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MOVIE FANS BUY their tickets minutes after Cinemark Century Cinema opened in Huntington Beach on Friday.

With concessions, movie theaters return to county

BY MATT SZABO

Denise Zak smiled as she walked into the Cinemark Century movie theater in Huntington Beach on Friday afternoon.

Zak lives in an apartment building near Bella Terra mall, and she had been waiting for the theater to reopen. On Friday, she had a ticket to see "Unhinged," the new Russell

Crowe movie. Before the coronavirus pandemic, she said she went to the theater at least once a week.

"This is my happy place, or one of them," said Zak, who works as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines. "When I get off work, this is my escape."

For the first time since March, the happy place is once again open for business. Texas-based Cinemark started showing movies there again

Friday afternoon, to a maximum of 25% of the theater's capacity.

That's in line with the state reopening guidelines, as Orange County moved from the purple tier to the less-restrictive red tier on Tuesday.

Regal has reopened 13 theaters in Orange County, including the Big Newport and Edwards Metro Pointe

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Orange County reports 12 new deaths due to COVID-19

According to the Orange County Health Care Agency, 11 of the lives lost were skilled nursing facility residents.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 12 deaths due to the coronavirus and 147 new infections in the latest data released on Saturday.

That brings the total number of fatalities in the county due to the pandemic to 1,093. Cumulatively, there have been 50,760 cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, among county residents.

From the deaths reported by the healthcare agency on Saturday, 11 of the lives lost were skilled nursing facility residents.

At present, there are

215 cases of the virus that require hospitalization, and 65 of the patients are in intensive care units.

There were 8,558 tests reported in the last day, bringing the total number of tests administered to 732,422. An estimated 45,126 recoveries have been made countywide from a bout with the virus.

Orange County recently progressed into the second tier of red, or "substantial transmission," in the color-coded state guidelines for reopening. The requirements for that tier were that the county have be-

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HIGH SCHOOLS

Corona del Mar High hires Dennis Wilbanks as new athletic director

BY MATT SZABO

The Corona del Mar High School athletic department has new leadership for the 2020-21 school year, but he is a familiar face.

The school has hired Dennis Wilbanks as its new athletic director, he said Friday.

Wilbanks takes over for Don Grable, who said he retired after 32 years in education, including the past 11 as CdM's athletic director, so he could spend more time with

friends and family. Wilbanks, who has been a special education teacher at the school since 2014, is no stranger to the athletic program. He was the offensive line coach for the CdM football team for 10 years, before taking the same role the last two years at Mater Dei.

"I was turning 50 this year," Wilbanks said. "I was like, 'What do I want to do? What's my end game?'" All the while,

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MOVIEGOERS grab snacks at the just reopened Cinemark Century Cinema.



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NARP Clothing plans to empower former college student-athletes

BY ANDREW TURNER

A great debate surrounding collegiate athletics has been whether a student-athlete should be allowed to profit from their name, image and likeness.

KJ Bryant and Patrick Cromwell believe that college athletes should be able to reap the benefits of their hard work.

Formerly teammates in the Clemson University baseball program for the 2017 season, the duo was reunited when Bryant joined his sister on her business trip to Europe last year.

After finishing his college career, Cromwell had been playing abroad, first in Australia and then in Germany. Bryant joined his friend to catch up along the Rhine River, where he pitched Cromwell on an idea.

The plan was to allow former student-athletes to profit via their name, image and likeness through sale of their team-issued gear. That led to the for-



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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY graduate Patrick Cromwell, 25, shows some of the merchandise from NARP Clothing, a company he co-founded with a friend, at his home in Costa Mesa on Saturday.

mation of NARP Clothing, an online marketplace that does just that.

Bryant said the catchy name was a nonderogatory acronym

commonly used by collegiate athletes for students who are not part of the athletic program.

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Huntington couple fights for 44-year-old phone number

BY DAVID LAZARUS

This is one of those stories where the stakes may be small but the issues raised are large, reflecting how difficult it can be for consumers to navigate customer-service obstacle courses.

Huntington Beach residents Robin Gross, 69, and her husband, James Brown, 68, are long-time phone customers of Frontier Communications and before that Verizon Communications. Frontier acquired Verizon's California landline business in 2016.

Gross and Brown recently decided to transfer their phone service to Spectrum and bundle it with their Spectrum internet service. (Spectrum partners with the Los Angeles Times for a nightly TV show.)

Normally this wouldn't be a

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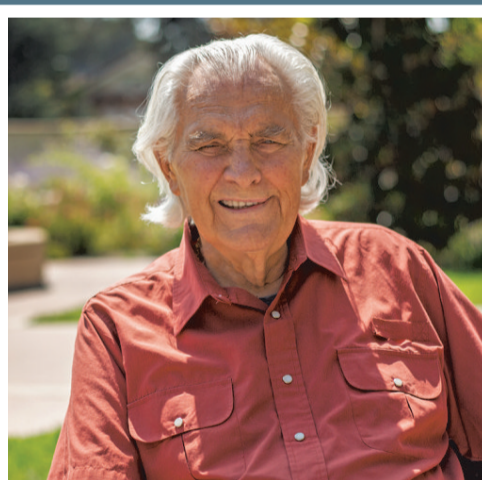
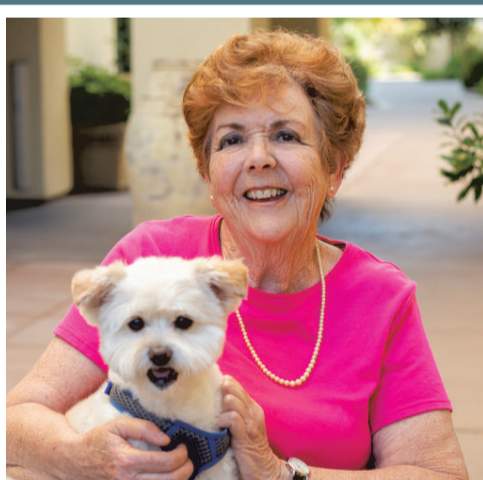
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SUDOKU

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.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A10.

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PATRICK CROMWELL, a Costa Mesa resident, shows some of the merchandise from NARP, a business that allows former collegiate athletes to sell their team-issued gear to fans following their playing careers.

Raul Roa Staff Photographer

NARP

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NARP stands for nonathletic regular person. Clemson fans have a tradition called "Solid Orange Friday," Bryant said. One Friday while working a summer internship in 2019, Bryant wore a Clemson baseball travel polo to work, and a superior told him that he would pay him \$60 for the shirt. "My mind just got racing," Bryant said. "I went home and had all of my Clemson stuff. It was in a box. It was almost collecting dust, so I just got on the computer and I created an informal business plan back in July [2019]." Cromwell, 25, a Costa Mesa resident who went to Calvary Chapel High School, gave his stamp of approval on the pitch. Bryant asked him to be his co-founder, and the two of them have been working together since. They started looking for athletes to bring aboard in their old backyard at Clemson. The co-founders noted that the Clemson paw was a recognizable brand, especially due to the football program's run of success, and figured if they could not sell Clemson gear, they could not sell anything else. They also wanted to know if fans were only interested in high-profile

athlete gear or team-issued gear that was not accessible to everyone. The items were uploaded to the website, and each athlete was provided their own "locker," where their items would be listed to sell. As athletes experienced success, word got out about NARP Clothing. "They will send us photos of the gear they would like to sell, and then KJ and I will upload the items to their locker, list them for sale, and then as soon as an item is sold, we will send them a prepaid shipping label that will go into a custom poly mailer that we will send them," Cromwell said of the business model. He added that every athlete is researched to ensure that they are not current student-athletes and they do not have remaining eligibility. Bryant and Cromwell anticipate NARP Clothing becoming more than just a marketplace to connect former college student-athletes with their fans. They are planning on introducing NARP Academy, which will allow for high school athletes to reach out to some of their participating athletes for advice on topics such as recruiting and workouts over a video chat. "Sometimes, the best advice comes from someone you don't know, but they've been in your

shoes," said Bryant, 24, who earned a master's degree in public administration from the College of Charleston. Cromwell said that NARP Clothing allows the athlete to set their own price for the gear. Athletes can use the money as they wish, and in some cases, they have chosen to support causes. Megan Whittle, who played women's lacrosse at the University of Maryland, said in a video on her locker that she is donating all the money she receives from selling items on the site to Black Lives Matter. Alex Martens, who played softball at the University of Kentucky, said she plans to donate half of the proceeds from her sold gear to Special Olympics Kentucky. Cromwell said that the website will soon become a platform for former collegiate athletes to share their stories about life after their playing careers. "In the near future, we have a vlog series that will be coming out called, 'NARP Life,' which highlights our [athletes]," Cromwell said. "It gives them the ability to share some of the struggles that they went through during this weird transitioning phase from your athletic career to your post-athletic career."

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COMMENTARY | SUSAN MCCLINTIC

The time to fix Orange County's childcare is now

Childcare has come under intense focus during the COVID-19 pandemic as tens of millions of children across the nation suddenly found themselves on extended breaks from regular childcare and parents were thrust into a life-altering dilemma: working from home while simultaneously educating and supporting their young children.

The pandemic closed schools and childcare programs, drawing increased attention to an already existing challenge. Even before the pandemic, recent studies revealed that businesses in each state lose more than \$1 billion in productivity and revenue each year as a result of breakdowns in childcare options available to working parents.

Two studies in San Diego earlier this year drew a direct line between economic growth and childcare availability. The studies' follow-up reports stressed the critical importance of all sectors of the community stepping up and playing major roles in supporting working parents by expanding childcare options.

The studies also revealed the additional challenges first responders, healthcare, hospitality and retail workers face in seeking childcare for their children, due to often unpredictable and non-standard work schedules.

The takeaway is clear: Inadequate childcare and the enormous emotional and financial toll it exacts on families has a huge impact on local economies.

Working parents have long been aware of the compromises faced while balancing career and childcare challenges. Now, with early care and education settings shuttered, business and philanthropic leaders also recognize that



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A STUDENT watches a teacher on a computer. An early childhood educator writes that Orange County must meet challenges to education for young students.

the profound lack of quality childcare makes both returning to and staying in the workforce difficult — if not impossible — for many working families.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought to light what these studies show, that our existing childcare system has been fragile and all too susceptible to economic injury for a long time and cannot survive the additional stressors created by the pandemic without

community support.

That's why First 5 Orange County is currently helping spearhead a major study to uncover the severity of the problem locally. Working with our community partners including the Orange County Business Council, First 5 Orange County will use the findings to chart a strategic course to expand high-quality childcare options. Childcare is an essential, foundational, necessary step to

rebuilding the local economy.

Thankfully, growing numbers of local employers, government leaders, school districts, labor experts, CEOs and community organizations have already begun exploring ways to ease the childcare crisis. One resource to help families currently struggling to find childcare is this database of open childcare centers created by First 5 OC partner Early Childhood OC.

I hope these collaborative efforts will trigger a silver lining of this tragic pandemic, by building a laser-focused commitment to finally addressing the childcare crisis across Orange County and the nation.

SUSAN MCCLINTIC is a First 5 Orange County commissioner and seasoned early childhood educator who advocates for Orange County's most vulnerable populations.

MAILBAG

Letters, actions in Congress speak to Rouda's responsibility

The opinion Russ Neal expressed in a recent Daily Pilot Mailbag shows only partisan politics.

Rep. Harley Rouda has tried to support nonpartisan approaches in his time in Congress.

One great example is his support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763. This bill will solve climate change in a way that both parties should support.

There is no question that the pandemic has had a significant effect on the work of firefighters, police and other first responders. So has the climate crisis.

I am not sure what Mr. Neal could expect Rouda to do for firefighters, police and other first responders in Orange County, but Rouda's stand on H.R. 763 will certainly help if others will join to pass it.

What has O.C. Supervisor Michelle Steel done "in the trenches" that helps firefighters, police and other first responders?

Jim Martin
Huntington Beach

Russ Neal misrepresents the letter addressed to Gov. Newsom and Orange County supervisors from congressional Reps. Rouda, Cisneros, Levin, Lowenthal and Correa.

Far from offering "no suggestions," Rouda and the others call for more testing, particularly to protect first responders, noting that they voted for the bipartisan CARES Act which allocated \$554 million to Orange County, money the supervisors should be using for this purpose.

Rouda also points out that the Heroes Act, approved by the House in May and rejected by Senate Republicans, would have provided \$1.8 billion to Orange County, safeguarding critical personnel like first responders.

The writer apparently favors Michelle Steel's approach, downplaying the virus, refusing a mask mandate, pretending, like Trump, that it will all go away like a miracle.

Orange County residents know how this failed leadership is working out: 50,000 infected; over 1,000 dead, still no end in sight.

Vote for a responsible leader in November. Reelect Harley Rouda.

Bob Taylor
Newport Beach

Russ Neal criticized Rep. Harley Rouda because the congressman wrote to local authorities expressing his concern for the safety of COVID-19 first responders.

Mr. Neal felt that Rouda should, instead, "take responsibility for something," and "call for



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REP. HARLEY ROUDA (D-Laguna Beach) addresses his constituents in the gym at Estancia High School in Costa Mesa in February 2019.

specific action." Harley did both.

He took responsibility for helping to pass the bipartisan CARES Act, which allocated \$554 million to Orange County. He also arranged for the HEROES Act to allocate an additional \$1.8 billion to Orange County. The Senate took no action on that.

Not having local authority to act himself, he then wrote to recommend that local authorities take specific action to remedy the lack of available COVID-19 testing and the significant delays in receiving results, in order to better safeguard first responders as well as the public.

It's worth noting that Rouda's letter also praised local Republican authorities for encouraging the use of masks.

Christopher Hilger
Fountain Valley

I am pretty sure that letter writer Russ Neal never bothered to look up any of Rep. Harley Rouda's accomplishments in his less than two years in office.

I am pretty sure he does not know or care about his three measures signed into law, his 31 measures passed in the House and his 60 measures introduced.

He is probably unaware of the 577 measures co-sponsored (60% being bipartisan). His accomplishments dwarf the entire output of his Republican predecessor over his decades in office.

Rouda's GOP opponent, Supervisor Michelle Steel, may have been "in the trenches," but it was making disastrous decisions to open our local economy and schools early without adequate protection and planning for the coronavirus pandemic.

Rouda chairs one subcommittee in Congress (Oversight and Government Reform Committee), something Steel would never be able to do in a Democrat-con-

trolled House of Representatives.

He has pull for a freshman congressman in serving his constituents in Orange County, something Steel could not match.

Rouda is doing plenty and has exercised plenty of leadership. If this is "small ball," it is scoring plenty of runs.

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

Two letters appeared in the the Daily Pilot today, both of which were from Huntington Beach writers.

Tim Geddes wants to see debates between candidates we will be voting for. It's a good idea; I agree with it.

The other, from Russ Neal, criticizes Rep. Harley Rouda. Mr. Neal feels that the congressman has done little to warrant reelection. Has he considered Rouda's activity on behalf of climate and the environment? I have.

I am close to the climate and environmental communities both local and national and have written and educated on these topics for decades. I have also heard the congressman in person speak about these issues. Few issues — coronavirus included — are as critical as the worldwide global warming emergency.

Rouda signed on to climate bill HR763 in Congress as soon as it was introduced. I thank him for his leadership.

Curt Abdouch
Costa Mesa

Two years ago, my dog and I were spending our free time knocking doors to help rid our district of the embarrassment of Dana Rohrabacher.

This year, the pandemic has put the kibosh on door-knocking, but I'm still every bit as passionate about helping ensure that the 48th District repeats the wise

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decision we made in 2018.

Rep. Harley Rouda has been an intelligent, empathetic, even-handed presence in Congress. He's prioritized issues like taxes, climate change and healthcare, which affect all Orange County residents, and unlike his opponent, he's promoted a safe, sensible response to the coronavirus crisis.

Rouda and I don't agree on every issue; we don't need to. After far too many years of being alternately terrified and humiliated by my congressional representative, I'm thrilled to know that someone smart and honest is speaking for my district, and I'm not interested in going backward. I'm proud to vote for Harley Rouda once again.

Eliza Rubenstein
Costa Mesa

In a rambling letter to the Daily Pilot, Russ Neal essentially accuses Rep. Harley Rouda of not doing anything.

I wonder if he would have written a similar letter to the Mailbag about former Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, who had no legislation enacted and accomplished virtually nothing during his legislative tenure.

Rouda has had several (many with bipartisan support) bills enacted. His office responds promptly with requests. A friend (Republican) recently had a problem with a lost U.S. passport and got rapid assistance from Rouda's staff.

When the Heroes Act was passed by Congress there was a provision that allowed taxpayers who had withdrawn Minimum Required Distribution funds from an IRA to redeposit the funds with consequent tax savings. The bill only allowed this for folks who had made withdrawals during a short 30-day window before the bill's passage.

I emailed Rouda's office and they quickly contacted the IRS, which issued an emergency ruling allowing anyone to return funds even if they had withdrawn funds before the originally allot-

ted time.

Neal says "... I would like to see our congressman show a little more real leadership, call for specific action and take responsibility for something."

That's exactly what he should be writing to Donald Trump.

Lawrence Freedman
Newport Beach

New rule might be the final nail in the coffin

There appears to be an underlying current at a recent Newport Beach City Council meeting, as there is an emergency ordinance being considered for restaurants and bars to mandate wearing masks and implement, a "one person, one seat" policy.

The restaurants and bars have been closed for months and are barely surviving serving people outside, as indoor dining is prohibited; yet, the City Council is now considering pounding yet another "nail in the coffin," further punishing our local restaurants and bars.

Offenders of this emergency ordinance, if adopted, will be fined \$100 and the fine for the second violation will be \$200 and a third violation within a six-month period, \$500. Who is going to police this edict or should Newport Beach create another bureaucracy, perhaps, the "Bar and Bounty Stalkers"?

As of Aug. 31, San Diego County has implemented a "safe-reopening" plan that includes restaurants, places of worship, movie theaters, museums, gyms and fitness centers, zoos and aquariums, hair salons and barber shops, nail salons and tattoo parlors. In some cases the guidance includes maximum capacity and they can still continue their outdoor operations. It is time for Orange County to follow suit.

The government needs to stop regulating our freedoms by trusting and allowing the people to make their own best, informed educated decisions. By trying to command and control us will only continue to crush the economy and the human spirit.

Interestingly enough, this proposed ordinance is just for restaurants and bars and ironically, one of the candidates running for City Council owns a restaurant and bar in Newport Beach.

Ask yourself, if this is a true emergency or is it simply political power prevailing over common sense?

Peggy V. Palmer
Newport Beach



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ESTANCIA HIGH varsity linebacker coach Mike Ortiz, left, leads players through a drill during a workout on Thursday. Guidelines are in place to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

MAKING A FRESH START

High school athletes in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District have been allowed to work out on campuses for almost a month during the coronavirus pandemic. The district has guidelines in place to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Costa Mesa, Corona del Mar, Estancia and Newport Harbor are in Phase 1 of their athletic reopening plans. When athletes arrive on campus, they are screened and have their temperature checked.

Athletes must wear facial coverings and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, and they can only exercise outside and in groups of 10 or fewer. There is no sharing of equipment or entering locker rooms.

The Costa Mesa and Estancia athletes in sports such as football, baseball, volleyball, wrestling, water polo, cross-country and cheer worked out Thursday at their respective schools.

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COSTA MESA High junior Jordan Stuckie works out on the baseball field at the school on Thursday. Athletes must wear facial coverings and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

ESTANCIA HIGH varsity boys' water polo players hold practice on Thursday. Costa Mesa and Estancia athletes in sports such as football, baseball, volleyball, wrestling, water polo, cross-country and cheer worked out Thursday at their respective schools.



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MEMBERS OF the Costa Mesa High School girls' cross country team, from left, Sasha Olmedo, Brianna Tapia, Daisy Carrillo, Abigail Constantino and Madeline Stute take laps on the track at the school in Costa Mesa on Thursday.

COMMENTARY | BOB TAYLOR AND CHRIS HILGER

Local climate lobbyists see common ground for bipartisan action

The U.S. Geological Survey predicts that two thirds of California's beaches could be lost to climate change by the end of the century.

According to new research, rising sea levels will annually flood all of Balboa Island and the entire Balboa peninsula by 2050.

With the loss of beaches and billions of dollars in coastal property, coastal communities stand to be among the biggest losers to global warming.

In January 2018, city of Newport Beach staff and UCI consultants warned that seas could rise as much as 5½ feet by 2100, and adaptation costs to taxpayers could approach \$1 billion.

Without question, our local as well as our planetary home are in grave danger. Scientists have identified the problem, and it's now up to our political leaders to fix it.

Since the climate crisis is a global problem, political leaders around the world will need to promote government policies that transition us away from fossil-fuel economies to ones powered by clean energy.

This transition must be started without delay and accomplished in a way that is socially and economically just. And, in America, to endure changes in political power, history shows that bipartisan support is essential.

One sign of hope across party lines is the rapid growth of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL). In Orange County alone this nonpartisan grassroots organization has hundreds of volunteers, Republicans and Democrats, organized in chapters located in each of its six congressional districts.

Yet, is there any hope that Republicans and Democrats can find common ground on climate policy? They appear to be miles apart.

President Trump and most Republicans currently in office seem to belie any chance for bipartisan action.

The most recent Republican plan ignores the scale of the problem, focusing on planting trees and encouraging carbon capture and storage technologies.

It offers no incentives, through taxes or regulatory standards, to transition to a noncarbon-energy future. This approach accepts the continuation of fossil-fueled economies.

There is, however, an "old guard" of Republicans, including former Secretary of State George Shultz and former Treasury Secretary James Baker, who accept climate science and understand the urgent need to reduce carbon pollution.

Their Climate Leadership Council promotes a market-based, fee and dividend carbon pricing approach.

Gradually rising fees on fossil fuels are returned as dividends to citizens. Border adjustments protect U.S. businesses and workers, while incentivizing other countries to adopt similar policies.

This approach has the support of leading economists and major business leaders who believe it provides the fastest most powerful way to cut carbon emissions while safeguarding low- and middle-income households.

Democrats have long favored carbon pricing. Indeed, since 2013 Democrats have introduced 26 carbon pricing bills, in-

cluding eight that are currently before Congress.

Most recently, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden as well as House and Senate Democrats released comprehensive climate plans that encourage or at least recognize the value of this approach.

The fact that carbon pricing has advocates in both political parties singles it out as the most promising common ground for bipartisan action.

An even greater cause for hope is the fact that the most popular carbon pricing bill currently before Congress, with 82 co-sponsors, the Energy Innovation Act (HR-763), employs the same fee and dividend approach advocated by the Republican Climate Leadership Council.

Locally, this legislation also has the support of Orange County Reps. Harley Rouda, Katie Porter, Lou Correa, Gil Cisneros and Mike Levin, as well as the city councils of Costa Mesa and Santa Ana.

In the end, it may be voters who insist on bipartisan climate action. Current polls routinely show that voters of all persuasions continue to be deeply concerned, even during the current coronavirus pandemic.

The climate crisis is urgent. To avert its worst impacts, locally and globally, our political leaders must come together on a way forward. Carbon fee and dividend policies could provide the necessary common ground.

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

'As well as' and its misleading connective cousins

Last week, we learned two things: "As well as" is hard to use and you use it well anyway.

This week, I take it back. The truth is "as well as" is easy, and you, if you're anything like the writers I edit, are really blowing it.

How can I explain this contradiction? Easy. "As well as" has different applications. It can join two nouns that are the subject of a sentence, "John as well as Jane is here." In these cases, it's hard to know whether you want a singular verb like "is" or a plural verb like "are." Inexplicably, everyone handles these situations well.

But "as well as" can also add an item to the end of a list: "Specialties include pasta, steaks, chops and fresh seafood, as well as craft cocktails." That's where people mess up, instead structuring sentences like this: "Specialties include pasta, steaks, chops, fresh seafood, as well as craft cocktails."

Notice how the "and" before fresh seafood has disappeared. The result: a grammatical error based on the belief that, because "as well as" works kind of like "and," it can replace "and." Not so.

"And" is classified as a coordinating conjunction and, as a member of that club, it has a special power: It can be used in lists to signal that the next item will be the last item in the list. You don't say the flag is red, white, blue. You say it's red, white and blue. You don't say your piggy bank contains pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters. You say it contains pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters.

"As well as" can't do "and's" job in those situations because it's not a coordinating conjunction. Some people call it a quasi-coordinator because it has some properties of "and" but not all. Garner's



Sarah Bennett

GRAMMAR COLUMNIST June Casagrande says "as well as craft cocktails" is correct in the sentence "Specialties include pasta, steaks, chops and fresh seafood, as well as craft cocktails" because of the "and" between "chops" and "fresh seafood."

Modern American Usage calls "as well as" a "misleading connective" for reasons you can easily glean. It connects things, but it misleads people as to how those connections work.

The result is a regular barrage of sentences like this in my editing work: "Every dish is made with fresh fish, served with soy sauce, ginger, spicy wasabi, as well as miso soup." My job, the service for which I get paid the big bucks, is to insert "and" before "spicy wasabi" and leave the rest of the sentence as is.

This problem is most common when one of the items in the list contains its own internal "and," like "peanut butter and jelly." Consider: "Sandwiches on the menu include turkey, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, as well as salami." That's a mistake. For purposes of this list, "peanut butter and jelly" make up one item, not two. It's a sandwich. So before the last sandwich in the list, you need an "and." Only after you've completed the list can you tack on "as well as": Sandwiches on the menu include turkey, tuna and peanut butter and jelly, as well as salami. "As well as" isn't the only

member of the misleading connectives club. "Along with" misleads, too, as in, "Major industries are agriculture, energy, manufacturing, along with information technology."

"Coupled with" is another culprit, as seen in this error I came across recently: "This holiday anticipation coupled with 2019 findings mean there is even greater urgency to start your holiday marketing plans now." That sentence should have a singular verb, "means," because the subject is singular, "anticipation."

Rounding out our lineup of misleading connectives are "accompanied by," "added to" and "together with" — all of which connect things but not in the same way that "and" does.

So remember, just because a term can add a noun to a list doesn't mean it works like "and." "As well as" and its misleading cousins just don't possess all the powers of "and."

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AROUND TOWN

Laguna women's group awards scholarships to O.C. reentry college students

The Laguna Beach branch of the American Assn. of University Women, an organization that promotes gender equity, has awarded scholarships to 12 women returning to college.

The scholarships will go to the following reentry students representing four Orange County institutions: Orange Coast College's Valerie Fernandez, Stacey Mori, Helen Thome, Jenny Ortega and Abigail Andres-soo; UC Irvine's Aliyah Clayton and Grace Lee; and Laguna College of Art and Design's Jennifer Schmidt.

Patricia Reyes, Liz Clark, Jessica Trujillo and Kailee Cabrera all take classes at Saddleback College.

"In general, applicants must be women who have had to take a break in their educational journeys and have returned to school to continue," Lesley Danziger, the president of AAUW's Laguna Beach branch, said in a statement. "Thus, they are usually mature students. The students must also be in financial need and they must be on track to complete a certificate training

course or an associate or bachelor's degree."

Danziger added that about 60 students applied for the scholarships, which range between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

The organization plans to raise funds for local high school and college students in the upcoming year.

Those wishing to donate to the scholarship fund can go to lagunabeach-ca.aaauw.net.

Orange County Community Foundation sets 'giving day'

The Orange County Community Foundation will host an online "giving day" to support nonprofits serving Orange County youth on Sept. 23.

The event, called "Igniting Potential," is part of a series of collaborative Giving Days organized by the OCCF aimed to boost the capacity of local nonprofits that are providing vital services in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The organization aims to raise \$125,000 for 11 nonprofits, including Assistance League Irvine; Helping Others Prepare for Eternity (H.O.P.E.); Irvine Public Schools Foundation; Kid Healthy; KidWorks;

MOMS Orange County; Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America; Pretend City Children's Museum; Parentis Foundation; Scholar's Hope and The Youth Center.

"As our community rises to the challenges of the pandemic, we continue to see tremendous strength and potential in collaboration," said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO of OCCF, in a statement. "We are so proud to support 'Igniting Potential' and these 11 nonprofits as they work collectively to serve youth in Orange County in these challenging times."

To give online the day of, visit igniting-potential-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org. Additional giving days will be announced over the coming year. For more information, visit oc-cf.org/iheartoc.

Silent walk to support Newport Beach police

A silent walk to support the Newport Beach Police Department will be on Sunday, starting at 9 a.m.

Participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the corners of Newport Center drives, near Fashion Island, and will walk in a single file line — 6 feet apart — to the Newport Beach Police Department at 870 Santa Barbara

Drive to cheer and applaud.

Organizers said that the walk is not political.

Interested parties are suggested to bring a "Thin Blue Line" flag. Participants are also encouraged to wear "brilliant" blue, navy or black clothing.

Sherman Library & Gardens displays garden-inspired art

Original garden-inspired art pieces are now on display in the Cafe Jardin at Sherman Library & Gardens in Corona del Mar.

As part of the Newport Beach Garden Tour, artists are featured at each private residence on the tour. Artists are then invited to capture points of interests in their work throughout their assigned gardens.

This year's artists include Andrea Holte, Cathy Hull, Mike Ishikawa, Jai Kim, Carol Kreider, Yuma Lynch, Ellen Small and Lesa Vander Bie.

Interested buyers can visit the cafe to purchase the artwork until Wednesday. The cafe will be open daily from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Proceeds from sale of artwork will go toward children's education programs at the Sherman Library & Gardens.

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GIRLS' WATER POLO

Laguna Beach's Nicole Struss, Marina's Emma Marsh earn CIF Player of the Year honors

Laguna Beach High junior center Nicole Struss was named the CIF Southern Section Division 1 Player of the Year in girls' water polo, while Marina senior goalkeeper Emma Marsh earned the Division 6 Player of the Year award.

Struss helped the Breakers to their second straight Division 1 championship, and Marsh led the Vikings to their first CIF title since 1998.

Laguna Beach's Ethan Damato received the Division 1 Coach of the Year honor. Marina's Tamara Towgood was the Division 6 Coach of the Year.

Struss, the Surf League MVP, was second on Laguna Beach (33-1, 6-0 in league) with 74 goals, adding 28 assists and 25 steals.

She helped the Breakers rally past Foothill 7-6 for the Division 1 title, and

beat the Bishop's School of La Jolla 17-8 for the CIF Southern California Regional Division I crown.

Marsh made a CIF Southern Section single-season record 452 saves for the Vikings (22-12, 2-4 in Wave League), who beat La Cañada Flintridge Prep 6-4 for the Division 6 title. The Vikings, the third-place team from the Wave League, made the CIF Southern California Regional Division III semifinals before losing 3-2 in sudden death to Imperial Beach Mar Vista.

Laguna Beach junior attackers Emma Lineback and Molly Renner also earned All-CIF Division 1 honors, as did Newport Harbor junior center Olivia Giolas and sophomore attackers Taylor Smith and Morgan Netherton.

Lineback, a left-hander, led the Breakers with 80

goals, was second on the team with 59 assists and added 32 steals. Renner finished with 63 goals, 43 assists and 34 steals.

Giolas, Smith and Netherton helped the Surf League runner-up Sailors (23-9, 4-2) advance to the Division 1 semifinals for the first time since 2015 before losing 9-7 to Laguna Beach.

Corona del Mar High senior goalkeeper Maya Avital, bound for Stanford, was an All-CIF selection in Division 2. The Sea Kings (12-16, 2-4) failed to earn an at-large berth into the Division 2 playoffs.

Edison junior center Sam Worley was an All-CIF selection in Division 4. Worley, who led Edison with 73 goals, guided the Wave League runner-up Chargers (18-14, 4-2) to the CIF semifinals for the first time in program history



LAGUNA BEACH'S Nicole Struss, shown defending against Mira Costa on Feb. 7, was named the CIF Southern Section Division 1 Player of the Year.

Don Leach
Staff
Photographer

before falling 8-7 to No. 2-seeded Glendora.

Costa Mesa freshman attacker Kira Anderson and senior center Taiuta Uiagalelei each earned All-CIF honors in Division 5. Anderson, the Orange Coast League MVP, finished with a program single-season

record 126 goals for the Mustangs, adding team-best totals of 74 assists and 89 steals. Uiagalelei, bound for Concordia University, had 63 goals, 21 assists and 23 steals.

The top-seeded Mustangs (24-7, 4-0) advanced to their first CIF final in

program history before losing 10-6 to No. 2-seeded Whittier California.

Marina freshman attackers Lily Ensley and Taylor Lambert, and sophomore attacker Lana Kardos, also earned All-Division 6 accolades.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

F.V.'s Jeremiah Davis among 4 local All-CIF selections

Fountain Valley High junior guard Jeremiah Davis has earned All-CIF Southern Section Division 3A honors in boys' basketball after helping the Barons advance to the CIF semifinals for the first time in program history.

Pacifica Christian Orange County senior wing player Judah Brown and junior point guard Houston Mallette were All-CIF picks in Division 2A, and Estancia senior center Jake Covey was an All-CIF Division 5AA selection.

Davis averaged 23 points, six rebounds and four assists per game for the Barons (20-11). Fountain Valley was the Wave League runner-up at 4-2, and as the No. 3 seed, it advanced to the Division 3A semifinals before falling 82-70 at No. 2-seeded Indio Shadow Hills.

Davis, a first-team All-Wave League pick, also led the No. 15-seeded Barons to the CIF State Southern California Regional Division III semifinals before losing 78-58 at Burbank Providence.

Brown, the Daily Pilot

Dream Team Player of the Year bound for St. Mary's College, averaged team-best totals of 16.6 points and 9.1 rebounds for Pacifica Christian (22-8, 7-1 in San Joaquin League). Mallette averaged 15.7 points and seven rebounds per game, adding a team-best 4.9 assists per game. Both earned first-team All-San Joaquin League honors.

They helped the Tritons win a share of the San Joaquin League title, eventually falling 62-53 to La Verne Bonita in the Division

2A quarterfinals.

Covey averaged 16 points and nine rebounds per game for Estancia (27-4). The Orange Coast League MVP helped the Eagles go 10-0 in the league and win their first league title since the 2004-05 season.

Estancia advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division 5AA playoffs, also the Eagles' furthest playoff run since 2005, before the No. 2-seeded Eagles were upset 49-46 at Santa Barbara Bishop Diego.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Players from Sage Hill, CdM, Laguna earn All-CIF honors

Sage Hill School's Isabel Gomez and Corona del Mar's Trasara Alexander received All-CIF Southern Section girls' basketball honors in Division 3AA, while Laguna Beach's Madilyn Garwal was selected for Division 5A.

Gomez, a sophomore

point guard, averaged 17 points, 5.8 rebounds, 3.9 assists, 2.5 steals and 1.4 blocked shots per game for the Lightning. She was a first-team All-San Joaquin League pick.

Sage Hill went 17-10 overall and 4-4 in the San Joaquin League, taking

third place behind co-champions Orangewood Academy and Fairmont Prep. The Lightning were eliminated by No. 2-seeded Manhattan Beach Mira Costa 44-42 in the second round of the playoffs.

Alexander, a junior shooting guard, gave the

Sea Kings 15 points, nine rebounds and three assists per game. Her production went up to 19 points and nine rebounds in the post-season, during which the first-team All-Surf League pick also shot 50% from behind the three-point line.

CdM went 23-8 overall and 4-2 in the Surf League, finishing in second place behind Huntington Beach. The Sea Kings beat No. 4-seeded South Torrance 48-42 in the second round, before bowing out with a 34-28 loss in the quarterfinals against Lancaster.

Garwal, a senior forward, became Laguna Beach's all-time leader for total rebounds in a career with 917 in her three seasons.

The first-team All-Wave League selection averaged 4.1 points, 12.6 rebounds, 2.9 steals and 2.8 assists per game for the last-place Breakers (10-18, 0-6).

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GIRLS' SOCCER

CdM's Megan Chelf, Edison's Kate Davies and Nikki Marino All-CIF Division 1 selections

Corona del Mar High forward Megan Chelf, and Edison High senior midfielders Kate Davies and Nikki Marino have each earned All-CIF Southern Section Division 1 honors in girls' soccer. Marina junior defender McKenna Pua was an All-CIF Division 2 selection.

Chelf, bound for the University of Arizona, had 14 goals and four assists for the Sea Kings (13-6-2). CdM finished tied for third in the Surf League at 2-4 and advanced to the second round of the Division 1 playoffs, where the Sea Kings lost 4-0 to eventual champion Corona Santiago.

Chelf, the Surf League Offensive MVP, finished her high school career with a program-record 58 goals and 34 assists. Davies, a defensive midfielder, was the Surf League Defensive MVP. She helped league runner-up Edison (14-6-4, 3-2-1 in league) record 15 shutouts. The Chargers

advanced to the semifinals of the Division 1 playoffs for the first time since 2014 before losing 2-0 at Upland. Marino had three goals and an assist for the Chargers. Pua, a Washington State commit, was the Wave League MVP after guiding the Vikings to their

first league title since the 1994-95 season. She helped Marina (10-9-3, 5-1) earn eight shutouts. Marina advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division 2 playoffs, its first CIF quarterfinal appearance since 2008, before losing 3-1 to Capistrano Valley. — From staff reports

McKenna Pua of league champion Marina is Wave MVP

Marina High junior center back McKenna Pua has earned Wave League MVP honors in girls' soccer for helping the Vikings win their first league title since the 1994-95 season. Marina junior midfielder Makenna Castillo and Laguna Beach sophomore midfielder Acacia Edwards shared the league's Offensive MVP award, while Laguna Beach senior goalkeeper Cameron Russo was the league's Defensive MVP. Pua, a Washington State commit, led Marina (10-9-3, 5-1 in league) to a breakthrough season. The Vikings won the league title outright and also advanced to the quarterfinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs before falling 3-1 to Capistrano Valley. It was Marina's first CIF quarterfinal appearance since 2008. Pua helped the Vikings earn eight shutouts on the season, including three in six league matches. Castillo scored the match-winning goal as the Vikings beat Newport Harbor 1-0 in the second-to-last league match to clinch the title. First-team all-league selections for Marina included junior center back Emma Kirby, junior midfielder Haley Boren, junior forward Kaitlyn Paculba and senior goalkeeper Carly Miles. Edwards and Russo were leaders for Laguna Beach (7-6-6, 2-

1-3), which finished second in league play. The Breakers advanced to the second round of the Division 3 playoffs before losing 2-0 to Palos Verdes. Laguna Beach sophomore center back Jordan Sprague, freshman center midfielder Baylor Lund and sophomore center midfielder Ariel Taub also earned first-team status. Newport Harbor (16-6-4, 2-2-2) finished third in the league. The Sailors were represented on the first team by junior defenders Samara Golan and Jenna McConnaughey. Newport Harbor lost 3-1 at Troy in the first round of the Division 1 playoffs. Fountain Valley (8-12-3, 0-5-1) was last in the league and represented on the first team by senior center midfielder Samantha Escobar and senior center forward Micaela Villafuerte. Escobar had six goals and a team-best 10 assists, while Villafuerte tallied a team-best nine goals and four assists. Marina's second-team selections included senior defensive midfielder Leandra Gimenez, senior outside back Lori Mandarino and senior forward Felicia Hyde. Laguna Beach had junior outside back Maija Shaw, junior center back Julie Jakobsen and freshman left back Macy Draper on the second team. Newport Harbor senior defender Nicole Laz and junior goalkeeper Jessica Gardner earned second-team honors, as did Fountain Valley senior forward Summer Khalil and junior outside back Zoe La Clair.

CdM's Megan Chelf, Edison's Kate Davies earn top Surf awards

Corona del Mar High senior Megan Chelf has earned Surf League Offensive MVP honors in girls' soccer, while Edison senior Kate Davies is the league's Defensive MVP. Chelf, bound for the University of Arizona, had 14 goals and four assists. She helped CdM (13-6-2, 2-4 in league) finished tied for third in the league and advance to the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 1 playoffs, where the Sea Kings lost 4-0 to eventual Division 1 champion Corona Santiago. Chelf finished her CdM career with program record totals of 58 goals and 34 assists. Senior defender Alex Ianni and junior midfielder Avery Doherty also earned first-team all-league honors for CdM. Davies was a difference-maker at defensive midfielder for Edison (14-6-4, 3-2-1), which finished second in the league behind Los Alamitos. She helped the Chargers, who advanced to the Division 1 semifinals before losing 2-0 at Upland, record 15 shutouts. Senior midfielder Nikki Marino, junior defender Sophia Drake and senior defender Abby McCollam also all earned first-team all-league accolades for the Chargers. Huntington Beach (10-10-5, 2-4), which tied for third in league



James Carbone

CORONA DEL MAR senior Megan Chelf (3), shown centering the ball against Corona Santiago on Feb. 15, scored 14 goals this season. play, had senior forward Summer Stewart and senior defender Ella Davison as first-team all-league players. Stewart led the Oilers with 10 goals and 15 assists, while Davison had four goals and six assists. Huntington Beach lost 4-0 at Upland in the first round of the Division 1 playoffs. Edison junior defender Lucy Granger, senior midfielder Christina Hardway and senior forward Nicole Field all earned second-team all-league honors. CdM senior forward Nikki Senske and senior defender Sophia Harvey were also second-team honorees, as were Huntington Beach senior forward Cina Wilson

and senior defender Gabby Rizzo. Los Alamitos senior defender Jayden Newkirk and junior forward Colby Barnett shared the Surf League MVP award. **Ocean View trio makes All-Golden West first team** Ocean View High sophomore forward Kate Marsh, sophomore midfielder Marlene Ruiz and junior midfielder Bella Messina have all earned first-team All-Golden West League honors in girls' soccer. The three players helped the Seahawks finish 11-11-1 overall and 6-3-1 in the league for second place. Ocean View won 2-1 over Victorville Silverado in the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 4 playoffs before losing 3-0 to No. 2-seeded Chatsworth Sierra Canyon in the second round. Ocean View senior Alexandra Santiago, junior Linda Martinez and sophomore Sofia Orta earned second-team all-league accolades. Westminster senior Zaydee Solis earned Golden West League MVP honors, while Westminster senior Leyla Flores was the Defensive Player of the Year. Westminster senior Sophia Nguyen shared the league's Offensive Player of the Year honor with Godinez junior Jenny Molina. Westminster won the league championship. — From staff reports

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