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**OFFICIALS WITH** the Democratic Party of Orange County passed a resolution condemning long-ago statements by film legend John Wayne as “racist and bigoted” and are calling on the county Board of Supervisors to drop his name, statue and other likenesses from the airport.

## John Wayne faces headwind

BY ANDREW J. CAMPA

Orange County’s Democratic Party is hoping sundown is on the horizon for the Duke.

This week, officials passed an emergency resolution condemning film legend John Wayne’s “racist and bigoted statements” made decades ago and are calling on the Orange County Board of Supervisors to drop his name, statue and other likenesses from the international airport.

The resolution also asked the board “to restore its original name: Orange County Airport.”

“There have been past efforts to get this done and now we’re putting our name and our backing into this to make sure there is a name change,” said Ada Briceño, chair of the Democratic Party of Orange County.

According to the crafters of the resolution, who include Briceño, the effort to oust

Orange County Democrats condemn ‘racist’ comments made by the actor and call for Board of Supervisors to drop his name from airport.

Wayne is part of “a national movement to remove white supremacist symbols and names [that are] reshaping American institutions, monuments, businesses, nonprofits, sports leagues and teams.”

The resolution adds: “It is widely recognized that racist symbols produce lasting physical and psychological stress and trauma particularly to Black communities, people of color and other oppressed groups.”

The resolution notes that the county is much more diverse than it was in 1979, when Orange County Airport was christened John Wayne Airport.

Democrats point to a Chapman University survey released earlier this year that said 79% of county residents polled believe

“that O.C.’s increasing ethnic diversity is a source of great strength for the region.”

At the heart of the latest drive is a widely discussed 1971 Playboy interview in which Wayne makes bigoted statements against Blacks, Native Americans and the LGBTQ community.

He infamously said, “I believe in white supremacy until the Blacks are educated to a point of responsibility. I don’t believe in giving authority and positions of leadership and judgment to irresponsible people.”

He later said that although he didn’t condone slavery, “I don’t feel guilty about the fact that five or 10 generations ago these people were slaves.”

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## Eateries adapt to COVID-19 challenge

Restaurants make efforts to provide for safety of workers, customers, with emphasis on cleaning, staffing, social distancing.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The stay-at-home order to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus at the beginning of the pandemic posed challenges to restaurants, which had to rely on their takeout and delivery services for a time.

Dining rooms have since reopened, but operations do not look the same as they once did.

Reopening has required adaptation as the coronavirus remains a concern. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases has jumped since Orange County entered advanced “Stage 2” reopening following the shutdown.

Mike Bartsick, the owner and president of the Park Bench Café in Huntington Beach, said that his restaurant is lucky to have an outdoor space for tables. The café is spacing out its tables by 10 to 12 feet, he said.

About 25% of his employees opted to stay home upon reopening. Bartsick added that those positions have been filled.

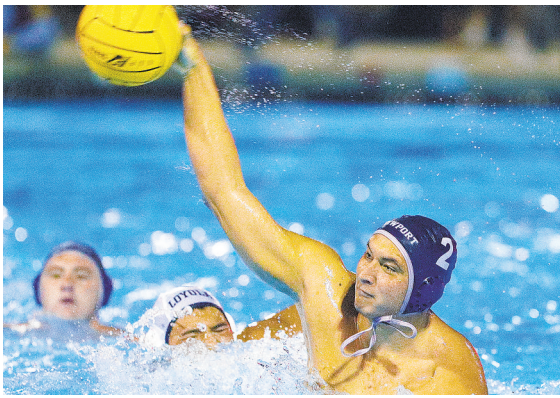
“We’re trying to make sure we are safe,” Bartsick said. “We are sanitizing tables, menus and chairs between use and making sure people wear masks.”

Cathy Nichols, a customer at the Park Bench Café on Saturday, remains mindful of the suggested guidelines to keep COVID-19 at bay. She said the café requires masks when checking in and she does not mind.

“So much healthier than people

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## Laguna to consider revised budget for new fiscal year and revisions to 2019-20 budget

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Laguna Beach City Council will consider adoption of the city’s revised budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year, which begins in July, and edits to its 2019-20 budget.

Tuesday’s discussion will focus on input from the council on proposed revisions and follow the council’s suggested changes at a budget workshop at its meeting on June 23. The discussion will also include community assistance grants, cultural arts grants and salaries for city staff.

The council will also adopt a Gann Limit, which curtails the amount of revenue that can be appropriated in a given fiscal year.

The revisions affect the second year of the approved two-year budget passed in 2019, and were made in response to the coronavirus pandemic, which the city projected in April



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**THE LAGUNA BEACH** City Council will be considering adoption of the new budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year, which begins in July.

would cause a \$12-million loss in revenue and lead to significant cutbacks.

Items deferred for discussion at the April 7 meeting included the \$500,000 reserve for the South Laguna Com-

munity Garden, the Urban Forest Management Plan, a fire inspector position and the Sewer Digester building.

In a June 16 letter by City Manager John Pietig to the council included in the staff report for last Tuesday’s discussion, Pietig wrote, “We do not yet know the full impact this pandemic will have on our city and its finances, and while we remain optimistic that Laguna Beach will recover, no one knows how deep the impending economic downturn will be or how long it will last.”

“We are now faced with making difficult decisions in an economic environment that we have never experienced before,” Pietig wrote. “We must be cautious when reducing the budget and impacting our programs and services.”

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## Newport Christian School’s graduating class is fantastic four

BY ANDREW TURNER

When Ashlyn Thompson was a freshman at Newport Christian School, that was the highest grade the school offered.

In each successive year, Newport Christian added a grade, and the school is now set to honor its first graduating class since 2010.

The senior class had just four members — Lucas Hernandez, Matthew Bowman, Chang Yao (Tommy) and Thompson. Their graduation ceremony is scheduled at the school on July 8. They were tasked with leading and establishing a culture on campus.

With a high school enrollment of roughly 40 students, Thompson felt it was vital that everyone get along, as word could travel fast within a small school. She found the school’s focus on developing the overall person refreshing.

“They’re not putting up a front for anyone, and it truly is an amazing place,” Thompson said. “The teachers love you and they



**NEWPORT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

graduating seniors are, from left, Lucas Hernandez, 18, of Tustin, Ashlyn Thompson, 18, of Lake Forest, Chang Yao (Tommy), 19, from Irvine, and Matthew Bowman, 19, of Mission Viejo, seen on campus at the school in Newport Beach on June 13.

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respect you. They just care for you on another level. They care and they desire to have a relationship with every student in their class.”

Thompson, 18, of Lake Forest, served as captain of the girls’

basketball and volleyball teams at Newport Christian. She is training as a setter in the hopes of continuing to play volleyball in college at West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster.

Newport Christian’s valedictorian

wants to remain around sports in her career path. She would like to become an athletic director.

Thompson is equally passionate about kids and particularly loves the look of dawning com-

prehension when they learn something new.

“I [have] loved working with kids all my life and I knew that, from a young age, that I want to be a teacher or just connect with kids on another level.”

Hernandez, 18, of Tustin, said that Newport Christian presented opportunities that might not be available at larger high schools. Most kids made the sports teams if they decided to come out.

Yet it was another facet of the intimate environment that kept Hernandez at Newport Christian after arriving there for his sophomore year.

“I want to say the main reason I actually stuck with it all the way through senior year was because I built really good friendships with these people,” he said.

Hernandez, who played shooting guard for the Newport Christian boys’ basketball team, also plans to attend West Coast Baptist College. He is looking at

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# WAYNE

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He also felt no remorse in the subjugation of Native Americans.

"I don't feel we did wrong in taking this great country away from them. ... [O]ur so-called stealing of this country from them was just a matter of survival," he said. "There were great numbers of people who needed new land, and the Indians were selfishly trying to keep it for themselves."

He also considered movies such as "Easy Rider" and "Midnight Cowboy" perverted, and used a gay slur to refer to the two main characters of the latter film.

Briceño believes the renaming is possible because of two factors: changing demographics and the wave of protests following the death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police.

Last year, registered Democrats outnumbered registered Republicans in the county that embraced Wayne and GOP Presidents Reagan and Nixon.

"The numbers have grown since last year to where I believe we have something like 40,000 more Democrats than Re-

publicans," Briceño said.

She added the protests that followed the death of Floyd after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on of his neck for almost nine minutes has put police brutality and white supremacy in the face of Americans who had not witnessed such aggression.

"Who wants to be tied to white supremacy?" Briceño asked.

The resolution was signed by Briceño; Fred Smoller, Chapman University associate professor of political science; and Michael Moodian, Chapman lecturer of leadership studies.

Smoller and Moodian wrote an op-ed for the Voice of OC on June 23 in which they stated, "as Confederate statues and odes to Christopher Columbus are taken down across the country, Orange County must come to grips with its own tribute to a racially polarizing figure: John Wayne. The time has come to rename our airport and remove Wayne's statue."

There is also a separate petition calling for the removal of Wayne's name that has gathered over 600 signatures.

The airport is situated between the cities of Newport Beach, Costa Mesa and Santa Ana.

Newport Beach City Councilman Kevin Muldoon, who as that city's mayor in 2017 led a push to name a city park after Wayne, did not return a phone call looking for comment.

Wayne lived a good portion of his life in Newport Beach, was a county political power broker, a member of the John Birch Society and was buried in the city after his death in 1979.

Calls and an email to Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel, whose district includes the airport, were not immediately returned, nor was a call to Orange County Republican Party Chairman Fred Whitaker.

Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner said he had just heard about the Democratic resolution and was unaware of its wording or merit.

He mentioned previous renaming efforts had "popped up periodically" and usually "don't have legs" with Orange County residents.

When asked about the Playboy article, Wagner said he was aware of the negativity surrounding the interview but had not read it personally.

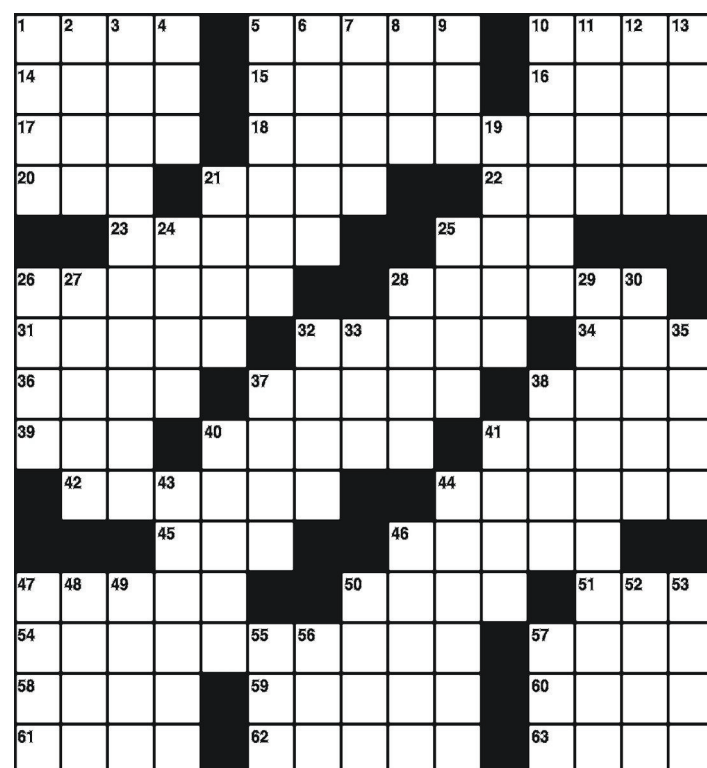
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# THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 10 Con game
- 14 Jambalaya ingredient
- 15 Barely polite
- 16 Garment for Caesar
- 17 Curves
- 18 Bolsters
- 20 Edison's monogram
- 21 Group of cattle
- 22 Highways
- 23 Forward parts of ships
- 25 Bur   ; Iowa's state tree
- 26 Role players
- 28 Bishops' accessories
- 31 Peruvian mammal
- 32 Climb
- 34 Linden of "Barney Miller"
- 36 Part of the ear
- 37 Tanga
- 38 Fork prong
- 39 Mr. Brynner
- 40 Potatoes
- 41 Scoop holders
- 42 Wobble
- 44 Benefactors
- 45    Robin; hamburger restaurant chain
- 46   -depressive; bipolar
- 47 Toss
- 50 Tattletale
- 51 19th letter
- 54 Not easily restrained
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- 58 Egg on
- 59 Pound division
- 60 Laugh loudly
- 61 Leaves
- 62 Penetrate
- 63 Catch sight of

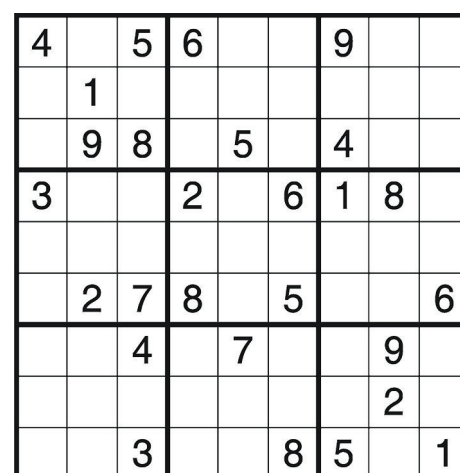
- DOWN**
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- 2 Italy's dollar
- 3 Good enough



# 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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.**

- 4 "    So Fine"; 1963 hit for The Chiffons
- 5 Threaded fasteners
- 6 Docks
- 7 Very interested
- 8 Racket
- 9 North Pole aide
- 10 High

- cholesterol danger
- 11   -Cola
- 12 Like fine scotch
- 13 Tumor
- 19 Give a speech
- 21 Group dance
- 24 European capital city
- 25 Greasy

- 26 Supportive nation
- 27 Influence; power
- 28 Computers, often
- 29 Heavyset horned mammal
- 30 Not as loony
- 32    on; incite
- 33 El   ; Spanish hero
- 35 Suffix for hair or home
- 37 Drove too fast
- 38 Singer Tennille
- 40 Meat-and-veggie dishes
- 41    out; fall asleep
- 43 Wears away
- 44 Peril
- 46 Chop finely
- 47 Hoodlum
- 48 Sandwich type
- 49 Become furious
- 50 Letter style
- 52 Ivory or Irish Spring
- 53 Lively
- 55 Gout site
- 56 Gallop
- 57 Prefix for caution or teen

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# COVID-19

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being stuck inside," Nichols said of eating outdoors. "I think they're doing a great job."

Additionally, the Park Bench Café was offering contactless ordering by providing access to the menu through a QR code.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported an additional 540 cases of the coronavirus on Saturday, bringing the total number of cases the county has seen to 12,462.

The death toll county-wide from COVID-19 remains at 323, a number that includes 170 skilled nursing facility residents

and two people experiencing homelessness.

An additional 1,583 tests for COVID-19 were performed within the last day, raising the cumulative total to 209,303.

There are currently 467 hospitalizations related to COVID-19, with 179 of those patients in intensive care units.

The county healthcare agency now estimates that 6,891 have recovered from a bout with the disease.

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

- Santa Ana: 2,630 cases; 82 deaths
- Anaheim: 2,371 cases; 82 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 565 cases; 37 deaths

- Irvine: 342 cases; 5 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 297 cases; 2 deaths
- Newport Beach: 247 cases; 2 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 107 cases; 6 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 56 cases; 0 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at [occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/corona-virus-in-oc](http://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/corona-virus-in-oc).

For information on getting tested, visit [occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing](http://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing).

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**LAGUNA**

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During the two-hour-long budget workshop on June 23, residents spoke in favor of preserving the reserve for the garden in south Laguna Beach while others urged the city to prioritize public safety and provide funding to hire a fire inspector and to unfreeze two police officer

positions. Tuesday's meeting will begin at 5 p.m. and can be viewed on Cox cable channel 852 or livestreamed through the city's website at [lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/cityclerk/mam.htm](http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/cityclerk/mam.htm). Residents are encouraged to send comments on agenda items to City Clerk Lisette Chel-Walker at [lchel@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:lchel@lagunabeachcity.net). All communications

must be received by noon Tuesday. Residents can also call in at (669) 900-9128 to listen to the meeting and comment during designated periods. While calling, dial 96713990617# and press \*9 to comment on an item. Time for remarks may be limited. [lilly.nguyen@latimes.com](mailto:lilly.nguyen@latimes.com) Twitter: @lilibirds

**CHRISTIAN**

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playing basketball while pursuing a Bible degree. Eventually, he would like to be a physical therapist. Bowman, 19, of Mission Viejo, played center for the Seahawks. He particularly enjoyed Newport Christian's first season of CIF Southern Section competition his senior year. "It was cool because since it was our first year in CIF, they test you out to see which division they're going to put you in the next year," Bowman said. "We got to play teams that were Division 5 all the way up to high-level Division 3 schools, so we got to be beat by 40 [points], and then we got to beat some teams by 40." Although Bowman will not be soaring toward the rim for the Seahawks anymore, he is keeping his

wings. That is because he has ambitions of becoming a charter pilot. He said he has about 50 flight hours under his belt. As he is originally from North Carolina, a career as a pilot could be the perfect way to stay in touch with friends and family on both sides of the country. Yao, 19, of Irvine, came to Newport Christian after two years at Northwood High School. He was appreciative of the fact that Newport Christian Principal Kevin Cyprian allowed him to repeat his sophomore year, saying that it helped him catch up to his classmates after moving to California from China. Headed to Cal Poly Pomona, Yao wants to major in engineering. He said that his primary interest is in high-performance cars. He has driven an Alfa Romeo and a Tesla. Asked when he discovered his love of cars, Yao

said that it has always been a part of him. "It [was] kind of born with me," he said. "When I was like 2 years old, I just learned how to talk, just started speaking. I could recognize all the cars and naming them, the brand and everything." "After elementary school, I kind of [knew] all the details about cars, like the facts, like what this car can produce, like horsepower, torque, make and model." Car racing appealed to Yao, who says he has not done so out of respect for his mom's wishes. He may gravitate toward being a car mechanic for a racing team. "I do want to race the car, but my mom thinks it's too dangerous for me to do it," he said. "I was trying to be a good boy, listening to my mom." [andrewturner@latimes.com](mailto:andrewturner@latimes.com) Twitter: @ProfessorTurner

**CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS**

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COMMENTARY | AMIT HITESHI

# The most contagious feeling is hope

Zoom background caught my eye. It was a photo of my patient, sitting on a boat in what looked like pristine water. "Is that a real picture?" I asked during a recent telehealth video visit. "Yes," my patient said, and he launched into a story about how he had lived on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands and worked as a diving instructor years ago. I studied in the Caribbean, and we bonded over the shared experience of island life. We never would have known that we shared a common history, if not for that video visit. In the past few months, I have had the wonderful experience of hearing patients discuss the art on the walls of their homes, seeing smiling kids running around in the background and glimpsing the internal lives of the people who have come to me for care. Ironically, the physical distance that COVID-19 has imposed upon us has brought me closer to my patients than I could have imag-

ined. Many are talking about how the pandemic has changed the world in permanent ways. I have been reminded time and again that some of those ways are actually pretty great. Even in these days of civil unrest, we see strength, courage and honor. The news cameras don't capture humanity, and they don't capture healing. But both are very much with us at this time. Yes, coronavirus is contagious, but so is hope. And the hope and humanity I have witnessed from the 13-inch screen of my computer has changed me forever in ways that I welcome. People are, in some ways, more themselves when they are at home. The formality of the doctor-patient relationship melts away, and we become two humans experiencing these historic days together. In the midst of a pandemic and of unrest, we still see shining acts of kindness and gratitude. At my local supermarket, I struck up a conversation with the manager

who was recounting the story of an irate woman who had left the store in a huff after being asked to wear a mask. She had angrily knocked over bottles on her way out the door, and the staff was

selves in danger. As the manager shared this story, her demeanor softened. She was no longer tense from recalling the behavior of the angry customer. The act of kind-

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visibly shaken by this interaction. "Sometimes the worst of people's nature comes out in stressful times," she told me, when she noticed my scrubs. "That sounds intense. I'm sorry that happened," I said. "Have you noticed any positive behaviors?" The manager told me about a customer who surprised the staff with handmade masks for every store employee. The customer had been concerned that these frontline workers were being overlooked as they put them-

ness the mask-maker had performed made her hopeful and grateful. That is the power of positivity. It is transformative, and it has been transforming our community despite the uncertainty that surrounds us. What has been so special about these times is how intuitively and readily patients have been using the power of optimism on doctors. I have noticed that many patients who "visit" me through video telehealth appointments are smiley and excited to talk to

me. They are worried about the harm physicians are facing, and they are subconsciously trying to make *us* feel better. I don't remember another time in my practice when so many patients asked me about how I'm doing, how my family is doing and whether I'm getting enough rest. The positivity and compassion have moved me — and it clearly colors our visits. When my patients detail a beautiful piece of art on their walls or introduce me to their wiggly children during a visit, we both end up feeling closer, healthier and happier. And when a Zoom background transports me and my patient back to the Caribbean, we can both remember the feel of the sun on our cheeks and the smell of the water around us. The conversation lifts us both and gives us hope. And that beautiful, beneficial hope is more contagious than any virus out there.

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**MAILBAG**

**Supervisors' cavalier approach to our health**

I am outraged that the Orange County Board of Supervisors did not strongly back the edict to require masks at all times in public. In Newport Beach people are walking around without masks, as if there were not a pandemic raging out there. And they are selfishly spreading their germs around, oblivious to the health and safety of others. What does it take for them to realize how dangerous their actions are?

Last week, we had 1,179 new cases in Orange County, a weekly record in the course of the pandemic. For months I and other residents had rallied to get our local leaders to require masks in public as other counties, such as Los Angeles and San Francisco, have done since April. Granted, Orange County does not have the population of L.A., but it is seeing recent dramatic rises in hospitalization (30%), as well as the highest number of new cases yet recorded. In this mostly conservative county, there are surprising underpinnings of defiance against authority, as well as expressions of "superiority," of feeling like

just because others are doing it, doesn't mean we have to, even if those others come from the scientific and medical field. Is it because few people in the county have been able to put "a face" on the illness? Or have they just not equated how much less intrusive a mask is compared to a ventilator? I, for one, will not be doing business with any establishment that does not require masks, and I urge you to do the same for your own protection. And when you vote in November, remember that the current Board of Supervisors is compromising your health and possibly your life by the dangerous



**WALKERS WEAR** face coverings outdoors at Placentia Park in Costa Mesa on May 16. Readers write that loosened requirements in Orange County are a threat to public health.

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decision that they have just made. **Lynn Lorenz** Newport Beach

one-day number of new cases of the novel coronavirus since the epidemic began. Yet, the Board of Supervisors is loosening requirements on masks and allowed the chief health officer who recommended stricter use to be pushed out.

Who do you think I should trust with my life? The Board of Supervisors? Perhaps not. **Dean Laws** Corona del Mar

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**Laguna protested Floyd's death**

On June 6, Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen and I took a knee with 17 friends in front of City Hall. It was our way of demonstrating support for people protesting the death of George Floyd at Main Beach and around the world. Not surprisingly, we took photos with our iPhones. I doubt Steve Jobs envisioned the iPhone ever would capture the image of a man begging for his life, but it has. I think the reason people all over the world are protesting systemic racism and social injustice now is the fact we watched a helpless Floyd, under the knee of a local police officer, appear to suffocate right before our eyes. The iPhone captured Mr. Floyd's last words and breath in real time. It was as gruesome a death as any public lynching ever was in our nation's history. Now, it's up to everyone to make sure that gruesome video never disappears. Long live the memory of Floyd, both here in Laguna Beach and around the world. Given the public outrage over his death, I am confident his passing will not have been in vain. **Denny Freidenrich** Laguna Beach

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CASE NO. 30-2020-01141847-PR-LA-CJC  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SUZANNE RHONE MILLER AKA SUZANNE R. MILLER AKA SUZANNE MILLER.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BARBARA RHONE BOWIE in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BARBARA RHONE BOWIE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
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**NOTICE** is hereby given that a report has been filed with the Secretary of the Irvine Ranch Water District relative to having sewer charges for certain parcels of land within the District collected on the tax roll. Said report contains a description of each parcel and the amount of the charges for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Said report is on file with the Secretary of the District at the District Office and is available for public inspection on the District Bulletin Board located at 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA. This report is filed pursuant to Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California.

**NOTICE** is further given that Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. of said day (or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable) is the time fixed by the Board of Directors for hearing and consideration by the Board of all objections or protests, if any to the report. Due to Covid-19 this public hearing and meeting will be conducted as a teleconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspend certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. To virtually attend the public hearing and meeting, please join online via Webex using the link and information below.  
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/s/ Leslie Bonkowski, District Secretary, Irvine Ranch Water District  
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**Sharon Van Sickle**  
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Beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Sharon Van Sickle, 77, of Costa Mesa, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2020. She was born in 1943 to the late Harding and Marian Edkins in Tustin, California. Sharon grew up on the Irvine Ranch where her grandfather was the foreman. She had many wonderful memories of her life on the ranch, and had a special relationship with her grandparents, Gavin and Blanche Baxter. Sharon went to Newport Harbor High school where she thoroughly enjoyed her school life and friendships. In 1962 she married Robert Van Sickle. They spent 58 happy years together and lived in Costa Mesa. Sharon is survived by two children, Jim and Jodi, along with five grandchildren who loved her dearly. Sharon was immensely proud of her family, and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories. Along with her family, Sharon had a very large group of friends that meant so much to her. She will be deeply missed for her kind soul and fun-loving spirit and will be deeply missed by all those who knew her. The family will be having a private celebration of her life. In lieu of sending flowers, you can donate to Alzheimer's association: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

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**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' WATER POLO**

## 8 local players, including 3 from Newport Harbor, named All-CIF

BY DAILY PILOT STAFF

Newport Harbor High's Ike Love, Makoto Kenney and Blake Jackson, and Huntington Beach's Cooper Haddad and Chase Dodd have earned All-CIF Southern Section Division 1 honors in boys' water polo.

Corona del Mar's Tanner Pulice and Laguna Beach's Caden Capobianco each earned All-CIF Division 2 honors, while Edison's Dane Howell was an All-CIF selection in Division 3.

Love, a senior center bound for Stanford, earned his second straight Surf League MVP award and also is a repeat All-CIF selection, as is the UCLA-bound senior attacker Kenney. Along with Jackson, a senior goalkeeper bound for USC, they helped Newport Harbor (28-5) go 6-0 in the Surf League for the second straight year and win its third straight league title overall.

The Sailors advanced to the CIF Southern Section Division 1 title match before losing to Studio City Harvard-Westlake for the second straight year, 6-4. Newport Harbor also advanced to the CIF Southern California Regional Division I final, where the Sailors lost 11-10 in overtime to Harvard-Westlake.

Long Beach State-bound senior attacker Haddad and Dodd, a junior attacker, each scored 33 goals during Surf League play, helping Huntington



File Photo

**NEWPORT HARBOR HIGH** senior attacker Makoto Kenney, shown shooting against Oaks Christian on Nov. 13, 2019, was a repeat All-CIF Southern Section Division 1 honoree.

Beach (19-11, 4-2 in league) finish second. The Oilers placed fourth in Division 1, losing 10-7 to Harvard-Westlake in the semifinals and 10-9 in overtime to Los Angeles Loyola in the third-place match. Huntington Beach also advanced to the CIF Southern California Regional Division I semifinals before losing 10-9 to Harvard-Westlake.

Pulice, a senior attacker bound for UCLA, was a repeat All-CIF selection for

CdM (19-11).

He scored a team-best 129 goals, adding 34 assists and 31 steals. Pulice helped the Sea Kings finish third in the Surf League at 2-4 and advance to the quarterfinals of the Division 2 playoffs, where CdM lost 9-8 to eventual champion Foothill.

Capobianco, a senior goalkeeper bound for the U.S. Naval Academy, helped Laguna Beach also qualify for the postseason. The young Breakers went

15-13 overall and 0-6 in the Surf League, advancing to the Division 2 playoffs before falling 7-1 at Riverside Poly in the first round.

Howell, a senior utility player, led Edison (13-16) to another successful season. The Chargers finished 4-2 in the Wave League, good for second place, and advanced to the Division 3 quarterfinals before losing 10-6 at Santa Barbara.

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**8-MAN FOOTBALL**



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**SAGE HILL JUNIOR** Ben Romeo, shown against Avalon on Nov. 1, 2019, had 10 touchdown catches this season.

## Sage Hill trio earns All-CIF 8-man football honors

BY DAILY PILOT STAFF

Sage Hill School juniors Ben Romeo, Alvaro Corona and Christian Moyano have earned All-CIF Southern Section Division 1 eight-man football accolades after helping the Lightning reach the Division 1 semifinals.

The trio also led Sage Hill to a second straight undefeated Express League championship. The Lightning lost 46-21 at Ojai Thacher in the semifinals.

Romeo, a receiver and cornerback, had 50 catches for 750 yards and 10 touchdowns. Romeo also added four rushing touchdowns, and seven interceptions on defense.

Corona, who played defensive end, tight end and kicker, had 25 catches for

400 yards and four touchdowns, adding 88 tackles and 9.5 sacks as a defensive end. He also hit the game-winning field goal in a 45-42 win over Canoga Park Faith Baptist in the quarterfinals.

Moyano, a right guard and three-year starter on the offensive line, led the team in pancake blocks, coach BJ Crabtree said.

Senior Brett Webster of Division 1 champion Los Angeles Windward earned All-CIF MVP honors, while Windward senior Marcus Joseph was the Defensive MVP and Windward coach Hasan Muhammad was the Coach of the Year. Senior Jackson Hollins of Thacher was the Offensive MVP.

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**HIGH SCHOOLS**

# Spring signing day gives seniors a reason to smile

BY ANDREW TURNER

High school seniors have had little to celebrate since the coronavirus sent students home and brought the spring sports season to an end.

Local high school athletes signed or committed to continue playing their sport in college this spring, providing them a reason to celebrate and a part in the traditional senior experience.

Grady Birmingham, a Newport Beach resident who has been a three-year starter in the outfield for the Mater Dei High baseball team, has signed with the University of Dallas baseball program.

He takes with him fond memories of playing in the National High School Invitational and the Boras Classic, and he considers himself fortunate to get the opportunity to keep playing.

"It's honestly really nice," said Birmingham, who intends to major in business. "I'm really looking forward to it. It's something that not everyone gets a chance to do that, so I'm really excited and grateful for the opportunity."

The Costa Mesa girls' water polo team reached a CIF Southern Section title match for the first time this season, dropping the contest to No. 2-seeded Whittier California 10-6 in the Division 5 final.

Sey Currie and Ta'iuta Uiagalelei helped the Mustangs get there, and they have both signed with the Concordia women's water polo program.

Costa Mesa's Diane Molina, who has been named the Daily Pilot Girls' Cross-Country Dream Team Runner of the Year three times, signed with UC Irvine for women's cross-country and track and field.

Also continuing as a distance runner is Sage Hill's Kate Miller, who has committed to Chapman University for women's cross-country. She has avoided dwelling on losing her last track and field season with the Lightning by focusing on the bigger picture.

"I'm just one high school girl who loves to run, nothing extraordinary or record-breaking," Miller said. "I do it for the passion and for the team, and I am so grateful to be able to continue at the Division 3 level."



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

**NEWPORT BEACH** resident Grady Birmingham, a three-year starting outfielder for Mater Dei's baseball team, committed to the University of Dallas baseball program. Birmingham said he intends to major in business.

"People are dealing with much more major issues than one missed season. It's sad, but I'm very lucky to be quarantined with a wonderful family and [in a] beautiful area."

Huntington Beach's Kyli Moon-Rumsey, a heptathlete, signed with the Penn State women's track and field program.

Sage Hill also had center Zoe Mazakas commit to the Chapman University women's basketball program, while opposite Danielle Beder committed to the Claremont McKenna College women's volleyball program.

Beder went way back in thinking about her favorite athletic moment with the Lightning.

"I have so many," Beder said of her high school memories. "One that was so much fun was when the Sage team beat Laguna Beach in five sets when I was a freshman. We were down 0-2, then won the last three [sets]."

Rohun Krishnan (Pomona College men's tennis) rounded out the Lightning's latest list of athletes to commit to a college.

Edison soccer standout Kai Peterson, a midfielder, signed

with the University of San Diego men's soccer program. His two-way contributions were instrumental in helping the Chargers advance to the Division 1 semifinals in 2019.

Marina goalkeeper Kyle Miller, a first-team selection to the Daily Pilot Boys' Soccer Dream Team this season, signed with Whittier College. "It definitely feels good to know for sure that I'm going to get to continue playing for four more years," said Miller, who plans to major in kinesiology. "That was really important to me to keep getting to do what I like to do, and Whittier is giving me that chance, so I'm really excited about that."

Miller manned the net for the Vikings for the past two seasons.

"He's one of those players that is really focused on what he does," Marina boys' soccer coach Gabriel Lucatero said. "He spends countless hours training outside of his normal practices with his club, his practices with the school, and obviously everything that is happening right now for him is all due to his hard work and his dedication to the sport."

The local seniors who have

signed or committed to a college:

**COSTA MESA**

Christian Anderson, Cal Lutheran football

Sey Currie, Concordia University women's water polo

Rebecca Im, Vanguard University cheerleading

Riley Mitchell, Biola University baseball

Joey Palmblade, Long Beach State men's water polo

Diane Molina, UC Irvine women's cross-country and track and field

Emanuel Ortega, Culver-Stockton College football

Ta'iuta Uiagalelei, Concordia University women's water polo

**EDISON**

Taylor Bartlett, Milligan University women's swimming

Cori Hoffer, Dartmouth women's track and field

Kai Peterson, University of San Diego men's soccer

Emma Willmer, Boise State women's swimming

**ESTANCIA**

Jake Covey, New Mexico State

baseball  
Garrett Palme, Occidental College baseball

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY**

Jenna Peterson, Delaware State University women's volleyball

Hunter Ramirez, Beloit College men's soccer

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**

Joshua Bowman, Air Force men's water polo

Ella Davison, Bryant University field hockey

Kyli Moon-Rumsey, Penn State women's track and field

**LAGUNA BEACH**

Logan Brooks, UC Irvine men's cross-country and track and field

Sahil Das, New York University men's diving

Grace Houlahan, Princeton women's water polo

Augie Renezeder, Loyola Marymount University men's water polo

**MARINA**

Jacey Henderson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania softball

Kyle Miller, Whittier College

Maya Nugent, University of San Diego women's diving

Abigail Shepard, Aurora University women's ice hockey

Harlow Shepard, Trine University women's figure skating

**MATER DEI**

Grady Birmingham, University of Dallas baseball

**OCEAN VIEW**

Joshua King, Concordia University men's cross-country and track and field

**PACIFICA CHRISTIAN O.C.**

Timmy Bahadoor, Vanguard men's basketball

Gen Hilbert, University of San Diego women's rowing

**SAGE HILL**

Danielle Beder, Claremont McKenna College women's volleyball

Rohun Krishnan, Pomona College men's tennis

Zoe Mazakas, Chapman University women's basketball

Kate Miller, Chapman University women's cross-country

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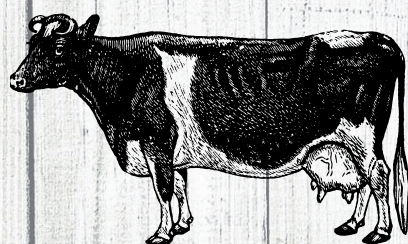


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