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Newport Beach cancels annual Christmas Boat Parade

BY LILLY NGUYEN

There will be silent nights in Newport Harbor this December.

The Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce announced Wednesday that this year's 112th annual Christmas Boat Parade has been canceled due to the coronavirus. The parade was initially set to be streamed virtually to viewers at home from Newport Harbor Dec. 16-20.

"It was our hope that conditions would improve or at least remain static. However, looking at what is happening across the

country, as well as in our own backyard, that is simply not the case," Steven Rosansky, the chief executive officer and president of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement.

"Gov. [Gavin] Newsom made it clear at his recent press conference that conditions are worsening across the state of California and that we need to put on the 'emergency brake' to slow the spread of coronavirus," Rosansky said.

On Wednesday, the Orange County Health Care Agency reported 628 new cases and two

new deaths related to COVID-19. The total number of cases has now reached 66,585.

Deaths are now at 1,528. Area hospitals recorded 291 cases and about 90 of those cases are reported to be in intensive care units. An estimated 57,094 have recovered to date.

State officials transitioned nearly 40 counties backward to more restrictive reopening tiers on Monday as cases and hospitalizations climb in California. That included Orange County,

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A LARGE vessel decked out in a Christmas circus theme, moves along the route during the 112th Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade in 2019.

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NEWPORT BEACH yoga instructor Chelsey Lowe, 30, and her Australian shepherd, Griffin, are competitors in Amazon's new show "The Pack," set to stream on Amazon Prime Video on Friday. Twelve teams of dogs and their human companions take part in the competition.

Newport yoga instructor and her dog compete in Amazon's 'The Pack'

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Chelsey Lowe did interviews for a reality show in late fall last year.

She'd heard about the show from an agent for a friend of hers. Casting agents wanted to find a girl who was outdoorsy, adventurous and competitive. They wanted someone with a unique and strong bond with their dog, she recalled in a recent interview. Her and Gryffin, her Australian shepherd, are attached at the hip.

She took Gryffin — which is short for Gryffindor — everywhere.

"Gryffin's my best friend," Lowe said. "I take her everywhere with me. I'm a yoga instructor here in Orange County, so I bring her to my yoga classes. She's my plus-one at all family gatherings. She's my adventure buddy and she's just always there for me when I come home from a long day. She's always right by my side."

So, she drove up to Los Angeles to do the first interviews. It happened really quickly. Almost out of the blue, Lowe said.

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"I had no idea this show was going to be as big as it ended up becoming. But if I was to think of the perfect type of show for me and my dog to be on, this is a dream come true."

— Chelsey Lowe

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Costa Mesa native William Parker strives to give back

BY MATT SZABO

William Parker is a busy 20-year-old.

He's a junior at UC Berkeley majoring in international politics, though the school has switched to all virtual learning during the coronavirus pandemic.

Parker is involved with the Black Recruitment and Retention Center on campus.

The Costa Mesa native has also launched two startup companies recently.

Unraveled App, which he founded with Berkeley graduate Madhuri Gujje, deals with relationships and their roles in people's lives. Wall Street Bites is about instilling financial literacy at a young age.

Things have moved quickly for Parker, but that's what happens with a mind as sharp as his.

It's been about six years since Parker was a freshman at Samueli Academy in Santa Ana and he built his own electric bicycle. That spirit of invention and entrepreneurship remains as alive as ever.

For Parker, trial and error was the only way to operate.

"I would always ask the teacher or someone older than me, 'How did you get to where



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WILLIAM PARKER, 20, stands in his former Samueli Academy school's engineering lab. Parker, a junior at UC Berkeley, completed an internship at LPA Design Studios in Irvine, which is the architectural company that created the new buildings and dorms that just opened at Samueli Academy.

you are today?" he said. "There was no common theme of, 'I did X, Y and Z, and now

I'm here.' When I realized that, I was like, 'If I try everything I possibly can at a very young

age, then I'll be able to have a

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Departing NMUSD trustees honored for service

BY SARA CARDINE

Outgoing Newport-Mesa Unified School District trustees Martha Fluor, Dana Black and Vicki Snell were recognized Tuesday for their combined 60 years of service — but even with retirements approaching, each pledged to support completion of a new Estancia High School theater.

"This is a project that has been voted on," Fluor said in board meeting Tuesday, her last after 29 years on the dais. "There's no discussion — it's proceeding."

Trustees grappled with the district's plan to build a \$32-million performing arts complex with a 350-seat theater at the Costa Mesa campus by 2023 on an area currently home to the senior lawn and several mature sycamore trees.

Although the project has been on the district's wish list since Newport-Mesa voters approved the Measure F bond facilities measure in 2005, only recently had the funding and opportunities lined up to make the project a reality.

Board members agreed in January 2019 to hire Los Angeles-based Pfeiffer Partners as the site architect and unanimously signed off on renderings that October.

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Laguna Beach shows off its new helicopter refilling tank

BY ANDREW TURNER

The city of Laguna Beach held a demonstration for the latest addition to its wildfire mitigation plans Tuesday, as two helicopters trained with a newly purchased water refilling tank.

The aircraft — an Orange County Fire Authority helicopter and the larger, two-propeller CH-47 Chinook — took turns refilling at the HeloPod dip tank, which holds up to 5,000 gallons of water.

Both made multiple drops over the canyon to the east. The refilling station was placed adjacent to the Arch Beach Heights fire road. Firefighters refilled the tank using a hydrant and a fire hose.

"What was neat about today, it was the accumulation of activities that started many years ago," Laguna Beach Fire Chief Mike Garcia said. "Obviously, we're concerned about wildfire safety in Southern California. We're concerned about it here in Laguna Beach, so much so our mayor [Bob Whalen] and Councilmember [Sue Kempf] ... started a wildfire subcommittee to talk about how we could better prepare for the wildfire season, and this committee started in January of 2019."

Acquiring a helicopter water refilling tank was one of the more than 40 ideas brought forth in a

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Costa Mesa man gets 7 years in prison in fatal hit-and-run DUI

BY SARA CARDINE

A Costa Mesa man was sentenced to seven years in prison after pleading guilty Tuesday to multiple felony charges stemming from a DUI accident on the 55 Freeway nearly two years ago that killed a 48-year-old man from Orange, according to court records.

Bernardo Alvarez Zalpa, 51, appeared at the West Justice Center in Westminster Tuesday, where he pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, hit and run with permanent serious injury and driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury, among other felony

charges.

Zalpa also admitted to sentencing enhancements for fleeing the scene and inflicting great bodily injury. He has been ordered to pay an undetermined amount of restitution, according to court records.

The charges stem from a Dec. 4, 2018, incident during which a Honda Accord Zalpa was driving in the fast lane on the 55 Freeway, southbound just north of Del Mar Avenue in Costa Mesa, crossed all lanes of traffic and collided with a Mini Cooper in the No. 4 lane shortly after 6 p.m., California Highway Patrol officers reported.

Zalpa continued trav-

eling and soon after struck a Toyota 4Runner on the Del Mar Avenue offramp. That vehicle overturned, ejecting the driver, Jose Olguin, 48, of Orange. CHP reported Olguin was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the collision.

After the second collision, the Accord turned back into the general traffic lanes and continued south on the 55 before exiting at Victoria Street. Costa Mesa police officers later located and arrested Zalpa.

Olguin was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Mini Cooper was reportedly uninjured.

A judge Tuesday sentenced Zalpa to 16 months

in state prison for vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, adding five consecutive years to his sentence for fleeing the scene. The separate charges for DUI and inflicting great bodily harm will not extend the six-year, four-month sentence handed down Tuesday, the Orange County district attorney's office confirmed Wednesday.

Court records show Zalpa is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 1 for a firearms relinquishment hearing at the West Justice Center.

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A COLORFUL pleasure cruiser moves along the route during the 111th Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade in 2019.

PARADE

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which effective immediately, was returned to the purple, "widespread" tier.

The county previously was in the red, "substantial" tier.

"I know how much the tradition of the Boat Parade means to the chamber, the residents, business owners, and visitors to the city," said Newport Beach Mayor Will O'Neill in a statement. "Even so, the chamber is to be commended for their leadership and sacrifice. I look forward to a bigger and better celebration in 2021."

"The parade has a century-long tradition of being Newport Beach's 'Christmas Card to the World.' This year, our message must clearly reflect the safety and well-being of all concerned," parade co-chair Larry Smith said.

"To all our partners, participants and supporters of this rich holiday tradition, we hope you will agree."

Though the parade will not go on, the chamber said that the Ring of Lights will still be happening.

Homeowners around the harbor who decorate their homes that enter will still be judged and be eligible to win in a number of categories. Interested parties can visit christmasboatparade.com to enter.

Winners will be announced on Dec. 15.

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

- Santa Ana: 12,703 cases; 322 deaths
- Anaheim: 11,360 cases; 331 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,913 cases; 86 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 2,266 cases; 45 deaths
- Irvine: 2,237 cases; 14 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,359 cases; 26 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 680 cases; 21 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 278 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

- 0 to 17: 5,139 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 9,911 cases; four deaths
- 25 to 34: 14,264 cases; 21 deaths
- 35 to 44: 10,593 cases; 40 deaths
- 45 to 54: 10,717 cases; 119 deaths
- 55 to 64: 8,024 cases; 212 deaths
- 65 to 74: 4,054 cases; 302 deaths
- 75 to 84: 2,168 cases; 331 deaths
- 85 and older: 1,668 cases; 498 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc.

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Laguna Beach City Council approves ordinance regarding the regulation of short-term lodging

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach moved closer to establishing new rules concerning short-term lodging, including the prohibition of additional short-term rental units in its residential areas, Tuesday night.

Following up on the October meeting of the California Coastal Commission that saw the state agency approve the city's plan with several modifications, the Laguna Beach City Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance agreeing to those conditions.

The Coastal Commission had given its tentative approval provided that certain requirements were met.

Those included that the number of short-term lodging units in the city would be capped at 300, and no more than 20% of the units in a permitted commercial or mixed-use

district could be converted.

Prior to the Coastal Commission meeting last month, 117 short-term lodging units existed in the city.

Those units are to be grandfathered in, and they will count toward the maximum number of units citywide.

The modifications also allow for 165 home-share units, in which the owner is on site in single-family, duplex and triplex homes as long as they are in the permitted commercial and mixed-use zones.

Council members agreed to waive a use permit fee of \$347 for home-share units, which could encourage participation in the home-share program.

"This is something that the Coastal Commission wanted in our program," Marc Wiener, the city's director of community development, said.

"They see it as a way of



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BEACHCOMBERS ENJOY a warm summer evening exploring the ocean and coastline of Main Beach in 2016.

providing lower-cost accommodations, and then also, it has the potential for minimal impact on housing because under home-sharing, the primary resident would live in the residence, but they would be renting out a room or an attached unit, so there really would be no net loss

of housing by allowing this."

To guard against the complete conversion of a property to short-term lodging, rules would be in place that restrict the conversion rate to 20% of the total units on the prem-

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

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- Royal Caribbean ad picture
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- Bit of soot
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- Massage
- Indigenous New Zealander
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- Elderly
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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.

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

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8 Abundance; excess

9 Buddy

10 Slim

11 Cheerios ingredients

12 Hunted animal

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- message
- 19 Swerves
- 22 Pacino & Unser
- 25 Rowing items
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- 28 Self-assurance
- 29 _ out; begins a journey
- 30 Ridiculous
- 31 Extinguish a fire
- 33 Pillar
- 34 Rage
- 36 Rosary piece
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- 39 Tomorrow: abbr.
- 41 Mailman's beat
- 42 Ransacked
- 44 Baby's bed
- 45 _-Man; early video game
- 47 Ship poles
- 48 Actor Gregory
- 49 Candid
- 50 Rummikub piece
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- 54 College official
- 56 _ culpa
- 57 Suffix for real or harp
- 59 Big _; semi
- Tribune Media Services



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AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD Griffin looks on as her owner, Chelsey Lowe, teaches an outdoor yoga class near the dog beach in Newport Beach. “Griffin’s my best friend,” Lowe said.

THE PACK

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as big as it ended up becoming,” Lowe said. “But if I was to think of the perfect type of show for me and my dog to be on, this is a dream come true.”

Lowe and Griffin, residents of Newport Beach, are one of 12 competing teams on Amazon’s new show, “The Pack,” which will be available for streaming Friday on Amazon Prime Video.

Hosted by gold medalist skier Lindsey Vonn and her dog Lucy, “The Pack” takes the teams across the globe to compete in challenges for a prize of \$500,000. The winning team will also earn an

additional \$250,000 for an animal charity of their choosing.

Lowe chose the Animal Welfare Institute, a non-profit that focuses on reducing human-inflicted suffering on animals.

Lowe said she was intrigued by the show because she loves to travel, but what she missed most while traveling was Griffin. She said it was a “no-brainer” to join if she was cast. Lowe, who grew up in Yorba Linda, said she was competitive by nature and played volleyball at UC Santa Barbara, where she went to college.

Some time thereafter, she got Griffin.

Lowe said she adopted Griffin about seven years ago on her way back from

a road trip with a close friend. She said she’d been wanting a dog for some time when Griffin came up on an online search.

“Griffin was kind of on the way home, so we just made a stop and I got the money out and I brought her home at seven weeks old. It was kind of meant to be,” Lowe said. “It was kind of spur of the moment.”

Lowe said the best part of being on “The Pack” was when Griffin saw the snow for the first time. She said the best experience was just getting to travel around the world with her dog. Though she couldn’t say how far she’d gotten at the risk of spoiling the show, Lowe said she felt like “The Pack” pushed

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better idea of what it is I want to do. I just tried as many things as possible to see where it would lead me. If I fail at this, then that only gives me another lesson to then incorporate into the next thing that I do.

“A lot of it was just going to a teacher, going to Google, going to the library and then constantly incorporating the process. But I think that you’re never bigger than the people that help you along the way. Most of that was just me constantly asking questions.”

It has already come full circle for Parker, part of Samuel Academy’s second graduating class in 2018, in a sense. He has completed a pair of internships — one in high school, one in college, with LPA Design Studios in Irvine.

LPA was the company that recently completed Samueli’s recent expansion, including an on-campus residence, a student innovation center and a building for seventh- and eighth graders.

“He’s a great kid,” LPA Chief Executive Officer Wendy Rogers said. “He definitely has an entrepreneurial spirit, which of course we love at LPA, and he has a lot of tenacity. He was in college and had reached out for an internship.

“Typically, we like them

to get a little more conceptual experience in school before we bring on interns, close to more like their third year. But you know, it was William, and he was super-persistent. It was like, ‘Yeah, of course you’re coming back.’ He will be a force, for sure.”

Parker, who said he grew up in a middle-class background with his parents, William and Porscha, and siblings, Elizabeth, Michael and Matthew, realizes the role that money can play. This was especially true during his time at Samueli, a public charter school that teaches foster and community youth. Wall Street Bites is a play on words for Parker, who likes to cook but also wanted to boil financial literacy down into bite-size portions.

“For a lot of low-income people, it’s not that they don’t have money, it’s that a large part of that money goes straight to surviving,” he said. “When you’re constantly in a state of survival, you rarely have time to worry about, ‘Hey, how can I invest, how can I start planning for my retirement?’ ”

Parker ultimately aims to bring the services his companies will provide to the students at Samueli. He’s often in discussion with Norah Sarsour, the school’s director of alumni success.

“Predominantly, we serve first-generation college students, and he works with a population like that up at Cal,” Sars

sour said.

“To see him embody that sense of equity in education, and then also coming back down to Santa Ana to meet with me on multiple occasions, he’s connecting his past and where he grew up with his present and what he’s doing now. He’s bringing it back to the community, and that’s sort of his future, I feel like. He hasn’t turned his back.”

Samueli virtual enterprise teacher Gina Gonzalez had Parker in class as a junior and senior.

“I loved having him in my class, because he really, truly enjoyed business,” she said. “I still have not met a kid who was that business savvy and was willing to take the time to learn things on his own, or ask questions when he needed it.”

Parker said that ultimately, he hopes that he is an inspiration for other Black youth.

“I think that when I do my outreach work now, other young Black men or students of a minority identifying background see college or any of the things I’ve done as not just possible, but possible at a very early age,” he said.

“That puts me one step closer to my goal of increasing the accessibility of education to historically underserved communities, quite similarly to what Samueli Academy did for myself and others.”

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them out of their comfort zones.

“I think it brought us even closer than it did before,” Lowe said.

The biggest challenge was getting Griffin to calm down when she got excited.

Lowe said that it was difficult trying to calm her down so that Lowe could also focus on the tasks, but said that Griffin’s

energy sometimes worked both for and against their favor.

The show finished filming last year and Lowe’s back home in Newport Beach now with Griffin, where Lowe teaches yoga classes at the beach and indoors with her little “co-teacher” at her side.

Looking forward, Lowe said her goal is to open a yoga center or a wellness

retreat and bringing her dog to work as often as possible. She wants to expand her business and to keep traveling.

“With COVID though, I’ll probably end up getting a van and doing a trip with my dog throughout the United States,” she said.

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<p>NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARLENE S. KRAL CASE NO. 30-2020-01168799-PR-PV-CJC</p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of MARLENE S. KRAL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDRIANA SELLERS in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDRIANA SELLERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/16/20 at 10:30AM in Dept. C06 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701</p> <p>Notice of Public Cases</p> <p>(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the Court's website at http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.</p> <p>Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Attorney for Petitioner MARK E. LEWIS - SBN 162786 LAW OFFICES OF MARK E. LEWIS 17011 BEACH BLVD, SUITE 101 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92647 11/18, 11/19, 11/25/20 CNS-3416005# NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT</p>			

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JUANITA M. GREEN, aka JUANITA MAE GREEN
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JUANITA M. GREEN, aka JUANITA MAE GREEN**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **WILLIAM C. GREEN** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **WILLIAM C. GREEN** 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 **December 16, 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 at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.

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A Dec. 3 virtual meeting is planned to update stakeholders on the plan and project timelines.

But some community members are voicing opposition to the district's plan to tear out the nearly 1-acre senior lawn — a natural respite to students otherwise enclosed in a windowless school.

“This school has no windows; what it does have are the gorgeous trees, which have not only been a part of Estancia’s history but a place of peace for students,” resident and retired teacher Sandy Asper said in a public comment.

“Find another place and another time. Find a way to keep the trees.”

Trustee Ashley Anderson maintained the location of the theater was not fully vetted with community

members before plans were submitted to the Division of State Architect in Sacramento earlier this week.

“Everyone wants this theater, there’s no doubt about that. My concern is the community outreach,” she said.

“It’s really upsetting to me this process has gone completely without the community’s involvement. You need to go to the community at the beginning of the project, not at the very end.”

Trustee Michelle Barto said she would appreciate more updates and information on projects so she didn’t feel blindsided by residents who seemed to know more than she did.

Anderson’s comments drew criticism from other trustees on the board, who pointed out district staff established a project review committee to select sites on campus where the theater could be built.

That team comprised an architect, one parent and one community representative, Estancia Principal Michael Halt and the school’s drama and music teachers.

Ara Zareczny, director of facilities development, explained the committee weighed the pros and cons of five potential spots on campus and found the other four locations presented added challenges.

For example, placing the theater on the north end of campus by the tennis courts would require staff to relocate the courts, while a parking lot on Estancia’s southeast corner contained sewer lines and equipment that would be costly to disrupt.

“We went into this open-minded,” she said.

The selected site would give the theater a visual prominence and provide a new look to the school’s front, Zareczny told board

members.

Snell, whose Trustee Area 1 represents the Estancia neighborhood, said she made it a point to attend meetings and discussions about the project and said any revisions to the theater plan at this point would cause undue setbacks and potential cost increases.

“If we delay this even longer the scope will be affected and we will not get the theater that is equal to what other schools have,” she said. “It’s time to move forward.”

Newport-Mesa Unified Supt. Russell Lee-Sung said he would work to improve communication between staff and board members in the future.

He defended the removal of the sycamores as part of a wider effort to beautify Estancia.

“We all do not want to cut down trees, particularly mature trees. But this was

something that was weighed as the pros and cons by the committee,” he said. “In the new design, there are many new trees. It’s a beautiful project.”

OUTGOING TRUSTEES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

District staff, residents and students took a moment Tuesday to recognize the work and dedication of Fluor, Black and Snell during their final regular board meeting before incoming trustees Leah Ersoylu (Area 1), Carol Cane (Area 3) and Krista Weigand (Area 6) are sworn in next month.

Fluor — who started on the board in 1991 and served as president six times — and Black, who’s logged 24 years as a Newport-Mesa trustee, were presented with Distinguished Service Awards for their longstanding service, while they and Snell were

given certificates of commendation from Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley and Newport Beach Mayor Will O’Neill.

“I’ve worked with a lot of board members, and the three of you are among the best,” Lee-Sung said.

“You deeply, deeply care about this district, about this community and about every student and every staff member. I so appreciate and respect that.”

Trustees shared well-wishes and fond memories between them. Black said she was looking forward to retirement with a passion, while Fluor had a different take.

“I will miss you all terribly,” she said. “But I will come back, and I’m going to haunt you. Because there are some things that are left undone, and we’ve got to get those done.”

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ises, while only one unit could become a short-term rental for properties with five units or fewer.

Short-term rental permits would be valid for three years following their approval.

The city would also have to report back to the Coast-

al Commission after three years for evaluation of the local coastal program.

With the local coastal program amendment being adopted, it still has to go back to the Coastal Commission to show that the city has accepted the modifications made relating to the short-term lodging regulations.

For the grandfathered units, the use runs with the

land, while the use would run with the property owner for newly permitted short-term lodging units and would be nontransferable.

During the public hearing, most speakers expressed support for the ordinance, while some also had concerns about illegal short-term rentals or short-term lodging units that were operating outside of

city law.

“I am convinced that after multiple rounds of negotiation within the city and with the Coastal Commission, this ordinance is a sensible compromise of multiple goals and objectives, and we should adopt it,” Jim Danziger said during public comments.

“It will give the city a much better basis to enforce the rules regarding il-

legal STLs.”

Councilwoman Toni Iseman asked if a short-term lodging unit that had been grandfathered in could lose its grandfathered status. Wiener answered that such units could lose that status if the terms of the permit were violated.

“I think this is the culmination of at least four years of work, and ordinarily, it’s frustrating when things

take so long,” Mayor Bob Whalen said.

“I think in this case, the length of time really ended up benefiting us in terms of the overall outcome. I think this is really, as a number of the speakers said, a great outcome for the city, a good balancing of interests.”

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A CH-47 Chinook helitanker hovers over the new HeloPod water refilling system during a demonstration on the Arch Beach Heights fire road for the city of Laguna Beach on Tuesday.

Don Leach
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July 2019 report that would help with fire safety, Garcia added.

“We have a HeloPod water refilling tank,” Garcia said. “It holds about 5,000 gallons. It auto-refills. It can be activated by the pilots in the aircraft, so it doesn’t take our personnel to staff it, and it allows our helicopters to refill, drop on a fire, and get back and refill quickly, so it gives us a force multiplier.”

The Laguna Beach City Council opted to purchase the HeloPod dip tank from a short list of options presented at the Oct. 13 meeting. The ability to relocate the water refilling tank outside of the wildfire season was a factor in the decision.

Council also directed staff at the time to identify a location for the potential purchase of a second refilling station.

Garcia said that the city is still looking for a second location, but the priority was to get the first one in quickly, adding, “The beauty of this area right here is it’s central.”

It cost \$53,000 for the HeloPod dip tank unit and the trailer.

Kempf said she felt safer for the whole town knowing that the HeloPod dip tank had been brought in. She marveled at the rate at which the helicopters were able to suck up water through their snorkels during the demonstration. The CH-47 Chinook could take on 3,000 gallons of water for a single drop.

“It was impressive because the turnaround time from the time they sucked the water in until the time they dump it in the canyon was very quick,” Kempf said. “Otherwise, they would have been going to the reservoir in [Laguna] Niguel and loading up water there and coming back, so you can imagine, that takes quite a bit of time, and the turnaround time here was really impressive.”

Bill Ward, the executive director of PumpPodUSA, which manufactured the HeloPod dip tank, said that the water refilling station pumps water back in at a rate of between 800 to 1,000 gallons per minute.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RHONDA KATHLEEN MOORE 30-2020-01169486-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: **RHONDA KATHLEEN MOORE** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **ANDREW MOORE** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**. **THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **ANDREW MOORE** 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 **December 16, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6**

located at
700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST,
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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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William John James Harold IV

August 23, 1953 - June 25, 2020

William John James Harold IV, 66, died on June 25, 2020 in him home in Newport Beach, California. A Military Honor Ceremony is planned for December 7 at 10:15 a.m. at Riverside National Cemetery.

Born on August 23, 1953, in San Francisco, California, to William Jude Harold and Bonnie Jean Riley, William was the eldest of four children.

William was a proud patriot and upon graduation from Newport Harbor High School in 1972, he joined the United States Army and served his country from 1973 to 1979, becoming a tank commander while stationed in Frankfurt, Germany.

An accomplished master goldsmith for more than 50 years, William’s interest in designing and creating fine jewelry began at the age of 12. A true artisan, he worked alongside his father (prior to his passing in 1990) and his brother Tim at his family’s iconic William Harold & Sons jewelry store in Newport Beach until his retirement in 2017.

William had a passion for life and adventure and always set the bar high when it came to his personal accomplishments. Inspired by Bruce Lee, he earned his black belt in Karate. He loved the ocean and enjoyed sailing and scuba diving and was a certified dive instructor. With a penchant for travel, one of his favorite pastimes exploring beautiful places on his beloved motorcycle.

William is survived by his step mother Rose Harold; his brothers Tim and Greg Harold; his sister Theresa Harold Bumgarner; his step sister Terry Harold Wills; and, his step brother Davitt Harold; as well as his niece Melia Harold Hooker; and nephews Jason, Ryan and Dustin Starkey; Timothy Harold, Jr.; and Sean, Michael and Tyler Wills. He was also a loving great uncle to Owen and Faye Harold, Jude and Pearl Hooker, William and Madeline Starkey, and Ezekiel and Madison Starkey.