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'Peanuts' artwork to bring smiles for hospital workers, patients

A plan is in place to put murals in 70 hospitals across six continents featuring characters from the comic strip.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Before the coronavirus pandemic, Peanuts Worldwide, the company formed from the iconic comic strip created by Charles Schulz, was looking for a way to bring its brand to people around the globe.

The company was entertaining a message that people need to take care of the Earth, themselves and each other.

About the same time, the Foundation for Hospital Art reached out to Peanuts about partnering on a piece of art that could be displayed in hospitals.

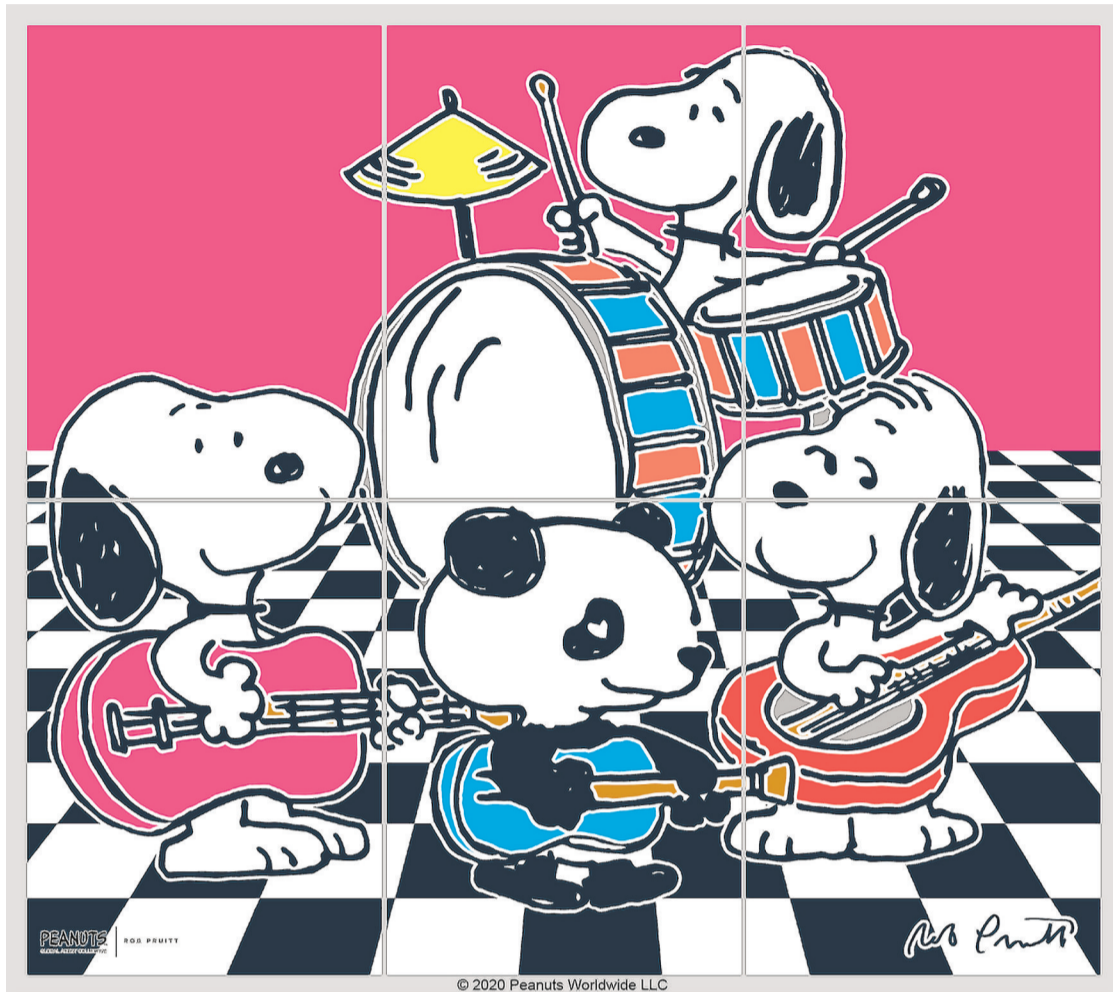
Melissa Menta, the senior vice president of marketing and communications for Peanuts, had a bold plan, hoping to secure 70 murals across all seven continents to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the comic strip.

The "Take Care With Peanuts" initiative will bring a paint-by-numbers mural to 70 hospitals on six continents, excluding Antarctica, with the program launching in October.

Artwork donated to the hospitals features a couple of Schulz's beloved characters in Snoopy and Woodstock.

"I would say you like 'Peanuts' if you're human because it's Schulz's take on humanity," Menta said. "Its joys. Its sorrows. Everybody can relate to 'Peanuts' in some way, so I think mostly it does bring a smile to a lot of people's faces when they read the comic strips. There's nearly 18,000 strips, and ... [people] read it in the newspaper, but now people

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Photos courtesy of Peanuts Worldwide

THIS WORK of art produced by Rob Pruitt will be donated to CHOC Children's Hospital of Orange County.



THE COMIC STRIP

"Peanuts" was launched in 1950. The company based on the comic strip "Peanuts" has teamed up with the Foundation for Hospital Art to put murals in 70 hospitals across six continents as part of the "Take Care With Peanuts" initiative.

4 new deaths from virus in county

The O.C. Health Care Agency said 227 more positive tests were received, bringing the cumulative total to 51,873.

BY MATT SZABO

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported four new deaths related to the coronavirus and 227 new daily COVID-19 positive tests Saturday.

The new deaths reported by healthcare officials are all residents not living in a facility. The county's overall death toll due to COVID-19 now stands at 1,127.

Overall coronavirus numbers, taken as a seven-day average with a seven-day lag period, would continue to keep Orange County in the red tier indicating "substantial" risk, per the state's established reopening guidelines.

Orange County, which moved to the red tier on Sept. 8, is averaging a 3.9% positive tests result.

That would be good enough to move the county down to the orange tier, indicating "moderate" risk and allowing more restrictions to be lifted. However, the average number of positive cases per 100,000 people is at 4.7, which is in the red tier.

That number would need to be 1-3.9 cases per 100,000 people to be eligible for the orange tier. Once it gets to that level, the numbers would have to stay within that range for two straight weeks in order to progress to the next tier.

Orange and San Diego counties remain the only Southern Califor-

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Courtesy of Valerie Tatumay

CHRIS AND Fiona Ivey of Newport Coast do a virtual activity with "Little Brother" Gabriel, who is 7 years old.

Newport Coast couple happy with their new-found role as virtual 'Bigs'

BY MATT SZABO

The January death of former Los Angeles Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant and eight others due to a helicopter crash was met with intense sadness throughout Southern California.

This was especially true in Newport Coast, where Bryant and his family called home. His death certainly got Newport Coast husband and wife Chris and Fiona Ivey thinking.

"When Kobe passed away, so much came out about how many people we didn't realize he was mentoring and the effect he was having on young kids and basketball players," Fiona said.

"We were walking the dog, and Chris was like, 'I think it's time for us to do this.' We had been

talking about it for a long time."

The family was already plenty familiar with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire, as Chris is a long-time board member. The Iveys felt it was time to become mentors themselves as they were getting close to "empty nester" status.

Their daughter Delaney is a junior at UCLA, and their son Brendan is a senior at Corona del Mar High School.

The Iveys signed up to co-mentor as a "Big Couple." One question asked during the Big Brother Big Sister interview project is if the mentor expects any near-term changes to their life.

"We said, 'No, we're good, we're set,'" Chris said. "And then COVID happened."

The coronavirus didn't totally derail their plans. Since June, Chris and Fiona have been virtually mentoring their "Little," 7-year-old Gabriel, over Zoom.

Gabriel lives with his mother Maribel and two older siblings, who are also being mentored through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, in an apartment in Tustin. The family's last name is withheld from this story per the request of the nonprofit.

The Iveys have a Zoom session of 45 to 90 minutes with Gabriel every other weekend.

They also have a group text with Maribel, so they can check in midweek. Maribel speaks mostly Spanish, Chris said, though their interactions with

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Laguna council to review fall and winter events, update the city budget for 2020-21

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Like seemingly every event put on during the pandemic, this year's upcoming fall and winter festivities will need to be modified.

On the Laguna Beach City Council's agenda Tuesday night are changes to upcoming city-sponsored events with both pivoting from their usual locales to the Promenade on Forest. This includes the city's Halloween and Hospitality Night events, which will instead be turned into seasonal festivals to encompass lower Forest Avenue.

The proposed "Fall Festival at the Promenade" would begin Oct. 5 and include a pumpkin carving contest, a "Thanksgiving Thankful Wall" and an area for residents to drop off letters to members of the armed forces.

Hospitality Night would be replaced with "Holidays at the Promenade," including a tree lighting on Dec. 6.

City staff said event organizers for the Laguna Beach Rotary Club's annual Classic Car Show canceled the event this year and plans for

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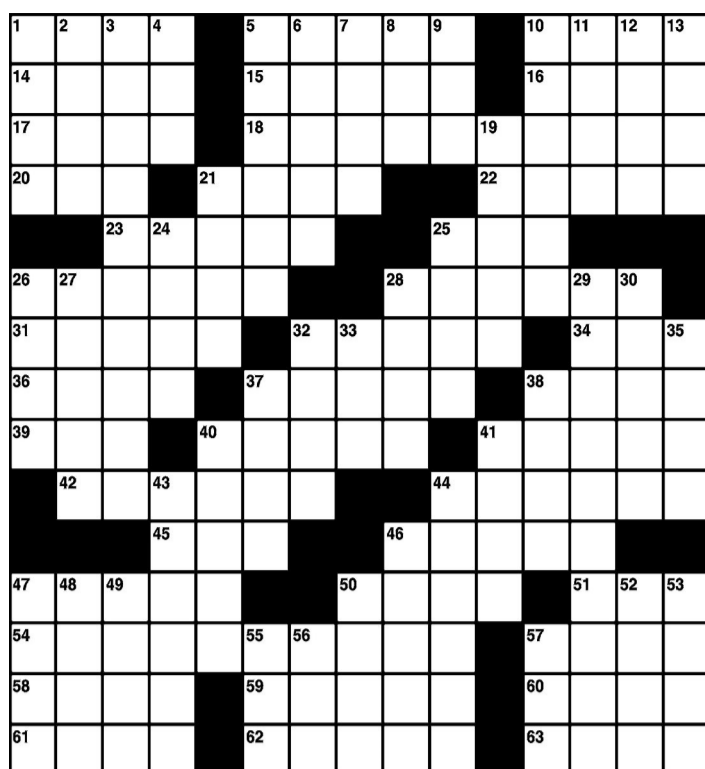
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 15 Concepts
 16 Musketeers or Stooges
 17 Philosopher
 18 Tourists
 20 TV series for George Eads
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 25 Fawn's color
 26 Off-impersonated actor James
 28 Licorice pieces, often
 31 Still breathing
 32 Bakery purchase
 34 " _ Just Not That Into You"; 2009 film
 36 Compassion
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 38 Word attached to cast or head
 39 Emulate Picabo Street
 40 '77 miniseries based on an Alex Haley book
 41 Purplish color
 42 Hold in high regard
 44 Kitchen appliances
 45 "Elvis _ left the building"
 46 Horse's vote?
 47 Thread holder
 50 _ up; very busy
 51 Siesta hour
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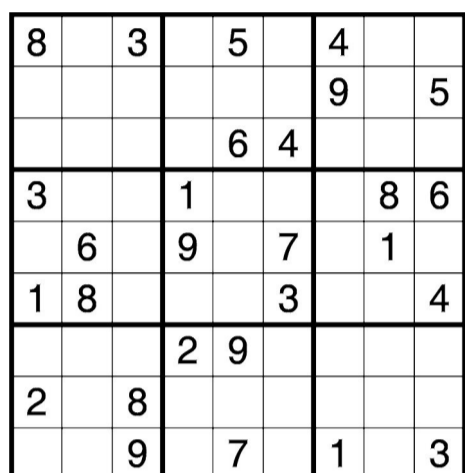
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A9.

3 Infection of brain & spinal cord lining
 4 Suffix for Vietnam or Japan
 5 Anguish
 6 "Bye, Pierre!"
 7 Ryan & Tilly
 8 Tongue depressor

19 Prim and proper
 21 You, in the Bible
 24 1 of 7 deadly sins
 25 " _ the night before Christmas"
 26 Puts a lid on
 27 Identical
 28 Koppel & Cruz
 29 Considerate
 30 Begin a tennis game
 32 "Ta-Ra-Ra -De-Ay"
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 37 Garden tools
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 53 Right fielder
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 55 "Blue Bloods" network
 56 Drink like Rover
 57 Unrefined mineral

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VIRUS

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nia counties in the red tier. All other counties are still in the more restrictive purple tier, which indicates "widespread risk."

There are currently 202 patients hospitalized due to the virus, with 65 of them in intensive care units. An additional 8,844 tests were reported within the last day, bringing the total number of tests administered to 786,298. The healthcare agency estimates that 45,900 people have made a recovery after battling the virus.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities in Orange County:
 • Santa Ana: 9,973 cases; 262 deaths
 • Anaheim: 8,849 cases; 244 deaths
 • Huntington Beach: 2,339 cases; 70 deaths
 • Costa Mesa: 1,781



PAUL POSEY retrieves the bags after Glenn Walcott of Newport Beach donated plasma.

Raul Roa Staff Photographer

cases; 28 deaths
 • Irvine: 1,611 cases; 12 deaths
 • Newport Beach: 1,109 cases; 22 deaths
 • Fountain Valley: 497 cases; 16 deaths
 • Laguna Beach: 208 cases; fewer than five deaths
 Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:
 • 0 to 17: 3,592 cases; one death
 • 18 to 24: 7,806 cases; four deaths
 • 25 to 34: 11,227 cases; 17 deaths
 • 35 to 44: 8,289 cases; 31 deaths

• 45 to 54: 8,386 cases; 99 deaths
 • 55 to 64: 6,243 cases; 158 deaths
 • 65 to 74: 3,102 cases; 229 deaths
 • 75 to 84: 1,774 cases; 242 deaths
 • 85 and older: 1,408 cases; 346 deaths
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the city's Patriot's Day Parade in March will be revisited in December, pending state guidance.

Earlier this year, the City Council voted in May to cancel the city's annual fireworks show out of concerns for the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUDGET REVISIONS

At the start of the statewide closure orders, the City Council voted to make cutbacks to the city's budget ahead of what it expected to be a \$12-million loss in revenue.

A staff report prepared for Tuesday's meeting states that the actual loss in revenue for the 2019-20 fiscal year was \$7.4 million across all funds, including \$3.5 million in the city's general fund. With the results better than the expected revenue loss and additional department savings, the available balance in the general fund

has now increased by \$2.6 million from the April projections.

The Measure LL fund, parking, capital improvement and gas tax funds also beat April estimates.

"The uncertainty surrounding the spread of the coronavirus as businesses and schools reopen, the flu season, a potential vaccine, recession and pre-coronavirus pressures on retail make the remainder of this fiscal year nearly impossible to predict," staff said.

The City Council will be evaluating the budget for the current fiscal year, modifying the already-approved budget for 2020-21 to accept the ending fund balances for last year and additional appropriations.

It will also be considering a resolution to create a CARES Act Assistance Fund for financial reporting purposes and the addition of a systems analyst position for information technology enhancements in the Community Development department.

Council members will also be considering the extension of a contract with Interwest Consulting Services for \$30,000 to retain the services of interim Public Works Director Manuel Gomez.

Tuesday's meeting begins 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.

Residents are encouraged to send comments on agenda items to City Clerk Lisette Chel-Walker at 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 98843693036# and press *9 to comment on an item. Time for remarks may be limited.

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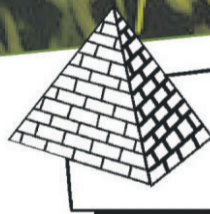
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AROUND TOWN**Fountain Valley Fire Department open house set**

The Fountain Valley Fire Department will host a drive-through open house event at Mile Square Park on Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Residents will be asked to enter the open house route at Brookhurst Street and Heil Avenue and follow signs that will take drivers and passengers along a path with a view of Fire Department vehicles, including a fire engine and an ambulance.

Firefighters will distribute a limited number of souvenir bags to elementary school children that will include information on Fire Prevention Week, kitchen safety and coloring sheets, Fountain Valley Fire Chief Assistant Julieann Parente said. She added that fire helmets would be handed out.

The annual event, which is normally held at the fire station, was relocated to Mile Square Park because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Fire Prevention Week, running Oct. 5-10, will feature a "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" campaign.

Tips provided by the Fire Department on its public education page include never leaving cooking food

unattended, remembering to turn off appliances, avoiding overloading electrical outlets and keeping pot handles out of the reach of children.

Big West forming diversity and equity committee

The Big West Conference announced Monday that it is forming a standing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee, working under the name Big West Undivided.

The committee will be comprised of one administrator and one student-athlete from each of the Big West's 11 universities, and represents the conference's efforts to combat racism, fight for social justice and support the Black Lives Matter movement and other nonviolent organizations.

UC Irvine will be represented on the committee by law professor Shauhin Talesh, and Joy Akaegbu-Cleveland of the women's basketball team. The committee will be chaired by UC San Diego Athletic Director Earl Edwards, and the vice chair is Evann Smith of UC Santa Barbara women's soccer.

Big West Undivided aims to operate under four pillars: education, empowerment, accountability and

change.

The committee will meet monthly and plans to work with the conference's Student Athlete Advisory Committee on voter initiatives encouraging student-athletes to take part in the electoral process by providing nonpartisan resources and registration information.

O.C. Soccer Club Foundation makes donation

The Orange County Soccer Club Community Foundation made a \$15,000 donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County last week.

A grant from Qatar's embassy in the U.S. helped fund the donation, which will go toward assisting Orange County residents facing food insecurity because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Second Harvest Food Bank has served more than 500,000 families, providing those facing a food shortage with enough groceries to last weeks. The organization distributed more than 42 million pounds of food to families in need last year.

Qatar is slated to be the host nation for the FIFA World Cup in 2022.

—From staff reports

'PEANUTS'

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of all ages are getting it in social media."

Scott Feight, the executive director of the Foundation for Hospital Art, called the partnership with Peanuts "a match made in heaven" because of the familiarity of the comic strip on a global scale. He said the nonprofit organization helps people deal with the mental grind of working at and being treated in hospitals.

"If you've ever been in a hospital, they're scary places, but if you can transform them into colorful, warm, beautiful places, people feel better, they get better care, [and] their attitudes are better," Feight said. "It's like everybody wins on every level, and so that's our mission."

Feight said that the Foundation for Hospital Art has donated more than 49,000 paintings to approximately 7,500 hospitals in 195 countries. He added that more than 1 million people have painted with the foundation. Paint-by-numbers pieces are a commonly used form of artwork donated by the Foundation for Hospital Art because of their ability to include more people in the morale-boosting activity.

"Sometimes people will think they're offending us



Courtesy of Peanuts Worldwide

PATIENTS AND hospital workers will collaborate on a six-panel, paint-by-numbers mural that will be sent to 70 hospitals in six continents as part of the "Take Care With Peanuts" program.

in saying, 'Well, it's just paint-by-numbers,' but it enables everybody, even a patient with a brain injury in the hospital, to paint," Feight said. "We can always come back later and redraw the black lines, sharpen it up if we need to, but the method is it brings everybody from all levels of society, all ages together in a common cause."

In a time when kids cannot head to theme parks to interact with their favorite characters, Amber Chavez, a special programs coordinator at CHOC Children's Hospital of Orange County in Orange, believes that a chance to bring part of their childhood right into the hospital is just what the kids and healthcare workers need.

The hospital is currently under quarantine because of the pandemic, so many

of the hospital partners are unable to make their regular visits. Playrooms in the hospital are also closed.

"They're not witnessing anything like that, so [having] something like Snoopy, who is a character that all of us, we grew up with, it's going to truly mean something because we'll have that thing that brings us back to our childhood," Chavez said. "That's our slogan: 'Long live childhood.'"

"That's why we want to include the nurses and the kids because both are involved, and both know who Snoopy is."

Chavez added that the patients enjoy painting at their bedsides and intimated that the hospital is considering having four kids and two nurses paint the six-part mural, one for each panel.

The mural could eventually be displayed near the hospital radio station, which Chavez said has also served as a symbol of connectivity at the facility during the pandemic with its ability to broadcast directly into patients' rooms.

CHOC Children's Hospital will also receive a painting from contemporary artist Rob Pruitt, who was one of seven artists in the Peanuts Global Artist Collective.

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'BIGS'

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Gabriel are all in English.

Asking a 7-year-old to behave over Zoom might sound like a tall task, but the Iveys have kept Gabriel engaged.

When they found out he liked rocks and seashells, they asked to see his collection.

When he showed up to a session wearing an Incredible Hulk shirt, they sent him a book about the Hulk, and they continue to send him fun superhero postcards.

Chris and Fiona Ivey also bought two Nerf basketball hoops and two Magna Doodles — one for them and one for Gabriel — and these have been other ways they've had virtual fun together.

"It's amazing how often he says, 'Can I tell you something?' or 'Can I show you something?'" Fiona said.

"Really, what has struck me through this is that this little boy just wants somebody's attention. He wants somebody to see him and hear him, to hear his stories."

People like the Iveys are

certainly needed, said Sloane Keane, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire. In April, the company created a virtual roadmap for its mentors to stay connected to their Littles.

Keane said the chapter's waitlist has grown by about 30% during COVID-19, to more than 700 kids in the counties of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino. Most of those are little boys.

She said the company's largest service areas in Orange County are Santa Ana and Anaheim, and more than half of the Littles come

from a single-parent household.

"Research shows that low-income youth are 10 times more likely to drop out of high school than their high-income peers," Keane said.

"In normal times, the communities in which we serve are economically depressed and have significant obstacles to achieving their full potential. A lot of it ends up manifesting academically ... so now you take COVID, and you amplify the fact that isolation is running rampant.

"The landscape, quite frankly, has been really

bleak. One of the advantages to being in mentorship in this one-to-one capacity is that we talk to the volunteer, the parent and the child on at least a monthly basis, for child safety reasons."

Keane called people like the Iveys "modern day heroes." But Chris and Fiona just feel like they're doing their part.

Though things are going well virtually, they can't wait to finally meet Gabriel in person.

One thing he has indicated he wants to do is visit a Dave & Buster's, to play games.

"It's totally doable," Chris said of being a virtual mentor. "In fact, there are unintended benefits from doing it that we weren't aware of before we were thinking about doing it. If anyone is thinking about wanting to be a volunteer mentor and is hesitating because of the virtual relationship, we would be staunch advocates of just jumping in and doing it virtually."

"I'm actually amazed at how long Gabriel will stay on Zoom with us," he added with a laugh.

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Careless recreation is threatening the preservation of Upper Newport Bay

Being a resident of Newport Beach has definite benefits for enjoying the magnificent scenery that surrounds us. We can take advantage of the beaches, parks, hiking trails and, most significantly, the Upper Newport Bay without traveling to another city or country.

More recently as a Newport Bay Conservancy volunteer and board member, I have become aware of just how important preserving and protecting this territory has become.

There are many more people out recreating in the area, whether biking, hiking or kayaking. Most are cognizant of how precious this area is to wildlife habitat.

However, many are not aware of the guidelines that have been implemented so this estuary remains pristine for future generations.

Living in the Bluffs area affords me the luxury of being able to walk down to Big Canyon to observe and paint the beauty of the Back Bay from all angles and vantage points.

Imagine my horror to find a woman in the mudflats claiming to be picking weeds! I was told that she has been doing this for years but obviously didn't realize this was a protected area with vegetation for nesting endangered birds.

Then, while kayaking, I noticed there were kayakers and paddle boarders floating into channels that are clearly marked closed to any traffic.

Beaching of any crafts on any of the sand beaches or islands in the upper bay is prohibited, as is hiking in the designated habitat restoration areas that are clearly posted. We, as volunteers are only to advise, not to enforce, which can be quite a frustrating experience.

The icing on the cake this week, however, was a Duffy boat parked in the water off Big Canyon, where a boater dove into the water to cool off. As tempting



File Photo

A MAN and his dog walk along the shore of Upper Newport Bay. A Daily Pilot reader and board member of the Newport Bay Conservancy writes she has witnessed visitors ignoring posted signs and violating rules in the area.

as this might be, it is prohibited to boat past the Newport Aquatic Center from the lower harbor with any motorized boat.

I might give all the violators the benefit of the doubt, but it seems common sense went out of the window once COVID-19 joined us. Please rethink any of these actions because they all have dangerous consequences.

Habitat can be destroyed, and there are long-lasting effects on wildlife. We are the guests on their turf, not the other way around.

So if you are hiking with dogs, remember that Newport Beach has a leash law. If you have a kayak or paddle board, respect the channels that are closed to traffic.

If you own or rent a Duffy, please be aware that any boating past the aquatic center is strictly prohibited. Stay safe and sane in these trying times and in the future.

Sherry Marger
Newport Beach

Act would stem climate change

The opinion piece (Commentary: Local climate lobbyists see common ground for bipartisan action) in the Daily Pilot is a very important topic, with heat waves, fires and hurricanes showing the power of climate change to make lives tough. I would like to add some points.

The loss of high-priced coastal homes and beaches might be expensive, as mentioned. More expensive could be loss of lives and livelihoods for many living on small islands, wars like that in Syria caused by climate change migration to cities and loss of food from an acidic ocean.

The piece points to possible bipartisan efforts. What is not mentioned is the potential for action before the election. If Democrats can push the Carbon Dividend Act out of committees for a House floor vote, it will pass.

Most Democrats, while talking

about other options with government spending and regulations, will still vote for something that will end climate change.

Many Republicans, while not speaking out that climate change is a serious problem, are realizing something must be done, and they see that after the election Democrats might have the votes to pass spending and regulations they do not want. They will vote for the Carbon Dividend Act rather than get voted out.

Jim Martin
Huntington Beach

In their commentary on climate change, Bob Taylor and Chris Hilger provide an excellent primer on the history of and need for a carbon tax.

From the obligatory mention of one or another disastrous result of inaction (in this case, sea level rise, beach erosion, flooding and plummeting property values) to the call for all politicians to join the citizenry and take action now to preserve

a livable world for us all.

They properly point out that a change in administration is essential, for reasons too obvious to mention (OK, I'll mention one — President Trump's selection of Rick Perry, a climate-change-denying fossil fuel executive, as Secretary of Energy).

HR763 is the best approach to a carbon tax, as it quickly advances the tax during the coming decade and the dividend uniquely goes back 100% to citizens, thereby avoiding the risk of diversion of funds to non-emissions-related programs. Get the emissions down now.

Gary Stewart
Laguna Beach

What one individual loses to the climate crisis, a day trader picks up, for a time.

It's hard to convince the working poor to defend coastal private property from rising sea levels. I know many people who fled California's aggressive climate tax policies for the low tax "freedoms" of Utah and Nevada and even Oregon.

The COVID-19 crisis drove people into the sticks, out of cities, right into the jaws of the worst fires in history. Maybe we can run from taxes but none of us will escape planetary physics.

But there is a tax policy that amplifies the fight against rising CO2 and the resulting meteorological insanity, an inoculation against the economic policy that is killing our livable planet: a carbon fee and dividend.

A carbon tax puts a thumb on the scale of renewable energy and sustainability and gives our planetary systems a chance to resume the atmosphere of human viability that we have enjoyed these few centuries. For what it's worth, I enjoy breathing.

Pam Brennan
Newport Beach

I strongly support the recommendations of commentators Taylor and Hilger regarding the need for immediate action to reduce sea level rise.

As co-author of a new book on

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global warming (“Reaching Net Zero: What it takes to solve the global climate crisis,” Elsevier, 2020), our research substantiates the benefit that a fee on carbon emissions would immediately bring.

Kudos to Taylor and Hilger for pointing out that HR763 accomplishes this, has bipartisan support and is an important tool for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Craig B. Smith
Newport Beach

I would add one more thing to the recent commentary about climate change.

One of the best things about the Energy, Innovation, and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R.763, is its cost. It doesn't cost. People in New England refer to it as “Cash Back Carbon Pricing.”

Oil, coal and gas pay. They contribute to the Trust Fund based on how much pollution they generate, while people at the lower ends of the income spectrum are made whole. The Act is foundational and greases the skids for all the other things we need to consider.

H.R.763 causes the market to reflect the true cost of carbon pollution. The carbon price will percolate through the entire economy, providing an incentive for all decision makers in the economy to look for ways to reduce emissions.

Without carbon pricing, the U.S. economy will remain biased toward fossil fuel combustion and that we can't afford.

Mark Tabbert
Irvine

We need principles, not a principal

Lynn Lorenz recently

wrote in support of Jeff Herdman's candidacy for the Newport Beach District 5 City Council seat, suggesting the race had already begun with hidden bias or unfair advantage against the incumbent.

She points to the fact that several council members are not endorsing Mr. Herdman but instead are supporting Noah Blom — a fresh face to the scene.

What Ms. Lorenz fails to mention is that Herdman has been in office for almost four years and is seeking another four years in office. The fact that Herdman's council colleagues are not supportive of him does not surprise me.

The lack of support is not evidence of a conspiracy against him. It is only further evidence of the overall discourse that Herdman has fostered among residents, merchants and it would now appear, his fellow council members.

The race between Blom and Herdman has nothing to do with the so-called “Team Newport,” as Ms. Lorenz would have you believe, but with his sub-par performance as our representative for District 5.

For many Balboa Island residents and merchants, Herdman (a former school principal), has received a failing grade for his performance over the last four years.

The time has come for a change, and we need to support the candidate who is willing to work with a community comprised of residents, merchants and fellow council members.

Noah Blom understands the needs of the community, the importance of working collaboratively with constituents and council members alike. He appreciates the importance of protecting our villages and the need to support our merchants, restaurants

Snack time on the Newport Beach Pier



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

JACKSON RHOTON, 2, feeds a flock of pigeons on the Newport Beach Pier on Sept. 11.

and business owners.

We need a councilman who is willing to listen and has the strength, endurance and dedication to lead us forward with a fresh and open-minded perspective for the future.

Jim Moloney
Balboa Island

I have met Newport Beach City Council candidate Noah Blom several times since he announced his run for City Council.

I am impressed with Noah's youthful energy and fresh approach. Noah and his wife, Marin, are successful entrepreneurs — starting and operating successful local restaurants.

Noah was born in Newport Beach and attended local schools. His father was a well-known photographer in Corona del Mar. Their son attends Corona del Mar High School.

Noah and Marin are active in numerous charities, including Oceana, the Newport Aquatic Center, SOS and the March of Dimes. It is true what they say — it's the busiest people who accomplish the most!

A goal of Noah's is to enhance cooperation between the private and public sectors. As a leader in the hospitality industry, he has worked with city officials to expedite approval of sidewalk dining

and other regulatory changes to help struggling merchants survive the pandemic crisis.

We all know the serious issues that continue to face Newport Beach, including the airport, the homeless crisis, the city's pension shortfall and the important quality-of-life issues like noise, traffic, parking and petty crime.

Noah's opponent, the incumbent Councilman Jeff Herdman, is asking to be rehired for another four-year term. Unfortunately, the city has very little to show for Mr. Herdman's last four years, particularly his role as chairman of the city's beleaguered Aviation Commit-

tee.

There are no independent small business owners on the City Council. Mr. Herdman was a career public employee before his retirement in 2005.

Our city could use Noah's business acumen, entrepreneurial energy and good-humored enthusiasm. We will benefit from someone who knows what it is to start a business from scratch, create new jobs and have to make a payroll every month.

Noah has a proven record of achievement and would make a fine addition to our City Council.

Randy Black
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COMMENTARY | JIM CARNETT

The renewed rewards of reading a favorite book a second time

Very rarely do I ever read a book a second time.

A vast array of published materials can be found in today's marketplace, but there's precious little time to read even a small fraction of them. One must choose wisely. And so, today's society is heavily populated with nonreaders.

People who in the past would have been avid readers are today addicted to wireless telephones and social media gadgets. Unsurprisingly, they resist the printed page, and our culture is much the worse for it.

Newspapers — and, how I do love them! — have been turned into 21st-century dinosaurs. The reading habits of average Americans have changed drastically in recent decades. But, I still prefer reading my news on newsprint at the kitchen table with my morning cup of java.

Now, as for double reads: I have a limited number of sunrises left in my quiver, so I must make effective use of my time. Two readings of the same book is a luxury.

I read a novel in the fifth grade — first published in 1899 — about a California Indian boy whose family left a coastal village to settle at a mission near San Francisco. There he was raised and attended school.

The boy assumed a leadership role in his Native American culture. I prepared a book report based on my reading. It was well-received by my fifth-grade teacher at Costa Mesa's Lindbergh School.

I've never forgotten the book, though I never truly remembered it, either. More than 60 years have passed, and I recently had an eye-popping revelation about its dated prose. I managed to sleuth me a copy.

Once into the book, I naively assumed I'd recall verbatim the story line, plus extended sections of its narrative. I didn't. Perhaps a few distilled memories would resurface in my id? They didn't.

Did I actually read the book? Sixty years is a long time to cling to a stonewashed memory.

I ... think ... I ... read ... it.

Oh, there actually was one passage



Emil Vas | Associated Press

IN AN APRIL 16, 1994, photo, Serb army commander Ratko Mladic, center, observes Bosnian government forces positions in Gorazde, in eastern Bosnia. Jim Carnett writes that he is enjoying reading Michael O'Brien's "Island of the World" about the Bosnian War. Mladic was arrested in Serbia in 2011.

that I retained from my first read. It was a storm on Monterey Bay. Boats were wrecked in the high surf and cargoes lost. Little did I realize at that reading that a decade later I'd be stationed with the U.S. Army on Monterey's swelling heights.

In the 1970s, I read Herman Wouk's two-volume set on World War II: "The Winds of War" and "War and Remembrance." I reread them 40 years later and discovered that I'd retained a wealth of information from the first readings. To be honest, my knowledge of World War II history had advanced markedly over the years.

An espionage thriller that I relished at first blush in 1994 turned out to be a disappointment when I reread it 20 years later. I wondered aloud to my wife, Hedy, "What was I thinking — or not thinking — when I first read this guy?"

Whatever it did for me then, it failed to do a second go-round. The book was as flat as warm ginger ale.

I'm having the opposite reaction as I now reread Michael O'Brien's magnum opus, "Island of the World." The book focuses upon the Bosnian War of 1992-95. I first read it a decade ago and was deeply moved.

I'm now almost finished with the second reading and am even more impressed. The book addresses life's significant moments and issues.

I was a skeptic decades ago but am realizing with this reading that I've shed some ego-related tendencies. Tears well up more easily today as I read O'Brien's work than fell 10 years ago. I'm learning that it's possible to grow even beyond your 75th birthday.

I appreciate O'Brien's musings over his protagonist, Josip, a devout Christian who discovers that there are costs associated with being a Christ follower. Josip worries about his integrity and expectations.

"How much time does he have left?" O'Brien wonders "... And if the days remaining to him be many or few, does he really need to know? ... You discover that you never really knew what you thought you knew. You cease running away from what is behind, and race toward (something) coming."

Racing toward the coming is infinitely more satisfying.

O'Brien's book warrants a second read.

JIM CARNETT is former columnist for the Daily Pilot.

MAILBAG

Costa Mesa intersection needs traffic lights, not calming measures

I have lived on the west side of Costa Mesa near the intersection of 19th Street and Monrovia Avenue since I was 3 years old.

I am now 44 and can assure people that the traffic problems there cannot be solved with something as unsafe as a roundabout, aka a "traffic circle."

The problems can only be solved with traffic lights, including lights to tell a person when it's safe to cross.

The problems have always been people going when it's not their turn.

Be it bike riders not even coming to a complete stop but rolling diagonally through the intersection when cars are already partway through the same (and these are parents with children that do this, you'd think they'd know better), people doing a slow-and-go right turn when someone is already three-quarters through their legal left-hand turn, others doing a slow-and-go straight crossing when someone is walking or another car that has come to a complete stop has entered the intersection.

A roundabout will only *increase* these problems and *cause* accidents.

No one in this neighborhood who has actually lived here more than two years wants a roundabout. We've *always* wanted stop lights. This is the only sane and practical solution.

The roundabout is an unsafe, impractical, money-wasting, accident causing, completely unwanted idea. It needs to be removed instantly and replaced with stoplights and crossing lights.

That is the only way this intersection can be made safe. This waste of tax dollars needs to go and it needs to go today.

Jami JoAnne Russell
Costa Mesa

In reading Sara Cardine's article, "Installations on Costa Mesa's West 19th Street have drivers seeing circles — if only for a week," I was literally stunned!

As someone who relies on an e-bike for local transit and commuting, it was the story about turning circles that initially drew me in.

For my safety and that of everyone who walks or bikes our streets, I sincerely appreciate any/all roadway improvements designed to slow vehicular traffic. However, what I found especially encouraging was learning about the process that led to these temporary installations.

Hearing about a local nonprofit and the city of Costa Mesa working hand in hand is really refreshing. Rather than merely complaining about the dangerous conditions of their streets, a group of Costa Mesa residents decided to do something about it.

Not only did Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets identify an issue and constructively engage with the city, but they also seized on an opportunity to apply for a grant from the Southern California Assn. of Governments to fund this temporary installation. Costa Mesa should also be congratulated for its engagement and

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support of residents seeking to improve the community.

While I love the idea of employing turning circles at most intersections, I know many Americans are not familiar with this type of street design, even though turning circles are omnipresent in many parts of the world.

You may love turning circles or you may hate them, but it sounds like the assessment phase of this demonstration will ultimately determine the future for this intersection.

Regardless of the final result, what's impressive is the collaborative effort of these residents and their local government.

Steve Shepherd
Huntington Beach

Costa Mesa initiative is facing challenges from coronavirus

Mayor Katrina Foley used her leadership skills and experience to establish the reStore Costa Mesa initiative.

About 50 business and community members and three Costa Mesa City Council members are participating.

The community members bring together a broad spectrum of Orange County's leaders to develop initiatives for safely restoring and reopening community services and businesses hit hard by the pandemic.

When services and businesses start to reopen, plans and guidelines must be already widely disseminated to ensure safe operation and to avoid a dramatic increase of new COVID-19 cases due to unsafe practices that could cause closures once again.

ReStore Costa Mesa team members know their services and industries and how practices can be adapted to allow for safe physical distancing, sanitization of touch points, and both patron and worker protections, etc.

At Trellis, I have the privilege of working with a good number of the faith leaders in our city to help facilitate collaboration around our city's greater challenges.



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BICYCLISTS RIDE through an intersection at 19th Street and Monrovia Avenue in Costa Mesa, where a temporary roundabout had been installed.

Clearly COVID-19 has been one of those challenges this last year, and it was an honor to be invited by Mayor Foley to be a part of the reStore Costa Mesa team to help represent and serve faith leaders during this confusing time.

Foley and her team of council members did a great job of keeping us up to date with the current numbers, standards and protocols being asked for by the state, county and city.

As an example, Councilwoman Andrea Marr was a huge help when questions came up that needed a more detailed response. Our faith leaders really appreciated this practical support.

In general, our faith leaders have been patient and respectful of the process and have done their best to honor the restrictions and protocols in the midst of their frustrations with not being able to gather as they would like. We are pleased that places of worship are now partially open so we can get together again.

This has not been an ideal time for any of us.

However, through Foley's continued leadership and the reStore Costa Mesa meetings and process we have walked through it better together and we know our actions in the coming weeks will be critical to speeding up the rebound of our community services, businesses and way of life, all in a safe way.

Ian Stevenson
Costa Mesa
Executive Director, Trellis

It's not yet the time to dine out

A letter writer in a recent Daily Pilot Mailbag complains that restaurants and bars are being unfairly targeted in Newport Beach with new ordinances being considered for them to prevent coronavirus spread.

On Sept. 10, the CDC stated that eating in a restaurant increase one's risk of contracting coronavirus more than any other activity.

I feel for the restaurants, I really do. I enjoy eating out as much as the next person, but I'm not going to dine in or outdoors at one until the virus is tamed (I have been doing curbside).

This is all unfortunate but it is the world we live in. Perhaps if the Trump administration had done a better job at responding to the outbreak instead of lying about and politicizing it, we might be like the rest of the Western world and be more open.

Canada just suffered its first fatality in more than 100 days. We are still seeing 1,000 deaths a day. That is where the bigger problem lies with the pandemic.

Mike Aguilar
Costa Mesa

Kudos for climate commentary

The Daily Pilot deserves special recognition for helping readers become aware of viable solutions to the biggest problem facing humankind.

Many papers report on wildfires, floods, heat waves, sea level rise and extreme weather events. A few papers connect the dots between these events and global warming. It is the rare paper that helps its readers evaluate policy solutions.

This commentary about climate change (Local climate lobbyists see common ground for bipartisan action, Sept. 10) gives us hope that our political leaders can come together to develop national climate policies that will transition us from a fossil-fuel economy to one powered by clean energy.

The Energy Innovation Act (HR-763) is advocated overwhelmingly by scientists and economists. It promises to quickly and effectively reduce emissions while growing the economy, protecting lower-income families, and motivating other nations to adopt similar policies.

And, it is funded not by taxpayers, but from carbon fees collected from the polluting coal, oil and gas companies.

Craig Preston
Costa Mesa

Dig deeper than the colorful signs

It is now less than seven weeks to our local elections, and I am seeing our city streets and intersections festooned with colorful campaign signs.

Do people respond to them? I certainly hope they don't base their vote on a face or a slogan. We need to dig a lot deeper and explore leadership and decision-making capacities.

We need responses to issues and concerns. We used to have candidate forums and questionnaires. Now, we're lucky to have candidate statements that only hint at their interests.

Some candidates are running for themselves and not for their constituents, for special interests and not for the citizenry. If they are "pro-business," chances are it's not your business they are backing.

What does "community-centric" mean? We need to hold candidates accountable. Above all, voters should not be stam-

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ped by anyone into hasty and ill-advised decisions.

Be informed. Look before you leap. The folks you blithely give your vote to could wind up ruining local government for us all over the next few years. It's time to get serious.

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

Fires, hurricanes and COVID-19

Imagine the mayors of Huntington Beach, Newport, Laguna and San Clemente downplaying the news a 30-foot tidal wave was heading directly toward South County beaches because they didn't want people to panic. There's no telling how many deaths or injuries the tsunami would leave behind in its wake.

The same is true for Gavin Newsom. I'm glad he didn't take a page out of Donald Trump's COVID-19 playbook and downplay the seriousness of the California wildfires because he was worried people might panic. There's no telling how many thousands of bodies would be left in the ashes had he remained silent.

Governors in Florida and bordering states routinely evacuate residents before a hurricane hits. Ditto governors in Michigan and Iowa when a major cold front rolls through their states.

In my opinion, had President Trump acted more like governors and told Americans the truth about the deadly coronavirus, then we wouldn't be on the cusp of 200,000 COVID-19-related deaths today.

Denny Freidenrich
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PRO SOCCER

Orange County Soccer Club beats Las Vegas to snap losing streak

BY MATT SZABO

IRVINE —The losses kept mounting, and the season looked like it could possibly slip away.

The Orange County Soccer Club came into Friday night's United Soccer League match against the visiting Las Vegas Lights FC on a three-match losing streak. This, from a side that had lost just one of its first nine matches.

"I think it was difficult with the two games that got postponed [earlier in the season], because then they get rescheduled into those weeks where we actually had a bit of a break," Orange County coach Braeden Cloutier said. "Of course, it's difficult. We didn't think this was going to be easy, though."

Playing against Las Vegas, the last-place team in Group B, helped Orange County get back on track. The hosts turned to a Darwin, and now they hope their season evolves into making the playoffs for the third straight season.

Speedy striker Darwin Jones scored his first goal of

the season for Orange County in the 63rd minute, and it held up in a 1-0 win at Championship Stadium at Orange County Great Park.

After winning its final regular-season home match, Orange County (6-4-3) now has 21 points and remains in playoff contention with three matches remaining. The top two teams in Group B will advance to the postseason.

Orange County moved into a second-place tie in points with L.A. Galaxy II (7-5-0), though OCSC technically sits in third place since "Los Dos" has more victories. San Diego Loyal SC (5-4-4) is in fourth place with 19 points.

"We've had a lot of games in a short amount of time," Jones said. "We're just trying to find our rhythm ... just trying to survive, pretty much."

Las Vegas (2-8-3) did not do itself any favors by earning two red cards in Friday's match. The first came in the 29th minute, when Jones took a ball over the top from Michael Orozco and got behind the defense.



ORANGE COUNTY midfielder Brian Iloski looks to pass the ball during Friday's game in Irvine.

He was pulled down by the Lights' Mobi Fehr, and the visitors went down a player following the red card.

Las Vegas' Seth Moses earned his second yellow card of the match in the 59th minute, and he was also sent off.

"No game's easy," Cloutier said. "We learned that the hard way, obviously, in Sacramento, going up a man and then going down a man [in a 2-1 loss on Sept. 9]. Obviously, we wanted to space it out and we knew we were going to create some opportunities if we could just shift them around. We shifted them around and actually created a really nice goal."

Four minutes later, Orange County did find the



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ORANGE COUNTY Soccer Club midfielder Seth Casiple heads the ball in Friday's game against Las Vegas Lights FC.

back of the net. Sean "Ugo" Okoli made a run up the left side before crossing it to Jones, who stuck it in near the right post.

"It was a great run from 'Ugo,' a great pass and I just finished it off," said Jones,

who had nearly scored about 10 minutes prior before Las Vegas goalkeeper Edward Delgado stopped his point-blank shot in the box. "All the credit goes to 'Ugo' and the team for that. I just was really at the right

spot at the right time ... [but] it does feel good. I needed it.

"We've been trying to find a good formation for us all, so I feel like we got what we need, and let's keep building off these games."

The match got very chippy, with nine cards issued, including four to Orange County. But Jones' goal was good enough for the hosts to get three points.

Jones exited in stoppage time and was replaced by 15-year-old Francis Jacobs, a Laguna Beach resident who made his professional match debut. When Jacobs signed with Orange County in August 2019, the then 14-year-old was the youngest player to sign with a professional U.S. club.

Orange County returns to action with a match at the first-place Phoenix Rising FC (8-2-2) on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Orange County then concludes the regular season with away matches against L.A. Galaxy II on Sept. 30, and Las Vegas on Oct. 3.

"It's really important we get a good week of training this week," Jones said. "It's our first time having a week in between a game. We look forward to the next match and we're just taking it one at a time, really."

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Myrtle Yoshioka Asahino

April 14, 1933 - September 11, 2020

On September 11, 2020, Myrtle Yoshioka Asahino, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away at the age of 87.

The third of five children born to Masato and Shige Yoshioka in Kaunakakai on the Friendly Isle of Molokai, Myrtle spent a happy childhood on the rustic Hawaiian island, with fond memories of eating peanuts and "talking story" with friends and siblings on the town's pier. To help supplement her father's income as the butcher in Misaki's Store, she would sometimes work in the pineapple fields, preferring to be outdoors rather than working indoors as a seamstress.

Myrtle was very independent. Against the strong advice from her father, she left home and family at the age of 14 for the bright lights of Honolulu, with the understanding that greater opportunities existed in the big city. She attended McKinley High School, then graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1955 with a degree in Home Economics with a concentration in Dietary Institutional Management, all the while supporting herself on a tight budget.

Soon after graduation, her big adventure began. She moved to Boston and proudly worked at the renowned Massachusetts General Hospital as a hospital dietician. The big eastern city was such a spectacular delight for the tropical island girl. Actually watching Ted Williams play at Fenway Park instead of listening about it through the static of the radio was astonishing.

The adventure continued on to St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. Through mutual friends, she met the love of her life, Steve Asahino, an orthodontics student at Loyola Dental School. The two were married at the University of Chicago in 1959 and soon got busy building a home and family. They moved to Newport Beach in 1960 because it was reminiscent of their beloved native Hawaii, and because Dr. Asahino understood the growing area was an ideal location to start his orthodontics practice. Before long, they had four children: Steven, Karen, Kathryn, and Kenny. They found the time to explore the world together, travelling throughout the U.S., Europe, Hong Kong, and Japan, where Dr. Asahino helped introduce orthodontics to his ancestral home.

Myrtle's generous Aloha spirit was infectious, and she made friends far and wide. Many are blessed to be in her Ohana. Her philanthropic work at Bowers Museum through MEDELLAS with other Asian American women brought out the best of her fundraising skills. She was active in Cal State Fullerton's Oral History program, recognizing the importance of preserving stories from the Issei, first generation pioneers who settled in the LA and Orange County area.

Mostly though, she loved a good party. Their home was often filled with the Hui Aikane (a close group of island transplants) and a wide group of other friends, bringing tasty potluck dishes, ukuleles, and raising the spirit of Aloha.

When Dr. Asahino unexpectedly passed away in 1985, her large Ohana became all the more important to Myrtle. She was a charter member of "The Walkers," a group of fellow lady volunteers from the 1984 Olympics who can still be seen to this day walking the early morning streets of Dover Shores and solving the world's problems. Her family grew with the arrival of her grandchildren Paul, Cole, Malia, Claire, Eliza, and Nuala. She was a loving and nurturing grandmother, being an integral positive influence in each of their lives. Their kind and generous hearts are Myrtle's legacy.

Myrtle's generous spirit and positive outlook knew no limits. When she was given lemons, she would literally make a delicious lemon meringue pie and return it as a gift. She couldn't stand to see anyone lonely. If she knew a remote acquaintance who would be alone during the holidays, she would invite them over for one of her famous Christmas parties. She was always quick to laugh, and to make us laugh with her unique insights and good humor. We were blessed with her charming smile up until the very end.

We are saddened to see her pass, but comforted knowing she is reunited with her departed loved ones. The angels and the saints are going to love her lemon meringue pie.

Myrtle is survived by brother Isamu (Ruth) Yoshioka, sisters Janet Nagasako and Cherry (Jerry) Kobashigawa; children Steven, Karen (Dan) Selleck, Kathryn (Rich) Tait, and Kenny (Catherine); grandchildren Paul Selleck, Cole Tait, Claire Selleck, Malia Asahino, Eliza Tait, and Nuala Asahino; plus numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by parents Masato and Shige Yoshioka, beloved husband Steve Asahino, and sister Misao "Sue" Rivera. Her life will be honored with a private grave side ceremony. Once restrictions are lifted, Myrtle's life will be celebrated with a large party, as she would have liked.

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Los Amigos' Rincon, Rodriguez earn first-team All-Garden Grove girls' honors

Los Amigos High senior midfielder Jennifer Rincon and sophomore defender Tiffany Rodriguez have earned first-team All-Garden Grove League honors in girls' soccer.

Rincon and Rodriguez helped Los Amigos finish 7-8-3 overall and 5-4-1 in the league, good for fourth place. The Lobos, who won the CIF South-

ern Section Division 5 title last year, failed to qualify for the Division 4 playoffs.

Senior center back Vanessa Sanchez and junior defender Vanessa Granados were second-team all-league selections for Los Amigos.

Junior Samantha Lemus of league champion Santiago earned Garden

Grove League MVP honors. Bolsa Grande sophomore Ximena Barreras earned the league's Offensive Player of the Year, while Loara junior Zaira Castellon was the Defensive Player of the Year.

Santiago senior Damaris Martinez earned Goalkeeper of the Year honors.

— From staff reports

Los Amigos' Lopez boys' Offensive Player of the Year in the Garden Grove League

Los Amigos High senior striker Francisco Lopez was named the Garden Grove

League Offensive Player of the Year in boys' soccer.

Lopez had 14 goals and five assists in 14 matches played for the third-place Lobos (9-4-5, 6-2-2 in league). Los Amigos lost 4-1 at North Torrance in the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 3 playoffs.

Senior center back Brandon Alfaro and senior left back Pedro Leyva were first-team selections for the Lobos. Alfaro scored three goals to go with one assist. Leyva had one goal.

Senior center midfielder

Jose Felipe and junior goalkeeper Brandon Santos received second-team all-league honors.

Santiago senior defender Javier Bello earned the Garden Grove League MVP award. Senior defender Alexis Rodriguez was named the Defensive Player of the Year for the Cavaliers (16-4-2, 8-1-1), who won the league championship.

Loara senior Eduardo Rivera received the Goalkeeper of the Year award for the second-place Saxons (13-5-3, 7-1-2).

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

Note to Tyra Banks – dictionaries don't work that way

Attention denizens of the English-speaking world: Supermodel and television personality Tyra Banks would like a word.

That word: smize. Where she would like it: Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. Smize, a Tyra Banks original coinage, means to smile with one's eyes. And it's gained some traction, securing spots in several online dictionaries.

Merriam's, however, remains a holdout. But Banks and her people aren't relenting.

"We call them. We email them. We show them the cover of the Wall Street Journal," Banks recently told National Public Radio.

"We show everything, all this stuff. And they're just like ... 'We've had our eye on smize for a couple of years.' And I'm like, 'You know what? Now you're just hating.'"

And with that, Banks makes her second-most important contribution to

the language, redefining "hating" to mean "practicing lexicography."

Lexicography, the act of creating dictionaries, doesn't work like the maitre d' at a fancy restaurant. Important people can't strong-arm or cajole or smize their way to the front of the line. The process for adding new words to the language is far more democratic than that.

English speakers start using a new word, like "deepfake," or they start using an old word for a new meaning, like "web." Then lexicographers begin compiling a database of places and ways and times the word is used.

Then, when it's clear that you and I have officially welcomed the word into our English language, lexicographers formalize our new word or definition by putting it in a dictionary.

More simply stated: We vote. Lexicographers tally our votes. No amount of lobbying dictionary editors should change that

process. "There's really no way that anyone can influence whether a word is entered in the dictionary except by using it," Merriam Webster lexicographer Peter Sokolowski told me in a Twitter direct message. "If it catches on and others also use it the same way, then it's likely to find its way in."

Normally it takes a long time for a neologism — a newly coined word — to make its way into the dictionary because it takes a long time to be sure English speakers really have adopted the new word for the long haul. "Blog," for example, took six years to show up in Merriam-Webster's from the time its editors started tracking it.

Neologisms from the worlds of technology and science sometimes get into dictionaries faster simply because of how quickly technology and science can influence our world and our language. In 1984, for example, a

word that was then just 2 years old made it into Merriam-Webster's when "AIDS" may have set a record for the shortest-ever time from coinage to dictionary.

That record has since been smashed by another new word, "COVID-19," which arrived in Merriam-Webster's online dictionary just two months after scientists created this mash-up of "coronavirus disease 2019."

"Every word has its own pace," Sokolowski told me. "But the words that were new to this pandemic were entered quickly because of such widespread use."

New words get their

start any number of ways. "Smize" is a common type of neologism called a "portmanteau" — a smashing together of two existing words, like "brunch" from "breakfast" and "lunch." Interestingly, lexicographers tend to eschew the fancy-sounding "portmanteau" for the simpler term "blend."

And that's despite the fact that "portmanteau" had an advocate more famous and influential than any supermodel: Humpty Dumpty introduced the word to generations of children when he used it in Lewis Carroll's 1871 "Through the Looking Glass."

If Banks believes she has

more influence over the language than the world's most famous egg, then I, too, would like to get in on this let's-try-to-boss-around-the-lexicographers game.

I hereby demand that dictionaries add the word Tyrarize, meaning to demand that a word be added to the dictionary. Obviously, the demand itself counts as an act of Tyrarism. So I guess that makes me a Tyrarist.

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TYRA BANKS makes her entrance during the Season 29 premiere of "Dancing With the Stars." The TV personality says she would like to see a word she invented appear in the dictionary.

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WESTERN SCRUB-JAYS are spotted gathering acorns along Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach on Saturday. Various Orange County locations offer a wide range of bird-watching opportunities.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

With the fall season fast approaching, there are various locations in Orange County where birds from faraway places will migrate to stay for the winter.

The local places below offer a wide range of birding-watching opportunities for all:

- Bolsa Chica Ecological Re-

serve and Huntington Central Park in Huntington Beach

- San Joaquin Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine
- Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve in Newport Beach
- Fairview Park in Costa Mesa
- Laguna Coast Wilderness Park in Laguna Beach

— Raul Roa



RAPTORS LIKE this Cooper's hawk can be seen circling for prey at the expansive Fairview Park in Costa Mesa on Wednesday.



MIGRATING BIRDS like this Say's Phoebe can only be seen a few months a year at the San Joaquin Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine.



ABOVE LEFT: Large birds like this Great blue heron can be seen hunting for fish, frogs and snakes.



ABOVE RIGHT: Looking up to the sky, one can spot birds like this large Great egret at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.



LEFT: Flocks of this tiny non-native Scaly-breasted Munia, gathering material for a nest, can be seen feeding on small seed plants.

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