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# An OHS Pirate Uncovers Booty of Sports ‘Alt-facts’



By Dave Meyer

The day after his inauguration, President Donald Trump said he has “a running war with the media.” I just happened to be wearing my media credential and I said to myself, “Self, is he talking about me?” I was confused and questioned my role as a member of the media.

I thought: “I have no personal experience with war, but I can’t imagine there are a lot of rules. Now what?”

The next day, the president’s counselor, Kellyanne Conway, said that some of the new administration’s statements would be “alternative facts” when speaking to the media. I thought, “You can’t write a column and use ‘alternative facts?’ Can you?”

As I pondered my next action, I

was reminded of the words of my family, friends, colleagues and classmates: “Always be yourself, unless you can be a Pirate — then be a Pirate!” A Pirate it is; let’s roll with this sports “alternate facts” thing (or alt facts).

The San Die..., oops, Los Angeles Chargers announced they are moving back to San Diego in 2019. (Alt fact.) The Chargers said they were excited to learn that a group is interested in building a 35,000- to 40,000-seat soccer/football stadium at the existing Qualcomm Stadium site. (More maybe alt facts.)

The Chargers said they would play for two years in the Stub Hub Center in Carson, a stadium seating 27,000 to 30,000. Most Chargers’ home games the past several years only drew about 25,000 home fans, the rest coming to support the visiting team.

In Carson, the Chargers plan to only sell tickets to fans who agree to cheer for the Chargers. Then in 2019, they will relocate to the “New Q” and only have Charger fans at home games. (Alt fact.)

As a result of this brilliant marketing plan, owner Dean Spanos has been nominated as NFL Man of the Year for 2019. (Big alt fact!)



In Pirate Alt-land, Herb comes out retirement and the Chargers come back. (Photo by Ben Bosworth/ben\_from\_social via Instagram)

In local news, former Oceanside High Coach John Carroll and former El Camino High Coach Herb Meyer have announced they are coming out of retirement. (Alt fact.) The two legendary coaches are joining forces to start a high school football program at a new Catholic high school in Oceanside. (Alt fact.)

Carroll told me: “Herb and I are so excited to be able to recruit

in San Diego County and southern Orange County. We will be co-head coaches, with Herb running the defense and me running the offense.” (Alt fact.)

When I spoke with Meyer regarding the splitting of duties and the possible relinquishment of duties with a high-powered offense, Meyer stated: “John has agreed that if we have a running clock — 35 point or greater lead — in

the second half, we get to switch sides of the ball.” (Alt facts.)

Carroll and Meyer agreed the top priority was beating De La Salle High School of Concord and St. John Bosco of Los Angeles each year. They were last heard discussing the possibility of playing at the “New Q” in 2019. (Alt fact.)

On a related note, Coach Sean Doyle of Cathedral Catholic High and Coach Richard Sanchez of St. Augustine High were both submitting resumes to be part of the new high schools’ staff. (Biggest alt fact.)

The morals of today’s column: (a) Always great to be a Pirate; (b) when things get tough (even a war) never give up; and (c) alternate facts can be really fun to write and talk about (even on days other than April 1).

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