin Scully and Sandy Koufax — achieved near-mythical status among loyal Dodger fans.

"My family, my partners and I were blessed to have spent a lot of time with Tommy," said Mark Walter, Dodgers owner and chairman. "He was a great ambassador for

the team and baseball, a mentor to players and coaches, he always had time for an autograph and a story for his many fans and he was a good friend. He will be dearly missed."

"In a franchise that has celebrated such great legends of the game, no one who wore the uniform embodied the Dodger spirit as much as Tommy Lasorda," Dodger President and CEO Stan Kasten said. "A tireless spokesman for baseball, his dedication to the sport and the team he loved was unmatched. He was a champion who at critical moments seemingly willed his teams to victory. The Dodgers and their fans will miss him terribly. Tommy is quite

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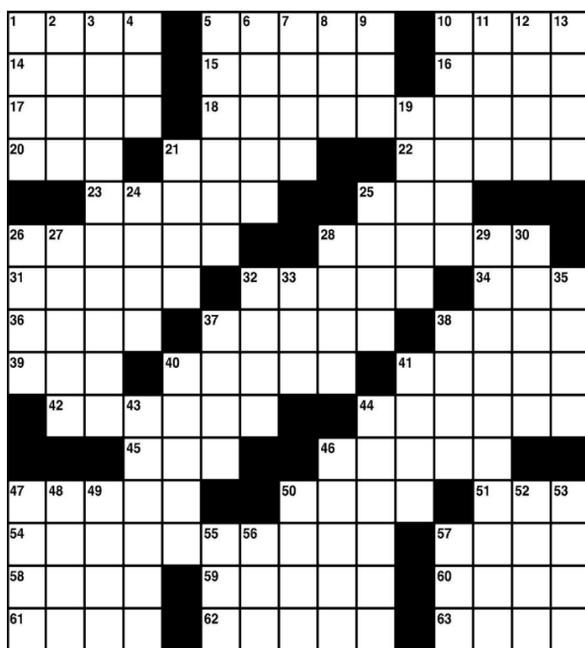
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

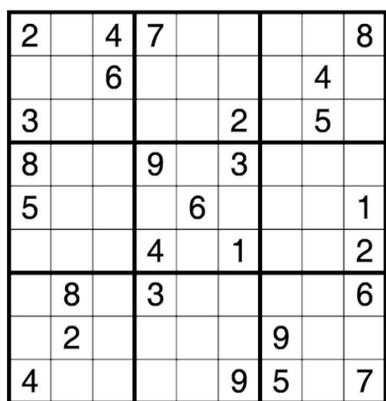
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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



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

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 1 Scalp problem
 2 "When the frost _ the punkinÉ"
 3 Interfering
 4 Flying insect
 5 Overcast
 6 Hay storage areas in barns
 7 On the _; mad at each other
 8 "What's the _?"; cry of despair
 9 Half a score
 10 Kilts & tutus
 11 Star car, perhaps
 12 Fills with amazement

- 13 Insightful
 19 Minute
 21 "Phooey!"
 24 Devours
 25 Jewels
 26 Spinning toys
 27 Of the countryside
 28 _ in; wearing
 29 Neglected
 30 Kenmore appliance maker
 32 Transients
 33 Foreign friend
 35 Maple or magnolia
 37 Bounce off a cell phone tower
 38 Argument
 40 Vagabond
 41 Life _; years of existence
 43 Lend a hand to
 44 Not as fresh
 46 Terrify
 47 Grouch
 48 Roll call response
 49 _ up; misbehaves
 50 "Get lost!"
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 53 Catch a glimpse of
 55 Knock
 56 Have debts
 57 Neighbor of Canada: abbr.

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Sex offender faces felony charges after alleged assault spree in H.B.

BY SARA CARDINE

A transient sex offender from Anaheim is facing felony charges after he reportedly exposed himself and attempted to grope at least three women during a recent sexual assault spree in downtown Huntington Beach, police officials reported.

Huntington Beach police Lt. Brian Smith said Justin Wayne Goodgame was being held in the Orange County Men's Jail as of Friday on \$1 million bail after entering multiple businesses Tuesday — his 28th birthday — and sexually assaulting women who worked there.

"At 11:53 in the morning we got the first report from an employee of a business in the downtown area that the suspect had sexually assaulted her and grabbed her in an intimate area," Smith reported. "He was gone by the time the officers got there."

At one point, upon seeing the police nearby, Goodgame took off on foot and a search was initiated. A second call to the station came in at 12:33 p.m., indicating a man matching the

suspect's description had entered a second business and allegedly grabbed another female victim, sexually assaulting her, Smith said.

"Based on his actions and statements, we believe he had the intent to rape her," he added.

Smith said the woman began yelling and managed to extricate herself from the situation. A group of citizens in the vicinity were alerted and, seeing Goodgame, began pursuing him. They managed to detain him until police arrived at the scene.

"We took him into custody and, while we were doing that, we were contacted by another female victim who reported he'd gone into her place of business at around 11 a.m. and exposed his genitals," Smith said.

Goodgame, a registered sex offender and convicted felon, was charged with three felony counts for kidnapping to commit robbery, rape, oral copulation or sodomy, attempted forcible rape and sexual battery, according to court records.

He also faces five misde-

meanor charges, including indecent exposure, touching the intimate part of another person and failing to re-register as a sex offender.

Convicted in 2015 on felony charges of second-degree burglary, Goodgame has been arrested several times in recent years, mainly on misdemeanor charges, including annoying or molesting children in 2018 and indecent exposure and lewd conduct in public in 2017, records indicate. He received jail time for both incidents.

Goodgame was last arrested Oct. 27 for failing to re-register as a sex offender, according to court records. He pled guilty on Nov. 3 and was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail, but Smith said Saturday he was released sometime in December.

Goodgame is scheduled to appear in Orange County Superior Court for a Jan. 22 arraignment hearing, at which time he will be asked to answer to the charges against him.

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AROUND TOWN

Speak Up Newport Beach to host webinar on housing needs allocation numbers

Speak Up Newport Beach is hosting a webinar on the city's regional housing needs allocation numbers on Jan. 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. Those numbers quantify the need for housing.

Cities are not required to directly build the houses, but must accommodate for it through zoning for residential development.

Current draft numbers hold Newport Beach accountable for 4,834 units. The city of Newport Beach submitted its appeal of those numbers in October.

The webinar will include Larry Tucker, the chair of the housing element update committee, and community development director Seimone Jurjis.

To sign up, visit [us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tuvvq4mg9TiCmrHcNvgUNjA](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7434444444).

For more information on the webinar, visit speakupnewport.com/new-housing-units.

Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce to install board of directors

The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce will conduct its annual board of directors installation via Zoom on Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

J.J. Ballesteros, chairman of the board of directors, will preside over the ceremonies. Mayor Bob Whelan will preside over the installation of the board officers.

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COMMENTARY | **RONNETTA JOHNSON AND SANDRA MORGAN**

Better understanding how human trafficking works in Orange County

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and a crucial time to better understand human trafficking and learn to spot the signs of this heinous and pervasive crime that has benefited from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Pre-pandemic, this business was generating roughly \$150 billion per year for traffickers worldwide. Now, with millions of people seeking work, traffickers are preying on the desperate and the vulnerable to grow the crime. They recruit laborers through false advertisements of good-paying jobs and offer young people and children an escape from the tension and violence in homes falling apart due to unemployment, abuse or other trauma — then traffick them into the commercial sex industry.

Make no mistake, human trafficking occurs in Orange County. As service providers, victim advocates and educators who work in partnership with law enforcement agencies and on behalf of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF), we know firsthand the horrors of human trafficking. Collectively, we coordinate an informed response to human trafficking by working with subject matter experts and community partners who provide accurate information based on victim and perpetrator engagement and real-time fieldwork.

That said, we are concerned by the sensationalized, inaccurate and misleading information circulating on online platforms and among communities in Orange County.

Images of children locked in cages or rumors of kids being kidnapped when parents turn their back are instilling unnecessary fear in the community. Further, this information does not match the facts of how human trafficking occurs.

THE TRUTH ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF MINORS

After more than a decade of combating human trafficking in Orange County and dealing with perpetrators and victims from across the United States, we find that the following is true:

The majority of U.S. female sex trafficking victims are not kidnapped. Most victims have an existing relationship with their trafficker. It is often that a relationship begins online, the victim is “groomed” over time and is eventually coerced into selling sex. Some even consider the trafficker a



Courtesy of Waymakers

FOREIGN DELEGATION human trafficking training takes place at the Anaheim Police Department.

“boyfriend” when the cycle of abuse begins. The “girlfriend(s)” are pressured to sell sex and hand over the money to their trafficker.

Out of the hundreds of Orange County victims encountered by the task force, very few have met the legal definition of having been kidnapped. The truth remains that vulnerable minors are more likely to be “recruited” by someone with whom they have developed a relationship, in person or online, than by a stranger.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children acknowledges that, while any child can be targeted, traffickers largely prey on vulnerable youth — including children who frequently run away; those who have been sexually abused or raped; children with substance abuse issues and LGBTQ youth who have been kicked out of their homes or stigmatized by their families.

Unfortunately, sharing inaccurate social media posts can divert investigative and support resources from actual trafficking crimes. If we are looking for the wrong signs, it's more likely that we will miss this crime when it happens right in front of us. As digital citizens, we must vet information we see

online through credible sources before sharing it. Passing along anecdotal, manipulated or myth-based incidents takes precious energy and resources away from actual victims in Orange County.

During National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we must all stay aware of this global problem that affects us locally and act responsibly when sharing information or reporting suspicious incidents. It starts with knowledge: Helpful resources include the Polaris Project and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Visit the OCHTTF to see how the task force is combating human trafficking locally or listen to free podcasts hosted by the Global Center for Women.

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MAILBAG

Newport Beach offers a Fire Medics Program

When I lived on the peninsula, my next-door neighbor was a vibrant young professional who loved to do two things, surf and to go to church. Ralphie had an indelible smile and had a laugh that would make us giggle so hard that we would snort!

We referred to our little community on 28th Street, as “The gang that couldn't shoot straight.” We took care of each other and we watched out for each other, we considered each other as family.

As the winters slowly turned into summers, Ralphie stopped surfing and was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, (a type of cancer that forms in the bone marrow.) We collectively took care of Ralphie and on several occasions we had to call the paramedics.

One sunny Saturday afternoon, I headed out for my walk, when I suddenly received a call from Ralphie, picking up the phone I could hear fear and panic in his voice. He cried, “Peggy, hurry back home and take me to the hospital, I think that I have broken my arm.”

I replied, “Ralphie, let me call the paramedics.” He begged, “Please no, I can't afford it.” (I did not understand at the time what he meant.)

I was able to transport Ralphie in my car to Hoag, where he underwent surgery to “pin” together his bones in his arm. As fall approached, we helped Ralphie return to Texas to be with his family, where he eventually succumbed to the disease.

Ironically, a paramedic moved into Ralphie's little beach cottage. He informed me about the Fire Medics Program that is offered through the Newport Beach Fire Department. For a base fee of \$60 per year, a membership will cover you and your family for unlimited paramedic services with no out-of-pocket expenses. There is also a Newport Beach Business Membership available too.

I am appreciative that the Newport Beach Fire Department

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

Singular or plural? Making the best choice with the conjunction 'or'

Over the years, I've learned a lot about English grammar and usage — most of which I promptly forgot.

And not for lack of use. Every day I apply what I've learned to catch and fix writers' mistakes. Yet I regularly find myself stumped by some language or editing conundrum whose answer I used to know.

Here's an example: "How to know if you or a loved one have coverage." When I came across a sentence like this recently, I didn't notice the verb. Nor did I notice the verb in a nearly identical phrase that appeared later: "How to know if you or a loved one has coverage."

Eventually I saw they were different. "Have," in the first example, is conjugated for the second-person singular subject: "you have." In the second exam-

ple, "has" is conjugated for the third-person singular: "a loved one has."

I've tackled these "or" situations hundreds of times over the years. But this time I just couldn't remember which one was correct. So I had to brush up on the rules.

As I relearned, the answer isn't simple. "Or" is unique among conjunctions because the way it joins nouns has a different meaning than the way its fellow conjunction "and" joins nouns. When a compound subject contains "and," it's easy to make the verb match: You and a loved one have coverage. By nature, "and" makes singular things plural: Ned is. Nancy is. Ned and Nancy are. It's obvious you need the plural verb.

"Or" is similar to "and" — it's a conjunction that can join

nouns. But instead of combining the nouns to form a plural subject, it excludes one of the nouns. It tells you that either the first or the second noun applies to the verb, but not both: Ned is. Nancy is. Ned or Nancy is.

When both nouns joined by "or" are singular, the verb form is easy: It's singular, as we saw in "Ned or Nancy is." When both nouns joined by "or" are plural, the verb is plural: "Coyotes or dogs are."

But when one is singular and one is plural, which one governs the verb? "Coyotes or the dog is digging in the yard"? Or "Coyotes or the dog are digging in the yard"?

There's no formal rule, but there's a clear standard. When "or" joins nouns of different number "the principle of prox-

imity tends to be called in, and the verb agrees with the nearest noun," according to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage. So it would be correct to say, "Coyotes or the dog is digging in the yard."

If you switch the order of nouns, that would change the verb: "The dog or coyotes are digging in the yard." Whichever noun is closest to the verb governs it.

That may seem arbitrary, but it's as good a system as any I could invent. We don't know whether the dog is digging in the yard or coyotes are digging in the yard. It's anybody's guess. So you might as well use the verb that sounds better.

A longer, more convoluted example better illustrates the wisdom of this system: "I or the many people who visit your

home every year with their spouses and children am responsible for the stain on your carpet." If we were to insist that the verb match the first noun, you'd need "am" to correspond to "I." But the plural noun that follows, "people," modified by all the other plural stuff like "spouses" and "children," moves you so far away from the "I" subject that "am" would sound ridiculous.

So while there's no rule the requires you to make the verb match the nearest noun, it's clearly the best choice. I'll try to remember that.

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MAILBAG

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offers this service to its residents; I just wished I had known about it earlier for Ralphie.

I encourage residents to learn more and to enroll in this program. Information on the Fire Medic Subscription Program can be found on the City's website: bit.ly/3bpSjQ8 or call (949) 644-3383.

Peggy V. Palmer
Newport Beach

Ortiz inspires motto idea

I've been following the COVID-19-related events in Huntington Beach for the past several months including the most recent involving Mayor Pro Tem Tito Ortiz's refusal to wear a mask at council meetings.

I suggest a new city motto for Huntington Beach: "Live Free and Die."

Thank you for your newspaper.

Don Becker
Corona del Mar

The mentality of protesters

Re: Matt Szabo's report on the protest in Huntington Beach in the Daily Pilot while the recent riot took place in our nation's capital raises the issue of what type of individuals would see this as a legitimate



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

NEWPORT BEACH paramedic Steve Martin at the Newport Beach Fire Station 8 in 2018. Martin saved a man's life by performing CPR on him while off duty in his neighborhood in Huntington Beach. A reader suggests Newport residents consider a Fire Medic Program offered by the city that would save money in the case of a health emergency.

protest.

What could have motivated them to place their life on the line to enable an individual who is unable to accept reality

and spread conspiracy theories about the election being stolen without any shred of evidence?

Even before the election took place in

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2015 and 2020, the president placed doubts on the outcome saying that if he lost the election it had to be rigged. What type of mentality would fall for this empty rhetoric?

The U.S. has always had two main parties and people being conservative, centrist or liberal, but to side with a racist, bigoted, unscrupulous individual can only take place if your thought processes are similar or identical.

This would explain how dictators can gain support if they provide the masses with their wants no matter how selfish or bigoted they are.

Now that they have been thrown under the bus will they change their minds about this individual? Doubtful.

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from materials of animal origin and synthesized by an efficient, cell-free process without preservatives. This vaccine developed by Pfizer/BioNTech has been studied in approximately 43,000 people.

To receive emergency use authorization, the biopharmaceutical manufacturer must have followed at least half of the study participants for at least two months after completing the vaccination series, and the vaccine must be proven safe and effective in that population.

In addition to the safety review by the FDA, the Advisory Committee on Immunization has convened a panel of experts to independently evaluate the safety data from the clinical trial. Mayo Clinic vaccine experts also will review the available data.

The safety of COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be closely monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the FDA.

Myth: I already had COVID-19, so I don't need to get the vaccine.

Fact: There is not enough information currently available to say if or for how long after infection someone is protected from getting COVID-19 again. This is called natural immunity.

Early evidence suggests natural immunity from COVID-19 may not last very long, but more studies are needed.

Mayo Clinic recommends getting the COVID-19 vaccine even if you've had COVID-19 previously. However, those who have had COVID-19 should delay vaccination until about 90 days from diagnosis. People should not get vaccinated if in quarantine after exposure or if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Myth: There are severe side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Fact: COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to have short-term mild or moderate vaccine reactions that resolve without complication or injury.

The early phase studies of the Pfizer vaccine show that it is safe. About 15% of people developed short-lived symptoms at the site

of the injection. Half developed systemic reactions, primarily headache, chills, fatigue or muscle pain or fever lasting a day or two.

Keep in mind that these side effects indicate that your immune system is responding to the vaccine and are common when receiving vaccines.

Myth: I won't need to wear a mask after I get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Fact: It may take time for everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccination to get one. Also, while the vaccine may prevent you from getting sick, it is unknown at this time if you can still carry and transmit the virus to others after vaccination.

Until more is understood about how well the vaccine works, continuing with precautions such as mask-wearing, physical distancing and washing hands frequently will be important.

Myth: More people will die as a result of a negative side effect to the COVID-19 vaccines than would actually die from the virus.

Fact: There is a claim circulating on social media that COVID-19's mortality rate is 1%-2% and that people should not be vaccinated against a virus with such a high survival rate. However, a 1% mortality rate is 10 times more lethal than the seasonal flu. In addition, mortality rates can vary widely and is influenced by age, sex and underlying health conditions.

While some people that receive the vaccine may develop symptoms as their immune system responds, remember that this is a common reaction when receiving any vaccine and these symptoms are not considered serious or life-threatening. You cannot get COVID-19 from the COVID-19 vaccines; they are inactivated vaccines, not live vaccines.

It's important to recognize that getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is not just about survival from COVID-19. It's about preventing spread of the virus to others and preventing infection that can lead to long-term negative health effects.

While no vaccine is 100% effective, they are far better than not getting vaccinated. The benefits

outweigh the risks in healthy people.

Myth: The COVID-19 vaccine was developed as a way to control the general population either through microchip tracking or nano transducers in our brains.

Fact: There is no vaccine "microchip," and the vaccine will not track people or gather personal information into a database.

This myth started after comments made by Bill Gates from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation about a digital certificate of vaccine records. The technology he was referring to is not a microchip, has not been implemented in any manner, and is not tied to the development, testing or distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Myth: The COVID-19 vaccine will alter my DNA.

Fact: The first COVID-19 vaccines to reach the market are likely to be messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines. According to the CDC, mRNA vaccines work by instructing cells in the body how to make a protein that triggers an immune response. Injecting mRNA into your body will not interact or do anything to the DNA of your cells. Human cells break down and get rid of the mRNA soon after they have finished using the instructions.

Myth: The COVID-19 vaccines were developed using fetal tissue.

Fact: Current mRNA COVID-19 vaccines were not created with and do not require the use of fetal cell cultures in the production process.

More information will be forthcoming as vaccines become available in your area. Even after being vaccinated for COVID-19, you should continue to wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands often. Learn more in Mayo Clinic's FAQs on COVID-19 vaccines. — *Compiled by Mayo Clinic staff*

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deaths
• Costa Mesa: 6,193 cases; 56 deaths
• Irvine: 6,958 cases; 28 deaths
• Newport Beach: 2,617 cases; 32 deaths
• Fountain Valley: 2,423 cases; 33 deaths
• Laguna Beach: 568 cases; fewer than five deaths

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

• 0 to 17: 17,836 cases; one death
• 18 to 24: 25,823 cases; five deaths
• 25 to 34: 38,150 cases;

27 deaths
• 35 to 44: 29,311 cases; 86 deaths
• 45 to 54: 30,008 cases; 146 deaths
• 55 to 64: 23,057 cases; 277 deaths
• 65 to 74: 11,478 cases; 390 deaths
• 75 to 84: 5,751 cases; 469 deaths
• 85 and older: 3,946 cases; 680 deaths

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Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

A NEW walk-up kiosk outside the Costa Mesa Senior Center is anticipated to provide up to 500 COVID-19 swab tests per day.

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better leadership."

Foley is one of three candidates who've taken initial steps in filing with the Orange County Registrar of Voters to fill the 2nd Supervisorial District seat left vacant by Michelle Steel who now represents California's 48th District in U.S. House of Representatives.

Former state Sen. John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa), who lost a reelection bid in November but previously served as a 2nd District supervisor from 2006 to 2015, publicly announced his candidacy in November and pulled candidate papers on Jan. 6.

Huntington Beach Councilman Mike Posey has announced his intentions to run but has yet to take action, while an online candidate filing log maintained by the Registrar of Voters lists another candidate, Janet Rappaport.

Several Democratic lawmakers vowed to support Foley's candidacy Saturday, including Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach), state Sen. Josh Newman (D-Fullerton) and state Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine), who unseated Moorlach in the Nov. 3 election.

Petrie-Norris said the



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COSTA MESA Mayor Katrina Foley, who's announced she will run for the 2nd District seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, presides over a virtual campaign kickoff Saturday.

stakes of the March 9 special election will be incredibly high, given what she called the board's "deep failure" during the coronavirus pandemic.

"They have politicized this pandemic. They have jeopardized public health, and they have deepened this crisis for workers, for families and small businesses across the county," she said. "It is time for a change — Katrina Foley is the right leader to elect to the board right now."

Min said a vote for Moorlach would further the board's radicalized, anti-science agenda, while Newman shared his hope Foley's election could help Orange County Democrats make further inroads in an erstwhile GOP stronghold.

"There are five people on the board, and who those five people are makes a huge difference, especially on the most important issues of our time," Newman said. "Three of five is the magic number and you can't get to three until you get to two. Katrina's election is our Georgia."

The hour-long kickoff raised more than \$9,300 for Foley's campaign, while volunteers eagerly signed up for volunteer phone- and text-banking shifts in the months ahead.

"It's an incredible time in Orange County," Foley told supporters. "There's so much work to do, and I am ready to do the work."

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Hoag Classic golf tournament in Newport postponed indefinitely

BY MATT SZABO

The Hoag Classic golf tournament, a staple of the PGA Tour Champions at Newport Beach Country Club, was postponed indefinitely Friday due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The tournament, which is put on by Hoag, was scheduled for March 1-7.

"From our perspective, Hoag Hospital's job is to keep the community healthy, not to put anybody in position to contract this illness," Hoag Classic executive director Jeff Purser said. "Even doing something skeletal, a very scaled-down event, is not in the best interests of Hoag and not in the best interests of our community, the club and everyone involved."

The Hoag Classic, formerly known as the Toshiba Classic, is one of the most popular PGA Tour Champions events. It has been won twice by Hale Irwin, Fred Couples and Jay Haas, while Ernie Els was the 2020 tournament winner.

The 2021 edition would mark the 26th year of the tournament overall, and its 23rd year being managed by Hoag. The tournament has raised more than \$20 million over the years for Hoag and other local charities.

Purser said he is hopeful, but not opti-

mistic that the tournament will be able to be rescheduled for later this year.

"The challenge is that it would be difficult to do this at Newport Beach Country Club," Purser said. "You can imagine all of the weddings and events that have been put on the back burner due to COVID over the last year. The last thing we want to do is be in a position where we're interfering with, and really interrupting, the club's very busy time of year with its member activities. We 1,000% do not want to ask somebody to reschedule a wedding or another charity function again, for the tournament."

"It's not just the week of the tournament. We're there six weeks for buildup, the week of the event and a couple of weeks for tear-down ... I think for us to play, we'd have to find another place to play, and I'm not sure that's a great move."

Purser said tournament officials will focus on coming back in 2022, unless major progress is made in fighting the pandemic over the next couple of months. That could possibly enable a scaled-back tournament later in 2021, he said.

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AROUND TOWN

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The 2021 Laguna Beach board of directors includes Ballesteros, Chairman-Elect Julie Laughton, Vice-Chairman Dave Rubel, Treasurer Doug Vogel and Secretary Paula Hornbuckle-Arnold.

Carmelit Green, Mark Meisberger, Reinhard Neubert, Craig Strong, Tyler Russell, Jeff Redeker, Jenna Cassidy and Hasty Honarkar are the other directors.

Cassidy, a new board member, is the partner and principal consultant at Laguna Ventures.

The installation can be viewed post-event at lagnabeachchamber.org.

Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce to hold virtual update

The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce will hold a virtual "AM Connect" event on Zoom Friday, beginning at 8 a.m.

The discussion will center around the chamber's past accomplishments, present opportunities and challenges and plans for the future.

Scheduled guest speakers include Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Chairman Bruce Berman, Chair-

Elect John Villa and immediate past Chairman Sheik Sattaur.

Mayor Kim Carr will also provide a brief city update.

The virtual event is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Those interested must register in advance at hbchamber.com to receive the Zoom link.

Pretend City Children's Museum in Irvine to host parent webinar

The Pretend City Children's Museum in Irvine will be hosting a winter parent webinar series through March.

On Jan. 20, parents can join guest experts and the museum's education team to discuss wellness and care for both the parent and the family unit as a collective.

February's topics discuss race, how to have those conversations with children and building inclusion and diversity. March deals with science, math and technology.

It also discusses screens and young children.

Sessions will be held on Feb. 3 and 17 and on March 3 and 17. All webinars go from 6 to 7 p.m.

To register, visit eventbrite.com/pretend-city-winter-parent-webinar-series-tickets-135394527677.

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simply irreplaceable and unforgettable.”

He was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame by the veterans committee in 1997, his first year of eligibility, and the Dodgers later retired his uniform number, 2. Four years after he retired as a major league manager, he guided the lightly regarded U.S. Olympic baseball team to a gold medal at the 2000 Sydney Games.

He retained the title of special advisor to the Dodgers' chairman, most recently reporting directly to controlling owner Mark Walter. His last known public appearance was at Game 6 of the 2020 World Series in Arlington, Texas, where he saw the team he guided for so many years finally win another title.

"[Lasorda's] passion, success, charisma and sense of humor turned him into an international celebrity, a stature that he used to grow our sport," MLB commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "Tommy welcomed Dodger players from Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Japan, South Korea and elsewhere — making baseball a stronger, more diverse and better game."

As a player, Lasorda was a fearless but unpolished left-handed pitcher who was demoted to the minor leagues when the Dodgers needed to open a roster spot for a promising kid named Sandy Koufax.

Lasorda compiled an 0-4 record over parts of three seasons with the Brooklyn Dodgers and Kansas City Athletics and spent 14 seasons in the minor leagues before he began working his way up the ladder of the Dodger organization as a manager.

Lasorda ate with the same gusto that he managed, earning the nickname "Tommy Lasagna." Although he famously became a pitchman for a weight-loss aid and shed 40 pounds on a dare in 1988, he was instantly recognizable for his rotund figure

and the sagging pouches under his eyes. Despite his 1,599 victories and the Dodgers' World Series titles in 1981 and 1988, Lasorda was never considered a great innovator or tactician. But he had an unerring gut sense of how to manage players, and was, unquestionably, a great motivator. And through seven decades as a player, scout, coach, manager, interim general manager and advisor, he remained an unabashed cheerleader for the Dodgers.

"No one knows how good a manager he is — it's an imprecise science — but he was good enough to get in four World Series and he was the best there ever was at taking a bunch of moderately talented kids out of the minor leagues and making them think they were the 1927 Yankees," Times columnist Jim Murray wrote in 1990. "No one has yet been able to figure to this day how he got the 1988 team in the World Series, never mind winning it in five games."

Thomas Charles Lasorda was born Sept. 22, 1927, in the Italian American section of Norristown, Pa., outside Philadelphia. The second of Carmella and Sabatino Lasorda's five sons was pugnacious, but as much as he loved fighting, he loved baseball even more. Money was tight, though, and he had to work every summer. He took jobs as a bellhop and laid track for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He was signed by the Phillies out of Norristown High before the 1945 season. He spent two years in the military and was chosen by the Dodgers in the 1948 minor league draft. Although he thrived in the minors, once recording 25 strikeouts in a Class C game, he couldn't crack the Dodgers' strong pitching staff.

He made his major league debut on Aug. 5, 1954, appearing in four games that season and four the next season. His most noteworthy feat was tying a record by unleashing three wild pitches in a single inning. He was purchased by the Athletics in March 1956

and pitched in the minors until 1960. Lasorda became a scout for the Dodgers in 1961, then in 1965 became a manager in the Dodgers' minor league system. In Pocatello, Idaho, and Ogden, Utah, he sold tickets, took tickets and cooked team meals. He'd squirt opposing fans with water guns or stage fights, anything to ignite team spirit.

His antics were entertaining, but he backed them with good results and was promoted to manage at the triple-A level in Spokane, Wash., from 1969-71 and in Albuquerque in 1972. His teams won five pennants in seven seasons, and 75 players he managed made it to the major leagues.

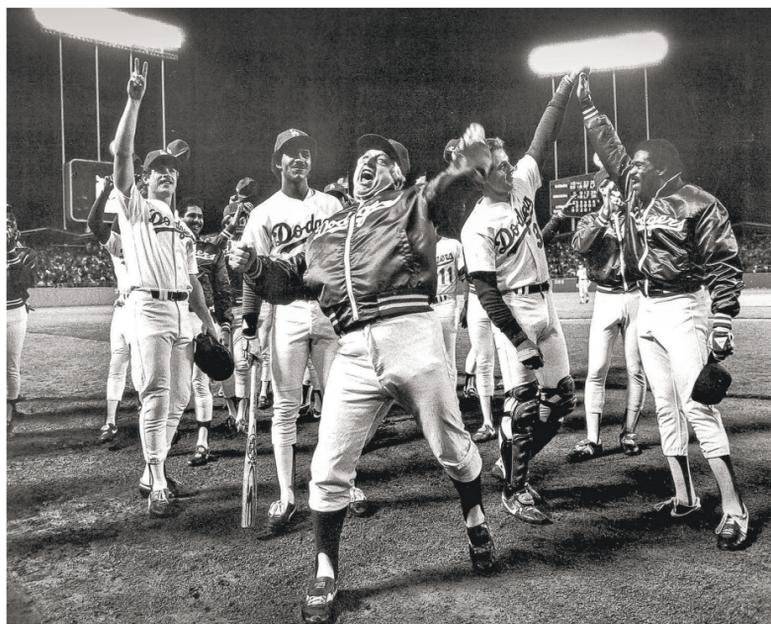
By the time Lasorda wore a major league uniform again, this time as a coach, the Dodgers had long before left Brooklyn for Los Angeles. He became the third base coach in 1973 for Walter Alston, the club's longtime manager.

Alston retired on Sept. 29, 1976, after Lasorda had rejected a number of offers from other teams to manage while waiting for Alston to step aside. Lasorda inherited a terrific infield of Steve Garvey at first base, Davey Lopes at second base, Bill Russell at shortstop and Ron Cey at third base. Lasorda had managed all four in the minors.

Lasorda's personality ensured that the atmosphere around the Dodgers would be lively. The first thing he did in 1977 was move the manager's office from the cubicle Alston had used to a larger room that could hold a TV set, couches and a postgame buffet. He invited players to drop in, sample the food and chat.

Fans loved the new, more colorful Dodgers. Home attendance surpassed 3 million for the first time in 1978 and peaked at 3.6 million in 1982, which was the club record until 2006.

"Some managers are worth five games a year to their franchises. Sagacious moves can account for that much success. Tommy Lasorda is worth something more — a few hundred



Jayne Kamin | Los Angeles Times

TOMMY LASORDA celebrates with his players after winning the NL West title in 1983.

thousand in attendance," Murray wrote in 1988.

But Lasorda's colorful personality sometimes strayed off-course.

During the 1977 World Series, he agreed to wear a microphone for enhanced TV coverage.

After the New York Yankees got three straight hits off Dodger pitcher Doug Rau in Game 4, Lasorda went to the mound and confronted Rau and the two went at it in an expletive-filled conversation that — while it never made it onto air — later became a favorite internet sound bite.

How much of it was a genuine display of temper, and how much was contrived by Lasorda to give the reliever in the bullpen time to loosen up is a matter of debate.

Lasorda ran afoul of a microphone the following season, too. Asked what he thought of Dave Kingman's three home run performance for the Chicago Cubs in defeating the Dodgers, Lasorda exploded in an obscenity-laced tirade that lives on in transcripts and on the web.

It was all part of Lasorda's style. He'd love his players

one minute and curse them the next.

Lasorda told The Times in 1999 that he had brought "a whole new philosophy of managing" when he succeeded Alston.

"I wanted my players to be proud of the organization and I wanted them to be proud of the uniform they were wearing," he said. "I used to tell them say thank you to the fans. If it weren't for those people, we wouldn't be doing what we're doing. You have to show your appreciation."

He won National League pennants in his first two full seasons, 1977 and 1978. Both years, the Dodgers lost the World Series to the Yankees.

They returned to the World Series in the strike-torn 1981 season, the year rookie pitching sensation Fernando Valenzuela took the baseball world by storm and touched off "Fernandomania."

They lost the first two games of the World Series to the Yankees but swept the last four games, winning the franchise's fifth championship and first since 1965.

Lasorda was blessed with a prolific farm system that

produced four consecutive rookie of the year winners from 1979 through 1982, in pitchers Valenzuela, Rick Sutcliffe and Steve Howe and second baseman Steve Sax. A young Dodgers team in 1983 won 91 games and captured the National League West but lost to the Phillies in the league championship series.

After missing the playoffs in 1984, the 1985 team won 95 games to finish first in the division. The Dodgers, matched up against the St. Louis Cardinals in the NL Championship Series, were on the brink of elimination and clinging to a 5-4 lead in the top of the ninth with two outs when Jack Clark stepped to the plate with runners on second and third.

Clark, a much-feared right-handed hitter, was batting .381 in the playoffs; on deck was Andy Van Slyke, who was batting .091. With first base open, logic dictated that Lasorda would tell reliever Tom Niedenfuer to walk Clark and face Van Slyke, or pull Niedenfuer and bring in left-hander

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Jerry Reuss. The Dodgers had intentionally walked Clark three times in the series.

But Lasorda kept Niedenfuer in the game and the move backfired spectacularly when Clark hit a fast-ball into the left-field stands for a three-run home run that put the Cardinals ahead to stay and launched them into the World Series. "I feel like jumping off the

nearest bridge," Lasorda said later.

Even after discounting Lasorda's gift for hyperbole, the 1988 World Series matchup against the Oakland Athletics was something like David versus Goliath. "The first time the underdog won," Lasorda said.

These Dodgers weren't expected to do much that season, and by the end, they were patched together with athletic tape and hope. Mostly, they rode the arm of Cy Young award-winning

pitcher Orel Hershiser, who had set a record by pitching 59 consecutive scoreless innings. Despite a flawed lineup, they finished atop the NL West and upset the New York Mets in a seven-game NL Championship Series.

In the World Series, outfielder Kirk Gibson spent most of the first game getting treatment in the clubhouse for his injured back. Lasorda summoned him with two out in the bottom of the ninth, a runner on base and the Dodgers trailing, 4-3.

Facing premier closer Dennis Eckersley, Gibson slammed a slider over the right-field wall for a stirring victory that gave the Dodgers a memorable comeback. The image of Gibson pumping his right fist as he hobbled around the bases became an instant classic in Dodgers lore.

The team went on to finish off Oakland in five games.

The 1990s were a decade of turmoil and change for Lasorda and the Dodgers.

As a favor to Lasorda, the Dodgers picked a family



Wally Skalij | Los Angeles Times

TOMMY LASORDA argues with umpire and television personality Larry King during an old-timers game in 2013.

friend in the 62nd round of the 1988 draft, 1,390th overall. After the kid blasted a series of batting-practice pitches into the seats during a tryout, the Dodgers couldn't find a pen fast enough.

The kid was catcher Mike Piazza, who became a Dodgers star and fan favorite before being shipped to the Florida Marlins in a hugely unpopular trade. Piazza paid tribute to Lasorda when the former catcher

was enshrined in baseball's Hall of Fame in 2016.

"Tommy Lasorda was always in my corner," Piazza said. "He believed when he watched me hit at the young age of 14 that I could play major league baseball."

In 1991, Lasorda's son, Tom Jr., known as Spunky, died at 33, a death attributed to pneumonia and dehydration. Lasorda was enraged when it was widely reported that his son had died of complications of AIDS. Lasorda insisted his son wasn't gay, though the younger Lasorda's friends said otherwise.

"I don't care what people ... I know what my son died of," he told GQ magazine's Peter Richmond in a searing portrait of father and son and a relationship that might not have been perfect but never lacked for love on both sides. "The doctor put out a report of how he died. He died of pneumonia."

Lasorda said little publicly while his son was ill, or after his son died. He was absent from the team for only three days. His wife, Jo, said being with the Dodgers was the right place for her husband.

"There wasn't anything else he could do at home; it was very hard for him to stay here," she told The Times. "Like everyone, Tommy grieves in his own way, his own place, his own time."

Jo, his wife of 70 years, survives him, as do their daughter, Laura, and a granddaughter, Emily Tess

Robert Warner Hoffman

August 13, 1941 - December 19, 2020

Robert (Bob) Warner Hoffman, 79, of Indian Wells, California passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease complicated by the Coronavirus Saturday, December 19, 2020 in Yucaipa, California.

Robert was born August 13, 1941 in New Jersey. His parents, Cornelieus (Case) Anton and Mary Elizabeth Hoffman raised him in Newport Beach, California.

He graduated from Newport Harbor High School in Newport Beach, California in 1959. He attended the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Archeology in 1963. He loved the outdoors and boating; spending time with family and friends both in California and Nebraska.

He worked for over 45 years in the family business, Crown Prince, Inc. a successful canned seafood company, becoming Chairman in 2002.

Robert was heavily involved with the non-profit organization The Flying Samaritans; serving as President of the Foothill Chapter in California for several years.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Betty Jo; three daughters, Laura, Dustan, and Tracy; three sons, Gregory, John, and Joseph; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased in death by his sister Diana and brother Anton.

No funeral or memorial services are planned at this time. Donations may be sent to the Parkinson's Foundation at Parkinson.org.



Robert Swain Borden

December 1922 - December 20, 2020



Robert Swain Borden passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving children.

As a child, Robert grew up in Berkeley, CA, where his father was a professor at Cal Berkeley. Upon entering junior high, his family bought a ranch and moved to Lafayette, CA where he graduated from Acalanes HS.

In 1941, when WW11 broke out in the Pacific, Bob enlisted in the Navy. In 1942 he was assigned to the destroyer USS Greer, in the Pacific Ocean, for 3 years continuously at sea, where he became proficient as a Morse code translator. After being Honorably discharged in 1945, he promptly joined the Air Force where he learned to fly P51 Mustangs.

After his service, he enrolled at San Jose State, where he met, and married fellow student, love of his life, Arlene. After graduating with teaching degrees they moved to Corona Del Mar where they lived and raised their family for 60 years. Bob began teaching at Dwyer in Huntington Beach, where he remained a favorite of all his students until his retirement in 1983.

Robert is preceded in death by his wife, parents, and sister. He is survived by his children, Robin, Christine, Joey, and his grandchildren, John and Chelsea.



Robert Lynn Emett

August 9, 1927 - December 20, 2020

Robert (Bob) Lynn Emett born on August 09, 1927 in Oxnard, California, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2020 at his home in Newport Beach, California.

Bob was the Chief Executive of Emett & Chandler Company, a national insurance brokerage, for 25 years.

He attended Webb School in Claremont, California. Upon his graduation from Webb School, Bob joined the U.S. Navy where he served in the South Pacific on an aircraft carrier during World War II. Later during the Korean Conflict, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Upon Bob's return from the war he attended Claremont McKenna College (formerly Claremont Men's College), where he received a Bachelors in Business Administration. During his time at Claremont McKenna he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame having set conference and school records in discus and hurdles. Bob was also Past President of the Alumni Association and served as a Trustee for 33 years.

Bob was very active in civic and political affairs. He served as a Delegate to three Republican National Conventions and was the State and County Finance Chair for the Republican Party. He was also the director of a number of charitable organizations: Los Angeles County Mental Health Association, John Tracy Clinic, Los Angeles Metropolitan YMCA, and Chairman of the UCI School of Management.

Bob was active in the Young Presidents Organization and was the Founding Chairman of the San Fernando Valley Chapter. He was also director of the World Presidents Organization. He held memberships in the Eldorado Country Club, The Reserve, Big Canyon Country Club, The Pacific Club, the Newport Harbor Yacht Club and the California Club. He was the Director of a number of corporations in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Bob was a passionate golf player, and he could often be found playing Pro-Am in the Bob Hope Desert Classic. Other recreational activities included tennis and recreational flying, a passion he developed at age 11 during the air races where he met Jimmy Doolittle, Amelia Earhart, and Colonel Roscoe Turner. He also loved yachting with friends and family making many trips to Catalina and along the coast of California.

Bob is remembered fondly by his children as a loving father. After his retirement, he shared many a family vacation with his children travelling to various countries around the world. He is survived by his wife Mary Anne, daughter Lindy Sutton (Steve), two sons, Robert C. Emett (Corky) and James S. Emett (Amy), a step son Michael S. Emett (Debbie), nine grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

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After his son's death, age seemed to creep up on Lasorda, chipping away at his cheerful veneer and slowing a man who bragged that he'd missed only seven games in all his years as a manager. He developed tendinitis in his left shoulder and was slowed by arthritis, an ulcer and a hernia. TV cameras caught him asleep on the bench during a 1995 game, which he attributed to the side effects of his arthritis medication.

He kept going until June 1996, when he had a heart attack. He underwent an angioplasty and spent a month at home, chafing all the while. Doctors said he could return to the team July 25 but warned of the risk of further damage to his heart.

Lasorda wanted to return to the dugout to manage, but then-owner Peter O'Malley and the executive vice president at the time, Fred Claire, urged him to retire. O'Malley later said he'd left the decision up to Lasorda. Ever the good organization man, Lasorda publicly said that O'Malley had offered him the chance to return.

However, Lasorda had sensed that, perhaps, his time had passed. On July 29, with tears in his eyes and a tremor in his voice, Lasorda gave up the job he'd loved so much. He accepted a job as a vice president, with duties that were to include serving as an ambassador, an instructor to players and an advisor to management. He was succeeded as manager by Bill Russell, his onetime infielder, who learned of Lasorda's retirement by reading it in the newspaper.

O'Malley stunned the baseball world by announcing Jan. 6, 1997, that he and his sister, Terry Seidler, would entertain offers to sell the Dodgers — severing a family connection to the team that began in 1944, when their father, Walter, joined a group that purchased 25% of the then-Brooklyn Dodgers. In May 1997, media baron Rupert Murdoch confirmed his interest in buying the franchise. Lasorda began to hope that a new regime would give him more responsibility.

When Murdoch's Fox Entertainment Group completed its purchase of the Dodgers in March 1998, Lasorda's fortunes revived. Bob Graziano, the club's president, relied on Lasorda for advice during the ownership transition. And when Claire and Russell were fired as general manager and manager, respectively, Lasorda was appointed the interim general manager. Lasorda's tenure lasted less than a full season before he was replaced by Kevin Malone and bumped upstairs to senior vice president.

But he did get a chance to put on a uniform again, when he was named manager of the U.S. Olympic team for the 2000 Sydney Games. Lasorda's team was mainly college kids and minor leaguers, but he approached the job with the same zest as if he'd been given a team of major league All-Stars.

"I told them, 'When this thing is all over, the whole world is going to know who you are. We're going to win,'" Lasorda recalled in an interview with Baseball Digest.

And they did, defeating a favored Cuban team that had been 25-1 in Olympic competition.

Fox sold the Dodgers in 2004 to Frank McCourt, a Boston real estate developer, and his wife, Jamie. Lasorda survived that change of ownership, too, becoming an advisor.

In 2017, Lasorda — at the age of 90 — was asked to throw out the first pitch at Dodger Stadium in the opening game of the World Series, between the Dodgers and the Houston Astros.

It marked the first time the team had returned to the fall classic since Lasorda's squad in 1988. The team returned to the World Series again in 2018 and finally won it all in 2020, a season dramatically altered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I wanted to die a Dodger," he said. "I love the Dodgers so much."

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