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### NMUSD may return to distance learning for secondary students

Depending on a vote by the school board on Thursday, it could happen with the return from winter break due to the increase of COVID-19 cases.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Secondary students in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District may be returning to distance learning at the end of winter break due to the coronavirus pandemic, depending on a vote by trustees Thursday.

Notice of a special meeting went out late Wednesday after-

included with Comments Thursday's agenda state that district officials will be considering the possibility of returning its secondary students to the distance learning model when students re-

turn from winter break on Jan. 4. The return would last until Jan. 22 as proposed with students to return to campuses on Jan. 25.

Elementary schools would continue with the hybrid model.

All in-person activities would be temporarily suspended for athletics, arts and other extracurricular programs from the start of winter break through Jan. 22 as

A statement from the district said the increase of COVID-19 cases across the state, Orange County and local community

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**STUDENTS RETURN** to Costa Mesa High School on Nov. 9, the first day back to school for secondary students in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Trustees kill an agreement with the teachers union that would have eliminated one half-day of in-person learning for elementary school students.

#### **BY SARA CARDINE**

An agreement between the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and its teachers union which would have eliminated one half-day of in-person learning for elementary school students to allow for teacher prep time — was rejected by board members, who called the move "unacceptable."

Trustees were asked in a meeting Tuesday to approve a memo of understanding reached between district negotiators and representatives from the Newport Mesa Federation of Teachers regarding working conditions under a hybrid learning model.

That agreement contained language regarding parent-teacher conferences, special day classroom teacher compensation and preparation time.

But controversy arose over a portion of the MOU pertaining to the hybrid schedule for elementary students, who currently attend in-person classes for half days in a morning or afternoon cohort four days a week, excluding Wednesdays, learning online the rest of the day.

On Wednesdays, both cohorts

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### **Orange County receives first** shipments of COVID-19 vaccine



Screenshot by Lilly Nguyen

**MICHAEL LOWMAN**, left, receives the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine Wednesday. Lowman works as a nurse at Providence St. Joseph Hospital in Orange.

Five frontline workers become the first in the county to be inoculated during a news conference at Providence St. Joseph Hospital in Orange.

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

It's a light at the end of the tunnel for what has been a challenging year all over - the first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine have arrived in Orange County.

On Wednesday, five staff members were selected from Providence St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange to receive the first vaccinations in Orange County from Pfizer-BioNTech. Jeremy Zoch, chief executive officer at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, said the doses arrived just hours before a joint news conference at the hospital.

Each inoculation was streamed live and greeted with a round of applause.

"It's been a long road. A lot [of people] have worked really hard to get us to this point. [We're] very, very grateful to Pfizer and, soon,

Moderna, for what they have done," said Erik Wexler, the chief executive for Providence's Southern California region. "Soon, we will be protecting all of our caregivers in our community and eradicating this horrific pan-

In attendance were Orange County Board of Supervisors Don Wagner and Doug Chaffee and Orange County Health Care Agency Director and Public Health Officer Dr. Clayton Chau in addition to hospital staff.

"On March 25, our county announced our first COVID death. Today, less than nine months after that tragic day, we administer a vaccine," Wagner said. "Now with the COVID vaccine not just on the horizon, but here in this room in a sub-freezing storage facility waiting to be distributed — we're poised to take the next step in responding to this pan-

Chaffee described Wednesday as a "momentous day for all citizens of Orange County" and urged residents to continue wearing masks, practicing social distancing and washing their hands. Chaffee added that it will be some time before all citizens can be

vaccinated. Chau also called on residents to "not let [their] guards down" and to continue best practices to curb the spread of the virus.

'Most importantly as we are welcoming in the winter holiday celebrations and the new year, please do not — and let me repeat — do not mix households and gather," Chau said. "It is so important as you know our numbers in our country, in our state, in our county have been rising so high. Today, we celebrate a wonderful milestone and the significance cannot be overstated."

Michael Lowman, a nurse at Providence St. Joseph's Hospital, was the first nurse vaccinated during the news conference.

Dr. Paul Sheikewitz, who works in the emergency care center and was vaccinated Wednesday, said the greatest challenge has been the burden of the number of patients versus the number of staff that are able to take care of the patients coming in.

"Providence St. Joseph's has done a wonderful job in trying to expand our capacity, I would say, to the limit. We're probably at that

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# With the virus at a critical peak, Costa Mesa's Fairview Developmental Center reopens to COVID-19 patients

### **BY SARA CARDINE**

As an unparalleled surge in coronavirus infections outstrips hospital capacities, and with virtually no ICU beds available for Orange County COVID-19 paofficials announced Wednesday Costa Mesa's Fairview Developmental Center has reopened as a regional alternate care site.

Partially retrofitted in April to accept individuals recovering from COVID-19 and other lowacuity coronavirus cases, the center stopped admitting patients on Sept. 30 after several months of low patient census.

The state-owned facility remained in a "warm close" state, meaning it could reopen within 72 to 96 hours if needed. But this week, as state and county health

officials looked for ways to alleviate packed hospital emergency rooms and ICU units, the site was officially brought back online this week.

The first round of COVID-19 patients has been admitted into an area with a 125-bed capacity, according to Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue Chief Dan Stefano, who acts as a liaison representing the city in matters related to Fairview.

"We'd been hearing for the past month the state's alternate care sites were going to ramp up, and in the past week and a half [the site] has been coming back online," Stefano said Wednesday, estimating a patient census of

about 10 by this weekend. Meanwhile, another two units

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Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

**CLOSED IN SEPTEMBER,** Costa Mesa's Fairview Developmental Center reopened this week as an alternate care facility capable of admitting nearly 200 low-acuity COVID-19 patients, with the ability to expand.



Photo by Mark Towfiq

THE BLUE glass lawn art on Bill Gross' Laguna property, as seen from neighbor Mark Towfiq's pool.

### Bill Gross denies harassing Laguna neighbor

In the billionaire's testimony Monday, he instead accuses Mark Towfiq of invasions of privacy

#### BY LAURENCE DARMIENTO

Renowned bond investor Bill Gross had trouble remembering dates, details and prior testimony when he took the stand Monday in a civil harassment trial against a neighbor.

However, Gross was certain of one thing: That neither he nor his "life partner," former professional tennis player Amy Schwartz, had harassed their next-door neighbors in Laguna Beach by playing loud music late at night while they were trying to sleep — including and especially the theme song from "Gilligan's Island."

Rather, he said it was neighbor Mark Towfiq, a wealthy tech entrepreneur, who harassed them by constantly taping the couple on his iPhone — recordings that Towfig testified were done to capture the loud music.

"I consider him very strange. I consider him dangerous to approach," Gross said during the hearing, which is considering dueling claims of harassment and is being streamed live on YouTube from Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana. "We called him 'Peeping Mark.'

Towfiq and his wife, Carol Nakahara, have accused the billionaire and his partner of harassing them with loud music after Towfiq complained to the city of Laguna Beach last summer about a blue glass lawn sculpture created by noted artist Dale Chihuly.

Towfiq has testified that the art installation near their property line was unattractive once protective netting was put up, blocking the view from their seaside home on an exclusive stretch of South Coast Highway.

The complaint prompted the city to issue Gross a code enforcement letter July 28 stating that the structures lacked permits, which he needed to get or take down the installation.

Towfiq has testified that the loud music started after the letter was issued.

Gross said he couldn't remember exactly when he bought the sculpture, nor could he recall a letter sent to the city in response

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

By Jacqueline E.

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#### **FAIRVIEW**

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are each being prepared to admit anywhere from 25 to 50 memory care patients and individuals with developmental disabilities.

Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley said Fairview would play an important role in serving the needs of the most vulnerable.

"It's critical that we care for these residents in a way that's safe and gets them out of housing situations where they may not be able to socially distance from everyone and allow them to recover with dignity," Foley said.

Orange County Health Care officials recorded Wednesday 3,231 new infections and 23 deaths. Area hospitals reported treating 1,486 COVID-19 patients with 319 in intensive care units.

As critical as the shortage of hospital beds is, Stefano said staffing levels are presenting an added challenge to firefighters and paramedics who regularly transport patients to facilities throughout the county.

Recent average patient offload times, aka "wall times" — the time from an ambulance's arrival to the time a patient is seen, so named because paramedics and patients on gurneys are often lined up along a receiving wall have gone from about 15 to 20 minutes to upward of one hour, Stefano said.

The picture is worse in neighboring Los Angeles, Imperial and San Bernardino counties, he added, where medical responders have had to wait up to six or seven hours for a single patient to be admitted.

Given the current hospital shortages, officials are urging residents to seek treatment from their personal physicians or area urgent care facilities unless they are experiencing an absolute medical emer-

"If you need us, we're there," Stefano said. "[But] if you come in and you're not in an immediate emergency, you're going to have to wait. You don't want to be a part of that."

The fire chief said what happens in the next 17 days could determine the course of the pandemic for the first six months of the new year, adding now is the "most critical time we have seen to date."

Fairview is one of several alternate care sites being opened across Califor-

Others are coming online to address hospital bed shortages in Fresno, Imperial and Sacramento counties. While the census is still small, officials say the capacity can be increased if the appropriate staff can be found.

"You've got to have the people," Stefano said.

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#### VACCINE

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limit right now, but we're doing the best we can,' Sheikewitz said. "This is also a challenge among each individual healthcare worker and employee that challenge is to not get the disease.

"It's been very risky," Sheikewitz added. "We use [personal protective equipment]. We're in the rooms constantly and, quite frankly, it's miraculous that so few people have gotten it and that's why we're so grateful to have this vaccine today."

Hospitals around Orange County have received or are receiving doses of the vaccine this week, including Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach, the UCI Medical Center in Orange and Mission Hospital in Laguna Beach and Mission Viejo.

The state previously allocated about 327,000 doses and is expected to receive at least 1 million more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the month between the additional 393,900 doses of the Pfizer-BioN-Tech vaccine and the 672,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine, if it receives U.S. authorization as expected.

The vaccines come at a time when cases grow by the thousands and Orange County health officials announced Tuesday that it be would deploying mobile field hospitals to Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, St. Jude Medical Center and UCI Medical Center as hospitals are overwhelmed with patients.

On Wednesday, the Orange County Health Care Agency reported 3,231 new cases and 23 deaths. The total number of cases in the county is now at 111,168. Hospitalizations at area hospitals are at 1,486 and 319 cases are in intensive care units.

Data shows just 9.5% of adult beds in ICUs are

available.

An estimated 68,773 have recovered.

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

• Santa Ana: 21,983 cases; 347 deaths

• Anaheim: 18,865 cases; 368 deaths • Huntington Beach:

4,515 cases; 94 deaths • Costa Mesa: 3,666

cases; 49 deaths • Irvine: 4,008 cases; 18 deaths

• Newport Beach: 1,781 cases; 28 deaths • Fountain Valley: 1,369

cases; 23 deaths • Laguna Beach: 407 cases; fewer than five deaths

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The business is known as: **BRISTOL 76 GAS STATION** The name and address of the Buyer/Transferee is: G & M OIL CO INC, 16868 A LANE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 90212

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: GLOBAL CEFS, INC., 6789 QUAIL HILL PKWY., IRVINE, CA 92603-4233

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

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: TEAM ESCROW INC, 17310 RED HILL AVE, STE 140, IRVINE, CA 92614 and the last day for filing claims shall be JANUARY 5, 2021, which is the

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Dated: 11/12/20 BUYER: JHAM ENTERPRISE, INC. ORD-132753 DAILY PILOT 12/17/20

date is JANUARY 6, 2021

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REPLACEMENT SUMMONS Case Number: CV-2020-00083

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#### **GROSS**

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to the permitting problem, saying an attorney may have drafted it.

Gross, who had some trouble hearing the questions posed to him, also could not recall prior testimony by code enforcement officer Ross Corona and Laguna Beach Police Officer Wade Kraus who said the couple told them they would turn down the volume if Towfiq dropped his complaint.

"At 76, I have less of a memory than at 26," said Gross, who retired last year.

However, the billionaire was adamant that he had not harassed Towfiq, despite a text exchange in which Gross warned his neighbor of "nightly con-certs" unless there was "peace on all fronts."

Gross contended that the message was intended to stop Towfiq's invasion of the couple's privacy.

He also said he never carried out the threat. "What I did was not a nightly concert, so I guess I didn't make good on my promise," he said.

Gross' remarks in the afternoon followed morntestimony from Schwartz, who also denied the music was played loudly and intended as harassment.

She similarly denied telling Corona and Kraus that the music would be turned down if Towfiq dropped his complaint. "He testified that, but I did not



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**BILL GROSS** and partner Amy Schwartz arrive for a court hearing Dec. 7 at Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana.

say that," she said, of Corona's remarks.

Schwartz said that the "Gilligan's Island" theme song was special to the couple because last summer they learned that Newport Harbor was featured in the opening credits and the view at another home they own there was identical to a clip from the credits.

That caused the couple to add the song to their

"I love that song," she said. "It's a very special song.'

She also testified that she felt requests made by Towfiq to lower the volume of the music felt like "commands" to her and that he invaded her privacy numerous times by filming her when she was swimming. Towfiq has said he filmed the couple only to docu-

ment their harassment. "I'm scared. I feel violated. I feel afraid. I'm in a bikini or less," she said.

Towfiq and his wife last week turned down an offer by Gross to end the dispute by donating to charities in Orange County. Towfiq's attorney, Jennifer Keller, said that if Gross wanted to end the dispute he should take down the statue and netting, apologize to her client and pick up his legal fees.

Gross later issued a news release stating he had made the donation anyway, providing \$500,000 COVID-19-relief organizations in the county.

The court trial is expected to conclude this week, with final testimony from Gross, Nakahara and two other parties, as well as

closing arguments. Towfiq and his wife are seeking an order ending the loud music, while Gross and Schwartz want Towfiq to stop recording them.

**LAURENCE DARMIENTO** is a staff writer with the Los Angeles Times.



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#### **SECONDARY**

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have impacted the district and its workforce, limiting its ability to find appropriate substitute employees who provide critical services. It also cites warnings from the Orange County Health Care Agency that another surge of cases is expected immediately following winter break and the holiday season.

County health officials

reported Wednesday that case numbers grew by another 3,231 and hospitalizations are now at 1,486.

In Newport Beach and Costa Mesa, the total number of cases have reached 1,781 and 3,666, respectively. Current data reports that available adult beds in intensive care units are now just under 10%.

"We are appreciative of your understanding and recognize the impact any change has on families." the district said in a statement. "This is the most challenging period of the pandemic and we will continue to prioritize the safety of students and staff as our most important guiding principle in our decisions and actions."

Secondary students in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District first returned on Nov. 9. Elementary students returned on Sept. 29.

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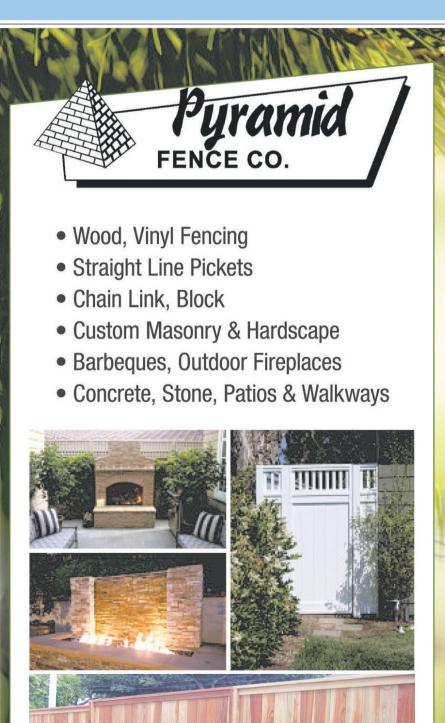
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make condensed appearances during the morning, allowing teachers time to prepare lessons and plan in the afternoon.

Instead, the agreement proposed returning all elementary students to dislearning tance each Wednesday, where they'd receive one hour of math and English instruction and do 30 minutes of asynchronous learning.

NMFT President Tamara Fairbanks said in a comment at Tuesday's meeting the change would not only give teachers the resource of more time but provide for parents one consistent schedule for Wednesdays and allow kids from both cohorts, otherwise separated, to learn virtually together.

"We exchanged the best



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**REBECCA PERANIO,** left, with daughter Serafina during pick-up following the first day of in-person school at Mariners Elementary School in Newport Beach on Sept. 29. A plan to reduce in-person hours was recently rejected by school board members.

solution within our grasp on how to meet the needs of teachers and students,' Fairbanks said.

However, the opinion among parents and community members — 54 of whom submitted public comments on Tuesday's meeting item — opposed the move.

"Being in the classroom with their teachers and peers is crucial, not only to learning but mental health as well," Michelle Huebner said. "They need every minute they can get. We need to be moving forward, not backward, when it comes to education this

Board trustees mainly sided with parents. Trustee Karen Yelsey, appointed to serve as board president during Tuesday's reorganization meeting, said she felt beholden to represent her constituents and believed officials should work to lengthen kids' time on campuses.

"To take away any [inperson] learning time from them is not something any of the parents I've talked to would want," Yelsey said. "I hope something can go back and be worked on to make it more acceptable."

Charlene Trustee Metoyer said she appreciated the work of negotiators on both sides but could not support the memo's distance learning proposal.

"When I took this job, my main filter was to do what's best for children, and I believe children should be in school," she

Ultimately, board members refused to make a motion to vote on the MOU, which effectively killed the proposal.

District negotiators and union leaders have been in talks for months over several aspects of learning and teaching during the pan-demic, even as officials moved ahead with plans to return elementary and secondary students back to campuses under a modischedule starting fied Sept. 29.

Last month, citing a rise in coronavirus cases and an inability to regulate teen mask wearing and social distancing, NMFT asked the district to move secondary schools back to a distance-learning model.

District leaders declined, saying public health guidelines allow schools to remain open so long as cases represent fewer than 5% of a school or grade level.

Meanwhile, a COVID-19 dashboard maintained at Newport-Mesa Unified's website, reported 133 infections districtwide Wednesday, including 23 at Newport Harbor High School, 18 at Estancia High School, 11 at Costa Mesa Middle

and High schools and 10 infections at Corona del Mar Middle and High schools. That is a decline from Tuesday's case count, which reached 139.

Asst. Supt. Sara Jocham, who oversees the district's Health Services Department, said a team was working diligently to respond to coronavirus cases and notify people who may have come into contact with infected individuals.

"[We're] reaching out to families when students are absent due to some kind of COVID-related symptoms and really following up and finding out from them what's going on," she said.

Also Tuesday, Newport-Mesa officials officially welcomed incoming board members Leah Ersoylu, Carol Crane and Krista Weigand, who were elected by district voters in November to represent trustee areas 1, 3 and 6, respectively.

Supt. Russell Lee-Sung thanked the newcomers for taking on enormous responsibility during difficult

"It is really special for all three of you to be stepping up and be part of leadership in education, particularly now," he said. "We can really do some incredible work here in the district welcome aboard."

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# MARKETPLACE

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

#### **EDWIN SOLOMON** 30-2020-01172485-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: **EDWIN** SOLOMON

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DINA LEA CARMEN in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DINA **LEA CARMEN** 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 January 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6

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**NOTICE OF PETITION** TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: **MARGUERITE ANN GALICH** 30-2020-01174572-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: MARGUERITE ANN GALICH

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by VICTOR JOHN GALICH in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that VICTOR JOHN GALICH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6

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#### **NOTICE OF PETITION** TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARK GERARD O'BRIEN 30-2020-01171853-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: Mark Gerard O'Brien

A Petition For Probate has been filed by Michael Patrick O'Brien in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.

The Petition requests that Michael Patrick O'Brien 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 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 January 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C06

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