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STUDENTS WAIT outside the gate at Agnes L. Smith Elementary School on the first day of in-person learning on Monday.

# 'Tons of precautions': H.B. opens elementary schools

**BY MATT SZABO** 

Cassie Orr said her two children were a bit apprehensive about returning to S.A. Moffett Elementary School in Huntington Beach on Monday.

"I think they kind of got used to being home all day with me," Orr said of Clifford, a fifth-grader, and Charlotte, who is in third grade. "But I was very excited. I am ready for them to be out of the house, and I feel like our school district has done the best they can as far as planning and taking as many precautionary measures as possible. I'm comfortable with them going back and happy that they're able to see their friends

Orr, the PTSA president at Moffett, knows the work that Huntington Beach City School District officials and teachers have undertaken to get kids back in the classroom. They have returned to class in the district's six elementary schools — some part of the morning session and some part of the afternoon session — for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic struck in March.

Children will be at school for 160 minutes four days a week; Wednesdays will still be distance-learning days. Peterson, Seacliff, Smith, Eader and Hawes were the other Surf City elementary schools that returned to classrooms on a windy Monday.

The district's two middle schools — Dwyer and Sowers — return to in-person instruction on Nov. 2, with Huntington Beach Union High School District high schools — Edison, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Marina, Ocean View and Westminster — returning the following day.

Aniseh Spijkers dropped by Agnes L. Smith Elementary on Monday just before noon to drop off her fifth-grader, Darya, for



**MONIKA BERANOBA** hugs son Jan as she drops him off at Smith Elementary School.

"They've taken tons of precautions, so hopefully it will go as well as planned," Spijkers said. "They've got tiny classrooms, and they're all sitting in plexiglass shields, and they're all wearing their masks. But at least they'll be near each other, which they haven't been in eight months, so that's good."

Campuses also now have directional walkways, messaging signs and floor stickers and mobile handwashing stations.

McKenzie Greer's third-grader Nixon also attends Smith Elementary. She said she is excited that he gets to experience school on campus again, although she has mixed feelings about all of the safeguards in place.

"I'm very anti-doing this, this whole

masks, plexiglass, everything," Greer said. "I'm not OK with it. I don't like sending my kids [to school] that way, but it is what it is.

"I know that we need to be careful and things like that, but I wish there was a little more freedom for them when it comes to the school. But I'm happy they're back."

Smith Elementary Principal Maria Ashton, in her third year in charge, said bringing the school's 650 students back to campus helps bring some sense of normalcy.

"I think the fact that we opened a little bit after the other districts, we were able to see what they did, we were able to modify our plans a little bit," Ashton said. "At least here,

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# Schools shuttered due to air quality

Newport-Mesa Unified is among area school districts to close campuses in response to heavy smoke from the Silverado fire.

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport-Mesa Unified School District closed its elementary school campuses Monday afternoon in response to poor air quality resulting from the Silverado fire, which began early that morning.

The district extended its on-campus closures through today. Secondary students in special education will be instructed through the distance-learning model. District officials said it would not impact students in elementary schools as it is a non-student day, and they anticipate reopening on Thursday, pending improvement in air quality.

The Laguna Beach Unified School District said it would reopen for in-person instruction on Wednesday after closing its schools Tuesday due to extreme weather conditions, poor air quality and "unpredictable power outages." Deputy Supt. Leisa Winston said in an email Tuesday the district would monitor for air quality and provide indoor spaces to all students if needed.

An advisory from the South Coast Air Quality Management District said that strong Santa Ana winds were pushing smoke plumes from the fire southwest into Irvine, Costa Mesa and Newport

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## County health agency reports 255 new cases, 7 more deaths from COVID-19

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

Seven new deaths related to COVID-19 and 255 new cases of the coronavirus were reported Tuesday by the Orange County Health Care Agency, bringing the total number of deaths and cases in the county to 1,454 and 58,980, respectively.

The agency reported 8,402 tests administered. The new total for tests in the county is 1,075,250, excluding cumulative positive antigen tests, which are at 1,856. Currently, 157 patients are hospitalized and 56 are in intensive care units. County officials estimate that about

52,643 patients have recovered. Orange County is currently in the red, "substantial" tier. It was first placed there

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## H.B. City Manager Chi denies accusations of improper email search, sexual harassment

#### **BY MATT SZABO**

Huntington Beach City Manager Oliver Chi has been accused of asking City Chief Information Officer Behzad Zamanian to conduct an improper email search, the latest controversy at Surf City's City Hall as Election Day fast approaches. Chi was also accused of sexual

harassment earlier this year by a former secretary who claimed that he improperly hugged her, though she took a settlement before an investigation was completed.

A Sept. 29 letter from Zamanian's attorney, Daniel Rashtian, to Huntington Beach City Atty. Michael Gates alleged that Chi ordered Zamanian to conduct a search of Gates' emails on or about Sept. 11.

"The search ordered by Mr. Chi was an extremely invasive search that would require Mr. Zamanian to open up all of your emails," the



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letter to Gates read. "Mr. Zamanian refused to perform such a search without your approval."

Chi said Tuesday that neither he nor the city did anything wrong. He said he was asked by City Councilman

Mike Posey to look into the situa-"It's accurate that I asked [Za-

manian] to look for the emails,' Chi said. "He told me he did the search and there was nothing ... and I consistently told him to only do it if he was comfortable. He told me he was fine with it."

Chi said the city had public records requests to release any emails Gates might have sent, which were referring to a conflict Gates was having with the Hunt-

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#### **ELECTION 2020**









CANDIDATES RUNNING for Laguna Beach City Council in the Nov. 3 election are, from left, Steve Dicterow, Ruben Flores, Larry Nokes, George Weiss and Bob Whalen. The five candidates are vying for two open seats.

## Meet the candidates on the ballot for Laguna Beach City Council on Nov. 3

#### BY ANDREW TURNER

Five candidates are on the ballot for the Laguna Beach City Council going into Election Day, Nov. 3.

The candidates include two incumbents in Mayor Bob Whalen and Mayor Pro Tem

Steve Dicterow. There are three challengers for the two seats that are up for grabs in Ruben Flores, Larry Nokes and George Weiss.

The Daily Pilot sent a questionnaire to all candidates for City Council in its coverage area to get a sense of who they are, why they are running and what issues they believe matter most in their communities. Some responses have been edited for formatting, length or clarity.

Professional occupation: At-

#### **STEVE DICTEROW**

(INCUMBENT) **Age:** 65

torney

**Education:** USC Law School Time lived in city of residence: 37 years

Previous public service: Did not answer

What are your thoughts on the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic? If elected, how would you help the city re-

I am extremely proud of our

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Beach. The agency said sensors in the area categorized the air quality as "unhealthy for sensitive groups to very unhealthy [air quality index] categories." The advisory remains in place through today.

District officials said all Corona del Mar zone schools initiated an early student dismissal of the Monday morning cohort and canceled in-person instruction for the afternoon. Less impacted schools in the Newport Harbor, Costa Mesa and Estancia zones completed their morning cohorts but canceled their afternoon sessions.

Elementary schools first reopened in the district on Sept. 29. The closure does not affect secondary schools, which have not yet reopened.

"Î want to thank our teachers, staff, principals and parents who were impacted and for making quick adjustments in re-



Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

**AN ORANGE COUNTY** Fire Authority firefighter uses a resident's hose to help keep Silverado fire hot spots away from homes in an Orchard Hills neighborhood of Irvine on Monday.

sponse to the smoke," Supt. Russell Lee-Sung said in a statement. "We also hope that the fire will quickly be controlled by the Orange County Fire Authority and that all residents in the

evacuation area remain

Officials said that in-person instruction was canceled Tuesday but that teachers or principals kept in touch with students and

families on distance-learning plans for the day.

As of Tuesday evening, the Silverado fire had burned through 12,600 acres and was at 5% containment. Mandatory evacuation orders were issued for at least 60,000 residents in Irvine, including all homes north of Irvine Boulevard between Bake Parkway and Jamboree Road, according to Irvine city officials on Monday.

Mandatory evacuation orders for residents south of Portola Parkway and west of the 133 Toll Road were lifted Tuesday along with those for Irvine residents living east of the 133 to Portola High School and those north of Great Park Boulevard to Irvine Boulevard. All other evacuation orders remain in place.

The Orange County Fire Authority reported that 70,000 homes in Irvine, 8,000 homes in Lake Forest and 2,500 homes in Yorba Linda had been evacuated.

Evacuation orders Monday included residents between Great Park Boulevard and Bake Parkway and north of Toledo Way until the city limits. They included residents in areas from Irvine Boulevard south of Trabuco Road and from Jeffrey Road East to

Portola High School.

UC Irvine continued suspension of campus operations through Tuesday.

The fire began at around 6:45 a.m. Monday near Santiago Canyon and Silverado Canyon roads. About 500 firefighters have been deployed to help fight the blaze.

The National Weather Service issued a red flag warning due to high winds. In nearby Laguna Beach, Fire Chief Mike Garcia issued a local red flag warning effective through Tuesday.

A second brush fire — the Blue Ridge fire — broke out Monday near the Green River Golf Club in Corona but went west into Chino Hills and toward Yorba Linda. The fire had burned through 15,200 acres and was 0% contained at press time. About 2,500 homes in Yorba Linda were evacuated. Fire officials said Tuesday evening that 10 homes had been damaged.

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#### **LAGUNA**

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response. We have not cut our public safety services or dipped into our reserves. We have introduced several innovative measures to help local businesses. Moving forward, I will urge us to make permanent many of our temporary measures, including the Forest Avenue Promenade and the ability of restaurants and retail businesses to operate outdoors.

This summer, the Orange County area saw demonstrations related to issues of social justice, policing and inequity. How

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#### do you think constituents view these issues, and how would you address them

on the dais?

Laguna Beach is a community with a wide range of diverse political views. I am a firm believer in the right of the public to peacefully assemble and demonstrate. I believe that our citizens appreciate the city's past even-handed responses in balancing the right to assemble with maintaining public safety. I will continue to support this philosophy.

State housing allocations over the next several years may require the city to zone for 393 units (RHNA). How would you

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## maintain residents' quality of life while addressing the housing crisis?

This issue will be addressed in the next two years with the update to the city's Housing Element. We need to energize the community to get involved with this process to bring their ideas and [to] work with us for innovative solutions. I would support hiring a specialist in this field to help with our efforts.

What else would you focus on as a council member?

My focus will always be to preserve the best of Laguna: the safety, beauty, charm and character of our city and neighborhoods. This means working to minimize the impacts of tourists on our neighborhoods while reducing the constraints on businesses to better serve both residents and visitors.

#### RUBEN FLORES

JBEN FI Age: 59

Professional occupation: Landscape design and construction

Education: Bachelor of Science in Ornamental Horticulture, Cal Poly Pomona; Master of business administration with an emphasis in marketing, Cal Poly Pomona

Time lived in city of residence: 29 years

Previous public service:
Four years as chair and member of View Restoration Committee; seven years as President of Laguna Beautification Council; six years as board member of Pacific Marine Mammal Center; 11 years as board member of South Laguna Community Garden

What are your thoughts on the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic? If elected, how would you help the city recover?

I think the city did a darn good job. It's not comfortable insisting that citizens wear a mask to protect themselves. Many take it as an affront, but it truly was for the protection of all in the community, and for that, I applaud the council for its drastic, sometimes unpopular, decisions and requirements for the residents.

This summer, the Orange County area saw demonstrations related to issues of social justice, policing and inequity. How do you think constituents view these issues, and how would you address them on the dais?

As a Hispanic man in Orange County and Laguna Beach and having friends of all racial backgrounds, I want all my friends to feel welcome and accepted in our town. We can extend our hand and ensure an open mind and always be conscious of others' perceptions as we rebuild our city open to all.

State housing allocations over the next several years may require the city to zone for 393 units (RHNA). How would you maintain residents' quality of life while addressing the housing crisis?

Mindful integration is the key. Affordable housing is a key issue all over. We need to ensure it is built and maintained for this purpose. It might be wise to incorporate these in differ-

ent areas of the city, North Laguna, South Laguna, downtown and the canyon.

What else would you focus on as a council member?

Our town is on the cusp of a big reawakening regarding development. It is crucial that this redevelopment be guided in such a way that our historical and village atmosphere is not diluted with generic, non-detailed architecture that would ruin the romantic notion of who [and] what defines Laguna Beach ... Public safety is of utmost importance.

#### **LARRY NOKES**

Age: 66
Professional occupation: Trial lawyer

Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of Utah; juris doctorate, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

Time lived in city of residence: 36 years

Previous public service: Volunteer: Chair of Drafting Committee for the Laguna Beach View Preservation Ordinance; Participant – Revisions to Laguna Beach Historic Preservation Ordinance; six years as director of Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce; two years as president of Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce; six years as member of Board of Managers South Coast YMCA; two years as chairman of Board of Managers, South Coast YMCA

What are your thoughts on the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic? If elected, how would you help the city recover?

The city's response has been good. Public meetings are held via Zoom to encourage maximum participation. Introduction of outdoor retail and dining has been crucial for survival of the commercial zones. Mandatory wearing of masks has helped tamp down the spread. I would

continue these efforts.

This summer, the Orange County area saw demonstrations related to issues of social justice, policing and inequity. How do you think constituents view these issues, and how would you address them on the dais?

Citizens expect nothing less than an appropriate response to a specific situation. Too many have died after it became clear that they posed no threat. I support constant and current situational recognition and deescalation training for law enforcement.

State housing allocations over the next several years may require the city to zone for 393 units (RHNA). How would you maintain residents' quality of life while addressing the housing crisis?

I want to create as much housing as possible within existing structures. Allow conversion of underutilized office space to residential. Allow ADUs and JADUs on existing properties and inside existing buildings.

What else would you focus on as a council member?

Parking, traffic and circulation are big issues in Laguna Beach. Visitor parking in neighborhoods is hurting the livability for residents in those neighborhoods. We must provide parking. We must continue to support outdoor dining. We must continue our revitalization efforts in our commercial areas. Expand the seasonal use of festival grounds. Protect our beaches and our trails.

#### **GEORGE WEISS Age:** Did not answer

Professional occupation: Retired Telecom executive

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Loyola University, Chicago

Time lived in city of residence: 15 years

Previous public service: President of Laguna Beach Beautification Council; president of Laguna Beach Film Society; chair of city of Laguna Beach Housing and Human Services Committee

What are your thoughts on the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic? If elected, how would you help the city recover?

help the city recover?

The response to COVID has worked. The city projects a \$17-million budget shortfall. This demands fiscal prudence so we don't run short if a natural disaster occurs. I recommend curtailing expenditures for expensive new planned projects, such as the \$10 to 15 million for a new parking structure behind City Hall. We also need to look at repurposing brick-and-mortar retail.

This summer, the Orange County area saw demonstrations related to issues of social justice, policing and inequity. How do you think constituents view these issues, and how would you address them on the dais?

Laguna is a community of people who care about each other and who tend to pitch in when a fellow resident needs help. That said, there is income inequality here. I would support increasing the minimum wage to \$15 per hour with benefits provided for those working part time, like restaurant and hospitality workers.

State housing allocations over the next several years may require the city to zone for 393 units (RHNA). How would you maintain residents' quality of life while addressing the housing crisis?

We must zone for these units, and a likely area would be the industrial zone along Laguna Canyon Road between Ganahl Lumber and LCAD. ADU's are another solution. To build affordable housing, we must have public [and] private partnerships to make this happen. This is a goal of the 2016 Cultural Arts Plan. I would work to reinvigorate that plan.

What else would you focus on as a council member?

Fiscal responsibility in which everyone pays their fair share so that it's not just residents handling the costs of 6.5 million visitors; compatible, smart development that is compatible with the unique architectural character of our town's buildings; protecting our unique and fragile urban landscapes, open space, ocean and coastline for future generations

#### BOB WHALEN (INCUMBENT)

Age: 67

**Professional occupation:** Public finance attorney

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies, Harvard College, 1975; juris doctorate, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, 1978

Time lived in city of residence: 36 years

Previous public service: Laguna Beach City Council 2012-present; Laguna Beach Planning Commission 2008-12; Laguna Beach Unified School District Board of Education 1997-2006

What are your thoughts on the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic? If elected, how would you help the city recover?

As mayor, I have been involved in our daily decisions related to COVID-19 such as closing and opening beaches and businesses. I believe that our local response has been outstanding. We have adopted programs to support local businesses, hand out free masks, ban evictions of renters and create outdoor spaces for safe dining, all while putting public health considerations first.

This summer, the Orange County area saw demonstrations related to issues of social justice, policing and inequity. How do you think constituents view these issues, and how would you address them on the dais?

Laguna Beach residents strongly support the right of peaceful protest for all. In June, I brought a proclamation to council to declare our opposition to police brutality and support for the peaceful exercise of 1st Amendment rights. While our residents strongly support our police department, we established a taskforce to review department policies to ensure that best practices are followed.

State housing allocations over the next several years may require the city to zone for 393 units (RHNA). How would you maintain residents' quality of life while addressing the housing crisis?

I would protect our neighborhoods by zoning for more residential units in our commercial zones and in our industrial area on Laguna Canyon Road. Part of the RHNA need can be met by encouraging accessory dwelling units on existing single-family lots. I would look for opportunities to create affordable senior housing with city assistance.

What else would you focus on as a council member?

My number one priority always has been, and will continue to be, public safety. I will implement the Wildfire Mitigation and Fire Safety Plan to protect against a major wildfire. I will work to add resources to better manage beach crowds that have been adversely impacting our neighborhoods. I will protect our neighborhoods by adding more parking near pool.

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Marilyn White Tucker

September 13, 1927 - September 25, 2020

Marilyn, a resident of Newport Beach since 1961, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. Born and raised in Glendale, California to Marie Dantuma White and Willard Lewis Karl White, her heart of gold and movie-star looks were eclipsed only by her radiant smile and ever-positive attitude.

Marilyn was welcoming and kind, with a magnetic personality and hilarious sense of humor that attracted people to her wherever she went. From traveling to the corners of the world, hosting unforgettable parties at her home on Evening Star Lane in Dover Shores or The Springs, Rancho Mirage, Marilyn was born with an unquenchable zeal for life. She was grateful for each and every moment on this earth, which led her to her signature term, "perfect." Everything was always perfect in her world.

Marilyn graduated top of her class from La Sierra Academy and College, where she soon after married the love of her life, Dr. Royal D. Tucker (deceased 2017), and became a medical lab technician. However, her favorite role in life was being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. And wow was she amazing at it!

She will be greatly missed by her three daughters, Patti (Billy) O'Desky of Newport Beach, Joni (Rusty) Sherwood of Colorado and Cathi (Jim) Bledsoe of Newport Coast; grandchildren, Aly O'Desky, Charley O'Desky (Zulekha), Mark Sherwood (Emily), May Engelstad (Jeff), Mazie Suliman (Joe) and Piper Bledsoe (fiance' Sean Heitzler), as well as great grandsons, Teddy Engelstad, Enzo Sherwood and Francis Suliman.

A small gathering of family and friends celebrated Marilyn's life on October 1, just as she would have wanted with yellow flowers everywhere, guests wearing bright colors, and many, many laughs.

For her final act, Marilyn donated her body to Loma Linda University Health for research to eradicate Multiple Sclerosis, a disease she was diagnosed with at the age of 53. Should you wish to honor her memory, the family suggests a gift to the Race to Erase MS by contacting Liz Seares (310)440-4842 or Loma Linda University Health, MS Research, by contacting Regina or Emily in Philanthropy (909)558-5010.

#### **COMMENTARY | NANCY SCARBROUGH**

### Explaining my run for N.B. City Council

esides having a natural interest in civic matters nurtured by my parents, the day that I decided seriously to run for Newport Beach City Council, District 2 came when the beautiful mature trees at Ensign Intermediate School came crashing down, and not one elected official was there.

The experience of watching crews remove the trees, which was heartfelt by many residents in the Heights and Cliffhaven neighborhoods, drew no support or sympathy from City Hall.

We would have at least expected some interest by the council member from our district, Brad Avery.

Actually, many of my leadership and organizational skills came from years in the Girl Scouts organization, from Brownies through seniors in high

And that familiar saying holds true, "Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout." I finished my college education at UCLA in Environmental Design and eventually opened my own design firm, currently called "Space Squared."

What skills do I bring to the table that qualify me as a conscientious, independent and serious council member? No one, even on City Council, attends more civic meetings on a regular basis than I.

Initially involved in environmental issues through SPON and Banning Ranch, I gradually branched out to almost every aspect of city government, council, town hall and Newport-Mesa Unified school board meetings, the public meetings for election reform, the homeless task force, the aviation committee, planning commission and zoning administration meetings, Orange County Board of Supervisors meetings, and what will be our biggest challenge after COVID-19, the public meetings of the new Housing Element Update Advis-

ory committee. And at the time I was attending these meetings, I wasn't even considering running for City Council. I was just interested.

However, after gaining more and more interest in city government and noting that we were not adequately represented in District 2, I decided to "throw my hat into the ring."

Many of my neighbors and friends came to me when they realized how seriously and sincerely interested I am in "all things Newport" in addition to my own neighbor-

It has been remarked that I have a serious and inquisitive nature, that I am "all business" and finally that I am a "classic overachiever" interested in seeking results, even perfection in all that is going on in my personal life and that which is going on around me in my community and in Newport Beach at large.

**NANCY SCARBROUGH** is a candidate for Newport Beach City Council, District 2.

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• 18 to 24: 8,864 cases; five

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• 35 to 44: 9,401 cases; 37

• 45 to 54: 9,502 cases; 114

• 55 to 64: 7,070 cases; 203

• 65 to 74: 3,531 cases; 288

• 75 to 84: 1,959 cases; 314

• 85 and older: 1,560

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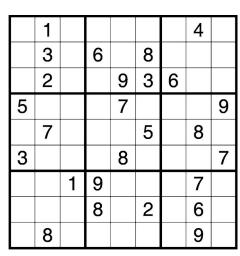
#### **SUDOKU**

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.

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

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#### COVID-19

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by the state on Sept. 8, an improvement from the purple, "widespread" tier.

Data indicate that the county is seeing an adjusted daily case rate of 5.1 for every 100,000 residents.

The testing positivity rate is 3.2%, and the health equity quartile positivity rate, which tracks test positivity rates in disadvantaged communities, is 6%.

In order for the county to move to the "moderate" tier, the adjusted daily case rate will need to fall between 1 to 3.9 for every 100,000 residents, and the healthy equity quartile positivity rate will need to fall between 2.2 to

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case and COVID-19 counts deaths for select cities in Orange County:

• Santa Ana: 11,392 cases; 312 deaths

• Anaheim: 10,091 cases; 314 deaths

• Huntington Beach: 2,581 cases; 86 deaths

• Costa Mesa: 2,009 cases; 44 deaths

• Irvine: 1,865 cases; 13 deaths

• Newport Beach: 1,228 cases; 26 deaths

• Fountain Valley: 565 cases; 20 deaths

• Laguna Beach: 248 cases; fewer than five deaths Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO** NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MICHAEL K. TODD **HARVEY DON SMITH** 

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DON SMITH A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TIMOTHY R. SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that

TIMOTHY R. SMITH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the 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

November 18, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6 located at

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the Court's website http://www.occourts.org/media-

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ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: 30-2020-01166298-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: MICHAEL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHELLE KLEIN in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHELLE KLEIN 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.

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#### SOFTBALL

### MARINA'S BRIANA GONZALEZ **COMMITS TO EASTERN ILLINOIS**

#### BY ANDREW TURNER

Recruitment had only just begun for Briana Gonzalez when it was abruptly put on hold.

The coronavirus pandemic dealt a blow to many spring sport athletes who did not have a chance to take the field for an entire season. For softball players like Gonzalez, the pandemic also resulted in the loss of a major stage to

compete on, with the cancellation of the Premier Girls Fastpitch Nationals.

Gonzalez, a senior infielder for Marina High School, put some of those troubling times behind her in announcing her commitment to the Eastern Illinois University softball program last week.

A 5-foot-7, 145-pound infielder, Gonzalez hit .250 with three home runs and five runs batted in while playing in 11 games during a virus-shortened junior season. She had also moved over to shortstop after beginning her high school playing career as a third baseman.

Recounting her recruiting experience, Gonzalez recalled losing contact with schools that she had been talking to before the pandemic. She was grateful to see the lengths to which Eastern Illinois went to secure her commitment.

Gonzalez indicated that she was able to speak with Eastern Illinois coach Tara Archibald, as well as the rest of the coaching staff, some athletic department personnel and even a professor in her probable field of study.

"They made such an effort to recruit me, and I really appreciate that," Gonzalez said, adding that all of the correspondence took place over Zoom. "They went out of their way. They

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HBCSD interim Supt.

Greg Magnuson said in an

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didn't have to bring on someone from the criminology department [or] their players."

Shelly Luth, who cocoaches the Marina softball team with Dan Hay, said that Gonzalez has lived up to what she envisioned of the talented infielder in her first impression, calling her competitive, intense and tough.

Luth shared an anecdote that demonstrates just how competitive Gonzalez can

"We're playing this stupid dice game, and she goes, 'We're not leaving here until I have won," Luth said, recalling a team game of Tenzi in the weight room. "That's how she takes the field, and even when she's struggling, she always is just trying harder. She hates to lose, and I love that quality about anybody. I think she hates losing more than she likes winning, like me."

On the travel softball cir-



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MARINA HIGH SCHOOL softball player Briana Gonzalez, shown at her home in Huntington Beach on Saturday.

cuit, Gonzalez plays for a Firecrackers 18-and-under team coached by Sean Brashear. Her competitiveness comes in handy in trying to earn playing time with that group.

"Last year when I moved up to 18s, I started playing third base," Gonzalez said. "There's a lot of competition on that team, so it's really hard to get a spot. If you want to play in the field, you have to hit."

Both of Marina's middle infielders have committed to college softball programs. Second baseman Taylor Lane, formerly a Daily Pilot Dream Team selection, has committed to St. Mary's.

If conditions allow for a high school softball season to be played in 2021, Gonzalez and Lane likely share the same goal of winning in the CIF Southern Section playoffs. The Vikings lost in the first round in their freshman year at Esperanza and then in their sophomore year as the No. 1 seed in Division 2 against Temecula Valley.

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Name Change

**ORDER TO SHOW** 

**CAUSE FOR A CHANGE** OF NAME CASE NO. 30-2020-01164140

Petitioner or Attorney (name, state, bar, and address): HANNAH MISHA VOGEL

24411 Ridge Route Drive, Suite 200, Laguna Hills, CA 92651 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

HANNAH Petitioner MISHA VOGEL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present Name** HANNAH MISHA VOGEL Proposed Name

MISHA SAMANTHA THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter

appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause. if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court

may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING DATE: 12/09/2020 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: D100

ROOM: Window 44

The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA Civic Center Drive West A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. Dated: 10/08/2020

Hailey McMaster Deputy Clerk Published in the Daily Pilot 10/28, 11/04, 11/11 & 11/18/2020

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EVAN H. GOLDSCHLAG** 30-2020-01166072-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: EVAN H. GOLDSCHLAG

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARK GOLDSCHLAG in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARK GOLDSCHLAG 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.

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Secs. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.) Escrow No. 2453-DH

Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below

The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) are: Steve Hillemann 15791 Rockfield Blvd. Ste. L Irvine, CA 92618

The location in California of the chief executive office

of the seller is: N/A As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are:

NONE The name(s) and business address(es) of the buver(s) are: Alexandre Mallmann 15791 Rockfield Blvd. Ste. L Irvine, CA 92618

The assets to be sold are described in general as: Fixtures, furnishings & equipment, which are located at: 15791 Rockfield Blvd. Ste L, Irvine, CA 92618 The business name used by the seller at that location is Bedliners Plus.

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is 11/16/20 at the office of WARRANTY ESCROW SERVICE CORP, 3150 Pio Pico Sr. Ste 101, CARLSBAD, CA 92008,

Phone: (760) 434-1800. This bulk sale XXX subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is WARRANTY ESCROW SERVICE CORP, 3150Pio Pico Dr. Ste 101, CARLSBAD, CA 92008, Phone: (760) 434-1800, and the last date for filing claims shall be 11/13/20, which is the business day before the sale date specified above. Dated: October 6, 2020

S/ Alexandre Mallmann 10/28/20 CNS-3409634#

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ter the symptoms' resolution, according to guidelines released by the district. Those with high-risk symptoms, including cough, difficulty breathing and/or loss of taste and smell, will require evaluation by a healthcare provider.

"Despite today's high winds, local power outages and unhealthful air quality advisory, HBCSD students have returned to school in high numbers," Magnuson said in the email. "Overall, it has been a smooth start with our elementary school morning sessions. Further, at the mid-day break our cleaning and disinfecting teams performed their work as per our plan and like the morning sessions, our afternoon students have returned to school in an otherwise seamless manner."

Hawes Elementary PTSA president April Helliwell has two kids at Hawes; Bryce is in fifth grade and Blake in third grade. Helliwell said that Monday morning she helped organize a valet drop-off service in front of the school.

Last month, Helliwell organized a rally in front of the district office protesting the fact that kids weren't back on campus yet. Elementary schools in the Fountain Valley, Ocean View and Newport-Mesa Unified school districts each had opened for hybrid learning by late September.

Helliwell said that after the rally, communication from the district to parents improved. She added that many of the parents she knows are proponents of the split a.m./p.m. system the district ultimately put in place.

"Everyone is very excited to have their kids back in the classroom," Helliwell said. "And everyone is very pleased with the current schedule that they put together for us, this morning and afternoon cohort that is similar to what Fountain Valley is doing ... The more face time that we can get with our teachers, the better. This way, our students are seeing their teachers four out of five days of the week."

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ington Beach City School District. There was a concern that Gates might have been inappropriately using city letterhead in his correspondence with the district, though he denied those charges Tuesday.

"After many searches and requests performed six months ago, neither my office nor the school district were able to locate any such letter," Gates said. "That charge was proven untrue. The city attorney office emails are highly privileged and confidential, private attorney communications and work product that belong to the client city, and out of the reach of individual council mem-

bers on political errands." Chi reiterated that there was nothing improper in asking Zamanian to look into possible emails, but the situation quickly escalated. The letter alleges that Chi and Assistant City Manager Travis Hopkins attempted to force Zamanian to resign during a group meeting on Sept. 22. He was then asked to sign a separation agreement and voluntarily resign on Oct. 30, the letter alleges.

Zamanian, who was put on administrative leave, is also alleging age discrimination and that Chi attempted to force him to take an early retirement incentive plan when he wasn't interested in doing

"There are several complaints that Mr. Zamanian and his attorney have

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raised, as part of an ongoing dialogue regarding his employment status with the city," Chi said. "Any individual can allege what they would like to allege. As we continue to work through the issue, given that it's an ongoing personnel manner and we're in discussions with Mr. Zamanian and his attorney, it would be inappropriate to comment further."

Chi's former secretary, whose name is being withheld, alleged that Chi created a hostile work environment due to his constant hugs. She ended up recanting her accusation in exchange for six months paid leave from her job before resigning in August.

Chi denied any inappropriate actions and said the city was going to investigate before the secretary asked for the settlement.

"We started the investigation, but the very next day after she filed the complaint, her union reps called us and said she wants to negotiate a settlement to leave," Chi said.

He added that the secretary was the subject of two investigations for improper conduct prior to her allegations against him.

Gates said his conflict with the school district was over a gate that he installed behind his home so his children could enter the campus of Seacliff Elementary School. He installed the gate by removing a portion of chain-link fence, which he said had been erected to keep the homeless population off school property.

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took the gate out and put the fence back in.

"People still access it today by climbing the chainlink fence, but the gate has been out for months now," he said. "We dealt with this over six months ago, and it's all put back to status quo, what it was before."

The allegations against Chi surfaced just days after interim Police Chief Kelly Rodriguez resigned, citing political divisiveness within the city and the police department. Earlier this month, the Huntington Beach Police Managers Assn. endorsed a political mailer that was highly critical of three Democratic candidates for City Council Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Oscar Rodriguez.

"Shortly after Chief Rodriguez took charge, the PMA, independently, and without consultation with Chief Rodriguez, chose to enter the political arena to help preserve law and order in Huntington Beach," PMA President David Deresynski wrote in a letter to Chi and City Council members on Monday. "We considered many factors, including public safety concerns, then made the tough decision to endorse a mailer which opposes three City Council candidates who we believed did not share our organizational values or support department community interests."

In the letter, Deresynski said sources have indicated to him that City Council members with differing views conspired to coerce Chief Rodriguez to publicly denounce the PMA, and

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9 4 she was told that if she refused, she would be forced out of her interim position. Deresynski wrote that those actions "have significantly destabilized the police department."

Councilwoman Kim Carr, named in similar allegations on social media last week that she had collaborated with Chi to get Rodriguez replaced, denied them on Friday.

"Absolutely not true," Carr said. "I never said anything like that to Oliver, and I never would. That would be completely inappropriate. Quite honestly, City Council doesn't have that kind of power."

Carr said the last she had heard was that Rodriguez was going to be interim chief until a replacement was found.

"Her decision not to get in the middle of an internal political fight is totally her call," Carr said. "I haven't talked to her about it ... For people on Facebook who want to paint a different picture, that's not uncommon. I'm used to getting attacked on Facebook because I'm a Democrat."

**Huntington Beach Mayor** Lyn Semeta said Tuesday that she believes the current situation reflects the increased power that public safety unions play in the workings of government, both locally and statewide, and that decreasing their role in elections would benefit everyone.

"Election season is usually fraught with politically charged rhetoric," said Semeta, who is not running for a second term on City Council. "With the frustrations of COVID this year, the situation seems even more heightened. Despite all the allegations being made, the important priorities are being handled at City Hall.

"It would have been my strong preference to have Kelly Rodriguez continue as the interim police chief because she is eminently qualified for that position. But I trust her when she tells me that the police management team who will remain is absolutely qualified to keep our city safe, whatever comes our way."

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