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**PEGGY AND** Ted Engard, left and center, as well as friend Kathy Gordon have been making masks since the pandemic started.

## Costa Mesa's 'Dream Seam Team' raises money through mask-making

BY MATT SZABO

Throughout the novel coronavirus pandemic, which is entering its sixth month, there have been those who have gone above and beyond in an effort to help.

With just a sewing machine and some fabric, Costa Mesa resident Peggy Engard has been one of those people.

Engard and her friends, Kathy Gordon and Cynthia Corley, have been sewing masks since the pandemic began in March. Engard's husband, Ted, comes up with the designs.

They call themselves the "Dream Seam Team" with a smile, asking for just a \$5 donation per mask. Their work has helped ensure that many disadvantaged people can smile too.

Last week the team surpassed raising \$10,000 for the Los Angeles chapter of non-profit Feeding America, which has a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries across the country.

"At the very beginning, I was making masks for my friends and my book club, things like that," said Peggy Engard, who taught kindergarten at Costa Mesa's Pomona Elementary School for 41 years before retiring in 2004. "I just said to pay it forward, then I started getting little gifts on my doorstep. I thought, 'Gosh, that's not exactly what I meant.' Then I

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— Peggy Engard  
Costa Mesa resident

started researching what was the best thing to work for at this time during the pandemic, and I found Feeding America."

Engard, who is at Joann's Fabrics often to get the materials, produces 20-25 masks per day in her sewing room upstairs.

"I got another deal today," Engard said excitedly on Tuesday. "They had 'Star Wars' material for the first time in forever. Even though I have hundreds and hundreds of masks being made, I still go in and buy more every Tuesday."

She and her team have made 4,679 masks in total, she said. They have also made donations to local nonprofits like "Share Our Selves" (SOS) and "Save Our Youth" (SOY). SOS gave out 500 masks along with backpacks last month as children got ready to go back to school, Engard said.

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**TED AND** his wife Peggy show a special hand-painted mask at his home on Tuesday.

## With 4 seats at stake on Costa Mesa council Nov. 3, members spar over pay cuts, cannabis resolution

BY SARA CARDINE

With three council seats and the city's mayorship up for grabs on Nov. 3, Costa Mesa City Council members traded barbs Tuesday night on two issues that could influence voters' opinion on candidates — reducing council pay and supporting a retail cannabis measure.

Two efforts, one examining a reduction in council members'

salaries and the other a resolution officially supporting a November ballot measure to allow the sales and delivery of retail cannabis, were hotly discussed by panelists in a regular meeting.

The council considered potentially reducing members' monthly compensation as a sign of support for city employees, most of whom have taken 5% pay cuts in the wake of a massive coronavirus-related budget

shortfall.

Council members currently earn \$904 each month and receive additional benefits that may be applied to healthcare costs or retirement savings. As an example, Mayor Pro Tem John Stephens estimated his monthly benefit amount at around \$2,100.

Officials may voluntarily waive or reduce their compensation, but Councilman Allan Mansoor in July floated permanent,

across-the-board cuts of 5% or 10% as a sign of good faith.

"It would go a long way to showing leadership in our community and at least setting the tone and the example of trying to solve our [financial] situation," Mansoor said.

According to city policy, council-approved reductions may only be applied at the start of a

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## Theft of military weapons data alleged

2 Costa Mesa residents are suspected of stealing government property and selling the information to a Newport company.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Federal officials arrested four individuals — two from Costa Mesa — on Wednesday morning on charges alleging that a civilian employee of the U.S. Navy downloaded technical drawings and manuals related to military weapon systems and sold the information to a Newport Beach company.

Mark Fitting, of Berlin, N.J.; Melony Erice, of Lighthouse Point, Fla.; and Costa Mesa residents George Posey IV and Dean Mirabal have all been charged with theft of government property.

All four defendants are expected to make appearances in federal court in the districts where they were arrested.

Posey and Mirabal were scheduled to appear at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Santa Ana.

Federal officials said the investigation started when military officials began to look into Fitting,

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## Mosquitoes found with West Nile virus in Costa Mesa

BY SARA CARDINE

A mosquito sample collected in Costa Mesa's Fairview Park has tested positive for West Nile virus, marking the first mosquito infection inside city limits this year, according to officials with the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

Traps were laid out in the park on Aug. 27 as part of a weekly countywide surveillance program and collected on Aug. 28. By Tuesday, a positive testing result had been confirmed, district spokeswoman Heather Hyland said Wednesday.

"We can't really say how many mosquitoes were positive," Hyland said, adding that the trap that was set in Fairview Park contained 13 mosquitoes, which were collectively tested.

Once the presence of the virus has been confirmed, Hyland said district staff inform city officials and then notify the public of their

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## Laguna Beach Pride 365 hopes to raise funds for food pantry

BY ANDREW TURNER

Craig Cooley used to manage a local bar in Laguna Beach called the Main Street Bar and Cabaret.

Having worked in the hotel and hospitality industries for 35 years, it has been difficult for Cooley to see the struggles of the hospitality and service industries due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The pandemic has resulted in modified business models and staff reductions for a line of work Cooley estimates supplies about a third of Laguna Beach jobs.

To show support for those who have come on hard times because of the virus, Cooley and Laguna Beach Pride 365 are out to show that the community cares.

Laguna Beach Pride 365 will put on a virtual drag bingo event

themed "Laguna Beach Cares," a free-to-play fundraiser on Thursday at 6 p.m. The night is slated to have 10 games of bingo hosted by Endora, a local female impersonator.

"When we do the drag bingo, we usually have some nice prizes," said Cooley, the president of Laguna Beach Pride 365.

"[Endora] calls bingo, and she makes some comments about it to make it fun, and then she might go off on a story about herself. It's always tasteful, but there's a lot of innuendo to make it entertaining."

Cooley and Endora will run the show from the Promenade on Forest, which has provided an outdoor shopping and dining experience for people in downtown Laguna Beach since June.

"We're going to do it down on the Promenade and hopefully

showcase some of the businesses down there," Cooley said, hoping that it will encourage people to shop local.

"It's virtual bingo, not a meeting or group, and the city was very specific about that."

"What I am so pleased about is both the City Council went over and endorsed it completely, and so did the Chamber of Commerce. Both of those entities, we got their full support on it, which I think is pretty remarkable in itself."

People will have a chance to play for prizes. There will also be opportunities to donate.

Laguna Beach Pride 365 has a goal of raising \$10,000 from the evening, with the proceeds going to the Laguna Food Pantry. Information on the event and how

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**LOCAL FEMALE** impersonator Endora will host a virtual drag bingo event put on by Laguna Beach Pride 365 on Thursday. Proceeds will benefit the Laguna Food Pantry.

Courtesy of Terry Redding



# Beloved former Fountain Valley High School assistant football coach Adam Tallabas dies

BY ANDREW TURNER

Adam Tallabas Sr., who served as the defensive line coach for the Fountain Valley High School football team from 2016 to 2018, has died. He was 47.

The family said that Tallabas died in his sleep on Aug. 21, and the cause of death is unknown. Tallabas is survived by his wife Roberta, 44, and his two sons Adam Jr., 22, and Joey, 18.

As a father to two sons, Tallabas immersed himself in their lives as a coach as they advanced through the levels of Fountain Valley Junior All-American Football and then continued to play in high school.

Adam Jr. went on to play defensive end for the Barons and graduated in 2016. Joey played on the offensive line and graduated from Fountain Valley in June.

"He really was someone who loved his family, loved his friends, and just was generally somebody who welcomed everybody into

his home with open arms," Adam Jr. said of his father. "I could bring friends that he had never met before, and he [would] just give them love and give them a hug."

Former players expressed their appreciation for Tallabas. Some spoke of a belief he instilled in them.

"Coach Tallabas played a huge role in my football career," said Sean Phan, a defensive end who graduated from Fountain Valley this year. "He taught me how to train, how to lift and [about] work ethic. He became my motivation. He took in a shy Asian kid like one of his own and treated me no differently to his own sons."

Jerry Ngo, another recent graduate who played safety for the Barons, said Tallabas acted selflessly, buying food for players and giving them rides home after games and practices.

"He has taught many of us how to become better men and brothers," Ngo

said. "Most of all, he believed in many of us before we even believed in ourselves. That was his attitude towards the kids he was around. He saw their potential before they could even see it in themselves."

Carlos Salazar, a running back and middle linebacker who graduated from Fountain Valley this year, also recalled Tallabas' generosity. He said he knew the Tallabas family prior to playing football.

"Coach Adam, along with his family, opened their door, took me in as if I were one of their own, and took care of me," Salazar said. "The endless amount of kind things the Tallabas family has done for me is something I hold very dear in my heart."

Tallabas, who owned a flooring company, enjoyed spending time with family, riding dirt bikes, barbecuing and watching Alaska frontier shows, Roberta, his wife of 24 years, said. She added that her

late husband was working on earning a degree in political science from Grand Canyon University, and he was 20 units short of that goal.

"He taught them the value of compassion, hard work, generosity, understanding, and most importantly, love," Roberta said of what Tallabas passed on to his sons. "His grit and passion for our family has shown our sons how to follow in his footsteps when they eventually have families of [their] own."

Tragedy has struck the Fountain Valley football family for the second time in two years. Former Barons linebackers coach Scott Panique died at the age of 38 in September 2018.

"Adam was a very nice guy who was extremely dedicated to his kids and all of their friends that played football," Fountain Valley athletic director Roger Holmes said. "He coached them as they grew up, always opened his house to



ADAM TALLABAS SR.

served as the defensive line coach for the Fountain Valley High School football team from 2016 to 2018.

Courtesy of the Tallabas family

them, and made sure they felt like part of the family."

There will be a viewing for Tallabas at Garden Grove Friends Church (12211 Magnolia St.) from 4 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday. The Tallabas family said that there is a limit of 25 people per group for the viewing because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Tallabas' funeral will be held at Christ Cathedral (13280 Chapman Ave.) in Garden Grove on Sept. 9 at 3 p.m.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the Tallabas family with funeral expenses.

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## Body found in H.B. surf identified

A man who was found in the tide at Huntington State Beach on Tuesday morning has been identified.

The Orange County coroner's office identified the man as Kevin Bechtold, 36, of Garden Grove. Bechtold was found floating in the tide at 4:58 a.m. Tuesday, according to the coroner's report. The apparent cause of death was drowning.

Bechtold was the second person found dead on the beach in Huntington Beach in two weeks due to suspected drowning.

Dylan Duong, 25, was found offshore on the morning of Aug. 25 near the Huntington Beach Pier.

— Matt Szabo



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THE ENGARDS have made nearly 5,000 masks since the pandemic started.

## MASKS

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There are more than 300 mask designs available for purchase on the sewing team's website, which was designed by Engard's daughter-in-law, Samantha Wellengard.

"Peggy has always had a huge heart and she's always been super-active in her community," Wellengard said. "It didn't surprise me at all that she started to create masks with her talent and her sewing machine when all of this started ... She's in a position to help and she doesn't hold back."

Engard, who said she started sewing in the fourth grade, has had time on her hands. Vacations to Russia and Hawaii have been canceled this year due to COVID-19. She and her two helpers each sew from home while Ted Engard, a former longtime Newport-Mesa Unified School District music teacher, aids in the creative process.

"At first, she said she was making them and I thought, 'Do you need help?' Gordon said. "She said, 'No, it's OK,' and then all of a sudden it's like, 'I need help!' ... We're kind of addicted. It's really fun to do."

Some of the masks they have made have pointed messages on them, like "Don't contam-

inate me, bro," "Protecting you" and "Masking up is 'maskuline,'" though Peggy Engard said those masks don't sell as well.

She said the mask-wearing issue hits close to home, as her nephew is a nurse at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach.

"The most disturbing thing is that they've politicized this mask-wearing thing," Engard said.

"My nephew puts himself and his family at risk every day trying to save the lives of people who maybe refused to wear a mask, or maybe were exposed to someone who refused to wear a mask. That's the part that really bugs me. It's not an individual rights thing, because if you don't mask up you're endangering other people. That's what gets me going on the soapbox."

Many of the masks are more fun. Ted Engard's newest creation is a collection of four masks, each of which has two days of the week on them. One of them says "Sunday" on one side and "Funday" on the other.

"I have so many masks," Peggy Engard said. "They've covered the bed, they've covered the ironing board so I don't iron and they've also covered my desk. I have lots of things underneath that I can't get to, but that's OK."

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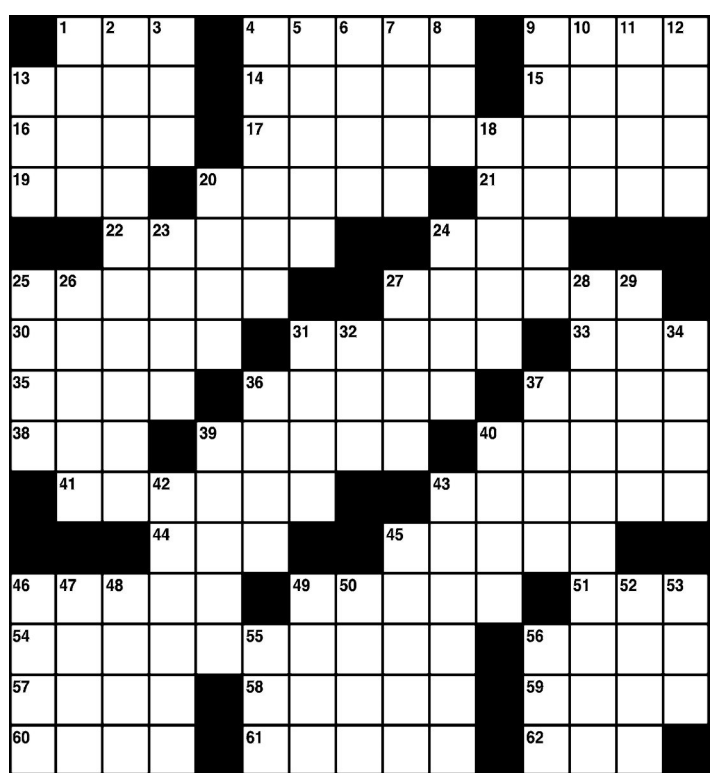
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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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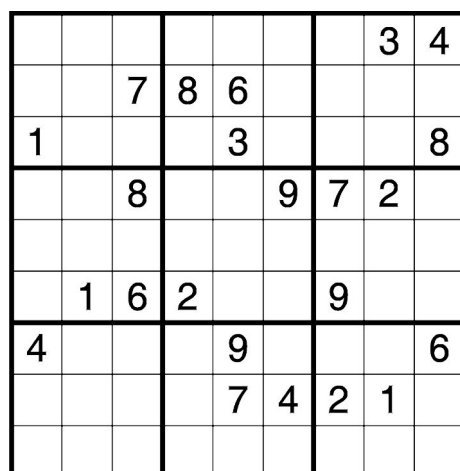
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- 24 Sorrowful
- 25 Rejection of a request
- 27 Just about
- 30 Parent or grandparent
- 31 Watch band
- 33 Seize suddenly
- 35 Very eager
- 36 Like salsa with a kick
- 37 Stirred from sleep
- 38 French article
- 39 Laurel & Musial
- 40 Might; strength
- 41 Party for the Mom-to-be
- 43 "Alice \_ Live Here Anymore"; 1974 film
- 44 Like chapped skin
- 45 Sausage
- 46 Seat for your seat
- 49 \_ one's duty; be negligent
- 51 Baseball's Mel
- 54 Train engine
- 56 Quartet, with one member out sick
- 57 One of Adam's sons
- 58 Challenges
- 59 Award for "Frasier"
- 60 One teaspoon twice a day, e.g.
- 61 Frock



## 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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

- 62 Braying beast
- or view
- 9 Go to extremes
- 10 Not yours, not his & not hers
- 11 Reason to buy
- Raid
- 12 Take a nap
- 13 Request for silence
- 18 Rascal
- 20 Deceitful

- person
  - 23 Even, as a score
  - 24 Kill
  - 25 Pass out cards
  - 26 North Pole toy makers
  - 27 Eyebrow shapes
  - 28 Blizzards
  - 29 \_ aback; surprised
  - 31 Shadowbox
  - 32 Cheap metal
  - 34 Ernie's buddy
  - 36 Fret; worry
  - 37 Trials & tribulations
  - 39 Mass of flying bees
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  - 42 Black-and-orange bird
  - 43 Under \_; being forced
  - 45 Married women
  - 46 Not nude
  - 47 Bum
  - 48 King toppers
  - 49 Headliner
  - 50 Bring on board
  - 52 Conway & Daly
  - 53 Plaything
  - 55 Abnormal
  - 56 Brewed drink
- Tribune Media Services



**MILITARY**

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53, after he was accused of “interfering with the quality assurance process for aircraft canopies intended for use in U.S. military aircraft,” according to the affidavit.

Agents discovered at least 24 emails that were allegedly sent from Fitting’s Navy email account to an email identified as Erice’s.

As part of his job, Fitting was able to access military computer systems after promising to safeguard the data, according to federal prosecutors.

All two-dozen emails contained digital files containing government-controlled technical drawings or manuals related to various military weapon systems, including aircraft.

The affidavit also states that the investigation showed that both Erice and Fitting had access to Erice’s email account, through which it was alleged that they sold the technical drawings and manuals to Newport Beach-based Newport Aeronautical Sales Corp.

The company is alleged to have then sold the documents to customers both domestically and internationally.

Investigators said that the company has purchased documents from Fitting and Erice at least since 2012, but may have



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**NEWPORT AERONAUTICAL SALES**, on the 1500 block of Monrovia Avenue in Newport Beach is pictured on Wednesday. A pair of employees at the company is alleged to have purchased technical drawings and manuals related to military weapon systems from two other suspects. All four face charges.

been acquiring them since 2008.

Newport Aeronautical Sales Corp. did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Between Sept. 21, 2012, and June 20, 2019, the company issued Erice approximately 150 checks for a to-

tal amount of \$509,845. Investigators allege that the two unlawfully sold at least 5,000 government-controlled documents.

Federal agents said that they also discovered thousands of emails exchanged between Erice’s account and email accounts associ-

ated with the Newport Aeronautical Sales Corp. Posey, 36, and Mirabal, 52, are employees of the company.

The affidavit alleges that Posey and Mirabal were aware of the proper procedures to acquire government-controlled technical

drawings and manuals and should thus know that acquisition of such documents from Fitting or Erice was unlawful.

The felony offense of theft of government property carries a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison.

The case is currently being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California’s International Narcotics, Money Laundering and Racketeering Section.

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**PRIDE**

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to donate can be found at [lagunabeachpride.org](http://lagunabeachpride.org).

“We would use the money toward purchasing milk and eggs and produce to supplement what we rescue from 12 local grocery stores and then what we also get from the food banks — Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank,” said Anne Belyea, the executive director of the La-

guna Food Pantry.

Belyea said that the Laguna Food Pantry has seen demand for groceries grow substantially since the pandemic.

The pantry went from 2,100 family shopping visits in February to 3,400 visits in August. Families that come to the food pantry receive about 50 pounds of groceries, Belyea added.

The drag bingo event marks the first time that Laguna Beach Pride 365 and the Laguna Food Pantry have partnered.

“There are so many

people that are in our lines since the pandemic hit that tell us they never imagined that they would be in a line to get food for themselves and their families,” Belyea said.

“This is unprecedented, and we’re grateful to Laguna Beach Pride to want to fundraise and help support the efforts to make sure that all these people with food insecurities are provided with food.”

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

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **JEFFREY GILL** 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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**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MARY RANSBURY & THOMAS CALLAHAN** 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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**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Sep 30, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6** located at

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## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

**JOHN CLARK MUELLER**  
30-2020-01157415-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: **JOHN CLARK MUELLER**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **CAROL MUELLER aka JO MUELLER** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **CAROL MUELLER aka JO MUELLER** 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 **October 14, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6** located at

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST,  
SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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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.

**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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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

**DAN HEEMSTRA**  
30-2020-01155770-PR-PL-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **DAN HEEMSTRA**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **SUSAN P. HEEMSTRA** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **SUSAN P. HEEMSTRA** 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 **October 07, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6** located at

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SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

**JUSTIN I. RICO**  
30-2020-01156050-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: **JUSTIN I. RICO**

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

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **SONIA RICO** 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 **October 08, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C6** located at

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SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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findings online and through social media channels.

In a release issued Wednesday, district officials warned residents to exercise caution around areas where mosquitoes can breed.

"West Nile virus positive mosquito samples indicate that the virus is active in Orange County and there is an increased risk for residents to become infected with [the virus] through a mosquito bite," Scientific Services director Robert Cummings said in the statement.

As of Aug. 27, the Orange County Health Care Agency had confirmed three cases of human infection — a male minor who'd been diagnosed with a neuroinvasive form of the virus and two females between the ages of 18 and 49 identified

as being infected with non-neuroinvasive cases.

Humans are typically infected with West Nile virus when bitten by an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on birds that already have the virus.

While an estimated 80% of infected individuals never show symptoms, some may experience fever, headache and body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back.

To prevent mosquito bites, residents are encouraged to dump and drain containers of water at least once each week, clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly and keep potted plant saucers free of excess water. For more information on West Nile virus, visit [ocvector.org/west-nile-virus](http://ocvector.org/west-nile-virus).

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## COUNCIL

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new council term and not midstream, meaning council members, like Mansoor, who have termed out or will not be seeking reelection in November would not have to forego compensation.

Additionally, the three council members — Manuel Chavez, Andrea Marr and Arlis Reynolds — whose seats are not up for reelection in November would also not be impacted by such a reduction.

Stephens and Mayor Katrina Foley, both seeking reelection in November, said they'd already signed waivers volunteering a 20% pay cut.

"Council member Mansoor, did you take a cut in pay already?" Foley asked.

"I refused all pay raises in Sacramento, when it was a real salary, a real livelihood," said Mansoor, a state assemblyman from 2010 to 2014. "This is nothing — I can go and fill out a form for a couple more months and it's going to save the city \$90.

"It's so pathetic and so symbolic that you want to [say] up there, 'I volunteered to take a cut in pay' and next month, or any time, you can rescind it like that," he continued. "I'm talking about putting something in place permanently."

Ultimately, council members voted 6-1 against the salary reductions, instead agreeing to post the names of all members who volunteered pay cuts through the waiver process on the city's website.

Council opinion split again when members discussed passing a formal resolution affirming support for a city-sponsored ballot measure in November that will ask voters to decide whether to allow the retail sales and delivery of recreational cannabis in Costa Mesa.

The city currently maintains regulations allowing for distribution, manufacturing, processing and laboratory research related to medical and recreational cannabis in certain zoned areas under 2016's Measure X.

But on July 21, the coun-

cil decided to place before voters a new Measure Q, which would expand allowable cannabis uses with certain conditions.

If passed, the measure could generate \$1.4 million to \$3.1 million annually, in part, through a proposed taxation of up to 5%, according to city documents.

City Atty. Kimberly Barlow confirmed it is within the city's right to advocate for a city-sponsored ballot measure and to educate the public about aspects of the proposal. Councilwoman Sandy Genis, running against Foley for the mayor's seat in November, said she opposed telling people how they should vote.

"When we take a position on legislation that's pending in Washington or Sacramento, we're sending a resolution on behalf of Costa Mesa," Genis said. "[With this], on behalf of Costa Mesa, we're telling the people of Costa Mesa how to vote. To me, that is anti-democratic."

Mansoor moved to take no action, rebuking city officials for not publicly posting a community poll on cannabis issues conducted in early July to the city's website until just before Tuesday's meeting.

Stephens, however, made a substitute motion to approve the resolution.

Council members agreed 5-2, with Mansoor and Genis opposed.

"It's implicit that, because we voted to put the item on the ballot, that we support the item," Stephens said. "This resolution simply makes explicit what is implicit."

Conducted by firm FM3 Research, the city's poll indicates 68% support for Measure Q among 427 respondents likely to vote in November.

Breaking respondents into subcategories, such as gender and political affiliation, the poll found independent voters showed the strongest support — 72% favorable to 24% opposed — compared to Democrats, who were 69% in favor and 25% opposed.

Republican respondents were split, with 49% saying they favored Measure Q and 47% opposed.

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