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SOCCER



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ORANGE COUNTY Soccer Club forward Sean "Ugo" Okoli scores the match's lone goal in the first half against Phoenix Rising on Saturday.

O.C. Soccer Club notches 1-0 win

Sean "Ugo" Okoli provides the lone scoring strike in the team's home victory over Phoenix.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Nothing has come easy for the Orange County Soccer Club this season, but one goal was enough to achieve a result on Saturday night.

Sean "Ugo" Okoli provided the lone scoring strike for Orange County in its 1-0 victory over Phoenix Rising FC at Championship Soccer Stadium at the Great Park in Irvine.

"We're playing Phoenix, so they're probably one of the top teams in the league," Aodhan Quinn said. "We had to go back-to-back with them, and we got four points, so we think that's great."



ORANGE COUNTY Soccer Club's Okoli celebrates scoring the match's only goal in the first half against Phoenix Saturday.

"We got Ugo a goal, which is great, so his confidence will be high."

Orange County (1-0-2) has managed just two goals through three matches. In doubling its goal production for the

season, Orange County earned its first win of the season, remaining in fourth place in the Group B standings of the United Soccer League.

Phoenix Rising (2-1-1) came into the night tied with the San

Diego Loyal for first place, but Phoenix (seven points) dropped into third place after wins by San Diego (3-1-1, 10 points) and the L.A. Galaxy (3-1-0, nine points).

Although the possession heavily favored Phoenix through the first 15 minutes, it was Orange County that found itself in space in transition. Daniel Crisostomo sent a ball ahead for Darwin Jones.

The speedy forward beat Zac Lubin, the Phoenix goalkeeper, to the ball and took a touch to put it past him, but Jones lost his footing in pursuit and the ball rolled wide of the right post.

Orange County would continue to showcase its speed in the period that followed, and it broke through when Quinn played an aerial ball in behind

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Food giveaway helps families in need

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley put on the drive-through event in Fountain Valley to aid those impacted by the pandemic.

BY ANDREW TURNER

During the coronavirus pandemic, people have been encouraged to stay at home.

Leaving the house for the grocery store could be considered a risky activity. Affording groceries has also become an issue for some who have been unable to work due to the pandemic.

A drive-through food giveaway put on by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley solved both problems for approximately 1,000 families on Friday at Fountain Valley Recreation Center and Sports Park.

Fountain Valley Mayor Cheryl Brothens was among a group of roughly 75 staff members and volunteers who helped distribute the food. Boxes of groceries containing 30 to 40 pounds of dairy products and produce were put in the trunks of cars by volunteers for contactless delivery.

"In Fountain Valley, getting volunteers to come and help with an event like this is never a problem," Brothens said. "We always have volunteers. In that regard, we're a very generous community."

"The fact that the Boys and Girls Club kind of takes the lead on this is good. They're in a position where they see a need with our younger population that most people may not be quite as aware of. They're very connected to the community, so for them to gather up the volunteers is always good."

Laura Garcia, 22, of Midway City said she lost her job at a restaurant in Seal Beach because of the pandemic and she appreciated the community coming together to help those in need.

"This is really helpful because right now, I'm not working, so it's a little hard to buy groceries and stuff," Garcia said. "The fact that a lot of different people are willing and helping to make food drives honestly is a really big help."

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Irvine Mayor Christina Shea accused of violating resident's 1st Amendment rights in suit

BY BEN BRAZIL

Irvine Mayor Christina Shea allegedly violated a resident's 1st Amendment rights by blocking his profile on Facebook after he made comments in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, according to a complaint filed this week in federal court.

The complaint, filed on behalf of Irvine resident Lamar West, claims that Shea used her Facebook as a public forum and blocked West's ability to engage in open discussion during a critical period of debate in the country regarding police brutality and racism.

The lawsuit also says that Shea blocked other residents from her profile page.



Christina Shea

"Because of their criticism of the mayor's tenure and position on recent social events, plaintiff and a host of other individuals have been prevented or impeded from viewing the mayor's profile, from replying to her posts, from viewing the discussions associated with the posts, and from participating in those discussions," the complaint reads.

"Accordingly, defendant's actions violated plaintiff's 1st

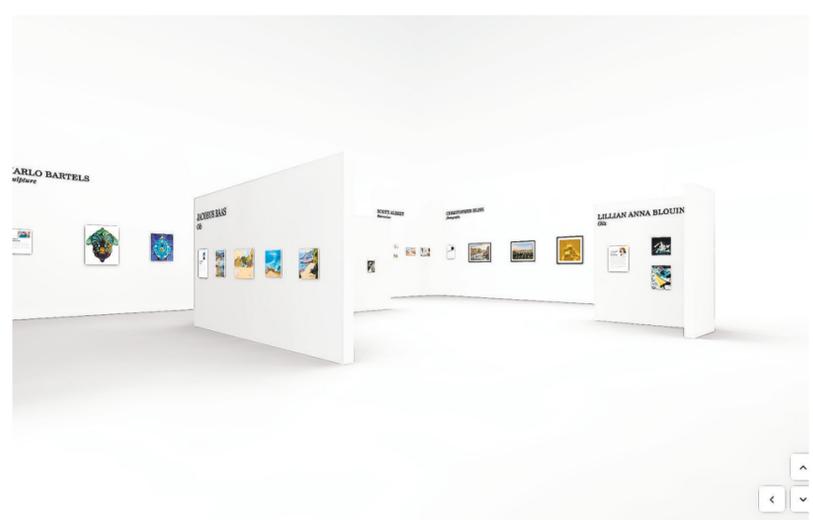
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A VIEW OF Gallery 1 in the virtual Festival of Arts of Laguna Beach.

Festival of Arts of Laguna Beach

Laguna Beach's Festival of Arts, closed because of the pandemic, goes virtual

BY HILLARY DAVIS

The Festival of Arts of Laguna Beach has moved its exhibits online.

Fans of original art can see the works of more than 120 exhibitors at foaVIRTUAL, an online, 3-D immersive gallery at foapom.com/foavirtual/ and explore nine "rooms" that display representations of paintings, photography, printmaking, sculpture, jewelry, handcrafted wood and furniture, ceramics, glass and more. Virtual catalogs are also available on the site.

The works are available for purchase from the artists, and 100% of each sale goes directly to the exhibitors.

This year's Festival of Arts Fine Art Show was canceled in May in addition to the Pageant of the Masters because of the anticipated large summer gatherings

during the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

It was only the second time the event has been canceled since its founding in 1932. The first was during the second World War.

"Since the cancellation of our shows, we have been hard at work putting together online and art initiatives," said Sharbie Higuchi, director of marketing and public relations at Festival of Arts of Laguna Beach, in a statement.

"All of us at the Festival of Arts felt that if we cannot, for the time being, bring our guests to the Fine Arts Show to see the incredible works of our artists, then we will find a way to bring our artists to our guests."

Each gallery allows users to pan side to side or up and down and click on images for up-close examinations, or take a guided

tour that automatically glides between images in sleek, white, blue and gray-walled rooms. There are nine galleries with up to 17 different artists in each. Perusing the website is free.

"We are proud to be able to find new ways to continue to support our local artists and showcase their work, as we have done each summer for the last 80-plus years," said Christine Georgantzas, Festival of Arts director of exhibits.

"We are already planning future updates, surprises and user engagement opportunities throughout the summer in conjunction with foaVIRTUAL," added Higuchi. "We hope everyone will come back often, visit our virtual galleries and discover what's new."

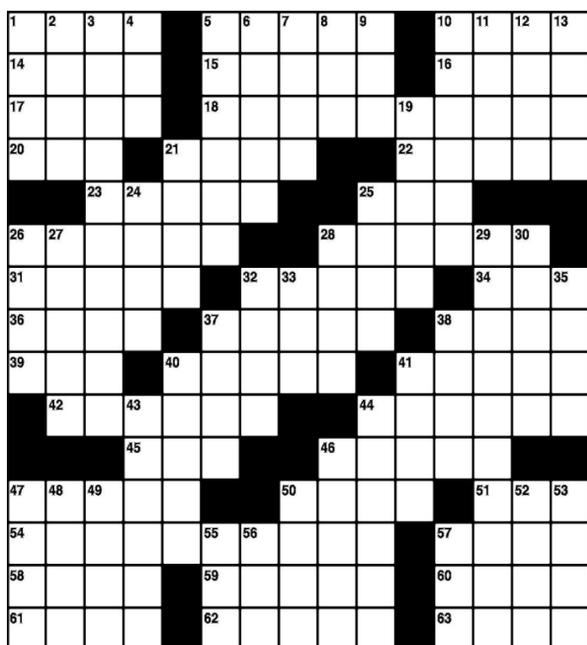
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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14 Singer Guthrie
15 Plato's last letter
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18 Gather together
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22 Wearing by tedium
23 Largest U.S. bank
25 _ the birds; ridiculous
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31 Car crash
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36 Emit a strong odor
37 Assists
38 Recipe verb
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40 Rosary pieces
41 Singer Haggard
42 Blackjack player's opponent
44 Remove from office
45 Become firm
46 Namesakes of a yellow Muppet
47 See eye to eye
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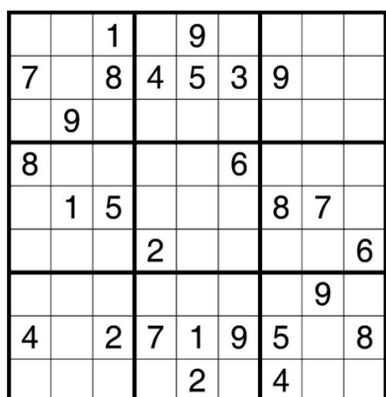
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5 Short-horned grasshopper
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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



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

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46 Keep a cooking turkey moist
47 As slippery _ eel
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50 Party platter preparer
52 Diamond Head's location
53 Horseshoe material
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MAYOR

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Amendment right to express dissent in response to the mayor's policies and to view and interact with the comments of others that have similarly expressed such dissent."

West is being represented by Los Angeles-based firm, Baum, Hedlund, Aristei and Goldman.

Shea first came under fire in early June for deleting and blocking comments supportive of the Black Lives Matter movement on her Facebook profile. At the time, she contended that the profile page was for personal use, and that she had a separate Facebook profile for public dialogue. Public officials are legally allowed to hold private social media accounts.

However, Shea posted similar statements on both pages during the Black Lives Matter protests in June, and the complaint says that Shea has used her profile "since its inception ... to disseminate information regarding mayoral and city council activities ... all with greater frequency than her page."

"After receiving a letter about my personal Facebook page I consulted with my city attorney, and as a result made a number of simple changes to ensure that my personal page was for personal matters, and the public page is for city matters," Shea said Thursday in a texted comment. "Those changes were made weeks ago. My city attorney stated to me all was now in compliance. As an elected official, who isn't an attorney, it was good to get proper guidance as the laws have been ever changing."

Shea's comments in June — made amid nationwide protests that were sparked after the death of George Floyd — were strongly in support of her police department and critical of protesters. They provoked heated discussion on her page.

"We have been named one of the safest cities in America for 15 years in a row and I will not agree to reduce our public safety funding especially after seeing the violence we have endured as a nation this past week. If you are coming into Irvine to promote an agenda, and protest for lesser public safety protection, best you turn around and find another city to compromise," Shea wrote on her Facebook page on June 3, according to the complaint.

Many responded critically to Shea's post, including West, a Black man.

"Like other educated people have mentioned, it's okay for you to support the movement and not defund the police but you don't want to do either. I can hear the racist ancestors of yours in this post, and it's sickening. Enjoy your position while it [lasts]," West wrote, according to the complaint.

West was blocked soon after the post and remains blocked, the lawsuit says.

The complaint, which also alleges a



ONLINE USERS says they were blocked by Mayor Christina Shea for comments made on her personal Facebook page.

File Photo

violation of the California Constitution, is also asking for compensatory damages for West and for the court to order Shea to unblock West's account.

"The mayor's actions clearly suppressed speech within a public forum and during a period of intense public controversy concerning use of force by law enforcement and systematic racism, which precluded plaintiff from being included or able to participate in a robust public debate," the complaint says.

Shea has received criticism from the Thurgood Marshall Bar Assn., Orange County's only Black bar association, the Knight First Amendment Institute and the ACLU of Southern California for her actions on Facebook.

"When government officials use social media clearly in their governmental capacities, then if they are going to allow comments, they can't discriminate on the basis of the content of those comments," Peter Eliasberg, chief counsel and 1st Amendment attorney with the ACLU of Southern California, said in June.

"Government officials can act as private citizens and use social media as private citizens, in those cases they are free to choose whether they want to delete comments or allow them or pick or choose among them."

"There is quite a bit of official content on both of [Shea's] pages, and we do have serious concerns about Mayor Shea's blocking comments on one of her Facebook sites."

In June, Jessica Ortega, an Irvine resident, said she was blocked after posting comments to Shea's personal Facebook page.

She said she knew a few others who had also been blocked for comments critical of Shea, who is up for reelection in November.

"If I can't express myself to my own mayor for change, then I don't feel like my voice is ever going to be heard," Ortega said at the time.

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MAILBAG

REPORT ON O.C. BOARD OF EDUCATION DECISION
UNDERScores IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPARENCY

I just wanted to thank reporter Sara Cardine for writing the article about the O.C. Board of Education and its ties to charter schools.

We are referencing your article in emails to our school board in Huntington Beach asking them to go 100% virtual. I appreciate all the information provided to us through this article.

I can't comprehend why we need to have these conversations about school safety and wearing masks. We plan on keeping our kids home for the start of the year. Our preference would be in-person classes, but it just doesn't seem safe for our children and especially all the staff in the schools.

I implore you to have a continued focus on school reopening because this is such an important topic to so many parents in Orange County. The information the Daily Pilot provides helps inform us and the people making decisions about reopening schools.

Jaime Araya
Huntington Beach

Re: "Push for reopening Orange County schools without masks has pro-charter school links," July 16.

If anyone believes that local journalism is not vital, this article might give pause, digging, as it does, into what was behind the Orange County Board of Education's recent action. The board voted 4-1 to approve guidelines allowing for the reopening of schools but without basic coronavirus precautions.

The article, through its detailed reporting, vividly shows why local journalism is so important to the public's learning what is really going on in the chambers of local government.

I had concluded from earlier reporting that even though the board had come to what I thought was a bizarre policy decision regarding the threat of

coronavirus to students, teachers and staff, at least they had based it on a publicly transparent investigation by apparently professional participants.

However, the reporter meticulously tracked down and reported key relationships and backgrounds of the core participants. Through this thorough investigation, readers learned the story of a hidden political and financial agenda.

This story is an all too common one of how some political players know how to produce an apparently transparent public process but one that is basically sham, whose outcome is foreordained.

This kind of stylized drama and acting is more like theater than transparent, Brown Act compliant, political process.

Good reporting can unmask the actors and cut away the costumes to expose the make-believe. Citizens need more of it, not less.

Tom Egan
Costa Mesa

Editor's Note: The writer is a former member of the board of trustees of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

As a parent, I'm relieved to no longer have school-age kids or have to stress over the madness of this whole debate about returning them to the classroom during this global pandemic. My daughter just graduated from college and only had to endure a single quarter of university studies, but she said the whole online experience was an unmitigated disaster. I can't imagine what it must be like for grade school kids. So I get the dilemma.

At the same time it is my opinion that the O.C. School Board of Education's "white paper," denying science regarding masks and social distancing, reflects the board's Trumpian denialism that has us sitting as the worst pandemic response on the planet. No

other country is seeing 60,000 new coronavirus cases a day or enduring 130,000 deaths in the last four months like the U.S. The world has proven that the pandemic can be managed, but the populace has to buy in, something many Americans refuse to do. We have so utterly failed responding to this virus that the rest of the world has closed its doors to American visitors!

It will take us years to recover from this nightmare and we have no one to blame but ourselves.

We have been humbled by a microscopic creature that doesn't care if you're a Democrat, Republican, independent, science believer or science denier. It only knows one thing: to replicate itself and infect as many humans as possible. No one group has all the answers so the sooner we start cooperating with each other, the better off we will all be. Otherwise we will surely all perish together.

Mike Aguilar
Costa Mesa

The stated mission of the Orange County Department of Education is "to ensure that all students are equipped with the competencies they need to thrive in the 21st century."

Yet the committee put together to inform a white paper to determine whether the O.C. Board of Education ought to endorse the wearing of face masks in schools seems to have been composed of charter school advocates and promoters of deregulation of state authority over schools, which seems in conflict with the department's mission. After all, how are students expected to thrive in the midst of a pandemic with recommendations contrary to the scientific evidence provided by agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?

If one reviews some of the members of that community

forum — such as Will Swaim, the founder of the California Policy Center, a conservative think tank; and Larry Sand, president of the California Teachers Network, a supposedly nonpartisan "peer support group for educators" — one must question the objectivity of those who scripted the white paper's claims.

The OCDE board of trustees is a nonpartisan office. Nevertheless, the white paper appears to represent the partisan perspectives of trustees such as board President Ken Williams and Vice President Mari Barke, both advocates for charter schools and school choice.

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

The July 19 Mailbag was dominated by the question "How will schools reopen in the midst of the pandemic?" One of the points in the letter by Denny Freidenrich was about substitutes. He stated "Substitutes teach in multiple schools [I might add sometimes multiple teachers in one day]. What if they are diagnosed with COVID-19? Do the students in all other schools need to be tested?"

As a high school substitute teacher, I am particularly sensitive to this topic. What are the liability factors between teachers and students? Who would pay for all the testing? This is only one of the thorny issues facing school reopening.

The simple answer is that in-person classroom education is fraught with danger and pitfalls until all social contact issues are addressed (let alone developing a vaccine). It is also foolhardy to contemplate reopening schools until they are staffed up with nurses and health personnel in addition to adequate quantities of personal protective equipment and testing supplies.

I would also recommend mandatory districtwide health programs on COVID-19 safety for all

who attend public schools before starting. I would include all administrative, coaching, supervision, aides, custodial and cafeteria staff, and volunteer personnel in addition to teachers and students.

We all need to get better educated on the issues before risking our health and safety in school reopenings.

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

Rouda guilty of
double-speak?

Is Orange County doomed to slip away into the radical democratic socialist abyss? In 2018, Harley Rouda pledged to be a moderate voice for O.C.'s 48th District. But according to ProPublica, Rouda voted 100% with Nancy Pelosi and 92% with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

What's worse, Mr. Rouda supports much of AOC's radical socialist agenda — increased taxes, job-killing energy policies, defunding police and restrictive gun laws. Rouda endorses former Vice President Joe Biden, who is silent on his congressional cohorts pushing to completely defund the police.

Mr. Rouda is an opportunist using political double-speak. In May, he honored the Seal Beach Police Department for exceptional meritorious, selfless service and dedication, yet, one month later he tweeted "Too many lives have been taken and communities devastated by police brutality and racial profiling."

So which Harley do we believe?

In response to his opponent's questions, Rouda tweeted, "I don't support defunding public safety." Typical political speak — using misleading words to skirt an issue. The call is not to defund public safety but defund police.

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GIVEAWAY

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The food distribution event was held in partnership with the city of Fountain Valley, Worldwide Produce and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"People are really the most excited about the quality of the food because the USDA's program allows us to bring in fresh produce and dairy," Jane Cowan of Worldwide Produce said.

"That helps our farmers that were having to waste quite a bit, but also, people are getting grocery-store or restaurant-quality produce and dairy, where as normally, a bulk donation is

items that can no longer be sold.

"It requires labor from the charity to sort through it or distribute immediately, due to the expiration dates and everything. All this is shelf stable for several weeks."

Tanya Hoxsie, the CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, said that her organization never closed because of the pandemic, providing childcare for medical workers and essential workers.

"Every day makes us feel like we're making a difference, but this [food giveaway] is just so instant, seeing how happy the people are going through," Hoxsie said.

"What's really neat is that we're one of 14 Boys and Girls Club organizations in Orange County. All of the clubs, in their own way, are doing these kinds of things every week."

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported six coronavirus deaths and 595 new cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, in numbers released on Saturday.

The county has now had 562 deaths due to COVID-19 and a cumulative case count of 33,953.

Current hospitalizations due to the virus stand at 685, with 203 of those patients in an intensive care unit.

An estimated 18,737 have recovered from fighting the coronavirus.

The county reported 4,689 more tests for COVID-19 on Saturday. The total number of tests administered now stands at 389,381.

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

- Santa Ana: 6,355 cases; 143 deaths
- Anaheim: 5,775 cases; 140 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 1,609 cases; 45 deaths
- Irvine: 1,098 cases; nine deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,087 cases; seven deaths
- Newport Beach: 772 cases; six deaths



- Fountain Valley: 341 cases; eight deaths
- Laguna Beach: 123 cases; fewer than five deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at ocovid19.ochealthinfo.com/corona

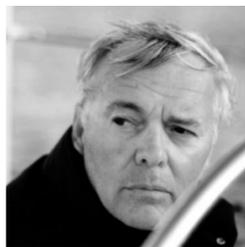
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lead Worldwide Produce pre-boxed groceries for 1,000 families in Fountain Valley on Friday.

Kevin Chang

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Raymond Einar Berg, M.D.

March 13, 1930 - July 2, 2020

Raymond Einar Berg, M.D., passed away peacefully at his home in Newport Beach, California, at the age of 90, following a courageous, six-month battle with blood cancer. His loving family was at his side.

A native Californian, Dr. Berg was born in San Francisco to Norwegian American parents. He made his first trip to Norway at the age of two months, traveling with his family across the Atlantic aboard the SS Bergensfjord. He would forever treasure his Norwegian heritage and returned to Norway many times during his life to visit beloved relatives and delight in the country's spectacular scenery and familiar culture.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Dr. Berg spent his early childhood living on his Uncle John's ranch in Auburn, California, where there was always food to eat but also work to be done. From a young age, Dr. Berg helped tend to the animals and fruit orchards. His favorite chore was milking the cows. Despite the hard times and hard work, Dr. Berg always remembered his years on the ranch as idyllic, and it was on the ranch that he developed his strong work ethic and deep appreciation for life and the great outdoors.

Throughout grade school, Dr. Berg continued to spend summers on the ranch but returned home to San Francisco each year for formal schooling. He was a popular student at Balboa High School, where he earned numerous athletic and academic honors and graduated valedictorian in June 1947. He attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he was a scholarship student, member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and sports reporter for The Daily Californian. He completed his premedical studies in three years, receiving his undergraduate degree in 1950. In 1954, he received his medical degree from UCSF School of Medicine.

A rotating internship at D.C. General Hospital in Washington, D.C., was followed by a first-year residency in general surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, then a major teaching hospital in Greenwich Village. In 1956, Dr. Berg's medical training was interrupted when he was commissioned into the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, where he served as ship's surgeon aboard the carrier USS Lexington (CV-16) based in Yokosuka, Japan. In 1958, he returned to San Francisco to complete his residency in orthopaedic surgery at University of California Hospitals.

Dr. Berg found his life's calling as a practicing physician and was a dedicated, brilliant orthopaedic surgeon. He truly loved his work and improved the lives of nearly 30,000 patients over the course of his long career. He maintained a private practice in Orange County, California, for more than 48 years, 30 of which he was on the medical staff of Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach. He enjoyed working locum tenens assignments across the country and served as a Qualified Medical Examiner and consultant to both the California and Washington state departments of workers' compensation. He held medical licenses in six states and staff appointments at 29 hospitals. He was still seeing patients on January 16, 2020, the day he received his cancer diagnosis.

Perhaps the professional accomplishment of which he was most proud was the founding of the Newport Center Ambulatory Surgical Facility (now Hoag Newport Center Surgicare) in the late 1970's. With vision and perseverance, Dr. Berg fought to overcome then-existing state regulatory obstacles and the resistance of the local medical community to establish a privately funded, outpatient surgical facility, only the 35th in the country, confident that outpatient surgery was the way of the future.

Dr. Berg was a Diplomat of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and member of numerous medical societies. He was a former Director of Sports Medicine at the University of California, Irvine, and co-founder of the Squaw Valley Orthopaedic Clinic, Lake Tahoe. In 1977, he served as a volunteer attending surgeon with Orthopaedics Overseas in Tunisia.

With his limitless curiosity, adventurous spirit and joie de vivre, Dr. Berg lived an exceptional life pursuing his passions and enthusiastically sharing them with family and friends. From his father, he gained a lifelong love of hunting, fishing and boating. He became an avid, accomplished sailor, owning many boats over the years, including the Nautor Swan 37 Heidi, which he sailed 13,000 miles from Finland to the Mediterranean, the Romsdal 65 North Sea trawler Viking, which he maintained in the Pacific Northwest, and the Islander 48 Lorelei, which he and his family sailed off the California coast for 20 years. He loved to fly and became a licensed pilot, owning two Cessna single-engine aircraft. He enjoyed hiking and camping in the wilderness and logged 80,000 miles with his family in their beloved RV. He was a world traveler with a passion for languages. He was an expert downhill skier well into his 70's with an elegant style perfected in the Austrian Alps. A serious humorist, Dr. Berg never missed an opportunity to dispense laughter, and his quick wit and well-timed jokes, puns and limericks will be sorely missed.

Dr. Berg was a Master Mason and 60-year member of Balder (now Columbia) Lodge in San Francisco. He was a 65-year member of Sons of Norway, never missing an annual lutfisk dinner. He was a 47-year member of Newport Harbor Yacht Club, where he spent many happy times with family and friends. Balboa High School remained important to him throughout his life, and he was an active member of the school's alumni association.

Dr. Berg's greatest pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Lori Doyn Nelson, their two sons, Jon Nelson Berg and Peter Nikolai Berg (Anne Bowler), and his son from a previous marriage, Eric Christopher Berg (Cindy Morris). He also is survived by his sisters, Ellen Kilham and Mildred Lubimir. Dr. Berg was preceded in death by his parents, Einar Joachim Nicolai Berg of Os, Norway, and Synneva Augusta Olava Ruud of Waterville, Washington, and his sister, Evelyn Berg.

The family would like to express its gratitude to the exceptional doctors, nurses and staff at City of Hope National Medical Center for the outstanding, compassionate care they provided Dr. Berg during his illness.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a private funeral service was held on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Pacific View Memorial Park, Corona del Mar, California. Memorial donations may be made to the Masonic Homes of California. Please mail checks made payable to California Masonic Foundation to: Masons of California, Attn: Denise Avila, 1111 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

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Public safety encompasses broad areas such as the fire authority, social services, rescue services, etc. — as well as police. Defunding public safety is not the same as defunding the police.

Mr. Rouda, aligns more with democratic socialists than moderate O.C. constituents. In this heated "anti-police" climate supported by a large swath of the Democrat party, Rouda needs to address the issue more precisely and be held accountable.

Mary Brown
Aliso Viejo

Beach gathering betrays faith's foundation

Recently hundreds of Christians flocked to the beach largely unmasked for a mass baptism. Their invitation made no note of masking or social distancing, and when pressed their response assumed that Jesus would take care of them believing that they were doing exactly what Jesus wanted and anyone who disagreed must not be a true believer.

I am troubled by a theol-

ogy that presumes there's some sort of magic bubble that those who believe in Jesus don't have to worry about the ways of this world.

To wash in baptismal waters is not a "Get out of Jail Free" card. Instead it's a responsibility card or, to continue the monopoly theme a "Community Chest" card, because following Jesus is all about caring for community.

While they are correct, Jesus did not shy away from the untouchables of society, he did not knowingly put people at risk. While he might have been a rule breaker, he didn't do so without reason, nor did he do so to flaunt his power, but rather to ensure that the system of power that failed to care for "the least of these" would be broken.

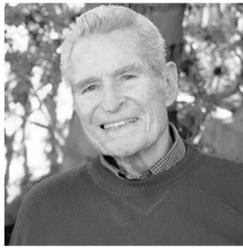
So I find it upsetting that Christians would knowingly put others at risk, that imagining there was even a chance of spreading infection, particularly to those who might be most vulnerable, they would rather put on an event and shame another for questioning rather than even attempting at putting safety measures in place. If one seeks to follow Jesus a simple commitment to do no harm might be a good



Dat Kim Choy

August 27, 1930 - June 1, 2020

Dat Kim Choy, born on August 27, 1930, passed away on June 1, 2020, at the age of 89 in Reno, NV. He traveled to the United States as a child with his parents from Zhongshan, Canton, China, and settled in Isleton, CA, for several years. The family relocated to Reno, NV, and operated the Mandarin Cafe. Kim graduated with a BS degree in Physics from the University of Nevada, Reno, and was recognized by Phi Kappa Phi, Nu Sigma Mu, and Pi Mu Epsilon for his academic achievements. Kim traveled to Germany, courtesy of the U.S. Army in July, 1954, and returned in June, 1956, as a reservist. He was awarded an honorable discharge in June, 1962. During this time, Kim secured entrance and an assistantship into Cornell University, NY, completing his Master of Science degree in Physics. Kim relocated to Laguna Beach and worked as a research scientist in Newport Beach for Ford Aerodynamics (later Loral Space and Communications). After his retirement, Kim continued as a consultant to contribute his knowledge and expertise. Laguna Beach was his home for 60 years. Kim is survived by a large family of brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces. His sense of humor will be missed and he will live in the hearts and minds of all. Military funeral services were held at Mountain View Mortuary in Reno on June 24 for the immediate family.



Donald Rae Daves

Donald Rae Daves, a 35-year resident of Newport Beach, passed away peacefully at his home in Newbury Park on June 7, 2020 at the age of 89.

Don was born December 6, 1930 in Los Angeles and grew up in Glendale, California.

He was an alumnus of USC, a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, president of Trojan Knights and an honoree of the Blue Key Honor Society and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

While at USC, Don was responsible for the expansion of the Troyscope card stunts that took place during televised sporting events, as well as beginning the tradition of the white stallion, later known as "Traveler", taking the field at football games.

Don worked in the entertainment industry, spending ten years as the unit production manager and director of the television show, Bonanza. In 1973, he became the assistant general manager of Goldwyn Studios (later Warner Hollywood Studios) and was there for 24 years.

Don is survived by his wife of 63 years, Teri, as well as his daughters Torie and Toni and granddaughters Kathleen and Kimberly, in addition to their spouses and significant others Robert, Brad, Matthew and Sean.

Also mourning his loss are his brother Brent, his sisters-in-law Mary, Jeni and Gretchen, brother-in-law Ed, several nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Don will always be remembered as someone who brought love, humor, fun and adventure into everyone's lives. His was truly a life well lived.

place to start. For Jesus it was a vow to ensure that one truly loved their neighbor and treated their neighbor with the love they have for themselves and even the love they have for God.

If one really believed in saving lives, why would you gather en masse without masks or distance in such a time as this? I don't think this was about saving anyone.

This is the very reason why so many people are put off by Christianity. A Christian faith doesn't have to be one that ignores science. A Christian faith should not disregard reality and risks. A Christian faith need not be so focused on numbers and show, but rather authenticity and humility.

There is another way, and if you ask me, it was Jesus' way: Love your neighbor and give them some distance, use your brain, it was God-given, and for God's sake pay attention to the injustice in our community and do something about it.

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano
Costa Mesa

Councilman's decision-making questioned

I have read "Process in question as C.M. approves furloughs," July 1 and wonder what Councilman Allan Mansoor was thinking when he voted against the budget cuts at the June 23 Costa Mesa City Council meeting?

Costa Mesa needed to close a \$24-million budget gap due to COVID-19-related revenue losses before the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

Furloughs equating to a 5% reduction in work force (about \$3 million in savings) for all the employee work groups were a part of the budget cuts and had been negotiated with the organizations representing the employees.

Despite all this timely work, negotiations and agreements to resolve the budget gap, there was concern by Mansoor and Councilwoman Sandy Genis that the city wasn't being transparent about labor negotiations.

However, furloughs were discussed at public meetings on June 2, 9 and 16 and then voted on June 23.

Despite having met the spirit, if not the letter, of the labor negotiations transparency policy, Mansoor was the only one who did not vote in favor of the budget reducing agreements for the furloughs.

Instead of recognizing the excellent work by the city manager and staff, and the leadership of Mayor Katrina Foley and Mayor Pro Tem John Stephens to address Costa Mesa's unique COVID-19 economic crisis, it appears Mansoor's thinking involved making a weak lack-of-transparency claim, and not appreciating the urgency of the city's situation. This kind of thinking is not the mark of a leader.

Charles Mooney
Costa Mesa

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ORANGE COUNTY Soccer Club midfielder Seth Casiple tries to control the ball Saturday.

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the Rising's back line. Ugo snuck in behind the defensive position of Corey Whelan, playing the ball on a hop before beating Lubin in the 20th minute.

"I played with [Quinn] before back in our under-23 and college days, so I know he's capable of playing that [long] ball," Ugo said.

"I just try to be alert and get on the end of it when it came."

Looking to draw even late in the first half, Junior Flemmings lofted the ball over Orange County goalkeeper Frederik Due. Seemingly left alone at the goal mouth, Santi Moar took an uncontested shot and banged it off the crossbar.

A frustrated Moar was not long for the game, as he was ejected after a confrontation with Orange County head coach Braeden Cloutier. Phoenix was left to play a man short for the entire second half.

Orange County squandered a golden opportunity of its own, as Quinn missed a penalty kick over the cage in the 62nd minute, keeping the score a one-goal margin.

Due had to make just one save in recording the shut-out for Orange County.

"Tactically we made an adjustment today, and we dropped our line five yards and kept things really compact," Cloutier said.

"We know that Phoenix is a team that has tremendous pace up front. They have really good quality up

front, and if you give them space in behind, they're going to run into it, take it, and they're scoring to score goals.

"For us, it was about being compact, being organized, keeping a clean sheet, but we knew on the other end with Darwin and Ugo that we were going to create opportunities for ourselves."

The match was played without any fans in the stadium, but a couple of dozen vocal supporters took in the contest from outside a fence along the outskirts of the facility.

Orange County will travel to take on Sacramento Republic FC (1-1-2) on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

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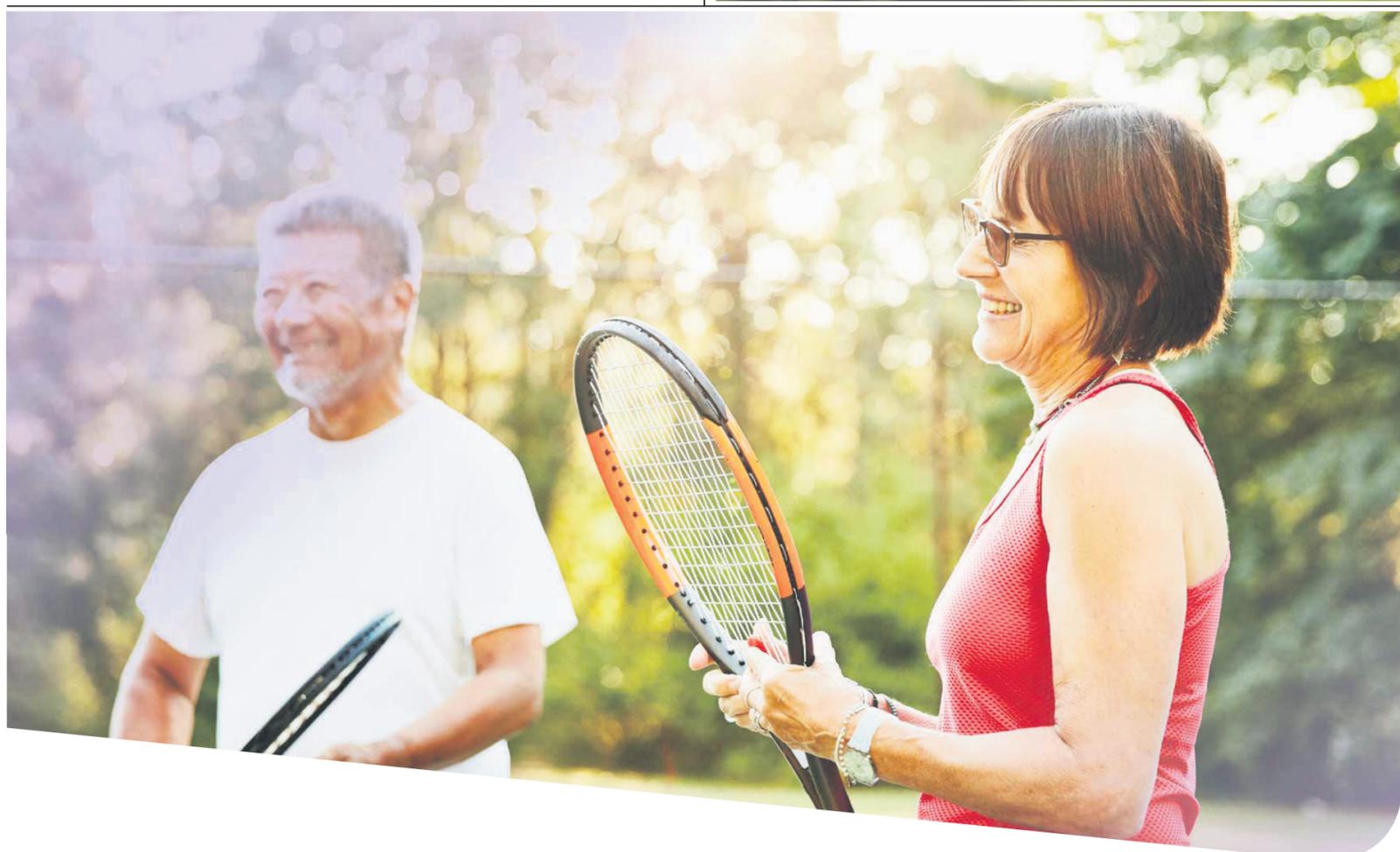
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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

LOCAL COACHES REACT POSITIVELY TO THE NEW CIF SPORTS CALENDAR

BY ANDREW TURNER

When the coronavirus pandemic shut down high school sports in March, it was as if a dark cloud had covered up the sun.

As professional sports resume with no fans, the virus is still having its say. Students and staff will not be able to return to campus for classes and school activities until their county has been taken off the state's COVID-19 watch list for 14 consecutive days.

The first glimmer of hope for high school sports in the 2020-21 school year, however, is a new calendar put forth by the CIF.

Usually split into three seasons — fall, winter and spring — the calendar for this school year will combine the sports into two seasons — fall and spring.

Fall sports are slated to begin in December or January. Many coaches expressed gratitude that fall sports have a way forward instead of being canceled outright.

"I believe this is the best plan to allow us to hopefully get back to workouts prior to season starting," Marina High School football coach Jeff Turley said. "It's going to be strange not having double-day practices in August. Knowing a start time that hopefully will work is good. [It is] something to prepare for with less question marks."

"Bowl games, playoffs, championships, that is January and February football, so I think it will be fun for a season. More weather to work through."

The condensed schedule brings forth complications. Coaches of both



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

HUNTINGTON BEACH boys' volleyball coach Craig Pazanti argues a call with a referee during a nonleague match against Mater Dei in February 2019.

genders in a sport with those teams competing in separate seasons will now have to manage both simultaneously.

Boys' volleyball moved from the spring season to the fall to join girls' volleyball, and girls' tennis has been moved to the spring to join boys' tennis, to cite a couple of examples.

"I'm just glad the kids

will get to play again," said Joshua Nehls, who coaches the boys' and girls' volleyball teams at Ocean View. "That's always what it's been about, and if we have to stretch ourselves even more than we already do so that they can have a little volleyball in their life while they are going through what might be the hardest thing they've ever been through, then that's OK by me."

With some sports seeing

their seasons moved around or extended later than usual, Dan Hay, who co-coaches the Marina softball team with Shelly Luth, liked that the CIF is allowing students to participate in outside competition during the high school season of their sport for the upcoming year.

Hay, the president of Premier Girls Fastpitch, noted that there are PGF qualifiers and recruitment showcases as the calendar turns to June on the travel ball circuit.

Regional championship finals for baseball and softball are now scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021.

Huntington Beach volleyball coach Craig Pazanti said he was happy that CIF was doing all it could to provide a season for student-athletes.

"Boys' and girls' club [volleyball] could also be going at the same time," Pazanti said. "We probably could use a couple of extra hours in the day to get it all in, but hopefully this is a one-year deal, and it's way better to struggle through an impacted schedule than not having sports."

In some cases, the fall

postseason may overlap with the start of the spring season. Cross-country runners who reach the section finals and beyond may miss the opening meets for track and field.

"In regards to concerns about the overlap, this will be something new for everyone, but [you] just have to have a positive and can-do attitude and make it work out for the best," Costa Mesa cross-country and track and field coach Steve Moreno said. "I am sure it will work out and the athletes and coaches will just be excited to be practicing and competing again. I know I will."

Here is the list of fall sports: boys' and girls' cross-country, field hockey, football, gymnastics, traditional competitive cheerleading, boys' and girls' volleyball and boys' and girls' water polo.

Here is the list of spring sports: badminton, baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, competitive sport cheerleading, boys' and girls' golf, boys' and girls' lacrosse, boys' and girls' soccer, softball, boys' and girls' swimming and diving, boys' and girls' tennis, boys' and girls' track and field and boys' and

girls' wrestling.

NEWPORT HARBOR COACH KAY RETIRES

Newport Harbor boys' cross-country and track and field coach Nowell Kay has opted to retire.

"I've decided to hang up my coaching whistle," Kay said. "It's been a great run of 35 years coaching track and field and 30 in cross-country, with the last 20 being the boys' head coach in both [for the Sailors]."

A 1980 graduate of Newport Harbor, Kay, 58, said that he had a great experience coaching at his alma mater.

He looked back fondly on coaching Newport Harbor's boys' cross-country team in 2007, which went on to qualify for the state meet. That team was the fastest (76 minutes 6 seconds at the Woodbridge Invitational) in program history.

Kay also worked with Trevor Jones, a 2000 graduate for the Sailors who is still the Orange County record-holder in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 36.45 seconds.

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