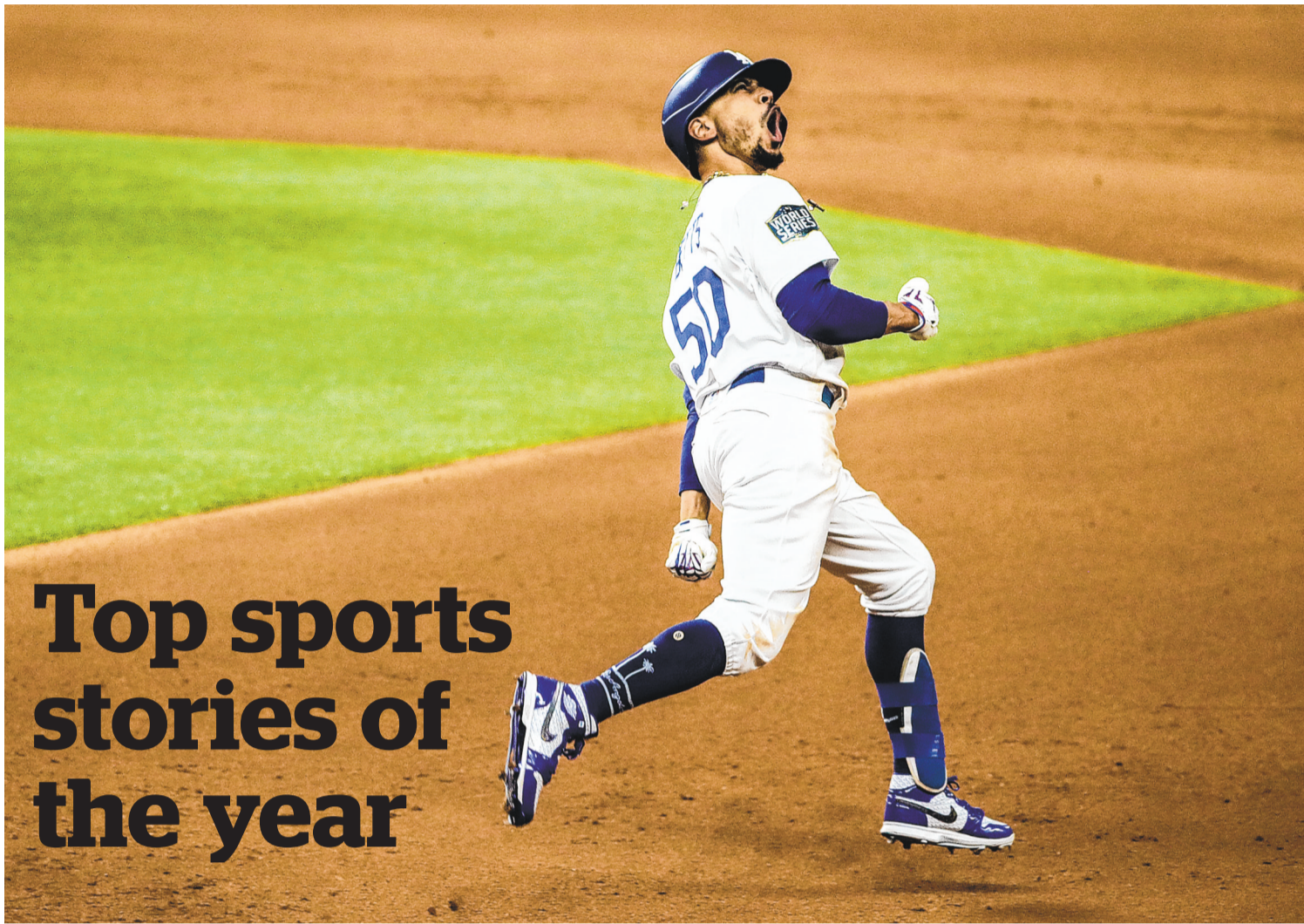


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2020 IN REVIEW



Top sports stories of the year

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MOOKIE BETTS of the Los Angeles Dodgers celebrates after hitting a home run in the eighth inning of Game 6 of the World Series on Oct. 27.

BY MATT SZABO

The local sports world was not immune to the drastic changes that hit in 2020, with high school sports put on hold as many mourned the loss of a basketball legend.

Here are some of the top sports stories from 2020:

KOBE BRYANT, JOHN ALTABELLI AMONG NINE THAT DIE IN HELICOPTER CRASH

Newport Beach resident Kobe Bryant, an 18-time All-Star who won five NBA titles and spent his entire career with the Los Angeles Lakers, was among those who died in a helicopter crash in Calabasas on Jan. 26.

The crash also claimed eight others, including Bryant's daughter Gianna and long-time Orange Coast College baseball coach John Altobelli. Altobelli's wife Keri and daughter Alyssa were also among those who died in the crash, along with Christina Mauser of Huntington Beach, Sarah and Peyton Chester of Newport Beach and pilot Ara Zobayan of Huntington Beach.

The basketball world and the Newport Beach community mourned Bryant's death, with murals popping up honoring the Lakers legend. Altobelli was honored just two days later at the Pirates' season opener.



Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

MURAL ARTIST Tyke Witnes left, and Mike Asner, creator of the @KobeMural Instagram and Kobemural.com, stand in front of Witnes' mural at El Toro Bravo Tortilleria in Costa Mesa, created just a couple of days after Kobe Bryant's death in a helicopter crash in Calabasas on Jan. 26.

LAKERS WIN 17TH NBA TITLE

Local Lakers fans who grieved at Bryant's passing in January still were able to celebrate the franchise's 17th NBA title in October.

In the NBA "bubble" in Orlando, the Lakers

beat the Miami Heat 4-2 in the NBA Finals. The team wore Bryant's "Black Mamba" style snakeskin jerseys five times in the playoffs, going 4-1 in those games.

After winning the title, star LeBron James

told NBA TV that Bryant's death brought the team closer. Sammy Marks of Costa Mesa, a big Lakers fan, saw that as well.

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O.C.'s first COVID-19 report of 2021: 26 deaths

The latest update from the healthcare agency includes an additional 4,406 cases on New Year's Day and Saturday.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 26 coronavirus deaths and 4,406 new infections on Saturday in its first report of the year for the county's virus transmission.

The death toll due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, rose to 1,901 fatalities, and the cumulative cases experienced as a county stands at 161,589.

Orange County hospitalizations because of the virus are at 2,097, with 501 of those patients being treated in intensive care units.

Over the last two days, there were 23,385 reported tests for the virus countywide, bringing the total administered to 2,076,496.

The healthcare agency estimates that 91,679 people in the county who have contracted the virus have recovered.

Orange County is carrying seven-day averages of 53.5 daily new cases per 100,000 residents and a testing positivity rate of 16.9%. Those numbers come with a seven-day lag.

The next update on the county's coronavirus numbers is scheduled to come on Monday.

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

- Santa Ana: 30,710 cases; 376 deaths
- Anaheim: 27,417 cases; 409

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Newport resident bikes 160 miles in ride for charities

BY SARA CARDINE

Newport Beach resident Allan Cooper woke up on Christmas morning in a bit of a funk, thinking how disappointing 2020 had turned out to be for him and countless others facing personal and financial losses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Going through a divorce and feeling the economic impacts of the past 10 months, Cooper was looking for a way to start off the new year with a clean slate. He began thinking about what he could do to reach beyond the gloom, a way to do something meaningful and helpful.

He thought back to a charity bike ride he'd gone on in 2015, benefiting the Steve Waugh Foundation, an Australian nonprofit started by a retired but still-famed cricket player that provides assistance to children with rare diseases and their families.

The Captain's Ride is a six-day, 600-mile road cycle tour that pushes participants across sometimes rugged terrain to raise funds for the charity.

Although Cooper hadn't trained for such an endeavor and had felt every mile deep in his bones, he'd managed to endure the rigors of the ride with the help of those around him.

A former cricketer himself, Cooper said Waugh imparted to him the importance of helping children dealing with difficult circumstances beyond their control. Having learned that the 2020 Captain's Ride had been canceled due to COVID-19, Cooper started thinking how he could re-create that spirit stateside.

That's when it clicked — the au-

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2020 IN REVIEW

Top stories of the year in Fountain Valley

BY ANDREW TURNER

Fountain Valley prides itself on being "a nice place to live," but the coronavirus pandemic had a way of making times tough on residents and businesses alike.

Still, the community found ways to sprinkle in bits of normalcy like movies in the park and a Halloween parade, as well as helping those in need who faced food insecurity or needed COVID-19 testing.

Across the area, demonstrations were part of 2020. Fountain Valley saw protests for Black Lives Matter and the healthcare industry.

Have a look at some of the top stories in Fountain Valley for 2020:

FOUNTAIN VALLEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER PROTESTS

The pandemic put a strain on just about every sector of society, and perhaps none more so than those working in the healthcare industry.

As cases surged in Orange County, healthcare workers protested outside Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center over safety concerns for themselves and their patients.

Some of the concerns included a desire for improved contact tracing to track virus exposure and the treating of COVID-19 patients and uninfected patients on the same shift.

Hospital workers also advocated for testing to be made

available to all employees and newly admitted patients.

LOCAL HOSPITAL PROVIDES NORMALCY FOR KIDS AT HALLOWEEN

For Halloween, Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center's Pediatric Trick-or-Treat Parade went on in drive-through fashion.

Pediatric patients, hospital personnel and their children were in costume as they took in the sights and sounds.

City Council members and police and fire department personnel rolled past, activating their vehicle lights for the entertainment of the onlookers.

The parade also included a visit from a Miss Fountain Valley

princess.

Children were able to partake in activities like voting for their favorite pumpkin design created by hospital staff.

BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS COME TO MILE SQUARE PARK

Following the death of George Floyd, protests ensued in cities across the nation that called for social justice and rallied against police brutality.

Hundreds of demonstrators showed up at Mile Square Park on the same day that a memorial service was held for Floyd, marching around the perimeter of the park while shouting

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PROTESTERS RALLY for better personal protective equipment at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center on Aug. 6.

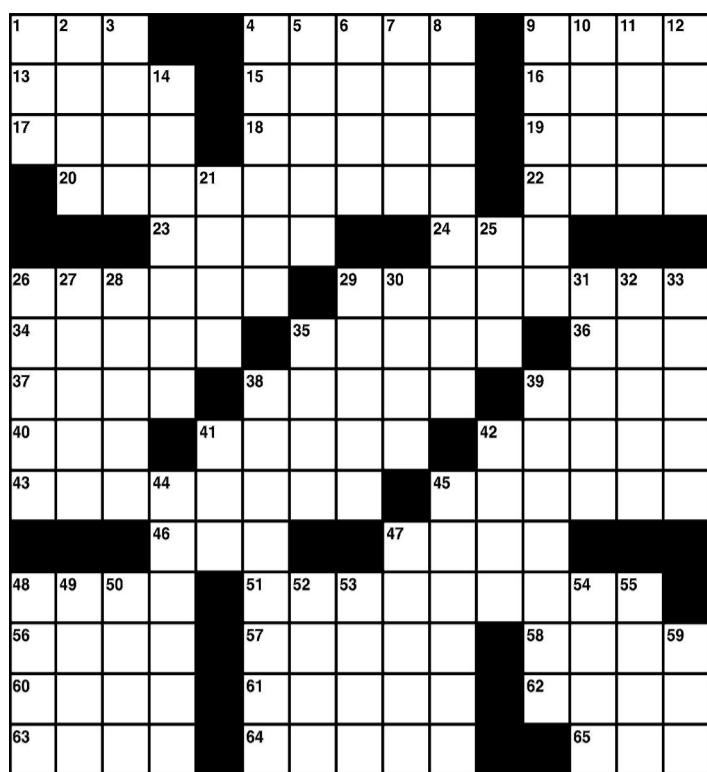


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HUNDREDS MARCHED around Mile Square Park in support of Black Lives Matter and George Floyd in Fountain Valley on June 4.

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

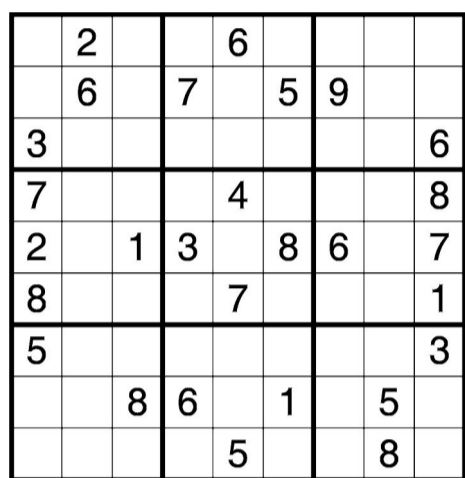


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SUDOKU

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.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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AROUND TOWN

Laguna Beach Fire Department names 2020 Firefighter of the Year

Laguna Beach Fire Department colleagues have named Fire Engineer Chris Ornelas 2020 Firefighter of the Year.

In addition to his tasks as an engineer, Ornelas, who works out of Fire Station 4 in South Laguna, manages the department's social media accounts, inventories and tests fire hoses and helps train new firefighters.

According to a news release Wednesday, the firefighter has become the "de facto historian" for the department, curating new photographs, and also spends time working with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

In the release, Laguna Beach Fire Chief Mike Garcia praised Ornelas for his efforts. "It goes without saying that his contributions and commitment to the Laguna Beach Fire Department have been extremely impactful throughout 2020," he said.

Night of Lights OC celebrates the new year

The mile-long drive-through Night of Lights OC sponsored by Winter Fest OC will mark the start of 2021 with guests from the animated series "PAW Patrol," culminating in a special event celebrating local heroes.

In addition to appearances from the characters Chase, Skye and Marshall through the next two weeks, healthcare and frontline workers will be honored on Jan. 10, the last night of Night of Lights OC.

Their "selfless efforts have been and continue to be truly amazing to get us all through this global pandemic," said Mark Entner, executive producer of Night of Lights OC, in a news release.

The event, with time sessions from 5 to 9 p.m., offers winter scenery, "snow" flurries, light shows and seasonal music through the car radio. Tickets and on-site snacks including hot chocolate and cookies, as well as "Family 4 Pack" meals, are available for preorder at NightOfLightsOC.com.

Night of Lights OC takes place at the OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa.

Costa Mesa nonprofit delivers holiday cheer

Project Independence, a nonprofit in Costa Mesa, wrapped and delivered thousands of everyday items to adults with developmental disabilities over the holidays.

Along with hundreds of dollars in cash and gift cards, the organization's volunteers brought games and myriad household products to its clients.

Many of the items were donated by users of the website nextdoor.com, according to a statement from the nonprofit, while Vandana and Vineet Unadkat, the owners of the Simple Greek restaurant in Fullerton, prepared and donated 100 meals to the cause.

"Both Vandana and I are very thankful



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

DRIVE-THROUGH participants pass by a snowy scene during the Night of Lights OC at the OC Fair & Event Center in December.

for the opportunity that we are getting to give back to our community through this partnership with Project Independence," Vineet Unadkat said.

In addition to the holiday deliveries, Project Independence hosted an online party via Zoom in December. More than 50 people participated and took their chances with raffles for backpacks donated by Jean Kim and Amazon and Target gift cards donated by the Shubin family.

For more information or to donate to Project Independence, visit projectindependence.org.

Franks named CEO for 2 new hospitals

Phillip W. Franks was named the system CEO for two hospitals planned to open next year in Orange County.

The new hospitals will be South Coast Behavioral Healthcare, a 119-bed psychiatric facility in Aliso Viejo, and Anaheim Community Hospital, a 98-bed acute medical hospital.

"It's exciting work opening both of these hospitals," Franks said. "We plan to offer specialized services that are currently in short supply for both children and adults in Orange County."

Franks joined Signature Healthcare Services, the umbrella company for the two hospitals, in December. Previously, he was the director of system operations for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Service and the vice president of operations and support services at Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara.

He comes from a military background where he served in the Army as a medical operations officer in the 40th infantry division in Los Alamitos, a director of medical evacuation and safety in the 62nd Medical Brigade in Tacoma, Wash., and was deployed numerous times as a medical officer and Black Hawk helicopter pilot.

Signature Healthcare started as the parent company of psychiatric facilities in Los Angeles and San Diego in 2000.

It grew to build more hospitals, including senior living facilities, throughout California, Arizona, Illinois, Texas, Massachusetts and Nevada. The two hospitals opening in 2021 will be the company's first in Orange County.

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tomotive industry executive who'd started his own companies and helped raise countless funds for good causes would create his own physical challenge and raise awareness and funds for charitable organizations in the process.

In a matter of days, "Coop's California Coastal Charity Cycle 2020" was born. The two-day, 160-mile solo ride would take Cooper from the Santa Barbara Pier southward to the Newport Beach Pier. He started a website for the effort to begin raising awareness about the cause.

"There are so many kids out there in pain, and adults, too," he said of the mission. "So many people are hurting through no fault of their own. I'm doing my part being comfortable by being very uncomfortable on this journey."

All donations to "CCCC 2020" can be directed to one of four charities Cooper has selected for his personal connection to their causes and founders.

In addition to the Steve Waugh Foundation, donors may contribute to the Concussion Legacy Foundation, which aims to promote traumatic brain injury research, in part, through encouraging athletes toward brain donation, the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund, which supports veterans and their families, and Feeding America, which oversees a nationwide network of food banks.

Chris Nowinski, founder and chief executive of the Concussion Legacy Foundation, described Cooper as a longtime supporter who has opened up about this own experience with



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

NEWPORT BEACH resident Allan Cooper made a Christmas resolution to help others and came up with a two-day, 160-mile bike ride that would raise funds for four charities.

sports-related concussions, even pledging to donate his own brain to research after his death.

"I am inspired by Allan Cooper's resilience and how he chose to confront the most difficult year of his life by supporting multiple charities with an incredible physical challenge," Nowinski said in an email.

"I respect that Allan is responding by helping others through his pledge to donate his brain and now raising funds and awareness about the consequences of brain trauma in sports."

With very little conditioning and a brand-new Cannondale 22-gear road bike, the 61-year-old Cooper began his journey from Santa Barbara on Tuesday with a driver following along behind for safety. Within five hours, he'd reached Point Mugu State Park, just in time to catch his breath and take in the sunset.

"It was harder than I thought it was going to be," he said of the journey. "I pushed boundaries everywhere I knew I could. I hit the wall twice on this ride, and I remembered back to Steve Waugh helping me through [the Cap-

tain's Ride]. The mind is a powerful thing."

By the time Cooper approached Huntington Beach, his legs were a wreck. The last 5 miles were especially treacherous, but by 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, he'd made it home to Newport Beach.

Thursday morning found the cyclist in recovery mode. After a long soak in the tub and a huge breakfast, Cooper said he'd need to do a 20-mile recovery cycle just to keep his muscles from cramping.

But for all the pain and discomfort he'd endured during the long ride, the Newport Beach resident said he gained much more. He thought about the charities he rode for and the people they served. He thought about doing a similar, longer ride next year, to keep the momentum going.

Now, when Cooper thinks about what lies ahead in 2021, he doesn't feel so depressed, he feels hopeful.

"I feel like the world lifted off my shoulders yesterday," he said. "It's going to be a good year."

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H.B. councilman's stance on masks troubles readers

This past November, many people in Huntington Beach knew we were in trouble when Tito Ortiz was not only elected to the City Council but subsequently installed as mayor pro tem.

Just as many knew we were in trouble when Donald Trump won the Republican nomination in 2016 and was subsequently elected president.

Neither has any respect for political and social norms. Neither has any respect for anyone but himself.

We have paid for the latter's disrespect for the system. We should not have to pay for the former if Ortiz continues to thumb his maskless nose at our community and its best interests.

In short, Ortiz must never be selected mayor and become the titular leader of our city.

If Ortiz continues to embarrass us this year, any council member who supports him becoming our mayor in 2022 should be forced to wear a Scarlet "T" on their chest as a stigma of shame and disgrace.

Either of our other two new council members would make a much better



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

READERS SAY newly elected Huntington Beach Mayor Pro Tem Tito Ortiz is displaying poor leadership by denying the importance of wearing a mask during the coronavirus pandemic.

choice.

There is recent precedent for this. Former Councilman Billy O'Connell was passed over in the pecking order for mayor, and it was a wise choice. We need to consider the same remedy.

It is wrong to think of the mayoral position here as merely a ceremonial office. Just the power of appointments and the conducting of our City Council meetings is huge.

Being the civic face of our city should mean something to our citizenry.

We cannot afford to put our city through the chaos we have suffered on the national level. Cooler heads must prevail.

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

Huntington Beach Mayor Pro Tem Tito Ortiz refuses to wear a mask, calls the COVID-19 epidemic a "plandemic," and says he's "trying to give back for Christmas."

But what Ortiz is "giving" is a poor example of pandemic protocols as outlined by epidemiologists.

Along with his "giving back" Ortiz may be, like his apparent exemplar, Donald Trump, an agent of the super-spreading of this virus.

How did Surf City become a tsunami of such ignorance?

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

To Mr. Ortiz: First of all, I would like to thank you for participating in the Oak View food drive on Dec. 23.

Helping those in need during this especially difficult holiday season is kind and thoughtful.

I'm also glad that you and your family have not contracted the coronavirus.

It's great that none of you have had to experience the gasping for breath, body aches, chills, fever, headaches, vomiting and other symptoms associated

with this vicious disease. None of you has had to be put on a ventilator wondering if you will wake up.

Think, if you will for a moment, how it feels for someone to have to say goodbye to a loved one via Zoom, to plan a memorial service many cannot even attend.

Think of the loneliness and isolation of those in the hospital or nursing facility or in their own home.

Simply put, masks save lives. It is a fact.

There is no political agenda at work here, no desire to take away anyone's rights.

Sadly, some cannot or will not believe this. It truly makes me weep with frustration. Such a simple step to help save lives.

Please consider the impact your words have on others and consider changing your message. It will benefit everyone.

Leslie Selder
Huntington Beach

While Huntington Beach seems never to be far from the headlines these days, it rarely is the type of publicity a city would be seeking.

Rather than keeping the focus on our beautiful beaches and wonderful community, H.B. is now internationally known as the home of pro-virus rallies, science-denial and willful indifference to pub-

lic health.

Needless to say: This is not a good look Surf City.

After reading several articles by Daily Pilot reporter Matt Szabo, it was clear H.B. would continue to be at the center of more needless controversy because sadly, the city now has a new leading man for the nonsense: Mayor Pro Temp Tito Ortiz.

Mr. Ortiz is a newly elected city councilman, yet after less than a month on the job, you gotta wonder why in the world anyone so recklessly selfish, utterly irresponsible and completely unprepared would have run for public office in the first place.

Huntington Beach residents must be wondering if they elected a public servant or just another aging athlete auditioning for a future reality-TV series.

Public service, whether as an elected official or simply as a volunteer, should always be commended.

It is a selfless pursuit where one is asked to put one's community ahead of personal interests.

After reading about Mr. Ortiz's recent antics, both from the dais and in public, it's clear he has much to learn about the selflessness needed to serve one's community effectively.

Huntington Beach, like so many communities, is suffering the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

And for as much as Mr. Ortiz and his two other elected cohorts who regularly ignore public health recommendations might enjoy their alternate reality, actual H.B. residents aren't afforded that luxury.

We must face business struggles, coronavirus illnesses, and even the tragic loss of family members.

As a community, we deserve better, and for the good of all Huntington Beach residents, let's hope Mr. Ortiz grows into his new position by finding some self-awareness, a bit of humility and embracing an opportunity to lead.

A great first step in the right direction is easily achieved: Put on a mask.

Steve Shepherd
Huntington Beach

Visits to hospitals may quiet deniers

For all those deniers out there (characterized in Gustavo Arellano's column about Orange County as well as the protests by the deniers in Huntington Beach and most recently in Newport) who think that the coronavirus is nothing but a bad flu, I suggest a certain field trip that might serve as a reality check.

I suggest you visit all the hospitals that you can in Southern California, the county as well as private hospitals, large as well as small, and see for yourself what is happening — shortages of space and medical personnel, patients waiting in ambulances for eight hours in order to get a bed, hallways stacked with beds of people waiting to be seen by overworked doctors and nurses, many of whom are working outside their specialties, shortages of PPE, medical personnel who have to wear the same one-day mask for a week, nurses and doctors breaking down in tears as a result of watching their patients die, dying patients unable to see any loved ones at the end because of fear of contagion, people with cancer and painful conditions having their surgeries postponed because of the need of COVID-19 beds, and even soon if not already, the terrible decision that doctors may have to make in prioritizing urgency ... the sure loss of patients who could be saved if the hospitals were not in dire straits.

Don't stop at the Orange County line, visit Los Angeles and San Bernardino also, or even Ventura County and the Bay Area. Everywhere you go, you will pretty much find the same circumstances. Unfortunately, it seems that some people lack the ability to empathize, and some of those people only learn to do so when they or a loved one experience the harsh reality of a situation, even if the situation is not directly related. It doesn't seem to be a function of intelligence either.

I have seen it in my own

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PEOPLE WEAR their face masks while outside the 1800 block of Newport Boulevard in Costa Mesa on Nov. 14.

COVID-19

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• Huntington Beach: 6,444 cases; 101 deaths

• Costa Mesa: 5,328 cases; 55 deaths
• Irvine: 5,900 cases; 23 deaths
• Newport Beach: 2,318 cases; 28 deaths
• Fountain Valley: 2,063

cases; 32 deaths
• Laguna Beach: 513 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

• 0 to 17: 15,189 cases; one death
• 18 to 24: 22,707 cases; five deaths
• 25 to 34: 33,426 cases; 27 deaths
• 35 to 44: 25,599 cases; 45 deaths
• 45 to 54: 26,154 cases; 143 deaths
• 55 to 64: 19,988 cases; 263 deaths
• 65 to 74: 9,982 cases; 370 deaths
• 75 to 84: 4,985 cases; 424 deaths
• 85 and older: 3,465 cases; 623 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc. For information on getting tested, visit ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing.

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"I'm not exactly a religious guy, but I am spiritual, and you felt Kobe throughout the entire play-offs," Marks said.

"The Lakers made damn sure that this is for Kobe. The Lakers winning the championship is literally the only way to honor such a great, not just basketball player, but man, father, husband."

DODGERS WIN THEIR FIRST WORLD SERIES SINCE 1988

Though the Los Angeles Angels play in nearby Anaheim, Orange County also has plenty of Dodgers fans. They also got to celebrate a title in October.

The Dodgers won the World Series for the first time in 32 years, beating the Tampa Bay Rays in Arlington, Texas.

Shortstop Corey Seager earned National League Championship Series and World Series MVP honors, while the title also gave the first ring to longtime Dodgers players like starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw and relief pitcher Kenley Jansen.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SHUT DOWN IN MID-MARCH

The spring high school sports season was shut down in mid-March due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Local high schools postponed athletic events until further notice on March 13, while the CIF State office canceled the remainder of the spring sports season on April 3.

The moves came after California announced it would employ distance learning for the rest of the 2019-20 academic year.

WILL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BE PLAYED IN 2020-21?

In July, the CIF Southern Section announced a modified calendar for the 2020-21 season, with games set to start in December.

But COVID-19 and its rising numbers have also wreaked havoc on that plan.

No games can be played until Jan. 25, 2021, according to updated youth sports guidelines released Dec. 14 by the California Department of Public Health.

Additionally, many sports face a hard road back to games as 2020 draws to a close.

Football would not be allowed to be played until a high school's county was in the orange tier for reopening, while basketball would need a move to the yellow tier.

The CIF Sports Medicine Advisory Committee had recommended to the state that all sports be allowed to be conducted in the red tier, CIF Southern Section Commissioner Rob Wigod said.

Wigod said he will provide an update on the section's fall sports championships on Jan. 19.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CDM WRESTLING EARN TITLES

There were success stories before the pandemic shut everything down. In February, the Fountain Valley High wrestling team won the CIF Southern Section Division 3 dual championships before the Barons also repeated as CIF Northern Division individual wrestling champions.

Fountain Valley had five individual CIF champions including Sean Solis (113 pounds), Mikey Folch (120), TJ McDonnell (138), Luis Ramirez (145) and Max Wilner (160). Wilner, a junior, won his third individual CIF championship.

Wilner, an Arizona State commit, went on to take fifth place at the CIF State meet.

Success on the mat also was not limited to Fountain Valley, as Corona del Mar won the CIF Southern Section Division 6 dual meet title with a 48-23 win over Montebello.

Emilio Franco went 4-0 with four pins at 220 pounds on the final day for the Sea Kings, who won their first CIF dual meet championship since 1972.

HISTORIC SEASON FOR F.V. HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Fountain Valley High boys' basketball team also ruled the gymnasium last winter, as the Barons

had arguably their most successful season in program history.

Fountain Valley, led by junior guard Jeremiah Davis and sophomore guard Roddie Anderson among others, earned Wave League runner-up before advancing to the CIF semifinals for the first time in the program's 54-year history.

The Barons lost there but also made a deep run as the No. 15 seed in the CIF State Southern California Regional Division III playoffs, making the semifinals before losing at No. 11 Burbank Providence.

The Barons, coached by former Riverside King and Orange Lutheran assistant coach D'Cean Bryant, have enjoyed their turnaround.

They also surely hope there will be basketball played this spring, as they graduated just one senior off last year's team.

ANOTHER RING FOR LAGUNA BEACH GIRLS' WATER POLO

The Laguna Beach High girls' water polo team has established itself as the preeminent program in Southern California over the last decade, and 2020 was no exception.

The Breakers won their second straight CIF Southern Section Division 1 championship, and fifth in seven years, after rallying to beat Foothill 7-6 in the Division 1 title match on Feb. 22.

Coach Ethan Damato's Breakers also won the CIF SoCal Regional Division 1 title and would be favored to win both titles again in 2020-21.

Daily Pilot Dream Team Player of the Year Nicole Struss leads a deep senior class, as all 11 seniors have signed to play in college.

MARINA GIRLS' WATER POLO BREAKS THROUGH

The Marina High girls' water polo team also made itself very relevant, winning the CIF Southern Section Division 6 title with a 6-4 victory over La Cañada Flintridge Prep. It was the Vikings' first CIF crown since 1998.

Marina, coached by Tamara Towner, used a team effort on its way to the title, and also advanced to



Courtesy of Laguna Beach High girls' water polo

ALL 11 Laguna Beach High girls' water polo seniors have committed to play in college.

the CIF Southern California Regional Division III semifinals.

Vikings senior goalkeeper Emma Marsh made a CIF Southern Section single-season record 452 saves. Marsh, one of three seniors along with Makenna Reynolds and Rianne Gear, had a career mark of 1,273 saves that is second in the Southern Section's record books.

O.C. SOCCER CLUB HOSTS MATCHES DURING PANDEMIC

The Orange County Soccer Club became the first professional sports team in Orange County to play matches during the coronavirus pandemic, as the United Soccer League resumed its season in July.

The club, which plays at Orange County Great Park in Irvine, hosted the Phoenix Rising and played to a 1-1 draw on July 16.

That match, and subsequent home matches, were played without fans, though a group of people typically gathered outside of the stadium's gates to watch the action.

OCSC finished the season 7-6-3 and failed to advance to the USL playoffs.

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chants like "Black lives matter," "I can't breathe," and "No justice, no peace. No racist police."

The protesters also carried signs to be seen by passing motorists.

ALTERNATIVE FAMILY FUN DURING PANDEMIC

Fountain Valley Sports Park served as the sight of the return of the drive-in movie.

Families were able to attend a showing of "Sonic the Hedgehog" in August and a double-feature Spooktacular was featured as Halloween approached.

The movies shown on Oct. 24 were "Hotel Transylvania" and "Hocus Pocus."

Safety protocols like wearing a mask when outside of a vehicle were in place, but otherwise, the events provided a blast to the past for many parents.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY ELECTS 2 NEW MEMBERS TO CITY COUNCIL

Glenn Grandis and Ted Bui came out on top in a race in which seven candidates ran for two available seats on the Fountain Valley City Council.

The seats had belonged to Cheryl Brothers, who was serving as the city's mayor, and Steve Nagel, who did not seek reelection



CARS PARK on the grass at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley to watch a drive-in showing of "Sonic the Hedgehog" on Aug. 1.

Courtesy of Rob Frizzelle

after serving three consecutive terms.

When the council turned over after the election, Michael Vo was called upon to serve his third term as mayor, while Patrick Harper was selected as mayor pro tem.

CORONAVIRUS FORCES HAND OF FOUNTAIN BOWL OWNERS

Measures taken to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus resulted in negative repercussions for local businesses like Fountain Bowl.

Nearly six months removed from the initial coronavirus-related shutdowns, owners Gary Forman and Dave Osborn came to the tough conclusion that they would have to sell the property.

During a brief reopening period, they had attempted to keep the business going with significant reductions in staff.

Osborn said that safety protocols that had been

implemented included the installation plexiglass at all stations, extensive sanitation and making every other lane available for bowlers.

LOCAL BUSINESSES ADJUST ON THE FLY

Personal care industries like hair salons made significant modifications to their business models to try to stay afloat.

At TravisVu The Salon, customers' chairs were moved outside and appointments were required. The salon was allowed to conduct business outdoors beginning in late July after securing a permit from the city.

At a time counted upon for business, flower shops like Magnolia Florist could only take online orders and curbside pickup for Mother's Day.

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY AND NEED FOR COVID-19 TESTING

Restrictions put in place

because of coronavirus concerns included stay-at-home orders, which resulted in a loss of employment for many people working in jobs that were not deemed essential.

To address the issue of food insecurity, a food distribution event was brought to Mile Square Park in July.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley put on the food giveaway event, which helped provide boxes of groceries containing dairy products and produce to roughly 1,000 families.

COVID-19 testing was also made available through the 360 Clinic at Fountain Valley Sports Park in December.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Fountain Valley is in the process of adding a new affordable housing community for the first time in 16 years.

The project is expected to be completed in early 2022.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Prado community, a 50-room affordable housing project at 16790 S. Harbor Blvd., took place in November and construction was scheduled to begin the following month.

City staff estimated the cost of the project at

\$29.6 million, which includes both the cost of construction and the reported \$6 million it took to purchase the land.

Fountain Valley opted to appeal its Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocation of 4,827 units, which city staff noted in the appeal represented a 352% increase over the 1,372 units called for in the initial draft for the latest RHNA allocations.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY RESTAURANT ASSN. SUPPORTS GRADUATES

The trials of the class of 2020 after the coronavirus sent students home for distance learning were well documented, especially the loss of senior athletic seasons in the spring and prom, and modified graduations.

Restaurants also faced difficult decisions about staffing and operation as the guidance for reopening did not yield favorable results for the return of indoor dining.

The Fountain Valley Restaurant Assn. attempted to make a difference on both fronts, raising donations that were to go toward gift cards to local restaurants for graduates of the city's three high schools — Fountain Valley, Los Amigos and Valley Vista.

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family coming from people who are normally kind and considerate. The reality of the pandemic just seems to be beyond some people's comprehension level. The key to it all is empathy. If only we could develop a vaccine for that.

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach

A resolution for NMUSD officials

Right before Christmas, I delivered a carload of presents and food to the Wilson Learning Center at which time I learned a great deal about the operations of the center and was shocked. The facility provides after-school assistance to about 100 Newport-Mesa students from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

They receive *no* assistance from the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and primarily rely on the church they are operating in and donations to operate. The church is receiving very limited funds from their members due to the virus, so they are providing little support.

I then called Wilson School to see what assistance they were providing to the English Learners and at-risk students during non-school or school hours. The answer was *none*.

I then checked with a friend of mine that works as a support person at Diamond Elementary School in Santa Ana in the Learning Lab with at-risk students who come to school and are on Zoom with their teacher.

They have two para-professionals for each grade level at Diamond. In the afternoon, students receive help from para-professionals on Zoom from 2 to 6 p.m. with the Engaged 360 program. This is paid for by the school district.

There is no reason why NMUSD cannot provide support to the at-risk students and also support these outside agencies that are doing the work of the schools.

Maybe if you alternate meetings with the Costa Mesa City Council, the city leaders will better understand the great need for the children in their city and also provide support.

Once again, those who "have" are hiring tutors to support their children at \$60-plus per hour. Those who "have not" are receiving no extra help from the district.

Let's start the New Year out right and start supporting "at-risk" students in January. Shame on you. I know you can do better.

Martie OMeara
Costa Mesa

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