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**PEOPLE HAVE** drinks and dine on the outdoor patio at La Boheme in West Hollywood on July 8 before another coronavirus shutdown hit.

## Californians turn against each other amid 2nd coronavirus shutdown

**“I’m angry with people that refuse to protect others. They’re being selfish and ignorant and they’re not paying attention.”**

— Dee Lescault  
Costa Mesa hair stylist

**BY BRITTNY MEJIA, MARIA L. LA GANGA, SONALI KOHLI**

Dee Lescault got the bad news from her landlord. Her Costa Mesa hair salon had reopened on June 1 after being dark for months because of the COVID-19 pandemic, dealing a painful economic blow to the 66-year-old stylist. And now, Coronavirus Shutdown 2.0.

“Is it asking too much to wear a mask?” Lescault tweeted in a rush of anger. “You can’t have a healthy economy without a healthy community. Get a clue please.”

At least she said please. Social media exploded this week with furious, often expletive-laced outbursts after Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Monday that California must largely close for business yet again because of a spike in COVID-19 cases state-

wide that shows no sign of easing.

On Tuesday, the state reported its largest one-day total of new cases, along with sharp jumps in hospitalizations and deaths.

Over the course of the four-month pandemic, Californians have focused their anger at the governor and other politicians, county health officials and the current resident of the White House. But now, in the early days of yet another shutdown, they are turning on each other like never before.

Because, when it comes to the coronavirus, we have met the enemy, and he is us.

The first shutdown was bad enough, throwing millions of workers out of jobs, canceling graduations and in-person June weddings and forcing families to

**“Everyone is under this notion that they’re doing this to save us. But they’re not looking at the long picture. The long picture is that small businesses will close”**

— Bahre Freeman  
Personal trainer at a neighborhood gym in Manhattan Beach

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## County reports 25 new deaths due to COVID-19

The healthcare agency also lists an additional 702 confirmed cases in its Saturday report.

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 25 deaths due to COVID-19 and an additional 702 positive tests in its latest numbers released on Saturday.

Totals have reached 494 related deaths and 29,011 confirmed cases of the coronavirus countywide.

The virus has claimed the lives of 232 skilled nursing facility residents and two people who were experiencing homelessness.

Confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the county have been found most frequently among those between the ages of 25 and 34. That age bracket accounts for 23% of the county’s cases.

Those ages 45-54 make up 16.4% of cases, 35-44 are at 16.2%, 18-24 account for 14.8%, and people between 55 and 64 make up 12% of cases.

The coronavirus has proven to be particularly dangerous to the elderly. Concerning the county’s death toll due to COVID-19, persons ages 65 and older have accounted for 74.3% of related fatalities.

The healthcare agency also reported 4,974 more tests administered, bringing the number of tests performed in the county to 346,071.

Hospitalizations due to the virus stood at 692 in the county as of Saturday, with 232 of those patients in an intensive care unit. An estimated 13,301 patients have recovered from a battle with COVID-19.

A spike in coronavirus cases

See **Deaths**, page A5

### BASEBALL

## Orange Coast College names Nate Johnson as head coach

**BY MATT SZABO**

Nate Johnson has been named the seventh head coach in Orange Coast College baseball history, the school announced Thursday.

Orange Coast College stayed in house to find a replacement to run “The House That Alto Built.”

Johnson was previously the Pirates’ assistant coach for seven years under the late John Altobelli. Altobelli, his wife, Keri, and daughter, Alyssa, all died Jan. 26 in a helicopter crash that also claimed six other lives, including former NBA superstar Kobe Bryant and his daughter, Gianna.

Johnson was named Orange Coast’s interim coach for 2020, a tag which is now removed. OCC went 12-8 overall in 2020 before the rest of the season was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

A two-month hiring process had over 70 applicants, the school announced, before Johnson, 30, was selected.

“It’s been a roller coaster six months, that’s for sure, but in the end, this is where I always wanted to end up and I’m so excited to follow in Alto’s footsteps,” Johnson said in a release.

“He has set the standards high with this program and I’m going to do my best to not only maintain the success he brought, but also maintain his legacy, while at the same time, begin my career as the skipper of this program.”

Orange Coast had success under Altobelli, who won more than 700 games in 27 seasons in



Courtesy of Orange Coast College

**NATE JOHNSON**, who was named the head coach of the Orange Coast College baseball team Thursday, becomes just the seventh skipper in program history.

charge and four state titles, including in 2019. The Pirates came into the 2020 season as three-time defending Orange Empire Conference champions.

Now they turn to Johnson, who played college baseball at Pepperdine University.

“We are very excited with the direction that Nate will take our baseball program,” OCC athletic director Jason Kehler said. “He brings such a great combination of playing and coaching experience, along with his commitment to student-athlete success, that makes the next phase of Pirate Baseball as promising as its history.”

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### ALSO FROM THE DAILY PILOT:

#### MAILBAG: HOW WILL SCHOOLS REOPEN IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC?

Readers express their concerns about the Orange County Board of Education’s recommendation to allow schools to be reopened without a face-mask requirement. [PAGE A6](#)

#### A WORD, PLEASE: HUNTING DOWN THE INCORRECT ‘ZOMBIE RULES’ OF GRAMMAR

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### HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

## Tony Ciarelli left his mark on the sport

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

High school track and field in California generally ranks among the best in the nation.

Several of the top shotput and discus throwers the state has seen were coached by Tony Ciarelli.

Huntington Beach High School’s Scott Moser (213 feet, 11 inches in 1997) and Newport Harbor’s Bo Taylor (213-7 in 2006) rank second and third on the state’s all-time list for the discus throw.

Both were coached by Ciarelli, the Olympic weight training and conditioning guru who graduated from Huntington Beach High in 1972.

Ciarelli had opted to make this season his last at the high school level before joining forces with his daughter Katelyn, who is an associate head coach of track and field at UC Irvine.

He wanted to finish out the high school career of Aidan Elbettar. The Newport Harbor senior was coming off a junior season in which he was the CIF Southern Section Division 2 champion in both the shotput



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**TONY CIARELLI** is shown at his home in Huntington Beach. Ciarelli is the longtime throws coach at Newport Harbor High School in Newport Beach. Due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic this spring season was canceled, ending his high school coaching career.

and the discus throw.

The storybook ending was taking shape, too. On March 11, Elbettar recorded a throw of 200-8 in a dual meet against Marina, becoming Ciarelli’s fourth discus thrower to eclipse the 200-foot mark.

That would be the last meet for Ciarelli and Elbettar for Newport Harbor, as the coronavirus pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the remainder of the spring sports season.

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THE DAILY  
COMMUTER  
PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**  
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4 Prolonged assault  
9 Grouchy person  
13 Membership fees  
15 Refrain syllables  
16 Long-eared animal  
17 Break under pressure  
18 Early \_; one up at dawn  
19 American \_; MA's state trees  
20 Part of a pregnancy  
22 Take ten  
23 Wide knife wound  
24 Frozen  
26 Witch transports  
29 U.S. capital city  
34 Vital vessel  
35 Shoptalk  
36 "It's \_ my cup of tea"  
37 Family members  
38 Makes well  
39 Street uprising  
40 Fight ref's decision  
41 Jabs  
42 Bullwinkle, for one  
43 Highly regarded  
45 Temporary car  
46 Chemist's workplace  
47 Nursery or parlor  
48 Command to a horse  
51 About to happen  
56 Harvest crops  
57 Unsuspecting  
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SUDOKU

By The Mepham 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](http://sudoku.org.uk).

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

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| 2 Female relative                  | 8 Jewelry store purchase      |
| 3 MMXX, for one                    | 9 Ladd or Ties                |
| 4 Nervous breakdown cause, perhaps | 10 Stethoscope detection      |
| 5 "When _ Eyes Are Smiling"        | 11 Right to bear _; Amendment |
| 6 Vane direction                   | 12 Finest                     |

- 14 Water sources  
21 One of the Three Bears  
25 Pigeon's call  
26 Keep meat moist in the oven  
27 Chess castles  
28 "To be, \_ to be" (Hamlet's line)  
29 Placed on the payroll  
30 White Monopoly bills  
31 Workers' group  
32 Tight's opposite  
33 Say  
35 Gospel writer  
38 Pooled  
39 Wandering about  
41 Small vegetable  
42 Frame of mind  
44 Pass, as time  
45 Company avoiders  
47 \_ in; enjoy  
48 Envelop  
49 Long sandwich  
50 Dobbin's dinner  
52 Lion's neck hair  
53 Stuffed bread  
54 Pinot \_; dry red wine  
55 Gavin Newsom & Ron DeSantis: abbr.  
59 Trawler's need

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

# Hunting down the incorrect 'zombie rules' of grammar

Don't split an infinitive. Don't end a sentence with a preposition. Don't begin a sentence with "and." Don't use passive voice.

If these rigid proscriptions have been rattling around your head since your school days, veteran Baltimore Sun copy editor and Loyola University Maryland editing instructor John McIntyre would like a word. Well, two words, actually: "Bad Advice."

That's the title of McIntyre's new book, whose subtitle tells you everything else you need to know about what's inside: "The Most Unreliable Counsel Available on Grammar, Usage, and Writing."

It's a tiny tome. Just 51 pages. But it contains pretty much everything you ever wanted to un-know about grammar but didn't know you needed to un-know it.

McIntyre explains: "Many of the things you are getting wrong in writing are not your fault: You have been badly advised. You have been taught superstitions about English that have no foundation in the language. You have been hobbled with oversimplifications. You have been subjected to bizarre diktats from supposed authorities."

From there, McIntyre handily obliterates practically every piece of bad advice you ever got, starting with "one of the oldest zombie rules": Never end a sentence with a preposition.

Lots of people were taught this in school. The idea is that it's wrong to write "Who's the man I saw you with?" because "with" is a preposition. Instead, the promulgators of this myth say, you should twist every sentence to put the preposition somewhere else. In this case, that would give you "Who's the man with whom I saw you?"

McIntyre isn't having it. "Stranded prepositions" (another term for sentence-ending prepositions) "are perfectly normal in English, and you need not strain to avoid them."

Perhaps you've heard it's also wrong to "split an infinitive"? That's the supposed rule that you can't put an adverb or another word between the infinitive particle "to" and a verb, as was so famously done in the original "Star Trek" line "to boldly go."

But there's no such rule. And to under-



score the point, McIntyre cites a letter author Raymond Chandler wrote to the editors of the Atlantic Monthly, who apparently had taken the liberty of recasting a sentence in an article Chandler had written: "When I split an infinitive, (expletive deleted), I split it so it will stay split."

A few of McIntyre's topics are especially near and dear to my heart, like the myth that you shouldn't use "like" to mean "such as." "The thinking behind the distinction is that 'like' indicates resemblances while 'such as' indicates examples."

This myth haunts my editing work as writers constantly make sentences unnecessarily wordy to comply with this non-existent rule, subjecting me to torments like: "Activities such as golfing and kay-

aking and amenities such as spa services and free breakfast items such as muffins are included."

To debunk this one, McIntyre sends readers straight to the source. "To simplify your life, turn to the 'like' entry in Merriam-Webster, where one of the senses listed is a conjunction meaning 'such as,' as indeed it has for lo, these many years."

Other zombie rules in "Bad Advice" were new to me. "From at least the 1950s, certain usage commentators frowned on 'convince to.' They said that one 'persuades' a person 'to' do something but 'convinces' a person 'of' something," McIntyre writes. "The two words, in the sense of 'bring someone to a belief, a consent, or a course of action,' are functionally interchangeable."

The hits keep coming. Don't use "hopefully" as a sentence adverb. "Only" must always be placed next to the particular word that it modifies. Use a comma when you would pause in speaking. Do not write sentence fragments. Type two spaces after a period at the end of a sentence. Don't use passive voice.

These myths, and many more, get the flogging they deserve in this little book. Here's hoping McIntyre's excellent advice helps hasten their demise.

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SHUTDOWN

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bury loved ones without the solace of funeral services and the comforting embrace of supportive friends.

Then George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, unleashing a nationwide flood of fury aimed at police brutality and systemic racism.

And now, the federal program that offered out-of-work people an extra \$600 a week in unemployment benefits is about to end unless a divided Congress votes to re-up it.

The California Employment Development Department, which handles unemployment claims, is overwhelmed. The struggling economy has just taken another body blow. And hundreds of thousands of parents will have to keep their children at home for remote learning for the foreseeable future.

And those people strolling toward you on the narrow sidewalk aren't wearing masks? What the ...?

"I'm angry with people that refuse to protect others," Lescault said Tuesday, as she and her partner went to collect plants and anything else they'd left behind at Muti Hair Design Studio. "They're being selfish and ignorant and they're not paying attention."

Don't tell that to Bahre Freeman, a personal trainer at Built, a neighborhood gym in Manhattan Beach that shut down this week and is struggling to stay alive.

"We're pissed off at Gov. Newsom," he said. "Small businesses are going to close that are never going to come back. ... Is this gym gonna be able to survive if they have 60 days more of no revenue?"

Virus-light traffic zipped by on Highland Avenue. Freeman tugged at a black bandanna that kept slipping down his nose.

He talked about a client, a lawyer, who had to take a pay cut because of the pandemic and can no longer afford training sessions.

He fumed at "cookie-cutter responses" to the coronavirus that he says punish everyone, whether they live in a particularly hard-hit area or not, whether they're following federal safety guidelines or not.

"I don't want to kill your grandma. I don't want to kill my



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**DEE LESCAULT** has had to shut her Costa Mesa hair salon down for the second time and is "angry with people that refuse to protect others."

mom," he said. But "everyone is under this notion that they're doing this" — shutdown orders and mask mandates — "to save us. But they're not looking at the long picture. The long picture is that small businesses will close. Only major conglomerates will be able to stay open."

The latest surge of infections began in the last month or so, as cities began reopening, restless virus shut-ins got tired of making sacrifices for the greater good, and people began socializing again, standing way too close at family dinners and outdoor barbecues, eschewing masks and inhaling each others' droplet-laden breath.

On Monday, Newsom announced that all restaurant dining rooms, bars, zoos and museums in California must close.

And in counties that have spent more than three days on the state coronavirus watch list, the closures are even more widespread. Among the businesses that must close again are gyms, houses of worship, barbershops, hair salons and malls. Offices with nonessential workers also must shut their doors.

The watch list fluctuates from day to day, but in recent weeks it's been stubbornly long. On Wednesday, 32 counties were on it, including all of Southern California: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

Twitter is not happy — #Recall-Gavin2020 has trended this week, and the social networking service has become a fulcrum of finger pointing.

"Just wear a [expletive] mask, people," actor Coby Ryan McLaughlin tweeted. "I wanna get back to work. I want my kid to be able to socialize at school. I wanna sit in a bar with my lady and have a drink. Stop being an [expletive]. Especially you, Florida. (And you, too, California)."

The show McLaughlin was on shut down because of the virus. He's unable to travel from his home in Los Angeles to Georgia, where he frequently works.

His 9-year-old daughter will be learning from home in the fall because many school districts are keeping their campuses closed to help stop the virus' spread.

"It really in my opinion shines a light on the amount of entitlement we have as a society," McLaughlin said. "Wear a mask, don't go to [expletive] house parties. Just chill out. Follow the rules for once and don't make it this huge political issue."

Those in the wear-a-mask camp got lots of pushback from conservative social media users who shared images of thousands of people converging on Hollywood for a Black Lives Matter march and demonstration in June.

"But the Dems said we can't get it at a protest," one user posted in response to a video of the massive protest. "Just the beach or a bar or restaurant. Home Depot and Walmart are safe."

The mask wars were fought this week in real life, too. On the same day Newsom announced the wider shutdown, the Orange County Board of Education voted to recommend schools reopen in



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**NATHAN MOTT** is general manager of Built, a gym in Manhattan Beach that shut down this week by order of the state and is struggling to stay afloat.

the fall without mandatory masks for students or increased social distancing.

The vote by the largely conservative board ignited an immediate uproar.

As one antimask speaker at a subsequent Board of Supervisors meeting declared: "We here in Orange County are the heart of the resistance."

On Tuesday night, Marciano Analco stood under the shade of an umbrella, scraping ice to make *raspados*, plastic cups filled with shaved ice in flavors like *limón*, *tamarindo* and strawberry.

The 47-year-old, who wore gloves and a blue bandanna mask that looped around his ears, had been hired by a group called Defund South Gate Police Department, to serve protesters outside of South Gate city hall.

When the shutdowns first began, Analco's business struggled. He had no choice but to work, to try and "at least sell a little." In recent weeks, things felt like they were starting to normalize. "Now, we're starting over," he said.

At times, while working, he said, he's encountered people who aren't wearing masks.

It worries him for his own safety — Latinos are among the hardest hit by the virus. But he doesn't want to end up in a confrontation over it.

"People need to be following the rules," he said. "If masks are required, people need to use them. It's not comfortable, but we have to use it for the protection of everyone."

Bella Colbert couldn't agree more. She's 16, stayed mostly inside for the past four months and

kept sane by looking ahead to school in the fall. To real classrooms for her junior year at Glendora High. Actual teachers instead of Zoom replicas. Friends.

Now, however, that's not going to happen. On Tuesday her school district announced that distance learning would continue next month with plans to move to an in-person hybrid model when it's safe.

Colbert isn't mad at the school district, she said. She's mad at the world.

"Summer should have been spent by making the best efforts to decrease the curve and spread of coronavirus, to allow future generations of our society to earn an education as everyone else," the Glendora teen said.

"Instead, it was spent by disobeying orders and spreading a plague of death that could've been prevented..."

Or as UC San Francisco epidemiologist and infectious-diseases expert Dr. George Rutherford put it: "I think wearing a mask and trying to follow a few simple things isn't the end of the world. We're not signaling the end of Western civilization here. This is pretty benign stuff."

Out of 36 people Rutherford saw on the street while driving home Tuesday, he said, only seven were wearing masks.

"What the hell is going on?" he asked. "Wear masks, period. That's it. You walk out of your house, have a mask on."

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COMMENTARY | JOSEPH KLUNDER

Crises like the one we're in make it clear that community colleges are essential

Community colleges offer a proven, practical, time-tested solution in this time of crisis. While public health

measures can help keep us safe and coronavirus infection from spreading, community colleges ensure that our time is well spent, and we are investing our efforts

for our future. For those who have not yet mastered the English language, many ESL courses are continuing so that students get that necessary, daily practice. For those who have not completed high school, adult education programs teach the General Education Development (GED) test or other high school equivalency exams. People in this socioeconomic group are often so concerned with day-to-day survival that they do not have time for education. However, now is the best time to start getting this basic education in functional English-language skills or a high school diploma, as there is not much to miss out on in the work world. For those in high school, they can take advantage of Coastline Community

College's well-established online learning program and get started, even today, on classes that are being taught in summer and fall. Considering that many colleges, even Harvard, are resorting to online education for the foreseeable future, someone who gets community college for free or at a low cost has a comparable education with expensive, top-ranked schools. For those in a four-year college, community college is an excellent resource to stay at home and be able to earn credits. Many people who are currently enrolled in Cal State and University of California schools can work with the counselors of both their universities and community colleges to make sure they can take courses that will transfer. With unemployment and underemployment at record numbers, community college offers career and technical education that is especially relevant. Even before this coronavirus pandemic, personal care workers and home health aides were the highest growing job field in Orange County for the last several years and the foreseeable decade. To lead by example, I have been teaching a home health aide preparation course for Chinese students who wish to immigrate to Western countries and work as nurse assistants, with a particular emphasis on infection prevention. Many people who are already skilled at a profession in China are working hard to learn English, get necessary certification and eventually use their skills to immigrate to new countries. This coronavirus has devastated our world economy, and many countries are borrowing money to feed cash into citizens' pockets for ready spending to boost the economy. Let us make the best of this situation and put money and effort into our local education and services they are providing, such as food banks and their health clinics. Not only does this make sense idealistically but also practically. Should Orange County wish to remain the best area in the world to live in, we can support our local community colleges for the immediate relief and longer-term skills building and socialization they provide to make informed, capable and productive citizens.

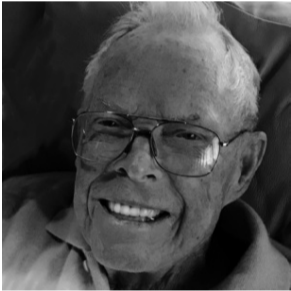
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Nancy Acone

July 3, 1932 - July 10, 2020

Graduate of Western Illinois, Nancy moved to Sacramento in the late 50s. She met her husband Paul when he mistakenly received her mail and were married for 56 years. They moved to Newport Beach in the late 60s. She was the head librarian at Estancia and, later, Buena Park High School. Nancy demonstrated and was admired for her unconditional love in how she took care of her gravely ill husband. She gave back to the community, volunteering at OLQA, Oasis and Friends of the Library. Her interests were shopping (only the sales!) accompanied by her best friend Pat, books, puzzles, games, quilting, pop culture and staying active. Along with her husband, they instilled the importance of church and faith in their children. She stayed close to her sisters Sally and Marilyn and her nieces Vicki, Pam and Teri. Nancy was highly involved with her grandkids Abby, Katie, Ben, Hunter and Tanner, being their biggest cheerleader at all their events. Their home was the annual vacation destination for their families and the place of much joy. She is survived by her sons Adam and Jon, daughters-in-law Judy and Alison and her five grandchildren. An outdoor funeral mass will be held on July 24th at 1:00 PM at Our Lady Queen of the Angels Church.



Robert Rex Morrison

April 8, 1930 - June 29, 2020

Robert Morrison, "Bob", was born in Los Angeles to Effie Mae (née Dewitt) and Robert Boyd Morrison, and passed away at the age of 90 at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach due to complications from Parkinson's disease. Growing up in Westwood, Bob earned distinction as an Eagle Scout in 1945 and went on to graduate from University High School in 1947. He later obtained his BS in geology from UCLA in 1951 where he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Shortly after graduation Bob enlisted in the Navy and received his commission from the Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He was assigned to a ship in the Pacific during the Korean War and was later trained at the National Photographic Interpretation Center in Washington, D.C. where he met his bride-to-be, Phyllis Reardon of Alexandria, Virginia. In 1954 Bob and Phyllis were married in Honolulu where he was stationed. After his service, Bob joined the Texas Company as a geologist and he and his bride moved to Casper, Wyoming where their first daughter Patty was born. Not done with his education, the young family returned to Westwood so that he could get his master's degree in geology from UCLA. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Ojai where his second daughter Suzy was born, and in 1962 the family moved to Bakersfield as Bob began with Richfield Oil Company. On the very day in 1966 that Richfield and Atlantic merged, Bob began his career with Occidental Petroleum (Oxy). In 1980 Bob and Phyllis left Bakersfield so that he could begin a variety of assignments as an overseas manager for Oxy. These included Mendoza, Argentina; Quito, Ecuador; Jakarta, Indonesia; and two separate stints in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he mastered Porteño Spanish. Throughout his career he was also an active member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Bob was very dedicated to his family, friends, skiing, and sailing. Sailing was his passion and in 1963 he built a wooden El Toro sailboat in his garage. Later he would sail a Lido 14, a Cal 25, and a Columbia 50 (dearly named "La Otra Mujer" - the other woman) to various southern Channel Islands, and numerous Newport Beach to Ensenada races. Bob was also a fitness enthusiast and a proud member of the Newport Mesa Orange County YMCA for the past 25 years. Upon his retirement, Bob and Phyllis built their dream house on Balboa Island in Newport Beach which allowed him to really focus on sailing and the wonders of life on the Southern California coast. Bob is survived by his wife Phyllis, daughter Suzanne Vose, son-in-law Mark Vose, and their two children Ashby and Jackson who reside in LA. Bob is predeceased by his daughter Patricia Oliver who passed from cancer in 2018. Bob also leaves behind Patty's husband Jim Oliver and their twins, Robert and Juliette all of Roseville, California. A celebration of life will be held in Bakersfield in the fall depending on the status of the pandemic.



Neal F. Breagha

March 23, 1934 - July 6, 2020

On July 6th, 2020, Neal Francis Breagha decided that the only place he hadn't traveled to that he wanted to explore was Heaven. So, at the age of 86, he booked a one-way passage to the celestial city where he is no doubt dancing, telling stories, and trying to figure out how he can pull some strings for the Lions. Neal was born on March 23, 1934 in Detroit. As he grew, he developed a passion for history, learning about different cultures, and travel. During his lifetime, he would journey to places that a child born during the Great Depression could never have imagined, traveling extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and the Far East. Despite all of the exotic locations he toured, some of his favorite trips were taking his children to Civil War battlefields and National Historic Landmarks, exposing them to the hands-on history that he loved so much. Neal's professional life would also take him on journeys he couldn't have anticipated. Neal grew up always believing that he would be a priest. However, after graduating from Sacred Heart Seminary in 1956, he felt strongly that there was a different path he was supposed to follow...although he had no idea what it was. Over the course of his life, he worked many different jobs, some of which include: stock boy, copy boy, sports writer, forklift operator, loading dock worker, ad salesman, football and basketball coach, referee, reserve police officer, business owner, activities director, driving instructor, and executive director of two teachers associations. But it was his decision in 1957 to get a teaching certificate, and eventually a Masters Degree from the University of Detroit, that would not only change his life forever, but also the many thousands of students who he would go on to teach in both California and Michigan during his 40 years as an educator. A favorite teacher of so many, up to his final days on earth Neal would encounter former students during grocery store trips, doctor visits, and errands who would go out of their way to catch up with him to tell him how much they loved him as a teacher and what his classes meant to them. These were special moments for Neal. In 1960, Neal married tennis champion June Stack. While their marriage didn't last forever as they'd hoped, they worked together to raise their four children—Shawn, Todd, Michelle, and Heather—and remained lifelong friends. As it turned out, the great love of Neal's life was his second wife, Emily. They married in 1977 and with Emily's daughters—Monica and Cindy—created a large blended family. Neal and Emily were soulmates and he adored her until his last breath. Neal was preceded in death by his parents Francis and Norma Breagha, and his sister Joanne. Neal leaves behind many who love him including his wife, brother John, sister Kay, 4 children, 2 stepchildren, 9 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and cousins, not to mention all of their spouses, and an abundance of extended family members and friends...all of whom will miss him greatly. As you live your life, Neal would want you to remember the saying that he always had on his answering machine and by which he lived: "Have fun, because life is too short not to enjoy it!" Giving back to the community and helping others were priorities for Neal, as is evidenced by his extensive work with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. In lieu of flowers or gifts, memorial donations are requested to be sent to St. Vincent de Paul TC, 1207 Woodmere Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686 or call 231-947-8466 for phone donations. A celebration of Neal's life and legacy will be held at a future date when the people whose lives he touched can gather together in the same room, enjoying laughter and song, and embrace one another. In the meantime, please share memories of Neal with his family by visiting his Tribute page at <https://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com/obituaries/Neal-Breagha/>. The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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**NEWPORT HARBOR'S** Aidan Elbettar throws during the boys' discus event at the CIF Southern Section Masters Meet at El Camino College on May 18, 2019.

CIARELLI

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“It’s a little anticlimactic because of the virus and not being able to finish the season,” Ciarelli said. “It was definitely taking the fairytale direction at the start, with me thinking this was going to be my last year and Aidan coming into his presence and understanding of throwing far.”

Elbettar signed with the UCLA men's track and field program. If he had not crossed paths with Ciarelli, Elbettar said he likely would have stuck with football.

“I will remember Coach Ciarelli as a great coach and the one who gave me the push to achieve great things in throwing, but also as a hard-ass that sometimes is annoying as hell,” Elbettar, a two-time state medalist in the shotput, said good-naturedly.

Ciarelli felt that his knowledge was meant to be shared. He shared it with those who asked, his only request in return being that they put in the work.

Students appreciated Ciarelli as a philosopher, one that preached Zen and the ability to move forward.

“Coach Ciarelli has left a tremendous mark on how I carry myself as a person,” said Cole Smith, a Division 2 shotput champion for the Sailors in 2016. “His philosophy surrounding integrating the concepts of Japanese teachings into life and athletics never escapes my thoughts.

“Wasa (technique) Ki (energy) Shin (attitude) is the staple of the Ciarelli success formula. Good Wasa (proper technique), efficient use of Ki, and a focused Shin are the necessary mix of ingredients for success. This teaching, when applied to any life scenario — be it a rigorous physical competition or cooking a steak — will result in enhanced performance.”

Ciarelli could crack about the worst of times, too. In looking back on 2010, when he had both knees replaced and battled thyroid cancer, Ciarelli quipped, “The doctors are the ones who beat it. All I did was lay on a table.” Ciarelli missed one football and no track and field practices during that time.

He coached at Honolulu (Hawaii) Damien (1979-81), Edison (1982-89), Newport Harbor (1990-96, 2005-20)

and Huntington Beach (1997-2004).

Over the course of his coaching career, Ciarelli led his athletes to 26 CIF State championship meets. He coached 52 state qualifiers, who went on to accrue 33 medals at the state meet. Ciarelli also produced 32 section divisional and Masters Meet champions combined.

Additionally, he also coached a number of Olympians, including the Netherlands’ Rutger Smith, India’s Seema Antil, Canada’s Jason Tunks, and Americans Jarred Rome and Brian Blutreich. Ciarelli also worked with Cara Heads Slaughter, who competed for the United States in 2000 in Olympic weightlifting.

For more than 30 years,

ronavirus pandemic.

Although he said he knows no shortcuts to becoming great, Ciarelli did not guard his training methods like they were the family recipe for chocolate chip cookies. He remarked that it is important for coaches to be adaptable to the strengths of their athletes.

“The secret of coaching is to understand that not every athlete [is identical],” Ciarelli said. “You can’t make a cookie cutter and think that it’s going to work for everyone.”

Taylor expressed his gratitude to Ciarelli for giving himself and his brothers a common interest in throwing. He was able to compete against his younger brothers, Jake (Princeton) and Marty

(UCLA), in an all-comers meet. Ciarelli coached all three of them at Newport Harbor. “The most impactful mark that [Ciarelli has] had on my life

is what he’s done for my family,” said Bo Taylor, who also competed at UCLA. “As I was at the end of my throwing career, I was able to compete in a track meet with my two younger brothers, which stands out to me as one of my favorite memories in my track and field career.”

Ciarelli’s influence has spanned generations. Marina throws coach Mike Giron, a 1999 graduate of Los Amigos, remembers aspiring to reach the level of Ciarelli’s athletes.

“When I look back at my own career as an athlete and as a coach, Tony and his athletes have always been the model program you compete against year in and year out and ultimately try to emulate,” Giron said. “It’s truly a who’s who list of the all-time list in Orange County history.”

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DEATHS

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prompted action at the state level this week. Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday ordered the closure of indoor dining facilities, bars, museums and zoos. Establishments like gyms, churches and malls also were impacted by the rollback of the state’s reopening.

On Friday, Newsom said in a news conference that schools would not be able to reopen physically until they had been off the

state’s COVID-19 watch list for 14 consecutive days.

There were 32 counties on that list as of Friday, including Orange County.

Masks have also been mandated for students in the third grade and above, and face coverings are strongly encouraged for students in the second grade and below.

Orange County’s most recent testing positivity rate currently stands at 13.5%.

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

- Santa Ana: 5,419 cases; 128 deaths
- Anaheim: 4,967 cases; 123 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 1,417 cases; 43 deaths
- Irvine: 950 cases; eight deaths
- Costa Mesa: 914 cases; five deaths
- Newport Beach: 689 cases; three deaths
- Fountain Valley: 293 cases; eight deaths
- Laguna Beach: 108 cases; fewer than five deaths

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**BEACHGOERS WEAR** face masks to protect themselves from possible exposure to COVID-19 as they walk across Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach on Saturday.

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# How will schools reopen in the midst of the pandemic?

One would think that with the increase in coronavirus cases and no end in sight yet for the nightmare we are going through that everyone would do everything possible to help end the pandemic.

The article, “Many in county resist masks even as coronavirus cases soar” was illuminating, educational and sad. The sad part is primarily due to those who for whatever reasons will simply not wear a mask in public.

Per the article, “wearing of face masks in public corresponds to the most effective means to prevent interhuman transmission.”

In trying to figure out why some people don't conform to the science standards that have already proven that wearing masks actually helps stop the spread of the virus, I've come up with the following reasons why a mask is not in their apparel vocabulary.

- Some people just hate being told what to do even if it means possibly saving their life or someone else's life.

- They are under the impression that the virus will not catch up to them.

- Despite the number of people who have already contracted the disease and died, they are under the impression that the whole thing is a big hoax.

As far as enforcing the rule that when in public masks are mandatory, it should be a no-brainer. Let's look at the facts:

- The virus is real and is getting worse.
- The primary source of spreading the virus is from person to person.
- Wearing a mask has already been proven to reduce the spread.

With the above data, it's pretty conclusive that intentionally not wearing a mask in public has the remote possibility that a misplaced germ can cause the death of another person.

So it seems we have opportunities here to save lives by simply putting on a mask when in public. Is that really too much to ask for?

**Bill Spitalnick**  
Newport Beach

Last Sunday morning, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos was interviewed for 20 minutes on CNN. Her mantra was “schools must reopen.”

DeVos's answers to questions were so limited, Rep. Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts tweeted: “@BetsyDeVosED you have no plan. Teachers, kids and parents are fearing for their lives. I wouldn't trust you to care for a houseplant let alone my child.”

Closer to home, I know parents, teachers and students are anxious to learn about Newport-Mesa's blueprint for reopening its schools this fall.

With this in mind, I urge the district's school board members to consider these questions before finalizing any plan to welcoming students back into their classrooms. For example:

- As a parent, should I let my child ride the bus to school? Virtually everyone knows the bus is a petri dish for kids passing cold and flu germs. How will each bus be safe from COVID-19?
- If teachers test positive for COVID-19, will they be quarantined for two weeks? If so, will their sick leave be covered (i.e., be paid) and will they still be required to teach from home?
- If a middle or high school teacher, who typically has five classes a day with 30 students in each class, contracts the virus, what happens to the 150 students? Will they be allowed to pass each



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**FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS** wear masks on June 13 during a small graduation ceremony that included Estancia High School senior Marcus Winters, who walks with his mother, Dora Danesi, and other family members. Daily Pilot readers write to express their concerns about the Orange County Board of Education's recommendation to allow schools to be reopened without a face-mask requirement.

other in hallways and/or how quickly can they be tested?

- If 150 students are exposed to the virus, what happens if they expose their siblings or parents? How long will it take for them to be tested?
- What if an infected teacher's spouse or children test positive for the virus? Who will pay for their tests?
- If need be, how and where will the district find substitute teachers willing to work in classrooms full of exposed, possibly infected, students?
- Substitutes teach in multiple schools. What if they are diagnosed with COVID-19? Do the students in all the other schools need to be tested? How long will it take for them to get their results?
- How many teachers in the Newport-Mesa school district are over 45? According to the CDC, more than 15% of the total number of COVID deaths in the U.S. are people between the ages of 45 to 65.

Mine is but a very short list of questions the school board needs to answer before schools can safely reopen this fall. I wonder how many other questions need to be answered?

**Denny Freidenrich**  
Laguna Beach

The bad news out of last night's Orange County Board of Education decision is that once again Orange County is flying solo in a world where science, history and human compassion give way to illogical and political decisions.

Other more enlightened boards in surrounding counties voted to prolong the opening of their schools until the coronavirus is no longer a threat. But not the Orange County Board of Education. They like the limelight of rebellion.

What makes it even more remarkable as a decision is that it was made on the same day that the governor announced a new lockdown in the county because of a second deadly surge.

These board members live in their own little world where their research and decision-making processes trump reality and substance.

I cannot believe that parents want to send their children off to a school that does not require masks or social distancing.

Yes, children often do not get severe cases of the coronavirus, but there is not even enough known about this disease to say

that with certainty. There is even the possibility of long-term effects of the virus.

I definitely would not want my child to be a guinea pig. How about the virus that they might transmit to their parents and grandparents when they get home? Do people have such dysfunctional homes that they feel like their child is safer at school being exposed to virus germs? Is it a case of boredom and too much responsibility for parents trying to keep their children busy?

And then there is the issue of the vulnerability of the teacher, which I have not heard mentioned in many discussions or arguments. Who among them wants to be part of this social and medical experiment? I was a teacher for 30-plus years, and if this decision had been made by my district, I assure you that the majority of us would not have shown up.

And if this decision is not overturned, I have a strong feeling that many teachers will not show up for class.

The good news regarding this terrible decision is that the board only acts in an advisory capacity to the districts in the county, so they can choose to remain closed if their local school board so decides.

I hope that the local boards are more rational decision makers and that they make science-based decisions rather than political ones to protect not only the students and teachers but themselves as well.

**Lynn Lorenz**  
Newport Beach

The Orange County Department of Education made a decision to have all schools open without a mask requirement.

That is sheer lunacy. Every health expert agrees that wearing a mask is the one thing that can control and prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

If and when schools reopen in Orange County, masks should be a requirement for teachers, staff and students, as well as social distancing and sanitizing stations.

This not only protects everyone in the schools but also the community at large. Many families have members with compromised immune systems which make them more vulnerable to the coronavirus.

The school districts cannot guarantee a safe environment for everyone without implementing

guidelines such as the ones mentioned above, along with other recommendations, such as testing and contact tracing, and even possibly giving plasma shots to teachers which may provide them with short-term immunity until a vaccine is available.

This is not hard, people, requiring a mask in schools just as in any public place simply makes sense. Mask up, everyone.

**Peggy Engard**  
Costa Mesa

As a resident of Orange County since 1972, I've observed the county's movement from a backwater, John Birch-oriented far-right conspiracy-theory breeding ground to a reasonable, moderate, educated county of responsible citizens. The results of the 2018 local elections perhaps signaled that Orange County finally joined rational society and rejected its history of flat-earth, rejectionist philosophies.

The coronavirus pandemic has unfortunately shown that I'm wrong. The O.C. Board of Education decreed on Monday that schools in our county should open without regard to scientific fact by declaring that there is no need to observe any of the intelligent recommendations to keep our children and their families safe, including the nominal safeguards of physical distancing and face coverings.

The report on which the board based its decision was the polar opposite of factual inquiry and scientific method, important skill sets which educators teach our children. I would think that the school board — whose members presumably see themselves as role models for our kids — should practice what it teaches.

Let's hope and pray that our county is not returning to its deplorable history of rejecting societal norms and falling back on its unacceptable culture of opposition to science and reason.

While both Los Angeles and San Diego counties have voted to consider the safety of their children and families, the O.C. school board is unfortunately echoing President Trump and his administration's shameful disregard for our nation's health and safety.

The politicization of “free choice” is simply inappropriate during times of crisis. Those of us old enough may recall the 1960s when a similar outcry by those embracing the “don't tread on me” credo opposed seat belts in cars

and motorcycle helmets as an “infringement on liberty.” How many millions of lives have been saved since 1965? No, we're not “snowflakes.” We are simply members of the community of human beings.

Orange County, please don't abandon the trend represented by the 2018 election. Reject the backward and unhelpful political posturing of the Board of Education and the Board of Supervisors.

**Michael Schneider**  
Laguna Beach

An F is indeed the grade that the Orange County Board of Education has earned in its nonbinding vote “to advise schools to reopen.”

Not only does this grade represent the board's Failure to accurately assess the scientific data available on how the coronavirus may spread — from asymptomatic youngsters to older adults with whom they may be in contact.

The F also could stand for Flawed reasoning in selecting to adhere to a highly questionable “white paper” developed by a so-called panel of experts (which met as a group only once); it could also represent the Faulty political allegiances in what is supposedly a nonpartisan governing board; and it might suggest a Fear of retribution from a contingent of O.C. reactionaries who have gained the majority of the Board of Education's allegiance.

An “F” has been earned by the O.C. Board of Education in several areas of its responsibility. What might the Fallout be?

**Ben Miles**  
Huntington Beach

## Local elections are coming up

While national elections have been raging, we will finally be able to focus on local elections after this week.

The deadline for “pulling papers” to run for City Council in Huntington Beach is upon us and candidates will have until the first week of August to actually file.

So far, about a dozen candidates are looking at running for office.

These include both incumbents (Lyn Semeta and Patrick Brenden), two “retreads” (Billy O'Connell and Matt Harper), three previous candidates (Dan Kalmick, Brian Burley, Amory Hanson), and a few fresh faces (e.g. Natalie Moser, Oscar Rodriguez). There are three council seats up for grabs this election with one vacancy (Jill Hardy being termed out).

There may be sharp contrasts between pro-business candidates wanting to jump-start the local economy and pro-community ones demanding safe schools, a safe environment and better social services. The coronavirus pandemic overhangs all issues.

Voters must dig deep this year to evaluate the candidates in terms of leadership qualifications, decision-making abilities, past experience and a vision for the future. This should happen in all cities.

**Tim Geddes**  
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