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## 43 new COVID-19 deaths reported

The number of fatalities in Orange County due to the disease now surpasses 3,000, according to the Health Care Agency.

BY MATT SZABO

Though coronavirus trends in Orange County continue to stabilize, two popular music festivals in Southern California have again been put on hold.

The Coachella Valley Music And Arts Festival and the Stagecoach Festival, scheduled for consecutive weekends in April at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, were each canceled on Friday.

This marks the second straight year the festivals have been canceled.

The Riverside County Public Health Office announced in a health order Friday that the festivals were shuttered due to the continued risk of COVID-19. In Orange County, healthcare agency officials reported 43 new deaths due to COVID-19 on Saturday, bringing the county's death toll due to the respiratory disease to 3,018.

There were 1,279 new positive tests reported, and the county's cumulative case count is now 231,036, including deaths.

There are 1,442 cases currently hospitalized, including 394 cases in intensive care units.

The seven-day average of new cases is 46.6 per 100,000 residents, while the test positivity rate is 12.9%. Both numbers come with a seven-day lag.

An estimated 173,862 people in the county have recovered from COVID-19.

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

- Santa Ana: 41,798 cases; 532 deaths
- Anaheim: 38,612 cases; 570 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 9,429 cases; 148 deaths

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**SLAPFISH FOUNDER** and CEO Andrew Gruel in his Huntington Beach location. Gruel, a celebrity chef, has launched "86 Restaurant Struggle," an aid program to help unemployed restaurant workers during the pandemic. Gruel called the program a "little bridge" for people who need it.

## H.B. chef Andrew Gruel raising money for restaurant employees

BY MATT SZABO

The "Community Burger" is a hearty half-pound cheeseburger now available at Slapfish in Huntington Beach.

The cost? Whatever the customer wants to pay. And those who have lost their job during the coronavirus pandemic get it for free.

Craig Nickoloff, the Claim Jumper founder who owns West Coast Prime Meats, is donating the meat for the burgers.

"It's just a way of engaging people more with food, and not just saying, 'Hey, give me some money,'" said chef Andrew Gruel, owner and CEO of Slapfish. "I pulled the numbers [Thursday] and the average donation for the burger is \$27. That's unbelievable. I was expecting like \$4. It's such a different model."

Money raised goes toward Gruel's efforts to aid restaurant workers during the pandemic, which have already gone a long way since he,



**WHEN A GUEST** donates to the 86 Restaurant Struggle, they can get the half-pound Community Cheeseburger, which has become a popular item at Slapfish in Huntington Beach.

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## Orange County art museums to be part of next Pacific Standard Time

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Orange County Museum of Art announced Thursday it has received a \$100,000 grant from the Getty Foundation for exhibition research ahead of its upcoming participation in a regional art and science initiative, "Pacific Standard Time."

The exhibit "Sea Change: Toward New Environmentalisms in the Pacific Ocean" will show at the museum.

It will concentrate on art that brings environmental issues in the Pacific Ocean to light and artwork that leads to solutions.

The museum is still under construction, having had its topping out ceremony in October, but it is



**ARTWORK** for the 2020 California Cool Art Auction at the Laguna Art Museum is being displayed.

Courtesy of the Laguna Art Museum

one of 45 institutions in Southern California to get support from the foundation for related projects that will look into how art and science are connected.

Heidi Zuckerman was recently named the chief executive and di-

rector of the museum.

Coming in 2024, the third edition of "Pacific Standard Time" will visit how art and science, both past and present, can ad-

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## Boat sales boom during pandemic

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Tired of hunkering down under the imposed pandemic safety restrictions, people are itching to get outdoors both on land and sea.

Similar to the surge in bicycle purchases, the boating industry has seen a spike in sales especially for first- and second-time buyers mainly in the 30- to 50-foot range.

Local independent yacht broker Bill Forsythe said the boat business is the best it's been in years.

"Every day, not just weekends, there's lots of people on the water, more than I've seen in years," Forsythe said.

Forsythe, originally from Washington state, has lived in and around Newport Beach for 40 years. He has been in the business of selling new and used yachts for 45 years.

He began his career as a police officer in Kirkland, Wash., serving for six years before he moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, in search of a warmer climate and a new path selling insurance.

During his stretch in Hawaii he lived on a 52-foot sailboat boat in the Ala Wai Harbor and got hooked on the idea of putting people and boats together.

After five years in Honolulu, he was transferred by the insurance firm he worked for to its Southern California office in Arcadia.

Once back on the mainland, his interest in yachting intensified.

Eventually getting licensed with Flying Cloud Yacht Sales in Long Beach, Forsythe left the insurance business and moved to Orange County.

After working for Mariner's Yachts in Newport Beach, he opened his own company, Yacht Connection, during the '80s.

Forsythe, who sells mostly used boats of all sizes, makes and models, from 20-foot sailboats to 90-foot mega yachts, says he has never seen inventory so low.

"Both new and used can't keep up with demand," Forsythe said. "My job is to locate a boat for my client no matter where."

Yacht broker Paul Enghausser, a



Susan Hoffman

**THE BALBOA YACHT** Basin Marina owned by the city of Newport Beach provides 172 slips for vessels ranging from 31 to 75 feet in length.

business acquaintance of Forsythe who sells brokerage (used) boats for Crow's Nest in Newport Beach, also scouts the

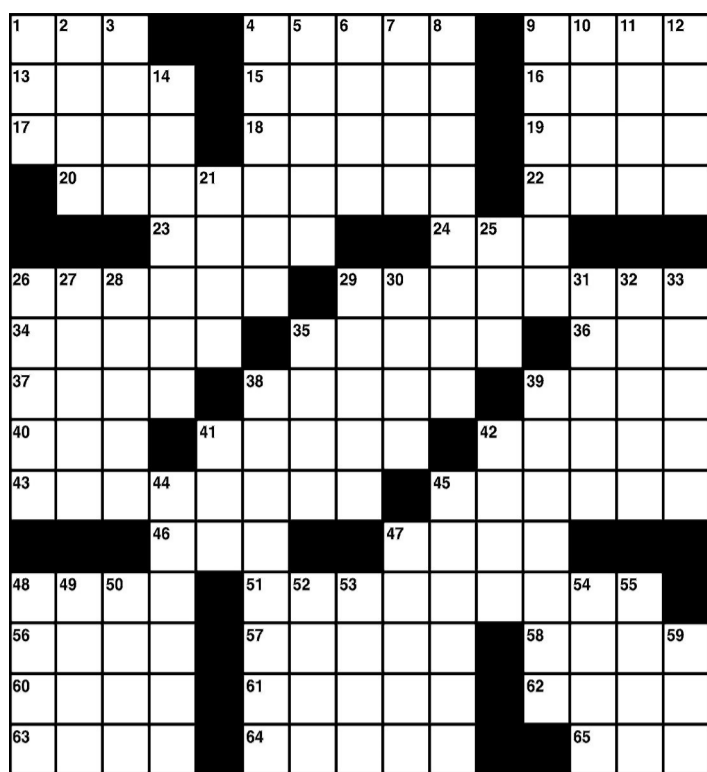
whole country trying to satisfy customer demands.

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**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

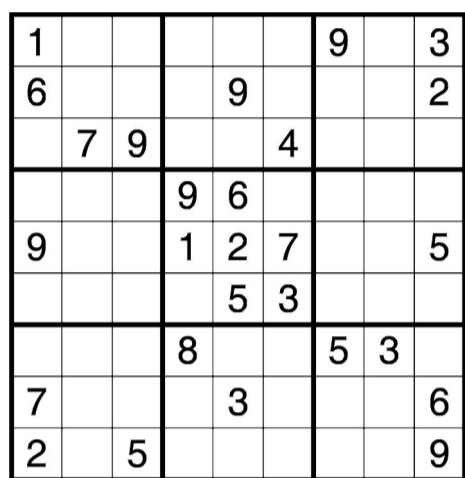


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**SUDOKU**

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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



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

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# Big Brothers Big Sisters in O.C. seeking mentors

BY VERA CASTANEDA



**WILLIAM BURROWS** and Andrew were paired through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County three years ago.

Courtesy of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County

It's national mentorship month, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and Inland Empire is looking for volunteers. The mentoring organization has been in operation for more than 115 years nationwide with the O.C. and Inland Empire branch ranks as the second in size, serving about 4,000 kids a year, according to CEO Sloane Keane.

The O.C. branch started in a residential Tustin garage in 1958 before moving into 1801 E. Edinger Ave. in Santa Ana seven years ago. The organization owns the building and rents out half of the property to other nonprofits.

The programs vary from traditional one-on-one matches, couples matched with one child or teen, a high school volunteer mentoring an elementary school student and a corporate employee mentoring a high school student.

The latest program, College Bigs, which launched at the end of 2020, matches first-generation college students with high school students. Chapman University and UC Irvine are participating institutions.

In 2020, the number of program matches decreased to 1,586 compared to the 2,227 matches in 2019.

"Every child who's in our program has their own unique and specific mentor," Keane said. "A lot of that is done face to face so we had to shift that overnight and become virtual."

Museum docents became science instructors teaching kids how to make slime out of glue.

Some became TikTok dance instructors. Volunteers turned into tutors providing additional support to the challenges of virtual learning. Others became a lifeline to essential needs like food.

One of the programs

that decreased in activity was high school volunteers mentoring elementary school students.

Keane said most of the elementary students were unreachable, so they shifted their focus to the high students they were already working with — some of whom had to get jobs or take care of younger children in their households during the pandemic.

The organization also went through a small round of layoffs last year, but Keane said "fortunately, we have a really strong group of supporters in Orange County who have been with us for over 60 years."

"They kind of rallied around us in our organization to ensure that we were able to continue to support the children we had and the opportunity to grow if the volunteers presented themselves."

William Burrows, who lives in Huntington Beach, is an example of a traditional one-on-one mentoring match — the type of program that Keane said has continued to thrive.

Three years ago, Burrows applied as a mentor and was paired with Andrew, a 13-year-old who lives in Tustin.

Burrows said he and Andrew are a perfect match and have the same interests. Prior to coronavirus restrictions, they frequented Chuck E. Cheese, played their favorite game, Plinko, and loved going to the beach. Most of their

current communication is over FaceTime and Skype or dropping off cheese pizza for the family.

Burrows added part of the reason why they were a perfect match is because both of their fathers died. Andrew's mother placed him in the program because she wanted a male role model for him. The system the organization uses to find matches also looks for similar experiences.

"The one thing that sets Big Brother Big Sister apart from elsewhere is — yes, the mentor applies — but the mentee has to agree that they want to be a part of the program," Burrows said. "It's not something forced upon that child."

The application process is thorough. Mentors have to be at least 18 years of age, pass a background check, have a valid driver's license and insurance and commit to at least one year of the program. A case manager is assigned to find the best matches and ensure child safety. Volunteers go through a series of interviews with the case manager and the parent before approval.

"We are able to operate because of volunteers," Keane said. "We need volunteers, specifically men. We have over 400 little boys right now waiting for a Big Brother."

Mentor applications can be found online through [ocbigs.org/volunteer](http://ocbigs.org/volunteer).

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## COVID-19

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- Costa Mesa: 8,093 cases; 82 deaths
  - Irvine: 9,200 cases; 49 deaths
  - Newport Beach: 3,309 cases; 51 deaths
  - Fountain Valley: 3,107 cases; 49 deaths
  - Laguna Beach: 720 cases; fewer than five deaths
- Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:
- 0 to 17: 23,480 cases; one death
  - 18 to 24: 32,073 cases; six deaths
  - 25 to 34: 46,464 cases; 33 deaths
  - 35 to 44: 36,194 cases; 65 deaths
  - 45 to 54: 37,122 cases; 199 deaths
  - 55 to 64: 28,993 cases; 401 deaths
  - 65 to 74: 14,412 cases;



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

**A CHILD FEEDS** the ducks at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley on Saturday, a day after a series of storms hit the area.

- 583 deaths
  - 75 to 84: 7,238 cases; 704 deaths
  - 85 and older: 4,904 cases; 1,026 deaths
- Updated figures are posted daily at [ocovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.org/coronavirus-in-oc](http://ocovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.org/coronavirus-in-oc).

Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Orange County can be found at [ocovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.org/covid-19-vaccine-resources](http://ocovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.org/covid-19-vaccine-resources).

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COMMENTARY | **COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS**

# With court appointments and GOP legislatures, Roe vs. Wade is under attack

When I was born in 1975, Roe vs. Wade was already two years old. The “right to choose” to get an abortion is something I have known my entire life.

To some extent, I — like many women of my generation — took this right for granted. It felt like part of the fabric of our lives. It felt like a fight that we had already won. It felt like we could move on to the next hill.

How wrong we were.

At this moment — 48 years after Roe vs. Wade became the law of the land — our support is all too urgent and critical. Because women’s reproductive rights in America are under attack.

Americans overwhelmingly support the rights protected by Roe vs. Wade: the right to privacy and the right to reproductive freedom, including safe and legal abortion care. Despite this support, Roe vs. Wade has never been more at risk than it is today.

Since 2016, Republican-controlled state legislatures have passed hundreds of laws restricting reproductive healthcare and the federal government has mounted an onslaught of attacks on women’s reproductive rights.

Over the last four years, the Trump administration reinstated the global gag rule, implemented the Title X domestic gag rule and enabled employers to deny insurance coverage for birth control for nearly any reason.

It has been chilling. There have been moments when it felt like I was trapped in a flashback scene from “The Handmaid’s Tale,” right before they freeze my bank account, restrict my movements and stick me in a crazy red dress.

Blessedly, Trump left the White House on Jan. 20, President Biden is poised to reverse many of these harmful policies and no one is coming to take my measurements for that dress. But the legacy of Trump’s judicial appointments looms large. With a now firm anti-choice majority on the Supreme Court, the threat of overturning Roe, criminalizing abortion and punishing women who choose to get one, remains real and immediate.

So, where does that leave me? Less than 24 hours after Biden’s inauguration, I am filled with joy and a palpable sense of relief. It feels like our nation has turned a corner on this as with so many other critical issues. I am also clear-eyed about the serious



Jose Luis Magana | Associated Press

**ABORTION RIGHTS** demonstrators rally outside of the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., in March 2020.

challenges that we face and I am galvanized to meet them. We must continue to fight for women’s reproductive freedom — here in California and all across the country. We must build our power by electing more champions, up and down the ballot and in all 50 states.

This fight is about protecting a woman’s right to choose, a woman’s right to make decisions about her own body. And it is

about more than that. Reproductive freedom is core to a woman’s economic freedom, her access to opportunity and — as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg noted — her fundamental dignity.

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**MAILBAG**

## Readers react to U.S. Capitol riot, local demonstrations

The tragic events of the last few weeks in Washington have been heartbreaking to watch. Having worked as a congressional staff assistant back in 1972, I know first-hand the majesty and symbolism of the U.S. Capitol.

It’s not hyperbole when I say I felt sick to my stomach watching legions of rioters storm the same hallways I used to walk decades ago. So, my question now is where do we go from here?

Certainly it’s not where sports writer Jason Whitlock wants. He recently compared the Jan. 6 insurgents to college students conducting an old-fashioned panty raid. He supported his theory by saying the rioters were “unarmed and mostly peaceful” and that they only “shoved furniture out of place and shattered a window or two.”

As far as I am concerned, you don’t have to be George Washington or Abraham Lincoln to know nothing Mr. Whitlock wrote could be further from the truth. And speaking of truth, how many people today still think America is the land of freedom because we are a nation of laws?

If you believe your ears, some Capitol Hill rioters were overheard saying, “Hang Mike Pence.” I don’t care if you are a card-carrying conservative or a bleeding-heart liberal, this latest news should shock you to your core. Political differences are one thing, but criminal behavior in the light of day is another.

When I asked former Rep. Harley Rouda where he believes the country is headed he replied, “I can’t tell you how devastating it is to see the Capitol and surrounding areas in complete lockdown with National Guard everywhere; to walk through Statuary Hall and recall the vivid images of lawless rioters overrunning our cherished symbol of democracy; and, knowing we are closer to the beginning than the end of this continued assault on the truth. To say I am worried is an under-

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**A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE**

## Where there’s a there’s, there’s controversy

What do you think of the sentence “There’s multiple opportunities for youngsters”? How about “There’s many people who wish to travel”? How about “There’s a lot of students who wish to travel”?

If you’re like most English speakers, you’re fine with it. Chances are, you use these forms yourself. Nothing wrong with that. But if you’re like me or reader Elaine in Long Beach,

you’re not a fan. And there’s nothing wrong with that, either.

Don’t see the issue? Compare the above sentences to these slightly modified versions: “There are multiple opportunities for youngsters.” “There are many people who wish to travel.” “There are a lot of students who wish to travel.”

In our first examples, the singular verb “is” pairs with a plural subject — “opportunities,” “peo-

ple” or “students” — creating a subject-verb agreement error.

Most subject-verb agreement problems are easy to avoid. You’d never say “Opportunities is plentiful” or “Many people is wishing to travel.” But start a sentence with “there’s” and agreement gets more complicated.

The contraction is part of the reason. An apostrophe plus S paired with a plural sounds better than an “is” paired with a

plural. “There’s people” sounds better than “there is people.”

Throw in a singular-sounding modifier like “a lot” and it’s even easier to justify the singular verb: “There is a lot of people” sounds better than “there is people” because “a lot” is singular in form even though it’s plural in meaning.

But the biggest complicating

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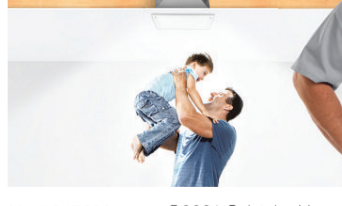


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# Women cruise O.C. to promote human trafficking awareness



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**DOZENS OF** exotic car drivers leave EuroCar in Costa Mesa on a cruise through Orange County's streets and freeways on Saturday in a unique stand against human trafficking.

**ADVOCATE AND** philanthropist Deidre Pujols drives her Wonder Woman-wrapped Lamborghini as she leads dozens of exotic car drivers on a cruise against human trafficking during National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.



**F**ifty exotic cars, all driven by women, cruised the streets of Orange County on Saturday to draw awareness to the issue of human trafficking.

Human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world, generating \$150 billion annually, and an estimated 70% of its victims are women. Saturday's cruise was led by advocate and philanthropist Deidre Pujols, wife of professional baseball player Albert Pujols, who drove a Wonder Woman-wrapped Lamborghini as the lead car.

The cruise covered 67 miles, from Costa Mesa to San Juan Capistrano and back to Santa Ana. For all passengers, there was a \$125 donation to support the efforts of Strike Out Slavery.

— Matt Szabo

## WORD

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factor is "there."

Simple sentences put a subject directly before a verb: Jane walks fast. Mike plays the guitar. People are here.

It's hard to mess up subject-verb agreement when the syntax is so straightforward.

But "there" can turn sentences upside-down, making it harder to see the relationship between the subject and the verb. "People are here" becomes "There are people here." The pronoun "there" is in the subject position, but it's a special kind of subject that doesn't determine the number of the verb. This dynamic, called "existential there," uses "there" as the grammatical subject, but the noun it displaced still functions as the "notional subject." And it's the notional subject that governs the verb.

So in "People are here," the plural "people" requires a plural verb, "are." In "There are people here," that plural noun, "people," is no longer the grammatical subject, but it's still the notional subject. It still creates the need for a plural verb. So if you're staying true to the rules of grammar, "There is people" would be wrong, as would its contracted form, "There's people."

But in language, correctness isn't just about grammar. It's also about idiom — common usage — which is where grammar comes from. The "rules" of grammar are really just descriptions of how

words usually work together. If enough English speakers defy a rule long enough, their usage automatically becomes correct. And because "there's" before a plural is standard, experts agree it's an acceptable idiomatic form.

A lot of people don't want to hear that. Rules are rules, they say. But that's not how our language works. Even the most proper English speakers break grammar rules.

Consider this sentence: "I'm a good person, aren't I?" This is standard, correct and acceptable — but ungrammatical. The plural verb "are" shouldn't go with the singular subject "I." You don't say "I are a good person." You say "I am a good person." "Am" is the correct verb form to correspond with "I."

To strictly adhere to the rules of syntax, you'd have to say, "I'm a good person, amn't I?" or "I'm a good person, am I not?" But no one talks that way and, thankfully, no one needs to. The plural verb "are" is correct in "aren't I" because it's an established and therefore acceptable idiom.

So it's not wrong to say, "There's multiple opportunities for youngsters" or "There's many people who wish to travel." But if you do, know that there are many people, me included, who don't like it.

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## MAILBAG

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statement."

Indeed. During Donald Trump's term in office, core American principles such as your vote counts and the peaceful transfer of power were under assault like never before. It's these very cornerstones of democracy we should be talking about, Mr. Whitlock, not a silly panty raid.

**Denny Freidenrich**  
Laguna Beach

In the opening scenes of the 2000 film "Gladiator," the Roman army led by Russell Crowe's character Maximus face off against a barbarian horde in Germania.

The battle begins when a Roman emissary is killed and decapitated with the Barbarian leader holding up his head and taunting the Romans. The barbarians in the movie remind me of the assault on the Capitol in Washington, D.C., earlier this month. In this case, they were incited by President Donald J. Trump.

We have seen similar unrest in Huntington Beach. An irresponsible minion of Trump, Tito Ortiz, is now our mayor pro tem. Like Trump, he thumbs his maskless nose at health and safety and apparently cares little for the best interests of the citizens he represents. He must not become the face of our city next year if he continues to disgrace our local government.

What we're going through now is not a movie drama. It is real and disturbing. To paraphrase Maximus, "What we do in life echoes through history." We should be mindful of those words in re-

sponding to this period of insurrection and lawlessness.

**Tim Geddes**  
Huntington Beach

Tito Ortiz refuses to wear a face mask. This is an act of odious defiance that denies scientific evidence and promotes ignorance over good judgment. Ortiz should have no place in the leadership of Huntington Beach municipal government. But perhaps he could find a place at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, where he could join Donald Trump, unmasked in the face of the coronavirus and unhinged from facts and reality.

**Ben Miles**  
Huntington Beach

### The promise of a new year

The "American Dream" was created by the hope and resiliency of hard-working people who persevered through the years with their blood, sweat and tears, determined to make a better life for themselves and their families.

We need to always remember not to lose our dream, as hope has no fear. It helps us to be strong when everything goes wrong. This year in Orange County was tumultuous and devastating, especially for the elderly and the homeless; almost everyone has been stricken with grief, strife and devastation. This new world is unknown to us and has created animosity, anxiety and unfamiliar sorrow amongst families, friends and neighbors.

As we enter into the year 2021, perhaps hope is the gift of life and that we have a purpose to regenerate, reinvigorate and reflect on a new year.

This should be a lesson to all, life should not be taken for granted and that technology should not replace the human spirit and that "good will" shall prevail. If we commit to memory, where our ancestors came from and what they fought for in the beginning, we will comprehend and appreciate those small things that we may have overlooked in 2020 and into those years ahead.

It begins with each of us to be the best of what we stand for and to educate and learn from our past. We need to recognize that each of us has an obligation to make our country and our community healthier. We must return to our core values and have a sense of trust, not in our government but in one another.

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy."

**Peggy V. Palmer**  
Newport Beach

### Names brought the story home

Thank you so much for publishing the names of our brothers and sisters who were homeless and have left us this past year (TimesOC, Homeless suffer most deaths in Orange County history, Jan. 10).

Their lives mattered. I knew someone on that list. He tried hard and was a good person. It could be anyone of us, or someone we know and love. Again, thank you for saying their names.

**Jane Hall Bove**  
Fountain Valley

### Foley's run could be O.C.'s gain

In 2018, Orange County elected a group of leaders who brought positive people and a goal-oriented philosophy to Congress and the California Assembly. Now those of us who live in District 2 are going to get the opportunity to elect a like-minded individual to the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Katrina Foley is running for that position (vacated by U.S. Rep. Michelle Steel) against a field of at least three other candidates.

Just as representatives Katy Porter, Gil Cisneros, Harley Rouda, and Cottie Petrie-Norris brought fresh new ideas and enthusiasm to their newly elected positions in 2018 to counter the stale politics of "no new taxes" and Republican domination at all costs, Katy is running to bring the same spirit to the Board of Supervisors.

The negative role that the board played during the pandemic should speak to those of us who disliked that they initially did nothing to help people and businesses in the county prepare for the devastating loss of lives and businesses.

Similarly in other city councils surrounding Costa Mesa, rarely was the loss of lives to the pandemic ever emphasized. Katrina Foley, in contrast, sought to help the community by requiring masks and attempting to enforce the mask rule, which was a difficult task when the surrounding cities and the supervisors refused to do the same. The board needs someone of Katrina's positive philosophy to make it pertinent again.

**Lynn Lorenz**  
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## EMPLOYEES

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his wife Lauren and Slapfish vice president of operations Brad Hall launched a GoFundMe in December.

As of Saturday afternoon, the GoFundMe had raised more than \$328,000 for restaurant workers.

The Gruels largely run the program, called "86 Restaurant Struggle," themselves. They take applications from workers or restaurants, screening them and then delivering money as soon as possible.

Gruel, 40, who lives in Huntington Beach and also has Slapfish seafood locations in Laguna Beach and Irvine as part of 27 locations, called the program a "little bridge" for people who need it.

"They're either awaiting benefits or have lost their job and were trying to figure out what their next step was going to be and they didn't know what to do," Gruel said.

"Especially in December, when it was like going into the holidays. A lot of parents, suddenly you lose your job and then you use your Christmas money for the kids to put food on the

table and you can't buy your kids gifts. That was really the time where we said, we've got to do something here."

The goal, which Gruel admitted is a bit arbitrary, is to raise more than \$1 million for restaurant workers. Gruel, who said more than one million restaurant workers in California alone have lost their jobs during COVID-19, nevertheless believes the program can get there.

Ika Taft is co-owner of More Than Waffles, a breakfast and lunch restaurant in Encino. She said she had to temporarily lay off most of her staff of around 50 employees during the pandemic, and the restaurant hours were cut to Saturdays and Sundays only for takeout after the California stay-at-home order was issued in December.

Taft reached out to Gruel, and several of her employees applied for funds through the program in early January.

"The next day, I got an envelope via FedEx to my house, with 16 checks of \$1,200 each," Taft said. "I have goosebumps now when I talk about it. I could not believe that. I took a picture of it, and I posted it

on our group [chat]. What a great thing to do for the employees. No one has done anything like this before. They're always doing funds for restaurants, but not for the employees.

"The guys were crying. They couldn't believe it when I handed them the checks. And it saved them. It gave them a little lifeline, thank God."

More Than Waffles reopened Saturday for outdoor dining, Taft said, and all of the workers are back on the payroll.

Gruel made headlines by keeping Slapfish's patio open at the Huntington Beach location recently. After Gov. Gavin Newsom made the stay-at-home order that banned outdoor dining, he posted a defiant video on social media.

He said since Slapfish offers counter service only, the restaurant doesn't control what customers do when they exit the front door.

Outdoor dining has been allowed again in Orange County as of Monday, when the stay-at-home order was lifted.

"That's a bit of a gray area, of course," Gruel said of Slapfish's policy during the order.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**ANDREW GRUEL**, his wife Lauren and Slapfish vice president of operations Brad Hall launched a GoFundMe in December, which has raised more than \$328,000 for restaurant workers. Gruel said his goal is to raise more than \$1 million to help those employees.

"Everybody will say I'm in defiance of the order, but I guess my question is, why is that? Why am I defying it? Because they're dining outdoors? But they're allowed to. Technically, they can eat wherever they want."

There is no gray area for 86 Restaurant Struggle. Gruel has made it as direct

as possible.

Many are even enjoying a Community Burger while they donate. At his Big Parm pizza restaurant in Tustin, Gruel's also offering a "Pandemic Pizza," which is similarly priced at whatever the customer wishes to play.

"We're filing a 501c3, so

we want to formalize this into a more substantial nonprofit," he said. "Even beyond the pandemic, we've realized that this could be an opportunity for us to just help in general within the industry."

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## MUSEUMS

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dress 21st century challenges, ranging from climate change to artificial intelligence.

"We are thrilled to be able to participate in the next Pacific Standard Time and to bring together groundbreaking international artists, scientists, and activists for a project in Orange County, a community that cares deeply about the Pacific Ocean," Cassandra Coblenz, the museum's senior curator and director of public engagement, stated in a news release.

"It is an exciting opportunity for us, as an institution and a community, to



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**THE LAGUNA BEACH** Art Museum received a \$100,000 grant to prepare for its participation in "Pacific Standard Time."

learn more about the ways in which all of us across the Pacific are impacted by the crucial environmental issues at stake," Coblenz continued.

Contributions from institutions coming together for "Pacific Standard Time"

in 2024 are expected to come in the form of exhibitions, performances, publications and public conversations.

Laguna Art Museum also received a grant in the amount of \$100,000, and the local museum will be participating via an exhibit called "Particles and Waves: Southern California Abstraction and Modern Physics, 1945 to 1980."

The exhibit will explore how progress made in the field of modern physics led to creation of abstract artworks by artists who were interested in concepts such as energy, light, motion and time.

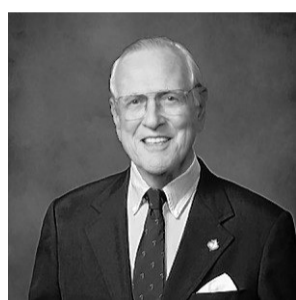
"This exhibition offers an exciting opportunity to explore the inter-related histories of scientific re-

search and artistic experimentation in Southern California," Sharrissa Iqbal, lead curator of the Laguna Art Museum's exhibition, said in a release.

"After World War II, a wide range of artists in and around Los Angeles produced visually abstract artworks concerned with scientific theories, mathematical models, and engineered technologies," Iqbal said.

"By bringing together a vibrant intersection of non-figurative artworks influenced by modern physics, 'Particles and Waves' will shed new light on the history of artistic abstraction in the region."

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Frank Hood Trane

October 14, 1931 - January 13, 2021

Frank was born in La Crosse Wisconsin in 1931 to Reuben and Helen Trane with older twin siblings, Jim and Betty. Frank's grandfather had emigrated from Tromso, Norway in 1864, and with Frank's father incorporated the Trane Co. in 1913.

Frank graduated Saint Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire in 1950. He was admitted to Stanford after his Junior year of high school.

Frank attended Stanford School of Engineering and graduated Cum Laude in 1953, receiving the honorary engineering distinction of Tau Beta Pi. He attended Stanford Graduate School of Business and was class of 1955. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Frank finally received a High School diploma from Saint Paul's in 1985, ending his High School dropout status!

Frank and his sweetheart, Allan Jean Farwell, were married in September 1951 while still at Stanford, and last year celebrated their 69th anniversary. Frank and Allan have three children, Marty Chapman (Dave), Cindy Christeson (Jon), and Byron (Frances). They had nine grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Their granddaughter Amy was killed in a tragic car accident in 2007.

Frank was on active duty in the Navy from 1955 through 1958. He served as a Submarine Repair Officer in the Charleston Naval Shipyard. He was responsible for the alteration and repair work done on submarines while in the shipyard and subsequent test dives. He earned the permanent rank of Full Lieutenant and was in the process of attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander when he finished his service. Frank was a life member of the Naval Submarine League.

In 1958, the Tranes moved to La Crosse and Frank worked for the Trane Company as a Manufacturing Engineer. He eventually held the position of General Superintendent of the La Crosse factories and became the U.S. Manager of Branch Plants. In 1966, Frank was awarded the honor of "Kentucky Colonel" by the Kentucky governor for building a factory in Lexington. Frank was on the Board of Directors for 24 years. The Trane Company was sold in 1984 to American Standard.

In 1963, the Tranes moved to Newport Beach, California where they continued to raise their family. Their children and grandchildren live in the area and over the years Frank and Allan's home on Newport Bay has been the frequent family gathering place. Frank had the pleasure of being "Bapa" to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He kept them all laughing.

Frank loved surfing 80 days a year and kept at it until he was 85. He loved skiing and took the family to Snowmass 45 Februarys in a row. He and Allan played golf at Ironwood Country Club in Palm Desert where they had a home. He enjoyed hiking the desert and surrounding mountains and belonged to the Ironwood Hiking Club.

Frank and Allan liked cruising on small yachts all over the world, mostly on their boat 'Hallelujah'. They enjoyed summer cruising to Moonstone Cove on Catalina Island. They enjoyed friendships at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club, the Cruising Club of America and the Santa Ana Country Club.

In 1965, Frank started a development company called Holiday Shores and fully developed over 5500 lots on the Arizona side of the Colorado River. In the late 1960's Frank was one of the founding trustees of Harbor Day School where 12 members of the family have attended.

Frank was an active member of Saint James Anglican Church and served as treasurer and senior warden. Frank studied the first 5 centuries of the Christian Church and loved teaching the Great Reformation of the 16th Century from an Anglican perspective.

In 1990, Frank decided to devote his full time to church work. He was one of the founders of the American Anglican Council, which helped form the Anglican Church in North America, consisting now of more than 1000 parishes. Frank was made an Honorary Lay Canon of the Church in 2013.

In 2013, without his knowledge, Frank's desert Bible study group created and funded the Frank Trane Cross on the Hill Endowment Scholarship Fund for King's Schools in Palm Desert. Frank enjoyed corresponding with scholarship winners. One can still see the 30-foot lighted aluminum cross designed, built, and erected by Frank in 1996 to replace its damaged wooden predecessor high on a Palm Desert hill.

Frank will be remembered for his love of God and family, his generosity, his wisdom, his many athletic abilities, his humor and his limericks. He could fix anything - electrical, mechanical and plumbing, be it in the house or on the boat, and his happy humming let us know where he was at all times.

Frank always said that his true legacy was his beloved wife Allan of 69 years and family. All 29 members of the four generations of his family live within 10 miles of each other and enjoy spending time together. Their shared Christian faith continues to bond them together.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St. James Anglican Church [www.stjamesnb.org/give/](http://www.stjamesnb.org/give/) (949) 999-3900 and King's Schools <https://www.kingschools.net> (760) 324-5464

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## BOAT

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"We all figured when the COVID-19 struck, business would stop dead, but it went just the opposite and took off," Enghauser said.

"I could hardly keep up with demand, a lot of them sold at full price — definitely a seller's market."

Despite the high cost of slip rental in Newport Beach, which range from \$750-\$1,000 for a 20-foot boat, according to some marinas, there is a waiting list to park your boat.

Enghauser said it was even crazier in the summer, with what he calls the "feeding frenzy," but inventory remains low.

He said finding used boats that fill all the wishes of a given client can be a challenge. Currently Enghauser is looking at a boat in Connecticut for a local customer.

"A lot of us [brokers] thought the people who bought boats this year would say, 'What have I done' and want to sell, but so far we've not seen yet," he said.

For Richard Ingold, who grew up in Newport Beach and was raised around boats, there's no chance of buyer's remorse.

He owns a Grand Banks, 1974 45-foot Grand Alaskan cruiser, purchased from Forsythe.

It's self-contained and has the ability to allow him to be gone for months. "I go to the boat every day to check on it and to kiss it," Ingold said.

Ingold said the pandemic has altered his adventures. He now vacations closer to home on his boat.

He said he feels grateful that the Newport Harbor is set up as a vacation spot with all the yacht clubs, moorings and slips, many of which are city owned.

"Thank God I have a boat," Ingold said. "I can stay at the Balboa Yacht Club on my boat and be around some wonderful people, or rent a guest slip at Marina Park or anchor off Lido Island."

**SUSAN HOFFMAN** is a contributor to Times Community News.

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