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**POLICE INVESTIGATE** the scene of an apparent murder-suicide at the Social Sciences Plaza at the University of California Irvine on Tuesday. Authorities have identified a man in his 30s and a woman in her 70s as the two who died.

## Suspect and victim ID'd in murder-suicide at UCI

Police had been summoned to the home of a man and woman on multiple occasions but did not immediately go into detail about the nature of those calls.

BY ERIC LICAS

Authorities have identified a man in his 30s and a woman in her 70s as the two who died in what police were investigating as a murder-suicide at UC Irvine on Tuesday.

Andrew Nguyen Doan, 36, was described as a suspect in the case, Orange County Sheriff's Sgt. Scott Steinle said. The victim was 77-year-old Thao Thi Nguyen.

They were found deceased along the 200 block of Pereira Drive, between the campus' social sciences buildings, at about 4 p.m. Tuesday. No weapon was found at the scene, and authorities had not publicly confirmed their causes of death as of Wednesday afternoon, Irvine Police Sgt. Karie Davies said.

The man and woman were blood relatives and shared a home in Irvine, Davies said. Police had been summoned to their resi-



Eric Licas

**"MAY YOUR** soul rest in peace," reads a note on an origami crane left outside of the Social Sciences buildings at UCI, near where a man and woman were found dead Tuesday.

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## NMUSD swears in new, reelected members



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**ASHLEY ANDERSON**, left, Lisa Pearson, Michelle Murphy and Michelle Barto are sworn in to the NMUSD school board Tuesday.

Incoming trustees took their oaths of office from County Supt. Al Mijares in a swearing-in ceremony Tuesday.

BY SARA CARDINE

Newport-Mesa Unified School District on Tuesday welcomed two new board members and the return of two more reelected to second terms in a reorganizational meeting during which a new board president and vice president were named.

Incoming trustees Michelle Murphy and Lisa Pearson, along with incumbents Michelle Barto

and Ashley Anderson, took their oaths of office from Orange County Department of Education Supt. Al Mijares during a swearing-in ceremony.

"The oath which you will be taking is a sacred oath," Mijares said. "Any form of public service is a high calling, but I think this is the highest because the work that you are doing has the highest level of authority in the school district, and this is an amazing school district."

Afterward, the panel appointed Anderson to serve as board president in a 4-2-1 vote (with Pearson and Krista

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## Parents say bullies are tormenting teachers, kids at one C.M. campus

BY SARA CARDINE

Parents of California Elementary School in Costa Mesa are asking administrators to discipline a group of fifth-grade "bullies" they claim repeatedly disrupt learning, harass and intimidate students and have caused teachers to leave their classrooms in tears.

Several parents Tuesday spoke in public comments before the Newport-Mesa Unified School

District trustees, expressing frustration with a lack of intervention they say has allowed the same cohort of students, and their problematic behaviors, to move from one grade level to the next.

They described teachers being unable to complete lessons because they could no longer tolerate in-class disruptions, such as yelling, cursing and the throwing of objects. In one case, a fourth-grade teacher reportedly went on



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**A MARQUEE** advertises Spirit Day at California Elementary School, a campus parents claim is being terrorized by a cohort of bullies.

mental health leave last year because of the students, who were not named at Tuesday's meeting.

Andre Amiri is one of several

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## Janitor given 15 years to life for murder

Nain Hernandez was found guilty in August of killing Sarai Alcaraz at a Newport Beach office complex in 2015.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

At the Orange County Superior Court's Central Justice Center, a nearly 7-year-long murder case came to a conclusion Tuesday with the sentencing of the Santa Ana man convicted of the second-degree murder of Sarai Alcaraz in a Newport Beach office complex in 2015.

Nain Issac Nieto Hernandez, 36, was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison by Orange County Superior Court Judge Richard King. Hernandez was given the maximum sentence allowable for the crime of second-degree murder in California, of which he was convicted of in August.

Jurors deliberated for only two days.

"It was a horrible death [Alcaraz] did not deserve," Senior Deputy Dist. Atty. Robert Goodkin said to King before sentencing.

Prosecutors said Hernandez murdered Alcaraz, 23, on the night of Dec. 28, 2015. Hernandez hired Alcaraz, who was an escort employed by Cyren Entertainment, to come to an office complex on Campus Drive after seeing an advertisement on Backpage.com.

Hernandez had access to the building because he was a janitor there.

Alcaraz came accompanied by driver Jordan Beltran, who parked

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## Blom, O'Neill take lead roles on N.B. dais

Mayor, mayor pro tem selected as new City Council members are sworn in, outgoing members say farewell.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Outgoing Newport Beach City Council members gave tearful goodbyes to colleagues, staff and city residents as they stepped down Tuesday during the council's annual reorganization, making room for the newest class of council members fresh off the heels of this year's midterm elections.

New council members Joe Stapleton, Erik Weigand, Robyn Grant and Lauren Kleiman were sworn into office on Tuesday and, in a unanimous vote, Noah Blom and Will O'Neill were named the mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively, for the coming year.

Outgoing Councilman Marshall "Duffy" Duffield, who was first elected in 2014 and was mayor in 2018, thanked his family members for their support over the past eight years.

"The vote in the kitchen when I said, 'Should I [run for office]?' was steadfastly 'no' all across the board. Every one of them said 'no,' and I wanted to say 'no,' but others were pretty convincing," Duffield recalled. "It hasn't been easy. Politics can be brutal, but [my wife] Terry persevered

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MEMBERS

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Weigand opposed and Carol Crane abstaining) and selected Crane as vice president.

Anderson said Wednesday she was honored to be selected to serve as president and was looking forward to "a fresh start" with new trustees...

"I will be focusing on unifying our community with greater collaboration, shared resources and increased intentionality for student achievement at every school," she said.

Anderson — whose Trustee Area 7 includes Rea, Wilson, Victoria, Pomona and Whittier elementary schools...



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NEW NMUSD Board Vice President Carol Crane, right, hands outgoing President Michelle Barto a gift during a reorganizational meeting Tuesday.

long-term school board members who've retired in recent years, calling publicly for more transparency and reporting on financial matters.

She expressed confidence Wednesday in the

direction of the district under Supt. Wes Smith, who joined NMUSD in September 2021.

"Dr. Smith has greatly increased the access to information for trustees and the community at large,"

she said Wednesday. "Our questions are answered by staff and the overall operations, and disposition, of the district is now a positive one under his leadership."

Anderson said she looks forward to providing new arts programs, learning opportunities and science camp for Title I schools that serve lower income families...

"This new board is highly educated and skilled in organizational leadership, business acumen, community engagement, advocacy and teaching," she added.

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CAMPUS

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of the school's parents who has met with John Drake, the district's assistant superintendent of elementary instruction, and district staff to discuss the matter.

"The teachers sat in, the fifth-grade teachers, and they were crying — that was enough for me to know that we are in a dire situation," he said Tuesday.

Amiri claimed a lack of effective response has emboldened other students to act out during class, widening the misconduct beyond the original contingent of troublemakers.

Mom Michelle Cusumano urged board members to strengthen disciplinary protocols at the Costa Mesa campus where, she said, fifth-graders are not receiving an adequate education.

"The teachers are laughed at, they're made fun of and abused with no recourse," she said, indicating the same students were tied to violence and physical assaults during the 2021-22 school year.

"We have met multiple times with the principal. We were promised disciplinary protocols and interventions would be put in place," Cusumano continued.

Fellow fifth-grade mother Amber Sides read letters she collected from students expressing their concerns about the behavior and its effect on learning.

"Dear head of Newport

School District, there have been some troubles at my school," one letter began. "One bad thing that has been happening is that a lot of kids have been playing violently."

"I don't like it when the teacher is in a bad mood because of [three names, not read aloud]," another child wrote anonymously. "We don't learn as much because we're always interrupted."

Dad Brandon Mungai said he's paying to tutor his 10-year-old daughter in math so she can keep pace with basic skills she's unable to acquire in class because of the outbursts.

"It just feels like California [Elementary] is kind of grooming these bullies, from third grade to fourth grade to fifth grade now," he said.

Supt. Wes Smith, in a separate comment Tuesday, thanked parents for advocating for the safety of students and staff members and said district officials are working to address the issues.

"This is a topic our labor allies brought up as well — how do we support these classrooms, California in particular?" he said. "Some things are being implemented, not limited to, additional support in the classrooms. This is something we're all concerned about working on."

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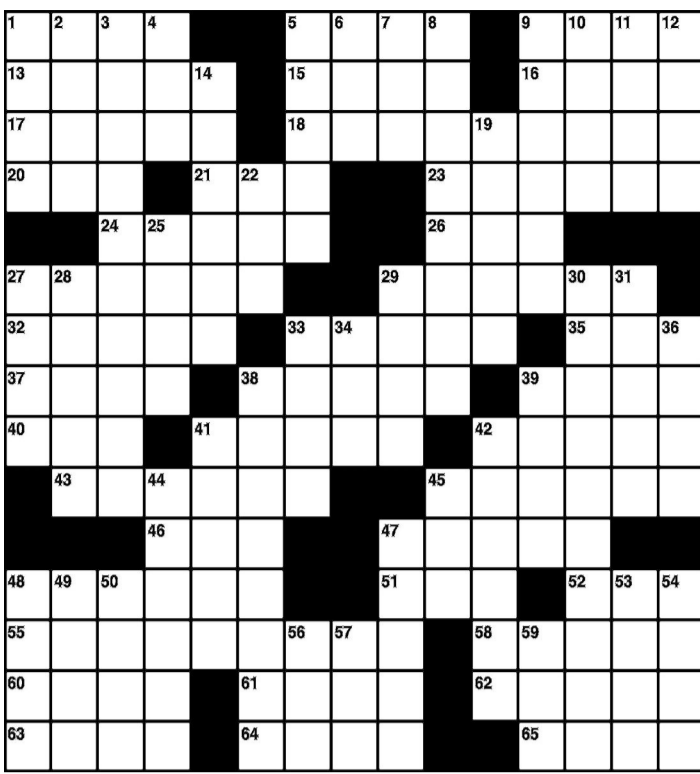
Crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: MAIL, OWNED, PATIO, EYE, NEARS, ESTATE, SPIRE, PROS, YEN, ESCORT, SPINAL, CATTLE, ALSO, MEAN, WHAT, HERE, INCA, NAG, S, SILOS, TALON, FILLY, PACERS, ACE, FOLKS, IDO, SPA, MAN, SEND, SPOOK, BRAD, RUBE, PABLE, SAWYER, PIN, RAM, TOBE, SAFES, PACERS, FOLKS, SPA, NAILS, SPOOK, ENDS.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers filled in: 8 7 2 4 5 6 3 9 1, 3 5 9 7 8 1 6 4 2, 4 6 1 3 2 9 8 7 5, 9 2 8 5 6 4 1 3 7, 7 3 4 8 1 2 9 5 6, 6 1 5 9 7 3 2 8 4, 1 9 3 6 4 7 5 2 8, 5 4 6 2 3 8 7 1 9, 2 8 7 1 9 5 4 6 3.

**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Matthews

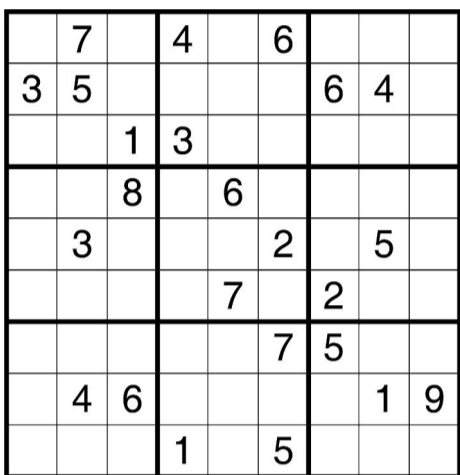
- ACROSS**  
 1 Postman's bagful  
 5 "Excuse me?" less politely  
 9 Mr. Pitt  
 13 Possessed  
 15 "\_ Comes the Bride"  
 16 \_ Goldberg machine  
 17 Outdoor socializing area  
 18 Not up to the task  
 20 Word attached to lash or lid  
 21 Henpeck  
 23 Fictional Tom  
 24 Gets closer to  
 26 Grenade part  
 27 Subject of a will  
 29 Unwanted nasal growths  
 32 Church steeple  
 33 Farm buildings  
 35 Crash into  
 37 Major leaguers  
 38 Hawk's gripper  
 39 "To be or not \_"  
 40 Dollar in Kyoto  
 41 Stable female  
 42 Bank vaults  
 43 Bodyguard  
 45 Indiana team  
 46 Part of a blackjack  
 47 "That's all, \_!"  
 48 Of the backbone  
 51 Altar vow  
 52 Classy hotel offering  
 55 Rancher  
 58 Manicurist's focus  
 60 Additionally  
 61 Email command  
 62 Startle  
 63 Vicious  
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 65 Brings to a



**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 A2.

- close  
**DOWN**  
 1 Wear a long face  
 2 Out of town  
 3 Objectives  
 4 Ring of flowers  
 5 Presidents Tyler & Taylor  
 6 Chick's ma
- 7 Rainbow  
 8 Piece of cutlery  
 9 Muscular  
 10 July birthstone  
 11 Proficient  
 12 Forest animal  
 14 Give to charity  
 19 Buckets  
 22 "\_ we there yet?"

- 25 All \_; listening  
 27 Get a glimpse of  
 28 Shopping binge  
 29 Stratagem  
 30 Occupation  
 31 Dueling sword  
 33 \_ Lake City  
 34 Ailing  
 36 Clutter  
 38 Having endless energy  
 39 Carpet nail  
 41 \_ point; center of attention  
 42 Beauty shops  
 44 City south of Akron  
 45 Veggie casing  
 47 Locates  
 48 Con game  
 49 Like pastel colors  
 50 "\_ jungle out there!"  
 53 Trudge  
 54 \_ for; requests  
 56 \_ culpa  
 57 Word attached to body or one  
 59 Gorilla

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**DAIS**

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through all of the bad things they said about us, me, and so for that I'm very grateful. I promise: I'll never do this again."  
 Stepping down from the council along with Duffield were Joy Brenner and Kevin Muldoon, who most recently served as mayor. Diane Dixon left the dais in November to assume her new role as a state assemblywoman for the 72nd state Assembly District.  
 Brenner, who was elected in 2018, said tearfully she was thankful to have been elected and that it was a privilege to have served the city she's lived in for the last 60 years. She joked meetings have been efficient and fast under Muldoon's guidance, describing them



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**THE NEWLY ORGANIZED** Newport Beach City Council from left: Lauren Kleiman, Brad Avery, Noah Blom, Robyn Grant, Erik Weigand, Joe Stapleton and Will O'Neill.

as the "shortest that I can ever remember."  
 "I felt like I failed because I didn't get all the problems solved that I wanted to get solved during my term and many people have told me that I have inspired them to

run for public office in the future, especially young people," Brenner said. "That really has meant more than anything to me. I got to the point where,

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**UCI**

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dence on numerous occasions in the past, and Doan was known to police. Authorities did not go into detail about the nature of those prior calls for service.  
 Doan had been a student at UCI, Davies said. He was a biology student at the university between 2017 and 2019, UCI spokesman Tom Vasich said. He did not graduate.  
 "May your soul rest in peace," read a note written on an origami crane left near where Doan and Ngu-

yen died. A message of condolence was written on the back of a framed picture of an angel found on a bench a few feet away.  
 Natalia Sanchez works at UCI and was in a meeting nearby at the time of the alleged murder-suicide. She saw five or six Irvine police vehicles lining the area around the social sciences plaza when she walked outside and said she "knew something big had happened."  
 She and business student Wen Jie said there would have been few people in the area Tuesday afternoon because campus is out of session for winter

break. There had been no report of any sort of altercation immediately preceding Nguyen and Doan's deaths, Davies said.  
 "We are still gathering information about who the victims are and exactly what happened, but law enforcement has informed us that there is no ongoing danger to our community," UCI Chancellor Howard Gillman wrote in a bulletin to students and faculty Tuesday. "At such a time, our primary thoughts are with the victims and their families," he added.

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**MURDER**

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out of sight at the request of Hernandez. Alcaraz reportedly entered the building after 10 p.m. and was inside for about nine minutes. At around the seven-minute mark, she sent a text to Beltran that she received a cancellation fee from Hernandez, but she never exited the building.  
 Prosecutors said when

Alcaraz didn't respond to any messages sent by Cyren Entertainment manager Lynda Estrada, Estrada then reported the incident to the Newport Beach Police Department who later found Alcaraz dead inside a trash can of a janitor's closet.  
 She died of multiple blunt force injuries to the head, and Hernandez was arrested two days later, remaining in custody since.  
 At the end of the trial in

August, defense attorney Cameron Talley said he respected the jury's decision.  
 "They worked hard and they were a hung jury at one point, which shows the facts and the law made this a very difficult case," said Talley at the time. "Ultimately, this was what they decided."  
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 4/29 CREAM OF CLAPTON  
 5/3 MORGAN JAMES  
 5/21 LET'S HANG ON! (*FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS TRIBUTE*)  
 7/22 Y & T



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# Huntington Beach nonprofit awards schools with \$1,000 art 'mini-grants'

BY MATT SZABO

A grant allowed Dwyer Middle School music teacher Shianne Homann to spearhead the Just Keep Strumming ukulele project.

Over an eight-week period, 17 Dwyer students who signed up got to design and build their own ukuleles. They learned to play songs on them and built up their skills to a live performance for family and friends.

"That grant funded everything," Homann said. "It was really important, because it gave the kids a chance to sit down and learn how to build an instrument, do something with their hands ... They got to make it their own, which is really important for middle-schoolers. At the end of the class, they got to keep their instrument, which is something that you can't always do as a music program."

The fact that the grant was available? Well, that was music to Homann's ears.

Several arts projects were funded this year through \$1,000 "mini-grants" awarded by Huntington Beach-based nonprofit Educational Enrichment Foundation for the Arts (EEFA).

The mini-grants program was opened last spring for middle schools that feed into the Huntington Beach Union High School District. EEFA board president Debi Windle said the organization is currently expanding the opportunity to feeder elementary schools.

The application period for next year is now open, and teachers and administrators of HBUHSD feeder schools are welcome to apply for one of up to 10 mini-grants.

"We don't limit it to a specific type of art," Windle said. "We can fund the purchase of extra instruments, we can fund if they want to put on a produc-



**A DWYER MIDDLE SCHOOL** student puts the finishing touches on while painting a ukulele. The project was funded through a \$1,000 "mini-grant."

tion and they can't afford the royalty fees. It's open to them to provide us with an overview of what the project is and the costs involved."

Projects that were supported this year also included the "Sew Your Heart Out" costuming project at Dwyer, the middle school theater arts program at Kinetic Academy, the Rock Band project and Visual and Performing Arts program at Marine View Middle School and the school musical at Sowers Middle School.

Windle said the EEPA also typically funds an extra performance of a main stage show at the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts and invites feeder schools to bring their students to see the show.

"Children and their parents often tell us it's the first time they were introduced to live theater, and the concept of coming to APA for their high school education," she said. "That's our goal, to highlight that you can stay within our school district and receive an

excellent education in the arts."

The mini-grants are funded by a grant received from the California Arts Council, Windle said, as well as donations to the EEFA.

Elementary or middle school educators from the HBUHSD geographical area can apply for a 2023 mini-grant at [eefa4arts.org](http://eefa4arts.org) through the end of January. Grant recipients will be announced in February.

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Courtesy of Shianne Homann

## DAIS

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"OK. My purpose was not to solve all of these problems; my purpose perhaps was just to inspire one or two other people to do this job with dignity and respect for their fellow council members and respect for all of the citizens and to do it in a way that benefits the greater community and not just ourselves."

Muldoon reflected those same sentiments, describing his time on the dais as the opportunity of a lifetime and highlighted the council's accomplishments with property rights, pension liabilities, public safety and homelessness.

"I believe history will continue to treat advocates for freedom with honor and show contempt for tyrants that have made the lives of their citizens difficult, of course imposing rules and mandates that they themselves do not follow," said Muldoon, before thanking fellow council members, city staff and his family for their support.

Blom was first elected in 2020 and O'Neill was reelected that same year and is currently serving his second term. O'Neill served as mayor in 2020.

"The one thread that connected all of these speeches together is passion. I think every single person that chooses and decides to sit up here has passion for this city and passion in a way that affects different parts in different ways that we all live here, and I think that is the idea of what a council ... is about," Blom said.

"We sit up here to converse and make the best decisions we can from different perspectives and different views," he continued. "I am so proud of the people that have come before us and I've learned so much from Duffy ... from Councilman O'Neill ... Councilman Avery ... and all of our new colleagues. I think they bring a new perspective and a new sense of [how] we can continue to make Newport what it is."

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**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
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**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**BSC 222621**  
**NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ARLENE S. AUSTIN**  
**30-2022-01294329-PR-PW-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ARLENE S. AUSTIN**.  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **ROBERT C. AUSTIN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **ROBERT C. AUSTIN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
**THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **January 25, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
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**BSC 222646**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARY FRANCIS URASHIMA**  
**30-2022-01295410-PR-PW-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MARY FRANCIS URASHIMA**.  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **KEANE PATRICK URASHIMA** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **KEANE PATRICK URASHIMA** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
**THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **February 02, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
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**BSC 222639**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: AXEL MATTIAS EMBY**  
**30-2022-01295182-PR-LA-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **AXEL MATTIAS EMBY**.  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **NILS JOHANSSON** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **NILS JOHANSSON** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **February 01, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
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