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Support for students pursuing CTE pathways

Brian Dozer, Vital Link president, hopes to raise funds for career technical education through the Pedal-ED campaign.

BY ANDREW TURNER

As students venture deeper into their high school careers, they turn an eye to the future.

To many, that means applying to four-year universities, but there are those that want to remind students that they have more than one option.

Dr. Brian Dozer, president of the Orange County nonprofit Vital Link, has been bicycling to and meeting with students to raise awareness about career technical

education pathways through the Pedal-ED fundraising effort.

The initial goal of \$20,000 has just been surpassed, Dozer confirmed on Saturday. The funds were raised with substantial help from 100 Companies That Care, a philanthropic group made up of businesses in Orange County.

Dozer said that there will be 10 \$2,000 scholarships handed out to students who can show proof of enrollment at a community college. Scholarships will consider the needs of the student, who should be from the Orange County area.

"There aren't as many scholarships for community colleges, so as an organization — Vital Link — that is focused on CTE in Orange County, we really thought it

was appropriate to target the community colleges," Dozer said while making a stop at Laguna Beach High School on Friday. "Again, really what we want to do is shine a light on you, the students, and the hard work you're doing."

Dozer was addressing students in the Multimedia 3D Design course, a class taught by Scott Wittkop.

Dozer has biked 205 miles over four trips during the Pedal-ED scholarship campaign, including a 56-mile ride on Friday.

His itinerary took him to Mission Viejo, Capistrano Valley, Laguna Beach and Irvine high schools, as well as Saddleback

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Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

DR. BRIAN DOZER, left, president of Vital Link, speaks to students in Scott Wittkop's multimedia 3D design class for a fundraising effort to support students in career technical education at Laguna Beach High School.

BOYS' WATER POLO



Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

NEWPORT HARBOR head coach Ross Sinclair, center, and senior Gage Verdegaal, bottom, jump into the pool with other members of the coaching staff after the Sailors defeated Huntington Beach in the CIF Southern Section Open Division title match Saturday at Woollett Aquatics Center in Irvine.

Newport Harbor dominates Huntington Beach for CIF title

BY MATT SZABO

Players on the Newport Harbor High boys' water polo team had a special alumnus speak to them the night before the biggest match of the season.

Drew Lawson, the 1984 CIF Southern Section Division 4A Co-Player of the Year who went on to play at Stanford, gave advice to the current squad.

"He wanted to give us some words of wisdom and just kind of prepare us mentally," Sailors senior co-captain Gage Verdegaal said.

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THE NEWPORT HARBOR boys' water polo team poses with the championship plaque Saturday afternoon.

Attracted by growing buzz over urban beekeeping, some Costa Mesa tenants becoming eco-minded

BY SARA CARDINE

On the grounds of CANVAS North, a Costa Mesa campus that offers an adaptable suite of creative work spaces, two tiny house-shaped boxes are abuzz with activity as tens of thousands of honeybees begin to winter after a busy season.

Beehives installed on the property in May 2020 have since become a huge draw for tenants and a place where they can not only see bees at work, but enjoy the fruits of their labor, thanks to the Montreal-based urban beekeeping company Alveole.

Named for the French word describing a single cell within a honeycomb, Alveole installs boxes on school grounds, office complexes and other nonagrarian locations and fills them with honey-

A BEEKEEPER holds up the frame of one of two beehives behind the CANVAS North campus in Costa Mesa.

Courtesy of EQ Office



bees that, once accommodated, will do what bees do.

The idea is to let urbanites interface with the insects, learn more about their role as pollinators and open doors into deeper conversations about food produc-

tion, ecology and conservation, says Carmen Atwater, an urban beekeeper with the company who's worked on the CANVAS property.

"It's this window into a world most people don't have exposure

to in their daily lives," Atwater said. "It really is an amazing way to tap into people's sense of curiosity and engage with them on a very tangible level."

Professional beekeepers tend to the hives regularly and harvest the products of the bees' efforts, jarring honey and fashioning beeswax into lip balm and candles that are given to clients.

The hives may be small, but the bees inside have already produced some major returns in their two seasons on the property.

"These hives were stacked three high before this year, because the bees were so active," said CANVAS community manager Lauren Lengyel.

"We got eight cases of honey, 100 bars of soap, 100 lip balm and

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O.C. Power Authority takes on partner

It is teaming with the Southern California Regional Energy Network as it prepares to launch in the spring.

BY MATT SZABO

The Orange County Power Authority has made a key partnership as it plans to launch service next spring.

The public utility, a Community Choice Energy program formed as an alternative to Southern California Edison, announced recently it has teamed up with the Southern California Regional Energy Network.

The partnership will give OCPA member cities — currently Huntington Beach, Irvine, Fullerton and Buena Park — access to programs designed to use energy more efficiently. Working with SoCalREN, the OCPA will be able to identify and implement energy efficiency projects in public city facilities and schools.

"In my discussions and doing my research on programs, I started thinking about the SoCalREN," OCPA Chief Operating Officer Antonia Castro-Graham said. "When I worked in Huntington Beach, I partnered with them to do a number of energy efficiency programs. They said, 'You're going to do municipal programs? So are we. Why don't we just partner together?'"

The Regional Energy Network was formed in 2012 by the California Public Utilities Commission.

"We can work together to have more resources, including financial resources, to have more money to do more programs," Castro-Graham said. "Their expertise, coupled with ours and our desire to launch programs when we launch service, is really a benefit to the four cities that are our members."

Lujuana Medina, an environmental initiatives sections manager for SoCalREN, said in a statement that the collaboration will be beneficial, especially considering the large scale of the OCPA.

"OCPA doesn't have to reinvent the wheel and can accomplish major initiatives more efficiently by tapping SoCalREN's collective experience," she said.

The Orange County Power Authority is still planning to launch service for municipal, commercial and industrial accounts in April, Castro-Graham said, with a notification period that starts in February. Residential service is scheduled to launch in October 2022.

Not everyone is a fan of this particular CCE program. Dr.

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AROUND TOWN

Laguna Beach Business Club to feature Billy Fried

Billy Fried will be next to take center stage in the Laguna Beach Business Club's monthly speaker series.

Fried, the founder of La Vida Laguna, will speak to attendees of the Thursday breakfast meeting, which begins at 7:30 a.m. at Seven7Seven, 777 Laguna Canyon Road. The event fee is \$30 for those who are not members of the Laguna Beach Business Club.

A 22-year resident of Laguna Beach, Fried's business offers stand-up padding, surfing, hiking and e-bike tours. He also

writes a Laguna Beach Independent column called "The Kibitzer," and he has a show on the local radio station KXFM called "Laguna Talks."

Pickleball now available at Laguna's Alta Laguna Park

The conversion of a tennis court into three permanent pickleball courts at Alta Laguna Park has been completed, Laguna Beach city officials announced this week.

There are also shadow pickleball lines placed on an additional tennis court, allowing for up to five games of pickleball to be played at one time at the park.

— From staff reports



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

DR. BRIAN DOZER walks his bike accompanied by Laguna Beach High Principal Dr. Jason Allemann, left, for a fundraising effort to support students in career technical education.

STUDENTS

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College and a secondary campus of Irvine Valley College. Some students showcased work that they had produced in the multimedia class, working with devices such as 3D printers and laser cutting and engraving machines.

Henry Miller, 17, a senior, told the presenters that he taught himself how to manufacture a gear for his RC car in the class.

Senior London Boyd, 17, said she has also applied skills that she has learned for purposes that lie outside of the course curricu-

lum.

"I also help design some stuff for our neighborhood ... because we have a Christmas event coming up," she said. "They wanted a poster, and they asked me to design it."

Kellee Shearer, a career counseling coordinator for the Laguna Beach Unified School District, said the high school offers 14 courses that give students a chance to earn early college credits and sit for 18 industry certification exams.

"I think we get into a mindset where everybody has to go to college," District Supt. Dr. Jason Voloria said. "Everyone needs to

be prepared for whatever it is their next step is going to be in life, and that means we have to provide a very robust college and career experience, so that students walk out with the skills they need to be successful, whatever that might be.

"My philosophy is always to tell kids, 'Don't close doors on yourself,' because you might want to go down that pathway at some point in your life, so always do the best you can, but also take advantage of the various opportunities that you have."

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

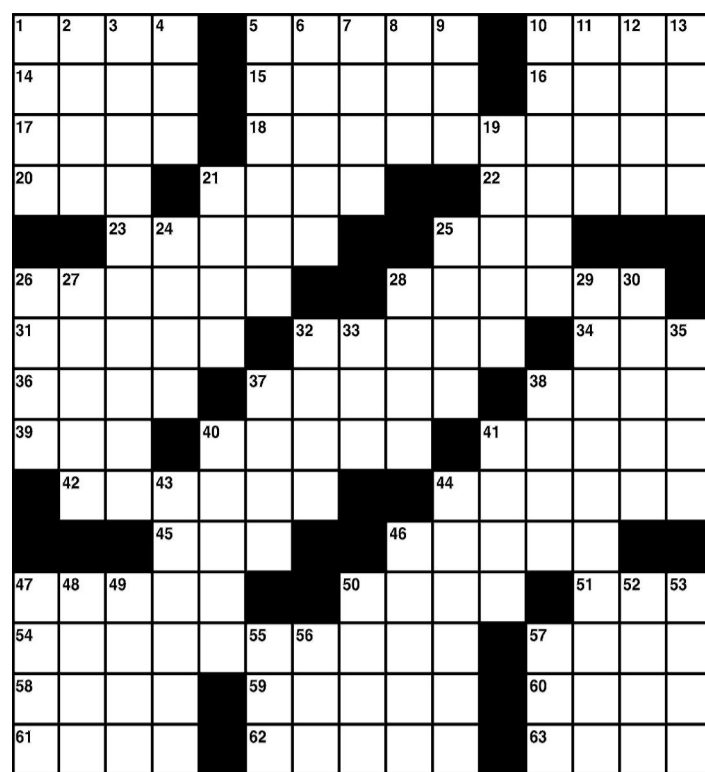
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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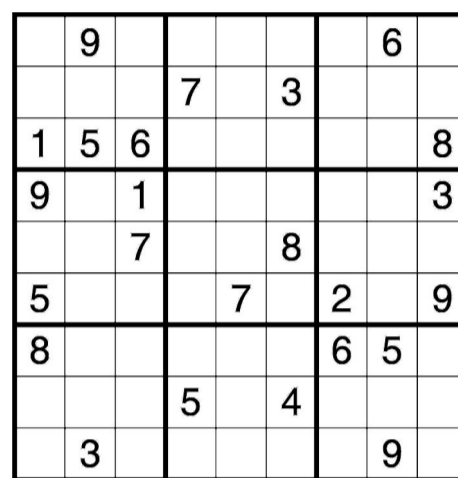
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SUDOKU

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.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

- 2 Paul, before his conversion
- 3 Forecasting
- 4 Affirmative
- 5 Spread, as rumors
- 6 Got it wrong
- 7 Virtuous
- 8 Bit of soot

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- 10 Protective plate
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- 12 Above
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- 19 NYC borough
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- 24 Final
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- 28 Theater production
- 29 As a whole
- 30 Hauling into court
- 32 Froth
- 33 Helper for Santa
- 35 Writer Zane
- 37 Clutter
- 38 Clipper or steamer
- 40 Written slander
- 41 Slap
- 43 Groups of eight
- 44 Grad student papers
- 46 "The Cat in the Hat" author
- 47 Middle East nation
- 48 Actress Russo
- 49 As blind as _
- 50 Prefix for tone or rail
- 52 _ off with; steal
- 53 _-on favorite; likely winner
- 55 Writer Alcott's initials
- 56 Suffix for part or editor
- 57 Greek letter

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 - Blackened Wild King Salmon
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Grilled Portobello mushroom cap on a bed of Yukon Gold mashed potatoes topped with grilled mixed vegetables, toasted breadcrumbs, melted smoked gouda cheese
- Tier 2 | Sixty nine dollars per guest
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Au jus, creamy horseradish, whipped Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, broccolini
 - Prime Rib of Beef & Pan Roasted Turkey Breast Combination
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 - Prime Filet Mignon
Eight ounce prime filet mignon, whipped Yukon Gold mashed potatoes
 - Miso Marinated Chilean Sea Bass
Soy glaze, coconut rice, stir-fried vegetables, mushrooms, lemongrass ginger beurre blanc
- Tier 3 | Seventy nine dollars per guest
 - Prime Bone-In Rib Eye
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*The chef respectfully requests no splits or substitutions.

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Gratitude for a group of people with an often thankless job

This Thanksgiving many of us will again express gratitude for the people in our communities who have mounted herculean efforts to keep us going during the pandemic: the healthcare providers, first responders, teachers, supply-chain laborers and other essential workers who are deserving of our appreciation.

While we're at it, we might spare a thought for school board members.

That's right, school board members. Hear me out because they've had a rough year.

For some reason that I suspect has little to do with the decisions public school officials have actually made and is more an outgrowth of political agendas and conspiracy theories run amok, school boards have become the latest flash-point in our nation's culture wars.

School board meetings once were mocked as the archetype of bureaucratic banality, snoozefests with long-winded discussions about budgets and policies, and hackneyed accolades for students and staff.

Board members have largely been political novices operating on the lowest tier of elected officialdom, many of whom earn little respect or financial compensation and who seldom aim to use their positions as a springboard to higher office.

They are characteristically local folks who put their kids through public schools and got a taste for greater involvement in the educational process by volunteering for PTAs, school foundations and committees. Many have been teachers themselves. Most just see a chance to make a difference by repre-



A NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED School District board of education meeting takes place in February 2020.

File Photo

senting what they see as the interests of their communities by serving as stewards over district operations and finances.

To a large extent, these boards are quintessentially American institutions. Many countries — some with demonstrably better educational outcomes than ours — have more centralized school systems. But the preference in the U.S. — some consider it an obsession — for local control has always been the defining feature of our public schools.

In their own hyperlocalized way, school boards are seen to wield great power over what parents consider to be of the utmost importance — their kids' welfare.

It's only natural that we hold board members to account. We want them to ensure the schools we send our children to are doing things as we think best.

That's why, despite the often tedious nature of their work, school board members are not strangers to controversy.

Board meetings are forums where strong opinions are often aired on a variety of topics, including policy, curriculum, teacher pay and benefits, spending

priorities, construction projects, and the hiring and occasional firing of top administrators.

But what's happening now is different, both by degree and in terms of the demands being made.

Increasingly in the past year-plus, these largely unheralded public servants have been on the receiving end of expletive-laced tirades, fact-free accusations and even physical threats made by a loud, angry, antagonistic minority. Indeed, confrontations over pandemic-related policies and the way that history is taught have become so commonplace and so belligerent that many districts have had to beef up security at board meetings and other events.

It would be easy to write this development off as a consequence of heightened frustration over educational losses due to COVID-19. I'm not so sure.

This view doesn't explain why school boards are being attacked over critical race theory — a law school-level curriculum that isn't even taught in public schools but has been conflated in disinformation campaigns with ethnic studies and anti-

hate programs.

"School boards have become the focal point now nationally, I think because that's where people think they can effect change," said Karen Yelsey, who represents Newport-Mesa Unified School District's Trustee Area 4 and is the board's current president.

"People have every right to vent," Yelsey said, adding that she understands how stressed everyone has been. But she has also noticed an increasing lack of civility, with some of the anger coming from people outside the district who nevertheless direct hostility toward her and her colleagues.

"I prefer to hear from our parents."

Since COVID-19 began disrupting education, Yelsey has worked practically around the clock — including weekends and holidays — as the district has scrambled to adapt to the massive changes the pandemic forced on schools.

She makes a point of responding to every email and phone call, does her best to provide answers, and tries not to take any criticism personally. Mostly,

she just listens.

Next year Yelsey will retire when her current term ends.

Her decision not to seek reelection is not related to the current climate, she said. After 16 years of service, and now a grandmother, she simply feels that it will be time to move on and devote more attention to her family.

School board members like Yelsey don't always get a lot of love. Sure, they make mistakes, can be subject to influence and sometimes display a disconcerting tone deafness regarding parental concerns.

Some people might find it difficult to muster any sympathy, much less gratitude; after all, board mem-

bers ran for these positions.

But as they help schools recover from what has arguably been the biggest challenge they've ever tackled, we might take a beat to recognize their contributions and acknowledge that the work they do requires a capacity for composure and forbearance that is otherwise in short supply of late.

I'm not suggesting we give them a parade. Just maybe an occasional "thanks."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Edison comes up short at Inglewood in CIF quarterfinals

BY ANDREW TURNER

INGLEWOOD — A defensive stand at the end of the game was emblematic of the way the Inglewood High School defense had stiffened in its own territory.

On the third of three consecutive passing plays from the 6-yard-line, Inglewood's rush got there — as it had all night — and knocked Tyler Gioia's pass away.

Behind its stifling defense and just enough explosive plays on offense, Inglewood defeated Edison 22-16 on Friday night in the quarterfinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs at Caroline Coleman Stadium.

Inglewood (11-0), the Ocean League champion, will play host to top-seeded Mission Hills Alemany (9-3) in the semifinals. Alemany, the Mission League champion, ran past La Puente Bishop Amat 54-38 on Friday.

The Sentinels came up with three red zone stops that did not result in points for the Chargers. Under duress throughout the contest, Gioia completed 14 of 31 passes for 147 yards, one touchdown and an interception. He was

also sacked six times.

Inglewood had eight sacks totaling 78 yards. Justus Ross-Simmons and Marshon Oxley each had three sacks, while Charles DeLoach III and Taariq Al-Uqdah had one sack apiece.

Edison (8-4) got on the scoreboard on the final play of the first half, as Austin Grbic made a tackle in the end zone for a safety, cutting the Inglewood advantage to 8-2.

"We responded," Edison coach Jeff Grady said. "I know that. I know that the safety was a big momentum shift, we felt, and we turned it into some more points in the second half and had a lead, and just couldn't finish that last drive."

After failing to break through on offense for three quarters, Edison built momentum with two touchdowns in rapid succession.

Tyler Hampton made a sliding catch on fourth and goal from the Inglewood 2 to give Edison a 9-8 lead on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Hudson Letterman and Logan Gregory got to Justyn Martin on the Sentinels' next possession,

yielding a turnover on downs at the Inglewood 28.

"Our offense capitalized, punched in a touchdown after that," Letterman said. "That was a big moment in the game. It felt great."

The Chargers cashed in just 85 seconds after their previous touchdown, as Troy Fletcher scored on a run of 14 yards off left tackle.

Inglewood was quick to answer. Martin, a UCLA commit, uncorked a deep ball that Louis Brown ran under down the left sideline for a 51-yard touchdown. Ross-Simmons brought in Martin's pass on a jump ball for the two-point conversion to knot the score at 16-16 with 9:23 left.

Troy Fletcher, who carried the ball 30 times for 209 yards, ripped off runs of 22, 14 and 21 yards to get the Chargers into Sentinels territory on their next drive, but Inglewood forced a turnover on downs at its 30-yard line.

Tomarion Harden, who rushed 17 times for 95 yards, then sprinted for 36 yards, which was his longest carry. On the next play, Al-Uqdah ran for a 35-yard touch-



Gary Ambrose

TYLER HAMPTON from Edison tries to pull in a pass during the fourth quarter versus Inglewood in the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs.

down, his second rushing score of the evening, to restore Inglewood's lead at 22-16 with 4:56 remaining.

The Chargers got a 16-yard reception by Hampton, a 37-yard run by Fletcher and then a 25-yard catch by Mason York to key a 70-yard march down the field before

Inglewood came up with the stop. "Every guy on this team, I know, wholeheartedly gave it their all this whole game," Letterman added. "The dice just rolled the other way."

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Orange Lutheran wears down CdM

BY MATT SZABO

Max Lane is going to Harvard University and will play baseball there.

Lane, a senior receiver for the Corona del Mar High school football team, has a bright future. But it didn't take an Ivy Leaguer to know that the Sea Kings would have to play extremely well to hang with Orange Lutheran on Friday night in the quarterfinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs.

"We knew we were fighting uphill, but we were excited to be able to give it a shot," Lane said. "We had nothing to lose. We were honored to be in this division and battle with all of these guys."

Despite two touchdown

passes from junior quarterback David Raso to Lane, the Lancers ended the Sea Kings' season with a 38-14 win at Davidson Field.

Senior quarterback Logan Gonzalez threw touchdown passes to four different receivers for Orange Lutheran (8-4), which advanced to its first CIF semifinal since 2008. The third-seeded Lancers will play at No. 2-seeded Chatsworth Sierra Canyon next week.

CdM (9-3), meanwhile, suffered its first playoff loss since the 2018 season.

"I'm so proud of our kids," CdM coach Dan O'Shea said. "They're (the Lancers) a really, really good football team. One of the best two or three we've ever

played. "They compare to the JSerra team in 2018 [another Trinity League team that beat CdM 49-7 in a non-league season opener]. But I tell you what, there's nothing better than coaching Corona del Mar football. It was a great season."

Raso's 45-yard touchdown pass to Lane, streaking over the middle of the field, gave CdM an early edge. But the Sea Kings couldn't score again in the first half.

Orange Lutheran tied the score on a two-yard touchdown run from Desmin Jackson, then took the lead late in the first quarter on a 25-yard touchdown pass to Hayden Faraday.

Dieter Kelly's 36-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the half gave the visitors a 17-7 halftime lead. Orange Lutheran got the ball to begin the second half, and Gonzalez found Pierce Brown on a 19-yard touchdown pass as the Lancers started pulling away.

CdM's first drive of the second half was impressive. It went 16 plays and was highlighted by a few tough runs by senior Charlie Mannon.

On fourth-and-goal from the Orange Lutheran six-yard line, Raso found Lane in the end zone, near the right sideline. CdM closed to within 24-14 late in the third quarter, but couldn't get closer.

Manaia Ala had a late interception to help seal the game for Orange Lutheran. Lane, who finished with eight catches for 93 yards and the two touchdowns, said his lessons learned in the CdM program went beyond football.

"This program has really shaped me as a player, obviously, but also as a man," he said. "I've learned a lot of powerful life lessons through this program, ones I'll never forget."

That's a goal of O'Shea, who said CdM has a 121-19-1 record since he joined the program as a defensive coordinator in 2011.

He gave credit to associate head coach/offensive coordinator Kevin Hettig and defensive coordinator Brian Pearsall "for giving us a chance against teams that are bigger, faster and stronger in many regards." "Over the last 11 years, it's been a heck of a journey," O'Shea said. "It's been an honor to take this program from where we were, what we took on in 2011 ... to get to playing teams like Orange Lutheran, Sierra Canyon and Grace Brethren. It's a massive challenge, and we embrace it 100%."

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100 beeswax candles.” Products are passed out to the site’s tenants, who are invited to take part in demonstrations on beekeeping, candle making and honey extraction. Alveole staff members also host classes where people can learn more about how bees support their local ecosystems.

Lolita Harmon is a senior property manager for EQ Office, which manages the CANVAS site and contracted with Alveole on several sites throughout Orange and Los Angeles counties.

Although initially hesitant about interacting with

bees, Harmon acknowledged the hives are a great value add.

“In 2019, when we started talking about it, there was a ‘buzz’ about bees,” she said. “The buzz is a part of the whole thing — it is something that sets us apart.”

Finding new and meaningful ways to engage with tenants enriches the entire business community, according to Diane Pritchett, executive director of the South Coast Metro Alliance, an economic development nonprofit that aims to attract business interests to the vicinity.

“It further promotes the Metro area as an urban center,” she said. “It’s just another amenity we have to offer our tenants and our

employees.”

Aside from scoring a win for local businesses, the hives increase the number of pollinators at a time when bee populations have reached a critical low from pesticide poisoning, parasitic infection and other by-products of industrialized agriculture.

Boris Baer is a professor of pollinator health at UC Riverside’s department of entomology who works with the Centre for Integrative Bee Research, an on-campus think tank focused on improving bee health.

He said climate change and the mass shipment of bees across the country to large-scale farms, such as almond orchards in California’s Central Valley, is pushing bees beyond their natu-



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TWO BEEHIVES are shown at CANVAS in Costa Mesa.

ral boundaries and creating stressors that make insects vulnerable.

“Most beekeepers lose between 40% to 45% of

their hives per year,” Baer added.

“In the long term, my concern is that we could see a massive decline that could have serious effects on food production.”

The movement toward urban beekeeping is one attempt to grow apian interest globally, which could be an important factor in ensuring the survival of bee populations.

“If people could fall in love again with the animal, that would help fix things,” Baer said. “People only protect what they value.” Atwater agreed. “The honeybees aren’t the ones who need our help, they’re just the ones who do the best advocacy,” she said. “We’re looking to inspire people to go out in their daily lives and promote biodiversity and promote all pollinators.”

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POWER

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Kathleen Treseder, a biology professor at UC Irvine and co-founder of the group OC Green Power, this summer called on the OCPA to replace chief executive Brian Probolsky.

Probolsky, whose annual salary is \$239,000, lacked previous experience in the energy field. His head role has sourced Treseder on the OCPA; she recommended to the Laguna Beach City Council that it not join.

“When Irvine voted to start [a CCE program] up, we thought we had made incredible strides toward renewable energy,” Treseder said. “As OCPA has been developing and progressing, I’m getting more and more concerned about it. I’m not convinced that it’s actually going to deliver cleaner energy when it starts up.”

The San Clemente City Council last month rejected joining the OCPA, opting instead for Clean Energy Alliance, a Carlsbad-based CCE.

Still, Treseder said the partnership with SoCal REN could be a positive.

“In general, any collaboration between OCPA and a seasoned group of knowledgeable professionals is welcome,” Treseder said. “The CEO is new to the energy realm, and I think that the more resources he has to draw on, the better for the agency.”

Castro-Graham said the OCPA is continuing community outreach. On Wednesday night, she attended the Huntington Beach Environmental Board meeting.

“I think the more that we talk about the good things that we’re doing, and people hear about these exciting programs and how they’re going to benefit them, the narrative will change,” she said.

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“I think his speech to us really set us up for knowing that we can win this. As long as we come in with the right mindset, we knew we could win.”

Lawson was a CIF champion in 1984, the last time that late legendary coach Bill Barnett led the Sailors boys to the title. Current coach Ross Sinclair also mentioned Barnett on Saturday in his postgame remarks.

The Sailors’ program is steeped in tradition, but it had been a while since Newport Harbor had been able to put a ring on it.

That changed Saturday. Emphatically.

No. 3-seeded Newport Harbor blitzed top-seeded rival Huntington Beach in the first half and won the inaugural Open Division title 12-7 before an overflow crowd at Irvine’s Woollett Aquatics Center.

It’s the Sailors’ 13th Southern Section title, but first since 2007. It’s also the first CIF crown for alumnus Sinclair, a sophomore on the 2000 CIF Division I championship team, as a head coach.

Verdegaal, junior left-hander Ben Liechty and emerging sophomore center Peter Castillo each scored three goals for the Sailors (25-5), who played perhaps their most complete match of the season.

“I can’t say enough about this group of guys,” Sinclair said. “People were talking

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Ocean View boys rally but fall to Crean Lutheran in Division 6 title match. See dailypilot.com

about us being the underdogs, which is fine. We know who we are, our identity and what we play for. Today and even in the semifinal, really all season long, we played really high-level, consistent water polo. I’m so proud of this group of seniors, proud of everyone involved.”

Newport Harbor scored five straight goals in the second quarter and surged to an 8-2 halftime advantage. The passing was crisp, and the defense was swarming.

Huntington Beach was held scoreless in seven power-play opportunities in the match, while Newport Harbor converted six of eight chances.

Oilers Coach Sasa Branislavjevic, whose program still has yet to win a CIF title, said his team was intimidated by the Sailors’ large crowd.

It included members of the Tarpit student cheering section and girls’ volleyball team, which came out to give its support before playing in a CIF Southern California Regional Division III semifinal match Saturday night.

“We got scared of the crowd,” Branislavjevic said. “That’s really what it is. I wish we were better equip-

ped for something like that. We tried various things, like visualizing what it’s going to be like. But when you have however many people chanting in the stands, it’s a crazy atmosphere for high school students. Even for myself, I was blown away by the level of support they had.”

The Surf League champion Oilers (19-3), who had a 10-match winning streak snapped, got within 9-5 late in the third quarter on senior Matthew Morgan’s goal.

But Newport Harbor’s Verdegaal immediately responded with a power-play goal, then senior Richie Rimlinger pushed in a rebound goal to give the Sailors an 11-5 lead after three quarters.

Newport Harbor junior goalkeeper Cooper Mathisrud played well again and made 10 saves, including a penalty-shot stuff in the first quarter. Mathisrud’s fingertip save of a lob shot by Huntington Beach’s James Rozolis-Hill midway through the fourth also fired up the Newport crowd.

Rozolis-Hill, a senior center who had scored 14 goals in two previous Open Division matches, drew seven exclusions Saturday but was held to a single goal. Senior Nikola



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NEWPORT HARBOR sophomore Peter Castillo, center, cheers with teammates after the Sailors defeated Huntington Beach in the CIF Southern Section Open Division title match Saturday at Woollett Aquatics Center.

Mirkovic led the Oilers with three goals.

Senior co-captain Mason Hunt and senior center Will Fosselman added one goal each for Newport Harbor, while senior Billy Rankin led the team with three steals.

After the final buzzer, the Sailors had their celebratory jump in the pool. They then sang the school’s alma mater, further emphasizing the history of the program.

They finally broke through in their third straight final in the top division, after losing the Division I title match in 2018 and 2019 to Studio City Harvard-Westlake. There were no playoffs last year

due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Newport Harbor also became the first public school team to win the top division since El Toro in 2009.

“We’re a family,” Hunt said. “I think we work harder than any team, and it speaks to the culture that Ross has developed in his program. I don’t think any program coached by Ross Sinclair, or any Newport program, can be considered underdogs. I think there’s such a tradition of excellence and professionalism and hard work.”

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