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Orange County reports five new deaths due to COVID-19

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported five coronavirus deaths and 239 new cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, on Saturday.

During the pandemic, the county has had 1,286 deaths and experienced 54,357 infections.

There are currently 160 residents hospitalized due to the virus, and 47 of those patients are being treated in intensive care units.

The county healthcare agency numbers also show that 10,074 coronavirus tests were reported within the last day, bringing the number of tests administered to

891,104. An estimated 48,831 people in the county have recovered after contracting the virus.

Orange County currently resides in the second, red tier of the state's color-coded guidelines for reopening. The county has seven-day averages of 4.4 new daily cases per 100,000 residents and a testing positivity rate of 3.1%. Those statistics come with a seven-day lag.

The criteria for the third, orange tier requires a county to have between one and 3.9 new daily cases per 100,000 residents, while the testing positivity rate can land between the range of 2% and 4.9%.

Below are the coronavirus case

counts and deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 10,473 cases; 283 deaths
- Anaheim: 9,284 cases; 278 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,419 cases; 76 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,831 cases; 34 deaths
- Irvine: 1,713 cases; 13 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,137 cases; 25 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 516 cases; 17 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 226 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age

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Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

A PARENT FIXES his son's shoelaces as students arrive for class at Rea Elementary School in Costa Mesa on Tuesday morning.



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DR. ASHISH BHALLA, center, talks with Gage Hernandez, right, as Raechelle and Amber Sievers look on during an in-home doctor visit on Thursday.

HEAL IS BRINGING 'YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR IN YOUR FAMILY ROOM'

BY ANDREW TURNER

Dr. Ashish Bhalla and Denise Abalos get out of their cars and immediately begin putting on full personal protective equipment, covering themselves from head to toe, and, of course, wearing masks.

Then they walk up to the front door of the Sievers home in Garden Grove and are welcomed inside by Jeff and Raechelle Sievers. From there, everyone transitions to the family room.

Doctor's appointments might present limitations in terms of the time spent with the patient, but Bhalla and Abalos performed a variety of tasks for the Sievers in a home visit that lasted more than an hour on Thursday.

The Sievers' youngest daughter Amber, 13, had her blood pressure and temperature checked, her height and weight measured, as well as eye and hearing tests for her well child exam.



See **Heal**, page A4 **DENISE ABALOS**, left, and Dr. Bhalla put on personal protective gear before an in-home visit.

Newport Beach teen donates \$5,000 in savings, 1,000 masks to the Los Angeles Rohingya Assn.

MICHAEL ZENG, 13, who donated masks and \$5,000 to the Los Angeles Rohingya Assn., is shown at his home in Newport Beach on Saturday.



Raul Roa
Staff Photographer

BY ANDREW TURNER

INGLEWOOD — A Newport Beach teenager has decided to use his personal savings to make a difference.

Michael Zeng, 13, presented the Los Angeles Rohingya Assn. with a donation of 1,000 masks and \$5,000 on Saturday in Inglewood.

The young philanthropist came to the United States from China just two years ago. He learned of the struggle of the Rohingya people through an article shown to him by his private English tutor, Dr. Simon Chan.

"I'm just worried about the children and the women, that they don't have home, they don't have water, they don't have

See **Donation**, page A8

Dead body found at park in Newport

BY ANDREW TURNER

A dead body was found at Eastbluff Park in Newport Beach on Saturday morning, police said.

Newport Beach Police Lt. Ryan Peters said that the deceased was a middle-aged female, and police do not suspect

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Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

NEWPORT BEACH police investigate the scene where a person's body was found at Eastbluff Park on Saturday.

Newport Beach City Hall to reopen to the public

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach City Hall is opening to the public again this Monday — the second such reopening since the start of the coronavirus pandemic shut it down in mid-March.

The city announced Thursday that it would mandate face coverings and have social distancing requirements to enter City Hall. This follows the successful reopening of the Newport Beach Central Library on Sept. 21.

Community centers will also re-

See **Newport**, page A2

H.B. council considers taking stance on 2 state propositions

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council will consider adopting formal positions on two statewide propositions during its meeting Monday night.

An agenda item asks the City Council to adopt positions opposing Proposition 15 and supporting Proposition 22, as recommended by the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

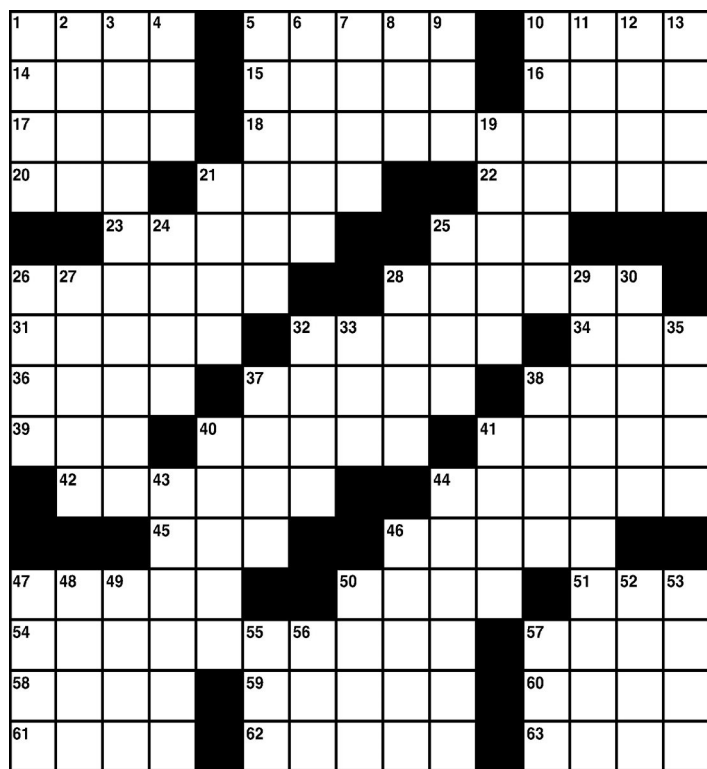
Members of the subcommittee include Huntington Beach Mayor Lyn Semeta and Councilmen Patrick Brenden and Erik Peterson.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

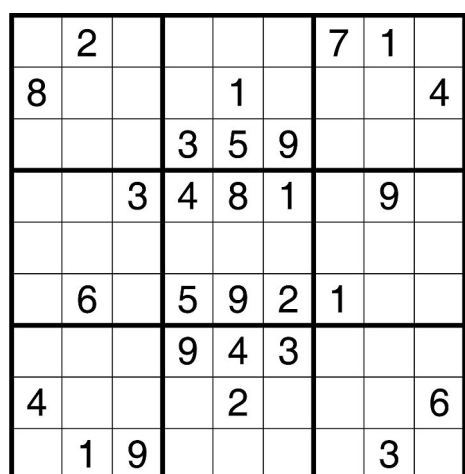
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 3 Tightwads



SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A8.

- 4 19th letter
 5 Cutting wood
 6 Sting yourself with a pin
 7 Sty cry
 8 Suffix for cartoon or balloon
 9 Singer Greenwood
- 10 On the go
 11 Work hard
 12 "The Eternal City"
 13 Mimicked
 19 __ for; cheers on
 21 Without
 24 Public uprising
 25 In __; poor

- 26 Baseball equipment
 27 "Au revoir"
 28 Ridiculously small
 29 Bolstered
 30 More rational
 32 Ill-mannered clod
 33 Bar soap brand
 35 Neat
 37 Mr. Flintstone
 38 __ over; ponder
 40 Iron
 41 __ off; reprove sharply
 43 Maximum
 44 Cruel men
 46 China cabinet
 47 Falling-out
 48 __ off; left suddenly
 49 Hardwood trees
 50 Annoying faucet sound
 52 Cattleman's responsibility
 53 Gambler's concern
 55 " __ My Man"; song for The Supremes
 56 "What did __?"; cry of horror & regret
 57 __ flash; instantly

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H.B.

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To adopt the resolutions, however, the City Council would first have to vote to temporarily set aside a section of a 1976 resolution regarding statewide ballot propositions.

That section states that the City Council "shall take no stand, neither pro nor con, with respect to any statewide ballot proposition."

Proposition 15 would increase funding sources for schools and local governments by requiring commercial and industrial property be taxed based on current market value, instead of purchase price. Owners of properties with combined values of \$3 million or less would be exempt.

Proposition 22 would define app-based transportation and delivery drivers as independent contractors instead of employees.

The subcommittee's conclusion regarding Proposition 15 was that the new split roll tax system would "place an undue burden on local businesses and our economy."

The subcommittee supports the latter proposition "in recognition of the need for app-based rideshare and delivery companies to manage their operations and



Raul Roa
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THE HUNTINGTON BEACH

City Council will consider Monday adopting positions on two California propositions.

vide flexibility in employee classifications."

Other Orange County city councils have also considered adopting resolutions opposing Proposition 15.

The city of Orange did so on Sept. 8, while Irvine Mayor Christina Shea and Councilman Anthony Kuo proposed a similar measure.

Irvine ultimately elected to stay neutral and not go ahead with a formal resolution against Proposition 15, however.

"I think to create a sense of peace and harmony in our city, let's let the individuals in our community vote on this as they see fit," Shea said during the Sept. 8 Irvine City Council meeting.

Election Day is Nov. 3.

Also on Monday's Huntington Beach City Council agenda is a request from Mayor Pro Tem Jill Hardy to consider the appointment of Councilwoman Kim Carr as the mayor pro tem for the remainder of the year.

Monday's City Council meeting begins at 6 p.m. and can be watched on channel HBTv-3 or online at huntingtonbeach.legistar.com. Residents may send comments on agenda items to supplementalcomm@surf-city-hb.org.

Communications received by 2 p.m. Monday will be distributed to the council prior to consideration of agenda-related items.

The council chambers will not be open for in-person attendance to provide public comment due to COVID-19, and residents are encouraged to submit comments via Zoom.

The Webinar ID is 971 5413 0528 and can be reached via the Zoom app or by calling (669) 900-6833 and entering the ID. Individuals will be placed in a holding queue and prompted to speak when the city clerk announces their name or the last three digits of their phone number.

Time for remarks is limited to three minutes.

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NEWPORT

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open for classes, including the Oasis fitness center, with reduced capacities in the coming weeks. Community centers will still be closed for event rentals.

City spokesman John Pope said that the city's installed plexiglass shields between desks and work stations in the open office areas of City Hall and on all the front counters. Stickers marking 6-foot distances are also on the first floor for those waiting

for counter service. Residents are still encouraged to conduct city business by phone, email or web services when possible.

Pope said that city staff will not be taking temperatures for members of the public, but that only two sets of doors will be open so that staff can monitor capacity. If there are too many people inside, members of the public will be asked to wait outside.

City Council and commission meetings will continue to be streamed at newportbeachca.gov and

the public can continue to comment by phone or email.

Newport Beach City Hall closed in mid-March before reopening again in May. It was subsequently closed a second time in July when COVID-19 cases increased in Orange County.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported Saturday that there were 1,137 cases and 25 deaths of COVID-19 in Newport Beach.

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HEAL

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Additionally, several of the family members had their flu shots administered, and Bhalla also prescribed pain medication for a shoulder injury that Raechelle, 51, Amber's mom, is dealing with. Bhalla referred Raechelle for physical therapy too.

"I had already been using them, and I had already been referring them, but as soon as the coronavirus started, that was one of the first things that I shared publicly online with my friends," Raechelle said. "I was like, 'Everyone, you guys need this.'"

Raechelle said that her family has received visits from several doctors with Heal, a medical company that brings healthcare to patients' homes, and she has liked them.

Bhalla, a member of the Heal staff, is now serving as the family's primary care doctor.

"Since we're all here anyway, it's much easier to schedule things and stay on top of appointments than it was if [family members are] working away from home and needed a day off," Raechelle said. "It's easier for us now to stay on top of it, but I think it's the greatest service ever."

As the use of equipment was completed during the trip to the Sievers home, it was sanitized by the medical team before putting it away.

This may seem atypical to some, but Heal, which turned six years old on Oct. 1, hopes that it will become the norm.

"We want to be your family doctor in your family room for every American family, all over the country," Nick Desai, the CEO of Heal, said of the vision on which the company was founded. "We want to solve the problems of equality of access to timely quality care."

Desai graduated from



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DENISE ABALOS, left, a medical assistant with Heal, gives a shot to Amber Sievers as her father Jeffrey holds her hand at their home in Garden Grove.

Irvine High School in 1987 before going on to UC Irvine and ultimately earning a master's degree in electrical engineering from UCLA.

He and his wife Dr. Renee Dua, who is the chief medical officer of Heal, founded the company together.

Heal allows patients to schedule a house call with a doctor from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The company also has a telemedicine service. Desai said that Heal also has upfront pricing, allowing patients to see their cost before booking an appointment.

Desai added that he believes that people are always safer in their own

homes, adding, "The alternative is going to a hospital, a doctor's office or urgent care where thousands of other people have been, and they'd be sitting with you at the same time, where you are exposed to everyone else's germs."

To make patients more comfortable, additional COVID-19 protocols implemented by Heal include medical teams being required to use hand sanitizer before and after each visit, and having their temperature and symptoms checked twice a day.

After 10 years of practicing medicine in an office, Bhalla took a chance in joining Heal three years ago.

"The reason I joined Heal was because the concept sounded pretty cool, and this is a new thing and we can mix technology with the medicine," Bhalla said. "At the same time, we can have time with the patient, which is getting shorter and shorter in the office visits."

Bhalla added that the ability to build a physician-patient relationship is mutually beneficial, as it helps close the care gaps in the management of the patient.

Nour Kasm, 34, of Newport Beach, who has kids who attend the Pegasus School in Huntington Beach, said that her family

has proceeded with great caution in navigating life during the coronavirus pandemic. Her family also uses Heal as its primary care provider.

"My children go to private school, and they got the waiver and were able to open up, and we decided not to send them," Kasm said. "We're doing distance learning. Again, I think we're being really careful. I have my in-laws who we see every day and who are [at] high risk, and we just didn't want to take that risk."

The ability to have access to a physician at odd hours also appealed to Kasm.

"That's another thing

that is so convenient about Heal is when my pediatrician's office is closed, I'm able to give Heal a call, or if it's like 6 p.m. and we don't want to go to urgent care, Heal is able to come," Kasm said.

"It was around 6 p.m. that we were able to get Heal to come, and Dr. Bhalla came and he diagnosed [my son] with acute pneumonia and was able to immediately prescribe all of the medication he needed, and he was on it that night. The next morning, he started to feel better."

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COMMENTARY | MICHELLE STEEL

COVID-19 monitoring system needs to allow for local control

Late last month, Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered the state's county monitoring list to be replaced with a new set of four color-coded tiers through which counties would move based off their positivity rates and cases per 100,000.

Initially, this was viewed as a better way of assessing each county's COVID-19 metrics as opposed to being either on or off the largely ineffective monitoring list.

A county would move from a more restrictive to a less restrictive tier as its positivity rates and cases of the coronavirus per 100,000 decreased or to a more restrictive tier if they increased.

However, shortly after this was introduced, the state slapped on a third category. The "adjusted case rate for tier assignment" is adjusted based on the state's

median testing volume.

This means that local jurisdictions like Orange County are beholden to the state's whims and are only allowed to progress into the next tier as long as the state's metrics go down along with the other two categories.

This ties counties that are more rural or suburban that have lower case and positivity rates with urban counties like Los Angeles that are keeping the state median higher.

Why should counties that are getting better each week be forced to keep portions of their economy closed simply because another county (in many cases not even geographically close to theirs) is causing the state testing rate median to remain higher?

This illogical and unfair blanket treatment of counties is causing more harm than good, resulting

in outcry from our community and businesses.

The state also doesn't allow for counties to have enough wiggle room with the range between tiers and could have them constantly jumping back and forth because of an algorithm set by the state reflecting a testing-rate median. This is especially true for the yellow "minimal" category, in which the range between it and the orange tier are extremely tight.

Throwing the third "adjusted case rate" factor in, a county could literally be cast back into the orange category through no fault of its own but as a result of the state median increasing. This places a huge burden on businesses that our communities and families rely on. Forcing them to open and close back and forth is devastating for the economic

viability of our communities.

Gov. Newsom tells us there is no green tier because we are "not expected to return to a pre-pandemic mindset anytime soon."

Alpine County's positivity rates and cases per 100,000 are both at zero. According to the CDC's coronavirus data tracker website, the county has had fewer than 20 cases throughout the entire pandemic. Yet, it remains in the yellow minimal category, simply because it can't go any further on the state's tier system.

Mariposa and Modoc counties, also in the yellow tier, have very low positivity and case rates. Should their business sectors continue to be shuttered despite the risk factor being extremely low or in Alpine's case, virtually nonexistent?

California is a huge state, larger than many countries. Not all

regions are the same. Counties have different densities, demographics and climates that factor into how the virus affects them.

Tying them to a state median neglects this fact and punishes counties that are performing well with their COVID-19 response.

We want to work with the state on beating COVID-19 and flattening the curve because we're in this fight together, but giving counties more local control over our responses is absolutely necessary.

We have the ability to protect public health and reopen our economies simultaneously, and giving more local control to counties is not only logical but the right thing to do.

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

As Ginsburg lay in state, news reports flubbed the past tense of 'lie'

When plans were announced for late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to lie in state at the Capitol, no one seemed to struggle with the verb. But after the fact, editors and social media managers stumbled.

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg's trainer of 21 years, Bryant Johnson, paid tribute to her with a set of push-ups as she laid in state at the Capitol on Friday," National Public Radio announced in a Facebook post.

NBC News tweeted: "The flag-draped casket of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg lied in state at the US Capitol."

For news folks, those are bad errors. Unlike casual users who have a lot of leeway in how they use "lay" and "lie," news agencies are supposed to follow



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CAPITOL HILL staffers pay their respects as the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg lies in state. June Casagrande points out that news media used erroneous words for the past tense of "lie."

the strict guidelines for these words.

Present and future tenses don't seem to cause too much confusion, but past tense forms trip people up — even pros. So for anyone who wants to master "lay" and "lie," here's a refresher.

Lay is a transitive verb, which means it takes an object. You don't just lay. You lay something. For example, a rug in "I'm going to lay this rug on the floor."

Lie is intransitive. It does not take an object. "I'm going to lie down." You don't lie a rug on the floor. You yourself lie.

Both these verbs are irregular, meaning they don't follow the formula regular verbs use to express something that happened in the past. The regular verb "walk," for instance, forms both its past tense and its past participle by adding "ed." That's the formula for most regular verbs: Today I walk. Yesterday I walked. In the past I have walked.

Don't let the term "participle" scare you. The past participle is just the one

that goes with some form of "have": I have walked. He had walked.

Irregular verbs defy this pattern. Today I begin. Yesterday I began. In the past I have begun. Today I break. Yesterday I broke. In the past I have broken.

Some irregular verbs use the same form for both the past tense and the past participle. Today I buy. Yesterday I bought. In the past I have bought. Today I cling. Yesterday I clung. In the past I have clung.

Still others have past forms that are identical to their present tense. Today I cut. Yesterday I cut. In the past I have cut. Today I let. Yesterday I let. In the past I have let.

The most irregular verb of all is "be," which goes off script not just with its past-tense forms but with its present forms, too: I am.

You are. He is.

Past tense forms of "be" are tough for nonnative speakers to learn. Today I am. Yesterday I was. In the past I have been. Today you are. Yesterday you were. In the past you have been.

So for irregular verbs, the only way to get past tense forms right is to memorize them — or look them up. Which brings us back to lay and lie.

The past tense and past participle of "lay" are the same: laid. Today I lay the rug on the floor. Yesterday I laid the rug on the floor. In the past I have laid the rug on the floor.

The past tense of "lie" is downright cruel: It's "lay." The past participle is "lain." Today I lie down. Yesterday I lay down. In the past I have lain down.

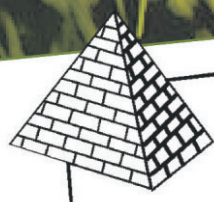
NPR's and NBC's posts should have both used the

past tense of lie, lay. Yesterday, Ginsburg lay in state.

You can find the past forms in your dictionary. Look up "lie" and next to it you'll see "lay, lain," which is how dictionaries show past tense and past participle forms, in that order. Look up "lay" and next to it you'll see just "laid," which is how dictionaries tell you that there's just one form for both the past tense and past participle.

So you don't have to memorize the past tense forms of "lay" and "lie." But if you write or edit for a living, you should definitely look them up.

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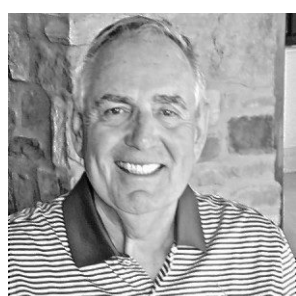
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William "Ross" Mollard

William "Ross" Mollard, 84 Passed away in La Quinta, California on Friday, September 25, 2020.

Ross was a former longtime Newport Beach resident. He moved from Canada in 1978 with his family.

He ran a successful commercial real estate business and was active in the community. He was a member of the Palisades Tennis Club, Newport Beach Country Club and Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic church.

He and his wife moved to La Quinta in 2010 where he enjoyed his semi-retired life.

His final resting place will be Kelowna Memorial Park, Kelowna, BC Canada. A memorial will be scheduled at a later date due to current restrictions.

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DONATION

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food," Michael said. "My teacher gave me the story about this, and I feel really sad for them, so I decided to donate some masks."

The Los Angeles Rohingya Assn. considers itself to be a nonprofit advo-

cacy group for the Rohingya and other ethnic minorities in the Southeast Asian nation of Myanmar. It focuses on human rights and social issues.

Ko Ko Naing, 35, the president of the organization, said that the Rohingya, a predominantly Muslim group, are being removed from their homeland by the government in the land previously known

as Burma.

"Moving forward in the future, we would like to get back our human rights," Naing said.

"The United Nations and the U.S. can play a key role. We really appreciated the United States government giving us shelter here, a refugee status here, but in the long run, we are thinking about our future for our people back home, back in

refugee camp. We want them to live in a [dignified] manner."

About a dozen refugees joined in and held some of the donated masks as Michael presented a \$5,000 check.

They walked outside their front doors at an apartment complex the Los Angeles Rohingya Assn. uses to house its members.

Brenda Song, 65, a family friend, said that Michael, a seventh-grade student at Corona del Mar Middle School, had been saving the money for years. She said that most of the money had come from traditional gift-giving occasions such as birthdays and holidays.

Tim Lu, 59, of Irvine,

Michael's uncle, said that his nephew has not donated on this scale before, but his heart bleeds for women and children in need.

"When he felt he had the route to help out, especially related to women and children, he has a connection to them," Lu said.

Naing expressed his gratitude for Michael's gift.

"No words can describe how much this donation meant to us," Naing said. "We felt gratitude, very thankful. We are so appreciative, especially during this pandemic, it shows that people have some compassion, so we felt very happy."

Bashir Ahmed, 17, and

his brother Sheikh, 16, came to the United States as refugees after fleeing Myanmar for Malaysia.

"When we were in Malaysia, we don't have any school to go," said Bashir, who attends Inglewood High School. "It was difficult to go to school because we don't have any passport or anything like that."

"When we came to America, we have everything. The government gave us everything. We have ID ... so we can go to school with the kids and then learn there. We have a good education in America. Thanks to America."

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MICHAEL ZENG shows the check he donated to the Los Angeles Rohingya Assn.

BODY

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that foul play factored into her death at this time. He said that there is not an ongoing investigation involving law enforcement.

Peters added that a passerby came across the body at about 8 a.m. and reported it to the police. Officers then responded to



POLICE SAY the body is that of a middle-aged female, and no foul play is suspected at this time.

Raul Roa

the scene.

The Orange County coroner's office had yet to notify the next of kin as of Saturday evening. Dept. Coroner Erica Arellano

said that the cause of death would be determined by an autopsy.

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- 0 to 17: 3,885 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 8,208 cases; four deaths
- 25 to 34: 11,694 cases; 19 deaths
- 35 to 44: 8,650 cases; 36 deaths
- 45 to 54: 8,762 cases; 108 deaths
- 55 to 64: 6,511 cases; 185 deaths

- 65 to 74: 3,280 cases; 259 deaths
- 75 to 84: 1,855 cases; 274 deaths

- 85 and older: 1,463 cases; 400 deaths

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MAILBAG**Newport Beach and its residents should do more to help the homeless**

Why, oh why do churches collect food but do hardly anything to house the homeless? I have called churches, and they give me a lot of excuses like they cannot be sure a homeless person is stable.

Maybe they could donate money for a hotel room. But if a homeless person is stable, why if there is an unused room wouldn't they take someone in for a certain time?

A church has hundreds or thousands of members, and it seems they aren't willing to be Christians and take care of the homeless. Newport Beach has no shelter and yet has a lot of millionaires who are not willing to help the homeless. I read all the "solutions" and am horrified at what is not done.

Darlene Letnes
Newport Beach

Harley Rouda withstands attacks

In an apparent effort to confuse voters, Republicans persist in trying to paint Rep. Harley Rouda as an extremist, but it won't stick.

Rouda's commitment to bipartisanship earned him the Abraham Lincoln Leadership for America Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In presenting the award chamber President Suzanne Clark said, "Now more than ever our nation needs elected leaders with the courage to pursue common ground and bold, bipartisan solutions to America's greatest challenges." These awards, she said, "honor the deserving members of Congress that are forging common-sense solutions, working across the aisle, to enact meaningful reforms."

Regarding Rouda's voting record the best comparison is with the nearest Republican, Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42, Corona). According to ProPublica, Rouda and Calvert have voted the same 42% of the time. Far from being a "radical," our congressman is the finest example of a principled, hard-working public servant who reflects the hopes and values of his constituents.

Bob Taylor
Newport Beach

Trying to be neighborly

I recently took a little foray into Nextdoor out of curiosity. I had heard some interesting things about the app and wanted to see if they were true. There are many different parts to the app, and I am sure that some of them are very helpful and positive. People in a neighborhood should be friendly and helpful to each other, which is probably the case most often on Nextdoor for Newport Beach.

But do not go into the general conversation room where politics are discussed because if you are not of the same opinion, watch out. It is an opportunity for people to fully vent without concern for etiquette or personal feelings, and it is also an opportunity to offer up some personal retribution as I soon discovered.

Pity for the faint of heart for those who do not agree with the majority of people in the conversation area at that time. I would like to think that this was uncharacteristic behavior but I could only stand the abuse for 24 hours after my initial introduction was made in the form of a positive statement about Newport Beach City Councilman Jeff Herdman, who is running for reelection. Also, big mistake in mentioning the two political get-togethers that were being advertised that day regarding candidate Noah Blom or in offering an opinion on them. You would be, as I was, the focus of invective launched from many angles. So much

for courtesy and polite introductions.

In all fairness, I must say that there were a few people who made positive comments, and I thank them for their courage; but the majority were unfriendly, and sarcastic. To those people who feel compelled to entertain the type of discussions that I encountered on Nextdoor that day, I would like to suggest a reading assignment. It is a play by Jean Paul Sartre called "Huis Clos" ("No Exit" in English).

I am curious to see if you identify with the theme or intent of Sartre. Fortunately for me, there was an exit out of Nextdoor, but I couldn't get away fast enough as I fumbled with the app.

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach

Thoughts on the anti-mask mob

The ongoing mask conflict is still underway here in Orange County, specifically the city of Huntington Beach, and even more to the point, Basilico's Pasta e Vino restaurant on Brookhurst Street. Basilico's owner, Tony Roman, says that the state shutdown was unjustified and un-American, and to further illustrate his stand on a mask-free restaurant he has placed a sign on his property reading, "Leave the mask, take the cannoli." This clever aphorism is of course derived from a still popular line in the "Godfather" movie of "Leave the gun, take the cannoli."

Maybe Roman has a point as he claims that no one working in his restaurant nor any of his customers have ever been diagnosed with COVID-19. He could be very lucky, or perhaps he is not aware of any sickness that originated in his restaurant. The wearing of masks I admit is a pain, makes it hard to breathe and is just downright uncomfortable. A mask, however, has been scientifically proven to thwart the dreaded coronavirus over and over again.

It appears that despite the science behind this horrendous sickness, this restaurant owner is sticking to his guns and will stay mask-free even though people have died and are still dying.

Keeping in line with lines from the "Godfather" series, perhaps this restaurant owner might employ another relevant movie line of "Keep your friends close but your enemies closer." In this case the enemies could very well turn out to be stubbornness, bullheadedness and inflexibility.

Bill Spitalnick
Newport Beach

Contributions raise questions

Fundraising for a city council election reveals critical information about the candidate's supporters.

Unfortunately, fundraising is a requirement of the job, and it's necessary in order to get your message out to the public, especially to those who are not directly involved in city issues. Most citizens don't contribute the allowed \$1,200 maximum per candidate, but those with a business interest frequently do.

Most of Noah Blom's contributions are from out-of-town donors and/or those with ties to short-term rentals (his website lists an endorsement from "Newport Beach Short-Term Rentals Assn."). I don't see many small contributions from individual citizens, contrasting with Jeff Herdman's list. (See the Newport Beach City Council website for complete lists of donors.)

Are Mr. Blom's donors hoping the new council majority will overturn the recent short-term lodging ordinance, which caps our number at 1,550? Jeff Herdman's opponent has said he thinks we should have them all over town, allowing unlimited short-term rentals in every neighborhood in our city. Staff estimate that number could be as high as 10,000 units in Newport Beach if left unregulated. There is a difference between individual homeowners rent-

ing their property versus corporate interests. Perhaps we should change the city seal to say "Hotel Newport Beach."

Why are three of my council colleagues endorsing an unknown candidate who has never shown any interest in local issues, has never attended a city council meeting or served on a board or commission or even a homeowners association?

If the three members who endorse Mr. Blom get their way, the four will have a majority vote. Furthermore, if Diane Dixon wins her race for an assembly seat, that majority bloc could appoint someone to fill her seat, giving them a super-majority.

Will this appointed council member represent the interests of the bloc that appointed him or her rather than the interests of the city and District 1, Lido and the Peninsula specifically? And will this super-majority gut the short-term lodging ordinance?

At that point it would not matter what the citizens of Newport Beach think, because the majority on the council would have the votes to do anything they want.

I like all my colleagues as people but not as politicians. And I'm so disappointed that they have taken this endorsement action. They underestimate the ability of our citizens to see through it.

Joy Brenner
Newport Beach City Council

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Drive-in treat for music fans



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THE COVER BAND Queen Nation played for a sold-out drive-in concert, sponsored by Autosonic Concerts, at the O.C. Fair and Event Center in Costa Mesa on Sept. 26. On the large screen behind singer Greg Finsley is an image of attendees in their vehicles.



FROM LEFT, Kelly Hachen, 55, Lisa Messenger, 55 and Melanie Messenger, 53, all of Newport Beach, react as Queen Nation performs at the drive-in concert.



FROM LEFT, Queen Nation's Mike McManus is on guitar and vocals, Parker Combs on bass and Greg Finsley on piano and vocals.



ALEXIS SMITH, 28 of Riverside enjoys the Queen Nation concert.

At the Orange County fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, music lovers enjoyed a concert in the comfort and safety of their own vehicles on Sept. 26.

Music lovers turned out in their cars to watch cover band Queen Nation perform during two drive-in concerts. Both events sold out.

Members of Queen Nation included Greg Finsley (vocals/keyboard), Mike McManus (guitar/vocals), Parker Combs (bass) and a drummer who did not want to be identified.

— Raul Roa



GREG FINSELY, left, and Mike McManus of the cover band Queen Nation play for a drive-in concert.