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BURGESS NORMINTON and his son Cole cast their ballot during a special election for an open seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisor's District 2 on Tuesday at Costa Mesa City Hall. Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley was the winner with more than 45% of the vote.

Katrina Foley wins race to **replace Steel**

The Costa Mesa mayor claims the Board of Supervisors seat over John Moorlach, who finished second.

BY SARA CARDINE

Orange County Democrats scored a significant win Tuesday, after Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley captured 44.42% of the vote to beat four other candidates to claim a seat on the O.C. Board of Supervisors.

The Orange County Registrar

11% of the vote, while Fountain Valley Mayor Michael Vo had earned 8,576 votes and Corona del Mar international tax attorney and political newcomer Janet Rappaport secured 4,259 votes.

Although county supervisor seats are nonpartisan, the political stakes of the race have been high as the board's makeup before former District 2 Supervisor Michelle Steel's Jan. 3 departure placed conservatives at a 4-1 advantage over Democrats, whose numbers on the county panel have been histori-



A VOTER MAKES his way to Costa Mesa City Hall on Tuesday to cast his ballot during a special election for an open seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisor's District 2.



SINK, right, helps Gabriela Cardenas scan her

Video shows teenagers beating man on Newport Beach street

BY HANNAH FRY

An attack that was caught on video of a group of teenagers assaulting a man in Newport Beach is under investigation, authorities said.

The video, which has been shared widely on social media, shows two teens approaching a man with a gray beard in the middle of a crosswalk Saturday night on Balboa Boulevard East and Main Street, just a short walk from the Balboa Pier. A person who is not seen in the video can be heard encouraging the teens to fight the man.

It is unclear how the altercation turned physical as a passing minivan obstructs the initial moments of the fight.

After the vehicle passes, a third teen can be seen in the melee, as they throw punches and try to kick the man.

A bystander appears to step in to try to break up the fight but is unsuccessful. Before he can intervene, the man being attacked bends down to shield himself from the blows, but the teens repeatedly kick him, with one of them landing a blow to the man's head that causes him to fall backward.

The man's head can be heard striking the pavement in the video, as the bystander again tries to shoo the teens away. One of the assailants stands over the prone man, taunting him as he lay on the ground, the video shows.

Police received a call about the fight at 10:11 p.m. The injured man was taken to a hospital, where he was listed in stable condition. The teens had fled the area by the time officers arrived, authorities said.

Police did not provide the man's age or the number of people being sought in connection with the attack.

Authorities are asking anyone with information to contact Newport Beach police Det. Marie Gamble at (949) 644-3771 or mgamble@nbpd.org.

HANNAH FRY writes for the Los Angeles Times.

of Voters showed Foley winning the race with 42,280 votes over former state Sen. John Moorlach, who earned 30,91% of the vote with 29,425 ballots cast.

Newport Beach Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon came in third with 10,652 ballots cast, or

cally slim. With Foley's win, that majority narrows to 3-2.

Foley sipped a glass of champagne Tuesday night at a virtual election night party over Zoom

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Trial resumes in slaying of 81-year-old Newport man

Anthony Thomas Garcia of Carson City could get life in prison without parole if convicted of the 2015 killing of Abelardo "Abby" Estacion.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

After delays due to exposures to COVID-19 while in custody, the retrial of Carson City man Anthony Thomas Garcia resumed at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana on Monday afternoon.

Garcia, 62, is charged with murder and a special circumstances allegation of murder

for financial gain in the death of Newport Beach resident Abelardo "Abby" Estacion, 81, in 2015. If convicted, Garcia could face life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Estacion was found dead on April 11, 2015. Investigators said someone entered his 16th Street home early in the morning and killed Estacion

in his bedroom while his livein caretaker slept upstairs. The caretaker went downstairs in the morning to make breakfast and discovered Estacion's body in bed with a bloodied face.

His wife, Dortha Lamb, was staying with her family out of

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INSIDE THE DAILY PILOT:



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ESTANCIA HIGH WATER POLO TEAMS ENJOYING 'NEW' DIGS

The Eagles boys improve to 3-0 after Tuesday's shutout win over Lakewood. PAGE A4



A CHEVRON station on the corner of Legion Street and Coast Highway in Laguna Beach on Monday.

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Pandemic gas prices are over, as county residents report feeling squeezed at the pump

BY SARA CARDINE

Pandemic gas prices, and the savings drivers reaped while people limited travel, are officially over in Orange County, where the average cost of a gallon of regular-unleaded rose this week to \$3.80 — the highprice recorded since est Thanksgiving 2019.

'We're paying so much more in California compared to we're being other states cheated," said Laguna Beach resident Kim Thacker, who was gassing up her 2004 Porsche

SUV Monday afternoon at the Shell station on Coast Highway near Legion Street.

"Prices were OK for a while; now they're back up in Orange County," she continued. "I was just in Bishop, [Calif.] and it was like a dollar less [per gallon]."

Pump hawks with the Automobile Club of Southern California in a regional "gas watch" report Monday said prices have been on the rise throughout the county for 28 days straight,

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Costa Mesa staff and IKEA designers team to outfit new homeless shelter

BY SARA CARDINE

A new permanent bridge shelter on Costa Mesa's Airway Avenue was taking shape Tuesday one Allen wrench turn at a time - as IKEA designers and volunteers worked side by side assembling donated furniture in advance of a mid-April opening.

The 12,285-square-foot facility for people who are homeless has been in the works since 2019 when city officials opened an interim temporary shelter at Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene on the city's westside.

The move was part of a settlement agreement that stipulated Costa Mesa — one of several Or-ange County cities named in a 2018 complaint - could not enforce anti-camping ordinances without offering a means for homeless individuals to transition to permanent and stable housing.

Later that year, the city purchased an industrial warehouse that would be partially retrofitted to accommodate a 72-bed shelter with separate quarters for men and women, a common area with



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VOLUNTEER SUZANNE CONNOLLY puts together a door for a locker in the background as IKEA's David Sandoval, left, and KareBear Schwandt, right, put together shelves on Tuesday at Costa Mesa's new 72-bed permanent bridge shelter on Airway Avenue.

a full-service kitchen and office and intake space.

Buildout of the \$11.5-million project could wrap up as soon as this month, allowing staff to move in by early April with clients to follow soon after.

Assistant City Manager Susan Price said residents at Lighthouse and at-risk individuals who've

O.C. may be in line for red tier

BY ANDREW TURNER

Orange County showed improvement in updated numbers tracking transmission of the coronavirus.

The Orange County Health Care Agency released data Tuesday that indicates the county is now meeting criteria for the state's less restrictive red tier across three metrics used to track virus transmission.

The adjusted daily case rate per 100,000 residents dropped from 7.6 cases to 6.0 cases. For a county to be considered for the red tier, it must have an adjusted daily case rate of seven or fewer.

As it was already doing so last week, the county continues to sport numbers that qualify for the orange tier for its testing positivity rate and its health equity quartile positivity rate. The testing positivity rate for the county is 3.2%, and the health equity quartile positivity rate is 4.1%. All three statistics are kept as a sevenday average with a seven-day

Before Orange County can move to the red tier, we must meet certain benchmarks set by the state regarding daily case rate, positivity rate, and health equity rate for two consecutive weeks, which we're on track to meet," Andrew Do, chairman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, said in a statement.

"Thanks to the diligence of our residents and business operators, we're on the cusp of moving to the red tier, but we must remember to not let our guard down and continue adhering to local health guidance.

County officials added that the earliest that Orange County could advance from the most-restrictive purple tier to the red tier is March 17.

Disney CEO Bob Chapek said at a shareholders meeting Tuesday that he is hopeful that Disneyland and Disney California Adventure Park can open by late April. Upon opening, the theme parks would only be accessible to in-state

visitors.

New reopening guidance would allow for theme parks whose counties are in the red tier to entertain visitors up to 15% of their capacity. Attendance could go up to 25% in the orange tier and 35% in the least-restrictive yellow tier.

In Orange County, there have been 4,313 lives lost to COVID-19, and there have been 248,022 people reported to have been infected by the virus.

The county currently has COVID-19 hospitali-283 zations, with 77 of those patients being treated in intensive care units.

There were 6,052 tests for the virus reported by the county on Tuesday, bringing the total number of tests administered to 3,125,408.

The healthcare agency estimates that there have been 237,416 people countywide who have made a recovery after contracting the virus.

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Vehicle search turns up weapons, meth

BY SARA CARDINE

A Costa Mesa police K-9 squad helped recover 20 pounds of methamphetamine, weapons, ammunition and other contraband items from a vehicle last week after a routine traffic stop, officials reported.

The incident occurred Wednesday, when officers engaged a vehicle in a traffic stop at an undisclosed location, according to CMPD spokeswoman Roxi Fyad, who said Monday an open investigation into the incident was still pending.

Officers conducted a search of the vehicle, which resulted in the seizure of an assault rifle with a drum magazine, ammunition and a fully loaded "ghost gun," among other contraband.

Ghost guns — firearms assembled from homemade, or 3-D printed parts that do not possess registered serial numbers - are becoming increasingly problematic for area police and sheriff's departments as they are virtually impossible to trace.

Under the direction of K-9 Bodi, police canines sniffed out the vehicle and soon located approximately 20 pounds of a white powder substance determined to be methamphetamine.

Body armor was also located inside the vehicle, and one individual was arrested on scene police, officials reported. No further details on the incident were available Monday.

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Legislators Petrie-Norris, Bates push for fentanyl bill

BY MATT SZABO

The usage and trafficking of the drug fentanyl has exploded in California in recent years, leading two Orange County legislators to push for stricter penalties in a bipartisan effort.

Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach), who represents the 74th District, hosted a virtual news conference Tuesday along with state Sen. Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) and Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes.

Assembly Bill 1351 was coauthored by Petrie-Norris and Bates and would reclassify fentanyl as a Schedule 1 drug like cocaine or heroin in California's criminal code, enacting the greatest restrictions and penalties on its use.

Existing law classifies fentanyl as a Schedule 2 drug. Senate Bill 75, introduced by Bates, was coauthored by Petrie-Norris and is a mirrored bill also seeking to lower the number of fentanyl-related deaths in the state.

AB 1351 and SB 75 also authorize courts to impose a fine between \$20,000 and \$8 million for each offense. They are expected to be heard by the Assembly and Senate Public Safety Committees this spring.

"It seems like the opioid crisis is the one thing in California that has not paused for COVID-19," Petrie-Norris said during the news conference. "It is raging all across our state, leaving destruction, death and heartache in its wake ... Fentanyl is now the leading cause of opioid deaths. It's one of the most dangerous and deadly substances in the world. Just two milligrams is enough to kill.'

The conference included three parents whose children died after taking fentanyl in the last two years. Jamie Puerta of Santa Clarita lost his 16-yearold son, Daniel; Amy Neville of Aliso Viejo lost her 14-year-old son, Alexander, and Matt Capelouto of Temecula lost his 20-year-old daughter, Alexandra.

Puerta said he found half a blue pill on top of his son's dresser that he had believed to be oxycodone, but upon testing it was revealed to be pure fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine.

"I do not condone my son wanting to try drugs, but he didn't deserve to die for it," Puerta said. "Unfortunately, talking to my local law enforcement, they don't have the tools that they need so they can actively prosecute these drug dealers who are selling these drugs to our children.

'They are walking the streets today, and I don't understand how this can be. Our law enforcement and legislators, when they took an oath, they swore to protect and serve. We are asking our law enforcement and legislators to protect us from the scourge of fentanyl in our communities, and to please serve justice.'

According to the California Department of Public Health, there were 1,603 deaths related to fentanyl overdose in 2019, a large increase over the 373 fentanyl-related deaths reported just two years earlier.

In Riverside County, District Atty. Mike Hestrin's office has recently charged three men with murder for allegedly supplying fentanyl to drug users. Barnes said the narcotics teams working for the Orange County Sheriff's Department seized 12 pounds of pure fentanyl in 2017, 103 pounds in 2018 and 208 pounds of the substance in 2019.

"It's exponentially increasing every year, and it's because the law does not include this narcotic," Barnes said.

"It's less costly to purchase for the cartels, and it's easier to traffic because one kilo of fentanyl is equivalent to 50 kilos of heroin ... I can't stress enough how much we've been fighting to change this law. The law as it exists today has enhanced penalties for trafficking sales of narcotics for methamphetamine, for heroin, for cocaine, but it explicitly does not include fentanyl."

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SHELTER

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been riding out the coronavirus pandemic in motel rooms will be transitioned before the intake of new clients begins.

"It will be nice to bring everybody back to one place," Price said Tuesday during a brief tour. "Every day I come here it gets better. It's starting to land it's real; it's happening.'

In a hitherto rare collaboration with Swedish retailer IKEA, which operates a store in Costa Mesa, city officials are outfitting the new shelter with furnishings and equipment provided through an \$85,000 dona-



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IKEA DESIGNER Stephany Sandoval holds a drill as designer Shana Memary, right, marks a level line for hanging a clock at Costa Mesa's new 72-bed permanent bridge shelter.

to our program and assist For the past week and a a nonprofit collaboration of church leaders and community members, to assemble shelving units, tables and pieces of office furniture.

On Tuesday, they puzzled over IKEA instruction booklets printed with minimalist illustrations and large, inscrutable names — Hällan, Bekant, Bror and Kuggö in bold block letters on the front.

IKEA interior designer Sandra Perez said she considered form and function while picking pieces and product lines for the staff offices and living areas.

"Function was first, but we wanted something with appeal, so I went through our whole range and picked the products that would meet the needs and fit the space," she said.

"Since it's a sleep-in culture, we wanted it to feel inspiring but also homey and cozy."

In addition to basic furnishings, the retailer donated office clocks, desk lamps and picture frames. Art pieces from the city and the Orange County Fair & Event Center will lend a local vibe.

"For us, it's really an honor to be able to partner with the city and provide a better life for many people in need," said IKEA Market Manager Briana Lehman. "We really strive to be a partner in the community."

Price said the design of the shelter, like the furniture and the equipment, aims to consider the dignity and privacy of the clients who, on average, will stay at the bridge shelter for six months.

Lockers and storage areas will safeguard people's belongings, while a dog run and outdoor patio will accommodate pet owners.

Throughout the morning, city employees popped in to check on the site's progress

Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman, whose department has played a major role in the construction and planning of the facility, described the shelter as a highlight of his 21-year career with the city.

"We took an empty shell and made it into something that is going to transform lives," he said. "It is definitely one of the most satis-

tion from the company.

"We engaged them to see if they'd want to contribute

those in need of help," Price said of the partnership. "Their response was, 'absolutely,' without hesitation."

half, a small crew of city staff have been working alongside IKEA designers and volunteers from Trellis,

fying projects I've done.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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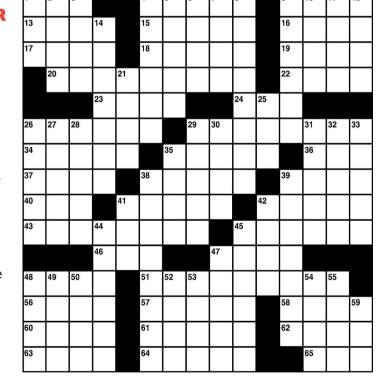
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ORANGE COUNTY ELECTIONS

Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

SUSAN POWERS casts her ballot during a special election for an open seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisor's District 2 on Tuesday at Costa Mesa City Hall.

FOLEY

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attended by nearly 150 individuals, during which she greeted supporters and campaign staffers by name.

"I have never felt the kind of love, camaraderie, togetherness and inspiration that I have felt on this campaign," she said. "We've made something happen here in Orange County.'

Election night found Moorlach — who'd tested positive for the coronavirus on Feb. 22 and isolated at home before testing negative on Monday — hosting an in-person event at campaign headquarters in Newport Beach.

The former state senator preferred not to speculate on the results until all the ballots had been counted, but said he was satisfied with how hard volunteers and staff had worked on the campaign.

"We worked hard making phone calls and reached out to over

300,000 voters, encouraging them to return their ballots or cast their votes," he said. "I hope that has a good effect."

The Republican Party of Orange County had backed Moorlach early on in the race, calling the conservative candidate an "experienced and principled legislator who has the experience Orange County needs to address our most pressing issues" in a Dec. 1 release.

When fellow GOP candidates Muldoon and Vo refused to back out of the contest, party Chair Fred Whitaker accused them of potentially splitting Republican votes and assuring a win for Foley. On Monday, Whitaker said he was hopeful for strong turnout among conservative voters.

"We've done everything we possibly can with a split field to consolidate support," Whitaker told City News Service.

Moorlach expressed his disappointment at having to campaign against Republican challengers Muldoon and Vo.

"If the two confused Republicans weren't in the race, I would be ahead right now," he said.

Canvassing will continue this week in advance of a March 17 certification deadline. A representative for the Registrar of Voters said Kelley would not deliver the official results of Tuesday's special election to the Board of Supervisors until March 23.

With Foley now heading to the county seat, the Costa Mesa City Council will have to decide how to fill her mayoral seat for the remainder of the two-year term she secured in November.

It will be up to the discretion of the council to determine whether to hold a special election, which could cost the city upward of \$200,000, or appoint a candidate to serve out Foley's term.

"I can't wait to get to work," an excited Foley said over Zoom Tuesday night. "I want to get to work tomorrow."

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pay these prices."

trip or far away, I'll fill up

at stations I know are a lot

cheaper," she said. "It

sucks when we're forced to

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A VAN IS fueled up at a Shell station at Legion Street and Coast Highway in Laguna Beach.

GAS

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amounting to an increase of more than 58 cents since Jan. 5.

The current average pergallon cost stands about 23 cents higher than the \$3.47 Orange County drivers were paying on March 8, 2020, and \$1.03 more the pandemic low price point of \$2.77 per gallon recorded on May 7 of last year, according to AAA figures.

"I don't know that we got a huge price decline during the pandemic, but we certainly got some prices well under \$3 per gallon," Auto Club spokeswoman Marie Montgomery said Monday. "It wasn't until around the first of [this] year that it really started climbing."

Montgomery said the hike could be attributed to the reintroduction of costlier "summer blend" gasoline, a cleaner-burning fuel California stations are required to provide from April through October, and higher overall demand as more people return to prepandemic driving habits.

Orange County trends showed a decline of about 20 cents per gallon in mid-March 2020, immediately following a statewide stayat-home order issued at the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Prices that had begun to decline weeks before the shutdown continued on a downward trajectory until

mid-May and then evened out, hovering around \$3.15 to \$3.21 per gallon, as refineries adjusted their supplies to meet the market, Montgomery said.

A slight dip, to \$3.11 per gallon, was noted in early November, but pump prices soon after began to tick upward as more people traveled throughout the Thanksgiving holiday.

Recent winter storms impacting commerce in Texas, a major supplier of gasoline, led to a subsequent fuel shortage in Arizona that caused California refineries to temporarily commit more of their own resources out of state, Montgomery added.

In a fuel prices report last week, Auto Club spokesman Jeffrey Spring predicted prices would likely continue to rise as more Californians received the COVID-19 vaccine and began resuming work and travel schedules. "The temporary supply

squeeze at the end of February due to a gasoline shortage in Arizona is winding down," Spring said.

"However, investment in California gasoline futures remains strong in anticipation of increased demand when more of the population is vaccinated."

Feeling pressed at the pump, Thacker said she'll be on the lookout for cheaper prices in her own travels outside of Orange County.

"If I'm going on a road

TRIAL

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town at the time, per a court-granted conservatorship.

July, Orange Last County Superior Court Judge Sheila Hanson declared a mistrial after a jury deadlocked on Garcia's guilt.

The retrial of the case began earlier this year.

Testimony so far this week came from Estacion's daughter-in-law, Sharon Morgan, and Lamb's granddaughter, Nancy Riley. Estacion married Lamb weeks before his death in April that year.

Lamb was wealthy and owned properties in Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, San Clemente and San Bernardino County.

Relations between Estacion and his in-laws were tense, with Lamb's family accusing Estacion of mistreating and stealing from her for years. Lamb had dementia and terminal cancer and Morgan secured the conservatorship at around the time of the marriage between Lamb and Estacion.

Lamb's relatives also unsuccessfully tried to get a protective order to remove him from the Newport Heights home. Morgan was her mother's sole heir, but Estacion and his wife amended Lamb's trust, diminishing her inheritance, according to investigators.

Lamb died in June 2015 at the age of 94.

Questions in the courtroom Monday and Tuesday focused on if Garcia knew of any changes made regarding Lamb's trust; if Morgan previously knew of any threats made to Estacion's safety by Garcia; how and if the

two traveled together to Newport Beach from Carson City, Nev.; and verifying what Morgan said of Garcia to investigators in 2015. It also focused on Riley's relationship with Garcia, who was her longtime partner.

Continuance of the trial was nearly delayed by another two weeks Monday morning when Garcia was mistakenly thought to have been exposed to COVID-19 again. It was later determined to be an issue with an automated software program used to track exposures to the coronavirus in inmates, according to court officials.

Garcia is scheduled to return to the Central Justice Center on Wednesday. He remains in custody without bail.

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FOR THE RECORD

In the Friday, Feb. 26, edition of the Daily Pilot, the first

and last names of Huntington Beach High School surf team senior Cade Haakenson were misspelled in a photo caption.

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Escrow No. 35937-KR

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(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are:

YKA LLC, 23552 COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE, STE. S, LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 3 SHADDUCK IRVINE, CA 92620

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: WAI KEUNG LEE AND/OR CORPORATE ASSIGNEE, 18025 SKY PARK CIRCLE, SUITE G, **IRVINE, CA 92614**

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 23552 COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE, STE. S. LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: NO DBA (COMMERCIAL KITCHEN)

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MARCH 30, 2021 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648, Escrow No. 35937-KR, Escrow Officer: KIT RHOADS

(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648, Escrow No. 35937-KR, Escrow Officer: KIT RHOADS

(9) The last day for filing claims is: MARCH 29, 2021. (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE

Dated: FEBRUARY 25, 2021

SELLER: YKA LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

BUYER: WAI KEUNG LEE AND/OR CORPORATE ASSIGNEE,

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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: JOHN W. CHEEK III

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by FAYE EVARTS as the legal and custodial parent / guardian of Daxton Cheek, Minor child in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FAYE **EVARTS** 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 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

March 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 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 the court's designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court's website at <u>http://www.occourts.org/media-</u> 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.

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.

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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and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of Trust, with inferest and rate charges integes interon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. 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and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's least. trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 3/1/2021 WESTERN FIDELITY TRUSTEES 1222 Crenshaw Blvd SUITE B Torrace Colifornia 00501 Sale Line: Blvd., SUITE B Torrance, California 90501 Sale Line: (310)212-0700 Kathleen Herrera, Trustee Officer NPP0373248 To: ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT 03/10/2021, 03/17/2021, 03/24/2021

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BOYS' WATER POLO H.B.'s 'Fifi' Garcia, 9, Estancia enjoying 'new' digs is a tough one to catch **BY MATT SZABO**

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TRACK

While many children turned to television or video games to pass the time during the novel coronavirus pandemic, Huntington Beach's Fei Fabiola "Fifi" Garcia turned to a new sport.

The 9-year-old already played club soccer and travel-ball softball at a high level. But last April, the speedy youngster added track to her portfolio.

[Track] would make me be faster on the field, so I could beat the defenders easier and win the ball," she said.

The move has paid off for Fifi, who added to her medal collection over the weekend at the AAU 14-and-under Youth National Championships indoor meet in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Fifi earned silver medals in three different events for 9-year-olds. She placed second in the 60-meter dash in 9.58 seconds, and was also runner-up in the 200 meters (31.96) and 400 meters (1:15.24).

She said she thought she did well, considering it was her first indoor track meet. She added that she has worked on being explosive out of the blocks.

"I think she did amazing," said Fifi's mother, Janice Garcia. "When she first started she wasn't a short distance runner, because she didn't have the speed yet. During training with her coach this past year, she's really improved. I was so amazed how confident and poised she was, being next to these competitors who have been running track since they were in diapers."

Fifi, who stands 4-foot-8, is now a sixtime AAU All-American in track. She doubled that number after starting off with three top-eight finishes last August at the Junior Olympics in Florida.

Fifi runs club track for the Long Beach Sprinters, where she's coached by Scoey Peters.

"Some of the girls she competed against this weekend, she also competed against at the Junior Olympics last year," Janice Garcia said. "This time, she beat most of them. Well, all of them. The two girls who



Courtesy of Janice Garcia

FEI FABIOLA "FIFI" GARCIA won three silver medals at the AAU14-and-under Youth Indoor National Track Championships.

took the gold medal, we hadn't seen them before ... We'd like to take her to the Junior Olympics this year in Texas and win it all, hopefully."

Janice Garcia said her daughter, who's a third-grader at Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic School in Huntington Beach, is also a straight-A student.

Fifi, who has her own Instagram page with more than 3,000 followers, plays striker in soccer for the SoCal Blues and coach Rob Rennie. She often plays up with older girls.

She was selected to represent California at the Barça Academy World Cup last April in Spain, before the event was postponed due to COVID-19. Her family raised more than \$5,000 for the trip.

She also plays travel-ball softball for the Ohana Tigers, based in Long Beach.

Fifi, who was born in Taiwan and has dual citizenship, said she couldn't pick a favorite sport.

"I like all of them about the same," she said. "When I grow up, I definitely want to do multiple sports.'

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Senior goalkeeper Griffin Beth is used to blocking shots for the Estancia High School boys' water polo team, not saving them, yet

he scored in the final minute of the Eagles' nonleague home match against Lakewood on Tuesday. That was not the only

unique thing going on.

Think playing high school water polo in the spring is weird? Opening a pool, then not playing a match there for more than a year, has to be even weirder. Yet that's been the story

for the Estancia High aquatics program, which had its new 50-meter pool and complex open for just two weeks in February 2020 before it closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

About a year later, the Eagles are finally playing their first water polo matches in their new house.

"We've pretty much been looking forward to finally being able to play in our pool for a long time now," said Beth, bound for Concordia University. "It's pretty surreal to finally get a season during COVID at our home pool. Especially being 3-0 right now, it's pretty fun. I think we're all pretty excited about it."

Estancia, led by seniors Beth, Logan Richard and Noah Gniffke, continued its winning ways. The Eagles routed Lakewood 16-0 to earn its third straight win to start the season.

Outside of the complex was a tent, where fans were screened and their temperatures taken before entry. It's a safety measure for a



Scott Smeltzer

SPENCER BANTEL

of Estancia looks for an open shot under pressure from Lakewood's Larkin Jones during Tuesday's game.

water polo season that can best be described as a sprint. The Eagles are in the middle of just three weeks of matches, concluding with the Orange Coast League finale against rival Costa Mesa on March 20.

Estancia was the last of the four comprehensive high schools in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District to build a 50-meter, Olympic-size pool. The project itself, budgeted at about \$9 million, was longdelayed even before COVID-19.

"We had two swim meets before we got shut down for COVID," Estancia High Athletic Director Nate Goellrich said. "These are the first initial [water polo] games in the pool. It's a weird way to do it, but we'll have a big ceremony hopefully when it's safe to do so."

Goellrich said with the new pool, the Eagles can hold water polo tournaments in the future with two matches at a time going each way. He added that there is room for three times as many spectators as before, and the locker rooms have been revamped as well.

"This facility came out great," he said. "It was a struggle early, but we got through that hiccup, and the end product was well worth the wait for this facility.'

Richard had five goals and six assists for the Eagles on Tuesday, while Kervin Lim Sy scored three times. Tyler Humphries and Dane Dodge each scored twice, and Max McNiff, Noah Gniffke and Micah Gniffke scored a goal each for the winners. Beth made five first-half saves in goal, while Peyton Watkins made four saves in the second half to preserve the shutout.

Estancia coach Matt Frazier said he has a team that he believes could have made a run in the CIF Southern Section Division 5 playoffs. But with the playoffs canceled for water polo, beating rival Costa Mesa and earning a possible league title is an obvious immediate goal.

The Mustangs have won the rivalry match in league nine straight times.

"It's going to be a pretty good game," Frazier said. 'We've already got a game plan set up. Last year was a tight game [a 9-7 Costa Mesa win]. We kind of surprised them last year, and I think we're going to get them this year. At least, I hope so. It'd be nice for these guys.'

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