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TRAVIS VU, 47, of Anaheim finishes cutting the hair of client Thuy Ngo outside TravisVu The Salon in Fountain Valley on Saturday. Vu was able to open his salon for business again this week by operating in the open air following guidelines set by the city because of the coronavirus.

Hair industry adapts to COVID-19

BY ANDREW TURNER

After nearly 25 years in the cosmetology industry, Travis Vu became a first-time business owner in opening TravisVu The Salon in Fountain Valley two years ago.

The coronavirus pandemic put a strain on his business, as it has for many, with shut-downs put into effect in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

"The first month, I thought, 'It's OK. Maybe just one month and they can open again,' but when they start to [get to] the second and third month, I'm like, 'Oh my God,'" Vu said.

"It got so depressing. I got so stressed out, and I'm worried, because all the bills, we still have to pay. None of them give us any break, even the rent. Everything. We were really stressed out when it got to May and we're not open yet."

When barbershops and hair salons were

Some Orange County salons and barbershops move operations outside in order to get back to work as the pandemic continues.

allowed to reopen in late May, Vu, 47, of Anaheim had deferred rent to pay. Then a spike in coronavirus cases resulted in him having to close his doors again. He said he broke down and almost cried.

After securing a permit from the city, TravisVu The Salon (10130 Warner Ave.) opened again for business this week. Three chairs were set outside under the shade of a roof for clients to arrive after having booked appointments.

Iced water with lemon and wrapped refreshments were put out on another table.

"We're lucky that we have this kind of roof, and the direction of the sun [allows for shade]," Vu said. "So it's very cool, and [Mile Square Park] right across the street is very nice, so breeze is coming all day long. It's

very nice."

Marlys James-Jolly, 70, of Long Beach joked that her hair stylist was able to take 10 years off her appearance after receiving a haircut at TravisVu The Salon on Saturday.

"[It was] a huge relief, and I could relax about what my hair is going to look like," James-Jolly said of being able to get a professional haircut again. "I'll come back in five weeks, and if that's outside, that's fine, too. I like it being outside, if you want to know the truth. I wish they would continue with that."

The state has issued comprehensive guidance for barbershops and hair salons to reopen. Outdoor operations can take place under a tent, canopy or other form of sun

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N.B. OKs general aviation proposals for JWA

BY HILLARY DAVIS

The Newport Beach City Council and Aviation Committee have signed off on generally favorable evaluations of the proposals for support services at the soon-to-be overhauled general aviation program at John Wayne Airport.

The City Council unanimously agreed to accept the Aviation Committee's recommendations

Tuesday for fixed base operator, or FBO, proposals. Though the approval is only advisory — the airport is in Santa Ana and is overseen by Orange County — the county allowed neighboring Newport to offer feedback.

The planned upgrades to general aviation infrastructure at JWA offer new amenities to users of larger, typically noisier business jets while preserving access for pilots of the smallest, gener-

ally single-engine planes.

A subcommittee of the Newport aviation committee talked to all seven FBO applicants and evaluated their proposals according to a set of city goals that prioritize maintaining the balance of small hobbyist planes and larger corporate jets, moving the charter outfit JetSuiteX to the main terminal, and restricting hours of operation for any general aviation terminal.

Though the aviation committee accepted its subcommittee's evaluations, it came on a split, 8-6 vote after a 2½-hour discussion Monday, said Councilman Jeff Herdman, who also sits on the main aviation committee.

He said the committee wanted to reiterate the importance of keeping the current balance of plane storage, which leans

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OBITUARY

Mike 'Skip' Gillespie, former college baseball coach at UC Irvine and USC, dies at age 80

His teams won more than 1,500 games over a 47-year career and he led the Trojans to four College World Series appearances.

BY RYAN KARTJE

Over the course of more than 1,500 wins and nearly half a century spent in college baseball, Mike Gillespie built his towering coaching career by trusting his gut. It rarely led him astray.

It was his gut that guided him to call for a suicide squeeze in the decisive game of the College World Series, a bold call that eventually led USC to a national title in 1998.

He built three programs into powerhouses on that preternatural instinct, guiding generations of college baseball players by intuition, inspiration and prodding, putting his arm around them when they most needed it.

Gillespie regularly bucked convention, and he preached the same lessons to his players — to trust their gut, to follow their own path, to believe in themselves. His 47-year career was a testament to that undying trust.

It was his fearless instinct, buoyed by a deep love for the game, that made "Skip," as he was known to his players, a true giant of college baseball.



COACH MIKE GILLESPIE, center, talks with assistants Ben Orloff, left, and Eric Deragisch during a UC Irvine practice in 2014.

Anne Cusack
Los Angeles Times

It kept him in the sport — and thriving — through 2018, its hold on him lasting into his final days, when the Hall of Fame coach watched and talked baseball from the comfort of hospice care.

Gillespie died at his home in Irvine on Wednesday following complications from recent lung issues and a stroke. He was 80. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, children, Kelly, Mitch, Matt and Tiffany, grandchildren, Cade, Cole, Samantha and Cooper, and brother, Gerry. Services are pending.

His death sent ripples to every corner of

college baseball, from the teams he coached at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, USC and UC Irvine and beyond, underscoring just how widely his influence was felt. Scores of former coaches and players shared stories deep into the night via group text, reminiscing about his impact on their lives.

"His presence was unmatched," said UCLA coach John Savage, who served as pitching coach under Gillespie at USC from 1997 to 2000. "You could feel him, if you're in the

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Laguna's Coast Inn remodel plans get go-ahead

The renovation has been stuck in city planning channels since it was introduced to the Heritage Committee in 2015.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Plans to remodel the closed Coast Inn on 1401 S. Coast Hwy. are now official after years in city planning channels, following 4-1 vote by the Laguna Beach City Council that approved the project on Tuesday.

The City Council voted to approve the project, with Councilwoman Toni Iseman dissenting, but included provisions in the plans to scale back the size of a proposed rooftop deck to 2,500 square feet and reduce the number of umbrellas proportionately. Rooftop signage will also be removed from the project.



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

THE COAST INN in Laguna Beach got the permits and approvals from the City Council to start renovations.

Over 100 emails were sent to City Council both in support and against the project, but speakers Tuesday were largely against it.

Discussion focused on the rooftop deck, which would require variances — a deviation from rules a municipality can use to guide land use — for building height to allow for the construction decks on the ocean-facing side of the hotel, reconstruction of historic towers and installation of a nonpermanent umbrella system.

"It's not fine dining. It's not a spa," Councilman Peter Blake said. "We've got to give them something."

"Twenty-four people are not going to come and spend money to stay in this hotel unless they have some reason to do it and [property owner Chris Dornin] is not going to spend this kind of money to totally restore this hotel unless somehow or another, he has a way of recouping it," Blake said.

"We have to come to terms with the fact that, 'Are we willing to give a variance so we could incentivize historicity in this town?'" Blake said. "If not, we're going to see these buildings get scraped."

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COSMETOLOGIST
JESSICA
HAMILTON

does a cut and partial highlights on a client, Michelle Norris, outside the TravisVu The Salon, in Fountain Valley on Saturday. The salon is able to operate in the open air following guidelines set by the city.

Raul Roa
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shelter that has no more than one side closed. That is to allow for outdoor air movement.

Customers are to be screened and asked not to bring others to appointments. There are also extensive requirements for cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and equipment.

Denise Konopelski, 64, of Seal Beach decided to work with a friend to rent a suite in Huntington Beach through Sola Salon Studios. Their salon remains closed, as it is not on the ground floor.

In the meantime, Konopelski said she has taken to giving haircuts at home.

"Everything is over the top, but I feel that if you do everything over the top, then you're following the rules," Konopelski said of the guidelines for operating. "With sanitation as such a big thing, everything has to be washed. I'm forever washing everything, but I just am going overboard so that I can't get in any trouble, and of course, I have to keep my clients safe, and I want them to feel safe, so it's a real clean environment."

Huntington Beach Mayor Lyn Semeta said that the city has ramped up its messaging to urge the public to utilize masks. As for the stringent guidelines for hair salons and

barbershops to conduct business, Semeta believes that an eagerness to get back to work will lead to compliance.

"I think that people are very motivated to try to be open if they can, so at least there is a path forward for if they're willing to go through ... putting all those guidelines in place," Semeta said. "I know in the city of Huntington Beach, we try to be very facilitative to allow businesses to open under the guidelines while keeping them safe, and these guidelines certainly are going to make sure that happens."

Newport Beach Mayor Will O'Neill said that as of Tuesday's City Council meeting, permits for outdoor services in the city had been issued to 69 restaurants. He added that permits were in progress for three hair, nail or massage businesses.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 31 coronavirus deaths and 637 new cases of COVID-19 in the latest numbers released on Saturday. The pandemic has claimed 649 lives in the county, while the cumulative cases seen county-wide stands at 36,833.

There are currently 546 hospitalizations related to the virus, with 169 of those patients in intensive care units. An additional 6,357 tests were administered within the last day, bringing the number of tests for COVID-19 in the county to

415,621. Approximately 23,860 recoveries have been made after contracting the virus.

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

- Santa Ana: 6,967 cases; 172 deaths
- Anaheim: 6,278 cases; 158 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 1,694 cases; 46 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,198 cases; 10 deaths
- Irvine: 1,189 cases; nine deaths
- Newport Beach: 835 cases; eight deaths
- Fountain Valley: 363 cases; nine deaths
- Laguna Beach: 133 cases; fewer than five deaths

And here are the demographics in Orange County for the case counts followed by deaths:

By age:

- 0 to 17: 2,216; 0
- 18 to 24: 5,474; 2
- 25 to 34: 8,328; 10
- 35 to 44: 6,007; 21
- 45 to 54: 6,002; 58
- 55 to 64: 4,415; 84
- 65 to 74: 2,162; 122
- 75 to 84: 1,231; 147
- 85 and older: 965; 204

By race/ethnicity:

- Latino: 8,639; 272
- White: 5,454; 204
- Asian: 1,568; 92
- Black: 285; 8
- Unknown: 16,580; 11
- Other (includes Pacific Islander, American Indian and multiple races): 4,307; 62

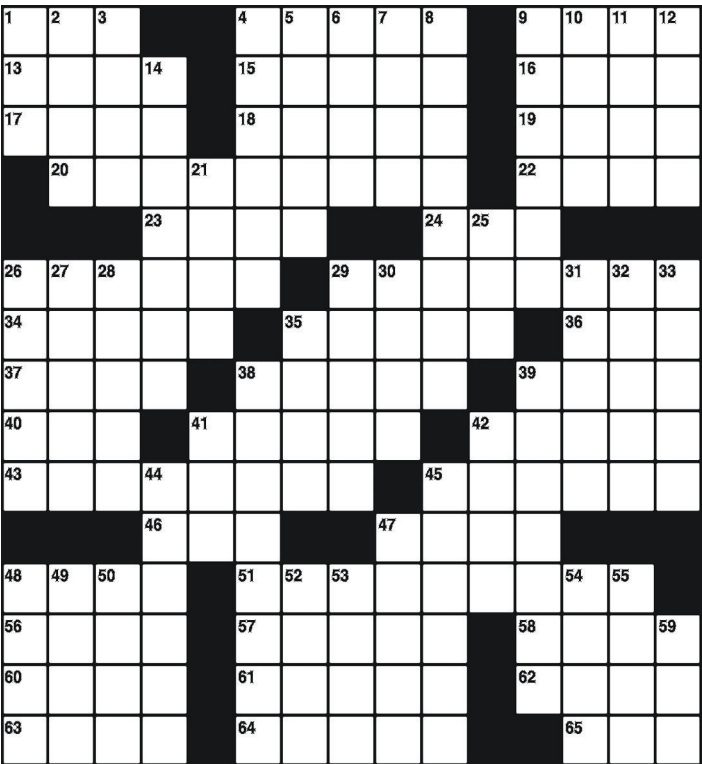
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ACROSS 1 Golfer Ernie
4 Leftover bit
9 Big party
13 Warty amphibian
15 _ and go; iffy
16 Unpleasant
17 Nat or Natalie
18 Out of practice
19 Send a parcel
20 Opposite of relaxation
22 _ Park, NY; FDR's hometown
23 Ship's pole
24 Irving Berlin's "What'll _"
26 "The _ Family"; old TV sitcom
29 Most notorious gangster
34 Docks
35 Shoe part
36 Train unit
37 Couldn't _ it; found the job too hard
38 Desert transport
39 Mix in a bowl
40 "Time _ Bottle"; Jim Croce song
41 Powerful winds
42 Irritate
43 Conquered
45 Warmed up
46 " _ Lazy River"
47 Fuel, for some
48 City skyline obscurer
51 Happening over and over
56 Make a recording of
57 _ squash; winter veggie
58 Fictional ship captain
60 Work animals
61 Run after
62 Woman's nickname
63 Forest tree
64 Schlepped
65 Blasting compound

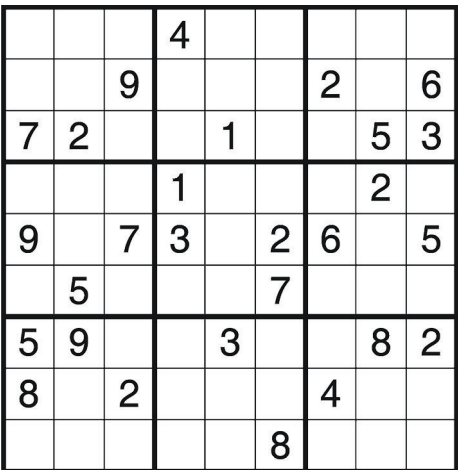
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1 And so forth; abbr.
2 Plunder
3 Realtor's delight



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.

4 Cause of a nervous breakdown
5 _ calories; diet
6 Wily trick
7 _ of God; natural disasters
8 Word with therapy or education

9 Head of a diocese
10 " _ Breaky Heart"; Billy Ray Cyrus song
11 _ row; impoverished area
12 Big buildup
14 European nation

21 Houston & Snead
25 June honoree
26 Destructive insect
27 Ladd or Sawyer
28 Evening coffee, perhaps
29 Carrying a gun
30 Trevino & Cobb
31 Two quartets combined
32 Innocently trusting
33 Miscalculated
35 Narrative
38 Clouding of the eye
39 Making watertight
41 Chasm; space
42 Fruit salad fruit
44 Univ. of Oregon's location
45 Like elks & unicorns
47 Use foul language
48 Say no more
49 Skirt style
50 Daytime shop window sign
52 Audio engineer's concern
53 Winter garment
54 Small salamander
55 FBI agts.
59 Toronto's prov.

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A housing crisis: the next chapter in the coronavirus saga

“That’s one of the remarkable things about life. It’s never so bad that it can’t get worse.”

A quick Google search attributes that sentiment to everyone from Humphrey Bogart, to the Calvin and Hobbes comics—but it’s also a feeling shared by everyone living through the roller-coaster that has been 2020.

Though the economic, physical and mental health impacts have not been felt equally in our communities, no one has been left completely untouched by the COVID-19 pandemic. Which is perhaps why we have seen a massive rallying of the public and private sector to support people through this crisis.

Eviction and mortgage moratoriums, expanded unemployment benefits and scaled-overnight food distribution programs meant that for the last few months most people have been able to keep a roof over their head, with enough food in the cupboard and money left over to keep the lights and Wi-Fi on. This doesn’t mean the past few months have not been extremely hard, but the social safety net we’ve consistently underfunded for decades reappeared to stave off the worst of the economic impacts, in hopes that it would allow us to adequately address the public health crisis looming in front of us.

Four months later, even as COVID-19 cases and hospitali-



JOHN BETZ rolls a refrigerator down Wall street outside two duplex housing units in south Los Angeles for homeless people. The president and CEO of Jamboree Housing Corp. writes that affordable housing across California is threatened by coronavirus shutdowns and the coming end of government aid.

Kent Nishimura
Los Angeles Times

cloud looms, with so much of the state budget tied to the action, or lack of action, being taken in Washington, D.C.

As the federal government continues its deadlock over additional COVID-19 relief, our local, county and state governments are left with dwindling options when it comes to helping the vast majority of Californians maintain their housing. The House of Representative’s HEROES Act, or the recently passed Moving Forward Act, an infrastructure bill that would increase affordable housing production dramatically, while also creating new, local jobs in our community, are good places to start.

Regardless of the specific piece of legislation, Congress must recognize that responding to the looming housing crisis—which will involve addressing rental and mortgage payments, as well as the overall housing supply—is the only way to functionally address COVID-19 as we wait for a vaccine and other medical therapies.

It’s never so bad that it can’t get worse. Let’s make this moment a movement that solves our housing and public health crisis for future generations.

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zations are continuing to rise, the social safety net that has kept many afloat is beginning to fade.

Expanded unemployment benefits were set to expire at the end of July, and many of the eviction protections and mortgage moratoriums have already disappeared, with many courts in California, including Orange County, resuming evictions that had been paused since March.

This context is necessary to understand this key point: This is a moment we have been asked to meet. Not the last four months, but this moment.

As someone who has dedicated 30 years of my career to building affordable homes for seniors,

veterans and families across California, I’m acutely aware of how unprepared we are to address the housing crisis that is so intricately tied to us successfully managing this public health crisis. When our public officials are stressing the importance of staying home as often as possible, it forces us to address just how unstable the concept of home is for millions of Californians.

The year 2018 was the first that the state’s average median income returned to pre-Great Recession levels—in layman’s terms, the average California resident was finally “catching up.” However, this short economic recovery window, coupled with rising rent and home

prices, means that most Californians weren’t saving for a rainy day—let alone a rainy year. It’s estimated that only 23.7% of California households have sufficient enough savings to survive at the poverty level for three months without any income—that means over 75% of Californians can’t. They’re also the ones most likely to be going without a stable income right now, dependent on fading government and private social programs.

To their credit, our state Legislature and governor reaffirmed their commitment to addressing California’s housing crisis by funding key housing programs in the recently passed state budget. But a

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toward smaller planes. He credited Councilwoman Diane Dixon for negotiating the small-plane mix last year, while she was mayor, with Board of Supervisors Chair Michelle Steel.

“We want to hold the Board of Supervisors to that agreement,” Herdman said.

An initial committee recommendation showed no appetite for a general aviation terminal—a small facility with fee-based

customs screening for private international flights—at all, but the city is willing to accept one that is restricted to operating hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dixon said that general aviation isn’t regulated by the long-standing legal agreement Newport has with JWA to restrict commercial activity, meaning private planes can land and take off 24 hours a day. These discussions don’t change that, but attempts to limit what they can, she said.

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NEWPORT BEACH wants to reiterate the importance of keeping the current balance of plane storage, which leans toward smaller planes like these.

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JOHN Gabriel MACK

May 8, 1937 - July 20, 2020

Johnny Mack passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 20, 2020 from a long battle with lung cancer. He is survived by three sisters, Kathleen, Mary (Dave), and Ronnie (Norman), his wife, Shaye, five children, Karen (Ken), Tracey (Ron), Craig (Jamie), Chad (Stefanie) and Amy, 21 grandchildren and 5 great grand children. He was an avid sailor and golfer. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend, a very caring man and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. "Always late, but worth the wait!"; Sail on Johnny Mack!



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 lutefisk 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 Doyen 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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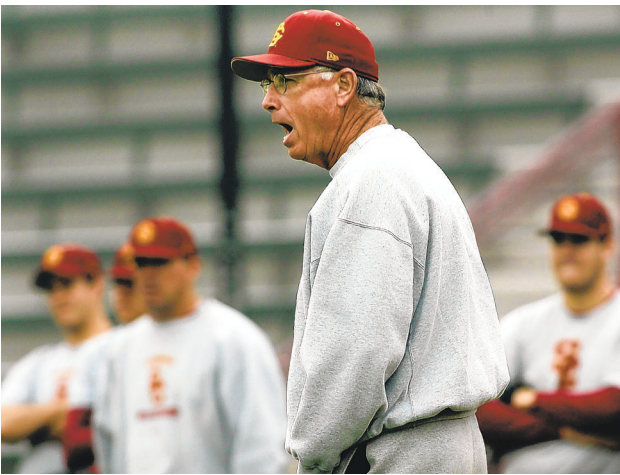
other dugout, if you're playing for him."

It was that aura that his former players would remember most. His pull over the clubhouse was obvious to anyone who entered.

One of just two people to win a College World Series as a player and coach, Gillespie commanded respect, carrying himself with a quiet confidence that proved timeless even as the game he so adored evolved around him.

A firm believer in tough love, he pushed even his best players beyond their bounds of comfort. Six players he coached at USC alone would go on to be named major league All-Stars, many of whom considered him a catalyst to their careers.

His methods could be unrepentantly old school. He preached preparation, routine and discipline, and his players learned quickly that they needed to earn



Beatrice de Gea | Los Angeles Times

MIKE GILLESPIE was one of just two people to win a College World Series as a player and coach.

their stripes. Many came to realize that beneath the intensity and expectation was a rich sense of humor that only strengthened their esteem for Gillespie.

"If you got a compliment from Coach Gillespie, there was no better feeling in baseball," said Morgan Ensberg, who played third base on USC's 1998 national title team. "The bar was incredibly high."

When Aaron Boone, one of those six future All-Stars, made multiple errors over a single series at USC, Gillespie boldly held tryouts at his entrenched third base spot to "light a fire under his butt," recalled Geoff Jenkins, a former Trojans outfielder who played 11 years in the big leagues. "After that, I don't know if Booney made an error the rest of the season."

Gillespie knew how to wield that presence, shaping it as circumstances required. After an upset loss to Hawaii-Hilo while the Trojans were ranked No. 1 in the nation, he forced his team to watch as the opposing players snapped photos in front of the USC scoreboard.

Upon opening their 1998 College World Series run with a demoralizing loss to Louisiana State, Gillespie waited for players to filter out of the clubhouse, their heads hanging, before tacking on the message he'd been waiting to deliver.

"Oh, by the way, does anybody in this clubhouse not think we can win this tournament?" Gillespie asked. The room roared in response.

"Part of what made him this huge figure was that we knew, whatever we asked, whatever we needed, he would always have an answer," said Gabe Alvarez, a USC assistant who played for him from 1993 to '95.

Over the course of his ca-

summer is happening at the Bungalow



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reer, Gillespie would cling to the few moments when an answer did elude him. He bristled at the notion of anyone calling him a legend and wondered often how his career might've changed if his boldest calls had gone awry.

Failures were few and far between. He was the rare coach to successfully step into the shoes of a legend and emerge with his own Hall of Fame career. Rod Dedeaux had won 11 national titles at USC and more games than any other college baseball coach in history when Gillespie was tapped as his replacement in 1987.

Gillespie, who played left field under Dedeaux and won a title with USC in 1961, spent the previous 16 years building a junior college dynasty. College of the Canyons had been founded just two years earlier when Gillespie, previously a coach at Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills high schools, was hired to start its baseball program in 1971.

In short order, he turned the new Canyons program into a juggernaut, winning three state titles, 11 conference championships, and 420 games.

Gillespie would make his most lasting impact on college baseball at his alma mater. Over two decades as the Trojans' coach, his teams appeared in 15 NCAA regionals and four College World Series. His decision to steal home with two strikes in 1998, with Ensberg sliding safely to the plate, would live on. Thirty years later, upon his retirement, he called it "the most gratifying singular moment" in his career.

Gillespie was 66 when USC cut ties with the legendary coach following two down seasons. He planned to retire and work as a substitute teacher, but the game pulled him back in, leading him to manage the New York Yankees' rookie-league Staten Island team in 2007.

A year later, Irvine called Savage to ask about Gillespie.

"I laughed," Savage, his former pitching coach, recalled. "They had a Hall of Fame coach right in front of them."

Gillespie quickly picked up where he left off, winning 393 games and taking the Anteaters to the 2014 College World Series. A three-year deal turned into a memorable 11-year journey. His towering presence at the school would remain after he retired in 2018 to spend time with his wife, Barbara, who suffered from Alzheimer's.

Ben Orloff, who played under Gillespie and took over as Irvine's coach, did not remove Gillespie's name plate from the office when he left two years ago. It didn't feel right, he said.

"I keep it in there as a reminder of what it means to be a coach," Orloff said.

Gillespie never quite left the game behind. He often called Orloff to recap innings and discuss specific decisions. A week before his death, Orloff sat with Gillespie as the legendary coach clearly recalled details of games 30 years ago.

"He missed it," Orloff said. "He just loved going to the office. He loved being around the players, loved practice and road trips and lunch with the staff."

"He just loved the game." *Ryan Kartje is a staff writer with the Los Angeles Times.*

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COMMENTARY | JIM CARNETT

The pandemic might be the best time for a bad haircut

In recent months, COVID-19 has killed 8,000-plus Californians. That's a tragedy that six months ago would have seemed beyond all comprehension and logic, yet we're anesthetized to it today. I don't make light of the disease, but I personally attempt to keep it in perspective. Not obsessing is important.

I was recently encouraged by my brother, Bill, to get a coronavirus crewcut.

Like so many of us, Bill is quarantining at home this summer. His hair — like mine — has gone unsupervised for months. Get the picture? But his son, Eric — neither a professional coiffeur nor resident of Seville — graciously pulled out his amateur home clipper and proceeded to square Bill away.

“Wow, Bill, you look great,” I rhapsodized a few days later after viewing a photo he sent me. Brother Bill was a gifted high school athlete who looked great in a buzz and who looks grand today as a buzzed senior.

I, on the other hand, never looked good in a butch haircut as a kid. That's why I've not permitted myself, as an adult, to be seen in public places sans tresses.

I recently had to relearn something taught me by my mom when I was a mere stripling: “Don't automatically do what others tell you to do; rely upon your own good common sense.”

Last week — following Eric's offer — Bill decided it was time for what we Carnetts used to call our annual “summer buzz.” I never added a springtime buzz to the equation because I refused to expose my cue-ball head to girls sitting behind me in class.

Some guys in junior high and high school pulled off with panache that Mickey Mantle flattop All-American-boy look. Not me. Besides, I looked more like Mickey Spillane.

So, the other day, having forgotten history and now doomed to repeat it, I watched Hedy tear into an Amazon box that arrived at our doorstep. It was a \$50 home hair clipper. That should have triggered within me a remembrance of Mom's “common sense” adage.

Hedy appeared confident that with the new appliance she could transform my hair from mishmash to marvelous. Miss Hedy clawed determinedly at the cardboard packaging and began pulling out attachments. Neither of us knew their purpose.

What we did know was that we weren't going to waste time trying to decipher the enclosed “directions” flier. One can't be expected to make sense of directions written in hieroglyphics.

Hedy soon began thrashing away with her clippers on this venerable old head. She powered forth with the aplomb of a professional jack hammerer.

My wife employed impressive sweeping motions while human hair fell in clumps from each arc. Those clumps accumulated into heaps on my shoulders, lap and on the floor.

“How much do you want me to take off?” she shouted over the clamber.

“Uh, most ... I guess.” I began to have second thoughts. Buyer's remorse. And I was hyperventilating. “Wait, what are we doing? Should we rethink this?” Too late, we were past the point of no return.

Hedy kept “sweeping,” and, at last, stepped in front of me to evaluate her work. I knew I was in trouble when she emitted a nervous laugh. I looked in the mirror ... and let out a primal scream.

AAARRRGH!

I now possess a hideous pandemic buzz! My only rational observation at the time was: “THIS ... CAN-NOT ... BE!” It's worse than any summer butch I ever received as a kid. I'm living a seventh-grader's nightmare!

Help.

It's my fault. I have no one to blame but myself. I wanted things trimmed. My hair was too long, unruly, greasy and itchy (can hair actually itch?), and I wanted it gone. Well, it's gone ... all of it. Maybe forever.

Hedy collected silver shocks of hair left on my shoulders and lap, and on the floor, and gently placed them into a hermetically sealed baggy. Why? Grandmas do such things. She throws out soiled Band-Aids but preserves grandpa hair.

Hedy and I had a good laugh over it and, since I don't believe I'll be meeting a duchess, cardinal or NBA referee anytime soon, what does it matter how I look?

As retirees, Hedy and I are finding sheltering in place tolerable.

But I've hidden the clippers.

JIM CARNETT is a former columnist for the Daily Pilot.

COAST INN

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Mayor Bob Whalen said he agreed, but felt that the rooftop deck could be made smaller to eliminate the need for a variance. Councilwoman Sue Kempf agreed with both council members, adding that she felt that incentives needed to be available to developers but that the city needed to also benefit from the project.

Council members voted, as part of the approval, for the applicant to pay an in-lieu parking fee, which will allow developers to pay a designated fee rather than provide some or all parking spaces required by the city's zoning code.

The City Council first heard the project in January 2018, but continued the project for council subcommittees and continued discussion. It was initially scheduled to come before the City Council in April, but the hearing was postponed to June due to the COVID-19 pandemic before being tabled for July.

It was first introduced to the city in a concept review in 2015.

The revised project included restoration of the Coast Inn; remodeling of the hotel's 24 rooms and existing restaurant; a proposed 3,707-square-foot rooftop bar and spa with outdoor dining and alcohol; new rooftop signs and rooftop mechanical equipment. Rehabilitation of the property will include plastering, reconstruction of historic turrets and the rooftop signage.

City staff said occupancy of the rooftop deck will be limited to 101 people and the hours of operation were proposed to be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Access will be restricted to hotel guests.

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PLANS TO REMODEL the closed Coast Inn on 1401 S. Coast Hwy. are now official after years in city planning channels, following a 4-1 vote to approve the project by the Laguna Beach City Council on Tuesday.

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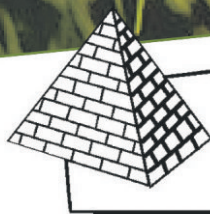
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Should we blame the coronavirus spread on ‘stupidity’?

Social distancing, hand-washing, wearing a mask — this is the tripartite “prescription” that epidemiologists agree will slow the spread of the coronavirus. Given this, there’s a distinction between ignorance, defined as a lack of knowledge or information, and stupidity, defined as a lack of good sense or judgment.

The science deniers in my beloved Surf City cannot claim ignorance — we have the knowledge and information needed to mitigate the spread of this deadly contagion. Rather, stupidity is the only excuse one can make on behalf of this unmasked foolishness.

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

Praise for a city service

Services provided by cities and counties receive so many complaints, I want to present a commendation for a change. We live in Newport Beach, and for several days, water was accumulating on the area between our sidewalk and the curb of the street.

On inspection, I saw water coming up from a crack between our driveway and the sidewalk. The water was making a pool in the street in front of our house and running down the gutter.

Ugh, I thought, I have to call a plumber and get ready for a big bill. It was Friday, and my wife suggested that I should first call the city of Newport Beach’s water department.

I told her that everyone at the city was probably home because of the virus, but I would try to reach someone. I called the city’s water distribution department, and to my pleasant surprise, rather than hearing “enter one, enter two,” etc., the number was answered by a live person, and warm-sounding young lady.

Telling her the problem, she took my information and said I would be called between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. At 1:30 my telephone rang and it was Richard from the water distribution operation. He had already been out, had inspected the problem, and told me, “Good news for you, this is the city’s leak.”

A short time later, a city representative was at my door telling me that the leak would be stopped Monday morning. Early

Monday morning a crew was out to cut a hole into the street and repair the leaking supply pipe. The next morning, a crew was out to repair the hole.

Not only was the service fast, but everyone who contacted me was exceedingly friendly and showed concern. Thank you city of Newport Beach water distribution department.

Martin A. Brower
Corona del Mar

Students belong in the classroom

Let’s get the students back in the classroom. It really is as easy as ABC.

Teachers will do remote teaching from their homes using their laptops, and students will be in the classroom listening to their teacher teach them on the large screen monitor in each classroom. Teachers are now safe from catching any COVID-19 from students, and students can finally get back to school with their friends. Each school would hire “classroom monitors” who would be assigned to each classroom to maintain order and be there for any student need.

Roy Englebrecht
Newport Beach

Letter writer gets it right

Once again Huntington Beach resident Tim Geddes is right on target in his letter published in the Daily Pilot.

Much more concise than I, he argues that both county government and city government in Newport Beach are “controlled by conservatives who are tone deaf to community needs.” Even many of the conservatives in Newport Beach feel that way.

Essentially what is needed is a total shake-up of both the county Board of Supervisors and the City Council (not to mention the Orange County Board of Education). Costa Mesa recently went through just such a major transformation, which resulted in a city government that is much more responsive to the community needs than that of Newport Beach.

Two of Newport’s council members, Joy Brenner and Jeff Herdman, have tried to uphold their campaign promises to the community in Newport, but it is difficult swimming against



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TWO SURFERS leave the water at Huntington City Beach in April, when Gov. Gavin Newsom said all state and local beaches in Orange County must close due to the coronavirus pandemic.

the tide.

In short, the total transformation that took place in Costa Mesa, the residents of Newport can put forth candidates supported by the community as Jeff and Joy are. They can create a majority if they elect new council members who are also like-minded.

Geddes also characterized accurately, in my opinion, two candidates who are running for higher office, Michelle Steel for Congress and Diane Dixon for Assembly as “arch conservatives.”

That distinction may draw some votes in Newport but not large numbers in other surrounding communities of the respective districts they will represent.

The two incumbents who will offer voters an escape from seemingly traditional “old backroom politics” are Harley Rouda and Cottie Petrie-Norris, who were elected in 2018 to Congress and the California Assembly, respectively. These candidates are like a breath of fresh air. In my memory, Orange County has never had such accomplished, energetic and positive candidates.

You have a choice: You can stay in the past with

what I would describe as politics characterized by a cynical outlook on life, or you can look into the future with some optimism and faith.

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach

Concerns about Sen. Moorlach

To date, Orange County voters have looked for leadership, integrity, effectiveness, and a measure of independence from their elected officials in responding to our many challenges.

Our needs, especially in our coastal communities, are different than in other areas. Whether it is public health, education or re-opening our local economy, we need problem-solving that protects and preserves our safety above all else.

Our congressional representative (Harley Rouda-D, Laguna Beach) and our state Assemblywoman (Cottie Petrie-Norris, D-Laguna) have stepped up big time in this regard.

Their opponents have lapsed into partisan naysaying with no solutions and no responsible approach to the COVID-19

pandemic still plaguing our county.

Add another Republican who falls into this category, State Sen. John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa).

From my experience Moorlach has spent his entire political career carping about leadership in Sacramento without providing it.

He has been a partisan warrior without caring about his constituents. I believe he benefited from a smear campaign in the form of several mailers that knocked out one of his rivals, Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley, without realizing the Democratic primary winner, Dave Min, is eminently qualified, capable and better suited to serve our citizenry than he is.

I would rather have a UCI law professor who will fight for our interests than a CPA who puts dollars over denizens.

Like Rouda and Petrie-Norris, Min cares about people and stands up for them.

He will move Orange County forward while Moorlach is stuck in neutral or reverse.

Now is the time for results. Now is the time for representation. Now is the

time for leadership.

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

Defending Rouda

Letter writer Mary Brown has it all wrong about Rep. Harley Rouda.

Few members of Congress could possibly have a better record of looking out for constituents. In his first year Rouda held five Town Hall events and took part in over a thousand meetings with constituents. In May he voted for the Heroes Act which, according to the House Appropriations Committee for local governments in CA-48, would bring \$2.7 billion to local governments in coastal Orange County; ensure pay for police, firefighters, first responders and teachers; assist Orange County businesses through the Paycheck Protection Program; distribute a second round of direct economic payments; make sure that all Americans can receive interim healthcare coverage; and fund testing, tracing and treatment mechanisms to get us back to work. According to IRS statistics for CA-48 this legislation would also provide tax relief for more than 100,000 Orange County families by repealing the cap on State and Local Tax.

Rouda’s commitment to bipartisanship is reflected in comparing his voting record with the nearest Republican, Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42, Corona). According to ProPublica, Rouda and Calvert have voted the same 42% of the time. Far from being a “radical socialist” our congressman is the finest example of a principled, hard-working public servant who reflects the hopes and values of his constituents.

Bob Taylor
Newport Beach

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