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## Southern California pours one out for 2020



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**A WOMAN CHECKS** her phone under an umbrella on the Huntington Beach Pier during a rainy evening on Monday. Orange County residents witnessed the first significant storm of the season in the region on Monday when a little more than a quarter of an inch fell in the area and snow dusted the top of Santiago peak. Forecasters predict sunny skies in the county for the last week of the year with temperatures mostly in the 60s during the day and high 40s overnight.

## Stay-at-home orders to stay in place as SoCal's ICU capacity fixed at 0%

**BY SARA CARDINE** 

A regional stay-at-home order restricting the operations of Orange County residents and businesses, originally set to expire Dec. 28, will remain in place for the foreseeable future, as ICU bed capacity for COVID-19 patients across Southern California remains at 0%.

California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly explained the aggregated ICU capacity of hospitals throughout the Southern California region, which includes Orange County and 10 other jurisdictions, would have to reach 15% for the order to be lifted.

Both the Southern Cali-



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**STATE OFFICIALS** said Tuesday that the stay-at-home orders issued earlier this month will remain in effect.

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gions were placed under

stay-at-home orders earlier this month for an initial three-week period, but their intensive care capacities have only shrunk since

Ghaly said recently calculated four-week projections don't show things changing anytime soon.

"We essentially are projecting that the ICU capacity is not improving in San Joaquin or Southern California and that demand will continue to exceed capacity," he said in a news conference. "So, they will remain under the order for the time being."

Ghaly said the state is asking acute-care facilities to create crisis continuum of care plans that would outline how COVID-19 pa-

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## Memory-care unit for COVID-19 patients with dementia opens at Fairview center

**BY SARA CARDINE** 

Fairview Developmental Center — a former state hospital reactivated as an alternate care site during the latest coronavirus surge this week expanded to include a 50-bed memorycare unit for COVID-19 patients that will be operated

by a local nonprofit.

A temporary wing in the Costa Mesa facility opened its doors Monday, and those in charge of the operation anticipate they may admit up to 25 patients in the week ahead as area care facilities and other agencies refer residents.

The space is to be op-

erated by Irvine-based Alzheimer's Orange County under a \$1.5-million contract with the county designed to last for a one-year period, according to Jim McAleer, the organization's president and chief execu-

McAleer said the unit can potentially treat up to 50 COVID-19 patients, who suffer not only from the disease caused by the coronavirus but from dementia and other disorders that can make it difficult for them to be housed in traditional care facilities or hospital units.

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**PROTESTERS** hold signs at a Black Lives Matter rally at Pier Plaza, with counter-protesters across the street, on June 20.

## Top stories of the year in H.B.

**BY MATT SZABO** 

**Huntington Beach went** through a turbulent 2020, much of it tied to the novel coronavirus pandemic that exploded in March.

Traditional events were canceled or modified in Surf City, and a turbulent election season transpired. Yet there was progress made in key areas like the opening of the city's long-awaited Navigation Center.

Here are some of the top stories of 2020:

#### **NAVIGATION CENTER OPENS**

The city's homeless navigation center opened on adjacent lots on Beach Boulevard and Cameron Lane on Dec. 7, ending years of buildup and trying to find the right site.

The navigation center, operated by Mercy House, provides up to 174 shelter beds for adults and will also facilitate additional case management and support services.

Those staying at the temporary shelter are expected to have access to services including vocational training, mental health treatment and transportation to necessary appointments.

The city broke ground

on the site in August after considering 35 different shelter sites over the last several years, City Manager Oliver Chi said.

#### **CARR, ORTIZ TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES**

The City Council's makeup changed significantly as Tito Ortiz, Dan Kalmick and Natalie Moser were all elected in November.

Ortiz, a lifelong resident of Huntington Beach and former mixed martial arts star who ran claiming to "Make Huntington Beach safe again," easily got the most votes of the 15 candidates to run. He was appointed mayor pro tem after being sworn in.

Kalmick and Moser, on the other end of the political spectrum, were both endorsed by the Democratic Party of Orange County.

Kim Carr was sworn in as mayor in December, taking that mantle from Lyn Semeta.

#### **PROTESTS ABOUND AT HUNTINGTON PIER**

The Huntington Beach Pier was the home of protests seemingly every weekend after the pandemic hit. Many were ei-

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## Newport, Costa Mesa among O.C. cities supporting sheriff by filing briefs

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The city of Newport Beach joined 20 other Orange County cities in filing an amicus brief in support of the Orange County Sheriff's Department late last week, while Costa Mesa issued its own brief with the same intent.

The briefs come in response to a ruling in a lawsuit by Orange County Superior Court Judge Peter Wilson. The lawsuit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union in April.

Wilson ruled Dec. 11 that Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes had shown "deliberate indifference" to the substantial risk that the virus can pose to medically vulnerable people in custody, which in turn violates their consti-

tutional rights. The judge ordered Barnes to re-



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**SINCE MARCH**, at least 691 inmates have tested positive for COVID-19.

duce jail populations by 50%, which includes all dormitory and barracks style housing. Addition-

ally, the sheriff must provide a release plan by Dec. 31 that identifies all medically at-risk inmates and outline measures to protect those identified that Barnes does not intend to release or transfer.

Barnes said in a statement on Dec. 16 that the order could mean the release of hundreds of inmates, which could potentially include those charged with serious or violent crimes. There are about 700 medically vulnerable individuals currently in custody.

The brief joined by Newport Beach, filed on Thursday, includes Cypress, Dana Point, Garden Grove, La Habra, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Huntington Beach, Mission Viejo, Orange, Placentia, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Stanton, Westminster, Tustin, Yorba Linda and Villa Park.

In a statement, Newport Beach officials said that the court ruling did not provide adequate discretion to Barnes and that it failed to acknowledge previous efforts made by the county to mitigate

Since March, an estimated 691 inmates have tested positive for the coronavirus.

The brief argues that the order also fails to consider the impact of newly released inmates on Orange County cities and that there is "no evidence" that release of individuals in custody would prevent them from contracting the virus, pointing to increasing case counts.

It also acknowledges the recent approval of the Moderna vaccine and distribution of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

"The issues here are immediate, profound and far-reaching and for

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#### THE DAILY **COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. *Mathews* 

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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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## Man facing sexual assault charges

**BY SARA CARDINE** 

A 28-year-old Costa Man will face charges of sexual assault after being arrested Thursday on suspicion of chasing down and groping an Orange Coast College student as she was walking on campus the day before. Costa Mesa Police Department officials reported.

The department received a call Wednesday at 4:54 p.m. stating a male suspect followed the female student as she was walking near the Horticulture area and Technology building, according to a CMPD release issued Thursday.

Upon their arrival, officers could not initially locate the victim but learned a good Samaritan had observed the incident and confronted the suspect, allowing the woman to escape her attacker, the release indicated. The suspect fled the scene after he was confronted by the witness.

Police later located the victim, a 19-year-old woman, at OCC's campus housing facility, according to the report, where she told them she was walking on campus when someone approached her from behind and forcibly groped her.

That night, campus security officials sent a notification to students, faculty and staff, alerting them of the sexual assault and providing them with the suspect's description, officials reported.

At around 4:30 a.m. Thursday morning, security officers on patrol came upon a man near the campus' Allied Health Sciences Building who they said matched the description of the assailant. The officers followed him to an area near Harbor Boulevard and Merrimac Way and contacted Costa Mesa police, providing location updates as the suspect moved.

Police officers arrived on scene and detained Alex Enrique Siliezar, 28, of Costa Mesa, the release stated. He was arrested and later booked at Orange County

The Orange County district attorney's office confirmed Monday Siliezar was charged with one felony count of sexual battery by restraint and another felony county of false imprisonment by menace, violence, fraud or deceit for violating the personal liberty of the victim. Court records indicate Siliezar was scheduled for an arraignment hearing Monday.

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## Suspect charged with attempted murder

#### **BY SARA CARDINE**

A Costa Mesa resident faces eight felony charges including attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon and first-degree residential burglary — stemming from a Dec. 21 incident in which he allegedly attacked a man with a metal rod and chain.

Costa Mesa Police Department spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said officers were called out to a property on the 3200 block of Harbor Boulevard that night at 8:51 p.m., regarding a possible assault with a deadly weapon.

Fyad confirmed one suspect, Adan Diaz, 35, of Costa Mesa was arrested following the incident but was unable to provide further details on what happened prior to his arrest.

In a felony complaint filed Dec. 23 by the Orange County district attorney's office, however, prosecutors indicated Diaz was facing multiple charges for his role in the incident, along with

that could extend his sentence should he be found guilty.

additional enhancements

Diaz was charged with one felony account of attempted murder for actions described as unlawful and showing an intent to kill a victim identified only as "Irvin H." on Dec. 21, according to the complaint. Diaz reportedly assaulted the victim with a metal rod and a chain, earning two additional felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Prosecutors claim the suspect unlawfully entered a motel room inhabited by the victim with the intent to commit the assault which, if successfully tried as a firstdegree residential burglary, could mean Diaz would not be eligible for probation, according to California penal code.

Diaz also racked up three more felony charges for allegedly resisting officers and preventing them from performing their duties as officers by law. An eighth felony charge was filed claiming Diaz committed battery against an on-duty police officer, inflicting injury in the process.

A misdemeanor charge of battery against victim "Ĭrvin H." was also noted in the D.A.'s complaint. Sentencing enhancements pertaining to premeditated attempted murder, infliction of great bodily injury resulting in a coma or paralysis and personal use of a deadly weapon may also be applied in the case against Diaz.

Further, because the suspect was previously convicted in April 2015 for committing assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm, a violent felony crime, he could be eligible for additional jail time, prosecutors stated in the document.

Court records indicate Diaz is currently being held on \$1 million bail and is scheduled to appear in Orange County Superior Court on Jan. 14 for an arraignment hearing.

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#### SHERIFF

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these reasons the court of appeal should take this matter on an expedited basis and reverse the respondent court's order," the brief reads, adding that the pandemic requires prompt action but that it does not justify the mandatory release of prisoners.

The Newport Beach City Council voted unanimously on Dec. 18 to file the brief during a special meeting.

Newport Beach Mayor Brad Avery said in a statement the day of the vote that the issue was "very concerning for our residents and business" and that council members have received many emails in support of the filing of the amicus brief.

"We know this a difficult time for everyone, given the state of the pandemic." Avery said. "However, Sheriff Barnes has taken significant action to keep inmates safe. Releasing potentially dangerous criminals into the community is not the answer."

The city of Costa Mesa did not join in on Newport Beach's legal effort and, instead, authored its own amicus brief, in which officials claimed city services may become "more strenuously taxed" by the release of numerous inmates into the community.

Filed Thursday by Costa Mesa City Atty. Kimberly Barlow, the brief urged the court to consider the ramifications of the release on the agencies and jurisdictions that would be affected by such an order.

"The safety and security of all Orange County residents is at stake, as well as the many thousands within the city of Costa Mesa, and in addition to the potentially severe impacts on cityand countywide services and/or other impacts on city or community resources from such a sudden influx of jail inmates," it

Sara Cardine contributed to this report.

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"Hospitals are hard, hard places for them," he said, describing how bright lights and noises tend to disorient memory-care patients.

"When someone with dementia becomes COVID positive, that person could present a wander risk or refuse to wear a mask. If they don't have to be there, they shouldn't be."

The nonprofit provides education and care consultations for those who care for people with dementia and also operates 12 residential board-and-care facilities throughout Orange County.

When local coronavirus cases began to surge and hospitals became overrun with COVID-19 cases, McAleer and his colleagues looked for a way to serve and treat this unique segment of the care population.

They reached out to the California Department of Social Services and were put in touch with Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach), who connected them with the Orange County Health Care Agency and the state's Department of Developmental Services, which owns the 114-acre property.

ration like this — it's amazing how everyone has been showing up to help," McAleer said.

lease issued Monday by Alzheimer's Orange County when she learned about the crisis occurring in dementia and memory-care facilities during the pandemic, she was motivated to find a solution for the county's most vulnerable patients.

"This is a great example of how nonprofits, the county and state can work together to protect our community," she added.

The memory-care wing occupies just one portion of the massive complex retrofitted this spring to accommodate the treatment of ambulatory COVID-19 patients who may not require hospitalization but for varying reasons may be unable to return to their places of residence.

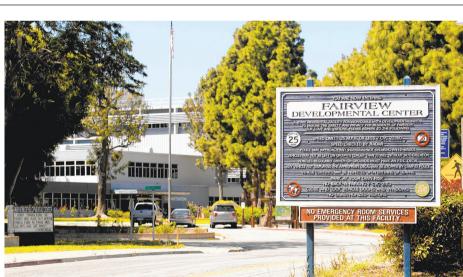
Initially, the state envi-

In a matter of weeks, Alzheimer's Orange County licensed to run the care facility and had furnished and staffed the unit to care for the first round of 25 patients.

Petrie-Norris said in a re-

sioned a facility that could house some 900 beds. But since the first patients were admitted in late April, census remained historically

"I've never seen collabo-



File Photo

FAIRVIEW DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER, reactivated as an alternate care site during the latest coronavirus surge, now includes a 50-bed memory care unit for COVID-19 patients that will be operated by nonprofit Alzheimer's Orange County.

Fairview transitioned in late September to a "warm close" status, which left it largely unstaffed but able to be brought back online within 72 to 96 hours, officials reported.

Earlier this month, the state reopened the facility as a regional alternate care site as area coronavirus cases began to surge. A main area was designed to hold up to 125 patients, while the memory-care wing and another wing planned for the developmentally delayed can each be outfitted to treat 25 to

50 individuals.

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue Chief Dan Stefano, who acts as a liaison representing the city in matters related to Fairview, confirmed Tuesday 16 patients were being treated in the main unit, including 10 from Los Angeles County.

McAleer said patients of the memory-care ward will be able to reside at Fairview until they've experienced 10 symptomfree days and have gone three days without a fever or fever-reducing medication. More serious cases

of COVID-19 require a longer stay.

The idea is to free up hospital beds for more serious patients, while reducing the chance of coronavirus transmission among people who don't need to be in an intense

medical setting.
"It's about the comfort and safety of a disenfranchised population who are not easy to serve in other places," McAleer said of the new unit.

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#### ORDERS

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tients would be triaged if hospitals became too full or under-resourced to provide equal and adequate care to all.

"We do have to acknowledge that we need to be prepared for the possibility that some hospitals will need to resort to crisis care, in which medical professionals have to make hard choices and allocate resources differently," he said.

Meanwhile, in Orange County, already overburdened hospitals continue to report increasing numbers of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 and requiring intensive care.

Between Friday and Sunday, health officials reported 9,153 new coronavirus cases with 41 resident deaths recorded Friday, Christmas Day, and another 22 deaths Saturday.

The Orange County Health Care Agency on Tuesday reported 2,106 individuals were being treated in area hospitals with 473 in intensive care

Another 2,452 new cases of coronavirus and one death were also logged on Tuesday, bringing the countywide cumulative case count to 152,059 and pushing the fatality rate to 1,847.

The county's seven-day average of new cases

stands at 53.5 per 100,000 residents.

Another 14,038 tests issued Tuesday, bringing the cumulative number of tests issued to 2,010,289 and accounting for a seven-day average testing positivity rate of

16.9%. Ghaly urged residents to take all precautions to prevent the spread of the virus as another wave, following winter holidays known to attract gatherings, is anticipated in the weeks ahead.

"We could see the worst of it in early January," he said. "Frankly, many of the hospital leaders I've talked to in Southern California are bracing for exactly that."

Here are the latest cu-

mulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities in Orange County:

• Santa Ana: 29,002 cases; 369 deaths

• Anaheim: 25,876 cases; 395 deaths

Beach: Huntington 6,049 cases; 99 deaths

• Costa Mesa: 4,948 cases; 53 deaths • Irvine: 5,523 cases; 22

deaths • Newport Beach: 2,225

cases; 28 deaths

• Fountain Valley: 1,912

cases; 30 deaths

• Laguna Beach: 493 cases; fewer than five deaths

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

• 0 to 17: 14,476 cases; one death

• 18 to 24: 21,384 cases;

five deaths

26 deaths

• 25 to 34: 31,438 cases;

43 deaths • 45 to 54: 24,551 cases;

• 35 to 44: 23,996 cases;

139 deaths • 55 to 64: 18,775 cases;

250 deaths • 65 to 74: 9,402 cases; 362 deaths

• 75 to 84: 4,688 cases; 409 deaths •85 and older: 3,259

cases; 612 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at occovid19 .ochealthinfo.com/corona virus-in-oc. For information on getting tested, visit occovid19.ochealthinfo .com/covid-19-testing.

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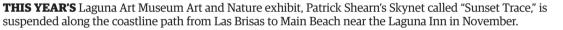
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#### **2020 PHOTOS OF THE YEAR**

# **Feature Stories**



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**CRISTINA PRADA** stands in the middle of wings intended to encourage young girls to see themselves as *poderosas* (strong women) during the mural dedication and unveiling ceremony in Costa Mesa on Oct. 12.



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 $\boldsymbol{A}$   $\boldsymbol{G}\boldsymbol{H}\boldsymbol{O}\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{L}$  peeks in the window at the "Tunnel of Terror Haunted Car Wash" at Russell Fischer Xpress Car Wash in Huntington Beach on Oct. 22.



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ALYSSA SKOBIS of Downey is baptized in the Pacific Ocean by Salt Church in Costa Mesa leaders Joe Ferguson, left, and his wife Taylor during a Saturate OC worship event north of the pier in Huntington Beach on July 10.



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#### **REVIEW**

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ther protesting Gov. Gavin Newsom's stay-at-home order, or in support of the Black Lives Matter movement following the death of George Floyd.

Approximately 2,500 people gathered at the pier on May 1 to call for the reopening of California.

About a month later, Black Lives Matter demonstrators were met with counter-protesters during a protest on May 31. Local businesses boarded up their windows and the gathering was declared an unlawful assembly, but no looting was reported.

More recently, in November, people gathered there to protest a statewide curfew that was implemented after Orange County regressed into the purple tier for reopening.

#### **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE CONTINUES,** WITH MODIFICATIONS

The long-running Huntington Beach Fourth of July parade continued during the coronavirus, albeit with heavy modifications.

Instead of the traditional parade down Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street, the 2020 version featured two smaller motorcades that went through Huntington Beach neighborhoods. The parade honored veter-

ans, local elected officials, high school seniors and other notable community figures, and it came within a mile of every home in the

A home-decorating contest also took place, with the theme of the celebration being "Surf City Dreamin'." The Festival at the Pier, Fourth of July run and traditional fireworks show were all canceled.

#### **U.S. OPEN OF SURFING, GREAT PACIFIC AIRSHOW CANCELED**

Two events that bring sizable crowds into Huntington Beach were canceled due to COVID-19.

The U.S. Open of Surfing, a mainstay of summer in Surf City, was canceled in June. The nine-day event, billed as the largest action sports event in North America, typically brings hundreds of thousands of people to the south side of the Huntington Beach Pier.

The Great Pacific Airshow typically utilizes that space in September, but it also was canceled in July.

Both events plan to return in 2021.

#### **HANDY RESIGNS AS POLICE CHIEF; HARVEY TAKES THE HELM**

Huntington Beach Police Chief Robert Handy resigned in October, after serving in that role for seven years. He said he would be leaving law enforcement



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JASMINE RAMIREZ, left, Fabiola Struchen, center, and Carlos Ramirez have lunch at Killarney's Irish Pub on Nov. 17.

but will remain a resident of Surf City.

Handy's assistant chief Kelly Rodriguez was named the interim chief but she quickly resigned that role, saying she didn't want to be a part of political fights that were happening in the community.

The Huntington Beach Police Management Assn., which represents nine lieutenants and three captains in the department, en-

Ortiz, dorsed Casev McKeon and Gracey Van Der Mark in the City Council race. A political flier sent to homes in Huntington Beach, which was endorsed by the Police Management Assn., was critical of City Council candidates Moser, Kalmick and Oscar Rodriguez.

However, the Police Officers Assn., which is another police union that represents the rank-and-file police officers within the department, endorsed Kalmick along with Ortiz.

Julian Harvey, formerly the deputy police chief for Anaheim, was hired as Huntington Beach's interim chief in November.

#### **POSEIDON PLANT DEBATE RAGES ON**

The Poseidon water desalination plant in Huntington Beach remains a hot topic, though nothing was actually resolved in 2020.

The Santa Ana Regional Water Board was set to vote on issuing a permit to Poseidon in September, but that was delayed after Poseidon requested more time to address concerns that were raised during public hearings in August.

Should the regional water board grant Poseidon a permit, it would also need a permit from the California Coastal Commission before a possible contract with the Orange County Water District could be agreed upon and construction of the \$1.4-billion facility.

Proponents say desalination will provide an affordable and drought-proof water supply to the area, but opponents question the need and say that the plant would be ecologically destructive.

Courtesy of city of Huntington Beach

**HUNTINGTON BEACH** City Council members participate in a November ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Navigation Center.

#### **DOWNTOWN AREA CLOSED TO TRAFFIC**

The second and third blocks of Main Street were closed to street traffic over the summer, as a way to encourage outdoor dining and support local businesses during the pandemic.

That closure has led to increased business for many restaurants downtown, though some business owners in the third block have said the closure hurts their business instead of helping it.

At the last City Council meeting of the year, the council voted 4-3 to keep the second block of Main Street closed to traffic through February but to reopen the third block as soon as possible with modifications.

#### **HUNTINGTON BEACH JOINS ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY**

Following a special meeting, the City Council voted 5-2 on Dec. 21 to join the Orange County Power Authority, a new Community

Choice Energy program being spearheaded by the city of Irvine.

**Huntington Beach Coun**cilman Mike Posey has been sworn in as a board member for the group, which provides electricity customers an alternative to Southern California Edison.

Electricity users in participating cities are estimated to save about 2% on their energy bills. They will automatically be enrolled in the program, but can switch back to Edison if they choose.

Fullerton, Lake Forest and Buena Park are the other cities on board with the CCE. Launch costs are being handled by Irvine.

#### **SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RULES AGAINST H.B.** IN BEACH CLOSURE SUIT

An Orange County Superior Court judge denied a preliminary injunction sought by the city of Huntington Beach on May 14, after Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered ordered all Orange beaches closed County

April 30. Huntington Beach City Atty. Michael Gates said that Newsom had overstepped his authority and closing the beaches was unconstitutional.

The city filed suit against the state after a 5-2 vote by the City Council.

The beaches were reopened for active use on May 5, but Huntington Beach did not drop its lawsuit against the state, which also included several private businesses in Huntington Beach and Newport

Beach as plaintiffs. "The court denies plaintiffs' invitation to adjudicate a closure no longer in effect," Judge Nathan Scott wrote in his decision. "Plaintiffs have not shown the governor is likely to close the beaches again.

Scott added that the plaintiffs "have not shown a sufficient likelihood that a narrow restriction on passive beach use during a pandemic is unconstitutional.'

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: **JBH HIGHLAND WEST LLC, 18017 SKY** PARK CIR, STE K, IRVINE, CA 92614

Doing Business as: CHEAPEST IPHONE REPAIR All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the

Seller(s), is/are: The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: RYAN KELLY AND TRICIA MANZO, 32221 ALIPAZ ST, APT 215D, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA 92675 The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE MACHINERY, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, SUPPLIES, TELEPHONE
NUMBERS and are located at: 18017 SKY PARK

CIR, STE K, IRVINE, CA 92614 The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 19, 2021

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the last day for filing claims shall be JANUARY 15, 2021, which is the business day before the sale date specified above. Dated: 12-21-2020

**BUYERS: RYAN KELLY AND TRICIA MANZO** 141671 DAILY PILOT 12/30/2020

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DELORES SHEAHAN aka DELORES W. SHEAHAN aka DELORES A. SHEAHAN aka DELORES WENZEL **SHEAHAN**

Case No. 30-2020-01175198-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 DELORES SHEAHAN aka DELORES W. SHEAHAN aka DELORES A. SHEAHAN aka DELORES WENZEL SHEAHAN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by

Diana Delores Sheahan in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Diana Delores Sheahan be appointed as persona 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 January 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM in Dept. No. C08 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE W, SANTA ANA CA 92701.

IF YOU PLAN TO APPEAR: (1) You must

attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the court's website at <a href="http://www.attender.ncbi.nlm">http://www.attender.ncbi.nlm</a>. occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-hea lth.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.

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.

or by your attorney.

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.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in

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

Attorney for petitioner: ROBERT L COHEN ESQ SBN 150913 LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT L. COHEN INC 8081 ORANGETHORPE AVE CN974403 SHEAHAN Dec 30,31, 2020, Jan 6, 2021

#### **Legal Notices**

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#### **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PNINA STEIN** 30-2020-01169734-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: PNINA

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHELLE STEIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

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 ted to the independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 20, 2021 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; Go to the Court's website http://www.occourts.org/media-

<u>relations/probate-mental-health.html</u> 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

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court Attorney for the Petitioner:

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