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HISTORICAL IMPRESSIONIST Peter Small will spend part of Presidents Day Monday at the corner of 19th Street and Newport Boulevard in front of Triangle Square in Costa Mesa. Small portrays numerous presidents but during the pandemic has endured a "forced retirement."

In his role as president

Costa Mesa resident Peter Small, a historical impressionist, will appear Monday outside Triangle Square entertaining passersby as George Washington.

BY SARA CARDINE

For Costa Mesa resident Peter Small, Presidents Day is time to shine. For the historical impressionist, who not only dons the costumes of famous figures from history but slips deftly into their lives and times for the sake of a good performance, the annual holiday would normally be replete with bookings.

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman are just some of the commanders-in-chief Small has channeled for the likes of school children, museum patrons and retirement home residents.

In fact, if the coronavirus pandemic hadn't forced the closure of most venues, Small would most certainly be showcasing his talents as Theodore Roosevelt at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, a gig he's booked each Presidents Day for years.

"Normally, people like me are very busy this time of year," the 67-year-old said in a recent interview. "But obviously, since March, things have been very different. I feel like I've been on forced retirement."

Undaunted, Small is the type who rolls with the punches. So, this Monday, in the absence of a stage, he is taking his craft to the streets of Costa Mesa.

His plan is to stand on the corner of 19th Street and Newport Boulevard outside the Triangle Square shopping complex in full George Washington attire. The performance will last from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"I wanted to find something to do to keep myself busy," said Small, who did a

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Courtesy of Peter M. Small

COSTA MESA resident Peter Small portrays President Harry S. Truman.



ACTOR PHIL Sionski portrays Benjamin Franklin at the International Printing Museum in Carson, where he met fellow impressionist Peter Small in 2004.

Photo by Jim Whobrey

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CROSS-COUNTRY

H.B. girls notch a perfect score

The Oilers post minimum 15 points in their victory over Edison to begin H.B. school district's cross-country dual meet circuit.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Huntington Beach High School cross-country coach Kareen Shackelford spent some time as an educator on Saturday in sharing the significance of the number 15 in the sport.

At the end of the girls' cross-country race in the Oilers' season-opening meet at Edison, it was a conversation that she happily had as she explained its meaning to a student capturing the moment for the yearbook.

Huntington Beach posted the minimum team point total, defeating Edison 15-43 in a race that kicked off a series of Huntington Beach Union High School District dual meets, a new wrinkle in a season shaped by the coronavirus pandemic.

Junior Quinn Roldan paced the Oilers in 19 minutes 41.4 seconds. She was followed in by Andrea Linggi-Perez (19:44.5), Lindsay Rule (19:54.4), Luna Centeno (19:55.7) and Lily Fosmire (21:02.5) as Huntington Beach pushed the first five runners across the finish line.

"It was just so exciting to talk about how that was always a goal when I was in high school," Shackelford said. "I don't think we ever achieved it, and I'm

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HOCKEY

H.B. native, Wildcats alum Chmelevski debuts in NHL

BY ANDREW TURNER

After Sasha Chmelevski heard his name called in the sixth round of the 2017 National Hockey League draft, his spoken mentality at the time was — like many late-round picks with greater aspirations — to say that the draft is just a number.

The Huntington Beach native reached a new milestone in his hockey career on Friday, Feb. 5, when he made his NHL debut for the San Jose Sharks.

It was a thrilling experience for the 21-year-old center, one that saw him pick up his first point in the league, while the Sharks also mounted a two-goal comeback in the third period to defeat the host Anaheim Ducks 5-4 in a shootout.

Newport Beach couple met through an ad in the Daily Pilot

BY LILLY NGUYEN

In 1990, Penny Baskin decided she wanted to get married.

She was 38, owned her own business and felt she was ready to find someone to spend her life with. It was before the internet, computers and cellphones made romantic connections easy, she said, laughing over a phone call early Thursday evening. The only effective "dating thing" that existed at the time was the personal ads section in the Daily Pilot.

So, she bought an ad. It was no more than 2 square inches in size, she said, and it ran in November.

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PENNY FLEMING posted a personals ad in the Daily Pilot in 1990.

quickly.

John said he doesn't remember exactly why he answered the ad, but he was single at the time and was interested. He called the Daily Pilot office and managed to get Penny's phone number so he could leave a message on her answering machine: "Hi, this is John. Give me a call."

It was the simplicity of his message that made Penny call him back. Six others had answered,

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Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

JOHN AND Penny Fleming married 30 years ago this year. They met after she placed an ad in the Daily Pilot.

forum

COMMENTARY | PHILIP A. ROBINSON, M.D.

WE'RE REACHING THE FINISH LINE,
BUT COVID-19'S TERRAIN REMAINS STEEP

Almost a year ago, I wrote to the community advocating for calm in the face of great fear and misinformation. Hoag had successfully treated the first known COVID-19 patient in the state, and our infection prevention department was working around-the-clock with federal, state and county health leaders to learn more about the novel coronavirus, how it spreads and how best to stop it.

A year later, we know the answers to many of our most pressing questions. We've sequenced the virus' DNA, tracked its mutations, developed vaccines against it and designed protocols for stopping community spread. We've learned the importance of mask wearing, of hand washing and social distancing.

We are far wiser and better armed than ever, and we can see that time is not on the virus' side.

It was clear in January 2020 that this would not be a sprint but a marathon. And though we know we are approaching the

VETERINARY DOCTOR Amy Valentine Alaluf gets the COVID-19 vaccine at the Central Net Training Center in Huntington Beach on Jan. 13.

Raul Roa | Staff Photographer



finish line, the early difficulties with the vaccine rollout plan reminds us the terrain before us remains difficult and steep.

Still, I am awestruck by the progress we have made. It took nearly 20 years to develop a

polio vaccine. Pfizer, Moderna and others turned their vaccines around in a matter of weeks. The cooperation between researchers worldwide has never been more pronounced, and the results will have implications for vaccines

against a host of other diseases, including cancer, in the years to come.

We've seen neighbors helping neighbors, applauded healthcare workers and teachers as heroes and even turned Disneyland into

a vaccine distribution site. These are the kinds of moments that will appear in history books, and I trust that history will judge us well for the actions we've taken to protect one another during these trying times.

As difficult as this year has been, it has shown us how powerful we can be when we work together on a shared plane of reality, toward a common goal.

A year ago, I cautioned that fear is just as contagious as any virus, and the mechanism by which it spreads is misinformation. What I said at the outset of this pandemic remains true today: When we come together to stop the spread of fear and misinformation in our community, we will stop — hopefully forever — the scourge of COVID-19.

PHILIP A. ROBINSON is an infectious disease specialist and medical director of infection prevention at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach.

MAILBAG

Reader had no problem getting his COVID-19 shots

There has been so much talk, typically in the negative mode, regarding making appointments and receiving the two vaccine shots needed to break away from this pandemic nightmare.

About four weeks ago my niece found a site online to get the shots. She immediately forwarded that information to my son who kind of took charge and arranged my first shot for me and his mom (my ex-wife) to take place just a few days later.

The venue for this fantastic event was the UCI Bren Events Center sponsored by UCI Health in Irvine. I went for my first shot on Jan. 16 and had to wait for a really long period of time — that of 15 minutes. The whole thing including the 15-minute waiting/rest period after the shot took no more than 45 minutes.

The second shot on Feb. 6 was even worse than my first visit. I got there and immediately went through the check-in process, was assigned a specific location, got my shot and waited the 15 minutes out in the waiting area.

The whole process including the wait period was less than 25 minutes. I was totally amazed as to the organization and methods used by these people in this location. Oh, by the way, I didn't even feel the needle. Now this is the way to do business.

Bill Spitalnick
Newport Beach

Concern for teacher safety during the pandemic

Lacking definitive scientific evidence, there is disagreement among professionals as to whether teachers need to be vaccinated before going back to the classroom full time. Even the opinion of medical personnel can be only anecdotal at this stage, lacking the evidence of interaction between student and teacher in the classroom on a full-time basis.

A CNN site says that various teachers' unions have compiled their statistics and give an estimate of 530 of their members that died of the virus last year. But a more extensive study from the trade publication Education Week estimates that at least 707 educators, retired and active, and other school personnel have died. And that does not account for secondary infections that teachers and students might take home to

their families. Again, it is impossible to control the variables in any of the studies on educators so far, whether the stats come from medical personnel or teacher journals.

From a personal standpoint as a retired secondary teacher, I see no way that teachers and students can escape the threat of infection. Special arrangements can be made for older teachers, but if you are familiar with the way that schools are run, most of the safety measures are left up to the individual teachers, with little help from outside the classroom.

Good air flow, proper distancing, small class size, proper use of masks and constant hand cleaning would be next to impossible to provide without redoing classroom structures and reducing class size — something that is often mentioned but not usually provided. Community help would be needed at a minimum. But if we were to rush into sending students back before they and their teachers are vaccinated and before classrooms and procedures are greatly established, it could be disastrous.

We can't even get adults in the community to wear masks. Imagine trying to deal with secondary students, demanding they wear masks. There will definitely be those who rebel, endangering everyone in a closed environment.

There is just not enough known so far about the behavior of the coronavirus, not to mention all the variants and new strains that keep popping up. The only thing that can be agreed upon is that the vaccination will significantly reduce the infection rate and intensity of COVID-19.

To send teachers and students back to school without vaccinating them would be to experiment with their lives as well as with the lives of those with whom they come in contact. With vaccinations available, there is absolutely no reason to do this.

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach

Reasons to support Foley

Attorney and Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley is the best choice for the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Foley takes action. When there was the threat of an operational expansion at John Wayne Airport, she opposed it, worked with residents, garnered 20,000 signatures on a petition and spoke up on behalf of residents at Supervisors meetings. As Su-

pervisor, she will continue to work with residents and the airport community to resolve issues.

Foley believes in a transparent government. The Board of Supervisors oversees a \$7.5-billion budget but often lacks transparency. The board tends to award no-bid contracts like the one to Othena, the registration platform for the COVID-19 vaccine. Foley has always exemplified transparency in government and will continue to do so as Supervisor.

Foley supports small business owners. When the COVID-19 crisis hit, Foley and her City Council created an Economic Recovery Team that meets regularly with business owners to identify challenges and develop tactics to tackle them. Foley is a small business owner (law firm) who has always supported and worked with the business community.

Foley gets things done. For years, Costa Mesa was plagued by problematic sober-living facilities operators. Under her leadership, the city was able to eliminate 210 of these troublesome operators. That's a noteworthy accomplishment by any measure, and she will get results like this when she is supervisor.

Foley tackles tough issues. Under her leadership, Costa Mesa addressed a growing homelessness problem by setting up a temporary shelter, forming a street team to resolve issues confronting the homeless and taking legal action to ensure that homeless encampments could not continue to expand in her community. She can be counted on to tackle Orange County's homelessness issues with a pragmatic, humane approach.

It's time we have someone represent us on the Board of Supervisors who will work with others for the benefit of our communities. Elect Katrina Foley to the O.C. Board of Supervisors for District 2.

Susan Dvorak
Newport Beach

Thanks for publishing climate commentary

I want to express my appreciation for the Daily Pilot's coverage of climate change, most recently in the form of Robert Taylor's opinion piece entitled, "Commentary: Orange County climate advocates are elated by political changes."

Our community is so very blessed to have a local newspaper that provides its

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readers with needed perspective on a global issue that, unfortunately, has dire local impacts of concern to us all. How refreshing to actually feel hope after reading an opinion piece on such a subject.

Hope and climate action must combine within all of us, for our country to overcome the obstacles in our path to a clean energy economy.

Christopher Hilger
Fountain Valley

Bob Taylor's commentary communicates very effectively why respect for science and executive orders taken by President Joe Biden, among them for the U.S. to return to the Paris Agreement and to prevent fossil fuel drilling on public lands, are indeed important. However what I want to emphasize is these executive orders do not go far enough to solve our climate crisis.

I strongly support Congress passing the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act that will spur the necessary innovation we need through market forces to build a cleaner-energy economy.

Not only is it a win-win for businesses with having the predictability they need in the market to help transition faster to a clean-energy future, but it will help reduce the greenhouse emissions that are driving climate change.

Citizens' Climate Lobby has been in the helm on this effort in building Congressional support for this piece of legislation on both aisles. As a proud CCL Laguna Beach chapter member and father to my 3-year-old son, I want him to be able to enjoy our beautiful beaches in Laguna Beach that are at risk because of climate change. We owe our children that much.

Amir Baum
Aliso Viejo

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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 5 Plastic wrap
- 10 _ Major; Great Bear constellation
- 14 As blind as _
- 15 Ecuador's capital
- 16 Brown hopper
- 17 Perennial flower
- 18 Get the idea
- 20 TV crime drama series
- 21 Destiny
- 22 Bookish fellows
- 23 Worth & Knox
- 25 Jelly container
- 26 Kitchen appliances
- 28 Lifts something heavy
- 31 Propelled a boat
- 32 Beach souvenir
- 34 Polish off
- 36 Huck of fiction
- 37 Perspire
- 38 Short note
- 39 Late ring king
- 40 Vise
- 41 Trivial
- 42 _ bag; drawer scenter
- 44 Sprawling tree
- 45 Uncooked
- 46 Rejuvenate
- 47 Play a sitar
- 50 Salary
- 51 Mischievous imp
- 54 Doing very well
- 57 Estate beneficiary
- 58 Smallest continent: abbr.
- 59 Europe's longest river
- 60 _ more; again
- 61 Mickelson's pegs
- 62 Word of welcome
- 63 Little child

DOWN

- 1 Powder
- 2 Wading bird

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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

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

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

- 3 "_, here I come"
- 4 Animal enclosure
- 5 Does knee bends
- 6 Dad's sisters
- 7 "Ticket to _"; Beatles song
- 8 Suffix for
- 9 And not
- 10 Says
- 11 Lion's cry
- 12 Beach surface
- 13 Uses a plus sign
- 19 Critter with a shell
- 21 Pebbles' dad

- 24 Baker's need
 - 25 Sudden shock
 - 26 Settee
 - 27 Coin toss call
 - 28 Stack
 - 29 Undersized
 - 30 Polynesian island nation
 - 32 Kill flies
 - 33 Dress edge
 - 35 Having mixed feelings
 - 37 Slaughtered
 - 38 Excavation site
 - 40 Winner
 - 41 Horse's hair
 - 43 Tart casings
 - 44 Panhandler
 - 46 "Home on the _"
 - 47 Squabble
 - 48 _-blue; faithful
 - 49 JFK's mom
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 - 52 Keep an ice cream cone from dripping
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 - 55 Apple sampler
 - 56 Howard, for one
 - 57 Weather forecast
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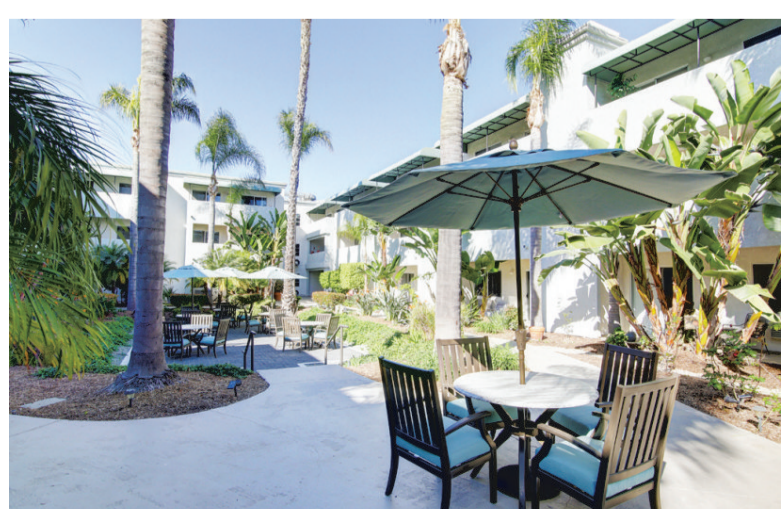
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“Peter’s valuable because he’s like a walking encyclopedia on American history and politics. He was a godsend to us when we did the question-and-answer portion.”

— Phil Sionski

Performs as Benjamin Franklin at the International Printing Museum in Carson



Courtesy of Hat Box Will Travel

PRESIDENT

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similar show on the Fourth of July. “The reaction (then) was overwhelmingly positive, and people were honking and waving. So, I thought, let’s do it again on President’s Day.”

Although Monday’s performance is free, the Costa Mesa is hopeful he might drum up some attention for *History-Alive.com*, a website that promotes his personal cast of “portrayals” and serves as a de facto clearinghouse for a cadre of “Living Legends” historical impressionists ranging from Abigail Adams to Napoleon to Mark Twain.

Even in sprawling Southern California, those whose mainstay involves the intense study and recreation of historical personae occupy a fairly niche market. Many of them actors, historians or, in Small’s case, erstwhile teachers, their pathways often intersect on the gig circuit.

Huntington Beach actress Gay Storm, who portrays Clara Barton, Mary Todd Lincoln, Lady Bird Johnson and the Statue of Liberty under the production umbrella Hat Box Will Travel, throws herself into the history of her charac-

GAY STORM, a Huntington Beach actress who does historical impressions, portrays the Statue of Liberty.

ters, adding stylistic elements that make the impersonations more like scenes in a one-woman play.

Storm met Peters seven or eight years ago. She says most players enjoy a camaraderie, despite their different interpretations of the craft.

“Some just have an unbelievable resemblance to characters in history and they’re marketing that. Some are teachers and storytellers and others, like Peter, just get into the whole history of the thing,” she said. “I’m more of an actor/impressionist than a scholar. It’s a very unique group.”

North Hollywood resident Phil Sionski performs as Benjamin Franklin at the International Printing Museum in Carson, where Small works part time. An actor by trade, he applied for a part-time job nearly 20 years ago and hasn’t hung up his stockings since.

Sionski met Small in 2004, when the museum was looking for a John

Adams to play off of Franklin and Jefferson for “The Confounding Brothers,” a witty take on the drafting of the Declaration of Independence. The show was such a hit that each character had groupies.

“Peter’s valuable because he’s like a walking encyclopedia on American history and politics,” Sionski said. “He was a godsend to us when we did the question-and-answer portion — he’s very well-versed at using his education background.”

Sionski said portrayals tend to band together and often keep up with one another. Particularly hard hit by the pandemic, many have turned to virtual performances, but it’s often not enough to eke out a living. That’s why he admires Small’s pluck in hitting the streets on Presidents Day.

“Peter has guts,” he said. “He’s 5 foot 7 and does George Washington — there’s nothing small about him.”

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A PHOTO provided by John and Penny Fleming taken in 1991 on their honeymoon. The Newport Beach couple will celebrate their 30th anniversary this year.

COUPLE

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but they talked about their work, and Penny said they didn’t sound very exciting. The two went out to dinner at Trees, a restaurant since closed that was behind the New Port Theater in Corona del Mar.

The rest, John says, is history.

When the two met, they came without baggage, they explained on Thursday. Neither had been married nor had any children. As their relationship developed, he said he

liked her blond hair, her cooking and outgoing personality. For Penny, it was a matter of how well John looked after his mother. Penny said she was recently reminded of the story of how they met when she was cleaning out her wallet and found the old ad she had laminated as a keepsake. She said things were simpler back when she and John met, and dating is different now.

The two married at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on April 27, 1991, and are approaching their 30th anniversary. They

have no big plans to travel in light of the pandemic. Penny said they might have a nice dinner with their two children, Michael and Annie, who were brought up in Newport Beach.

John is 82 now and Penny is 68. It may seem like a bit of an age gap, but Penny said she didn’t think to ask how old John was when they met because she thought he was adorable.

“He still is,” she adds, cheerfully.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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PERFECT

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really proud of these girls that they did.”

The Edison course consisted of three loops around the school, including a long stretch through the parking lot and three appearances on the track that provided visibility for spectators to view the race from their cars.

Campus courses have meant flatter courses this season, something that Roldan said she does not mind.

“Flatter courses mean faster times, which is always good for college, right,” Roldan said. “I’m always down for no hills.”

As for the departure from the traditional league schedule, Roldan said she is glad to have a chance to race. The Huntington Beach and Edison girls both competed in the Wave League last year, but fellow district schools Ocean View and Westminster are not part of the Sunset Conference.



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Quinn Roldan, Andrea Linggi-Perez, Lindsay Rule and Luna Centeno, from right to left, compete against Edison during the Huntington Beach Union High School District cross-country dual meet at Edison High School on Saturday.

“We get a little taste of everything, and honestly, any team we get to go against, I’m happy for,” Roldan added.

Juniors Hallie Chen (sixth, 21:06.5) and Kiwi Stevens (seventh, 21:07.7) led the Chargers on the girls’ side.

Edison topped Hunting-

ton Beach 23-32 in a boys’ race that flipped in the Chargers’ favor late. Huntington Beach had four runners in the top six for much of the first two laps, but Edison rallied to claim three of the top four positions.

Edison’s Wylie Cleugh (second, 15:59.6), Jeff Ritter (third, 16:27.6) and Luke

Fowler (fourth, 16:27.8) came in behind the race winner in Huntington Beach junior Nolan Walt, who looked strong throughout the competition.

Christopher Chan (sixth, 16:31.2) and Samson Rakhshani (eighth, 16:46.3) completed the group of scoring runners for the

Chargers.

Edison coach Brian Brierly said that the third mile is a point of emphasis in the program’s training, and he said the team had come a long way from the time trials it ran a month ago.

“It was hard to get into that race mentality, so we tried to mix it up and have some fun on the track the last two weeks,” Brierly said. “Just doing team relays and little things just to kind of make it exciting. Today, in the moment, they definitely stepped up and had it.”

Walt was impressed with the work of his newest teammates, as three of Huntington Beach’s five scoring runners were freshmen — Jacob McQuirk (fifth, 16:30.3), Gavin Bellmore (ninth, 16:46.5) and Corey Sand (10th, 17:04.8).

“Just keep putting in the work, and the racing will get easier and faster,” Walt said when asked what advice he would give them. “It’s amazing to have so many talented freshmen out here that have so much potential. They’ve only

been running seriously for six months, and they’re already placing on a varsity team.”

BOYS’ CROSS-COUNTRY
At Edison High School
3-mile course
Edison 23, Huntington Beach 32

1. Walt (HB) 15:52.4; 2. Cleugh (E) 15:59.6; 3. Ritter (E) 16:27.6; 4. Fowler (E) 16:27.8; 5. McQuirk (HB) 16:30.3; 6. Chan (E) 16:31.2; 7. Hebert (HB) 16:34.6; 8. Rakhshani (E) 16:46.3; 9. Bellmore (HB) 16:46.5; 10. Sand (HB) 17:04.8

GIRLS’ CROSS-COUNTRY
At Edison High School
3-mile course
Huntington Beach 15, Edison 43

1. Roldan (HB) 19:41.4; 2. Linggi-Perez (HB) 19:44.5; 3. Rule (HB) 19:54.4; 4. Centeno (HB) 19:55.7; 5. Fosmire (HB) 21:02.5; 6. Chen (E) 21:06.5; 7. Stevens (E) 21:07.7; 8. Kelly (HB) 21:32.4; 9. Aguirre (E) 21:41.1; 10. Chan (E) 21:49.6

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“It’s everything you ever wanted as a kid,” Chmelevski said despite the coronavirus pandemic resulting in his debut taking place in an empty arena. “You dream about that moment, no matter if there’s fans or no fans. It’s just about being there and saying that, ‘Yes, I played in the NHL.’ It was a great feeling.”

Chmelevski picked up an assist in the first period, playing a touch pass in the neutral zone ahead to Marcus Sorensen, who sent a pass from the left circle to the top of the goal crease, where Matt Nieto finished to open the scoring. There were multiple Southern California connections on the play, as Nieto is from Long Beach.

“He played very well at the beginning of the game, and I thought the game



HUNTINGTON BEACH native Sasha Chmelevski made his NHL debut for the San Jose Sharks in a 5-4 shootout win at Anaheim on Friday, Feb. 5.

Scott Dinn
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caught up a little bit to him in certain situations, but for a first game, I think he should be happy about how he played,” Sharks coach Bob Boughner said of Chmelevski to reporters after the game.

Chmelevski, who played youth hockey with the Anaheim Wildcats growing up, saw six minutes 11 seconds of ice time in the contest.

A strong showing in

training camp landed Chmelevski a spot on the Sharks’ taxi squad this season. In his first full season of professional hockey, Chmelevski produced 11 goals and 16 assists for the San Jose Barracuda of the American Hockey League during the 2019-20 campaign.

“Last year, I would have wanted to make my debut, obviously, and try to stick around, but that wasn’t the

case,” Chmelevski said. “I still had a great season, and I think I took a lot of positives from that, a lot of good experience, understanding that pro hockey, you’re going to need to be consistent on an everyday basis in order to get a call up.”

Asked what he worked on to make himself an asset for the NHL club, Chmelevski indicated that he feels that it is important to play within his skillset.

“You’re trying to do whatever you do best,” Chmelevski said. “For me, I’m a smart player who makes plays [and is] responsible. I’m not looking to go and do something extraordinary that I usually don’t do.”

“If it happens, it happens, but my game is predicated off of skill, hands [and] smarts, so I think just making myself elite in those areas is what has allowed me to have a chance at making a team.”

Should he draw into the lineup more often, one fascinating aspect of this coronavirus-impacted season is that the entire 56-game schedule is being played within the division. The eight teams in the Honda West Division will face each other eight times.

“I think the biggest thing that the team, and everyone I’m sure around the league, notices is every night is really valuable,” Chmelevski said. “You can’t lose points and get behind, so I think every game, you have to treat it like a mini playoff game, and as we move on through the season, I think games carry more and more weight.”

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Henry H. Hill

December 4, 1933 - January 18, 2021

Henry Hank Hill passed away the evening of January 18, 2021. Son of Nedger and Dora Hill, longtime resident of Lido Isle. He leaves his wife Joan; son Richard; daughter Kelsey; stepson Mark; and two grandchildren, Mackenzie and Matthew.

Though born in Los Angeles on December 4, 1933, Hank and his family moved to Lido Island in Newport Beach shortly after WWII began where Ned and his partner began building boats for the U.S. Government.

Hank attended Newport Elementary and Newport Harbor High. His early life was filled with anything nautical: boating, surfing, fishing and cruising with family in their power boat. After one year attending the Coast Guard Academy, Hank was drafted in 1957 and sent to Germany after his basic training where he spent almost two years in the Honor Guard.

Discharged in 1959, Hank returned to Newport Beach and joined the Navy Reserve until his discharge in 1963. Always seeking adventure, he learned to fly at Orange County Airport while working at BOATSWAIN’S LOCKER, a boat repair business on P.C.H. Here he learned a trade and later became an owner/operator.

A love of the sea led Hank into sailboat racing, particularly schooners and was soon sailing his own 36 ft. Alden Schooner, WANDERLURE. After sailing for a number of years in the annual and famous Newport to Ensenada race, Hank & WANDERLURE won the President’s Trophy in 1965. Next was OFFSHORE POWER BOAT RACING. More thrills and lots of challenges in DEEP TROUBLE and REINCARNATION, finally winning a 1st place in the experimental class.

Hank and his partner sold the business and property in 1987 and Hank & Joan with airplane, of course, moved to Ketchum, Idaho for an absolute change of environment. Here they lived for eight years before moving to Roche Harbor on San Juan Island in North Puget Sound. Entering the boating world once again, joined the San Juan Island Yacht Club and learned to sail the Gulf Islands in nearby Canada, while having their airplane in a hanger behind their home and the runway in their front yard. Here they lived 15 years until beckoned by children (now grown) and grandchildren (growing up rapidly) to return to Southern California, which they did in 2014.

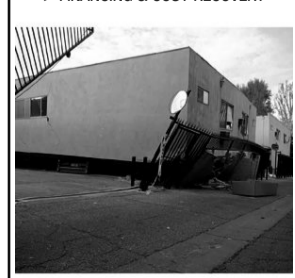
Hank lived 87 years and requested his ashes be scattered in the sea he loved so much. And that request will be fulfilled as soon as his daughter who lives in COSTA RICA can make the trip to California for her good-bye.

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