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## 'White Lives Matter' rallies miss their mark this time

Big crowds fail to turn out in Huntington Beach and elsewhere, but experts on extremist groups say their protests aren't over.

BY HAYLEY SMITH, HANNAH FRY, ANITA CHABRIA

When white nationalists failed to turn out in threatening numbers Sunday at a Huntington Beach rally, many counterprotesters viewed it as a victory.

"We've won the day," Los Angeles activist Najee Ali said several hours into the protest. "They're not going to show up. They're vastly outnumbered. The community of Huntington Beach won."

Yet those who track extremist movements say that the truth is more complex and troubling.

Infighting, disorganization and other factors could have prevented neo-Nazis and other extremists from showing up in the kind of force seen during the deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Va., in 2017.

But they also warn that white nationalists appear to be exploiting the event's small turnout — and the fact that they were overwhelmed by counterprotesters — to bolster their recruiting under the narrative that white people are under attack.

"It feeds into the agenda that white men no longer have constitutional rights," said Peter Levi, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in Orange County and Long Beach. "They try to assemble, and they can't assemble. They try to have free speech, and they can't."

The weekend fiasco in Huntington Beach, repeated in more than a dozen U.S. cities where similar rallies were planned, may not only play to an aggrieved base of white-centered groups but also could help them bond with other right-wing ideologies, extremist experts said.

Far from signaling a breakdown of white supremacist activity, Sunday may be a curtain raiser for things to come, when issues such as immigration, border security and police reform

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**A VIEW LOOKING** down 38th Street on Newport Island. The Newport Beach City Council approved additional restrictions to short-term rentals on Newport Island, where streets are narrow and the majority of houses are single-family dwellings.

## Reforms for vacation rentals on Newport Island approved

BY LILLY NGUYEN

A new set of reforms is in the works for short-term rentals with new approvals from the Newport Beach City Council.

At their meeting Tuesday night, council members continued a discussion postponed in February on a resolution to amend the city's local coastal program to increase restrictions on vacation rentals on Newport Island, where residents have long complained about noise and parking congestion that some allege are caused by short-term renters.

Community development director Seimone Jurjis said about 68% of the 119 properties on Newport Island have single-family homes on them. As of 2018, just three of those properties were vacation rentals, but today 18 are permitted for that use.

City staff previously proposed capping the maximum number of vacation rental permits at 20 and to require a minimum three-night stay.

Rentals would also have to be owner-occupied and managed. Non-compliant permits would be phased out in the year following adoption of the amendment, which relies on approval from the California Coastal Commission.

Following discussion with the state, city staff suggested revisions to the proposed amendment that would eliminate the requirement for properties to be owner-occupied and, instead, allow one rental per week.

This would mean that if a renter checked out on a Wednesday, for example, the property's owner would not be

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**A DUPLEX** at 3800 Channel Place is a short-term rental.

**"We have, as other cities have, experienced mini-hotels planting themselves inside our neighborhoods."**

— Diane Dixon

Newport Beach councilwoman



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**A FLOOD CONTROL** overpass on Paularino Avenue is the site where a man jumped or fell some 15-20 feet onto the concrete below on Tuesday.

## Costa Mesa rescuers retrieve man who fell from overpass into flood control channel

BY SARA CARDINE

Members of the Costa Mesa Fire Department performed a low angle rescue Tuesday afternoon to retrieve a man who'd fallen from a Paularino Avenue overpass into a flood control channel, authorities reported.

Capt. Joe Noceti confirmed rescuers were called to the scene shortly after 4:30 p.m. where a man of unspecified age had fallen from the street about 15 or 20 feet to the concrete channel below. Responders used an aerial ladder

as a high point from which they used a crane to reach the area where the victim had fallen and pull him from the channel to safety above.

Noceti said the man was transported to a nearby trauma center, where he was listed Tuesday in serious condition. It is unclear whether the incident was an accident but, with rescuers working quickly, the retrieval was completed within a matter of minutes.

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## Planners reject bid to install LED billboards at Triangle Square

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa planning commissioners on Monday rejected a proposal to install LED billboards at the Triangle Square shopping center, claiming the electronic signs defy the spirit of the city's sign ordinance and might constitute a special privilege.

The three billboards — whose combined area totals nearly 2,600 square feet — are part of a planned signing program intended to update the façade of the struggling retail complex, generate ad revenue and bolster tenancy.

Commissioners were asked to recommend to the City Council a 30-year development agreement that, in part, outlined how the city would earn a portion of the ad revenue from off-site entities that would promote themselves

on the sign.

The proposed agreement stipulated the city would earn \$150,000 annually plus 10% of net revenues earned beyond \$1 million. City officials could also use part of the digital real estate to display community announcements and events.

The matter was discussed during a Feb. 8 public hearing but continued to Monday to allow property owner Tyler Mateen to answer questions and adjust elements of the proposal.

Meanwhile, a petition circulated by residents who believe the billboards would distract drivers and reduce Costa Mesans' quality of life has garnered nearly 900 signatures.

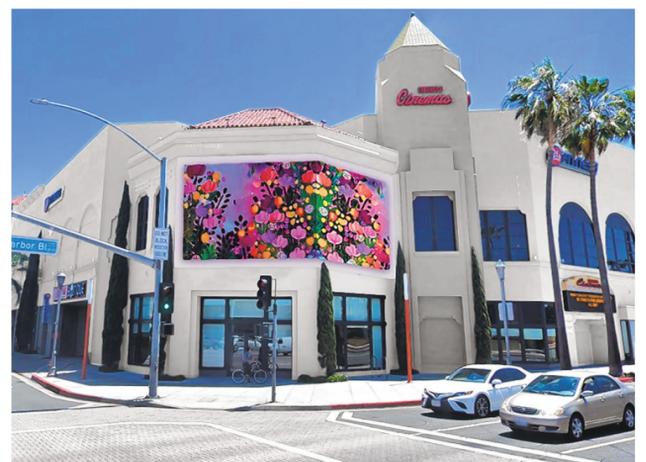
Mateen said Monday he hoped to win the city's support by working collaboratively to address issues.

"Triangle Square is an extension of the community, and the success of the center as a thriving entertainment hub will benefit downtown Costa Mesa and the greater community," he said, estimating full tenancy could create 750 jobs.

"These signs are absolutely necessary for the center to succeed," Mateen continued.

Tweaking earlier iterations, a 58-foot by 20-foot digital billboard planned for the complex's main dome was lowered to reduce light trespass into nearby neighborhoods, while two other LED displays were altered or shrunk to fit in better with the surrounding area.

Mateen agreed to reinvest 50% of net advertising revenue generated by the signs into capital im-



Courtesy of Selbert Perkins Design

**THE COSTA MESA** Planning Commission on Monday rejected a proposal to install LED billboards at the Triangle Square shopping center.

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# RALLIES

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will continue to roil politics.

"It was a cynical publicity stunt," said Eric Ward, an extremism expert with the Southern Poverty Law Center and Western States Center. "It fires up the base. It makes those individuals [who attend] automatic heroes."

Over the last few years, counterprotesters have increasingly confronted far-right demonstrators as passions have grown on both sides.

During Sunday's event, opponents swarmed apparent supporters of white supremacy and like-minded demonstrators, often chasing them away from the Huntington Beach Pier amid chants of "Nazis, go home."

Several groups, including Black Lives Matter and the NAACP, made it clear prior to the rally that they didn't support the counterprotest.

Some said the low turnout could have been a strategy, and believe white nationalist groups have used similar events in the past to bait them into confrontations.

"They use this for lawsuits. They use this for PR. They use this for media attention, and it's hugely problematic," said Melina Abdullah, co-founder of Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and professor of Pan-African Studies at Cal State L.A. "We don't want to buy into their narrative; we don't want to feed their narrative. I don't think they generally take up public space if they can't get attention."

But Sunday's flop wasn't just about being outnumbered.

Far-right groups behind the event were hamstrung by paranoia, distrust, lack of clear organization and a desire by participants to remain anonymous — problems that became increasingly apparent in the days leading up to the rally, which was promoted on the messaging site Telegram beginning in March.

The push for "White Lives Matter" rallies on April 11 prompted nearly 50 city-specific groups to organize events in several states, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

Yet despite what appeared to be a vigorous and targeted promotional campaign — including Ku Klux Klan fliers in Huntington Beach, Long Beach and Newport



Brian van der Brug | Los Angeles Times

**PALMDALE RESIDENT** Josiah Mokelu, 22, right, argues with a Huntington Beach man at dueling rallies Sunday.

Beach — turnout was light nationwide.

"There is no central organizer," wrote one administrator of Proud Boys offshoot group the Western Chauvinist, which has more than 46,000 followers on Telegram. "YOU are the organizer. If your local march doesn't happen, it's because YOU didn't arrange one."

In the days leading up to the rally, the Huntington Beach Police Department said it was attempting to reach organizers to "avoid surprises" and remind them of municipal codes and laws. But on Sunday, police spokesman Lt. Brian Smith said they had been unable to identify or contact the people behind the event.

Even William Quigg, who is known as the state leader of the Loyal White Knights faction of the Ku Klux Klan in California, did not appear to be in command Sunday, Levi said.

"It doesn't seem like there was any real organization on the ground around these protests," he said. "We maybe saw 10 White Lives Matter marchers, but they didn't seem to be coordinated with each other at all, and there was no one that seemed to be in charge."

Several planned rallies in other states and counties failed to

manifest at all. In Sacramento, a sole White Lives Matter supporter showed up at McKinley Park and "quickly left," officials said.

In Fresno, a contingent of Proud Boys turned out for a weekly protest that has roiled its arts district over the sale of a landmark theater to a conservative church, a police spokesperson said.

White Lives Matter organizing was also infiltrated by leftist activists who sowed confusion in its online channels on Telegram. By Sunday morning, prospective WLM demonstrators were posting their uncertainty about protest locations and other information.

On April 9, White Lives Matter organizers tried to reassure supporters about the postings, writing "90% of these have been made by good-willed patriots, while 10% have been set-up by antifa maggots — now removed."

And while some people at the pier Sunday were overt about their ideological positions, others supported varying causes. One person waved a large Trump 2020 flag while another waved a flag emblazoned with "All Lives Matter."

Diane Cruzen, 65, said that she and others were there to show support for the police. "We're here, but we're not here with

flags, signs, things on our sweat-shirts," said Cruzen, who estimated a large portion of the crowd was opposed to the counterprotesters.

"I don't see why 'Black Lives Matter' should be more important than 'All Lives Matter,'" she said.

A wide mix of people show up at events such as Sunday's rally, said experts. Some are toying with the idea of joining radical groups, some want to see what it's about, and a third type want their views to be heard about a changing world they don't understand or are not comfortable with, said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at Cal State San Bernardino.

"There are some people who show up knowing exactly what's going to be in the cereal box," Levin said, "and there are others who are teetering and still others who are Nazi-adjacent. All these people want to be heard, but the direction and depth of their prejudices are not homogenous."

Generating publicity is the main goal of these rallies, he said. The groups also want to demonstrate their relevance and recruit new members.

"With these kinds of rallies, even when they fizzle, they offer a high degree of publicity, which

is part of the oxygen these groups need," Levin said. He added that "it also shows how impotent and irrelevant they are, not only with people on the mainstream, but also people on the extreme who think they're doing it wrong."

And although Sunday's thin attendance may suggest people are increasingly unwilling to be publicly associated with white supremacy, some experts are more guarded.

Several said they expected more white nationalist activity in coming months, which could include lone-wolf violence or organized marches. On Monday, one of the white nationalist channels on Telegram promised more actions and better security and announced another event in May that would be "extremely vetted this time."

"Don't think the extremists are out of commission — they've just realigned in ways that are disturbing," Levin said. "Now we're seeing a leaner, meaner and less publicly brazen type of extremism taking place."

Lowell Smith, chair of the criminal justice program at La Sierra University and a former Orange County law enforcement officer who specialized in far-right movements, says the groups he is monitoring hope to exploit fears about the Biden administration's immigration policies and other current politics.

Extremist groups claim Democrats are plotting to change the demographics of voters through illegal immigration.

As the border crisis unfolds, he said racist groups would probably capitalize on it and also seize upon issues such as equity in policing.

One potential flashpoint will be the jury's decision in the trial of white former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin in the killing of George Floyd.

This week, the killing of another Black man, Daunte Wright, by a Minnesota police officer has sparked both civic unrest and blowback from conservative groups.

Underground movements, said Smith, "are going to be watching the political environments in the U.S., and they will pick and choose issues they can push."

**HAYLEY SMITH, HANNAH FRY** and **ANITA CHABRIA** write for the Los Angeles Times.

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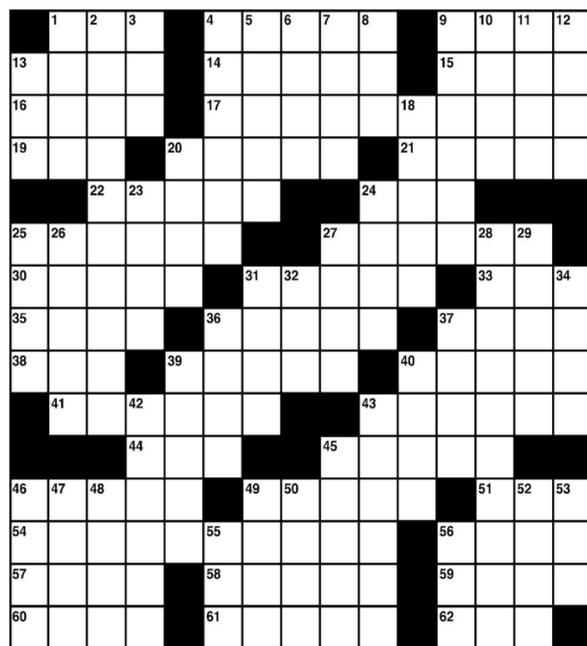
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 43 Ulysses & Amy
- 44 Boston cream \_
- 45 Fork part
- 46 Quaking tree
- 49 Far-reaching
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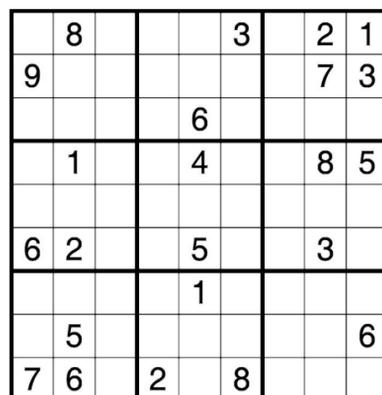
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## SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk).



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

- to
- 4 \_ on;
- intermittently
- 5 By oneself
- 6 Barcelona bull
- 7 Despise
- 8 Pig's place
- 9 William, George or Louis
- 10 \_-ups; personal issues
- 11 Provokes
- 12 In case
- 13 Deuce
- 18 Large hospital rooms
- 20 Barn youngster
- 23 Equestrian's control
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- 25 Be a messy eater
- 26 Itchy allergic reaction
- 27 Cutlass maker
- 28 Graceful gazelles
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- 31 Walking stick
- 32 \_ whim; capriciously
- 34 Table parts
- 36 Hit the ceiling
- 37 Rather \_; instead of
- 39 "Nothing \_!"; firm refusal
- 40 Walked on
- 42 Can \_; kitchen gadget
- 43 Like a meadow
- 45 Prepares for a selfie
- 46 " \_ Breaky Heart"
- 47 Sneaker or slipper
- 48 One of the Three Bears
- 49 Eye color
- 50 "God \_ Ye Merry, Gentlemen"
- 52 Neglect
- 53 Turquoise or emerald
- 55 Flow back
- 56 TV series for George Eads

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## RENTALS

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able to rent again until the following week.

Additionally, potential revisions include requiring an overnight occupancy of two people per bedroom — plus two others, with a maximum of 10 — in addition to implementing tougher parking restrictions and a daytime occupancy, which would be whatever the overnight allowance is plus a maximum of six additional people.

The City Council approved the new revisions, but elected to maintain the owner-occupancy requirement as opposed to striking it in a 4-3 vote. Mayor Pro

Tem Kevin Muldoon and Councilmen Will O'Neill and Noah Blom dissented.

The Newport Island restrictions come on the heels of other sweeping reforms passed by the Newport Beach City Council in the last year.

Short-term rental operators pushed back against the new regulations, arguing that the increase in restrictions would prevent them from being able to rent out their properties.

Neighboring residents pushed in favor of maintaining owner-occupancy as a requirement to hold a short-term rental permit.

Councilwoman Diane Dixon, who represents the residents on Newport Island, said that she is sup-

portive of rentals, but that short-term rentals in particular are a specific, but not new phenomena that Newport Beach and other cities are contending with.

“Seven or eight years ago, we had fewer than 600 short-term rental permits [citywide]. So, really, no one thought there was a problem. We did not need to regulate until it became a problem with 1,500 [permits],” Dixon said. “We have been working hard to keep our neighborhood safe and protect the quality of life of all of our resi-

dents.”

Dixon made reference to comparisons made between rental properties and hotels during public comment on the item, adding that the conditional use permits for hotels requires security management plans and on-site enforcement. The same is not true of short-term rentals, which requires city code enforcement officers.

“We have, as other cities have, experienced mini-hotels planting themselves inside our neighborhoods,” Dixon said.

Councilman Noah Blom questioned whether or not the proposed amendment to the local coastal program for the properties on Newport Island was “piece-meal,” raising concerns about using city resources to focus in on 18 short-term rental units as opposed to providing a more generalized approach to a citywide issue.

“I want to see a great solution. I want to see residents happy. But at the end of the day, I don't want to

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## FOR THE RECORD

A story in Wednesday's paper about a fatal DUI hit-and-run collision in Costa Mesa said the Orange County district attorney's office decided not to file charges against the passenger of the suspect vehicle. Prosecutors have not filed charges at this point.

## BILLBOARDS

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provements at the property, located at 1870 Harbor Blvd. and 1875 Newport Blvd.

The speed at which advertisements or messages would change was also slowed down, from 8-second intervals to 20 seconds, to avoid potential driver distraction. Consultant Clifford Selbert of Selbert Perkins Design said the light could further be controlled remotely to reduce glare and brightness.

“The sign, from previous evaluations, is now smaller, it's physically lower, it's dimmer and it's static, based on this 20-second regeneration process,” Selbert said of the most prominent dome billboard. “Now, it exceeds the most stringent lighting recommendations for digital signs.”

The commission received more than 150 comments on the project, and several people spoke both for and against the sign plan during Monday's virtual meeting.

Shaan Mehta, owner of Inland Empire-based Aspire Salon Studios, said he's been in talks with Mateen about opening a studio in the Costa Mesa shopping center but would be hesitant to move forward without some kind of assurance efforts will be taken to correct the center's “state of disrepair.”

“My concern is, without generating some sort of revenue to get that place fixed up, any investments I make to come into the center will be for naught,” Mehta told commissioners.

Katie Arthur, one of a few Costa Mesa residents who've led the charge against the proposal, questioned whether the advertisement of off-site products and services would truly benefit the city or Triangle Square tenants.

“The signs are aesthetically unattractive and would change the character of our city,” Arthur said. “And we'd receive a paltry sum of \$150,000 per year at great cost to the residents. We definitely would not be compensated for the blight this would cause.”

Those on the dais added their own comments and questions to the mix, but Commissioner Russell Toler ultimately made a motion not to adopt a resolution recommending the project to the Costa Mesa City Council, which will



Courtesy of Selbert Perkins Design

**A RENDERING** of an LED billboard proposed for the corner of 19th Street and Newport Boulevard, at Costa Mesa's Triangle Square.

have the final say.

He said the project's planned signing program fails to meet two critical findings — consistency with the intent behind Costa Mesa's sign ordinance, which strives to “maintain an aesthetically pleasing environment,” and prohibitions against special privileges that would give a business greater visibility than regulations allow.

“Residents have emphatically said they do not find the signage to be pleasant and aesthetically pleasing, and that's what the finding requires,” the commissioner said.

“This signing program would allow nearly double the amount of signage that our codes would allow — so it pretty straightforwardly fails the test in that required finding,” Toler continued. “Those are the two reasons I can't support this project, despite the fact that I do like it.”

Commissioner Jon Zich said he, too, would not support the plan.

“When the council gets this in front of them...I don't want them to just hear the sizzle that's being sold to them, I want them to see the steak,” he said. “And this one is not worth buying.”

Commissioners voted 6-0 not to recommend the project to the council.

Mateen said in an email Tuesday he'd done everything possible to address safety concerns and present a project that would benefit both Triangle Square and the city.

“I'm disappointed that the amended plan we presented wasn't approved,” he concluded. “We are now evaluating our next steps with the City Council.”

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A CHANGE OF NAME**

**CASE NO. 30-2021-01187615**

**Petitioner or Attorney (name, state, bar, and address):**

Michael Thomas Rozbicka-Goodheart  
7171 Warner Avenue  
B113, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:**

Petitioner Michael Thomas Rozbicka-Goodheart filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present Name**  
Michael Thomas Rozbicka-Goodheart

**Proposed Name**  
Michael Rozbicka Goodheart

**THE COURT ORDERS**

that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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**SPRING SIGNING DAY**

## Local athletes invigorated after plans revealed

BY ANDREW TURNER

For the past year, there had been more questions than answers when it came to school-based athletics.

No matter the sport, student-athletes have had to endure either a lost season or an abbreviated season, and that fact was not lost on Edison High School athletic director Rich Boyce as he addressed students and parents at the school's spring signing day event on Wednesday.

Boyce thanked the teachers, teammates, coaches and families on behalf of the 29 senior athletes that Edison had sign or commit to play their sport in college.

The signing day ceremony at Edison was held outdoors on the track with parents sitting in the bleachers. The athletes were led onto the field with a processional march that included the school band and cheerleaders.

"I think they did a really good job with it," Edison softball player Jenna Gorden said. "I think the school has done a really good job to make the most out of a bad situation with COVID. I really appreciate all that they did to make this still feel special, like we earned it, like we deserve it."

Gorden, who will be attending Oregon Tech, is one of three players in the program going on to play in college, along with Izabella Martinez (University of Hawaii, Manoa) and Emma



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**SOFTBALL PLAYERS**, from left, Emma Mendoza, Jenna Gorden and Bella Martinez have their photo taken during a spring signing day ceremony at Edison High School.

**RICH BOYCE**, Edison High athletic director, speaks during the ceremony. Go to [dailypilot.com](http://dailypilot.com) to see a list of local athletes who have committed.



Mendoza (Cal State Monterey Bay).

"I think the last four years have shown me who my real family is," Gorden said of her time with the Chargers softball program. "It's going to be hard to leave and go our separate ways, but I'm grateful for all the time that we have had together that we've gotten to share together."

Five Edison football play-

ers will be playing at four-year colleges — defensive lineman Jeremy Alcorn (Southern Nazarene), quarterback Braeden Boyle (Benedictine College), offensive linemen Ryan Easterday (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology) and Jacob Parsons (UC Davis), and defensive back Jack Kosick (Pennsylvania).

Girls' lacrosse was another



**MATEO LIAU** takes a photo of his girlfriend Emily Bredek, far right, as she poses with her mother Julia.

well-represented program for the Chargers on signing day, as Ali Bryant (Colorado Mesa), Blakely Malpass (Davenport University), Rylee Siegel (Grand Canyon), Zoe Soukup (Northern Vermont) and Melanie Wieland (Georgetown College) partook in the festivities.

Bryant attributed her team's success to competition within the program itself.

"There's not just one person who's the best," Bryant said. "Everyone at practice is always challenged by someone, so we're always striving to get better like that. Being with a bunch of girls who are always asking questions, always trying to get better, I think that's why we're so successful is that we're never satisfied."

Melissa Carpenter was part of a Chargers cheerleading program that she said is about 50 members strong this year. Bound for Westcliff University, Carpenter emphasized the help that she received along the way.

"It makes me very proud

and happy I am able to represent that cheer team with those 50 girls," Carpenter said. "They all have helped me ... with anything, and I've definitely grown since my freshman year being on that team."

It will be a family affair for Evan Knipe, a first baseman and pitcher for the Edison baseball team. Knipe will join the baseball program at Long Beach State, where his father, Alan, is the men's volleyball coach. His brother, Aidan, is a setter for Long Beach.

"It feels great," Knipe said. "My whole family has gone there. My mom, my dad, my brother is currently there. I think it's a really cool tradition."

Sage Hill's Emily Elliott, who has starred for the Lightning in girls' basketball and volleyball throughout her four years at the school, signed with the Cal State Los Angeles women's volleyball program.

At CSULA, Elliott will be coached by Juan Figueroa, who is also her club coach with A4 Volleyball.

Volleyball might have been a considerable underdog for the sport that Elliott would end up playing in college at the time that she began high school.

"It was kind of hard because basketball, I've been playing basketball for as long as I can remember," Elliott said of making her decision. "I was born into a basketball family. My dad played basketball in college. My brothers played basketball, so playing basketball was kind of in my blood."

"I think choosing volleyball wasn't the most-clear path, but I think I did it for me so that I can continue with this new passion that I found."

A pair of Wave League soccer standouts made their commitments official in Fountain Valley forward Malachi Wright (Cal State San Marcos) and Huntington Beach outside defender Slater Hammer (Humboldt State).

Marina's Marikay Schwab (Cal State Fullerton) and Makena Castillo (UC Irvine) signed with collegiate women's cross-country and track programs. The senior duo led the Vikings to an undefeated run through the Huntington Beach Union High School District dual meets when cross-country was the first high school sport to return from the coronavirus pandemic-induced sports stoppage.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LEOVAMAE F. PELC, aka LEOVAMAE PELC, aka LEOVA PELC**  
30-2021-01193420-PR-PW-CJC  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **LEOVAMAE F. PELC, aka LEOVAMAE PELC, aka LEOVA PELC**  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **DARYL G. PELC** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **DARYL G. PELC** 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 May 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
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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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30-2021-01191596-PR-LA-CJC  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MICHAEL ANDREW TOMIN, aka MICHAEL A. TOMIN, aka MICHAEL TOMIN**  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **EILEEN TOMIN** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **EILEEN TOMIN** 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 May 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
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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 clerk.  
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CASE NO. 30-2021-01191623-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: **DAVID J. BALOUGH**  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **TRACY LYNN BALOUGH** in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **TRACY LYNN BALOUGH** 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 in this court as follows: 05/19/21 at 10:30AM in Dept. C08 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
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**RENTALS**

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throw things against a wall and see what sticks. I want a plan. I want a good plan that we think we can pass at Coastal [Commission]," Blom said. "I don't have a dog in the fight. I was on Newport Island on Saturday. Beautiful, I really enjoyed it. I understand the parking issues. I also have a place on the Peninsula. We drive around a lot. It's part of the deal down there."

"But in the same regard, Coastal Commission isn't about what Newport likes. I think that's the fear I have sending something up is that are we all of the sudden going to be the elitists trying to throw the accessibility on this one island?"

Blom said.

Councilwoman Joy Brenner requested an appeals process be implemented for particularly egregious cases that require exceptions and Councilman Duffy Duffield voiced his support for the revisions, stressing that property owners can still rent out their homes.

Mayor Brad Avery said that he felt the majority of renters were fine, but that there were enough individuals that weren't being good neighbors that additional regulations were necessary.

"[Renters] have to get the message from the city, from the owners, from the agents that they cannot disturb the neighbors," Avery said.

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