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**ANTI-MASK PROTESTERS** walk past Mother's Market and Kitchen in Costa Mesa during a rally on Saturday against mask orders implemented by the city that include a \$100 fine if not worn in public. No citations have been issued, according to a Costa Mesa police spokeswoman.

## O.C. hits 800 COVID-related deaths as anti-mask protest held in Costa Mesa

BY LILLY NGUYEN, RAUL ROA

On the corner of Newport Boulevard and 19th Street in Costa Mesa, protesters touted American flags and signs that called for the recall of Gov. Gavin Newsom in the latest show of resistance against masks.

Though temperatures reached 80 degrees on Saturday afternoon, protesters took to the streets to speak out against the city of Costa Mesa's mask campaign.

In late July, city officials spread through the city's Facebook and Twitter pages that those caught in public without a mask would be cited and fined \$100.

Face coverings have been required in the city since March 12, but residents pushed back

against the fines and some called their bluff.

No citations have been issued, said Costa Mesa Police Department spokeswoman Roxi Fyad on Friday. Event organizer Alan Hostetter, former police chief and founder of America Phoenix Project, said the event was focusing on the city because "Costa Mesa along with other cities up and down the state have gone so far as to even strengthen Gov. Newsom's unconstitutional lockdown orders."

Leigh Dundas, a human rights attorney in Orange County, said the event was organized "to bring awareness to the mask issue."

"A lot of cities, counties and states have masks mandates that

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**ANTI-MASK** protesters stand at the corner of Newport Boulevard and 19th Street in Costa Mesa during Saturday's demonstration.

## Pure Game helps build character for children, receives support from faith-based Unite Health Share Ministries

BY ANDREW TURNER

Distance learning came about as part of the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

A perceived shortcoming of the method is its limitations on social development.

The classroom can supply opportunities for interaction, but there are also those who believe in kinesthetic learning.

Anthony Cummings believed that valuable lessons could be learned through soccer, which led to him joining the organization of Pure Game.

With its character-education approach, Cummings feels that Pure Game can provide both mentorship and empowerment for youth.

"Nowadays, when the world is filled with so much fear, we try to provide a positive mentorship

[and] relationship with youth, so they don't feel as alone, and then ... empower them," said Cummings, the director of strategic partnerships for Pure Game.

"They don't have to be the best soccer player. You don't have to learn how to kick a certain way. You are loved, you are seen, and you are supported."

Cummings sees physical activity as a way to reshape the delivery of important life lessons. Character values such as respect, responsibility and humility are taught in group settings, as well as through one-on-one intentionality, with "field champions," or staff members who run the activities.

"I think we're introducing language to them that they may not be getting at home," Cummings said.

"One of the activities that we

do ... is called, 'STAR' — Stop, Think, Act, Reflect."

Different games are played with the kids, sometimes with a word of the day implemented throughout the process.

Pure Game has worked with several local schools, too. In Costa Mesa, the nonprofit organization has worked with Adams, Pomona, Rea and Wilson elementary schools.

Prior to the coronavirus, Pure Game was serving 7,000 to 8,000 kids in a school year and worked with 64 schools in and around Orange County, Cummings added.

Roughly 95 programs were ongoing during recess, lunchtime and after school.

Rea Elementary Principal Duane Cox said that the school is entering the third year of its working relationship with Pure

Game. Before the pandemic, students would meet with their field champion during their grade's respective recess period two or three times a week.

"As a principal, you have to recognize that kids are going to flourish in different kinds of environments or different kinds of activities," Cox said. "I certainly have students on campus who love sports, who excel at sports, who gravitate toward that, and that's an area where they show their brilliance."

"If they have that opportunity to connect with other kids, to connect with a Pure Game coach, the likelihood is they'll come back in the classroom and feel better about themselves and do better throughout their school day. That's a huge help."

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### LOCAL ELECTIONS

## 5 hopefuls vie for 2 seats on Laguna council

They include the current mayor and mayor pro tem. Two others are competing for the city clerk vacancy.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Come this November, Laguna Beach residents will be voting on five candidates that have qualified for the election, including current Mayor Bob Whalen and Mayor Pro Tem Steve Dicterow.

Two seats are open on the five-person council.

Also up for election this November is the seat for city clerk.

Lisette Chel-Walker announced her retirement from the position in March, after 37 years at City Hall.

Village Laguna and the Laguna Beach Community Summit will be sponsoring a candidates forum in the City Council chambers on Aug. 24, starting at 6 p.m. Candidates will be available to answer questions.

The forum will be viewable on Cox cable channel 852 and online by Zoom.

The link will be published on Village Laguna's website at [villagelaguna.org](http://villagelaguna.org).

Candidates will be wearing masks or calling in from their homes.

No audience will be allowed in the chambers.

To submit a question, email [villagelagunainfo@gmail.com](mailto:villagelagunainfo@gmail.com) by Wednesday.

Here is a quick look at the candidates running, in alphabetical order:

### CITY COUNCIL

**Steve Dicterow (incumbent):** Dicterow was first appointed to City Council in 2012 and served as

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## Closure of lower Forest Avenue to continue through January

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Promenade on Forest pilot program in Laguna Beach will continue through the end of the year after a unanimous vote by City Council members on Tuesday that will extend the closure of lower Forest Avenue through January.

The program was developed as part of the city's economic recovery and business development plan to stimulate the local economy. As part of its implementation, businesses along the stretch of Forest Avenue between Coast Highway and Glenneyre Street could expand customer seating and retail merchandise displays into the street to allow for social distancing and operation during the pandemic.

Officials opened Promenade on Forest on June 15, with the intention of ending the program and reopening the street by Sept. 7.

City staff said in a report prepared for Tuesday's meeting that a survey showed about 87% of businesses have seen a neutral or a positive impact on revenue.

Project manager Jeremy Frimond said staff recognized that there were other factors involved but that he felt it was significant that businesses involved recognized the implementation of the Promenade on Forest as a benefit.

Data collected through the survey indicated that about 60% of four restaurants on the Promenade's revenue came during July. Two restaurants reported an increase in revenue compared to July 2019, while one reported a decrease and another broke even.

The survey showed that 83% of the 18 businesses would be in favor of extending the pilot program through January. Frimond said there are approximately 28 businesses on lower Forest Avenue.



As part of the plan, the council also voted to extend the option for businesses anywhere in Laguna Beach to apply for a temporary use permit for outdoor dining and retail displays to match the end of the pilot parklets program on Apr. 30.

Most residents spoke in favor of Promenade on Forest, but others

raised concerns about costs, parking and traffic circulation. Some floated the possibility of making

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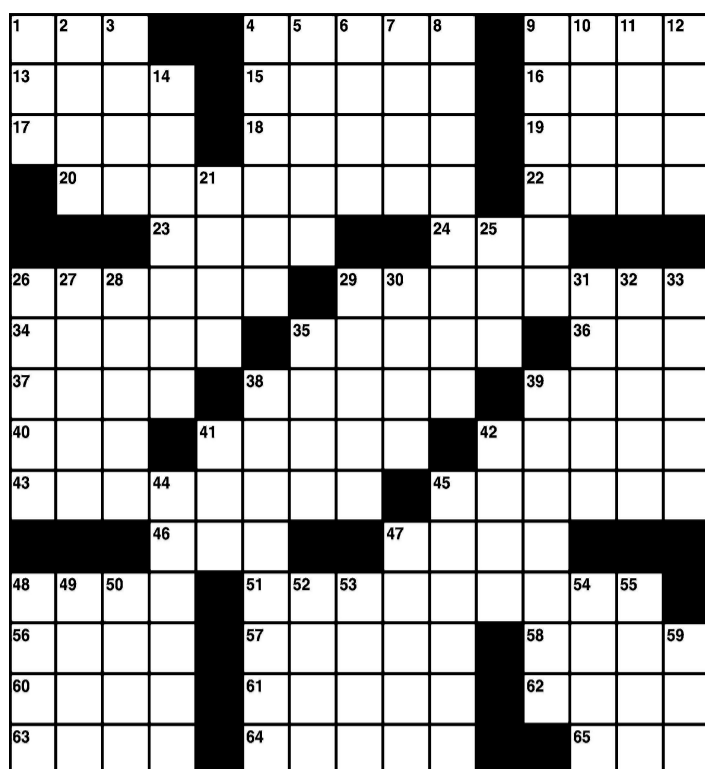


**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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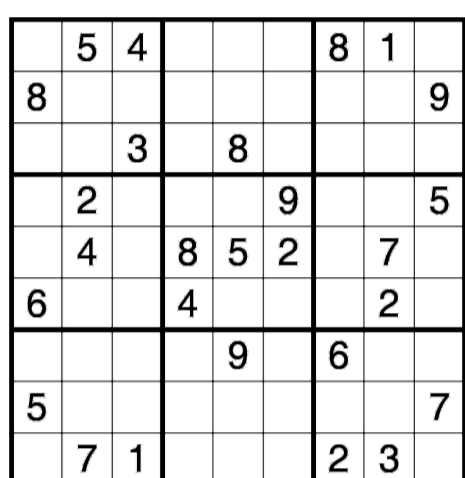
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  - 24 "Very funny!"
  - 26 Way to get to the second floor
  - 29 Frying pans
  - 34 Heavy piece of luggage
  - 35 Package-tying string
  - 36 "\_\_\_ Air Mail"; old postal term
  - 37 Ladder piece
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  - 41 Cucumber or squash
  - 42 Walking steps
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  - 45 Guard
  - 46 Soggy
  - 47 Song for two
  - 48 \_\_\_ Arnaz Jr.
  - 51 Reluctant
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  - 61 Hothead's problem
  - 62 Smile
  - 63 Cutting tools
  - 64 Suspicious
  - 65 Walk-\_\_\_; movie extras
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  - 2 Needs a doctor
  - 3 Faucet problem



**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 All-black birds
- 5 In the red
- 6 Farmyard baby
- 7 Metric measure
- 8 Songbird
- 9 Move down an Internet page
- 10 Penny or nickel
- 11 "\_\_\_ upon a time"
- 12 \_\_\_ off; begins a golf game
- 14 Tending a hearth
- 21 Michael Douglas' dad
- 25 Vaudevillian Olsen
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- 27 Cease-fire
- 28 Dad's sisters
- 29 Knight's weapon
- 30 Good-hearted
- 31 Get rid of tenants
- 32 Woods on the links
- 33 Disrespectful
- 35 Accurate
- 38 Fátima's nation
- 39 Desiring
- 41 Word of mild surprise
- 42 Banana casing
- 44 Pieces of licorice, often
- 45 Like Lauren Bacall's voice
- 47 Small restaurant
- 48 Blocker & Aykroyd
- 49 Popular Irish singer
- 50 Goulash
- 52 Midmorning
- 53 Salary
- 54 Notorious emperor
- 55 Put on pounds
- 59 Hosp. personnel

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**California Coastal Commission to hear appeal of Newport Beach office project**

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Local opponents of an office building and parking garage project in Newport Beach, unable to stop the development with an appeal to the City Council, have delayed the project again with an appeal to the California Coastal Commission on environmental grounds. The development features a roughly 2,750-square-foot, two-story office building with suites for one or two tenants, plus a 40-space, roofless two-level parking garage. It would replace a larger, aging office building and small surface lot at 215 Riverside Ave., about a block off West Coast Highway at Avon Street. But protection of the nearby bluff face, a small patch of wetland less than 40 feet away and neighbors' views could block the project.

The Coastal Commis-

sion determined without discussion Thursday that a "substantial issue" with the project exists. A full appeal hearing will be set for a date to be determined.

Some neighbors in adjacent Newport Heights have cited wide-ranging concerns over the last several months the project has been in the city pipeline, criticizing traffic, noise and light that they said would threaten their quality of life, viewshed impact, and "piecemealing," or separating the office and garage from approvals for a possible new restaurant across the street.

A group that banded together to lodge a formal appeal to the City Council of the Planning Commission's October approval alleged improper public notification and incomplete consideration of environmental impacts. The council rejected the appeal in May.

That led to an appeal to the higher Coastal Commission, as the parcel is within the state's "coastal zone" jurisdiction. More than 40 Newport residents signed on to the appeal.

The commission agreed to look into how the city justified its approvals using its commission-granted local permitting system for coastal zone development.

The project would require extensive grading and new retaining walls, altering the bluff face, commission staff said. It is also 39 feet away from a narrow wetland that is about 100 feet long and 3 to 6 feet wide.

Generally, a 100-foot buffer is needed around wetlands, and wetlands are a rare coastal resource in the region, according to commission staff.

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**COMMENTARY | DEBRA MARSTELLER**

# Working to improve access while celebrating 30 years of the ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990.

Most of us who were alive at the time remember vividly the sight of people abandoning their wheelchairs and crawling up the 78 marble steps of the U.S. Capitol to make their voices heard. The civil rights law they fought for and won prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation and all public and private places that are open to the general public.

Now 30 years later where exactly are we? Obviously we have more accessible buildings by law. Curb cuts and doorways allow people to enter buildings that were formerly closed for people with mobility issues.

But we have a long way to go to make the world accessible for people with disabilities.

The soft skills people take for granted are often the most difficult for people with a cognitive disability. Learning how to get by in a world with completely opaque social norms are sometimes the most difficult to master. In 2020 we are quick to judge and slow to assume innocence.

In California we have an entire system to support people with developmental disabilities. But people with disabilities see their support services come and go as they are historically underfunded and



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**IN THIS JULY 26, 1990**, file photo, President George H.W. Bush signs the Americans with Disabilities Act during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. Joining the president are, from left, Evan Kemp, chairman of the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission; the Rev. Harold Wilke; Sandra Parrino, chairman of the National Council on Disability, and Justin Dart, chairman of the President's Council on Disabilities.

plagued by staffing shortages that are compounded by the high cost of living and minimum wages.

Stabilizing the system in California must start with stabilizing the support structure that helps people live on their own and work through daily trials and tribulations. We've closed archaic state hospitals and made a promise here in California called the Lanterman Act passed in 1969.

That promise is simple — people with developmental disabilities should have equal opportunities to live, work and recreate with their non-disabled peers.

We must all stand together to see that this promise is kept. We've moved away from the institutionalization and

space is more accessible, so now we must adequately recognize the myriad obstacles and provide the support that is required.

In 20 years when we celebrate the 50th anniversary of ADA, let's make sure the other doors are not only wide enough, but also open and welcoming to all of our citizens.

Resources that were once spent on congregate care need to be made available for community support. Universal design in apartments, adequate staff pay and professional training should be the norm. It's a human right.

**DEBRA MARSTELLER** is CEO and president of Project Independence, a Costa Mesa-based nonprofit.

**COMMENTARY | KATHLEEN HUTTON, M.D.**

# Shedding light on the summer's best sunscreens

Which sunscreen works best? The one you use.

We're in the full swing of summer, and with many of my patients hitting the beaches, pools and backyard barbecues, I get a lot of questions about which brand and type of sunscreen to apply. I am always thrilled by the question, as it means that these patients are thinking about sunscreen at all.

Too many of us still don't know the best methods of preventing skin cancer: staying out of the sun, wearing protective clothing when you're in the sun and — yes — wearing the proper amount of sunscreen.

The American Assn. of Dermatology advises all of us to apply an ounce — that's enough to fill a shot glass — of SPF 30 or higher sunscreen over every part of our bodies that will not be covered by clothes a good 15 minutes before going outside. In order for the sunscreen to work most effectively, it must be reap-

plied every two hours and whenever we dry off after spending time in the water.

Most people only apply 25% to 50% of the recommended amount of sunscreen. When they do apply it, it's generally at the beach or by the pool. The sun doesn't care whether you're sitting by your office window or lounging by the Pacific Ocean; ultraviolet rays are still penetrating your skin, putting you at risk of developing skin cancer.

On average, we get 80% to 90% of our lifetime sun exposure before we turn 18 years old, so it's vital to protect our children's skin as well.

The advice about selecting sunscreen I do give my patients is that they choose what is called "broad-range" sunscreen with zinc oxide and/or titanium dioxide. Broad-range sunscreens protect against both UVA and UVB exposure. Ultraviolet A (long-wave) and ultraviolet B (shortwave) rays affect the skin differently. But for

adequate sunburn and skin cancer prevention, we need protection from both types of rays.

I also suggest wearing protective clothing, including cool comfortable clothing that covers your arms, hats and good sunglasses to protect your eyes as well.

I apply an SPF 30 or higher zinc and/or titanium dioxide sunscreen every day, whether I am planning to head to the office, the park or the pool. I reapply every two hours and tend to avoid going outside during peak sun hours. You'll find that most dermatologists do the same, practicing what we preach to avoid the harmful effects of the sun's rays.

I've been asked what type and what brand I use, and, honestly, I use them all. When it comes to sunscreens, the best one is truly the one that you're wearing — and wearing correctly.

**KATHLEEN HUTTON** is a dermatologist at Hoag Hospital.

## CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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## We need national policy on the coronavirus

President Trump said the COVID-19 death toll "is what it is" during a recent interview with "Axios on HBO."

He went on to tell Axios' Jonathan Swan that the coronavirus pandemic is "under control as much as you can control it" in the U.S.

The only problem is medical experts resoundingly disagree. Which is to say, the distance between the science of solving the pandemic and Mr. Trump's political view of the prob-

lem is greater than the distance between Orange County and Hawaii.

So where does this leave you and me? Somewhere between a rock and a hard place, I am afraid.

Under Mr. Trump, America's handling of the pandemic has been piecemeal.

Depending on where you live, decisions about how and when to fight the virus have been made by states, counties and cities.

With early testing and tracing in disarray, does anyone believe only 4.8 million people have tested positive for the coronavirus to date? Ditto the 157,000 men, women

and children who have died.

I'm guessing their families were shocked, but not surprised, by the president's cavalier reaction to the passing of their loved ones. After all, "he is who he is."

In my opinion, we need a national strategy to contain the coronavirus so the economy and our schools can safely reopen. Absent that, there will be more people testing positive and more deaths.

What this means is, sadly, each of us in O.C. is on his or her own. Mr. President, is this any way to win the war on COVID-19?

**Denny Freidenrich**  
Laguna Beach

## Salty words for Poseidon project

While I applaud the letters from two Hunting-

ton Beach residents (Richard Armendariz and Randy Kokal) under the heading "Poseidon desal water project is all wet," one thing must be said that has not surfaced in either the reporting or the letters to date.

When Poseidon first presented its project to the citizens of Huntington Beach at the beginning of the century, they claimed "it wouldn't cost the local taxpayers a dime."

I believe that was a lie then, and the lies and misrepresentations have only compounded over the years.

Now the ratepayers of our water district will be on the hook for the expensive water transmission system (i.e. pipelines) installation and maintenance as well as contracts with a feckless Orange County Water District board that will guarantee both ultraexpensive desali-

nized water and annual raises on top of that for decades. This is not what we signed up for!

While the reporting and letters hint at it, nobody comes right and says that the Poseidon folks are scam artists and the desal project is the biggest boondoggle in Huntington Beach history.

I'll be glad to. The public has been flimflammed from day one, and the project's partisan supporters (especially coopted officials) have repeatedly misrepresented or ignored the facts.

The fact is that OCWD ratepayers and Huntington Beach citizens will be soaked with a tidal wave of negative impacts, both economic and environmental.

However, the Santa Ana Regional Quality Board and the California Coastal Commission need look no further than the fact that Poseidon is, in my opinion, untrustworthy and unscrupulous in considering the permits needed.

**Tim Geddes**  
Huntington Beach

## Checking Rouda's financial support

Harley Rouda likes to play himself as the people's candidate backed by small donations from loyal constituents.

On his Facebook and Twitter accounts, he accuses his opponent Michelle Steel of being beholden to big money.

However, history and even the current numbers paint a different picture.

Back in 2018, the 48th district became the most expensive congressional race in history, due in large part to the Rouda campaign receiving a \$4-million donation from Michael Bloomberg.

In January of this year, Rouda returned the favor

by endorsing Mike Bloomberg for president.

Furthermore, the current donation numbers indicate that 8.89% of Rouda's fundraising originates from small-dollar donations while 10.99% of Michelle's donations are from small-dollar donors.

That means Michelle has 1.2 times more grassroots donations than Harley Rouda.

If Rouda wins reelection, it will be important to see how he votes on matters involving UC Irvine, the Walt Disney Co., and Newkirk Enterprises.

Each organization donated \$20,000 to his reelection campaign.

If \$4 million buys an endorsement, I'm sure those donations buy at least a vote or two.

**Samuel Braun**  
Fountain Valley

## Hopes for climate change bill

I was pleased to read Tom Osborne and Ann Caenn's letters to the editor regarding a solution to global warming.

Our government did not prepare us in advance for COVID-19, which could have saved many lives. Now our next even worst disaster will be global warming.

Scientists say we must act now to prevent a catastrophe. We cannot waste time like the government did for COVID-19.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is the best solution.

It will create jobs and innovation, clean the air, plus give citizens money each month.

We must tell our congressperson to support HR763. It is supported by both parties and is the best solution.

**Ginger Fitzpatrick**  
Laguna Beach

## Harry Norman Klitzner

September 26, 1932 - July 29, 2020

Harry Norman Klitzner, 87, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 with his beloved wife Ann by his side. He was born on September 26, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Isadore "Charles" and Margaret Klitzner.

Harry grew up an only child in Chicago. His father was a vaudeville comic who performed under the stage name "Charlie Country." His mother, Margaret, was a stage dancer and performed in vaudeville reviews. One of his earliest memories was being on stage as part of his father's act, and he certainly inherited his father's sense of humor. He enjoyed a good joke and always looked for the funny aspect of any situation. In his youth he loved playing hockey and was a lifelong Chicago sports fan. Harry also developed a love of music, specifically jazz. He and his friends would go to the hangouts in Chicago to listen to the local sounds.

In 1954, Harry was introduced to the love of his life, Ann Gibson. They were dating, and when Harry found out that he was going to be transferred to Santa Barbara, he knew this was the time to propose. Lucky for him, she said "Yes"! He moved out west, but drove back shortly thereafter to marry Ann in 1956. They drove to California for their honeymoon and made the west coast their home.

Harry earned his degree in electrical engineering and went on to serve in the army reserves from 1957 to 1959 as an electronics specialist. During his career with Raytheon, and then Ford Aerospace, he was a program manager and spent most of his time in the Newport Beach facility working on advanced military projects. After retiring, Harry did some consulting work but mostly enjoyed doting on his cherished grandchildren, playing golf, and sharing a meal and glass of wine with family and friends.

Harry will be missed by his wife of 63 years Ann; son Erik Klitzner (Kathy), of Santa Ana, CA, grandson Kyle of San Francisco, CA, granddaughter Kelly of Irvine, CA; son Kurt Klitzner (Janet) and grandsons Brennan, Keaton, Kade and Drew of San Diego, CA; son Todd Klitzner (Elise) and grandsons Jude, Rhys and Graham of Costa Mesa, CA, and many other cherished extended family. He was a devout Christian and a member of Newport Harbor and King of Glory Lutheran Churches.

Due to Covid-19 there will be no services. Please visit <https://www.gatheringus.com/memorial/harry-norman-klitzner/4602> to view and share thoughts and stories about Harry that are special to you. Please read the "Welcome to Harry Klitzner's Memorial" message to the right of their picture for information on using this site.

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**CLOSURE**

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the promenade a permanent fixture.

Assistant City Manager Shohreh Dupuis said the original budget for the Promenade on Forest was \$250,000. About \$25,000 remains in that budget and will be used to pay for leased decks, lighting and barricades. City staff said that it will cost an additional \$119,000 to extend the program through January. The \$119,000 will be allocated from the Downtown Action Plan, with approximately \$98,500 allocated to sanitation and safety practices and \$20,500 for additional furniture, regulatory signs, replacement of broken assets and printing COVID-19-related materials.

Councilwoman Toni Iseman proposed creating special parking stickers for employees to encourage parking at the city's public parking lots in the Village Entrance project. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Dicterow requested a condition be added to the program that would require maintaining current security guard deployment through the end of the program on Jan. 30.

Councilman Peter Blake spoke favorably of the program, describing it as made for the taxpayers and residents of Laguna Beach. He agreed with Iseman's proposal to provide parking to employees and said he wanted to see staff look into making the Promenade on Forest permanent, which drew agreement from Mayor Bob Whalen.

"We can't decide whether it can or can't be [permanent] because we don't know what the issues are, but if we don't ask staff to prepare something, we're going to be sitting here in January," Whalen said.

The Promenade on Forest will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily through January 2021. Face masks are required.

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**ELECTIONS**

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the city's mayor in 2016. He was appointed the council's mayor pro tem by council members for a second term. Dicterow is an attorney. In his candidate statement, Dicterow said he plans to tackle issues with city spending, business recovery, development and maintaining local control if reelected.

**Ruben Flores:** A Laguna Beach resident of more than 24 years and owner of Laguna Nursery, Flores is the current chair of the

city's View Restoration Committee and was president of the Laguna Beach Beautification Council. In his candidate statement, Flores said he plans to focus on issues of civility, parking and enhancing Laguna's canyons, parks, beaches and parkways.

**Larry Nokes:** A land use attorney and 36-year Laguna Beach resident, Nokes is a chairman for the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce. Nokes also served on the city's view equity committee in 2013 and helped draft the historic preservation ordinance. Nokes said he

would be focusing on traffic, infrastructure and streamlining permitting and application processes.

**George Weiss:** A co-founder of Laguna Residents First, Weiss said he will be focusing on issues of city spending, development and increasing transparency. Weiss was a president of the Laguna Beach Beautification Council and was chair on the city's Housing and Human Services Committee in 2016.

**Bob Whalen (incumbent):** Whalen was first appointed to the City Council in 2012 and has been the

city's mayor since 2018. Whalen also was mayor in 2015. A public finance attorney, Whalen said he would be focusing on continuing to navigate the city through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in addition to other issues of parking, senior housing opportunities and ocean conservation.

**CITY CLERK**

**Ann Marie McKay:** McKay is a law office manager and a notary public, but was previously an administrative assistant for the city's Community Development Department for 10 years. McKay was also a

captain in the U.S. Air Force. On her campaign website, McKay said she will focus on improving transparency, access and efficiency.

**Mariann Tracy:** A 31-year resident in Laguna Beach, Tracy has served as the executive assistant to City Manager John Pietig for the last seven years. Tracy was previously the program director for Laguna Beach Seniors. In her campaign statement, Tracy said she would be responsive and diplomatic if elected.

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**PURE**

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Cox also pointed out the character-building aspect, saying that the program can be just as beneficial to children willing to take a risk and try new things.

A partnership was recently formed between Pure Game and faith-based Unite Health Share Ministries (UHSM).

Christopher Jin, the president of UHSM, shares a faith with Tony Everett, the founder of Pure Game, and he liked the organization's values. Jin also said soccer was a beautiful game because it only requires a ball to play.

"Once I started hearing about what [Everett] was doing and how his program was affecting children, the difference it was really making, not just between the physical activity, [but] giving these children these leadership skills, it really resonated with me," Jin said.

"We decided to partner with them and offer different types of resources for them."

Among those resources, UHSM is offering telehealth services for on-demand health-care to Pure Game staff,

which include triaging COVID-19 cases and ordering tests for those showing symptoms.

The healthcare sharing ministry is also providing financial backing to help Pure Game run additional programs in the turbulent times brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, and it is raising awareness of the organization's mission through marketing, social media and public relations support, Jin added.

Unite Health Share Ministries also partnered with the Orange County Soccer Club to bring about the Community Corner, allowing non-profit organizations to apply for tickets to the team's home matches.

"Being that now there is no fans at the home games, it's a little bit different," Jin said. "Now, it's kind of pivoted to what is called a 'Fan of the Match' promotion."

"Fans are encouraged to take a photo repping your OCSC gear, and they're supposed to use the hashtag #FanOfTheMatch, and then #UHSM, and they're supposed to tag OCSC, and they have a chance to win an OCSC fan pack."

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**PROTEST**

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are actually contrary to a lot of posted science in terms of the harms of mask wearing ... especially on older individuals," Dundas said. "Just to bring awareness to the fact that we feel this is a violation of our constitutional rights and given that I'm familiar with that as an attorney, that's why I'm here."

Dundas said she felt the fine was atrocious, arguing that, "I mean, if I'd come up to you five months ago and I said you have to wear a burka or you have to wear a Spiderman outfit, that would have been a violation of your basic human rights and constitutional rights."

"At this point in the pandemic, there is no health emergency," Hostetter said. "The numbers that were being given are completely and totally fake as far as the death count."

As the protest continued in spite of the heatwave, the Orange County Health Care Agency reported another 513 new cases of COVID-19 and 20 new deaths on Saturday, reaching new heights of 43,367 and 809 respectively. There were 11,515 tests reported, the new total at 539,093.

There are 434 cases currently hospitalized and 138 of those cases are in inten-

sive care units. The county agency also reported 31% of ICU beds and 57% of ventilators are available.

According to the agency, 34,115 have recovered.

"We're in the middle of summer right now when we're never talking about the flu," Hostetter said, "and yet, this game still goes on with these masks. Masks should always be a personal choice. A store like [Mother's Market] and Sprouts is another store that is incredibly aggressive, chasing customers down in the store and driving them out."

"If they don't have some hours for people that can't wear a mask because there are plenty of people that have health issues that don't allow them to wear a mask and if they can't find a few hours out of the week to allow them to come in and shop without a mask, that's just inhumane to the people who can't wear a mask and so we're here to protest that," Hostetter added. But, Hostetter added that the protest focused on the fine.

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

- Santa Ana: 8,469 cases; 208 deaths
- Anaheim: 7,390 cases; 188 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 1,914 cases; 56 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,420 cases;

14 deaths

- Irvine: 1,328 cases; 12 deaths
- Newport Beach: 938 cases; 14 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 416 cases; 8 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 151 cases; less than five deaths

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

- 0 to 17: 2,852 cases; zero deaths
- 18 to 24: 6,442 cases; three deaths
- 25 to 34: 9,560 cases; 12 deaths
- 35 to 44: 7,010 cases; 25 deaths
- 45 to 54: 7,100 cases; 70 deaths
- 55 to 64: 5,252 cases; 105 deaths
- 65 to 74: 2,550 cases; 168 deaths
- 75 to 84: 1,444 cases; 178 deaths
- 85 and older: 1,127 cases; 248 deaths

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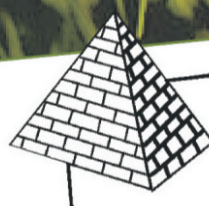
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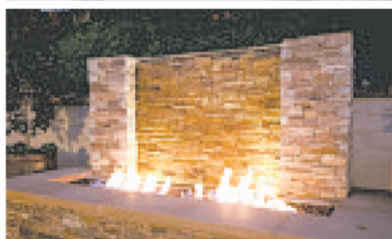
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**FOOTBALL**

## CdM lineman Thomas Bouda commits to Army

BY ANDREW TURNER

The phrase, "No days off," often gets the reputation of coach-speak.

Corona del Mar High School's Thomas Bouda cannot find anything disagreeable about those words.

Since attending an introductory weightlifting camp for prospective members of the CdM football program in middle school, Bouda has shown the Sea Kings' coaching staff that he is the sort of person that believes that one must move forward or they are going backward.

He is no stranger to a regimented lifestyle, and therefore, he found an ideal fit for extending his playing career.

Bouda committed to the Army West Point football program on Aug. 1.

"I honestly think that no other school could compete with Army, with the brotherhood, the football, the academics that are just top-tier, and there is just an amazing group of guys there, guys that are willing to work and just win games," Bouda said. "Personally, I feel like Army just gave me a home feeling, a place where I could fit in, just work and become a better player and person."

Bouda said that Army was the first program to offer him a scholarship. Consistent contact with

the coaching staff thereafter appealed to him.

Nevada, Cal Poly and Eastern Washington were among the other schools that Bouda considered.

After he has finished his collegiate playing career, Bouda said he will have five years of military service to follow.

"He has that unique ability and character to be able to go off and take on a challenge like West Point and the Army," Sea Kings coach Dan O'Shea said of Bouda. "It's going to be a herculean task to enter into that renowned academy, but I think he's built for it. He has the right determination and grit and leadership skills to thrive in that environment."

Bouda, the reigning Sunset League Offensive Lineman of the Year, joins tight end Scott Giuliano among the Sea Kings' committed players for the class of 2021. Giuliano has committed to Harvard.

"Tommy is a prime example of how a CdM football player should act and carry themselves," Giuliano said. "He is a selfless leader who will always put the team first. Tommy is one of the hardest workers on the field and in the weight room. He's a great teacher to the younger guys in the program and is always willing to help. He's definitely a guy that you want on your side on a Friday



**CORONA DEL MAR HIGH'S**  
Thomas Bouda is a senior offensive lineman and has made a commitment to go to West Point.

Scott Smeltzer  
Staff Photographer

night."

The upcoming high school football season is far from certain, having already been postponed until January due to the coronavirus pandemic. Bouda said that it is important to self-motivate, even if the season is in doubt.

"I think if you just work every single day, it will make you a better person," Bouda said. "You'll create good habits in your life, which make you a better person in general."

"Whether we have a season or

not, you still should be putting in work every single day and kind of have the mentality of, 'If we do have one, then I'll be ready to jump in and just help the team.'"

Corona del Mar went 16-0 in winning the CIF Southern Section Division 3 and CIF State Division 1-A titles last season.

A 6-foot-3, 250-pound senior left tackle, Bouda is one of two returning offensive linemen from that team. The other is senior right guard Hunter Schimmler.

For the first time in three sea-

sons, the Sea Kings will have a new quarterback under center after the graduation of Ethan Garbers (Washington).

O'Shea said that the quarterback battle is five deep, including a pair of senior transfers — Cooper Wrenn from Portland (Ore.) Jesuit and Jackson Oksnee from San Marcos Mission Hills. The others are senior Dane Voorhees, junior Max Lane and sophomore David Rasor.

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**HIGH SCHOOLS**

## CIF-SS Executive Council formally adapts revised sports calendar

BY MATT SZABO

The CIF Southern Section Executive Committee unanimously approved a revision of the 2020-21 sports calendar on Thurs-

day in an emergency action item during its virtual meeting.

The two-season model, which will begin with practices in December due to COVID-19, was announced

by Commissioner Rob Wigod at a July 20 meeting.

The revision was approved by the committee, which includes Marina High School athletic director Michelle Spencer and

Huntington Beach Union High School District athletic director James Perry, by a 21-0 vote.

Under the July proposal, fall sports for 2020-21 will include football, girls' and boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' water polo, girls' and boys' cross-country, field hockey, gymnastics and traditional competitive cheerleading.

Spring sports, which would start with games in March for most sports, include baseball, softball, competitive sports cheerleading and boys' and girls' seasons for basketball, soccer, lacrosse, golf, swimming and diving, track and field and wrestling.

Also Thursday, the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee voted that sports schedules must be entered into the CIFSSHome system by Oct. 12 for fall sports, and by Dec. 14 for spring sports.

Wigod said during the meeting that he has received support for the revised calendar, which ensures a 10-week regular season for football teams beginning with Week One games on Jan. 8, 2021.

"From where we sit, it's been an extremely positive reaction," Wigod said.

"I've been in contact with many schools and heard from many people, read a lot of news articles from a lot of different places around our section. I've been so proud, really, of the reaction of our adults, of our educators, of our coaches, athletic directors, principals.

"They've really taken this on and gone forward in the right spirit, which is to show the student-athletes that we're going to make these calendars work and these adjustments happen. Even parents who have reached out, in most cases, have been extremely pos-

itive and grateful that we're trying to have the seasons of sport."

Still, the economic realities of COVID-19 hit the Southern Section hard. The section revealed in a report that it has received a Payroll Protection Plan loan of \$456,100 from the federal government.

The funds, which will be for the 2020-21 fiscal year, were acquired in April and the section began using it last month.

With help from the loan, the CIF Southern Section has not had to lay off or furlough any of its 17 employees.

The section estimated that it lost more than \$101,000 total due to spring sports being cut short by COVID-19, Chief Financial Officer Mitch Carty explained in a presentation.

However, fall and winter sports performed well, particularly football, which earned more than \$760,000 for the 2019 season — a significant profit since the sport's budget was \$640,000.

Boys' and girls' soccer also brought in a profit of more than \$27,000.

The CIF Southern Section Executive Committee also tabled a vote Thursday related to soccer red cards until its next meeting on Sept. 24.

The bylaw revision is that a player who receives two yellow cards in the same match would still get a match disqualification, but now would be able to play in the team's next match.

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