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ORANGE COUNTY active Phase 1A (critical and healthcare workers) residents exit large tents at Orange County's first large-scale vaccination site after receiving the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in the Toy Story parking lot at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021.

Navigating the vaccine: Here's who's eligible and how to get it

BY ADA TSENG

Janet Genow got her vaccine on Monday after two weeks of anxiety, technical difficulties and what seemed like dead ends.

There was an incorrect message about her ineligibility. "I'm 78," she remembers thinking. "I kept telling my computer, 'I'm eligible.'"

As she saw her friends get appointments, her daughter took to social media to crowd-source advice. They were advised by the Orange County Health Care Agency to contact Curapatient, the company behind the app. Someone eventually confirmed she was registered but gave no other information.

By the time Genow received instructions akin to "don't call us, we'll call you," she had little faith left in the system.

But then on Sunday, she got an email to make an appointment for the following day. When she arrived at the Disneyland vaccination distribution center about half an hour early, the process was "super smooth," she said.

She was done before the time of her appointment. Others who have been vaccinated this week at both Disneyland and Soka University — the county's second large vaccine distribution location, which opened Jan. 23 — also report a smooth process and short wait times.

"But the process of getting the appointment was hell," Genow said.

Here's what you need to know as you navigate the process in Orange County. This is the most up-to-date and complete information that we have right now, but it may change.

WHERE THINGS STAND

Orange County was the first county in Southern California to start vaccinating people 65 and older on Jan. 13, the day Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that policy change.

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NMUSD officials gauge losses in learning

Trustees eye data, study strategies they hope will get students back on track after almost a year of pandemic woes.

BY SARA CARDINE

As the end of the school year draws closer, Newport-Mesa Unified School District officials are contemplating how much learning loss students have sustained during the pandemic and devising a plan to get kids back on track in the year ahead.

Trustees in a study session Tuesday attempted to understand how nearly a year of campus closures and reopenings, distance learning and modified school schedules that provide just a few hours of face time may be impacting K-6 learners and their ability to meet grade-level expectations.

Assistant Supt. John Drake shared reading assessment data from the beginning of the 2019-20 school year and compared it to similar benchmarks measured at the start of the current school year, when students already had months of distance learning under their belts.

Composite grade-level data indicated about 68% of kindergartners performed at or above standard reading levels last year, compared to 71% this year. Among first-graders, proficiency dropped from 62% going into 2019-20 to 52% at the start of this year. Second-graders remained steady at 77% proficiency.

"It could be that these second-graders did have a solid year and a half of instruction around these foundational reading skills, so had a better foundation to build on," Drake surmised.

For students in third- through sixth-grade, Drake compared STAR reading assessment data collected midyear in 2019-20 with recent midyear data "hot off the presses." Comparisons showed reading proficiency has dropped between 8% and 12% in those grades.

Reading assessment data showed 66% of Newport-Mesa Unified third-graders were reading at grade level last year, compared to just 56% this year. Fourth-graders dropped from 58% to 46% and fifth-graders from 52% to 42%.

Meanwhile, just half of sixth-grade students demonstrated grade-level reading comprehension this year, compared to 58% last year.

The baseline data points don't

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Newport Beach council OKs development near airport

BY MATT SZABO

The Newport Beach City Council on Tuesday night voted unanimously to approve a development agreement of a planned residential project near John Wayne Airport.

Known as Residences at 4400 Von Karman, the 13-acre project was approved 6-0 following a public hearing. Councilman Will O'Neill recused himself due to his membership at the nearby Pacific Club.

A full reading of the adopted resolutions and ordinances will take place at the next City Council meeting on Feb. 9.

Developer the Picerno Group

also operates One Uptown Newport, which opened in 2019. The new development, located within the Koll Center Business Park, is bordered by Von Karman Avenue and Birch Street. It would build 312 apartment units — including 13 marked as low-income or affordable — atop an 825-space parking structure. The five-story development would also include a separate, free-standing 284-space parking structure, as well as an approximately one-acre public park.

"We're in a new world here in California, in terms of housing," Newport Beach Mayor Brad Avery

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Courtesy of city of Newport Beach

A RENDERING shows the proposed Residences at 4400 Von Karman development, approved by the Newport Beach City Council Tuesday.

L.B. provides relief to hotels, reworks other grant programs

BY ANDREW TURNER

To help hotels struggling during the pandemic, Laguna Beach city officials Tuesday allocated \$600,000 in COVID-19 relief funding for a program that would allow hoteliers in good standing to recover a portion of the taxes they pay to the city.

Hotels can apply to recover up to 50% of transient occupancy tax paid to the city for the fourth quarter, from October to December. Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$100,000.

Supporters of the hotel grant program called it a "jump-start" to aid the hospitality industry in its recovery efforts.

"These proposals are incredibly generous, and it means a lot to us," Kurt Bjorkman, general manager of The Ranch at Laguna Beach, said. "It means a lot to the hospitality community."

"We're all in survival mode, and each and every one of us need this. The grant is very important, and we all look forward to being back and stronger than ever in supporting our Laguna Beach

community."

City staff said that there were four hotels that collected more transient occupancy tax from April to December than they did over the same period in 2019. The Laguna Beach City Council decided to include those hotels in the grant program at the minimum amount of \$5,000.

Short-term lodging units are not eligible for the program.

Additional modifications were made to the LB Cares program that was approved on Dec. 22, when the council appropriated \$650,000 for local restaurants and bars and \$200,000 for city retail businesses impacted by the coronavirus.

After the second deadline for restaurants and bars to apply for aid passed on Jan. 19, city staff reported that \$240,000 of available LB Cares funds remained unspent. The council directed staff to take \$116,000 of the remaining funds to award grants to 58 qualified retail businesses that had yet to be given one because the previous funding limit had been surpassed.



THE LAGUNA BEACH

City Council this week approved a grant program that helps out most hotels in the city with COVID-19 relief.

Don Leach
Staff Photographer

The council also approved the use of \$60,000 of the remaining restaurant and bar allocation to address a deficit in the cultural arts grant funding. The remaining balance of \$64,000 is to be used to work with LB Cares program applicants that are currently unqualified provided they come into compliance with eligibility requirements and correct submission errors that led to disqualification in the first round of applications.

"I think it makes sense to reallocate the funds and try to qualify those businesses that made mistakes on their application," Councilman George Weiss said.

Councilwoman Toni Iseman and Weiss had voiced concerns at the Dec. 22 meeting that econo-

mic relief should also be made available to struggling residents, which led to the council initially agreeing to a matching grant program of up to \$300,000.

With demand exceeding donations made to the Laguna Beach Community Foundation, which is handling the dispersal of the

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H.B. man, 21, dies after car crashes into cat shelter on PCH

BY SARA CARDINE

A 21-year-old Huntington Beach man died early Sunday morning after a vehicle he was driving crashed into a cat adoption center off the Pacific Crest Highway in Newport Beach several hours earlier, officials and reports have confirmed.

Newport Beach Police Department spokeswoman Heather Rangel said Monday officers were called to the scene at around 11:10 p.m. Saturday regarding a single-vehicle collision on the 6000 block of West Coast Highway. Zackary Topolewski-Jury was the only occupant inside the vehicle, which appeared to be a sedan, possibly a Ford Mustang, Rangel reported. The business, reported as the no-kill shelter National Cat Protection Society, was closed at the time and appeared not to have sustained any serious damage from the collision. Topolewski-Jury was transported to Orange County Global Medical Center, where he succumbed to his injuries at around 4:50 a.m. Sunday, according to a report from the Orange County Coroner's Office. Kelly Keyes, supervising deputy director for the Orange County Coroner's Office, said Monday an external examination determined Topolewski-Jury died from multiple blunt trauma injuries. She said a toxicology report was still pending. Rangel said it could not immediately be determined what may have caused the collision and an investigation is underway.

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LEARNING

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provide much context as to what students are really experiencing in pandemic-era learning scenarios, officials clarified, but do indicate strategies for improving outcomes will be needed.

"It would be an understatement to say this pandemic has been challenging, I think, for all of us," Drake told school board members. "Any way we slice the data in this broad brushstroke way ... we have our work cut out for us."

Similar indicators of students' math performance were not immediately available, Drake said, as instructors have done fewer assessments during the pandemic to maximize mathematics instruction.

Instead, a group of educators gave a progress re-



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

NMUSD TRUSTEES understand how distance learning and modified schedules may be impacting K-6 learners.

port on a recent collaboration with UC Irvine and the Orange County Department of Education that could advance mathematics instruction across Newport-Mesa Unified campuses.

In the 2018-19 school year, elementary school

teachers began learning how to use Cognitively Guided Instruction in math classrooms. A student-centered approach, CGI aims to build on what students know and take advantage of their intuitive sense of numbers and solving pro-

grams to engage them in lessons.

Some in the program, such as Adams Elementary School first-grade teacher Michelle Sperling, have become math fellows committed to sharing what they've learned with colleagues to expand the model to other campuses and, eventually, subjects beyond math.

Sperling said the new way of teaching has freed her from rigid pacing guides and allowed her to work more from where her students are at.

"They tell me what they need, and my job is to respond," she said. "I'm focusing on what they know, versus what they don't. I am really mind-blown by the shift in my teaching and learning and how effective I feel [responding] to what my students need."

Duane Cox, principal at

Rea Elementary School, which is being used as a training ground that will seed the CGI model among other teachers and campuses, said he's seen enormous progress.

"Many teachers embraced an asset lens in regard to their students and their ability to grow and learn in the classroom. An interesting thing that has surfaced at Rea is that kids love math," Cox said.

Drake emphasized the key to learning loss recovery lies not in measuring students' deficiencies and then trying with breakneck speed to catch them up on lost material to keep pace.

Success will instead lie in responsive instruction and sticking to grade-level content that builds on what kids know, identifying and addressing gaps along the way, while ensuring all learners are included in the

process.

"I don't think it's socially or emotionally healthy to position our students as needing to be fixed," he said. "So, instead of focusing on loss, we need to focus on the time we have with our students and connect with them as people."

Trustees concluded the session by thanking presenters for sharing their experiences and for their enthusiasm in engaging in the work.

"It's so wonderful to talk about student learning," said trustee Charlene Metoyer. "It brings us a sense of normalcy and hope ... knowing that our teachers are teaching the students and that they're trying to cram in as much as they can into the two and a half hours they have."

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RELIEF

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funds, city staff recommended that \$100,000 be made available immediately as a one-time donation.

The plan is to provide \$500 to qualified applicants. Laguna Beach Assistant City Manager Shohreh Dupuis said the COVID-19 relief program has received more than 900 applicants.

"I support making a portion of this a donation," Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen said as the council

reviewed COVID-19 relief items individually. "I would just suggest we split it in half and do [\$150,000] as a donation and [the balance] as a matching [grant], so that we can get some money out the door.

"We're getting money out the door to all the businesses, and I think we're likely to approve something to the hotels, so I would like to also get some money out the door quickly to residents and unemployed individuals while the matching effort is ongoing."

The council agreed to make a \$150,000 donation

to the Laguna Beach Community Foundation to support residents and local workers impacted by the pandemic. The remaining \$150,000 continues to be set aside as a matching grant to community donations.

Orange County reported 71 deaths due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, in data provided Wednesday by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

The death toll for the county during the pandemic climbed to 2,839. There were also 1,038 new cases reported, taking the

cumulative case count to 227,021.

Hospitalizations because of the virus are at 1,639, with 448 of those patients being cared for in intensive care units. Additionally, there have been 14,230 tests reported within the last day, bringing the total number of tests administered to 2,602,097.

The healthcare agency estimates that 167,573 people in the county have made a recovery after contracting the virus.

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

• Santa Ana: 41,131 cases; 506 deaths

• Anaheim: 38,006 cases; 548 deaths

• Huntington Beach: 9,265 cases; 137 deaths

• Costa Mesa: 7,922 cases; 78 deaths

• Irvine: 8,997 cases; 44 deaths

• Newport Beach: 3,229 cases; 48 deaths

• Fountain Valley: 3,043 cases; 45 deaths

• Laguna Beach: 708 cases; fewer than five deaths

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

• 0 to 17: 22,991 cases; one death

• 18 to 24: 31,568 cases; five deaths

• 25 to 34: 45,778 cases; 32 deaths

• 35 to 44: 35,609 cases; 57 deaths

• 45 to 54: 36,493 cases; 191 deaths

• 55 to 64: 28,430 cases; 378 deaths

• 65 to 74: 14,135 cases; 544 deaths

• 75 to 84: 7,078 cases; 654 deaths

• 85 and older: 4,790 cases; 977 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc. Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Orange County can be found at occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ADLY H. THOMAS
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ADLY H. THOMAS**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **HANI THOMAS** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **HANI THOMAS** 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 **February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C6** located at **700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701**

(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. **35932-KR**

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: **DAKOTA WASH, INC., 1093 BAKER STREET, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: **2618 SAN MIGUEL DRIVE, #291 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660**
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: **JULIUS DIBSY AND HANAN DIBSY, 1811 COASTAL WAY, COSTA MESA, CA 92627**
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT** of that certain business located at: **1093 BAKER STREET, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: **OCEAN BREEZE COIN LAUNDRY**
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **FEBRUARY 16, 2021** at the office of: **ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648**, Escrow No. **35932-KR**, Escrow Officer: **KIT RHOADS**
(8) Claims may be filed with: **ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648**, Escrow No. **35932-KR**, Escrow Officer: **KIT RHOADS**
(9) The last day for filing claims is: **FEBRUARY 12, 2021**.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: **NONE**.
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A windswept coast, with more to come



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CIARA REISTAD runs along Bolsa Chica State Beach in the howling wind on Monday. Another storm with high winds and rain is expected beginning tonight, with Orange County's coastal areas included in a flash flood warning issued by the National Weather Service.



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WENDY BLOOM braves sand spray kicked up from strong gusts during a high-wind warning at Laguna's Main Beach on Monday.



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SAND BLOWS across Pacific Coast Highway near Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve on Monday.



A WIND SURFER heads out to sea at Laguna's Main Beach.

Don Leach | Staff Photographer

DEVELOPMENT

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said. "We've seen our share of sub-par developers, and this is not it. This is a quality developer that's doing a good project. It's what we need. It's what California needs, it's what this city needs. We're working our way toward a denser future, but at least this city, at least, is doing a better job, and I'm sure it will be borne out in the years ahead."

"This makes sense. For many of us who have lived here a long time, we have a concept of Newport. We've got all these different villages, but there's a consistency that there's good development ... This village will be its own village."

There was a general consensus among the City Council members that the area near the airport would be a focus as the city needs to meet its new Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers. The new project has been more well-received than a previous proposal, introduced in 2017 by a different developer that would have consisted of three 13-story towers.

Project changes that were presented to the City Council on Tuesday by Picerne, post-Planning Commission approval, included a slight widening of the park area and a change of the freestanding parking structure location.

While supporting the project, Councilwoman Diane Dixon expressed concerns over the lack of amenities available to future residents of the area.

"How far is the nearest grocery store?," she asked, before being told it was probably the Mother's Market at the corner of Jamboree Road and Michelson Drive, several blocks away.

"The amenities to serve a residential population, I think, are in dire need," Dixon said. "For future projects that are going to be coming into this area, let's be mindful. We're putting thousands of people in this area, and the nearest grocery store is not that near."

Other council members indicated that they saw it as a question of which comes first, the chicken or the egg?

"That market will come, as soon as we get more residents in the area that will use that market," City Councilwoman Joy Brenner said. "I feel confident that will be resolved down the line."

City Councilman Noah Blom, who represents District 5, said he has spent plenty of time in the proposed development District 3 lately and called it "struggling."

"I saw an area of Newport that doesn't feel like Newport," Blom said. "It feels like a district removed from who we are. In the end, I think the staff has done a commendable job on getting this to be an area of Newport and bringing it into the fold of what it is we're looking for as a city ... I think we're at a great point right now to start building that community in the airport district."

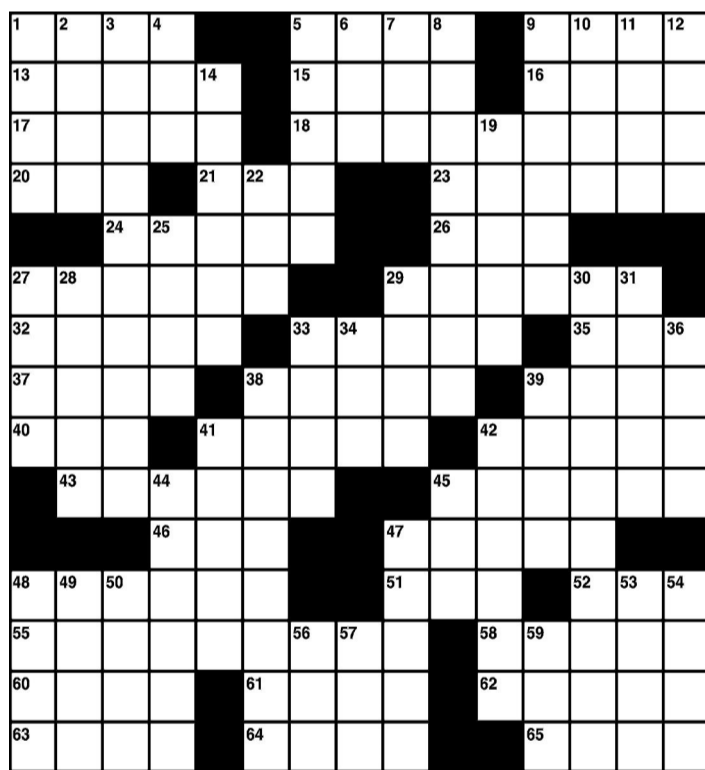
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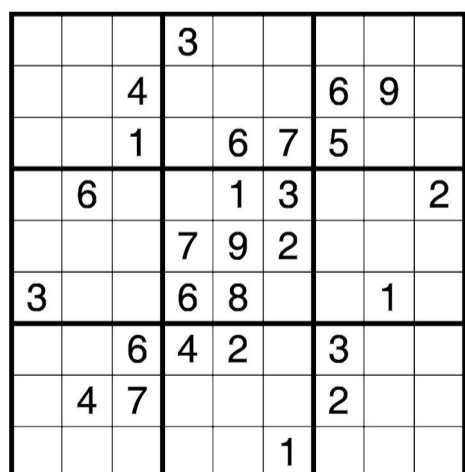
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- 41 Casino machines
- 42 Parts of speech
- 43 "Sesame _"
- 45 Wild feline
- 46 Actress Longoria
- 47 Lifting device
- 48 Paprika & curry powder
- 51 " _ Too Late"; Carole King song
- 52 Everyone
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- 58 Kovacs or Els
- 60 Currier's partner
- 61 Schnoz
- 62 Feet warmers
- 63 New York team



SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

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



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

64 Throw

65 Stingers

DOWN

- 1 Endorse, as a check
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- 3 UK legislature
- 4 Made a lap
- 5 Trusty horse

- 6 Cry of discovery
- 7 Scandinavian airline
- 8 Chefs' workplaces
- 9 Rose _; New Year's event
- 10 Decorates cakes
- 11 Table supports

12 Not relaxed

14 Musical _; kids' party game

19 Fill with joy

22 Car fuel

25 Cold sore sites

27 Small store

28 Melodies

29 Peach stones

30 Unwillingness

31 Steam bath

33 Tap the horn

34 Moist

36 Take a break

38 Amiable

39 Goes up & down

41 Lop

42 Bangs & booms

44 Court break

45 Sci. of plant life

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VACCINE

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Many will be vaccinated directly through employers or assisted living homes. About 80% of the vaccines available for Orange County have gone to traditional healthcare providers, including hospitals, pharmacies and community health centers, according to Jessica Good, the Orange County Health Care Agency's public information manager. The remaining 20% are administered by the county of Orange through Othena.

Residents and those who work in the county are eligible. The county is in Phase 1A — which includes critical and healthcare workers, residents of long-term care facilities and people 65 and older. There have been bugs and subsequent improvements. In the beginning, vaccine seekers had to rely on luck to access the website when the county happened to open up new appointments. Now a waiting list feature allows people to make the appointment when it's their turn.

Early on, seniors waited in lines outdoors for hours, even when they had an appointment. Now wait times are shorter.

"The vaccine process at both sites generally takes between 45 to 60 minutes, which includes a 15-minute observation period," Good said.

The county hopes to eventually open five sites and serve up to 8,000 people daily. Their goal is to vaccinate all county residents who want to be vaccinated by July 4, 2021.

But it's still hard for many residents, especially those in underserved communities, those who lack of access to technology and those with language barriers. Dr. Mai-Phuong Nguyen, who cares for elderly

patients in Orange County, spends her limited free time trying to help seniors sign up for Othena. Many don't have email addresses, which are required to sign up.

She also can't imagine some of her frailer patients over 80 being able to stand in a line for very long.

"We are currently exploring the drive-through model," Good said. "Our ability to open additional super PODs [large distribution sites] will depend on the quantity of vaccines that we receive from the state. The county continues to seek additional allotments."

Orange County Health Care Agency director Dr. Clayton Chau recently spoke of plans to make versions of Othena in Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese and to set up public libraries to assist people who may not have smartphones or internet access.

In the meantime, if you can't get a vaccine through your employer, nursing home or primary care physician, here's how to get your vaccine through the county.

SIGN UP FOR AN OTHENA ACCOUNT

Go to Othena.com or download the Othena app.

You'll be prompted to fill out a COVID-19 vaccination pre-screening questionnaire, where you certify that you live or work in Orange County, whether you're over 65 or work in an industry that makes you eligible for the vaccine.

If you qualify and there are appointments available, you will be able to make an appointment. But more likely, you'll be asked to register (with a unique email address, password, name, date of birth, sex at birth, race, ethnicity, occupation and employer) and be put in a digital waiting room.

HOW THE DIGITAL WAITING ROOM WORKS

Appointments are prioritized based on age, time of registration and available vaccine supply.

You should get an email when it's your turn to

those going to Soka not to arrive more than 30 minutes early, to follow all signage and traffic patterns and to avoid parking on residential streets or in nearby school lots, Good said.

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— Jessica Good

OC Health Care Agency's public information manager

make an appointment, but there are reports that emails go to spam folders or never show up. Until that technical issue is fixed, it's best to be diligent about checking your Othena account regularly.

Once it's your turn, you have a four-hour window to make an appointment. If you don't make an appointment within four hours, Othena will open the slot to someone else, the county said. If you miss three windows, you'll be removed from the queue entirely.

If you need to cancel an appointment, you can do so through Othena.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DISNEYLAND AND SOKA UNIVERSITY SITES

Once you have an appointment, you can choose a time and a location.

Currently, Disneyland administers the Moderna vaccine, while Soka administers the Pfizer vaccine. The Disneyland site is in an outdoor parking lot, specifically the park's Toy Story parking lot at the southeast corner of Katella Avenue and Harbor Boulevard.

Soka's is inside a gymnasium. The county is asking

In general, there isn't a benefit to going over half an hour early, because you line up by appointment time.

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

Individuals must have a photo ID with proof of Orange County residency or Orange County employment, as well as documentation of Phase 1A eligibility, such as one of the following:

- Professional license.
- Employee badge with name.
- Signed letter from employer on facility letterhead.
- Pay stub with printed name.

Those who booked the appointment through the app can show the code that can be scanned on-site. Others can be confirmed through their name, birthday and appointment ID number.

Check the weather report, and dress accordingly if you're going to Disneyland. Appointments have been canceled and rescheduled due to weather.

"For those for whom long periods of standing while waiting in line might pose a challenge, please know that you're welcome

to bring a compact folding chair," said Good. "An umbrella is always a good idea to protect against rain or to offer shade, as is a bottle of water."

Wear a mask too.

HOW DO YOU GET YOUR SECOND DOSE?

Good said that anyone who received a first dose through the Othena system will receive an appointment within the appropriate second-dose timeframe.

The second dose for Pfizer should be administered after 21 days, while the second dose for Moderna should be scheduled after 28 days.

"Othena tracks the data and vaccine type of your first dose to schedule your next appointment and ensure you receive the proper second dose," Good said. "Your second dose will automatically be assigned following your first dose — you may choose to cancel or reschedule."

She recommends regularly monitoring and refreshing your email or your Othena account for appointment updates.

"The community should seek their second dose from the same system that provided their first," she said, whether it was Othena or through their employer or healthcare system.

WHAT ABOUT HEALTH EQUITY?

The county hosts pop-up mobile clinics for vulnerable seniors in critically underserved communities. These often include populations that don't speak English or are undocumented.

Nguyen took her father to a vaccine drive set up in

Little Saigon for the Vietnamese American community, many of whom are monolingual and depend on canes, walkers, wheelchairs and their caretakers.

There have been others set up by groups like Latino Health Access, based in Santa Ana.

"This outreach effort isn't intended for the general public, who typically have resources that many communities of color and lower-income do not have available to them," Good said. "We are working in collaboration with community partners to support these grassroots efforts to reach seniors close to home and offer more vaccination options for this vulnerable population."

STILL CONFUSED?

More information is available at the Orange County Health Care Agency website, including a vaccination distribution plan chart that outlines eligibility so you can see when you might be able to get vaccinated.

For individual questions, call the county's COVID-19 hotline: (714) 834-2000.

Live operators are available Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. They can't make appointments, but they can help troubleshoot.

Email the Orange County Health Care Agency's Immunization Assistance Program (IAP): IAP@ochca.com.

Follow the Orange County Health Care Agency @ohealth on Twitter or Facebook for daily updates.

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| <p>NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WILLIAM J. GREEN, aka WILLIAM JACK GREEN 30-2020-01176404-PR-LA-CJC</p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: WILLIAM J. GREEN, aka WILLIAM JACK GREEN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIAM GREEN, SR. in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.</p> <p>THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILLIAM GREEN, SR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C6 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701</p> <p>(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using the court's designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court's website at http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html to appear for probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Attorney for the Petitioner: JAMES C. CAVIOLA, JR., ESQ. ATTORNEY AT LAW 20422 BEACH BLVD., STE 415 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648 (714) 969-9111 Published in the HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENT on: 1/28, 2/4, & 2/11/2021 BSC 219362</p> | <p>NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDWARD BOZURICH, aka EDWARD STEPHEN BOZURICH 30-2019-01121177-PR-PL-CJC</p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: EDWARD BOZURICH, aka EDWARD STEPHEN BOZURICH A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARY MARGARET ROMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.</p> <p>THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY MARGARET ROMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.</p> <p>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. 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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MATHEW CARPENTER & JEFFREY CARPENTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. 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