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#### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



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**HUNTINGTON BEACH HIGH** running back Sammy Green runs the ball in for one of his four touchdowns against Marina on Friday night.

# Green is gold for H.B. Oilers

BY ANDREW TURNER

Like most high school football teams, Huntington Beach was anxious to take the field again.

It had been 16 months since the Oilers had played a game, but that was not the only motivating factor for Friday night's season

Prior to last season, Huntington Beach had not lost to Marina in the "Oil vs. Water" rivalry game for over a decade.

Sammy Green produced 196 total yards and four touchdowns, as the host Oilers ran past the Vikings 42-6 in a nonleague game at Huntington Beach High School. "I had to snatch it for them real quick."

Green said of winning the Victory Trophy back for the Oilers. "Me and my team, this is going to be a great team. We're going to go 6-0 this year. I'm excited about it."

Green, a senior transfer from JSerra who has committed to UNLV, rushed for 150 yards and scored all four of his touchdowns before halftime. He also turned a swing pass from AJ Perez into a 41-yard touchdown, weaving his way from left to right to the end zone in the second quarter.

Huntington Beach scored on its opening



**HUNTINGTON BEACH** wide receiver Jonah Del Rosario dives in for the Oilers' first score Friday.

Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**CITY OFFICIALS** must decide how to fill the vacancy Katrina Foley will leave on the City Council.

# Who will be mayor in Costa Mesa?

The City Council on Tuesday will discuss appointing someone to finish out Katrina Foley's two-year term.

#### **BY SARA CARDINE**

With Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley soon heading to the Orange County Board of Supervisors following a special election victory Tuesday, her City Council colleagues are left to decide how to fill the remainder of her two-year term.

Fewer than 500 ballots remained to be counted as of Friday, according to the county's Registrar of Voters. Still, figures showed Foley maintaining a strong lead with 43.77% of the vote, 13,570 ballots ahead of the next top vote-getter, Republican challenger state Sen. John Moorlach.

Election results will be certified by a Wednesday deadline, although Orange County Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley is not expected to deliver the official results of Tuesday's special election to the Board of Supervisors until March 23. That is the earliest Foley would be sworn in to office representing the board's 2nd Supervisorial District.

In a statement Thursday, Costa Mesa city officials announced the council would discuss its options for filling the mayoral seat at its next meeting.

"Given the critical role of the mayor for the city, an item will be placed on the City Council meeting agenda on Tuesday, March 16, to discuss the process by which the City Council will appoint the

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### Orange County set to move into red tier

#### **BY ANDREW TURNER**

Orange County is set to advance to the red tier on Sunday in the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which guides reopening with respect to the coronavirus, county officials announced in a news release on Fri-

The California Department of Public Health said that the state has administered 2 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to communities hit hardest by the pandemic.

With the equity measure met, Orange County is one of 13 counties that will be moving to a less restrictive tier. The changes, set to go into effect Sunday, will result in 21 counties being in the most-restrictive purple tier, 33 in the red tier, three in the orange tier and one in the yellow tier.

Laguna Beach Unified School District plans to have its secondary school students return to campus for in-person learning beginning Wednesday.

"We continue to be strongly encouraged by the progress Orange County has made to lower key COVID-19 risk metrics," district Supt. Dr. Jason Viloria wrote in a message addressed to the LBUSD community on Thursday. "Based on the projected county COVID-19 risk level next week, we continue to be on track for secondary schools to open to in-perhybrid instruction

Wednesday, March 17."

When the tier metrics were updated on Tuesday, Orange County had an adjusted daily case rate of six cases per 100,000 residents, which met the standard for the red tier. The county's testing positivity rate of 3.2% and health equity quartile positivity rate of 4.1% meet the criteria for the orange

Orange County reported 26 coronavirus deaths and 172 new infections on Saturday in the latest data released by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

There have been 4,434 deaths in the county attributed to the virus during the pandemic, and

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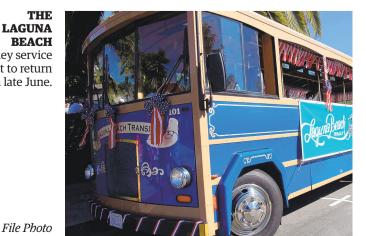
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MARINA GIRLS, FOUNTAIN VALLEY BOYS GO UNDEFEATED IN **CROSS-COUNTRY DISTRICT DUAL MEETS PAGE A7** 

THE **LAGUNA BEACH** trollev service is set to return in late June.



## Laguna to start up trolleys again in June

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach intends to bring its summer trolley service back in

City officials came before the council on Tuesday with the recommendation that the trolley service resume on June 25. It operates along three routes Coastal, Canyon and Summer

Breeze. The trolley service has been sidelined since March 19, 2020, when the state's initial stay-athome order was issued.

In a presentation at the meeting, Deputy Director of Public Works Michael Litschi said that several safety protocols would be implemented in accordance with applicable guidelines.

Among them, face coverings would be required for drivers and passengers, a hand sanitation station would be on each vehicle,

and physical distancing would be enforced. That could mean reducing seat-

ing to half capacity.

A staff report said that the summer trolley service would end on Labor Day, Sept. 6, and the city would transition to a reduced offseason transit offering.

Litschi addressed reasons why city officials were proposing to bring the trolley service back in the summer.

"The economy is beginning to open up, which likely will lead to more visitors coming to Laguna Beach and needing a form of reli-

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#### THE DAILY **COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. **Mathews** 

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#### **SUDOKU**

By The Mepham Group

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

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#### For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A6.

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#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### Registration opens for Laguna Beach Junior Lifeguards program

Registration for the Laguna Beach Junior Lifeguards program is now open, the city announced on Thursday.

The program is open to children between the ages of 8 and 15, and participants will have the opportunity to learn about beach activities, marine safety operations, ocean safety, physical fitness and rescue techniques. In addition, junior lifeguards will receive shorts, a T-shirt, a rash guard, a sweatshirt, a towel, a group photo and there will be a picnic.

There will be two sessions for the Laguna Beach Junior Lifeguards program -Session 1: June 14 to July 1; Session 2: July 5 to 22. The cost for the Junior Lifeguards program is \$295 for Laguna Beach residents and \$320 for nonresidents. Space is limited for the program, and registration for nonresidents will open on April 5 at 5 p.m.

Those wishing to return as junior lifeguards are eligible to register. Newcomers must pass a swim test. Swim tests are available by appointment at the Laguna Beach High School and Community Pool (670 Park Ave.).

Swim tests require those ages 8-11 to swim 100 yards in 2 minutes 20 seconds, and those who are ages 12-15 need to cover the same distance in a time of 1:50.

Changes may be made to the program as needed to comply with state and local health orders.

For more information on this program, contact Marine Safety Capt. Kai Bond at kbond@lagunabeachcity.net.

#### Laguna Beach school district names new assistant superintendent

The Laguna Beach Unified School District board of education approved the appointment of Dr. Chad Mabery to the position of assistant superintendent of instructional services on Thursday.

Prior to this appointment, Mabery served as the district's director of assessment and accountability. He has a doctorate degree in education leadership from UCLA, a master's degree in education administration Cal State University Dominguez Hills and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Michigan State. He also earned a minor in economics.

"Dr. Mabery's work in LBUSD the past several years as the director of assessment and accountability is evidence of his vast experiences in education," district Supt. Dr. Jason Viloria said in a statement. "His experience, as well as his focus on building relationships with staff, students and community, make him the perfect fit for

our needs at this challenging time."

The district transitioned back to having three assistant superintendents after Deputy Supt. Leisa Winston left the district to become the superintendent of the Huntington Beach City School District.

Mabery joins Jeff Dixon and Mike Conlon among the district's three assistant superintendents under Viloria.

#### O.C. Libraries presents programming inspired by women in science

From March through May, Orange County public libraries will offer a series of programs centering around science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) activities, guest speakers and other offerings inspired by Hope Jahren's book, "Lab Girl," selected as the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read this

Programming will include monthly virtual speaker series featuring women and authors whose work centers on themes of science, nature and technology.

On April 15 at 7 p.m., the speaker will be Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants" and a scientist, mother, professor and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

On May 6 at 7 p.m., Lori Gottlieb, psychotherapist and New York Times bestselling author, will discuss her book "Mavbe You Should Talk to Someone," which is being adapted into a television series.

On May 20 at 7 p.m., Lucy Jones, author of "The Big Ones" and founder of the Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society will discuss her work as a research associate at the Seismological Laboratory of

For more information about OC Public Libraries, including book and author information, visit ocpl.org/neabigread.

#### Vanguard's Center for Hispanic Leadership names Norlan Hernández director

Costa Mesa's Vanguard University recently named Norlan Hernández as the new full-time director of its Jesse Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership, an effort to support thriving Hispanic congregations through a \$1-million grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., received in 2019.

As director, Hernández will work internally with administrators, faculty and staff to support student success and strengthen Vanguard's Hispanic-serving initiatives. He will also help advance the Jesse Miranda Center's mission through pa-

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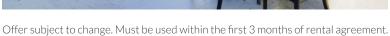
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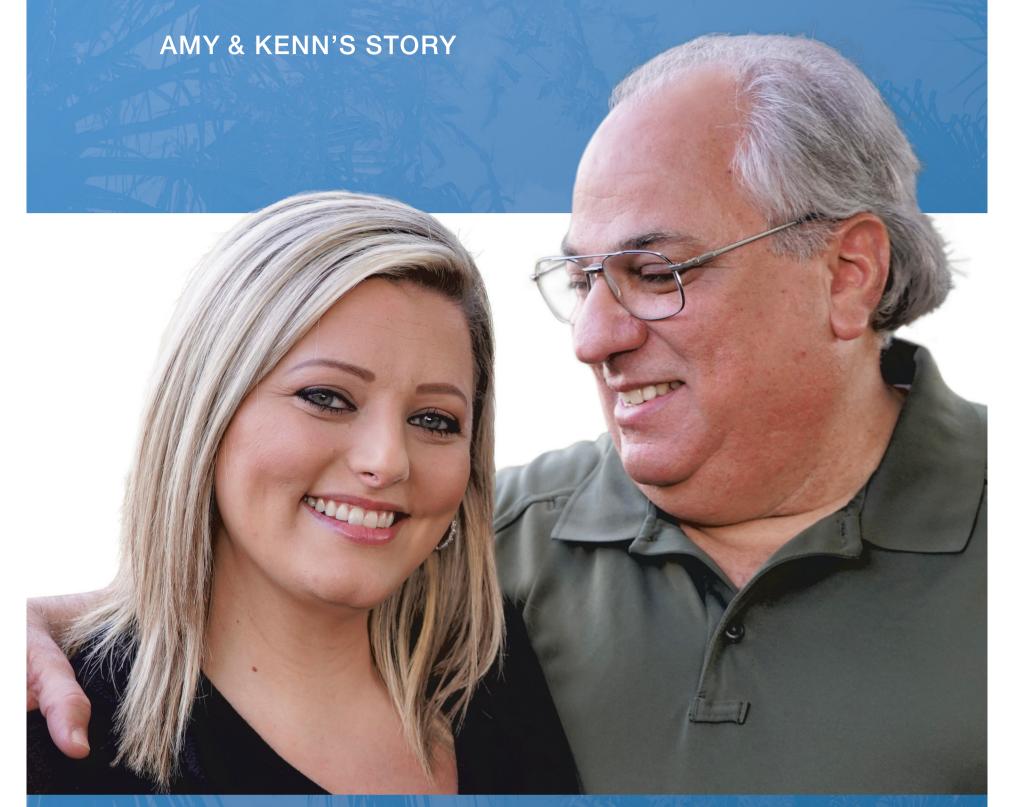






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# "My daughter's breast cancer saved my life."



# Orange County's leader in the fight against cancer.

Hoag Family Cancer Institute is one of few hospitals in the United States to offer a surveillance program for pancreatic cancer. Amy's aggressive breast cancer helped her and her family discover they are BRCA 1 carriers, an inherited genetic mutation. Kenn was immediately enrolled in Hoag's pancreatic cancer surveillance program which detected an early tumor on his pancreas. Hoag's relentless drive to provide leading cancer care, saved both Amy and Kenn's lives.





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#### A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

# Whet your grammar skills with this list of common terms people get wrong

thought people struggled to "make En's meat." I didn't know who En was someone from the Bible, most likely — but I knew he was a carnivore who ran up big grocery bills. I was still young when I learned that, actually, you "make ends meet."

Other terms took longer to get right. Well into adulthood I remained baffled as to why a fairhaired child was toe-headed. Toes come in a wide range of colors.

So I didn't see what they had to do with blondness. Eventually I learned it's "towheaded." This one doesn't have the "Ah, that makes sense" quality of "make ends meet."

A grownup reading the term "towhead" could be forgiven for picturing a human head being dragged behind a AAA truck. Plus, with both Merriam-Webster's and Webster's New World in agreement that the preferred spelling of "towheaded" takes no hyphen, that same adult might understandably see the word on the page and hear in her mind's ear "too-weeded."

With a little etymological research, towheaded makes sense: "Tow" can mean flax fibers, which explains the origin of "towheaded" to suggest someone is flaxen-haired.

But these are just my personal experiences mishearing expressions. Everyone has them. Here are some common terms people get wrong. Bated breath. We modern Eng-

lish speakers don't use "bate" as a verb. So it's logical to assume the term is "baited breath." But in fact, "bated" derives from the verb "abated," and "bated breath" gets credited to Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice": "Or shall I bend low and in a bondsman's key, with bated breath and whisp'ring humbleness, say this ..." So to wait with bated breath means you're holding your breath, literally or figuratively, in anticipation. "Baited breath" is, as Garner's Modern American Usage puts it, "a bungle."

Spit and image/spitting image. Chances are you've heard someone say that a child is the "spit and image" of a parent. Or did they say "spitting image"?

On the one hand, it seems odd that someone would call a child saliva. On the other hand, it's easy to picture a grizzled prospector in an Old West saloon saying, "I'll be hogtied if that boy don't look exactly like his father," then loudly pinging a spittoon for emphasis.

But in fact, the expression is rooted in the Bible story of God using spit to make Adam in his own image. In the early 1800s, the term "spit and image" started appearing in print, putting a new

spin on the creation story. So the original term is "spit and image."

But language evolves. Today, as Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage puts it: "Spitting image ... has now established itself as the usual form." That means you can use either.

For all intents and purposes. It's pretty common to hear this one as "for all intensive purposes." But it makes less sense than the original, proper "for all intents and purposes." The expression means two things are basically the same, as in, "The office manager is, for all intents and purposes, the chief executive officer."

Whet your appetite. To take a drink is to wet your whistle. That's easy to conflate with "whet your appetite," but they're different verbs.

You don't douse your appetite with liquid. You make it more keen or acute, as in this example

from Merriam-Webster's dictionary: "We had some wine to whet our appetite."

Bald-faced lie. A bald-faced lie is brazen. It's bold. See where I'm going with this? It's easy to substitute "bold-faced" instead. "Baldfaced" means shameless or brazen — so that's how you lie.

Merriam-Webster's dictionary does not list "bold-faced" as an alternative to "bald-faced," meaning they're not interchangeable. The dictionary defines "bold-faced" as "bold in manner or conduct, impudent." So it seems better suited to describing a person than describing a lie. Can't choose? "Barefaced lie" is another option.

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#### **COMMENTARY | DAN RAZ**



Julie Gallant

**PACKS OF CIGARETTES** for sale at a store. A lung cancer surgeon says low-dose CT scans screening for lung cancer take only seconds.

# More lung cancer screenings means more lives saved

illions more people in the U.S. may now qualify for the only screening test proven to catch lung cancer when it's curable, a significant step when it comes to turning the tide against the nation's — and Orange County's — most lethal form of cancer.

This week, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force expanded its lung cancer screening guidelines, recommending yearly low-dose CT (LDCT) scans for younger smokers with shorter smoking histories. The new advice lowers the age when screening should begin — to 50 from 55 — and shortens the smoking history to 20 pack-years from 30 pack-years.

Pack-years means the number of packs smoked per day multiplied by the number of years smoked. For example, someone who smoked one pack per day for 20 years and someone who smoked two packs per day for 10 years would both have a 20 packyear history of smoking.

With its new advice, the task force has opened the door for screening more women and African Americans — both of whom tend to develop lung cancer earlier than white men and after less tobacco exposure. The new guidelines mean that insurers must offer the screening without a copay to a broader range of people who meet the new guide-

As a lung cancer surgeon, I know that widening the pathway to screening is an important and much-needed — change.

Lung cancer claims more lives each year than colorectal, breast, pancreatic and prostate cancer combined. Lung cancer screening is much easier and quicker than mammography and colonoscopy but it's not nearly as wellknown or well-utilized.

Low-dose CT scans only take seconds and capture the full chest cavity in a single breath. LDCT uses low-dosage X-rays to produce images of the body from different points of view. There's no discomfort. Low-dose CT scans discover lung cancer at an early stage 64% to 85% of the time, when it can be cured.

Yet, less than 5% of eligible people get screened. Why is that? Barriers include lack of awareness, misconceptions about the risk — and the stigma associated with smoking.

There's a vital step each of us must take to protect those we love and encourage the people most at risk of dying from lung cancer to get screened.

It's time to put an end to smoke-shaming. Smoke-shaming is a form of shunning that attempts to make people who smoke feel ostracized, guilty and embarrassed.

Research conducted by lung cancer clinician-scientists at City of Hope has found that shaming smokers may cause some to forego first-line screenings that can detect lung cancer in its infancy and potentially save their lives. Around 36% of the participants over age 55 agreed that they might put off a lung cancer scan because they worried about feeling like an outcast for smoking. Around 37% said they might delay a scan because they worried about being blamed for having smoked.

A scan postponed is an opportunity missed. Currently, only about 15% of lung cancer cases are diagnosed early on, which means people are at risk of missing the opportunity to take their best shot against the disease.

Early detection is the key to surviving lung cancer, and people who smoke are more likely to quit when their scan shows potential signs of the disease. What's needed, in addition to increased funding for lung cancer screenings and smoking cessation programs, is positive reinforcement.

Smokers are more likely to listen to cessation messages that focus on health benefits and not moral judgment.

If you smoke, make a plan to stop. There are many outstanding smoking cessation programs available, some conveniently offered virtually.

And above all, if you're eligible under the new guidelines, please get tested. Don't allow the fear of lung cancer or guilt for having smoked hold you back. We are making progress in finally defeating lung cancer, and getting more people to step up and take the test puts us in the right direction. Doing this simple test could save your life or the life of a loved one.

DAN RAZ, M.D., M.A.S., is a lung cancer surgeon and oversees a low-dose lung cancer screening program at City of Hope Newport

#### **MAILBAG**



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

THE ROSE RIVER MEMORIAL is an art installation outside the Orange County Museum of Art made up of 4,000 handmade felt roses, each one representing someone in Orange County who has died from COVID-19.

#### Roses memorial for **COVID-19 victims** begs a larger question

Re: "Art recognizing Orange County COVID-19 deaths unveiled as U.S. memorial efforts take root," March 2.

Artist Marcos Lutyens is onto something big. His installation of velvet red roses dramatically pays tribute to the nearly 4,000 men, women and children who have died from COVID here in Orange County. Lutyens's artwork makes me wonder: Will there ever be a national memorial honoring those who contracted the coronavirus or died?

In past years, we have honored those who lost their lives in war. Today, there are World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and other memorials in our nation's capital, as well as the endless cascade of water at the 9/11

Memorial in New York City. Now that the deadly coronavirus is responsible for killing more than 500,000 Americans, it's time to start planning a memorial to remember those who have died during the war on COVID. This will be especially important for closure since so many have passed away without loved ones by their side.

Coast to coast, thankful neighbors applaud doctors and nurses every day, buglers play "Taps" at sunset and entertainers host virtual fundraisers to help feed hungry families.

Clearly, these and other activities shine a bright light on America's goodness and generos-

With this spirit in mind, I am now proposing building a memorial to honor those felled by the coronavirus. I realize the number of people who already have died could double before the Pfizer, Moderna and J&J vaccines put an end to this silent killer; but, no matter how many end up passing away, we must never forget those who have been lost.

If families and friends can honor fallen troops in Washington, then the rest of us should be able to mourn the loss of so many due to the horrific pandemic. I hope artist Marcos Lutyens would agree.

**Denny Freidenrich** 

Laguna Beach

#### Questions about Ortiz's election

Is this what it's come to? Tito Ortiz, a third-tier celebrity, twice divorced (once from an adult film performer) and a Trumpstyled right-winger has parlayed his modicum of fame to become a Huntington Beach City Council member. What's next? Garfield the cat for Surf City dog catcher?

> **Ben Miles** Huntington Beach

#### 'Hazard' pay idea may hurt Costa Mesa

Sometimes it feels like we are living in the Twilight Zone. On Tuesday, the Costa Mesa City Council voted 6-1 to direct

city staff to write a new ordinance forcing about 12 local grocery stores to give employees "hazard" pay.

The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Don Harper voting "no." Thank you, Councilman Harper, for showing common sense and representing many of us who think this is an absurd idea.

Mandating a \$4-an-hour raise, council members reasoned grocery workers were being underpaid and at a greater risk of catching the coronavirus while the corporations they worked for were raking in the dough. There was no data given to support this accusation.

What happened to the oldfashioned idea that union bosses are supposed to represent employees and negotiate raises? The city has no jurisdiction to tell local businesses to offer "hazard" pay. The city is exposing taxpayers to lawsuits.

Everyone has a personal responsibility to protect themselves from COVID-19 and other diseases. All workers may stop

working and collect unemploy-

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ment benefits if the risk is too great at work. Or workers may find another job.

Trader Joe's recently increased its "thank you" pay by \$2 hour in addition to an earlier \$2 raise and expanded health benefits. It's up to the employer to reward employees. Mine did with a generous debit card.

There are many heroes in the pandemic. We cannot go down this path to recognize one group. Where does it end? This dangerous idea is the tip of the spear toward more government control by somehow equating "hazard" pay with "economic justice."

This idea is anathema to the American free enterprise system and creeps us toward socialism.

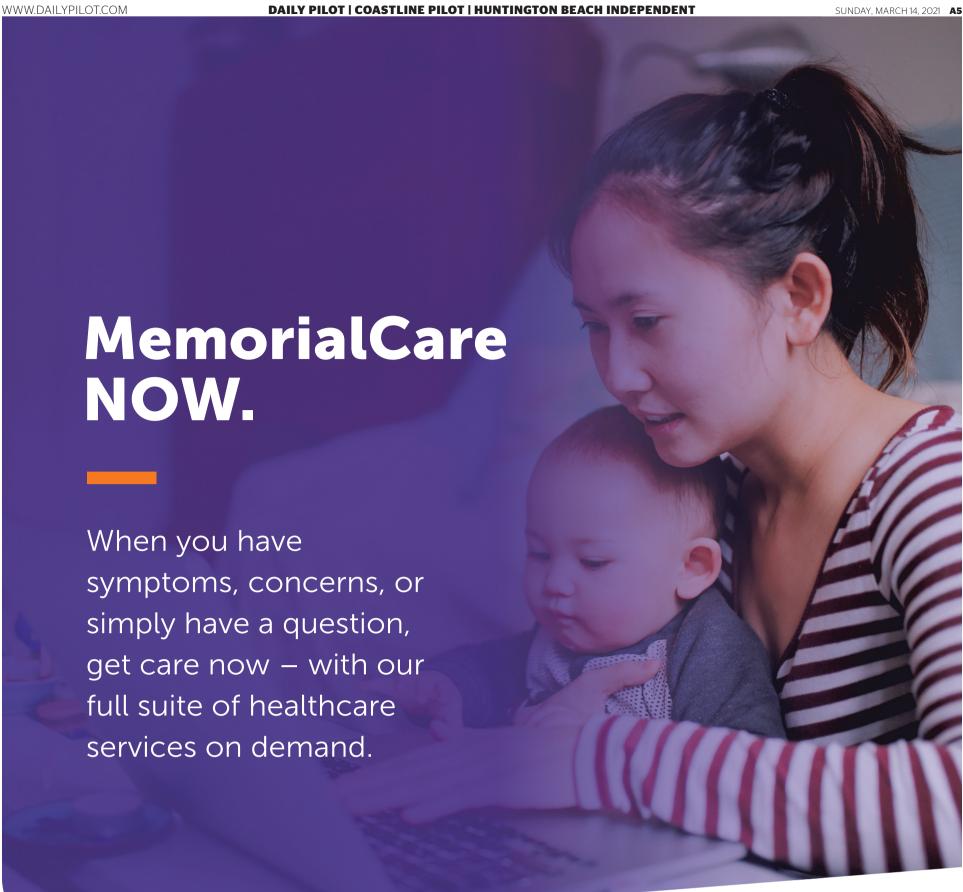
We elected the mayor and City Council to work for Costa Mesans. I helped elect some of these council members because I believed they would vote for what is best for Costa Mesa. This ordinance is government over-

The ordinance will come back to the council for a vote at a future meeting. Please let the City Council hear from you.

The council must focus on ways to save money at City Hall and ways to bring in more businesses to Costa Mesa. Let private businesses decide what employees should earn. That is the American way.

> **Wendy Leece** Costa Mesa

Note: The writer is a former Costa Mesa City Council member and NMUSD board trustee.







#### Video visit

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#### **MAYOR**

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new mayor," the statement read.

Officials further confirmed the city would likely appoint an individual to the position, as opposed to calling a special election to fill the seat. That decision leans on a section of California's

Government Code, which reads "in the case of a vacancy in the office of the mayor for any reason, the council shall fill the vacancy by appointment."

No clarification was provided by city officials on whether the council would select an appointee or call on residents to apply for the position. But legally, if the council fails to fill the seat

within 60 days, it will be obligated to call an election "to be held on the next established election date to be held not less than 114 days thereafter," according to the state code.

That doesn't sit well with Costa Mesa resident Hengameh Abraham, who believes constituents should have more of a say in who sits in the mayor's seat.

Abraham ran in November for an open seat representing the 6th Council District — the same election in which Foley was reelected to a second two-year term — but lost to Planning Commissioner Jeff Harlan.

She said in a March 4 interview with the Daily Pilot if the city refuses to call a special election to replace Foley, perhaps they would

consider naming former Councilwoman Sandy Genis, who was the second highest vote-getter for the mayoral seat in November.

"We just want to vote. That's all we want, to elect our own mayor," she said. "We need to be given a second chance, or the candidate with the second-most votes should be selected."

Reached by phone Thurs-

day, Foley said she planned to attend the Tuesday meeting and expressed confidence her fellow council members would do the right thing.

"I'm sure the council will make a great decision that benefits the constituents of Costa Mesa," she said.

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#### **TOWN**

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storal education, congregational care, academic research and community development.

"We are thrilled to have Norlan lead the Jesse Miranda Center, further shaping the dynamic environment we have created for Hispanic students as they grow within academia and the church," Pete Menjares, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs said in a release issued Tuesday.

Hernández comes to the university after having served as director of online and graduate student success at Biola University, where he created and led a team to support online and graduate students with advising, coaching and educational and general support. He also served as an adjunct professor at Biola and the Latin American Bible Institute and has been a guest lecturer in several un-

dergraduate and doctoral

# O.C. students win prizes in C-SPAN competition

C-SPAN announced Wednesday that several students throughout Orange County won prizes in the station's national 2021 StudentCam competition, which challenges students to produce a short documentary exploring the issues that they most want the new presidential administration to address in the current year. More than 2,300 students participated.

C-SPAN received more than 1,200 entries from across the country. The most popular topics focused on healthcare, environmental and energy policy, equal rights and equity, criminal justice and policing and education.

"With the continual shift in the educational landscape, it is difficult to overstate just how challenging the pandemic has proven for schools across our nation," Craig McAndrew, director of C-SPAN Education Relations, said in a statement. "We are so impressed by the resilience and ingenuity of this year's prizewinning students who have delivered among the finest short films in the history of the StudentCam competi-

tion."

The winners in Orange County include Landon Tyner, a student at Western High School in Anaheim, who placed second for the documentary "A Plea for Reform" and won \$1,500. The documentary will air on C-SPAN throughout the day on April 10.

Chanwoo "David" Kim and Colin Sueyoshi of Sage Hill School in Newport Beach also won \$250 and an honorable mention along with Irvine students Hwa Lang "Calvin" Cho and Yuriko Mikasa, of Arnold O. Beckman High, and Jiwon Park and Seohyun Park, of Portola High.

—From staff reports



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RED

the cumulative case count is now 248,561.

Hospitalizations because of the virus are currently at 237, with 71 of those patients being treated in intensive care units.

The county reported 10,221 additional tests for the virus on Saturday, taking the total number of tests administered to 3,171,822.

The healthcare agency estimates that 238,961 people in the county have made a recovery after battling the virus.

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#### **TROLLEYS**

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able, environmentallyfriendly transportation," Litschi said with respect to Orange County being projected to move to the red tier.

"The second piece of that is that, obviously, the trolley is a critical component of the city's parking management plan," Litschi added.

"Without the trolley service, we wouldn't be able to open our peripheral parking lots. The trolley service provides free transportation from those peripheral lots outside of downtown to the downtown area, the beaches and art festivals, and really helps accommodate the demand, particularly during the busy summer season, and helps to reduce the parking demand in the downtown area."

City staff also plan to explore a pilot program in the fall that would replace a neighborhood trolley service that operated hourly.

In October 2019, the city had set a target of 10 people coming aboard per hour by October 2020.

The routes upon which the neighborhood trolley operated — Top of the World, Arch Beach Heights and Bluebird Canyon — had fallen short of that goal as of January 2020.

The city now plans to introduce an on-demand neighborhood trolley, an idea the staff report said residents favored after city staff solicited the feedback of residents in February and March of last year.

The on-demand transit service would be accessible via the Laguna Beach Trolley app or by phone.

The size of the vehicles expected to be used for the program would accommodate seven to nine passengers.

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#### **HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

## **Ocean View rushes past Estancia**

BY MATT SZABO

Friday Night Lights were back for the first time in more than a year.

All that was missing for the Ocean View High School football team was its head coach.

Luis Nuñez said in a text message that he tested positive for COVID-19 on March 6, six days before the Seahawks were to begin their season at home against Estancia. None of the players tested positive, Nuñez said, though offensive coordinator Steve Burke also was absent this week due to close contact with Nuñez.

Neither of the coaches attended Friday night's game. They could still be proud that Ocean View ran its new Wing-T offense to perfection.

Senior Jonathan Gonzalez and junior Anthony Ramirez both ran for more than 200 yards as the Seahawks earned a 32-16 victory. Ramirez had 24 carries for

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**OCEAN VIEW** running back Jonathan Gonzalez dives into the end zone for a touchdown in the first quarter during the opening night of the football season against Estancia at Ocean View High on Friday.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY

#### Marina girls, Fountain Valley boys go undefeated in dual meets

MARINA HIGH'S Vincent Beaumont finishes fifth overall against







#### BY ANDREW TURNER

When youth sports guidance started to come out allowing for the resumption of high school athletics, cross-country was the first sport to return.

Cross-country did not come back in its usual form, however, and the Huntington Beach Union High School District made the decision that its schools would only compete against each other.

For the schools involved, it was a unique schedule that consisted of weekly dual meets,

one that limited travel for teams, but it also ensured that each team would have a chance to face the others.

The Marina High School girls' cross-country team beat visiting Fountain Valley 25-32 on Saturday, completing the sweep of the district dual meets.

Senior Marikay Schwab won the race in 17 minutes 25 seconds, and senior teammate Makena Castillo finished second in 17:33 to lead the Vi-

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#### HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

# Edison football opens with rout of Trabuco Hills

Braeden Boyles had four passing touchdowns, and the Edison High School football team defeated Trabuco Hills 55-7 on Friday afternoon in a nonleague season opener at Huntington Beach High School.

Nico Brown, Tyler Gioia, Bradley Luna, Christian Hazen and RJ Frahm each had a receiving touchdown. Mateo Liau added a rushing score.

Boyles, a senior, said putting a big number on the scoreboard was nice. Doing it in the first game after the coronavirus pandemic put the season in jeopardy made it feel even better.

"It made it that much sweeter," Boyles said. "Winning this game would have been huge regardless, but with that win and all the uncertainty in not knowing if we would ever play another high school game, it felt amazing."

Austin Grbic and Gavin Shappell both returned an interception for a touchdown for the Chargers.

Corona del Mar 38, Palos Verdes 21: Sophomore quarterback David Rasor threw three touchdown passes for Corona del Mar in Friday's nonleague season opener at Costa Mesa High.

Tommy Griffin caught two touchdown passes for CdM, and Ryan Zimmerman had the other scoring reception.

Jason Vicencio added two rushing touchdowns.

Jack Salmon had an interception on defense for CdM, which won its 17th straight game after going 16-0 during the 2019 season.

The Sea Kings play at Los Alamitos on Friday in a Sunset League opener.

Newport Harbor 24, Yorba Linda 23: Kashton Henjum caught the gamewinning touchdown from Nick Kim in

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#### ROUNDUP

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the fourth quarter, as the host Sailors rallied to win Friday night in a nonleague game to open the season.

Kim threw for three touchdowns, with two of those scores going to Henjum. Josiah Lamarque also had a receiving touchdown for the Sailors.

Newport Harbor lines up against Edison at Huntington Beach High School on Thursday.

Hills 56, Sunny Fountain Valley 14: The Barons were outscored 35-0 in the second half of Friday's nonleague season opener on the road.

Jimmy Russell had a first-half touchdown pass to Preston Amarillo for Fountain Valley, and Benjamin Pham added a 16-yard rushing touchdown.

Fountain Valley begins Sunset League play at Huntington Beach on Friday.

Garden Grove 16, Costa Mesa 7: The visiting Mustangs led 7-3 at halftime, but two sec-ond-half touchdowns for the Argonauts prevented Costa Mesa from pulling off the upset in Friday's nonleague opener.

Nick Burton threw a touchdown pass to Ryan Bourbeau for the Mustangs' score.

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#### **OILERS**

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possession, a drive that ended with Perez finding Jonah Del Rosario for a 15yard touchdown. Tyler Moses ran in the two-point conversion attempt.

The Vikings came up with defensive stops on the Oilers' next two drives, which included an interception by Wyatt McClour, but Huntington Beach would score touchdowns on its last four possessions of the half, all of them scored by Green.

"He's fun to watch," Joey Gentilella said of Green. "He's a great teammate, and he always wants to just run up the score so that everybody gets to play and stuff. He's one of the most selfless players I've ever played with.

Gentilella had a onevard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. It came af-



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MARINA WIDE RECEIVER Gavin Dykema is dragged down by Huntington Beach defender Evan Riederich.

ter he completed a 15-yard pass over the middle to Braden Bailey to get down to the goal line.

Huntington Beach led 36-6 at halftime. Coming out for the second half,

there was a moment of levity, as the teams had lined up for the kickoff before the officials had returned to the field.

The Oilers had three sacks and two takeaways on defense. Eli Anderson had two sacks and blocked an extra-point try, and Joe Carroll had one sack.

'We had it locked down today," Anderson said. "We had our plan."

AJ Vandermade had an interception in the third quarter for Huntington Beach, earning him a meeting with the "Turnover Trashcan," which is kept on the sideline to celebrate takeaways created by the Oilers' defense.

Five days removed from the NBA All-Star Game, Vandermade wound up for a windmill dunk attempt and missed.

"I guess it slipped out of my hand, but I got a turnover, so it don't matter," Vandermade said. "Next time, I'm going to hit it with a nice dunk, though."

Brantt Riederich led the Vikings offensively, rushing 12 times for 67 yards, which included a 44-yard touchdown down the left

sideline in the second quarter. He also had a sack on defense.

Gavin Dykema added 42 total yards for Marina, which won the CIF Southern Section Division 11 championship last season.

After Marina notched its first win in the "Oil vs. Water" series since Sept. 25, 2008, a year ago, Vikings coach Jeff Turley said one difference in the opener was conditioning.

He said he felt there had not been enough practice time, especially when he counted 14 starters for his team on offense and defense combined.

"It was evident," Turley said. "You saw the gas tank start going empty, and all of the sudden, where we were making tackles, we now were just grabbing. We just didn't have the gas."

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#### **MARINA**

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"I'm so stoked," Schwab said of her team going 5-0 in the district dual meets. "If you asked us that last year, I'm pretty sure we would have been like, 'No, you're joking.' It's amazing. It's so fun. [Our teammates are] our best friends."

Fountain Valley's girls' team also came into Saturday undefeated in district contests. The Barons were without multiple topfive runners in their lineup, including ace Kaho Cichon. With that being said, it was still exciting for Castillo to win the battle of unbeat-

"We've never been the top team," Castillo said. "We're always the underdogs every single year, always like the lowest team that no one's expecting, and we always come out."

The scoring five for Marina also included Ella Murray (sixth, 18:47), Madelyn Fracassa (seventh, 19:14) and Jenna White (ninth, 19:44).

Marina girls' cross-country coach Emily Taylor said that her team would have liked to run against a Fountain Valley team that was at full strength. She pointed to the lead-

ership of Schwab and Castillo in helping to raise the level of the Vikings as a whole.

"I think Marikay and Makena just really stepped it up, and they just kind of built this team culture that redefines what the standards were on the team," Taylor said. "They pushed the girls."

Fountain Valley placed three runners in the top five in Leah Ferris (third, 18:17), Lauren Berg (fourth, 18:21) and Samantha Martinez (fifth, 18:33).

In the boys' race, Fountain Valley bested Marina 20-36, as the Barons completed an undefeated run of their own through the district dual meets.

Dezi Hernandez cleared the field by 40 seconds in winning the race with a time of 15:07.

Shane Hill finished second in 15:47, a lifetimebest time and the first race in which he has broken 16 minutes.

"I just wasn't nervous," Hill said. "I talked to [our] captain, Dezi. He's a great guy to look up to. He's an amazing captain, and he told me not to worry, and I

just didn't worry, and I just stayed in control that whole time."

"Pain is ignorance to something greater than that," Hill added after his breakout performance.

The Barons also had Ben Prado (fourth, 16:01), Diego Alonso (sixth, 16:10) and Jaden Nguyen (seventh, 16:16) among their scoring group.

The top performers in the race for Marina were Neel Dorawala (third, 15:55) and Vincent Beaumont (fifth, 16:04).

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#### **SEAHAWKS**

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247 yards and four touchdowns, while Gonzalez totaled 27 carries for 217 yards and a score. Ocean View, which attempted just one pass, had 488 rushing

yards.
"I feel like we had more confidence than we really thought we did," Ramirez said. "We just really stepped up to play tonight. [The offensive line] has confidence, we have confidence. As a unit, we just attacked and came up with the win."

The Seahawks, changed from a spread offense they ran last year, did damage behind an offensive line of senior left tackle Alexis Torres, senior left Joseph Espinoza, guard center Connor Knobbe, senior right guard Jeffrey Garcia and junior right tackle Jason Cervan-

Junior tight end Luke

cause. "We really counted on them," said Peter Kim, the

Crabtree also aided the

#### Ocean View offensive line **ANTIQUE BUYERS**

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**ESTANCIA'S LUCAS PACHECO** breaks through

the defense for a big gain against Ocean View on Friday.

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and linebackers coach who served as acting head coach Friday night.

Especially changing our offense, they were going to be the anchors wanted to run the ball, focus on that and we wanted to win that game for coach."

Estancia took the early lead on its opening drive, aided by an Ocean View personal foul penalty on the kickoff. Lucas Pacheco had a 22-yard touchdown

Pacheco, a strong safety on defense who also recovered a fumble, scored another rushing touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. In between, Ocean View dominated.

Senior quarterback Hunter Arce, who handed the ball off to Ramirez and Gonzalez all night long, also had an interception on defense for the winners.

"They ran the heck out of 18-9 lead. the ball," Estancia coach Mike Bargas said.

"In the first half, we only had 19 plays. They controlled the ball on offense and we didn't. We're pretty rusty, too. We must have missed 100 tackles tonight. We've got to get down to some fundamental football and try to get better.'

Ocean View, which led 12-9 at halftime, went on a long drive to start the third quarter.

A fumbled snap was recovered by the Eagles' Noah Aires, giving Estancia the ball back at its own 32yard-line.

On the next play, however, an Ocean View defender stripped Estancia quarterback Cameron Knickerbocker of the ball, and Garcia recovered the fumble.

Just two plays later, Ramirez found the end zone from 25 yards out for an

Ramirez would score two more rushing touchdowns for the hosts.

During the game, Nuñez shared a text message that he sent Ramirez, who the team calls "Chino," earlier in the week.

It said the team needed him to score four touchdowns.

Mission accomplished. "After I scored [the last one], I just really thought about the head coach, what he said," Ramirez said. "I gave him that promise, and just did what I had to do

tonight." Ocean View has a short week and hosts Marina on Wednesday. Nuñez said he hopes to return for that game.

Estancia hosts St. Margaret's on Friday.

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