

SHOHEI OHTANI

As two-way phenom, Angel raises the bar



MEET THE PEOPLE WHO SHAPED OUR YEAR

Welcome to Day Six of the Register's 100 Most Influential People in Orange County. We are highlighting people who changed our lives in 2018. Some entertained, some educated. All, in some way, inspired. You may know their names, but others will be surprises.



Shohei Ohtani poses during spring training in Tempe, Ariz., in February. The Angel finished his season with 22 homers in just about half of a full season's worth of plate appearances. KEVIN SULLIVAN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Jeff Fletcher jlfletcher@scng.com, @JeffFletcherOCR on Twitter The questions about Shohei Ohtani had been growing louder for years, ever since he began his climb toward baseball stardom in Japan. While he was a rare two-way phenom across the Pacific, the baseball world wondered if he could really succeed in the major leagues in the United States.

Just over a year after Ohtani selected the Angels to begin his major league career, it's safe to say the answer is a resounding yes. Ohtani has nudged the sport to loosen its grip on the notion that a player must be a pitcher or a hitter. Since Ohtani's successful rookie season, the Angels and other teams have been more open to experimenting with others as two-way players.

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LEGISLATURE

A new year brings new California laws



Broad changes in legislation kick in Tuesday, with impact on guns, paper straws, cash bail and the minimum wage

By Jordan Graham jgraham@scng.com @JordanSGraham on Twitter

New rules for criminal justice, restrictions on plastic straws and a new minimum age to buy a gun — all are part of a broad slate of state laws set to take effect next year. Some start Jan. 1, others later in the year, but many have the potential to change your life in some way. Here are some of the notables:

Stricter gun laws

Starting Jan. 1 — Tuesday — you'll have to be at least 21 to buy any gun in California. The state is raising the age limit to buy shotguns and rifles from 18 to 21, a rule that's already in place for handguns. The new law banning "long-gun" purchases won't extend to members of the military, police and licensed hunters. Beginning next year, anyone convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence will be banned for life from owning a gun. And Californians seeking concealed weapons permits now have to complete at least eight hours of firearms safety training and pass a live-fire

shooting exam to demonstrate proficiency, following a state law that recently took effect.

Minimum wage

California's minimum wage will increase from \$10.50 to \$11 per hour at companies with 25 or fewer employees, and from \$11 to \$12 per hour at companies with 26 or more workers. Over the course of a year, those bumps could equate to between a \$1,040 or \$2,080 jump in base earnings for employees who work 40 hours per week.

Fewer plastic straws

Full-service, dine-in restaurants won't provide plastic straws unless you ask. While the state law doesn't include fast-food restaurants and cafes, a Los Angeles ordinance that phases in next year does (though drive-thrus remain exempted). San Francisco, meanwhile, will ban plastic straws starting in July.

No more cash bail

In 2019, California will be the first state to eliminate cash bail for suspects awaiting trial — a move aimed at making the system more equitable for low-income families. Cash bail will be replaced by a risk-assessment system that allows local courts to decide who can and can't get out of jail while awaiting trial. Most defendants accused of nonviolent

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NEW MEXICO

Second immigrant child dies in custody

Guatemalan boy, 8, fell ill after being detained with father by Border Patrol; review underway

By Nomaan Merchant The Associated Press

HOUSTON » An 8-year-old boy from Guatemala died in government custody in New Mexico early Tuesday, U.S. immigration authorities said, marking the second death of an immigrant child in detention this month. The death came during an ongoing dispute over border security and with a partial government shutdown underway over President Donald Trump's request for border wall funding. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said the boy showed "signs of potential illness" on Monday and was taken with his father to a hospital in Alamogordo, New Mexico, where he was diagnosed with a cold and a fever. The boy was prescribed amoxicillin and ibuprofen and released Monday afternoon after being held 90 minutes for observation, the agency said. The boy was returned to the hospital Monday evening with nausea and vomiting and died there just after midnight, the Border Patrol said. The agency has not yet confirmed when or where the father and son entered the United

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SHUTDOWN

In Oval Office, Trump defends desire for wall

The president says parts of the government will stay shut as long as Democrats refuse to build more barriers on the border. PAGE A10

NBA

LeBron exits injured as Lakers slam Warriors

James left in the third quarter of a 127-101 victory; the Lakers are expected to know more about his status following an MRI exam today. SPORTS

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AROUND SOCAL

Family-friendly hikes for post-holiday workouts

Want to join Santa in working off that holiday tummy while bonding with family and friends? Try our top five local hikes. But first the bad news: Two of the most popular and coolest hikes are off-limits, at least for a year. Sadly, August's Holy fire required closing access to both Canyon Falls and Holy Jim Falls along Trabuco Creek Road.



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ble mountain range — without schlepping all way to the top of Saddleback Mountain. Or as one eagle-eyed reader recently reminded me — the top of Santiago Peak. But be warned, that hike's what I call a huff and puff. In no particular order, but geographically diverse, here are my top five family excursions on just a few gallons of gas:

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A mountain biker makes his way along a trail in Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. The park features 4,500 acres of wilderness and natural open space. PHOTO BY DAVID WHITING

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Coal Canyon

▪ Why: Yes, you walk along a path next to the 91 Freeway for about a mile, but even there you find sweet views of the massive north side of the Santa Ana mountain range, the meandering Santa Ana River — and I am not making up the meandering part — as well as the rolling Chino Hills.

Head west on the paved path and turn left when you see construction and a massive opening under the 91 Freeway. Keep going straight and stay in the valley until you see a waterfall, or turn right and head up Coal Canyon Trail (preferred) until you decide it's time to turn around.

▪ What: A concrete path, followed by a relatively flat trail in the valley or a demanding hike that climbs so high it overlooks Windy Ridge and the 241 Toll Road.

▪ Where: 91 Freeway to Green River Road exit. Turn left and keep driving west on Green River Road. You will see a parking area where you can easily access the asphalt path that is — wait for it — the Santa Ana River Trail. Parking is free.

▪ View factor: 4 out of 5 stars.

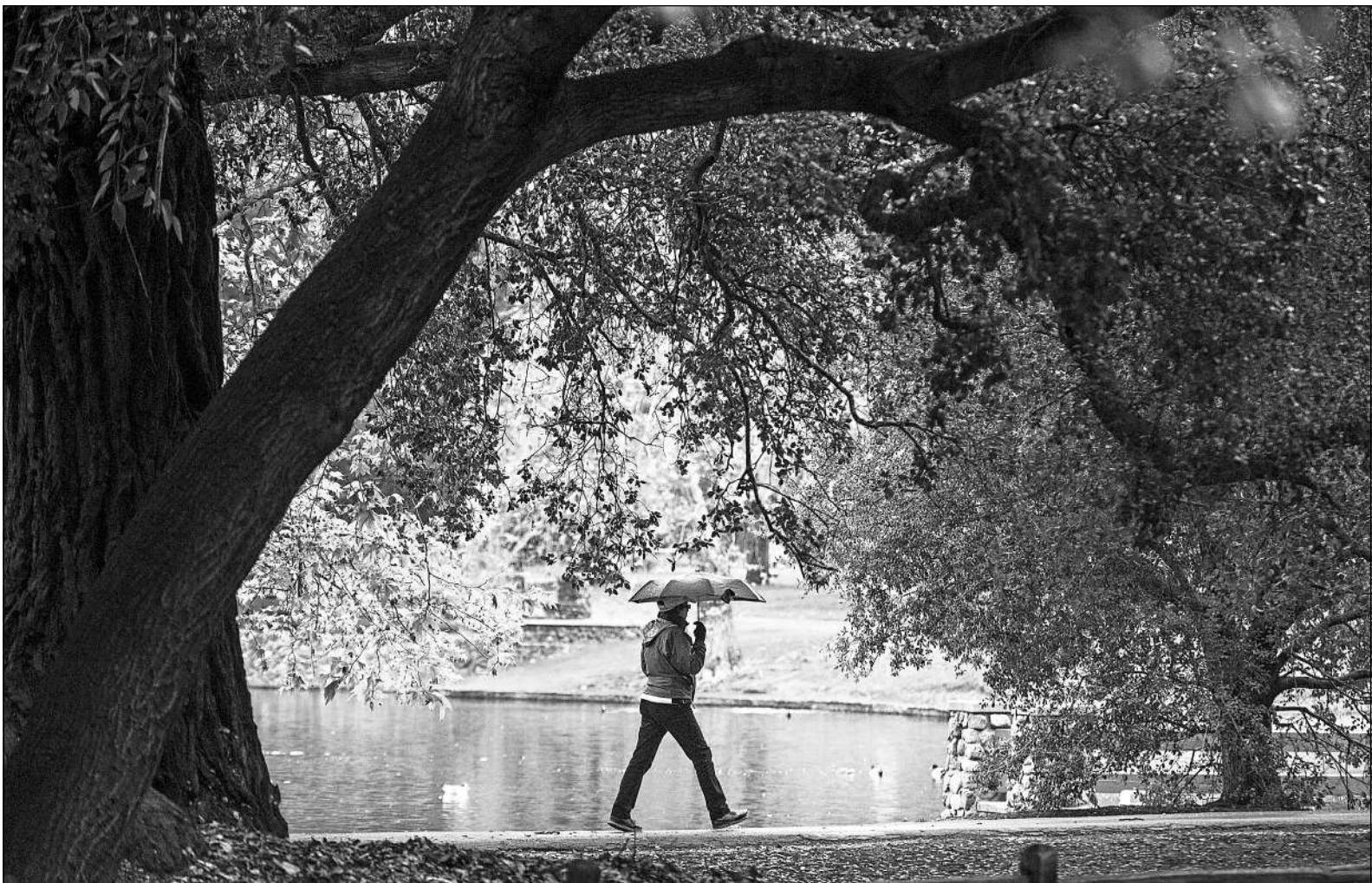
▪ Grunt factor: 1 through 5, depending on where you go.

▪ Tip: The payoff is the view at the top of Coal Canyon that some call “Mini Moab.”

Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park

▪ Why: After the June fire in the park, the lower canyon offers an unusual opportunity to see nature recovering in real time. Scorched trees both haunt and inspire with black branches twisting into the sky. Plants already are bouncing back with brilliant green against brown, burnt earth.

▪ What: 4,500 acres of wilderness and natural open space with trails for little ones or hard-core adults who want to head up to Top of the World for ocean views.



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Irvine Regional Park in Orange offers plenty of activities for families, including pony rides for children, a snack shop, a train ride, a zoo and much more.

▪ Where: 28373 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Niguel; 949-923-2200; parking, \$3.

▪ View factor: 4

▪ Grunt factor: 2

▪ Tip: Pack a lunch and stop at the old corral or take a break at “Dripping Cave.”

▪ Bonus tip: The closed (no vehicles) road from the parking lot is perfect for wee ones learning to ride a bicycle.

El Dorado Nature Center

▪ Why: Back in the day, I frequently took my children here and with a nature center, turtle pond and plenty of acorns, a milelong hike can take hours in the best way.

▪ What: A quarter-mile of paved trail and 2 miles of dirt trails make the area especially accessible.

▪ Where: 7550 E. Spring St., Long Beach; 562-570-1771; vehicle entry up to \$8 on holidays.

▪ View factor: 3

▪ Grunt factor: 1

▪ Tip: Acorn tops make for excellent finger hats (think berets). Bring a felt



PHOTO BY DAVID WHITING

With the Los Angeles basin in the background, Lindsay Whiting churns up Coal Canyon Trail after starting near the 91 Freeway.

tip pen, and you can add five tiny hiking companions on each hand.

Irvine Regional Park

▪ Why: This park is the perfect family park and offers so many activities it's worth going back several times. It offers pony rides for children, a snack shop, a 10-minute train ride, bi-

cycle and aquacycle rentals, a zoo, picnic tables, shade trees galore and more.

▪ What: Still recovering from the Canyon fire 2 over the summer, the park is in remarkably good shape and offers all of the above as well as a scattering of barbecue grills over its 491 acres. It also in-

cludes six playgrounds, four softball fields, two horseshoe pits and a lake.

▪ Where: 1 Irvine Park Road, Orange; 714-973-6835; entry fee, \$7 on holidays.

▪ View factor: 2

▪ Grunt factor: 1

▪ Tip: Ask to see the cute hedgehog in the zoo area.

Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve

▪ Why: I've run, bicycled and kayaked this area, and it is a gem not to be missed. This quote from OC Parks says it all: “This coastal wetland, one of the largest in Southern California, is renowned as one of the finest bird-watching sites in North America. During winter migration, up to 35,000 birds may be using the Bay at one time.”

▪ What: The area includes 1,000 acres as well as the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center.

▪ Where: 2301 University Drive, Newport Beach; 949-923-2290; no fees.

▪ View factor: 5

▪ Grunt factor: 1

▪ Tip: Time it so you are on the east side of the bay near sunset. The scene is spectacular.

In closing out 2018, thank you for reading, supporting the news and information business and enjoy a Happy New Year. See you in 2019.

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Hutchens, Terry, of Fishers, IN, longtime Indiana University beat writer, passed away on Friday, December 21, 2018, at the age of 60. Terry is survived by his wife, Susan; mother, Dena; sister, Kelly; and two sons, Bryan and Kevin. Dena still resides in Yorba Linda.

Terry was born March 19, 1958, to Dena and Al Hutchens in Portland, Oregon. He was raised in Yorba Linda where he attended Esperanza High School. He met his wife Susan in California in 1984, and they were married on July 5, 1986 in Indiana.

In addition to being a devoted husband and father, Terry was a coach, author, professor, parishioner and mentor. He coached Catholic Youth Organization high school basketball for both his sons and countless others in the Holy Spirit at Geist Parish in Indiana. He sang in the church choir for 13 years at the 11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Always quick to lighten up the room with a joke, Terry was a friend to many. He will be deeply missed.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to
Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel. www.shirleybrothers.com

Death Notices

Gregorius, Joan Helen, 83, of Newport Beach, died 12/24. www.OmegaSociety.com

Jim Guerra III, 49, of Long Beach, died 12/19/2018. www.OmegaSociety.com



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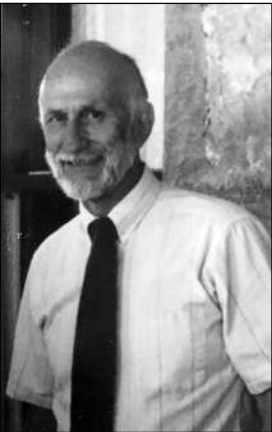
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Thank you and have a safe holiday.

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Sieveke, Donald F.



"We are grateful to have loved him and heartbroken to have lost him."

A lifelong resident of Orange County, Don was born in Anaheim. He attended Garden Grove High School where he saw his future wife across the courtyard and knew he had to meet her. Thus began 68 years of love, 4 kids, 8 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

After spending a year at the University of Colorado, Boulder he married Virginia in 1950. They completed their family with two boys, Don Jr. and Bob, and two girls, Patty and Jeanette. After marriage he opened his first liquor store and eventually built a chain of three "1-Stop Markets." He sold the business and retired at age 53.

Family photographs show a man who truly lived his life. Moments were captured of him in front of helicopters and puddle jumpers, skiing snow covered mountains, exploring Grecian ruins, sleeping in a hammock in Panama, sailing in New Zealand, camping and hiking with the YLYPC.

Just one day shy of his 87th birthday Don took his final breath, holding hands with the love of his life at his home in Orange Park Acres. And he wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

A memorial of a life well-lived will be held February 9th at 12pm in the Waverley Chapel at Fairhaven Memorial. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

Visit ocregister.com/obits to express condolences and sign the guestbook

To place an obituary please call Ms. Gonzalez at 714-796- 6736 . For assistance with writing your loved ones celebration of life please contact Nicholas Becker at 714-796-7968.