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**FROM LEFT:** Golden West College Associate Dean Dr. Alice Martanegara, 360 Clinic co-founder Vince Tien, 360 Clinic Chief Administrative Officer Mike Lee and GWC nursing student Angela Huynh at the COVID-19 testing super site at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa on Friday.

The clinic, which is in charge of Orange County's COVID-19 testing super sites, has partnered with local colleges to offer internship credits.

BY MATT SZABO

Station 3 at the COVID-19 testing super site at the Orange County fairgrounds is where Angela Huynh works.

The Golden West College nursing student is a bit later in the game than many of her peers. At 28, she already has a bachelor's degree in biology from UCLA, but she went back to school for the opportunity to become a nurse.

"I decided that maybe I want to be a little bit more interactive, spend more face time with patients," said Huynh, who lives in Fountain Valley. "I love nursing. I can't imagine doing anything else."

What no one could imagine was the effect the coronavirus would have on the country over the past 10 months. Huynh got hands-on experience working for 360 Clinic at the other super site at the Anaheim Convention Center from October until early December.

With hospitals closed to nursing students, Huynh got her clinical hours testing and informing patients on the front lines. And now, entering her fourth semester in the Golden West College nursing program in Huntington Beach, she has now become a 360 Clinic employee. That's a success story to 360 Clinic co-founder and Chief Operating Officer Vince Tien. Prior to the pandemic, Tien was working for home health and hospice company 24-7 Care at Home, which launched in 2007.

When the coronavirus hit, Tien said he, his brother Gary Nguyen and David Ngo partnered with Dr. Linh Nguyen in Arizona, who was already doing COVID-19 testing.

Their new company, 360 Clinic, teamed with the Orange County Health Care Agency in July to run the two super sites, as well as 15 walk-up testing kiosks across the county.

Mike Lee, the chief administrative officer of 360 Clinic, estimated that about 6,000-7,000 people per day are tested for COVID-19 between the super sites and kiosks.

The growing company has not shied away from outside help.

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## 360 Clinic teams up with Golden West College



**GOLDEN WEST** nursing student Angela Huynh, 28, takes medical histories at the COVID-19 testing super site at the O.C. fairgrounds.

## NMUSD secondary schools to reopen Monday

After a three-week hiatus from in-person learning, the district is moving ahead with its plan, but some remain concerned.

BY SARA CARDINE

After a three-week hiatus from in-person learning — undertaken to address an anticipated post-holiday spike in coronavirus infections and districtwide staffing challenges — Newport-Mesa Unified School District is moving ahead with its plan to reopen middle and high school campuses on Monday.

Board members decided last month secondary schools would return to distance learning at the Jan. 4 start of the spring semester for a three-week period.

The plan was to bring students back to campuses on Jan. 25 to resume learning under a partially in-person hybrid model.

With that date looming, and with Orange County coronavirus cases subsiding from recent record-breaking highs, Newport-Mesa Supt. Russell Lee-Sung on Friday announced middle and high school students were to report back to classes on Monday.

"We will continue to closely monitor staff and student [coronavirus] cases and the impact of COVID-19 to our workforce, who support students inside and outside the classroom," Lee-Sung wrote in a message to the school community.

Lee-Sung confirmed district health employees had begun receiving COVID-19 vaccines as Phase 1A essential workers and could be followed by other employees, deemed Phase 1B, sometime in February.

The district's online COVID-19 dashboard Friday listed 138 school-site coronavirus cases, a decline from the 185 infections reported Jan. 15.

But some are concerned the voluntary reporting system, which automatically removes cases after 14 days, doesn't give a true picture of transmissions.

"The big problem is those are only the cases they know about," said Newport Harbor

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## One-year anniversary of helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant is next week

BY ANDREW TURNER

A great many people would like to forget 2020, but a day of remembrance is fast approaching.

The one-year anniversary of the fatal helicopter crash that took the lives of Kobe Bryant, his daughter, Gianna, and seven other Orange County residents will be on Tuesday.

A Southern California sports icon and a Newport Beach resident, tributes for Bryant have taken place over the course of the past year. They have come in various forms.

Orange County declared Aug. 24 to be "Kobe Bryant Day," representing the Nos. 8 and 24 worn by the Los Angeles Lakers' great. Murals have been erected in his honor.

The Lakers also went on to win their 17th championship in franchise history, a feat that many a fan considered to be done "for Kobe." There are homages to Bryant in the Lakers' championship rings, too.

Orange Coast College baseball coach John Altobelli, his wife, Keri, and daughter, Alyssa, were among the victims in the helicopter crash. The college plans to have a virtual memorial service Tuesday at 10 a.m.



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**LAKERS STAR** Kobe Bryant pays homage to the crowd at Staples Center following the final game of his career on April 13, 2016.

Sarah and Payton Chester, a mother and daughter from Newport Beach, Christina Mauser, a Mamba Academy basketball coach, and Huntington Beach resident and pilot Ara Zobayan, from Huntington Beach, also died in the on Jan. 26, 2020, crash en route to a basketball tournament at the Mamba Sports Academy in Thousand Oaks.

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## Three new grads emerge felony-free

The Orange County Young Adult Court is for first-time nonviolent felony offenders between 18 and 23.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

For three young men, Friday marked the beginning of a new chapter of their lives — this one, unmarked by the felonies they were charged with.

The Orange County Young Adult Court, a collaborative court for first-time nonviolent felony offenders between the ages of 18 and 23, graduated three of its initial 25 participants late Friday afternoon with tearful goodbyes before Orange County Superior Court Judge Maria Hernandez reduced or dismissed their convictions.

Hernandez said that she wished that everyone who had a hand in the cases could be present in-person, but that current restrictions forbid it as COVID-19 cases continue to grow in Orange County.

The first graduate of the program graduated in July.

"For today, we are making sure that we don't stop a graduation because of a pandemic," Hernandez said.

The staff of and participants in the program watched the ceremony through Zoom, cheering as the three young men thanked the program and their friends and families.

"I got into [Orange County] Young Adult Court when I was 19 because of the mistakes I made," said Thomas, one of the graduates who asked for his last name to be withheld. "I committed a robbery and without this court, I would be facing nine years in jail."

"I apologize to the people I hurt in the process of my wrongdoings. This court has helped me — a Black man — have a second chance at life instead of throwing me into jail. I was given an opportunity to redeem myself," Thomas said. "Now, I have a job in



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**THOMAS STANDS** with a certificate of completion from the Orange County Young Adult Court with Elizabeth Cauffman, left, a professor of psychological science at UC Irvine, and Orange County Superior Court Judge Maria Hernandez at his side.

dermatology and plastic surgery and I make good money. I was able to buy a car and have the opportunity for more growth."

The two-year program was launched in August 2018 and offers randomly selected first-time felony

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**COVID**

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Local colleges, including Golden West and Concordia University in Irvine, have partnered with 360 Clinic to provide nursing students the opportunity to earn internship hours at the sites.

Tien, who lives in Huntington Beach, said 360 Clinic's objectives include taking care of medical needs, being a training ground for students and providing jobs to healthcare professionals.

"Golden West has been really gracious enough to give us a lot of students, and build a curriculum on the telehealth as well," said Tien, 31. "It's been an honor to serve the community. I came over here when I was 5, from Vietnam. This is a great chance for an immigrant like me and my family to give back to the community."

There is a telehealth area

at the Anaheim Convention Center site. Dr. Alice Martanegara, the associate dean and director of nursing at the Golden West College School of Nursing, said that the telehealth component is why Golden West's partnership with 360 Clinic is really so beneficial.

"Our students can obtain hours, but also be able to serve the community, and also at the same time be able to contribute back to 360 Clinic and give them feedback clinically to create more opportunities such as the mobile clinic, the kiosks and so forth," Martanegara said. "The partnership is very instrumental in ensuring not just the folks who can come to the testing site, but also to make sure that we are able to deploy students to go into the community to carry on the service."

"OK, it's great that you get tested, but what is the follow-up? That's the clinical

collaboration piece that I think makes us very unique."

Huynh said she is happy on the front lines, where she will bounce from car to car to check on patients and their symptoms at the drive-through facility. If the symptoms are worrisome enough, options include referring a patient to urgent care or calling an ambulance.

"It's pretty incredible," Huynh said. "It's something that I didn't anticipate that I would ever do. When I'm in nursing school, we focus a lot on acute care, direct patient contact in the hospital. "This is more community-based care, and it's a different perspective. It keeps us grounded, like OK, you don't have to just go to the hospital and do all these procedures on these patients. Sometimes it's just educating them, informing them about their health."

Data provided by the Orange County Health Care Agency on Friday showed one new coronavirus death, and 892 daily positive cases received.

The county's death toll due to COVID-19 now stands at 2,547, while 218,741 cases have been counted to date, including deaths.

Hospitalizations due to the virus are at 1,896, and 516 of those cases are currently in the intensive care unit. There have also been 2,519,520 COVID-19 tests administered to date, including 25,057 tests reported Friday.

The healthcare agency estimates that 150,088 people in the county have recovered from COVID-19.

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

- Santa Ana: 39,792 cases; 472 deaths
- Anaheim: 36,705 cases; 503 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 8,909 cases; 123 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 7,586 cases; 70 deaths
- Irvine: 8,521 cases; 39 deaths
- Newport Beach: 3,107 cases; 41 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 2,898



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**360 CLINIC** co-founder Vince Tien at the COVID-19 testing super site at the Orange County Fair & Event Center.

- cases; 39 deaths
  - Laguna Beach: 675 cases; fewer than five deaths
- Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:
- 0 to 17: 21,912 cases; one death
  - 18 to 24: 30,450 cases; five deaths
  - 25 to 34: 44,260 cases; 30 deaths
  - 35 to 44: 34,372 cases; 54 deaths
  - 45 to 54: 35,252 cases;

- 177 deaths
  - 55 to 64: 27,367 cases; 340 deaths
  - 65 to 74: 13,560 cases; 488 deaths
  - 75 to 84: 6,793 cases; 576 deaths
  - 85 and older: 4,626 cases; 876 deaths
- Updated figures are posted daily at [ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc](http://ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc).

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**Sally Ann Panic**

December 24, 1932 - December 9, 2020

**+** Sally Ann Panic, loving mother of three, and grandmother of ten, died on December 9, 2020, a few weeks shy of her 88th birthday. She passed away peacefully with her children Mark, Janie, and Trish by her side.

Mom was born in Los Angeles California to Helen and William (Bill) Winn. She lived in San Marino California with her parents and two older sisters, Dorothy and Betty, and attended South Pasadena High school. Mom had a happy childhood. An accomplished pianist, she was to pursue her love of music at UC Riverside, but had to leave college suddenly when her beloved father died of a heart attack. While home taking care of her mom, she worked in the library and taught piano and through one of her students met J. Thomas "Tom" Taylor. They married in June 1954 and after a brief time in Sedalia Missouri where Tom was stationed, they moved to Arcadia California until their divorce in 1968.

In 1978, Mom married Milan Panic, a pharmaceutical executive, and moved to the Oak Knoll section of Pasadena. She lived an exciting and charmed life. She hosted social affairs, company events, and was recognized by all who came to know her as a woman of grace, kindness, and impeccable style. In 1982, they moved to Newport Beach. She joined the Philharmonic Society, played tennis at the local club, and loved to immerse herself in a good book. She had enjoyed the movies since childhood and was an expert on Hollywood's golden age. Mom traveled the world, often to Geneva and London where she relished lively chit chat about the Royals. For a short time in 1992, when her husband was appointed Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, she lived in Belgrade as First Lady.

Mom was known by her friends as caring and generous with a special fondness for animals, especially dogs. She doted on her dachshunds Judy and Katie and took them everywhere. After her divorce in 1998, she moved to Bayshores. There she joined her girlfriends for luncheons, attended symphonies, but mostly focused on her kids and grandchildren. As Grandma "Sassy," she never missed a birthday party, musical recital, weekend soccer game, graduation, or holiday school event. A particular favorite was to visit Bronxville NY each summer to take Janie's kids to camp in New Hampshire. It was also at this time in her life that she rediscovered her Christian faith. Mom worshipped at St. James Episcopal church on Via Lido in Newport Beach and spent some of her happiest years volunteering at Sunday services, making new friends and attending weekly bible study groups.

Mom will be remembered in so many ways: a loving mother, a devoted grandmother, a good wife, a loving sister and daughter, a special and loyal friend, and a devout Christian. She adored her family, each without condition. Her children, their spouses, and her ten wonderful grandkids will miss her terribly. Mom was deeply involved in her children's lives, always putting their family's needs ahead of her own. Tragically, Mom fell victim to Alzheimer's disease the last ten years of her life, but even in those final years, her legendary wit kept everyone laughing. She never lost her sense of humor or love of music.

Dearest Mother, we miss you so much. You gave us our lives and the love we have in our hearts. Until we are together again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. We will think of you often, and forever.

Sally is under the care of Pacific View Memorial Park and Mortuary in Corona Del Mar. Donations in Sally Panic's memory can be made to Newport Beach Animal Shelter: <https://www.fonbas.org/>



**Richard H Ramirez**

1947 - 2020

Richard Henry Ramirez, 73, passed away from heart failure at his home in Lake Forest, California on September 18, 2020. Known by friends and family as "Rich," he was born in 1947 in Torrington, Wyoming to his wonderful parents, Tommy and Marie Ramirez. His family moved to Los Angeles, California, where he attended Budlong Elementary School, John Muir Middle School and Manual Arts High School, before moving to Huntington Beach, California, where he graduated from Huntington Beach High School in 1964. Rich went on to receive his Associates Degree from Orange Coast College and his Bachelor's Degree from St. Mary's College. Rich married Rose "Bette" Veronica Florez in 1966 and was a loving father to their four children; Becky, Cyndi, Richy, and Carrie. Rich was a Controller in the aerospace industry at Systron Donner in Concord, California, and later at BEI Duncan Electronics in Costa Mesa and Irvine, California, before spending his retirement years as a self-employed day trader. Rich married Constance "Connie" Jennifer Mahoney in 1999. Rich and Connie lived together at their home in Lake Forest, while frequently spending time in Palm Springs and Las Vegas. Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy and Marie, and his wife, Connie. He is survived by his brother Tony, sisters, Sylvia and Chris, ex-wife, Bette, four children, nine grandchildren, a great grandchild and a large extended family. Rich enjoyed sports, cards, home cooked meals and listening to the classic oldies of the 1950's through the 1970's. He will be forever remembered as extremely proud, exceptionally competitive, and a fiercely protective father.

Rich's Burial will be held at noon at the Good Shepherd Cemetery in Huntington Beach on Saturday, January 23, 2021, with a memorial service and celebration of life to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association.

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**SCHOOLS**

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High School English teacher Alex Goodman. "The only people showing up are people who test positive and volunteer that to the district."

Goodman said in the final weeks of the fall semester, as few as three students were showing up for in-person classes, while the rest attended remotely by choice.

Some were isolating at home due to possible coronavirus exposure, while others were staying away as a precaution.

As an added safety measure, Goodman started teaching English lessons outdoors.

Now, as teachers and students look ahead to Monday's reopening, there's still a lot of uncertainty, he said.

"A lot of us are really worried about going back

with things as bad as they are," Goodman added, bringing up new concerns about a more contagious variant strain of the virus. "It's so hard to know what to do."

Tamara Fairbanks, president of Newport-Mesa Federation of Teachers, said by email Friday many educators are still "deeply concerned" about the decision to reopen secondary schools while virus cases remain relatively high.

"As COVID-19 infection rates surge throughout the county, we do not believe that NMUSD has the consistent protocols of physical distancing, wellness screenings, and COVID-19 notification processes in place to keep our students, parents and communities safe," Fairbanks wrote.

When Newport-Mesa Unified trustees called a special meeting on Dec. 17, the last day of classes before the winter break, to discuss a possible return to distance learning, things were in an uncertain state.

County health experts anticipated a post-holiday coronavirus surge that would pack hospitals and intensive care units with sicker-than-usual COVID-19 patients. NMUSD had a reported 149 infections.

But another consideration was the complexity of keeping schools functioning during a pandemic.

Contact tracing took hours upon hours of staff time, while replacing teachers fallen ill or under quarantine had become a daunting task.

"The volume of this, I need to share with you, has absolutely paralyzed our department," Leona Olson, assistant superintendent of human resources, confessed at the meeting.

District spokeswoman Annette Franco said Friday the idea of an adaptable learning model that would flex in response to an ever-changing health outlook was always part of the plan.

Officials will continue to monitor school cases and adjust as needed.

Franco said the temporary reclosure of secondary school campuses gave Newport-Mesa the gift of time — time to reallocate staff, including custodians and substitute teachers, to still-open elementary schools and allow instructors under precautionary quarantine to continue teaching from home.

"Thankfully, it did help," she added. "The big thing we're really doing now is pushing the importance of taking safety precautions outside of school. [Because] we can control the schools, but we can't control what happens outside of school."

And as the COVID-19 vaccine begins trickling into Orange County, hope seems to be on the horizon.

"There's a light at the end of the tunnel now," Franco said.

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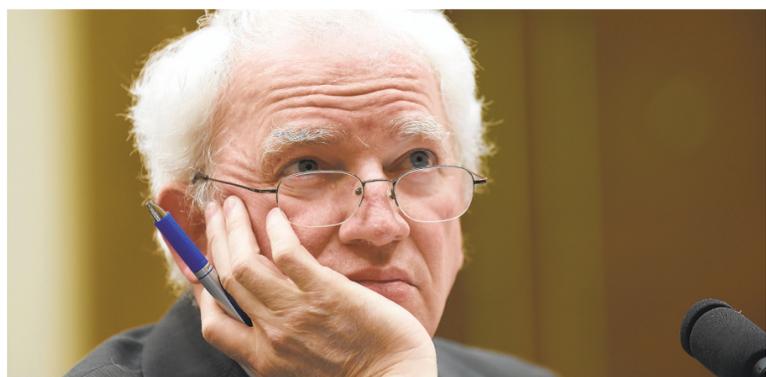
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**CHAPMAN SCHOOL** of Law professor John Eastman testifies on Capitol Hill in March 2017.

# Dean's retirement begs the question: How far is too far?

**M**any years ago I was working on a volunteer project in my son's elementary school class when I heard the teacher make an incorrect statement regarding how women should be addressed.

I stole a look at my son. Our eyes met, and I could see by his expression that he had noticed too.

That night we talked about it. He said he knew that the teacher had been wrong, but we agreed that the statement could be attributed to misinformation or misinterpretation and had not been intended to be disrespectful.

There were other incidents that were less innocent, including another teacher's homophobic comments and a coach's bigoted remarks. To my knowledge, neither of them were subject to any negative consequences as a result.

But I have often pondered the questions of how far is too far and when educators should be sanctioned for flagrantly offensive language or conduct.

When is the line crossed from objectionable or even abhorrent to actionable?

It's a legal question, certainly, but it's also a question of how much our society and institutions are willing to tolerate. And it's a question that has held great relevance in recent days, as an argument flared over the whether a Chapman University professor should be fired for his role in the White House rally on the day a violent mob stormed the Capitol.

The controversy culminated in the Jan. 13 announcement that John Eastman, a Chapman constitutional law scholar and former law school dean, would retire, effective immediately, and that the university and Eastman "have agreed not to engage in legal actions of any kind."

This followed several tense days during which Chapman President Daniele Struppa came under fire for his decision not to fire Eastman.

Indeed, Struppa was adamant that he could not force Eastman out. "I am not the emperor

of Chapman University, nor I am the supreme leader of Chapman University," he said in a statement. "I am the president of the university, and as such, I am bound by laws and processes that are clearly spelled out in our faculty manual."

Though he had previously acknowledged that Eastman "played a role in the tragic events in Washington, D.C., that jeopardized our democracy," the law professor had not been convicted of a crime or disbarred, Struppa said.

The statement seemed to imply that those would be the only two legitimate reasons for dismissal.

Oh, to have been a fly on the wall during the discussion that led to Eastman's retirement.

In a statement, Eastman said he left Chapman "with mixed feelings" but that colleagues had "created such a hostile environment for me that I no longer wish to be a member of the Chapman faculty."

He was no doubt referring to the more than 160 Chapman faculty members who signed a Jan. 8 letter calling for Eastman to be disqualified from teaching at Chapman and stripped of his endowed chair.

I wonder if Eastman is aware of the irony in his complaint about a "hostile environment," in light of the violence unleashed on another workplace, the nation's Capitol, where lawmakers cowered in fear for their lives.

It's worth noting that Eastman was an incendiary figure even before the events of Jan. 6.

A former candidate for California attorney general the year that Kamala Harris was elected to the post, Eastman has advanced a despicable birther theory about Harris' citizenship status that he contends disqualifies her from serving as vice president.

As part of President Trump's legal team, Eastman promoted false narratives about voter fraud and a stolen election.

At the White House rally, he stood behind Rudy Giuliani, who called for "trial by combat."

In his own volatile remarks, Eastman told the

crowd an outlandish story about ballots in the Nov. 3 election being unloaded from a "secret folder," and claimed that the process had been repeated in the Jan. 5 Senate runoff elections in Georgia.

The Chapman faculty members, in their statement, noted that they had expressed outrage over Eastman's conduct previously, but it wasn't until he "helped incite a riot against the U.S. government" that they concluded Chapman must sever all ties with him.

If the university failed to act, they wrote, the faculty, alumni and staff would be damaged by association.

"More importantly," they argued, "our students deserve better."

Now, with Eastman's retirement, one might conclude that their concern has been rendered moot.

I recently spoke about this episode with my son — the one who, as a grade-school kid, could discern the difference between a teacher's mistake and something darker and more destructive. He is now a law student at another university.

We discussed the nuances of employment law, the difficulties in firing a tenured professor and the need be cognizant of the potential for setting a precedent that could be used later in unintended ways.

"From a more general perspective you've got to get creative how you apply the law," he noted. "If you can't do one thing, you do the next best thing."

Perhaps Eastman's somewhat face-saving retirement was the next best thing from a legal perspective.

But if anyone is left with a less-than-satisfied feeling regarding the outcome, that might be because they figured a line had clearly been crossed in this case.

Sadly, that's the problem with lines these days: The darn things keep moving.

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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

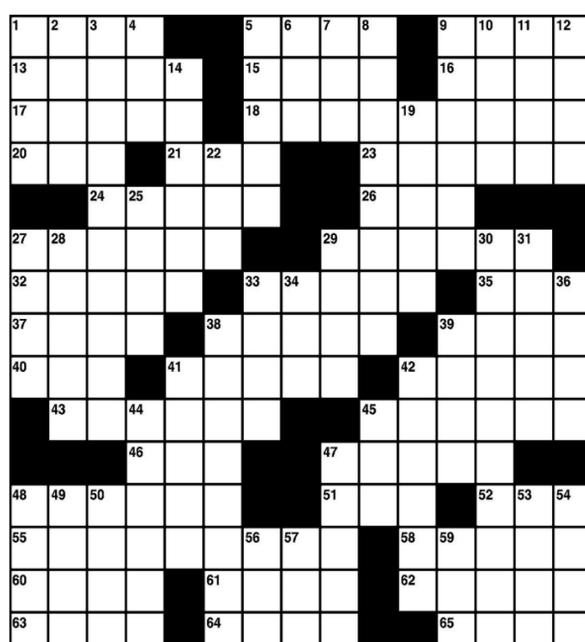
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

### ACROSS

- 1 Dick & Jane's dog
- 5 Rise dramatically
- 9 Gobbles up
- 13 Traditional Sioux home
- 15 Arrived
- 16 Tight hold
- 17 Game venue
- 18 Noted Greek philosopher
- 20 Skedadiddle
- 21 Light of day
- 23 Self-confident
- 24 Wet
- 26 Koch & Harris
- 27 Horse's halter
- 29 Mischief-makers
- 32 Jackson or Travis
- 33 Funny and clever
- 35 "A Nightmare on \_\_\_ Street"
- 37 Finds a sum
- 38 One of the planets
- 39 Düsseldorf woman
- 40 Pass on
- 41 Kawasaki's location
- 42 Draw in; lure
- 43 Most peculiar
- 45 Speak highly of
- 46 Head topper
- 47 Pillages; plunders
- 48 Country singer
- Womack
- 51 Unnecessary flurry
- 52 Sharp tool
- 55 Supervisors
- 58 Sales tag info
- 60 Per \_\_\_; daily wage
- 61 Gullible fools
- 62 Squirreled away
- 63 Lioness in "Born Free"
- 64 Japanese wrestling form
- 65 Make a \_\_\_ of; both

### DOWN

- 1 Constellation member
- 2 Neighbor of Bolivia
- 3 Receptive to new ideas
- 4 Part of a royal flush
- 5 Meager
- 6 Rower's item
- 7 French friend
- 8 Holds in high esteem
- 9 Diva's problem
- 10 Painting, sculpturing, etc.
- 11 Rummikub piece
- 12 Ran fast
- 14 In an effortless way
- 19 At the present time
- 22 \_\_\_ up; spend all of
- 25 Track bettor's concern
- 27 Paper fastener
- 28 Dashboard device
- 29 Astonish
- 30 Unwilling to say "No" to
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- 34 Jim Croce's "Time \_\_\_ Bottle"
- 36 TV remote button
- 38 Immensity
- 39 Heroic deed
- 41 Dungarees
- 42 Girl Scout groups
- 44 TV's "\_\_\_ & Greg"
- 45 Group of whales
- 47 Cowboy's need
- 48 Ore deposit
- 49 Wicked
- 50 Very wide shoes
- 53 Large clubs
- 54 Ties the knot
- 56 \_\_\_ de cologne
- 57 Record speed letters
- 59 Male animal



## 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).

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

- 2 Neighbor of Bolivia
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**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**

# Marina High catcher Zoe King commits to Iowa softball program

BY ANDREW TURNER

The coronavirus pandemic has presented little certainty as it relates to athletics.

While Orange County high school athletes await the time when competition will be allowed to resume, Marina High School's Zoe King removed some of the unpredictability from her future this week.

King has committed to the softball program at the University of Iowa. The junior catcher jumped on an early offer from the Hawkeyes, as it met her desire to play for a big school.

She also mentioned that a travel ball teammate on the

Firecrackers Rico, Xophia Venegas, is already in the Iowa program.

"When I got there, I fell in love with the campus," King said. "It was beautiful. I have a teammate that goes there right now, and she was telling me about all the girls and how she just loves it there and how they all get along. That was something that was a big sell for me as getting along with all the girls and having a good relationship with my pitchers."

Before she arrived at Marina, King used to watch her sister Ryan, who plays for Middle Tennessee State, catch for the Vikings. She did not start out as a catcher, but she ended up following in

her sister's footsteps.

"I used to play second base," King said. "I wouldn't say I was very good at it, so I really wanted to get a starting spot on the field, and my sister already caught. I was like, 'Well, I've been watching her do this for so many years. Why don't I give it a go?'"

Though there is sibling rivalry, especially in hitting lessons, it is not without respect.

"She's been a really big inspiration for me, a really big role model," King said of her older sister. "I model most of my catching style off of her. When I watched her, the way she frames and the way she sits while she squats, she's been a good mentor to me."

King started as a freshman, although the Vikings had two viable catchers with Jacey Henderson in the fold. The two of them were often platooned with the Marina coaching staff making use of the flex spot to keep both in the lineup.

Over 11 games in a pandemic-shortened sophomore season, King hit .265 with a home run and a double. She had a .297 batting average with four doubles in 24 games as a freshman.

Shelly Luth, who coaches the Marina softball team with Dan Hay, said she was ecstatic to learn that King was getting an opportunity to play at the next level when she was notified by the



Kevin Chang

**ZOE KING'S** sister Ryan plays for Middle Tennessee State.

player. She described King as a player that is "softball smart." She pointed to King's ability to frame pitches and her situational hitting, including bunting and hitting

the ball to the opposite field, as examples.

"The difference between Zoe and other kids is Zoe is able to execute those," Luth said. "You always think about a hit-and-run, or you think about, 'Oh, this would be a great time for a squeeze,' but you don't have the right person. Zoe is one of those people that you can count on to execute."

"I don't mean to say that it always works, but she's the type of player that you can count on in any situation because she's solid, she's settled, and she's played enough that it's not by chance."

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## COURT

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offenders support services and resources for mental health counseling, job skills training, substance abuse treatment and housing and transportation assistance. Those chosen were not convicted of crimes including bodily injury or weapons.

Elizabeth Cauffman, a

professor of psychological science at UC Irvine who helped launch the program, said it is tailored to the individual and their specific needs, whether it be continuing their education or getting a job.

"It's really meeting them where they're at and finding the goals that they need to meet and helping them reach those goals," Cauffman said.

The minimum time spent in the program is 18 months.

If participants meet all their requirements, which includes attending all court hearings and meetings with probation officers and case managers, they can complete the program and be eligible to have their felonies dismissed or reduced to misdemeanors.

The program was launched under the direc-

tion of Hernandez; Cauffman; Cauffman's former postdoctoral student, Zachary Rowan, who now is a faculty member at Simon Fraser University in Canada; Cauffman's current postdoctoral student, Grace Icenogle; the Orange County Probation Department; the Orange County Public Defender and Defense Bar; Orange County district attorney's office; and the Orangewood Foundation.

Cauffman and her team, with a \$780,000 grant from the National Institute of Justice, are studying the program. The Community Action Partnership of Orange County will also be contributing \$749,000 for the next year to support the court and the research.

Cauffman, a developmental psychologist, said the program targets young people because they are an age group that sees the most delinquent behavior and has the biggest costs involved with it.

"What they did when they were 20 — when they're 30,

40, 50 — they're going to be wearing this felony for the rest of their lives," Cauffman said. "We tell everybody to be good and then they get out and they don't have these opportunities. This really hits the developmental time when they're the highest risk and have the greatest opportunity for change."

"It's about getting people second chances at a time where we're looking for social justice," Cauffman said. "This is social justice — accountable, developmentally appropriate ways and providing both the community, the safety, and the person, the opportunity to become productive members of our society."

"Everybody's being held accountable, but in a way that I think everyone wants them to. We want people back in our communities being productive and engaged," she added.

One of the graduates, who asked for his name to be withheld, said that he came to the Orange County Young Adult Court when he

was 21 and that he was "dumb," not realizing at the time how his actions hurt others but has since realized his mistakes.

"If someone like me — someone who was always committing crimes and trying to hang out with friends and impress them — can become the person I am today, you guys can do it too," he said. "I mean, what more do you guys want? The Young Adult Court makes it easy for us to change. All you guys have to do is accept the help from everyone here in this program. Getting your felony dismissed should be more than enough motivation for you guys to want to change."

"Take the help they gives us," he added.

Thomas agreed.

"Keep believing in us," Thomas said to other program participants watching through Zoom. "I believe second chances are deserved and if I can do it, you can do it too."

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DEPT NO.: 2

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
MAN SIK KIM AKA MANSIK KIM  
CASE NO. 30-2021-0117974-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 MAN SIK KIM AKA MANSIK KIM.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAE HEE CHUNG in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KI SUNG KIM 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 with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any 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: 02/11/21 at 2:00PM in Dept. C06 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.

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

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Thursday, February 04, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted online via Zoom. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

**AT&T Camelback Telecom Upgrade** - The Applicant proposes a conditional use permit to modify and upgrade an existing wireless facility with improvements that are over the maximum height limit. The existing wireless facility is unscreened and located on top of the mini-storage building. Upgraded antennas would be installed at a lower height and relocated behind a new screen wall that exceeds the maximum height limit by 3 feet, 5 inches. The total height of project is 35 feet, 5 inches, including the building and the top of the new screening.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15303, of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines - Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

**SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19**  
Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for Planning Commission consideration by sending them to the Community Development Department at [PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov). To give the Planning Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by **Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** Please review the Planning Commission Agenda for participation instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at [www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission), by end of business day on **Friday, January 29, 2021**. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact the Planning Division at 949-644-3200 or [CDD@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:CDD@newportbeachca.gov) and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Patrick Achis, Assistant Planner at [pachis@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:pachis@newportbeachca.gov), 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

**Project File No.:** PA2020-152  
**Activity No.:** UP2020-132

**Zone:** North Ford Planned Community - Area 2a  
Mini Storage Use (PCS)

**General Plan:** General Industrial (IG)

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Lauren Kleiman, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC WORKSHOP**  
LAGUNA BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

A LAGUNA BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE will hold a virtual Public Workshop, for: **Coast Highway ADA Improvements South Segment**. On November 4, 2020, Caltrans received a concept review by the Laguna Beach Planning Commission for an ADA and Pedestrian Improvement project located on a continuous stretch of South Coast Highway and Coast Highway, from Moss Street to 5th Avenue. No project decision was made at the November Planning Commission public hearing; however, the Planning Commission formed a Subcommittee to work with City staff and Caltrans staff to better understand the project scope and subsequently report back to the Planning Commission. **On February 4th 2021 at 6:00 p.m., the Subcommittee will hold a virtual public meeting to further discuss project aspects and obtain public feedback.** The below project website has been created on the City's webpage to inform the public of the Subcommittee review, and also includes a portal where City staff encourages the public to provide their preliminary project comments: [http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/outside\\_agency\\_projects/default.htm](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/outside_agency_projects/default.htm) WHEN: **Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.** ZOOM INFORMATION: PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device: <https://lagunabeachcity.zoom.us/j/99986722625>, Phone: US: +1 669 900 9128, Webinar ID: 99986722625. CONTACT: Mark Trestik, City Engineer, (949) 497-0300 or [matrestik@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:matrestik@lagunabeachcity.net)

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