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O.C. group offers rent relief

As the eviction moratorium ends, Community Action Partnership Orange County providing aid.

BY MATT SZABO

Martin Amoroz counts his blessings.

Even when he was sick and unable to work, the 59-year-old Newport Beach resident was able to keep a roof over his head for his family. But that wasn't a given.

Amoroz caught the coronavirus in July 2020 and was without a job and in bed for two months.

Amoroz, a finance manager by trade who holds an MBA, owns his own business that exports medical equipment to his native country of Mexico. He also does consulting on the side.

He's been living in Newport Beach since his children were toddlers, but being out of work meant Amoroz was unable to pay the \$3,000 rent for the three-bedroom apartment near Fashion Island that he lives in with his wife Teresa, 17-year-old daughter Faith and 15-year-old son Abraham. Faith and Abraham both attend Newport Christian School, while Teresa has a disability and is unable to work.

With the family running out of options, Amoroz's wife called 211, and the operator connected her with Community Action Partnership Orange County (CAP OC).

The nonprofit was able to provide him with two months of rent through CARES Act funding, the second coming after he finished CAP OC's five-week financial empowerment program.

"It was such a relief," Amoroz said. "I wasn't making money, and the rent was piling up. We didn't want the kids to be traumatized; they're used to having a normal life. It gave me peace of mind."

Help is out there. That's the message that Gregory C. Scott, CAP OC president and chief executive, wants to send. The organization has stabilized more than 525 people through \$567,000 in

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James Carbone

LOS AMIGOS FOOTBALL MAKES BIG PLAYS LATE IN WIN AT BOLSA GRANDE PAGE A5



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MAX JARAMILLO, 11, right, and brother Ben, 9, bring home a huge haul Friday from a pumpkin patch at Costa Mesa's Hana Field.

Pick-your-own pumpkins at Costa Mesa's Hana Field

BY SARA CARDINE

For anyone tired of rifling through cardboard grocery bins, looking for picturesque Halloween pumpkins but instead finding uninspired orbs with no stems and even less curb appeal, Tanaka Farms has a solution — U-pick pumpkins in Costa Mesa.

At Hana Field, a 30-acre flower field nestled between the 405 and 55 Freeways and (aptly) located off Sunflower Avenue, visitors can stroll through 8 acres of pumpkins and select their own perfect gourds right off the vines, according to field manager Brandon Flores.

"You get the experience of harvesting your own pumpkin," Flores said during a visit Friday. "You come here, and you can say, 'I picked it myself.' Home Depot doesn't give you that. Grocery stores don't give you that."

The cost of entry entitles guests to pick either one pumpkin or a vase of up to 15 fresh sunflowers, still radiantly growing on the property after making their debut this summer.

Hana Fields is leased and operated by fourth-generation farmer Ken Tanaka, along-

side parents Glenn and Shirley, who run Tanaka Farms in Irvine as a working farm and agritourism business.

Open Fridays through Sundays throughout October, the Costa Mesa pumpkin patch also features tractor-pulled wagon rides, smaller gourds and autumn-themed goodies for purchase and a craft section where kids can paint what they pick.

The seasonal spectacle drew a handful of visitors to the enormous urban farmstead Friday, where parents and children marched over seemingly endless rows of pumpkin vines looking for Jack-o'-Lanterns and seasonal centerpieces.

Loma Linda resident Jenni Black came with 4-year-old daughter Ember "Emi" Chancellor, who wore a special skeleton costume for the occasion.

"She is very much into everything spooky," said Black, balancing a huge round pumpkin on her left shoulder as Emi carried her own small fruit. "She started seeing Halloween stuff everywhere, so she wanted to come out — she just wants to pick a pumpkin."

The pair searched far and wide before cutting a single stem. Then Emi found one

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EMBER CHANCELLOR, 4, looks on as her mom Jenni Black cuts through the stem of a small pumpkin she picked out on Friday.

WALK FOR VIETNAM RAISES \$63,500 FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Walk for Vietnam, an event intended to raise awareness of and funds for those suffering from the impact of the Delta variant in that country, had strong community support last week.

For three hours on the morning of Oct. 2, people walked around Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley to support the cause.

While money continues to

come in following the gathering, Fountain Valley Rotary Club treasurer Gary Forman confirmed that \$63,500 had been raised through the Walk for Vietnam as of Friday.

Funds brought in from the event will be distributed to local charities who have been assisting with COVID-19 relief efforts in Vietnam.

Councilman Ted Bui said that roughly 1,000 people participated

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HUNDREDS PARTICIPATE in the "Walk for Vietnam" fundraising event on Oct. 2 at Mile Square Park Tennis Center in Fountain Valley.

New World Newsstand location open for business in Laguna Beach



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PEDESTRIANS WALK past the newspaper wall, designed by owner Heidi Miller, placed at the front entrance to the new World Newsstand.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The coronavirus pandemic brought hardship on much of the local economy.

To lend a helping hand to the restaurant industry in town, Laguna Beach had parklets built to provide opportunities for outdoor dining.

Heidi Miller, the owner of the World Newsstand, said she never opposed the parklets, but she had even appeared before the City Council to express her belief that too many of them at the south end of Ocean Avenue were detrimental to her business.

The impact of lost parking spots was significant for adjacent retail businesses, Miller explained, es-



pecially if some of the parklets were not being used on a regular basis.

"I'm not against the parklets," Miller said. "I never have been, but when you put three of them in a row directly in front of somebody's

business and you block them in, to me, that wasn't right.

"If they put one in front of my newsstand, that's fine. I didn't have a problem with that at all, but to

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MILLER STANDS inside the World Newsstand's new location at 687 S. Coast Highway in Laguna Beach on Saturday.

WALK

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in the Walk for Vietnam physically.

Bui he said he was impressed by what he described as the will of the people to raise awareness for the issue at hand, citing one example of an elderly man who refused an offer for assistance to complete the course.

He added that the man had begun to limp three quarters of the way through the walk, but he insisted on finishing himself when offered a golf cart.

"He said, 'No, I'm going to walk all the way to the finish line, ... and my walk is to show that I'm here to support,'" Bui said.

There were approximately 230 volunteers on hand to help the event run



PART OF the roughly 1,000 or so participants in the "Walk for Vietnam" event on Oct. 2.

Kevin Chang

smoothly, Bui said, including those who assisted with traffic control or handed out water to the participants. Bui added that the participants came from as far as San Diego to the south and Los Angeles to the north.

"Whether you donate or not is not important," said Bui, who is the president of the Fountain Valley Rotary Club. "What's important is to bring awareness."

The city of Fountain Valley, the Fountain Valley Rotary Club and Project Oasis Compati worked together to put on the Walk for Vietnam.

Those looking to contribute to the Walk for Vietnam fundraising effort can visit fountainvalleyrotaryclub.org for more information on how to donate.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

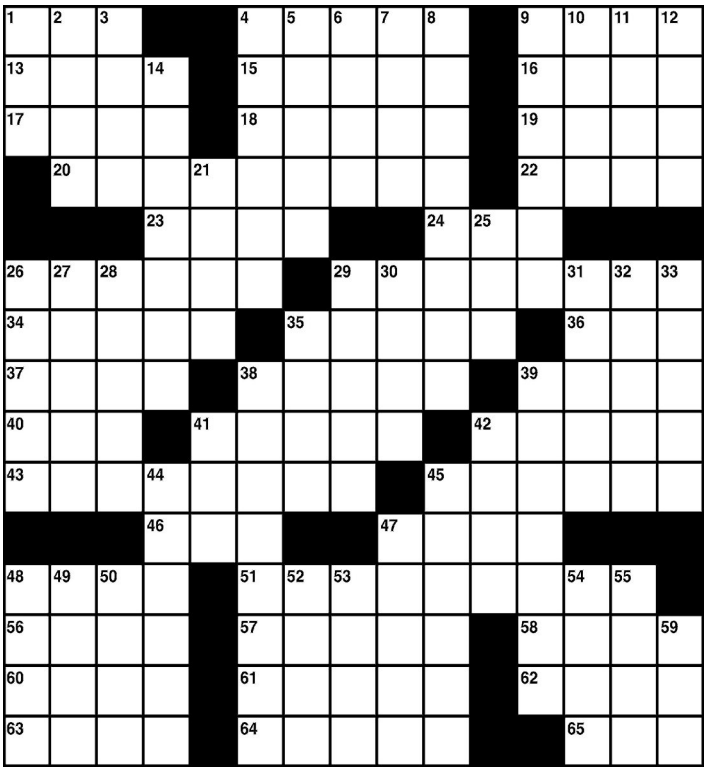
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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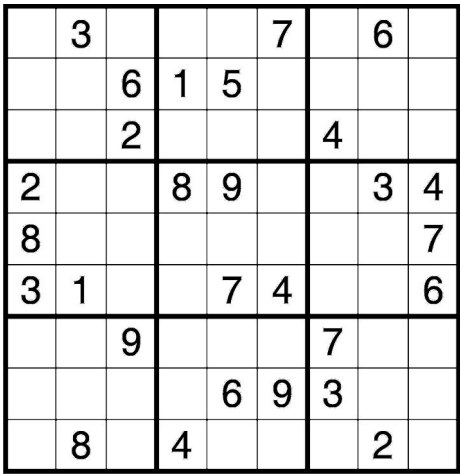
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SUDOKU

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 A6.

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5 Designer Cassini & others
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7 Greek Orthodox work of art
8 Snail's antenna

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26 "Sesame Street" Muppet
27 To-do list item
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29 Knocks to the mat
30 Dumbo's "wings"
31 Part of NASA
32 Avid
33 Gown
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39 Depresses
41 Yesterday; abbr.
42 Boxing area
44 Go by, as time
45 Like prom tuxes, usually
47 Sugar _
Vermont's state tree
48 Blender speed
49 Submarine sandwich
50 Acorn droppers
52 Peter, Paul & Mary, e.g.
53 Metal corrosion
54 Ear-shattering
55 Days of _; long ago
59 Org. for Bears & Lions

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PUMPKINS

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that caught her eye.

"I wanted something small," she said of a gourd about 8 inches in diameter.

Nearby, Placentia parents Bill and Kimi McAdam brought 7-year-old daughter Aubrey out, after hearing about the Hana Field patch from a Tanaka Farms email. Dad wanted something "round and clean," while Mom was looking for good coloring and one flat side for carving. Aubrey, like Emi, was looking for one just her size.

"I'm the one who carves, and they come up with the designs," Bill McAdam said, adding most of the Jack-o'-Lantern faces have been friendly.

"I love the idea you can cut your own off the vine," Kimi McAdam said of the farm. "And I love that it's quiet. It's like we have the whole place to ourselves."

Creating a field that would not only provide fresh produce but create stunning photo opportunities for people to share on social media was exactly what Ken Tanaka had in mind when he leased the

Costa Mesa property from the Sakioka family, which owns the land and are friends of the Tanaka family.

"The idea was to do a flower field. There really isn't anything like it around here," Tanaka said. "From the 55 Freeway and the 405 Freeway overpass you can see all the flowers — it sells itself."

Employees began working the land in late 2020 and opened in May. The past year has been a process of learning, through trial and error, what works for visitors and how to rotate seasonal crops to ensure there will be flowers every month.

Attendance at last week's grand opening was light, but Tanaka expects interest will pick up as more people hear about the Costa Mesa pumpkin patch and as a similar attraction at the farm in Irvine begins to book up. So far, he said, the feedback has been great.

Newport Beach resident Valerie Goesser came out to the field Friday with daughter Tay, 25. They decided to pick one pumpkin and one vase of sunflowers for their fall home display.

"We came in for a little

pumpkin and got the biggest one here," said Tay, struggling to carry her selection in an overburdened cloth grocery bag. "It called to us."

Valerie Goesser said she likes the idea of picking their own produce right from the land where it grew, especially since other flower fields and pumpkin patches only let you choose previously harvested goods.

"We love sunflowers, and they had big, huge ones. They're so fresh and gorgeous," she said.

The pumpkins were another draw and a throwback to the mommy-daughter pumpkin patch days of yore. "We're nerdy like that," Tay Goesser said.

Hana Fields is at 427 Anton Blvd. Admission is \$20 per person and includes one free pumpkin or one free vase of 15 sunflower stems. Children under 3 and members of the military get in free. Parking costs \$10 and pre-registration online at tanakafarms.com/hana-pumpkin-patch is encouraged.

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COMMENTARY | BEN MILES

At CHOC and elsewhere, clowns test the theory that laughter is the best medicine

“Comedy is acting out optimism.” — Robin Williams

What’s so funny? Good question. Think of it this way: Humor is a sort of enriching discovery and can be mined from the most unexpected places.

Just ask Dr. Billy, who’s a member of an ensemble known as the Red Nose Docs, Healthy Humor’s lead program that employs magic, music, comedy and even juggling to provide a healthy shot of giggles and joy to pediatric hospital patients.

Dr. Billy is the chief clown in the Red Nose Docs brigade at Children’s Hospital of Orange County. He and seven other clowning compatriots provide prescriptions of laughter in the ER, in clinics, at the hematology/oncology units and in departments in every part of the hospital at San Bernardino’s Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, as well as at CHOC.

I recently had the pleasure to converse, via Zoom, with Healthy Humor, Inc. co-founder and CEO, Dina Paul-Parks and Dr. Billy. Here are the questions asked and the answers so generously given:

Who devised the concept of hospital clowns?

Ms. Paul-Parks mentioned that Healthy Humor was founded in the late 1980s by the co-founder of the Big Apple Circus, Michael Christensen, the Father of Healthcare Clowning. The notion at the time was to employ a performing group for child patients in hospitals under the moniker of Clown Care. Since that time the program has expanded to children’s hospitals in Florida, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. The program also expanded to other countries — originally Brazil, France, Italy and Germany — but now to nearly 100



Courtesy of Healthy Humor, Inc

DR. BILLY prescribes a healthy dose of humor at Children’s Hospital of Orange County. A commentary by Daily Pilot reader Ben Miles reveals the workings of Healthy Humor, Inc., which trains clowns to work at hospitals.

nations around the world.

How are hospital clowns trained?

According to Dr. Billy, hospital clowns are supported with phenomenal training. The clowns are taught hospital hygiene protocols. The clowns work in teams of two and align their approach to child patients with the health goals that are established by the medical practitioners. Training, after a rigorous audition, typically lasts from three to four weeks, underscored by an apprenticeship of sorts, wherein a clown new to the Red Nose ensemble will work with a senior clown for a period of time.

During this time the newer hospital clown will be observed and advised by the senior clown. Additionally, the team of hospital clowns comes together monthly for what is termed “rehearsals.” Here they share their experiences and a psychotherapist is always present at these monthly meetings to offer support and guidance to the emotional upheavals that may

accompany the sensitive work these clowns so often engage in. Dr. Billy says that “reading the room” is a vital part of a hospital clown’s skill set.

What are the qualities that successful hospital clowns share in common?

Dr. Billy’s unhesitant response — “big hearts,” “empathy,” “resilience.” This is the reasoning behind having so-called rehearsals wherein other hospital clowns can offer support to their colleagues, as well as the ever-present psychotherapist who’s also a resource for resilience.

How can a person become a hospital clown?

Ms. Paul-Parks indicated that all hospital clowns have a great deal of performance experience because all the Red Nose Docs are professionals from a variety of artistic disciplines. Moreover, auditions are required and call-

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

‘Make it about the reader’ and other writing tips from an editor

As spell-checkers and grammar-checkers get better, I sometimes wonder how long people like me will get paid to check writers’ spelling and grammar.

Then I remember: There’s a lot more to bad writing than missed commas and subject-verb agreement errors. In fact, most of the problems I fix in my editing work have nothing to do with grammar, spelling or punctuation.

Instead, a huge number of the mistakes writers make involve things like logic, clarity and remembering the reader.

Here are some real notes I’ve given to writers in recent years, along with some disguised excerpts from the articles they wrote. Hopefully, these comments can give anyone a little

added insight into their own writing.

“Avoid sentences with an empty main clause.” This note was inspired by a writer who penned a sentence like “The Acme Hotel is a nice hotel.” Strip that sentence down to its bare bones and you have “the hotel is a hotel.” Duh.

Often, the solution for a sentence like this is to change the grammar so the structure isn’t “The noun is a noun.” In this case, the obvious alternative is “The noun is adjective.” In some sentences, this works great. Like “The hotel is a luxurious hotel” can be simplified to “The hotel is luxurious.” But that works only because “luxurious” has substance. “Nice” does not. So

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Readers weigh in on petition to elect mayor in Newport Beach

Although times have changed, they haven’t changed enough to warrant a change in our Newport Beach City Charter when it comes to our form of representative government.

Why do you suppose our city founders wrote a City Charter that divided it into equitable districts that would have an elected individual charged with the responsibility of representing the constituents within each of their respective districts? And why did they not define a separate office of “mayor” as an elected position?

Here’s where the problem lies: If the average Newport Beach citizen is asked, “Do you want to elect your mayor?” of course they are going to respond “yes.” Follow that question with another by asking, “Are you aware

of the significant changes this initiative contains that will have a major impact on the way our city is governed?” So if this initiative qualifies for the ballot, and voters pass this initiative, do they really understand what they have done?

What happens to our current “council-manager” form of government that has, by the way, worked so effectively for so many years? It would be replaced by a “mayor-manager”-run city government, and by a mayor who would be given powers and authority that clearly lessen each council member’s ability to do an effective job of representing you, their constituents.

I encourage you to do your homework on this one. Let’s not attempt to fix a wheel that has

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HOPE IS GROWING

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never been broken, and does not need to be fixed. Newport is an extremely well run city, and has been for years. Let's not allow individuals to use our city as a platform for political advancement and permanency. Let's do get back to a citizen-run government.

Jeff Herdman
Former Newport Beach city councilman, 2016-20

As an active member of the Newport Beach community, I feel that it is my civic duty to point out when change needs to happen. The current push for the amendment of our City Charter to allow for the council member in the mayoral position to be elected, rather than being rotated from one zone to another without any consideration to the necessity of a unified leadership of our city, is something that needs to happen.

At the time the charter was drafted the goal was to provide equal consideration for all to the very different communities that make up our fair town. However, as time has gone by Newport Beach has become more unified than ever and the necessity for the rotation of the mayoral posi-

tion to shift from one district to another is more of a detriment than a benefit when it comes to times of crisis.

I believe that if we fail to acknowledge the necessity for change from the ways of the past it will do nothing but bridle progress for our town in the future.

Jordan D Wächter
Newport Beach

I am opposed to Councilman Will O'Neill's initiative to elect our mayor in Newport Beach.

In 1992 voters approved a term limit of eight years for council members, including the mayor. Councilman O'Neill's initiative would allow a council person who has served his eight years to then run for mayor, where he could potentially also serve two terms, i.e., another eight years!

This is *not* the intent of the electorate! Voters are in favor of new council members with their fresh approach and new ideas. Having one person serve for 16 years is just not good for our city. This initiative is a bad idea! It should be voted down if it ever goes to election.

Jeanne Fobes
Newport Beach

Councilman Will O'Neill has posted a series of frequently asked questions on the website supporting his crusade to be an

elected mayor. In one of them, he states that his proposition does not change term limits for current council members. Nothing could be further from the truth.

His plan undermines the term limits established by voters decades ago. Whereas any unsuccessful candidates for mayor coming from currently elected council members will have term limits applied to them, the successful candidate for mayor will specifically be excluded from the two-term limit and allowed to serve for another eight years. Is this what voters anticipated when they adopted those term limits? Of course not.

His FAQs go on to say (soothingly!) that the mayor will set the agenda, but preserves a means for other council members to add items as well. Again, he is parsing words to hide the fact that the mayor will have near exclusive control of the agenda since he is removing most other means for others to add their items of interest. Control of the agenda means control of the direction of the city since items that cannot be placed on the agenda cannot be discussed or acted on.

This single underhanded action suddenly changes the balance of power in the city and relegates the other council members to the role of onlookers instead of sharing power. That little fact is missing from the

website.

In every way, this scheme changes the whole dynamic of our city and puts only one man in charge of the most important tools of city government. It should be vigorously opposed by anyone who cares about our city.

Don't get fooled into signing his petition!

Suzanne Gauntlett
Newport Coast

Where was coverage of H.B. incident?

Last week I was away visiting family for the first time in nearly 18 months. From a Boston suburb, I suddenly received a flurry of social media posts and later coverage by a Los Angeles TV station of an incident along the Main Street sidewalk in front of Huntington Beach High School.

Protesting adults appeared to be engaging in shouting matches with students that escalated into some sort of physical altercation. The TV images were disturbing, and the factual information provided was sparse. That was on Sept. 22.

As one who never relies exclusively on social media or single news source for information about current events, I figured I would return to Huntington Beach and be able to read a local accounting of the facts surround-

ing this incident. Unfortunately, over a week later, it appears there was no coverage of this incident by Huntington Beach's local paper of record, the Daily Pilot.

I want to know why.

Although I often attend, participate in or just remotely monitor many public forums and hearings in our city, I often rely on the Pilot for factual accounts and reporting on events I cannot watch myself or local incidents and occurrences that I simply miss. While I understand that social media feeds can often be filled with overly dramatic videos and lots of hyperbole when adults and high school students clash on or adjacent to a school's grounds, that is a big deal and deserves some kind of local coverage.

The Pilot is an invaluable part of our community and a resource many residents rely on. In these turbulent times of misinformation, disinformation and out-and-out lying, perhaps the Pilot's most crucial role is maintaining a comprehensive record of the events in our community. As the late newspaperman Phillip L. Graham famously said, "News is the first draft of history."

Let's make sure the draft of our history is as comprehensive and accurate as possible.

Steve Shepherd
Huntington Beach

CLOWNS

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backs are held to decide from among the chosen few. In New York and Los Angeles, according to Ms. Paul-Parks, talent abounds. It can be harder to locate the right talent in other regions of the nation or the world.

Is there research that correlates hospital clowns with healing?

Ms. Paul-Parks says most research has been done overseas and is from the early 2000s but with some as recent as last year.

Anecdotally, Ms. Paul-Parks adds that after seeing the hospital clowns interact with a hospitalized child, the young patient's mother began shedding tears as she said, "This is the first time I've

seen her smile in a week." There are many such stories.

Dr. Billy suggests, with much certainty, laughter boosts the immune system's release of endorphins. I am convinced that this is true.

In addition to the hospital clown program, Healthy Humor, Inc. offers a similar program for geriatric patients named Vaudeville Visits and a range of smaller initiatives. For readers who wish to offer support to Healthy Humor's worthy programs, donations of any amount can be made at healthyhumorinc.org/donate/.

Doing so might just release your endorphins, too.

BEN MILES teaches aspiring healthcare practitioners at West Coast University.

A WORD

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rather than changing this to "The Acme Hotel is nice," the writer needed to find something substantive to say, like "The Acme Hotel offers spacious rooms with luxury linens and widescreen TVs."

"Translate business-speak into terms meaningful to the reader." If you're writing for an airline industry trade magazine, it may be fine to say, "ABC Airlines' SkySuite product is generally regarded as one of the best first-class products." But if your reader is a traveler wondering whether to splurge on a first-class seat, this won't fly. Travelers don't think of their onboard experience as a "product," and they may not get too excited about how it's "generally regarded." The fix

here: Make it about the reader and give hard facts so they can decide for themselves how great it is. "When you fly ABC Airlines first class, you'll enjoy a fully enclosed private bedroom suite, signature caviar service and meals prepared by a Michelin-starred chef."

"Watch wordiness." Some writers take wordiness to extremes, like the person who penned this sentence: "You're going to need to be in the know to get the most out of the program." The whole purpose of the article was to get readers "in the know" about the program. A total waste of words. I chopped the whole sentence. Another alternative would have been to start a new sentence with "To get the most out of the program ..." followed by a tip.

"Half off admission' is meaningless when you

don't say what admission normally costs."

This one's self-explanatory. A writer mentioned in an article that on certain days of the week, festival admission was half-price. But he never said what the full price was.

"Pay closer attention to substance/meaning of your words." Sometimes our words don't say what we think they say, as shown in this real sentence from an article I edited: "Here are a few reasons that this card offers that could provide to make it worth getting."

What? Some of these words look like they were included erroneously: "that could provide to." But take those out and you still have a bad sentence: "Here are a few reasons this credit card offers that could make it worth getting." The biggest problem is "this credit card offers," which adds nothing

but flab. A big overhaul was the cure: "Here are a few reasons this credit card may be worth getting."

"Make sure your subject makes sense with your predicate." This note was inspired by the following sentence: "The idea of hopping on a plane or in your car and traveling like you're accustomed to won't be possible." Au contraire.

Even at the height of the pandemic, the idea was always possible. The fix here: Ditch the idea as a subject and trim the rest. "Hopping on a plane or into your car and traveling like you used to isn't possible."

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NEWSSTAND

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have three, I just thought that was a little bit of overkill and kind of not fair."

In June, she made the decision to close the World Newsstand in the downtown area, but she was immediately on the hunt for a new location.

Miller held the grand opening for the new and improved, indoor World Newsstand on Saturday.

The shop will carry newspapers, magazines and the work of various local authors, as well as a handful of puzzle books such as Sudoku and word searches. Miller added the World Newsstand will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Still within walking distance of the beach, Miller



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VARIOUS MAGAZINES for sale at the new World Newsstand located at 687 South Coast Highway in Laguna Beach.

believes the new World Newsstand, at 687 S. Coast Highway, will be a success with its proximity to neighborhoods and hotels such

as the Pacific Edge Hotel.

"These people are staying at hotels, or they live here," Miller said. "So they'll come, and I think they're going to

be my regular customers. People already today, they said, 'Where are your newspapers?'"

"I said, 'They haven't

started delivery yet, but I will have them tomorrow.'" Miller, who also has a clothing store in town called Tight Assets, also had some

sundresses on display in the new store.

A local resident who stopped by the shop on Saturday morning was excited to see the World Newsstand open its doors, commenting that she had watched Miller build up the store over the past two months.

In a world that is increasingly leaning on digital technology, Miller maintains that there is charm in the printed word, and it is a tradition that she does not plan on letting die out any time soon.

The storefront includes a tribute to print products in the form of a newspaper wall entitled "Laguna Beach News" with a list included of many of the popular spots to visit in town.

"I love having the newsstand because we're keeping print alive in a digital age, and to me, as long as I break even, I'm happy," Miller said. "... I love keeping something alive and not letting it become a dinosaur."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Los Amigos makes big plays late to earn win

BY ANDREW TURNER

GARDEN GROVE — Through three quarters of football on Friday night, Los Amigos High School and Bolsa Grande were locked in a defensive struggle that had yet to yield a point.

As it turned out, the best was indeed saved for last in the Garden Grove League contest.

Los Amigos scored touchdowns on three consecutive drives in the fourth quarter, coming away with a critical 21-14 road win to bolster the team's playoff hopes.

While Romel Guess, the first-year head coach of the Lobos, does not want to look too far ahead, he knows just how close his team is to securing the program's first postseason berth since 2016.

"Our plan wasn't just to make the playoffs," Guess said. "It was to win a league title."

Los Amigos (4-3, 2-0 in league) opposes Garden Grove Santiago (6-1, 2-0) on Thursday in a battle be-

tween teams tied atop the Garden Grove League. Rancho Alamitos (6-1, 2-0) is also part of a three-way tie for first place.

"[Santiago will] still be undefeated in league, and it's going to be a battle," Guess said. "We're looking forward to another great game, and we're going to prepare our butts off to come in and punch our ticket next week."

That reality has begun to sink in after the Lobos rode a strong defensive effort until their offense woke up in the fourth quarter.

Senior running back Bao Huynh had 40 rushing yards on 11 carries heading into the fourth quarter. In the final period, Huynh amassed 144 rushing yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winning score on a goal-line carry with 3:13 remaining.

"Me and my quarterback [Maysen Navarro] just said, 'The job's not over,'" Huynh said. "So we just kept running and running and running until we found the hole, and then just hit it and run."

Bolsa Grande (3-4, 0-2) struck first on a two-yard rushing touchdown by Damion Beaudoin on the second play of the fourth quarter.

Huynh gained 42 yards on the ground on the Lobos' next possession, capping it off with a seven-yard scamper up the middle.

The Lobos took their first lead when Navarro kept the ball on an option play for an eight-yard rushing touchdown inside the left pylon.

It took just 12 seconds for the Matadors to respond, as Phu Nguyen bolted through the middle of the defense for a 90-yard touchdown on the ensuing kickoff to tie the score at 14-14 with 6:44 to go.

Turnovers played a crucial part in Los Amigos' victory. The Lobos secured three interceptions in the fourth quarter — by Navarro, JP Gutierrez and Huynh. Gutierrez and Huynh picked off passes to end the Matadors' last two drives.

Pedro Hernandez also



LOS AMIGOS' Bao Huynh scores in the fourth quarter against Bolsa Grande on Friday.

James Carbone

had an interception along the right sideline in the first half to end a red-zone trip for Bolsa Grande.

The Lobos were able to get pressure in the backfield when they needed it from defensive end Juan Hermosillo and nose guard Daniel Robles.

Hermosillo was back in action after sitting out the Loara game due to a concussion.

Aside from a 50-0 loss at

Garden Grove on Sept. 24, Los Amigos has been in every other game. The Lobos, who won consecutive games for the first time this season, also suffered one-possession losses at Westminster and Costa Mesa.

"We were hungry because we lost to Garden Grove 50-0," Hermosillo said. "We don't like the feeling of losing. None of us do."

Los Amigos athletic director Chris Sandro said the school brought three rooter buses to the road game, and the fans in the stands did not go unnoticed by the Lobos.

"We're a school," Navarro said. "We're all one, and them being here helps us with energy. It boosts us up."

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RENT

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rental assistance this year alone.

That message is especially pertinent now. California's eviction ban ended, effective at the end of September. That left many renters owing thousands of dollars in back rent.

Residents have to come up with at least 25% of their rent covering the period between Sept. 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2021, which can be paid in monthly installments or in one lump sum.

"I think on some level, people would be surprised that the moratorium had such a big impact," Scott said.

"It's Orange County. This



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NEWPORT BEACH resident Martin Amoroz and CAP OC President and Chief Executive Gregory C. Scott, from left, are shown at the CAP company headquarters in Garden Grove.

is one of the richest counties in the country. But everybody was affected by it ... come Nov. 1, landlords

have the right to take those individuals who cannot pay 25% of the rent that they're owed to small claims court.

[The moratorium] protected them from being evicted, but it didn't erase their debt.

"It's easy to identify those northern or western cities in the county, that we can identify that poor people probably live there. But there's poor people who live in Newport Beach, who live in the coastal areas — Huntington Beach — who are also challenged by this moratorium."

Scott, who has led CAP OC since January 2018, has a quote from Muhammad Ali on the white board in his office: "It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out, it's the pebble in your shoe."

CAP OC has more programs, including a utility assistance program, that

can help remove some of those pebbles.

"Ultimately, our mission is really about helping families and individuals who are dealing with poverty," Scott said.

"We have a network of community partners across the county that address the root cause of the poverty. We try to look at ourselves in terms of two domains. One domain is, how do we help individuals who are dealing with crisis, meaning they have an immediate need?"

The organization runs the OC Food Bank at their Garden Grove headquarters.

In 2019, Scott said that CAP OC gave out 24 million pounds of food. In 2020, when the need was greater

because of the coronavirus pandemic, 65 million pounds of food were distributed.

Scott said CAP OC also has a hand in community development. It runs three family resource centers — in Anaheim, Santa Ana and Orange — that offer more long-term help.

Amoroz is optimistic for the future and grateful for the assistance that the non-profit provided.

"Families need to see there is help to help them get back on their feet," he said.

"There is always a door that's going to open, to improve whatever situation they have."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Corona del Mar strikes quickly in win over Huntington Beach

BY MATT SZABO

Both times this calendar year that the Corona del Mar High football team has played Huntington Beach, the Sea Kings were coming off a Sunset League-opening loss to Los Alamitos.

Corona del Mar again made the most of its bounce-back opportunity Friday night at Davidson Field.

Quarterback David Rasor threw four touchdown passes as the Sea Kings romped 35-8 over the Oilers.

The defense was impressive for CdM (6-1, 1-1 in league). The Sea Kings held the Oilers scoreless in their three trips into the red zone and earned two fumble recoveries.

"We're definitely happy with our performance," said senior outside linebacker Charlie Mannon, who had three quarterback sacks, recovered a fumble and forced another fumble recovered by senior Dylan Wood.

"We didn't get the [shut-out] we were hoping for, but we're happy. As a defense, we always want to stay hungry and we always want to stay satisfied. We know we've got a big one next week [against Edison], and we're going to have to play much better than we did tonight."

CdM, which lost 42-14 to Los Alamitos in its league opener, found itself up just 7-0 late in the first half against a gritty squad from Huntington Beach.

CdM coach Dan O'Shea



gave credit to the Oilers (4-3, 1-1) and coach Brett Brown but said the Sea Kings kept getting in their own way.

Jeremy Carpenter had a pair of quarterback sacks for Huntington Beach.

"I think [Rasor] was picking himself up off the ground eight, nine, 10 times," O'Shea said of the junior, who still managed to complete 18 of 24 passes for 263 yards.

"That was part of the problem. We weren't great in pass [protection], we had holding penalties and all that garbage. We've got to clean it up and get ready for Edison, for sure."

When CdM struck, however, it struck quickly, scoring three touchdowns in the final three minutes of the first half to take a commanding 28-0 lead.

First it was Rasor finding senior John Tipton on a 55-yard touchdown pass. Tipton did much of the work,

catching the pass around midfield and turning on the afterburners.

After a Huntington Beach punt that went minus-five yards, CdM had excellent field position at the Huntington Beach 28-yard line. Three plays later, Rasor found junior running back Evan Sanders on a 20-yard screen pass for a score.

Mannon recovered a fumble on the Oilers' ensuing drive, before Rasor connected with senior receiver Max Lane on a four-yard touchdown.

"We had little complications in the beginning, but we came back strong in the second quarter," said Sanders, who also had a rushing touchdown. "Slow start, but we brought that momentum into the [second] half."

Cooper Hoch also had a second-half touchdown catch for the winners. Huntington Beach got on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter when senior

MAX LANE of Corona del Mar makes a catch under pressure from Huntington Beach's Maxton Seymour from a touchdown during a Sunset League game at Davidson Field on Friday.

Scott Smeltzer
Staff
Photographer

quarterback AJ Perez connected with senior receiver Tyler Moses for a 22-yard strike.

Eli Anderson also blocked and recovered a punt for Huntington Beach, which returns to Davidson Field to play Newport Harbor next Friday.

Henry Eddy had an interception, while senior receiver Hideo Ray contributed six catches for 130 yards.

Wood had a pair of sacks for CdM, which plays Edison on Friday at Huntington Beach High.

Last year, the Chargers outlasted the Sea Kings 44-41 in a four-overtime thriller.

"We always love playing those guys," Mannon said. "I mean, they're a hell of a team. They're just like us, a public school, so it will be really fun. We're excited."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Newport Harbor football posts shutout vs. F.V.

The Newport Harbor High School football team snapped a four-game losing streak with a 49-0 victory over Fountain Valley in a Sunset League game at Huntington Beach High School on Friday night.

AJ Guitron-Moore had four touchdown passes, and Kashton Henjum had two receiving touchdowns for the Sailors.

Newport Harbor (2-5, 1-1) plays host to Huntington Beach (4-3, 1-1) next Friday, while Fountain Valley (1-6, 0-2) will have a home game versus league-leading Los Alamitos (6-1, 2-0) on Thursday.

Orange 62, Estancia 3: The visiting Eagles had their three-game winning streak come to an end, as Estancia suffered a blowout

loss at the hands of the Panthers on Saturday night in an Orange Coast League game at Fred Kelly Stadium.

Orange (4-3, 2-0) scored touchdowns on its first seven possessions, with Kobe Boykin accounting for four of those scores.

He had 134 yards of total offense before halftime.

Zachary Siskowic threw for 240 yards and three touchdowns. The scoring strikes went to Jonathan Smith, Justin Harris and Boykin.

Noah Aires had 33 rushing yards to pace Estancia (4-3, 1-1), which plays host to Santa Ana (5-1, 2-0) next Friday.

Costa Mesa 34, Calvary Chapel 27: The Mustangs picked up their first win in



KASHTON HENJUM had two receiving scores for Newport Harbor on Friday.

Don Leach

Orange Coast League play this season in Friday night's home game.

Costa Mesa (3-4, 1-1) will travel to take on Saddleback (3-4, 0-2) in its next game on Friday.

Ocean View 36, Winchester Temecula Prep 16: Anthony Ramirez rushed for 156 yards and added 96 receiving yards to lead the host Seahawks to a non-league win on Friday.

Running back Isis Salazar scored a touchdown for the Seahawks.

Ocean View coach Jimmy Welker said Salazar's touchdown marked the first time in school history that a female football player had been credited with a touchdown.

Seth Churchwell also made four catches for 88 yards for Ocean View (2-5), which opens its Pac 4 League schedule at home

against Godinez (0-7) next week.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
Manhattan Beach Mira Costa 2, Newport Harbor 1: Quinn Perry had 10 kills, but the Sailors fell to the Mustangs 21-25, 25-20, 15-9 on Saturday in the semifinals of the Redondo Tournament.

Emma Coatsworth had eight kills, and Anabel Kotzakov added seven kills for Newport Harbor (23-7), which tied for third place in the tournament.

Emma Fults and Perry were named to the all-tournament team.

Newport Harbor plays host to Edison in a Wave League finale on Tuesday evening.

The Sailors can clinch the outright league title with a win.

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