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Coach's family involved in deadly car crash

Costa Mesa High football coach Jimmy Nolan's wife and three of their children were involved in a collision that killed two.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The wife of Costa Mesa High School football coach Jimmy Nolan and three of their children were involved in a deadly traffic crash early Thursday morning in South Carolina, Nolan said in a Facebook post.

Nolan, who was in Southern California at the time of the crash, posted that his youngest daughter, Micki, died, along with the driver of the other vehicle.

A fatal collision was reported on U.S. 521 in Georgetown County at about 5 a.m. EDT. Two people have been reported dead following the two-vehicle crash, South Carolina Highway Patrol Master Trooper Brian Lee said.

Lee added that a 2000 Ford Expedition and a 2010 Cadillac Escalade were both traveling in an eastbound lane, and the driver of the Ford was on the wrong side of the road. The driver of the Cadillac and a passenger in the Ford are dead, Lee said.

Additionally, Lee said that the driver of the Ford and two passengers were transported to a local hospital. He added that everyone involved in the accident was wearing seat belts.

Dept. Coroner Chase Ridgeway of the Georgetown County coroner's office said that Micki was 3 years old. He said the driver of the other vehicle that was killed in the crash was Glendora Holmes, 49, of

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State court denies O.C. Board of Education petition

BY SARA CARDINE

A petition filed on behalf of the Orange County Board of Education asking the state Supreme Court to check Gov. Newsom's authority to keep school campuses closed during the pandemic has been denied, according to a decision issued Wednesday.

Following the court's weekly conference, in which justices summarily review hundreds of petitions, the panel decided to deny the board's petition, a spokesperson for the court confirmed Thursday.

"We were quite surprised yesterday when we got the response — we thought this was important enough the Supreme Court might take it up," board Vice President Mari Barke said Thursday. "[But] we don't plan to stop fighting."

Two petitions filed Aug. 21 by Murrieta-based law firm Tyler &

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KELLY WILSON, left, and Ann Pender are developers of Strap Lab, which is based in Newport Beach. The business has grown to include other accessories.

'We have a ball': Customization is part of the fun for Strap Lab

The Newport Beach-based company started by Kelly Wilson and Ann Pender offers clear bags, interchangeable straps and other accessories.

BY MATT SZABO

Kelly Wilson and Ann Pender did not necessarily have grand aspirations of starting a big business.

The two Newport Beach women went to a UCLA football game last fall in support of their children, both Newport Harbor High School graduates. Remy Wilson and Cole Pender, who both played volleyball for the Sailors, now do so for the Bruins.

Accessorizing for the football game required some thought.

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STRAP LAB PRODUCTS are fashionable, interchangeable straps that can be added to clear handbags.

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Staff Photographer

Newport Beach financial advisor awarded for National Philanthropy Day in Orange County

BY LILLY NGUYEN

When Nella Webster O'Grady found out she'd received an award, she didn't believe it.

She had to ask the woman on the other end of the line what award she was talking about. At first, she thought the woman was calling to tell her she'd been nominated or that she would be one of the individuals being recognized.

Then, she heard again that she was being awarded Outstanding Philanthropist as part of National Philanthropy Day in Orange County.

"It's hard for me to be speechless," Webster O'Grady joked. "But I started crying. I was speechless and stunned because most of the people that have won this [award] have been major dollar contributors in the community. I had given money before but also my talent and my energy — the fact that they recognized me for this."

"I was just so humbled by it," Webster O'Grady said. "There's



NELLA WEBSTER O'GRADY of Newport Coast has won the award for Outstanding Philanthropist, as part of National Philanthropy Day in Orange County.

Scott Smeltzer
Staff Photographer

no other way to describe it."

Webster O'Grady, a resident of Newport Coast, is a financial advisor but stresses that she operates on fees only, not on commission, and acts as a fiduciary to her clients at Miracle Mile Advisors. But in her free time,

which she jokes she spends being busy, she serves on the board of directors for the Girl Scouts of Orange County, Mission Plastics and WHW, previously known as Women Helping Women.

All three organizations nomi-

nated Webster O'Grady for the award, which will she'll receive on Nov. 19 during a virtual ceremony hosted by the Assn. of Professional Fundraising Professionals, which organizes Na-

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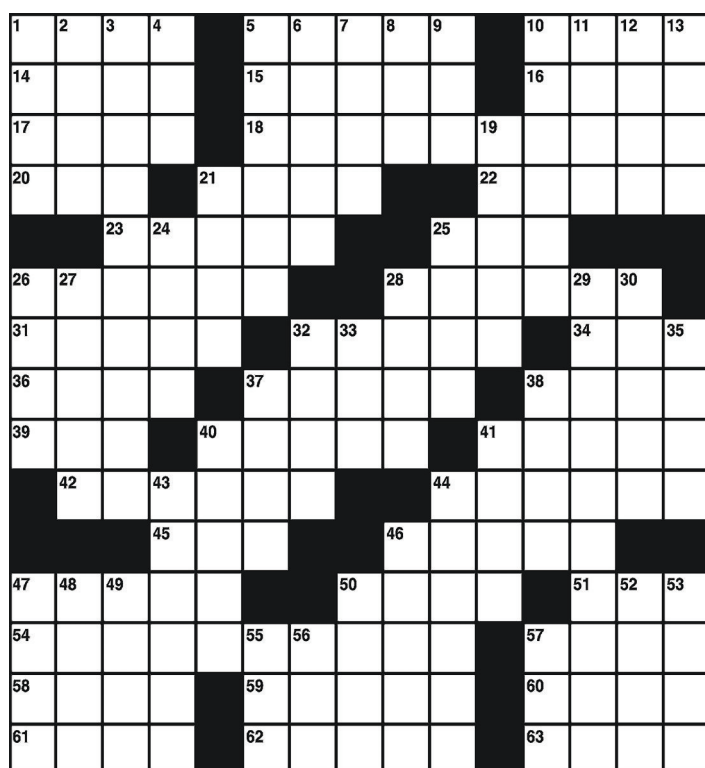
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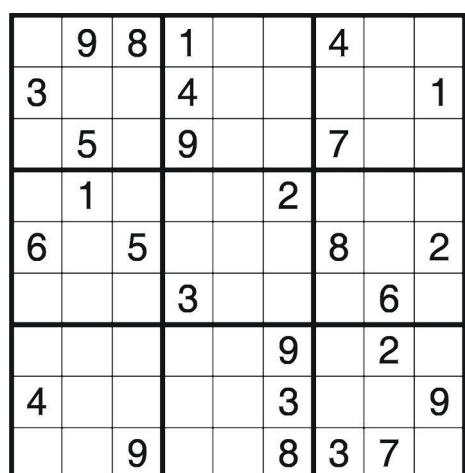
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SUDOKU

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 A3.

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 57 Mary Todd's man

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Alzheimer's patient walks out of care home, public's help sought

The Costa Mesa Police Department is seeking the public's help in locating a 60-year-old man suffering from Alzheimer's disease who walked out of a care facility on the 100 block of 18th Street at 8:45 a.m. and never returned.



Thor Wahlgren

Thor Wahlgren, 60, is described as a white man approximately 6 feet tall and weighing around 150 pounds. He has curly black hair, blue eyes and was last seen wearing a red and black short-sleeved shirt and brown pants. He reportedly has de-

mentia and has a slightly hunched back. According to a police report issued Thursday morning,

Wahlgren is not thought to have a cellphone in his possession.

An employee at the facility where Wahlgren had been staying, Cross Creek Cottages, confirmed Thursday afternoon that more than five hours after his departure the patient had still not been located.

Costa Mesa police officers are actively looking for Wahlgren. Anyone who may have seen the missing man or who may have information regarding his location is asked to call (714) 754-5252.

— Sara Cardine

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Bursch — one on behalf of the county board and public school interests and another representing private school entities — sought to reverse a July 17 order stat-

ing schools in counties on a state coronavirus monitoring list could not resume in-person learning for the 2020-21 school year.

Petitioners also aimed to overturn the state's authority to enforce compliance with emergency executive orders and public health di-

rectives made by Newsom. They questioned whether such orders violated state and federal equal protection and disability laws.

On Aug. 24, the court compelled Newsom to respond to the claims made against his authority. Attorneys for the governor filed a preliminary opposition statement four days later, stating Newsom and state officials have "appropriately exercised state police powers in responding to the unprecedented deadly COVID-19 pandemic."

"It is the state's duty to take measures deemed necessary to protect public health," the document continued. "Petitioners offer no valid basis to interfere with state officials' exercise of their legitimate police powers, or to bar the state and state public health officials from playing any role in establishing a framework for when and how students may return to classroom learning."

In a response filed with the court Sept. 1, Tyler & Bursch alleged that the state engaged in illogical behavior when it deemed COVID-19 a "grave threat" that stood in the way of re-opening schools, yet issued an Aug. 25 order allowing

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Nolan shared on Facebook that he was on a phone call with his wife, Taran, when he heard her scream followed by the sound of a collision.

A successive post detailed his discussion with a state trooper regarding the accident. Nolan wrote, "head on [collision]. just heard from state trooper. Car caught on fire immediately, by the time help arrived, they could only pull three out."

A third update from Nolan Thursday morning said that his wife and two



Drew A. Kelley

JIMMY NOLAN, seen coaching the Fountain Valley High School football team, speaks to his players during a game against Troy in Huntington Beach on Aug. 16, 2018.

daughter, Paisley, were flying out to South Carolina to meet the rest of the family.

Costa Mesa athletic director Sharon Uhl said that the Nolan family is a big part of the high school's athletic program and community.

"It's not just the football team," Uhl said. "Our cheerleaders are devastated as well because they took care of the little kids. The little girls all went to their cheer camps during the summer, so they knew those kids really well."

"Then [their son] Jimmy, of course, Jimmy Jr., was out there. He was a football boy, making sure the football always got over to the coaches and to the officials. They were a big part of our program, all of them. His wife was there every game"

The Nolan family has often been visible as a collective around the football field from one coaching

stop to the next, and Uhl said that was the case again at Wednesday's practice.

"[Nolan] actually was here with our guys just yesterday practicing," Uhl said. "He was with his other daughter, Paisley. She [was] also with him here, helping out like she always did."

Entering his second season as head coach of the Mustangs, Nolan has also coached at Montebello Cantwell-Sacred Heart, Laguna Beach, Compton Centennial, Carson, Lakewood and Fountain Valley.

Uhl said that school administration and counselors would meet with the football program to help them deal with the news.

A GoFundMe page was made on Thursday morning in support of the Nolan family.

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Costa Mesa High athletic director

surviving children were taken to Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He said his daughter, Daisy, was going into surgery.

Nolan said he and his

Orange County Soccer Club drops match versus Sacramento

BY ANDREW TURNER

Orange County Soccer Club surrendered two goals late, falling to host Sacramento Republic FC 2-1 on Wednesday at Papa Murphy's Park.

Dariusz Formella tied the score in the 79th minute, and Villyan Bijev provided the go-ahead goal in the 87th minute for Sacramento, which played a man short for much of the second half after Rodrigo Lopez was shown the red card in the 58th minute.

Sean "Ugo" Okoli put Or-

ange County on top in the fifth minute with his team-leading sixth goal of the season.

Orange County suffered its second consecutive loss after dropping a home match to L.A. Galaxy II 2-1 on Saturday. After beginning the season with a six-match unbeaten streak, Orange County now has just one victory over its past five contests.

The standings in Group B of the United Soccer League Championship have tightened. Phoenix Rising FC (7-2-2, 23 points)

is in first place. Orange County (5-3-3, 18 points) and the L.A. Galaxy II (6-5-0, 18 points) are tied for second. The San Diego Loyal (4-4-4, 16 points) are in fourth, and Las Vegas Lights FC (2-5-3, nine points) is last. The top two teams in the group secure a playoff berth.

Four of the five remaining games for Orange County are on the road. The next is at San Diego on Sunday at 7 p.m.

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AWARD

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tional Philanthropy Day.

WHW Chief Executive Officer Trina Fleming said the organization couldn't think of anyone more deserving, adding that Webster O'Grady has financially supported Women Helping Women's mission for almost a decade.

"Her regular monthly donations made in addition to her annual support has helped to change the lives of countless job seekers in their journey to economic self-sufficiency," Fleming said, "And still Nella continues to give."

Susan Williamson, executive director of Mission Plastics, said the title of the award was an understatement to what she felt Webster O'Grady did for nonprofits throughout Orange County and that she was instrumental in the revitalization of the organization's fundraising and marketing communities.

"She genuinely cares about the mission of our organization and our efforts to engage the broadest spectrum of our community," Williamson said. "As a member of our volunteer leadership team, she contributes to our efforts to move the organization forward to serve more people in need."

Vicki Shepp, the chief executive officer for Girl Scouts of Orange County, said the organization was proud to have nominated Webster O'Grady for the award and described her impact as "nothing short of remarkable."

"We are thrilled to see her recognized with this esteemed and deeply de-

served honor, and we simply cannot thank [Webster O'Grady] enough for helping girls across Orange County see what they can be — extraordinary leaders who inspire others, through their courage, confidence and character, to make the world better place," Shepp said.

Webster O'Grady is not an Orange County native, but she's lived here since 1967 and moved from Guam to attend Chapman University, which she joked was only 30 minutes from the beach. She said she'd brought her surfboard, then sold it when she realized how much colder California's oceans were compared to the South Pacific.

So, she picked up snow skiing instead.

She said there isn't much to be said about her childhood in Panama, where she was born and lived until she was 10, and Guam, but her parents had a significant influence on her interests in philanthropy from a young age.

Her involvement with the Girl Scouts, for example, comes from her mother, who was a Girl Scout troop leader. Webster O'Grady said that she felt Scouts "helped so many women with their self-esteem and teaching them leadership skills to compete in a world that's traditionally male dominated."

As for her father, she said she was in high school during the Vietnam War years. When troops would be sent to a naval hospital in Guam, her father would come home and hook up a Ham radio to call families at home to tell them soldiers had been injured.

"They were just philanthropic. They were not rich or wealthy, but through their actions, it

was really ingrained in me to really share what you have with those you don't," Webster O'Grady said.

"That's always been with me," she said.

"I've been very involved with Chapman. They weren't the ones that nominated me, but I had an email immediately from them and other organizations," Webster O'Grady said. "Stuff like that, it just validates the way I've lived my life. I'm 71 now; I should have been retired for five years, but I'm in a position where I can continue this."

Webster O'Grady said she was uncomfortable talking about herself, often pivoting the conversation to the organizations she supports or to praise others. She said she was thrilled to have been nominated but stunned not only that had she won but that the press was reaching out to speak with her.

She doesn't plan on retiring or giving up her philanthropic work now, but she does plan to begin winding down some of her efforts in favor of bringing in the next generation.

"My mission is really to get that succession plan in place. It's not that I'm going to move out. I just love to build something that will still be going beyond my years of being engaged," Webster O'Grady said. "At this stage of my career, this is like the Academy Award. There's nothing in my mind that's higher than this particular award for someone like me. I don't want to say more of the same."

"It will be strategic in terms of getting more people involved in the organizations," she said.

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small cohorts of students with special needs to receive in-person interventions and services.

"How is it going to alter the spread of COVID-19 if kids are supervised in groups of 14 but not taught in groups of 14?" it posed. "The opposition did not provide any support for these decisions."

In a statement issued following the ruling, Principal Robert Tyler said the higher court's denial had no effect of law and that he intended to file the case at the superior court level.

"Once we proceed through the normal process, we believe we will still be victorious in the end," Tyler said. "No public or elected official should have the authority to have unbundled discretion to deny children their fundamental right to equal protection and access to equal education."

Attorneys representing Newsom in the matter did not respond to requests for comment. Barke said the Orange County Board of Education would soon convene to decide the best course of action. "We'll see when everybody can get together and decide how to move forward. We are not ready to give up," she said.

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Patricia Eileen McClarty

February 2, 1959 - August 28, 2020

On Friday, August 28, 2020, Patricia Eileen McClarty, loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend, passed away at the age of 61. "Trish" was born on February 2, 1959, in Houston, Texas, to John Reed (Jack) McClarty and Martha Nell (Myers) McClarty. The family moved to California in 1963, and was joined by Trish's sister Melissa (McClarty) Hanle in 1964. The family has resided in Newport Beach since 1971. Trish attended Newport Harbor High School and Orange Coast College.

Trish was a kind, creative and gentle soul. She was an avid photographer. She chronicled many gatherings of the McClarty family and friends, and the childhood years of her beloved nephews, Jack and Tommy, and niece, Alison. Trish was a great cook, and her Christmas popovers will never be equaled. She was a thoughtful gift-giver, including many that she made by hand. Trish also had a great spirit and sense of humor.

Trish is survived by her mother Martha, sister Melissa, brother-in-law Steve Hanle, and her nephews and niece, all of whom will miss her so much, as will her many friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in the name of Patricia McClarty to a favorite charity or to one of hers: <https://adopt-us.whales.org/>