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ORANGE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB forward Sean Okoli, center, is celebrates with teammates after scoring a first goal against LA Galaxy II during the first half on Saturday night at Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson. Orange County earned its fourth straight win with a 2-1 victory.

OCSC wins fourth straight, 2-1

BY ANDREW TURNER

CARSON — Orange County Soccer Club had kept a clean sheet in three consecutive matches.

That streak could not be stretched further, but Orange County still found a way to stretch its winning streak to four.

Cameron Palmer had a goal and an assist to lead Orange County to a 2-1 win over LA Galaxy II on Saturday night at Dignity Health Sports Park.

Orange County remained undefeated on the season. It took its record to 4-0-2 (14 points) and is in second place in Group B of the United Soccer League Championship standings. Phoenix Rising FC (6-1-2, 20 points) is in first place, but Orange County has three matches in hand.

Palmer corralled the ball above the 18-yard box, taking one touch before stepping into a right-footed blast that found the back of the net in the 59th minute, breaking a 1-1 tie for the eventual game-winning goal.

"I want to start adding goals and assists

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ORANGE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB midfielder Cameron Palmer, right, battles against LA Galaxy II midfielder Jorge Hernandez during the first half on Saturday night.

Irvine man is accused of leading retail fraud ring

BY HILLARY DAVIS

An Irvine man is facing several felony charges as the suspected leader of a ring that allegedly bilked a national retailer of millions of dollars' worth of electronics by using fraudulently obtained discounts and then resold the products and underreported the profits, federal prosecutors said.

Abdallah Osseily, 34, was the alleged ringleader of 12 defendants who, from July 2014 to March 2020, defrauded a company referred to in an indictment as "U.S. Retailer 1," the Department of Justice said Thursday.

The 54-count indictment charges the defendants, variously, with multiple felonies, including conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud and bank fraud and aggravated identity theft.

Prosecutors say the crew traveled to hundreds of the retailer's locations nationwide to procure the goods, which they had shipped back to Osseily's home or — in one case of 500 pounds of electronic goods — to Los Angeles International Airport. Osseily then resold the merchandise to third parties and underreported his profits to the IRS, prose-

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Newport Beach to honor police department for protest coverage

BY HILLARY DAVIS

The Newport Beach City Council is set to honor its police department for how officers handled several local protests earlier this summer that were part of the international movement against police brutality in the United States.

The council will consider a resolution Tuesday that recognizes the force's response on June 3, when five separate protests took place at various times and locations in town. Newport police estimate these demonstrations drew a combined 2,500 people.

The protests were held to call out racial injustice in the wake of the death of George Floyd while in custody of Minneapolis police, one of dozens of similar protests in Orange County over the summer.

The council resolution of support applauds the Newport department's protest coverage and by extension the department in general.

"To conclude the 12-hour day without any major incidents, property damage or injuries to officers or protesters is a demonstration of the Newport Beach Police Department's exceptional profes-

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County nearing removal from coronavirus monitoring list

BY ANDREW TURNER

Orange County is on the brink of its removal from the state's COVID-19 monitoring list.

Data provided by the Orange County Health Care Agency indicated that the county has met the thresholds set forth by the state since Wednesday.

A county must meet the state thresholds for three days before it can be taken off the monitoring list.

The county was expected to come off the state watch list on Saturday. Due to a one-day delay in posting by the California Department of Public Health, the county healthcare agency said in a tweet that it anticipates the county will be removed from the list on Sunday.

Once taken off the monitoring list, Orange County could start a 14-day countdown for schools to reopen. Schools must also have an option for online learning if parents do not want their children to go back to school.

Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley said that if the county comes

off the coronavirus watch list, it would be good news, but she is also urging the community to continue take a proactive approach to fighting the spread.

"It's really important that we not rush back too quickly," Foley said. "We're doing such a great job as a county overall and as a community, especially in Costa Mesa."

"Wear the masks, make sure you maintain social distance, avoid crowds. We're doing all that, and it's reflective in the numbers. This concept is so basic, because the virus can't jump from one host to another if it doesn't have any place to go."

Foley warned that failure to be cautious could result in another wave, much like the spike that resulted in a rollback of the first attempt at reopening businesses.

Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen believes people will keep that in mind.

"I think everybody wants this time to open up in a smart and intelligent way that keeps us open," Whalen said. "The last thing anybody wants is to have to roll back a second time because



A LOCAL MOM carries a new backpack for her son during a distribution of back-to-school supplies at Rea Elementary School in Costa Mesa on Friday.

Don Leach
Staff Photographer

it's devastating for our businesses.

"I've been very encouraged the last few weeks. I think the percentage of people wearing masks has increased significantly, and I think, based on what I hear from all the health experts, that's what's allowing our numbers to come

down here in Orange County, and that's what's going to get us off the watch list."

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 14 coronavirus deaths and 493 new infections on Saturday in its latest numbers. The deaths included

five skilled nursing facility residents and five residents not living in a facility.

In total, the county has had 896 virus-related fatalities while seeing its case count reach 45,801.

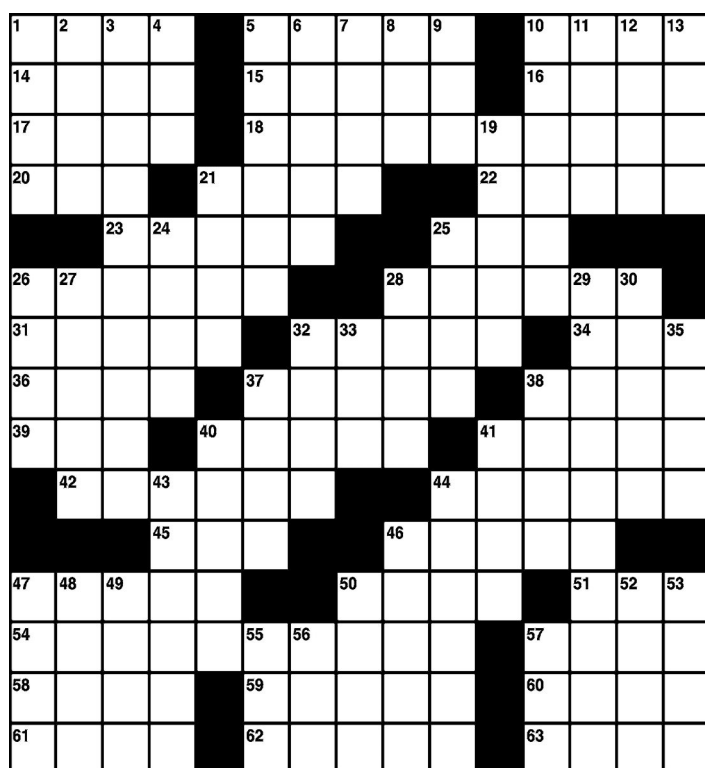
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS** 1 _ to; wake after surgery
 5 Shining
 10 Yesterday's shout
 14 Wood splitters
 15 Modern airborne toy
 16 Film part
 17 Cruz & Danson
 18 Reliable
 20 Conclusion
 21 Lab animals
 22 Wrong; haywire
 23 Pack animal
 25 _ off; steal from
 26 Coils of yarn
 28 Ozzie or Harriet
 31 Beginning
 32 On tap
 34 Moving truck
 36 Lowly laborer
 37 Swallows hard
 38 Short note
 39 Pork product
 40 Odes & limericks
 41 Worn out
 42 Winger & Messing
 44 Wanderers
 45 Curtain holder
 46 Subject
 47 Liver or heart
 50 Clark Kent's love
 51 Just a _; slightly
 54 Folks from Trondheim
 57 Old King Cole's first request
 58 Abel's brother
 59 Kitchen appliance
 60 Rental car agency
 61 Award for "Cheers"
 62 Dog tormentors
 63 Humble

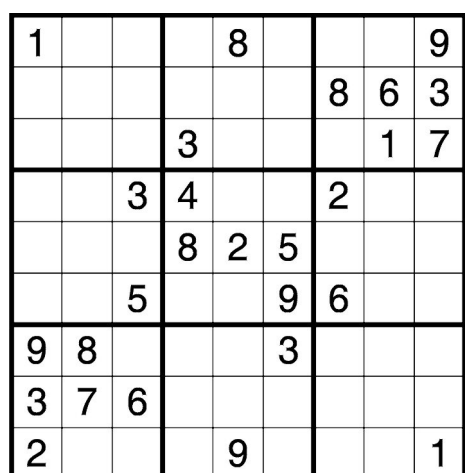
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 2 Plow pullers
 3 Like a busybody
 4 Suffix for baron or count
 5 Gomez _; John Astin TV role
 6 Actress Garbo



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.

- 7 Severs
 8 _ another; each other
 9 Ming-Na _ once of "ER"
 10 Hoboes
 11 Mongolian desert
 12 Troubles
 13 Charges
- 19 7-times-a-week newspaper
 21 Angry speech
 24 Property title search find
 25 Cincinnati team
 26 Last year's frosh
 27 Bread recipe verb

- 28 Takes a rest
 29 Hyper
 30 Johnny Cash's "A Boy _ Sue"
 32 Wishes one hadn't done
 33 American _; ND's state tree
 35 Indicates agreement
 37 Provoke to anger
 38 Actress Kennedy
 40 Lying flat
 41 Surpasses
 43 Strong & muscular
 44 Sounds
 46 Island kingdom east of Fiji
 47 _-over-lightly; quick job
 48 Walk about aimlessly
 49 Unsmiling; serious
 50 Path
 52 "four and twenty blackbirds baked in _"
 53 Writing table
 55 Pres. Ford's monogram
 56 Suffix for part or tutor
 57 Shriver or Dawber

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' WATER POLO



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ELI LIECHTY, shown last year as a junior for the Newport Harbor High boys' water polo team, has verbally committed to UCLA. "I felt like it was the best choice for me," Liechty said.

Newport Harbor High's Eli Liechty headed to UCLA

BY MATT SZABO

Eli Liechty has wanted to play for UCLA men's water polo since he was 11 or 12 years old. "That was my dream school for water polo," said Liechty, who now plans to make that dream a reality. The incoming Newport Harbor High School senior said he has verbally committed to play at UCLA. "It's close, and I felt very comfortable there," he said. "I felt like it was the best choice for me." Liechty is a key returner for the Sailors, who have had back-to-back CIF Southern Section Division 1 finalist teams. Liechty teamed with Stanford-bound graduate Ike Love, the two-time Daily Pilot Dream Team Player of the Year, to form a sometimes dominant center duo. Liechty emerged plenty in his own right as a junior,

as a first-team All-Surf League and first-team Dream Team selection. He said UCLA was one of just two official visits he went on, the other being to Princeton. He was in the airport headed to an official visit at UC Berkeley in mid-March when the visit was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, and he also participated in a Zoom call for Harvard's junior day. Liechty will eventually join his older brother, Jake, an incoming sophomore at UC Irvine, as a college water polo player. The youngest Liechty brother, Ben, is an incoming sophomore left-hander at Newport Harbor who also has a bright future. The coronavirus has pushed back boys' water polo from fall to winter this year, with matches scheduled to begin Dec. 21. That's actually OK with Eli Liechty, who is still

recovering from left hip surgery he had in May. If the season had started on time, he said he would have missed at least the beginning. Coach Ross Sinclair's Sailors graduated a lot of key pieces from last year like Love, Makoto Kenney (now at UCLA), Reed Stemler and goalkeeper Blake Jackson (both USC) and left-hander Tommy Kennedy (Cal). But Liechty is ready for his senior season. "I think a lot of people are writing us off since we lost five or six starters, but one of the things we have going for us is that we have a lot of young talent," he said. "I think the five seniors that we have this year are going to be able to lead the team and be able to hopefully bring us back to where we were before." matthew.szabo@latimes.com Twitter: @mjszabo

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AROUND TOWN

Los Angeles Angels, O.C. Health Care Agency team up

The Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center has teamed up with the Los Angeles Angels and the Orange County Health Care Agency to raise funds to bring more suicide prevention services to the people of Orange County.

Through the end of the regular season, a fundraising campaign will be aired during Angels games that will allow people to donate.

To make a donation to Didi Hirsch's suicide prevention services in Orange County, a person can text "DIDI" to 41444 or donate at didihirsch.org/angels.

Didi Hirsch has an all-day suicide hotline for English- and Spanish-speaking callers. The organization has also partnered with the Orange County Health Care Agency to provide survivor support services such as individual and family therapy, support groups, and outreach and educational programs. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all services are being offered virtually or via telehealth.

Laguna Beach High School graduates earn scholarships

The Laguna Beach branch of the Ameri-



LOS ANGELES ANGELS' Anthony Rendon, right, celebrates his two-run home run with Mike Trout during the first inning against the Oakland Athletics on Aug. 10.

can Assn. of University Women awarded five college scholarships to 2020 high school graduates, with four hailing from Laguna Beach and the other from Dana

Hills High School.

All five women will be attending college this fall. The awardees include Riley Russo, Kenya Dunlap, Isadora Feinburg, Brisa

Romero and Kelly Kartchner.

In addition to the scholarships provided to the five women, the Laguna Beach branch also provided scholarships to returning students at UC Irvine, the Laguna College of Art and Design, Saddleback College and Orange Coast College.

Scholarships totaled \$34,500 for this year.

HB Resolution Run to be held virtually this year

The HB Resolution Run, hosted by Edison High School, will be held virtually this year due to COVID-19.

The race can be completed any time between Dec. 13 of this year and Jan. 10, 2021.

Events include a 5K, 10K or half marathon run/walk/hike, a bike marathon or a one-mile family fun run/walk/hike.

The HB Resolution Run benefits Edison and the McKenna Claire Foundation. McKenna Claire was a 7-year-old from Huntington Beach who died from cancer in 2011 after she was diagnosed with a rare brain stem tumor called Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.

To register for the run or for more information, visit runsignup.com/Race/CA/HuntingtonBeach/HBResolutionRun.

— From staff reports



ORANGE COUNTY Soccer Club forward Sean Okoli battles an LA Galaxy II defender during the first half on Saturday night.

SOCCER

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to my game," Palmer said.

"Everyone just keeps telling me to shoot more, especially my dad. He's getting on me for not taking shots in games, so coming into the season, I just set myself some targets to try to hit, and so I'm just fortunate today that I got a goal and an assist, but also more importantly, get the win for the team."

Los Angeles is now 3-3-0 (nine points) and in fourth place. LA Galaxy II had been 2-0-1 in its previous three meetings in the series with Orange County.

Orange County opened the scoring with a pair of precision passes leading to an early goal. Daniel Finlayson sent a pass down the right end to a streaking Palmer.

The center midfielder then produced a right-to-left cross in the air to the far post for Sean "Ugo" Okoli, who finished it off in the 14th minute.

The lead would be short-lived, though. Galaxy center forward Augustine Williams earned a free kick five minutes later.



ORANGE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB midfielder Aodhan Quinn heads a ball during the first half on Saturday night against LA Galaxy II in Carson.

Mauricio Cuevas took the ensuing 25-yard attempt, curling it inside the lower-left corner of the goal to level the score at 1-1.

Both teams had chances for more in the first half, with Los Angeles producing some quality chances as the half went on.

Aaron Cervantes got the start in goal for Orange County after relieving Frederik Due (groin tightness) at halftime in the team's previous match, a 1-0 win at home over Las Vegas Lights FC on Aug. 15.

"Aaron's done a fantastic job," Orange County head coach Braeden Cloutier said of Cervantes, who used to play for the L.A. Galaxy academy.

"I think last Saturday, when we played Las Vegas, he came in at halftime in a really difficult situation and time of the game, and it just shows his maturity and his evolution and his development."

In the 27th minute, Cervantes came way off his line to stop Williams, who had come open through the middle of the defense

on a ball played through by Jorge Hernandez.

Nine minutes later, center back Rob Kiernan made a sliding tackle against Williams on an entry pass near the six-yard box, turning a scoring opportunity for the Galaxy into a goal kick.

Cervantes would have to make another key stop in the 78th minute. He came out to disrupt a pass to Williams.

The ball bounced away from him, and Williams appeared to have an uncontested look to tie

the score once more, but Cervantes dove on the ball before the shot could be taken.

Orange County has earned points in every match this season, and it has outscored opponents 7-2.

Up next for Orange County is another road match against Las Vegas Lights FC on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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LIST

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Hospitalizations due to the virus were at 392, with 110 of those patients in intensive care units.

There were 7,559 tests reported on Saturday, bringing the cumulative number of tests administered in the county to 588,919. An estimated 37,241 recoveries have been made following a battle with

COVID-19.

The testing positivity rate in the county is currently at 5.4%. The county has 30.9% of its intensive care unit beds and 58.7% of its ventilators available.

Over the most recent 14-day period, the case rate per 100,000 residents is 92.9. Those statistics meet the California Department of Public Health's thresholds.

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

- Santa Ana: 8,898 cases; 221 deaths
- Anaheim: 7,809 cases; 204 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,034 cases; 57 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,540 cases; 17 deaths
- Irvine: 1,385 cases; 12 deaths
- Newport Beach: 990 cases; 18 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 445 cases; nine deaths
- Laguna Beach: 164 cases; less

than five deaths

And here are case counts followed by deaths, by age group:

- 0 to 17: 3,083 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 6,785 cases; three deaths
- 25 to 34: 10,041 cases; 13 deaths
- 35 to 44: 7,403 cases; 26 deaths
- 45 to 54: 7,451 cases; 74 deaths
- 55 to 64: 5,527 cases; 125 deaths
- 65 to 74: 2,705 cases; 181

deaths

- 75 to 84: 1,557 cases; 197 deaths
- 85 and older: 1,217 cases; 276 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at ocovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc.

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COMMENTARY | **JIM CARNETT**

Words for Dad 14 years after his passing

My father — our family's patriarch of claw and sinew — is no longer with us.

He completed his life's race ... his threescore and 10. Mom recently passed at 96. Both indomitable.

All is silence without them. Dad left our broken corner of the universe as his matchless flame guttered. His gentle pronouncements and considerable sufferings were complete.

The things Dad did to occupy his hours, days and years have long since been forgotten. What he shared with this world is remembered only by a select few, hiding in the shadows. While here he didn't resuscitate a single heartbeat, write a symphony or have a building named in his honor.

What did he leave behind? When my children depart this realm, all memory of Dad will be gone. But his covenants with God are not forgotten in the precincts of Heaven. Through his unselfish toil, Dad preserved his family and kept it close.

I have another Father whose existence supersedes time and space. That Father will not abandon me, either. He's the guarantor of my next breath.

I lost my "Father of This World" to Parkinson's disease 14 years ago. But, at 75, I remain his son.

Dad and I were close, though not smotheringly so. I accompanied him to the South Pacific for five weeks when he retired. Our trip was his lifelong dream. Over the years, we attended dozens of classical music concerts together. We talked arts and politics. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior in my early 30s, and Dad smiled.

He was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 1996. I had not an inkling of what that meant.

Parkinson's took Dad after 10 years of steady decline, bodily freezings, trembling, physical contortions and, at last, shutting down. His face no longer conveyed appreciation or mirth. His



Courtesy of Jim Carnett

JIM CARNETT, left, stands beside his father, Bill Carnett, at Great Barrier Reef, Australia, in 1984.

mind was befuddled. I felt continuing sadness as words and thoughts eluded him.

In his final days, I dreaded visiting him. It was tough to see him in that condition. Yet, at the end, as he slipped in and out of consciousness, he spoke my name. Dad — a World War II vet and my hero — faded before my eyes. What was going on in his brain?

I now have some idea. I watched him stoically face his future. I took him on short walks and held his hand, as though a child. I talked to him when he couldn't respond. My brother, sister and his much-loved caregiver — Camarena — did the same. One day he wanted to talk to me about Jesus. His words, though faltering, were earnest.

No one deserves Parkinson's, certainly not my father. I now appreciate what he went through

on his journey.

I was diagnosed 15 years ago and am doing reasonably well. I hope to handle the remainder of my journey as Dad did. Every day, there are challenges and setbacks.

I was diagnosed months before Dad died, but I never told him. I didn't want to burden him. I'm not certain he'd have understood, anyway.

But, I wish we could talk. We have much to discuss ... more than when he lay dying. Since then, I've learned a great deal about him and myself. I'm a different person. I yearn to sit with him and listen to Mozart, nurse a summer lager and discuss the meaning of life.

Dad's already met Jesus face to face. That's good for about a million conversations. I have much to discuss with him that I didn't have 14 years ago. Daily, I exhibit the same behaviors Dad

exhibited.

Were I permitted a 10-minute confab what would I say? I'd tell him something I didn't tell him in our 61 years together: "I love you." Those words always stuck in my throat.

Now, from the rooftops ...

Pops! I'd tell him I've missed him and that I began to appreciate him much too late. That should have never happened.

Dad and I could never deal with "mushy" stuff. When the Army sent me to Korea in 1965, I felt him suppress a sob as we hugged before I boarded a troopship. I've never forgotten that.

We loved each other but didn't express it.

I'm 75. It's time.

I love you, Dad.

JIM CARNETT is former columnist for the Daily Pilot.

MAILBAG

Voting no on football this fall

Back in April, I asked a dozen of my USC fraternity brothers, most of whom have been season tickets holders for more than 50 years, should the Trojans play football this fall? Almost without exception, they said, "Yes, despite COVID, SC should play."

Now jump to Tuesday when the Pac-12 and Big 10 commissioners formally voted to postpone their 2020 football seasons. They were the first to join the Mid-Atlantic Conference after it made its historic announcement the previous Saturday.

As painful as these decisions were, the commissioners were right to vote the way they did. While I understand why players want to take the field this fall, you can't overlook this inescapable truth: Football, by definition, is a contact sport.

Teams huddle and line up inches from each other. Sometimes it takes two to tackle a ball carrier. In the time of a national health pandemic, how can anyone safely play a game that ignores the importance of social distancing? Simply put, you can't.

To date, all California high school football has been postponed until spring of 2021.

Now that much of college football will not be played this fall, I wonder when the NFL owners will be forced to admit the obvious? For the safety of all the players and coaches, it's time to punt on the 2020 season.

Denny Freidenrich

Laguna Beach

76 station's plan would cause trouble

The 76 gas station in Corona del Mar (at 2201 E. Coast Hwy) has plans to demolish the service building and replace it with a two-story convenience store. The owner of the lot and station want to partner with

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7/Eleven and sell beer and wine. This can essentially place Korke Liquor's more-than-60-year establishment in jeopardy and my family-owned shop out of business. I hope to get the support of residents in Newport Beach to prevent this from happening.

We must list reasons on why this is a terrible plan. This will heighten the homeless issue within the area.

The gas station's proposed hours are 6 a.m. to midnight. Korke is located right next door and closes at 9 p.m. every day.

There can be an increase in traffic accidents going in and out of the lot. The gas pumps will remain, and the 7/Eleven will increase cars entering the lot with insufficient parking.

It can also affect real estate pricing by having a 7/Eleven turn off and deter potential buyers.

Garen Yegenian
Corona del Mar

Let's follow the 3 Ws

Twenty-four new coronavirus deaths have been reported in Orange County as of this writing. At last, Huntington Beach is getting serious about spreading the message that masks

help prevent the spreading of this illness.

While we lack effective national leadership in controlling this disease, Surf City has finally taken a meager step toward mitigating the corona contagion. As piecemeal as it may be, something is better than nothing. Better late than never. Even though it's clearly too little, too late (especially for those who've lost their lives and for those who are grieving their loss).

Remember the three Ws: Wear your mask. Wash your hands. Watch your distance.

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

Thoughts on 2 local council races

Here are ways voting consistently as a team or a bloc in a nonpartisan council can undermine democracy, explaining why Costa Mesa has 12 "new" candidates running for City Council, while Newport Beach has two:

1. If council members rely on others to make their decisions, constituents are not being served by independent thinkers (thus independent voters).

2. As a result, voting as a bloc can imply that your council member is putting the opinion of other members above the consensus of his/her constituents.

3. Voting as a bloc or



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USC'S TROJANS compete in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 2, 2016. A Daily Pilot reader writes that the NFL should punt on the 2020 season.

team also suggests that there might be some outside influences putting pressure on the team to vote a certain way.

4. A community is less likely to get quality people to run for office because people can feel pressure running against the member of a team and because

the cost becomes prohibitive.

5. Members of a bloc do not always perform at an optimum level because they know they will be carried by their team members.

6. A bloc is only as strong as its weakest link.

7. The strongest member

of a bloc can consistently dominate other members.

8. A team that enjoys being the dominant force in a council will usually resist change because they fear that new ideas and progress might weaken their power.

9. Blocs can give members such a sense of securi-

ty and power, that they can turn nonpartisan issues into partisan ones.

10. Blocs or team endorsements of a candidate especially in "at large" elections can make elections less democratic

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach

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sionalism, preparation and planning ... the fashion in which the Newport Beach Police Department maintained order and provided a safe environment for all participants is a testament to their commitment to

community needs, desires and values, and further embodies how the Newport Beach Police Department continues to be an extension of and reflection of those they so proudly serve," the resolution reads.

The June 3 protests were largely peaceful but not without flare-ups. At the demonstration centered at

Newport Pier, a local man was arrested for driving his car through the crowd on Balboa Boulevard, grazing several people. Another local man was charged with brandishing a handgun at marchers near the area of 30th Street and Newport Boulevard.

In other meeting action, the council will discuss a potential zoning code amendment to allow wine tasting rooms within the city's industrial zoning district, and an appeal of a July Planning Commission decision to allow an AT&T small cell wireless facility to be installed on a streetlight pole on the Balboa Peninsula.

The City Council meeting starts at 4 p.m. and can be streamed at newportbeachca.gov or attended in person, following physical distancing protocols, in the Community Room at Newport Beach City Hall, 100 Civic Center Drive.

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cutors said.

The defendants allegedly used unauthorized discounts and unique identification numbers, such as those reserved for current and former employees of the retailer and for military service members, prosecutors said. In other instances, they allegedly exploited the retailer's return policies to get store credits in amounts greater than the prices they actually paid for the merchandise.

Osseily and three other defendants were arrested by the FBI and had initial court appearances on Wednesday. The remaining eight defendants are expected to appear in court at a later date.

The case is set for trial on Oct. 13.

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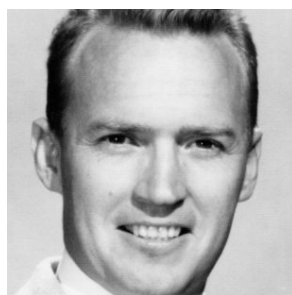
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Wilfrid "Will" Bailie

April 16, 1928 - April 19, 2020

Wilfrid L. Bailie "Will", a principal with Garden Grove School District from 1958 to 1966, died on April 19, 2020, in Bakersfield. He was a principal at Hill and Russell Elementary Schools and lived in the Costa Mesa area at that time. In 1966 his family moved to San Diego County, where he was a principal with the Escondido School District, retiring in 1988. Will was a 1946 graduate of Garden Grove High School, and of University of Southern California, running track at both schools, and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Will was an avid gardener and was known for his beautiful yards in whichever place he lived. Moving from Valley Center, where he had lived for 42 years, to Bakersfield in 2010, he is survived by his wife, Mary Ann of Bakersfield and three children, Mark Bailie, Rita Jenkins, and Teresa Jorgensen.

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COMMENTARY | **JEFF PETTIS****Why I'm running for Costa Mesa City Council**

As a candidate for City Council in Costa Mesa's District 6, one of the first questions I usually get from people in my life goes something like, "Why in the world are you doing this?"

The answer is uncomplicated: It is the right thing to do. The best way to understand what is most important to the citizens is to ask them, and that is what I did.

1) Why do neighboring

cities have nicer roads, parks and sporting fields and what can be done to improve ours?

The city of Costa Mesa is projected to have a budget deficit of \$30 million in fiscal year 2020-21. Infrastructure has been neglected in favor of taxpayer money being directed toward things like employee compensation and pension benefits. I believe in a fiscally conservative approach that includes balancing the

budget and paying down unfunded liabilities so that monies can be directed to infrastructure improvement for the citizens.

2) What can be done about the homeless crisis that considers the needs of the homeless and the community?

We have parallel moral and civic responsibilities as leaders in the area of homelessness: to commit to helping the homeless, as well as respecting the right our citizens have to

physical safety. I have spent the last nine years of my career working in the field of mental health and substance abuse. Costa Mesa leaders have been relatively successful in focusing on housing for the homeless. Prevention efforts need to include social workers, counselors, outreach specialists, private sector and law enforcement. Costa Mesa city leadership has made good faith efforts with respect to the homeless community

in the past. Leadership turnover and the resulting imbalance in the power structure led to a lack of focus and funding prioritization. Again, we must balance the budget and redirect funding to solving the homeless crisis.

3) What can be done about the increase in property theft, suspicious people in the neighborhood and the coyote problem?

The increase in crime is tied to poor fiscal policy. A

balanced budget can allow for directing more funding to our police. Costa Mesa deserves a well-equipped, well-funded and well-staffed police force. As a City Council member, I support sound fiscal policy that prioritizes funding endeavors that support the quality of life for the citizens of Costa Mesa.

JEFF PETTIS is one of 15 candidates running for three open seats on the Costa Mesa City Council.

MAILBAG**Laguna residents have a message for the president**

Ever since I created the California Voter Group in 1974, a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging high school students to vote when they turned 18, I've been on the front lines of civic participation.

I have spent a lifetime encouraging people to vote, and I resent any and all attempts to suppress that sacred right.

Given President Trump's current attacks on mail-in ballots, as a longtime Laguna Beach resident I invited friends in town to join me where ballots begin their USPS journey to be counted — at the mailbox.

My pitch to them was simple: Yes, there are more expensive paper products, like a Willie Mays 1951 rookie card in mint condition, but none are more valuable than the ballot.

Saving democracy is more important than who wins the White House.

In these hyperpartisan times, my friends and I believe this is a principle all Americans can agree on.

Denny Freidenrich
Laguna Beach

On the state's spending priorities

California Gov. Gavin Newsom and his cronies in Sacramento have given Newport Beach a deadline of October 2021 to increase our housing elements for an additional 4,832 housing units within 2021-29; however, Southern California Edison and other electric utilities are partnering with the state to continue to conduct "rotating outages."

When the state's power reserves are at critically low levels, the California Independent System Operator, (CAISO), will schedule power outages when the state's electricity demand outpaces available supply in real time or are unavoidable. CAISO has the ability to reduce electrical load by turning off service immediately.

Thousands of Californians are being told to prepare for even more blackouts and with the government agency, California Public Utilities Commission, demanding that housing and building must be "electrified" along with Newsom's recent announcement, calling for importing expensive out-

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Courtesy of Denny Freidenrich

PICTURED FROM LEFT are Vicki Borthwick, Michelle Ryan, Bob Borthwick, Anne Girtz, kneeling, Theresa O'Hare, Denny Freidenrich, Charlotte Masarik, and Diane and Cort Kloke congregate at a mailbox where ballots begin their journey to be counted.

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

Not a cannibal or polygamist? Make sure you use that comma

Comma mistakes happen all the time, but serious comma mistakes — errors that change your meaning or mislead your reader — are rare.

It seems like every day I see a comma placed after a quotation mark, as when someone writes about a specific “word,” but writes it “word”, which is wrong according to American punctuation rules.

Another mistake I see a lot is unneeded commas between adjectives. A gaudy Hawaiian shirt should have no comma because you only put commas between adjectives when the word “and” would make sense there.

It’s not a gaudy and Hawaiian shirt. It’s a Hawaiian shirt that is gaudy. People who don’t know that write gaudy, Hawaiian shirt and I even see gaudy, Hawaiian, shirt, with a comma before the noun. (Tip: If you can’t swap the order of the adjectives, don’t put commas between them. It’s not a Hawaiian gaudy shirt, so no commas in gaudy Hawaiian shirt.)

These mistakes are harmless. No one is going to misunderstand what you’re saying about the shirt or the word “word.”

But other comma flubs are bad. None more so than leaving out the comma before someone’s name when speaking to them directly: Let’s eat Grandma.

Add a comma and you have a warm invitation to break bread with a loved one. Without a comma, you’re Hannibal Lecter.

Bart Simpson affords us another example. It’s unclear whether “Don’t have a cow man” would be an interdiction against cannibal-



Courtesy of American Film Institute

“BUT OTHER COMMA flubs are bad,” writes grammar expert June Casagrande. Without the comma, “Let’s eat Grandma” turns you into Hannibal Lecter, pictured as played by Anthony Hopkins in “Silence of the Lambs.”

ism or dating advice. Either way, it shows the importance of commas.

The rule here is that you should use a comma to set off what’s called a direct address — meaning when you call someone by name or another term that stands in for name, like “man” or “Grandma.”

Pay attention to your email in-box and you’ll see that almost no one observes this rule all the time. “Hey Mary” should be “Hey, Mary.” But people usually put the comma after the name instead of

before it. A victimless punctuation crime.

Because commas have many uses, they present many opportunities for errors. Appositives are an example.

An appositive is a noun or noun phrase that restates something just mentioned. The house, a well-maintained Victorian, is on the corner. “A well-maintained Victorian” is a restating of the house — an appositive. Notice that it’s set off with commas.

Now think about the appositive rule in the context of “My hus-

band, Ted, is at work.” With commas, Ted is just a restating of husband. But when you take out the commas, the meaning changes entirely.

That’s because sometimes a noun that comes right after another noun is there to specify which thing you’re talking about: “I liked the movie ‘Star Wars’ and the TV show ‘Star Trek.’”

The titles tell you which movie and which TV show. They narrow down the range of possible movies and TV shows being discussed.

Notice there are no commas in these examples. Defining information critical to helping the reader know which movie you’re talking about takes no commas.

So, back to Ted. If I don’t put a comma in “my husband Ted,” I’m suggesting you need the name to understand which husband I’m talking about. As if I have more than one. A missed comma here reveals that the writer is a polygamist.

Proponents of the serial comma, which is the comma before “and” in “red, white, and blue,” use appositives to argue their point.

They say examples like “We invited the strippers, JFK and Stalin” show how one more comma would make clear that JFK and Stalin were not strippers.

But their argument falls apart when you change “strippers” to singular “stripper.” In “We invited the stripper, JFK, and Stalin,” the serial comma raises the possibility that JFK is the stripper.

These are just a few of the ways comma errors can change your meaning. Others crop up when you least expect them: “If after trying to install the shelf you are not lucky duck.”

Then there’s the famous example about woman: “without her, man is nothing” vs. “without her man is nothing.” In every case, the lesson is clear: Watch your commas.

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of-state electricity!

Clearly, we do not have the infrastructure or the technology to support almost 5,000 new housing units in Newport Beach.

While Newsom recently inked a \$316-million dollar mask deal with China in addition to his \$1-billion personal protective equipment in April, we still do not have a cost-effective reliable approach to our

energy needs.

So, while Newsom mandates masks for Californians, please do not allow him and his constituents in Sacramento to pull the wool over our eyes, which perhaps may just leave us all in the dark.

Peggy V. Palmer
Newport Beach

The summer of COVID

There’s something about the summer of 2020, the

fear and anxiety of so many things, big things, world changing things in so many ways. But I’ve noticed other changes too. Good ones.

I’ve seen amazing depth in one’s ability to be kind and patient to strangers. I’ve seen people help one another, stranger to stranger, like I’ve never seen in my life. And in my own little world at home, we were given a gift. A gift of time. Together.

We didn’t really notice it at first. We were too busy worrying. We were worrying about the past. We were worrying about the future. We were doing everything but living our moments.

And it took awhile, too. To be comfortable with everything that seemed so out of control, so unstable. But we eventually came together, we came together as our little family and consciously or not, began to live in the moment, all four of us. And we thrived. We loved. We ate and drank and looked into each other’s eyes over meals and talked. We talked like there were no clocks or time or commitments of jobs or school or anything while

we were together.

And now, just like that, summer seems to be coming to an end. I had to drive my daughter back to college in Colorado.

We started where the Santa Ana River meets the Pacific. And then to the 55 North through the hills and mountains, to the desert, and the desert of deserts, the Mojave, then through the Hopi and Navajo Nation, Southern Ute, the Rio Grande Forest to Fort Collins.

Three days of driving, 19 hours and 27 minutes of moments with my daughter. I am so grateful to have this summer of COVID. To have learned so much about living in my moment and overcoming fear.

Stephen Smith
Newport Beach

Make way for Min

I have long admired Martin A. Brower as a writer, journalist and consummate public relations professional. He put a human face on the Irvine Co. in his time there as public relations director.

As an up-and-comer in P.R. and advertising over 40 years ago, I attended his lectures to Orange County groups and was so impressed. I don’t doubt that he holds state Sen. John Moorlach in esteem.

However, Moorlach is the

past and Dave Min represents a better future. Min is smart, dedicated and will be able to do much more for the constituents of this district than Moorlach has accomplished in Sacramento.

Orange County is changing and not just for the “blue.” Min will be a great state senator and will represent everyone fairly and honestly. He deserves our vote.

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

Getting to know Noah Blöm

After several discussions with Noah Blöm, who is running for the District 5 seat of the Newport Beach City Council, I personally found him to be attentive, respectful and surprisingly astute to the many challenges and issues currently facing the city. As a business owner and entrepreneur, it is clear Noah has a firm grasp on the devastation COVID-19 has had on merchants, restaurants, hospitality and small business owners, and he has interesting ideas on how we might address the problems confronting our city going forward.

Noah is not shy when expressing his passion for preserving the character found in our unique vil-

lages that make Newport Beach great and how each village can play a critical role in maintaining our distinctive history as a beach community, one that is the envy of the world, and with the right oversight will remain a great destination for residents, businesses and tourists alike.

I believe Noah is his own man, an individual who will listen to and support the overwhelming desires of the community and will not take this responsibility lightly. In every encounter I have had with Noah he has been respectful, passionate and optimistic on all fronts.

Most of all, I was pleased to receive Noah’s commitment to work toward keeping Marine Avenue quaint, charming and true to its historical roots, commenting that he will address any necessary infrastructure needs in a transparent and responsible manner. This is an important issue to many — valuing the unique character of our cherished village while taking into account the impact that significant change could have on the merchants and residents of Balboa Island.

Ideally, I believe, and Noah agrees — it is the responsibility and duty of the City Council to place public service over politics!

Jodi P. Bole
Balboa Island

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