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Child sex predator's release raises questions

O.C. officials ask how a man confined in a mental hospital for talking about raping and murdering children shed the offender registration requirement.

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Despite an unrelated sex crime conviction well before being confined for more than 20 years in a state mental hospital for his chilling words about raping and murdering children, Cary Jay Smith rejoined society Tuesday without having to register as a sex offender — and officials are tight-lipped as to why this registration requirement was dropped.

"That is beyond outrageous," said Orange County Supervisors Chair Michelle Steel, who diverted from a standing news conference Thursday about the coronavirus to criticize Smith's release and its apparent terms.

Upping a call she made this week with Orange County District Atty. Todd Spitzer to put Smith back on the sex offender registry, Steel said Smith needs to be reinstationalized, and the state should evaluate the procedures that allowed him to leave lockup.

"That someone this dangerous would be released into our neighborhoods with little to no explanation and not be required to register as a sex offender is both dangerous and nonsensical," she said.

What little is publicly known about Smith's release and registration status is through the letter Steel and Spitzer wrote this week to Gov. Gavin Newsom expressing their alarm.

Their account says the California Department of State Hospitals "is

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

A GROUP of high school-aged kids walk near Heisler Park on Thursday. The mask situation during the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted local schools.

Push for no masks at O.C. schools tied to pro-charter school group

BY SARA CARDINE

A set of controversial guidelines recommending county public school students return to campuses without basic coronavirus precautions has ties to an anti-union, pro-charter school group that is looking to open a new Orange County campus in August.

Members of the county's Board of Education on Monday voted 4-1 to approve guidelines allowing for the reopening of schools without masks, social distancing or reduced class sizes as children, it claimed, "play a very minor role in COVID-19."

The advisory document — which contradicts recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Education and the Orange County Department of Education — was commissioned by executive committee members Board President Ken Williams and Vice President Mari Barke, two vocal proponents of public charter schools and school

A set of guidelines adopted by the county Board of Education has links to an anti-union organization opening a campus in August.

choice.

The pair assembled a panel of physicians, policy experts and a retired school superintendent in a June 24 community forum on school reopening with the intention of producing a document following the discussion that would guide the board's decision making.

Orange County Health Care Agency Director Dr. Clayton Chau and 3rd District Supervisor Don Wagner also participated in the forum, which lasted 3½ hours and drew more than 1,000 community members in person and online.

"We just reached out to different people we knew, we put together this forum and we invited the public," Barke said. "The plan was that a paper would come out of that forum."

The resultant white paper was drafted by Will Swaim, former founding editor of the OC Weekly and president of the California Policy Center, a conservative think tank that frequently criticizes the power of employee unions and advocates for school choice. Swaim also moderated the June 24 forum.

The former journalist confessed his lack of health and medical expertise Wednesday, saying he leaned on his reporting background and network of contacts, along with notes taken at the forum, while compiling the draft. Williams, who also co-hosts the "Radio Free California" podcast for the conservative outlet National Review, later read and annotated the document.

"Mari asked me first to moderate a con-

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H.B. council to eye temporary homeless shelter

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council will consider during its meeting Monday night constructing a temporary emergency homeless shelter.

The agenda item, proposed by Councilman Erik Peterson, would allow for a 40-plus bed temporary shelter in the city's Public Works yard, located on Gothard Street. The proposal is made pursuant to the powers of the city to address a health and safety crisis, as well as pursuant to the city's emergency declaration.

Should the item pass, Huntington Beach City Manager Oliver Chi would be directed to bring back a proposal in two weeks for the shelter.

In February, the council voted unanimously to give city staff the green light to buy a property at

17631 Cameron Lane, approving the use of \$3.16 million for the transaction. An adjacent property at 17642 Beach Blvd. was also authorized for purchase.

Later, in April, council members unanimously approved an Emergency Facility Use Agreement with Orange County to establish an emergency shelter at the Cameron Lane site for homeless residents who are not coronavirus-positive and do not show symptoms.

The Cameron Lane site is still in escrow, Chi said, though construction of the shelter will likely begin in the next couple of weeks, and it should be up and running by late October or early November. He said the site would be used as a temporary shelter for the next three to five years, while the city pursues the longer-term development of an afford-

able housing project on the property.

"At the staff level and at the council level, I know there's a lot of support to try to get something moving to be able to better address the homeless situation," Chi said. "It's definitely an issue that needs attention. We're aware and cognizant of it, and we're trying to find the best way to move forward as quickly as we can."

Monday's meeting begins at 6 p.m. and can be watched on channel HBTV-3 or online at huntingtonbeach.legistar.com.

Residents are encouraged to send comments on agenda items to supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org.

All communications received by 2 p.m. Monday will be distributed to the council prior to consideration of agenda-related

items.

Residents can also call in at (669) 900-6833 to listen to the meeting and comment during designated periods. The webinar ID is 999 4025 9527. Once entering the meeting, the caller will be put in a holding queue to speak in order.

The council chambers will also be open for public comment, but social-distancing measures will be in place and, after making their comments, participants will be asked to leave the chambers. The city will provide an area for viewing the council meeting on television to a limited number of participants.

Time for remarks is limited to three minutes.

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A retired teacher leads the masked resistance in Newport Beach



Steve Lopez | Los Angeles Times

IT'S ABOUT MASKS, and a lone crusader in Newport Beach bucking the tide, Lynn Lorenz, a retired school teacher and prolific writer of letters to editor, advocates for greater mask use and social distancing.

BY STEVE LOPEZ

Lynn Lorenz, a retired teacher who lives on a bluff above the Newport Beach harbor, emerged from her home last week wearing a mask.

Nobody turned and stared, as if she were wearing a lampshade over her head. But Lorenz definitely stood out. On the first 15 minutes of her daily stroll, we saw more than a dozen people, and nobody was wearing a face covering.

Not walkers, not runners, not dog owners, not a woman headed to the park with three kids.

Lorenz said she's gotten dirty looks from people for being masked. As if she's the one who's a bad neighbor.

"They're thinking either that I'm a liberal, or that in Newport Beach, having to wear a mask is an infringement on their rights," Lorenz said.

Jumping into the fray is nothing new for Lorenz. I met the former French and history teacher several years ago when she was one of the activists campaigning against a proposal to turn the open spaces of Newport Banning Ranch into a massive development.

She was drawn into the coronavirus culture wars from the beginning, fearing that residents would pay with their lives for a refusal to heed the warnings from experts about masking and distancing.

Lorenz told me that recently, in the post office near her house, she confronted two women for ignoring signs directing customers to mask up.

"They kind of looked at me, stared at me, and I got out of there real fast," Lorenz said.

But in what feels at times like a lonely crusade, she does manage to exact a small measure of re-

venge. Lorenz fires off scalding emails to public officials, and she is a prolific writer of letters to the editor.

"As I look around our city and see the lack of social distancing and lack of serious concern for the coronavirus, I have become very fearful for our future," said a Lorenz letter to the Newport Beach Independent.

When the Orange County public health director resigned after county supervisors rejected her call for people to wear masks in public, Lorenz went to her key-board and blasted the supervisors.

"I am outraged," she said in a letter published by *Stu News Newport*, adding that she was taking her business from Ralphs in Newport Beach to the Ralphs in Costa Mesa because of a stricter mask policy at the latter super-

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AROUND TOWN



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

ADALYN BRIZENDINE, 4 of Coto De Caza, spins around on the Tea Cups ride at the Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa on July 20, 2019. The O.C. Fair is going virtual for 2020.

Complete with blue ribbons, virtual Orange County Fair opens Friday

The 2020 Virtual O.C. Fair — reconfigured to an online format due to the coronavirus pandemic — opens Friday and runs through Aug. 16 at ocfair.com.

Several fair elements will be highlighted in a social media campaign that runs through July 26 and features fun content with which viewers can interact throughout the summer.

Videos of the fair's favorite performers, photo galleries of summer memories, family activities, contests and more aim to keep people connected to the O.C. Fair no matter where they live. Even the annual Fun Run 5K has gone virtual, with actual prizes for winners.

Fairgoers can learn how to create crafts at home, see how deep-fried Oreos are made, take a tour of Centennial Farm, decipher a magic trick and get the best garden pesto recipe from O.C. Fair staff and partners. A virtual dance party in currently in the works.

Hundreds of competitors are vying for virtual ribbons this year with online entries the public can vote for from home. Among the 33 unique categories this year are those created for these "unprecedented times," including Dough-mestic Baking, Home Landscapes, Best Hen House and photography categories like Bedhead, Empty Streets and Essential Workers.

We Care Wednesday takes place Wednesday, when participants can donate gently used clothing items at specific Goodwill of Orange County locations and receive one free ticket to the 2021 O.C. Fair and a coupon for a free Wahoo's taco.

For more information on the 2020 Virtual O.C. Fair, visit ocfair.com or follow @ocfair on Twitter and @oc_fair on Instagram.

Food drive set for Tuesday in Huntington Beach

A canned/nonperishable food drive benefiting Beach Cities Pantry will be held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Manning Park in Huntington Beach.



A CANNED/ nonperishable food drive benefiting Beach Cities Pantry will be held Tuesday at Manning Park in Huntington Beach.

File Photo

Event organizer Chaya Gottsmann said items being accepted include canned chili, fruits, tuna and chicken, as well as rice bags and pasta bags, boxes and sauces. Baby wipes, baby food, diapers, instant potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, Cup of Noodle soup and macaroni and cheese are also sought.

For more information, contact Gottsmann at chayainthekitch@gmail.com.

Laguna Beach unites to support youth shelter

The Laguna Beach Youth Shelter reported Thursday that it received donations from nearly 40 individuals and organizations since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, its largest basic needs donations from its surrounding community.

Among the organizations are the Laguna Presbyterian Church, Laguna Beach Police Assn., Assistance League, Women's Club of Laguna Beach, St. Mary's Episcopal Church Laguna Beach, Mimi's Tailor & Design, Main Street Laguna Bar, World Newsstand and Laguna Beach Fire Fighters. Donations included items such as masks, meals, produce and snacks, games, books, clothing, household items and cleaning supplies.

"Amid the pandemic, we are so thankful to our local community that has answered the call and risen to the challenge when we needed it most," said Carol

Carlson, program director of the Children's Crisis Residential Program for Waymakers, the organization that runs the youth shelter. "We are so proud to provide essential services to vulnerable individuals in Orange County, especially during this difficult time when it is needed most, and it would not be possible with the help of our neighbors, supporters and generous community."

For more information on how to donate, visit waymakers.org/donate.

UC Irvine offers summer class for high schoolers

UC Irvine is offering a four-week online course called "Leveling Up for College Success," which teaches high school students transferable life skills and how to use past accomplishments to transition academically and personally into college.

The class will cover topics such as expectations of a college or university experience, time management, goal setting, building connections, problem solving, motivation, maximizing resources and study skills.

The class is split into two sections, with the first running from Aug. 1 to 28, and the second session from Sept. 1 to 28. Enrollment in a section costs \$75.

For more information or to sign up for the course, visit bit.ly/3eCuMcH.
—From staff reports

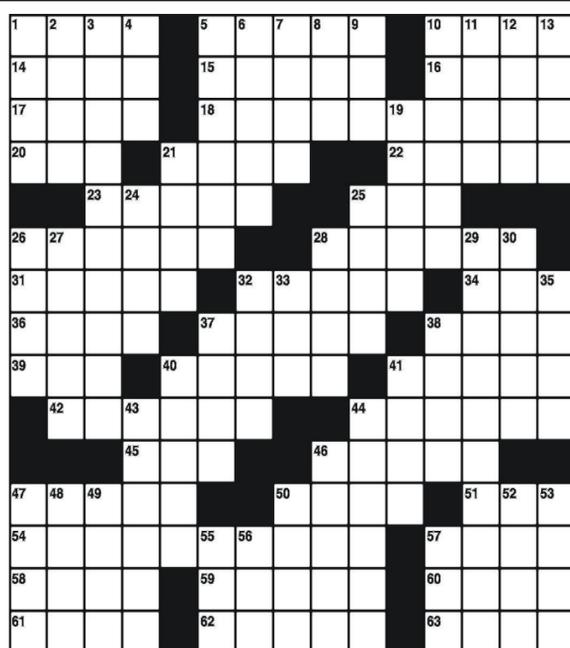
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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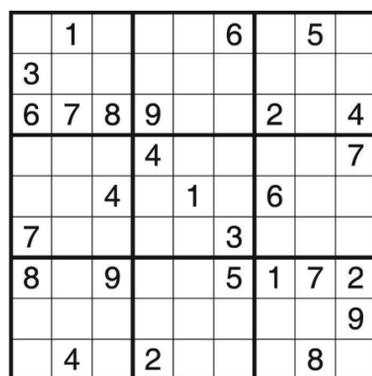
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

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- 6 Lessen
- 7 Sporting event
- 8 Curvy letter
- 9 "Be quiet!"
- 10 Golden _;
- 11 McDonald's logo
- 12 Water barrier
- 13 running mate
- 14 Suffix for young or spin
- 15 Thai or Cambodian
- 21 Part of a cigar
- 24 Anise-flavored liqueur
- 25 Scheme
- 26 Swat

- 27 Purple shade
- 28 Small horse
- 29 Race entrant
- 30 Jump to one's feet
- 32 Venetian blinds piece
- 33 Lily _; floating leaf
- 35 City Field athletes
- 37 " _ Out of My League"; 2010 film
- 38 Boxing match
- 40 Night noise
- 41 Large amount, slangily
- 43 _ Knight & the Pips
- 44 _ for; cheered on
- 46 Antlered animal
- 47 Engrave
- 48 Sandwich shop
- 49 Small fly
- 50 Chef
- 52 Garbanzo _; chickpea
- 53 _ of Capri
- 55 Snoop Dogg's music
- 56 To and _
- 57 Keats' " _ on Melancholy"

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Laguna Beach bumps sewer user charge 5% for 2020-21

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Sewer user charges are officially going up for this year, following a unanimous vote by the Laguna Beach City Council on Tuesday.

The city approved the one-year, 5% increase in May to pay for a wastewater system capital improvement program after originally approving a one-year, 10% increase, following a 1.4-million-gallon sewage spill, but considered other financing options in response to the stay-at-home order by Gov. Gavin Newsom, which city staff said has caused significant impacts to both the city and to ratepayers.

The city of Laguna Beach provides sewer service to about 9,700 users and customers pay for sewage collection service, maintenance of the system and treatment through an annual sewer user charge placed on their property tax bills. Sewer service south of Cardinal Way is provided by the South Coast Water District.

The action taken in May directed city staff to change the adopted budget to reflect the 5% increase and to initiate the process for a protest vote, which began on May 11. There were 9,747 notices

on the sewer charge increase mailed out to each property owner in the city's service area at the mailing addresses on record with the county assessor's office, and only 16 responses were received that protested the increase, a staff report prepared for Tuesday's meeting said.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Laguna Beach City Council also received an update on the implementation of its economic recovery and business development plan, which was approved in May, to revitalize the city's local economy as the coronavirus pandemic has caused the cancellation of one of Laguna Beach's main summer festivals and ahead a prospective \$12-million loss in city revenue.

The plan included 14 recommendations, and Assistant City Manager Shohreh Dupuis said the city has completed six and are working on the remaining eight.

Since May 12, the City Council has approved the Promenade on Forest, which opened on June 15; the first reading of the ordinance that amended business and parking re-

quirements in the Downtown Specific Plan; funding for a business targeting recruiter; formation of the cultural arts invigoration task force; and establishing a grant program for artists called "Fostering Creativity in a Time of Crisis."

Fifteen artists have received grants, Cultural Arts Manager Sian Poeschl said. The task force is currently continuing to develop its recommendations.

Community Development Director Marc Wiener said, so far, the department has issued 10 temporary use permits for outdoor displays and dining for businesses.

The city has also launched its business assistance page on the city's website, deferred its collection of the transient occupancy tax on hotels and developed and enacted an urgency ordinance to defer eviction and rent collection for residential and commercial tenants.

The community development department also said it had received requests to allow for dining in parking spaces, which are called parklets. Discussion is tentatively scheduled for July 21, Wiener said.

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under the impression that the California Department of Justice unilaterally removed Mr. Smith from that requirement in 2005. Assuming that Mr. Smith was mistakenly removed from the registration requirement, [we are] requesting that he be reinstated immediately."

The California Department of Justice did not directly answer the Daily Pilot's questions this week about Smith's registration status, nor has the gover-

nor's office responded to requests for comment from the Pilot.

The district attorney hasn't heard back from the governor either, spokeswoman Kimberly Edds said Thursday. Smith, 59, a former resident of Costa Mesa, was released Tuesday from Coalinga State Hospital, one of five facilities around the state for housing and rehabilitating the severely mentally ill, mostly those in the justice system — convicted felons found not guilty by reason of insanity, seriously mentally ill parolees

and inmates who would otherwise be in prison, and "sexually violent predators." At Coalinga, located about an hour southwest of Fresno, about three-quarters of the patient population is sexually violent predators.

Smith pleaded guilty in 1985 to misdemeanor "child annoyance." According to *Orange County Register* reporting, he paid a young boy money to run naked through a sprinkler.

Child annoyance, under the child molestation code, qualifies an offender

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MAILBAG

A productive society depends on quality education

Given the demise of for-profit colleges — whose true mission seems to have been to rake in bundles of money — mostly from government loans and benefits to veterans, it's not so uncommon to have graduated from a school and then the "school closes down," as one recent graduate of Brethren Christian High School stated. In fact, it is a widespread experience for many graduates of institutions such as ITT Technical Institute and Corinthian Colleges, if not so common among high school graduates.



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

BRETHREN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, which recently closed, was founded in 1947 and it was first located in Seal Beach before eventually moving to Huntington Beach.

requirements will ensure an upward trajectory in schooling.

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

Commission of bad planning?

On July 9, the Newport Beach Planning Commission granted yet another approval to the Shell Service Station located at 1600 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach, immediately adjacent to the community of Big Canyon.

This time the approval was to add a car wash to an already overcrowded site

that has previously received approval to add a mini-mart, which produced noise and traffic, a hydrogen-storage facility, which was unsightly and had lights that shone right into the Big Canyon community, and an approval to expand the mini-mart which added more noise and more traffic.

The commissioners somehow disregarded the "cumulative effects" of their previous approvals, despite a law requiring they do, and found adding a car wash while having to violate their own setback requirements to make it fit on the property was in the

public's best interest and constituted good planning.

Despite overwhelming opposition from those present and no one to speak in favor of the project except the owner's paid representative, and despite no proven need for a car wash in this location, the commission found (with Commissioner Koetting voting no) that the "Operation of the use at the location proposed would not be detrimental to the harmonious and orderly growth of the city, or endanger, jeopardize, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public convenience, health, interest, safety, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the proposed use."

How is that possible?

David B. Kuhn, Jr.
Newport Beach

It seems unbelievable to me that the Newport Beach Planning Commission at the July 9 meeting would ignore the concerns of an entire community within their city. I felt like all 16 of us that were pleading our concerns to the commission until almost 11 p.m. were collectively talking into a complete void.

Planning commissioners then approved the addition of a car wash to an already overcrowded gas station at the corner of San Joaquin Hills and Jamboree Road. This Shell station has already added a mini-mart, a hydrogen storage facility and an expansion of the mini-mart to sell liquor.

Now the commission has allowed a drastic reduction of the code-required setback on a very busy free right-turn lane so this owner could add a car wash.

Why hasn't an environmental impact study been done? In effect, the commission granted a non-Newport Beach resident the ability to slightly in-

crease his profits at the expense of our decreased property values and increased noise environment! By the way, this owner has more than 65 other gas stations and self-serve gas stations that pay no city taxes! Who is benefiting here?

Thank you, Peter Koetting, from the bottom of our hearts for understanding the residents' concerns regarding noise, proximity and health matters to our residents, many of whom are elderly. We truly appreciate your efforts in trying to convince the other commissioners that this was the wrong project at the wrong place.

Shame on Planning Commissioner Sarah Klaustermeier who made the comment, "It's a very busy intersection and they knew that when they purchased their homes. So, I approve it!"

Well Ms. Klaustermeier, none of us knew that the JWA flight plan would be changed to fly over our homes, nor did we know that in 2016 524 units that were grandfathered in by the Irvine Co. would be built, and we had no idea the city would allow for a variance to their 30-foot setback to put additional noise right in our backyards.

The proposed project now goes to the City Council for final approval. Hopefully, council members will listen to our residents and understand the community's valid concerns.

Lynn Swain
Newport Beach

Supervisor's stance unfit

Thanks for the coronavirus surge, Michelle Steel. You have the satisfaction of knowing that you almost single-handedly created the enormous surge in cases hitting Or-

ange County today. Especially thanks for helping to force the resignation of Orange County's health officer, refusing to mandate safety measures, and using your position to disseminate false information. I sincerely hope to see the end of your presence in public life after November.

Deborah Koken
Costa Mesa

To be convinced that Michelle Steel is the official Trump franchisee in Orange County, look no further than the video of her smiling broadly into the camera as she talks about removing her daughter from UC Santa Cruz and sending her to Marymount ("one year of brainwash" — her words) because her daughter supported marriage equality. She sees the equality and dignity of another person as a reason to brainwash her own daughter. She can't use the Trump excuse that this is fake news or a hoax. Search using three words: "Michelle brainwash video." There she is.

These are the words of an immigrant who claims to have faced discrimination for being different — at the same time she promotes discrimination against others for being different.

She has completely aligned herself with the divisiveness and the ugliness of the Trump brand and the plunge by today's Republicans into the bottomless pit of anything goes.

A person who promotes discrimination — or laughs about the equality of another person — is morally unfit to hold public office. Another thing she has in common with Trump.

Voters: when a person shows you who she is — believe her.

Thomas J. Peterson
Newport Beach

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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2020 6571585
6/26, 7/3, 7/10, & 7/17/2020

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **WALLACE AVENUE APARTMENTS** 1915 WALLACE AVENUE, COSTA MESA, CA 92627, Orange County, 570 HAMILTON COSTA MESA, INC. 22982 MILL CREEK DRIVE LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653 This business is conducted by: a Corporation The Registrant(s) Commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 2/28/1997 Signed Linda J. Goldsman, Secretary This statement was filed with the County of Orange on 6/30/2020.

2020 6578077
7/10, 7/17, 7/24, & 7/31/2020

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **HAMILTON STREET APARTMENTS** 570 / 574 HAMILTON STREET, COSTA MESA, CA 92627, Orange County, 570 HAMILTON COSTA MESA, INC. 22982 MILL CREEK DRIVE, LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653 This business is conducted by: a Corporation The Registrant(s) Commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 9/16/1994 Signed Linda J. Goldsman, Secretary This statement was filed with the County of Orange on 6/30/2020.

2020 6578100
7/10, 7/17, 7/24, & 7/31/2020

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **BORCHARD AVENUE APARTMENTS** 1214 / 1222 EAST BORCHARD AVENUE, SANTA ANA, CA 92707, Orange County, 570 HAMILTON COSTA MESA, INC. 22982 MILL CREEK DRIVE, LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653 This business is conducted by: a Corporation The Registrant(s) Commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 3/17/2016 Signed Linda J. Goldsman, Secretary This statement was filed with the County of Orange on 6/30/2020.

2020 6578049
7/10, 7/17, 7/24 & 7/31/2020

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **STANDARD AVENUE APARTMENTS** 1005/1009 STANDARD AVENUE, SANTA ANA, CA 92701, Orange County, 570 HAMILTON COSTA MESA, INC. 22982 MILL CREEK DRIVE, LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653 This business is conducted by: a Corporation The Registrant(s) Commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 3/17/2016 Signed Linda J. Goldsman, Secretary This statement was filed with the County of Orange on 6/30/2020.

2020 6578045
7/10, 7/17, 7/24 & 7/31/2020

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **MAPLE AVENUE APARTMENTS** 2009 MAPLE AVENUE, COSTA MESA, CA 92627, Orange County, 570 HAMILTON COSTA MESA, INC. 22982 MILL CREEK DRIVE, LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653 This business is conducted by: a Corporation The Registrant(s) Commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 8/01/2011 Signed Linda J. Goldsman, Secretary This statement was filed with the County of Orange on 6/30/2020.

2020 6578053
7/10, 7/17, 7/24 & 7/31/2020

Business Names

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **WILSON STREET APARTMENTS** 800 WILSON, SANTA ANA, CA 92627, Orange County, 570 HAMILTON COSTA MESA, INC. 22982 MILL CREEK DRIVE, LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653 This business is conducted by: a Corporation The Registrant(s) Commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 2/28/1998 Signed Linda J. Goldsman, Secretary This statement was filed with the County of Orange on 6/30/2020.

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T.S. No.: **2019-02738-CA** A.P.N.: **139-181-22**
Property Address: **3025 SAMOA PLACE, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/03/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: **REBECCA L Dodge, A Single Woman**
Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC**
Deed of Trust Recorded **02/08/2006** as Instrument No. **2006000089982** in book ---, page --- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **Orange** County, California,
Date of Sale: **09/14/2020 at 03:00 PM**
Place of Sale: **ON THE FRONT STEPS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE ORANGE CIVIC CENTER 300 E. CHAPMAN AVENUE, ORANGE, CA 92686**

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: **\$ 603,698.58**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: **3025 SAMOA PLACE, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**
A.P.N.: **139-181-22**

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: **\$ 603,698.58**.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **(866)-960-8299** or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case **2019-02738-CA**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary
C/o **1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237**
Ventura, CA 93003
Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299
<http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>

Date: July 13, 2020

Trustee Sale Assistant

WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

SALE LINE PHONE NUMBER: (714) 730-2727 / Web site address: www.servicelinkasap.com DATE: June 19, 2020
CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY FORECLOSURE DEPARTMENT 560 E. HOSPITALITY LANE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 (909) 884-0448 Teresa M. Drake, Vice President A-4724982 07/03/2020, 07/10/2020, 07/17/2020

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CHARTER

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versation, then came back and said, 'I know you do a lot of policy work, would you put together a policy paper?' Swaim said, describing a goal to find the best information he could on the virus as it relates to children. "I started by calling a few doctors."

Despite his efforts, some are casting aspersions on the white paper's findings and citations. A letter issued Tuesday by Rep. Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach), Linda Sanchez (D-Whittier), Katie Porter (D-Irvine) and three other congressional Democrats, lawmakers requested a briefing with board members and Orange County Health Care Agency officials to clarify key points of the document.

Dan Cooper, a professor of pediatrics and UC Irvine's associate vice chancellor for clinical and translational science who participated in Orange County Department of Education Supt. Al Mijares' OCDE task force, said Thursday the white paper was "very poorly annotated," citing one study on the efficiency of masks protecting against influenza in 2010 and several newspaper articles.

"It's very safe to say the level of scientific review was deficient," Cooper said. "There are at least

100 articles in the last couple of months regarding COVID-19 and face masks. This is hardly a review of the literature at all."

In a joint statement Wednesday both Wagner and Chau seemed interested in distancing themselves from the Board of Education's vote Monday, clarifying they had no involvement in developing the guidelines and encouraging the panel to "remain guided in their plan by the medical professionals."

"Supervisor Wagner and Dr. Chau did not write, edit or review the 'white paper' the Orange County Board of Education brought forward," the release stated. "[They] believe the Orange County Board of Education should follow the same procedures in determining the best way to safely reopen schools. However, it is important to reopen safely when the epidemiological data makes sense."

One of the doctors Swaim reached out to while researching the white paper was Michael Fitzgibbons, a St. Joseph Hospital-Orange infectious disease specialist who participated in the forum, where he described face masks on children as "burdensome" and "detrimental."

Another chosen panelist was Larry Sand, president of the California Teachers Empowerment Network, a self-described peer support group for educators that



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THREE HIGH SCHOOL-AGED kids have lunch at Heisler Park in Laguna Beach on Thursday.

calls union actions into question.

In recent years, Sand has had several articles published on Swaim's California Policy Center, some centering on a coordinated attack on charter schools by the government and unions. His most

recent piece, "Biden does teachers union bidding," was published Tuesday.

Barke said the impetus for the forum was to create a transparent and public discussion, after she'd learned Mijares had convened a

task force to develop reopening guidelines for 27 Orange County school districts and would not let board members participate.

Mijares said Thursday he didn't

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RELEASE

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to register as a sex offender, and Steel and Spitzer's letter notes that he had complied with registration requirements for that crime in the past.

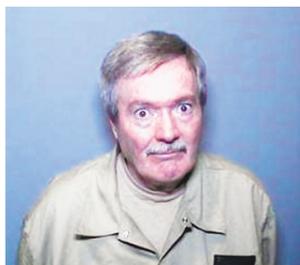
But that offense wasn't what hospitalized Smith. Rather, he was involuntarily committed from 1999 to this week for writing about his violent sexual fantasies toward a 7-year-old boy in his parents' Costa Mesa neighborhood. He was not charged for that letter, but it was enough to put him in state hospitals — Coalinga, and before that, Patton

State Hospital in San Bernardino — for 21 years, even though he argued for his freedom at semi-annual civil trials over the years, as allowed by law.

But he testified frankly at these trials about his deviant urges toward children — including how he wanted to be known as "Mr. RTK," for "rape, torture, kill," and admissions that he could reoffend if released, according to the Steel-Spitzer letter.

"If a child predator for years is saying at every hearing he's likely to reoffend, that should raise red flags, not the green light to allow him back into the community," Steel said Thursday.

Smith briefly returned to his



Cary Jay Smith

hometown Wednesday night, with police aware of his movements. He was gone by early Thursday morning and had never entered a residential area, the

Costa Mesa Police Department said in social media posts.

He is not currently wanted for any crimes.

In a letter Thursday of her own to Newsom, Lynn Rinner turned over an online petition with 4,500 signatures requesting Smith be required to register as a sex offender. Rinner is the mother of the Costa Mesa boy referenced in Smith's 1999 writings.

"My son was incredibly fortunate to not have been harmed but other children will not be as lucky. There is no question that Smith will offend again," she wrote. "I am appalled at his release and even more so knowing

that the safety net that should be in place has been removed. The public is asking — begging — DEMANDING! — that you reinstate his Megan's Law registration requirement."

Rinner said in an interview that her biggest concern is that Smith doesn't need to register.

"I think at this point with him out and no one knowing where he is, at the very least they need to be a little bit scared," she said. "And if they're scared they'll be more aware of what's going on. Because he's somewhere right now."

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WILLIAM M. VAS aka WILLIAM MATTHEW VAS aka MATTHEW VAS

30-2020-0112589 1-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: **WILLIAM M. VAS aka WILLIAM MATTHEW VAS aka MATTHEW VAS**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Charmaine Elizabeth Neighbors** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Charmaine Elizabeth Neighbors** 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 **August 06, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at **700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701**

(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using 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.

Attorney for the Petitioner: **Abbas K. Gokal, Esq. & Nicholas D. Porrazzo, Esq. GOKAL LAW GROUP, INC. 26080 Towne Centre Dr. Foothill Ranch, CA 92610 (949) 753-9100**
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BSC 218505

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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
Introduce the Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTERS 25.05 (ADMINISTRATION) AND 25.07 (COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS) OF THE LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE WITH CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION'S SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS" was introduced at the City Council meeting of July 14, 2020, on the following 5-0 vote: **AYES:** Blake, Iseman, Kempf, Dicterow, Whalen, NOES: None, ABSENT: None. The proposed Ordinance will amend portions of the Municipal Code pertaining to Coastal Development Permits and Design Review.

Lisette Chel-Walker, CMC, City Clerk
Publish: July 17, 2020

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: POURAN AZAR SHEIDAYI, aka POURAN A. SHEIDAYI, aka POURAN SHEIDAYI

30-2020-01146323-PR-PL-CJC
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **POURAN AZAR SHEIDAYI, aka POURAN A. SHEIDAYI, aka POURAN SHEIDAYI**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **PAUL D. VELASCO** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **PAUL D. VELASCO** 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 **September 03, 2020 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.

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Attorney for the Petitioner: **PETER A. SAHIN, ESQ. VELASCO LAW GROUP, APC 333 W. BROADWAY, STE 100 LONG BEACH, CA 90802 (562) 432-5541**
Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 7/10, 7/16, 7/17/2020
BSC 218493

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CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 27, 2020** at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:
Applicant No.: PA-20-04
Applicant/Agent: Josoalka LLC / David Sheegog
Site Address: 1815 Anaheim Avenue
Zone: R2-HD (Multiple-Family Residential, High Density)

Description: Planning Application 20-04 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the establishment of a child care learning center (Kiddie Academy) in the R2-HD (Multiple-Family Residential, High Density) zone in conjunction with proposed renovations and additions. The proposed project involves the demolition of 2,122 square feet of building area, the remodel of the remaining structures (approximately 4,269 square feet), a new 2,468-square-foot building addition, and outdoor play areas and shade structures. The proposed 6,737-square-foot facility would serve up to 114 children and have 15 employees (13 teachers and 2 part-time administrative staff). The facility would be a drop-up/pick-up program only. Proposed hours of operation are from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM, Monday through Friday; use of the outdoor play areas would be limited to the hours of 9:30 AM to 5 PM.

Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.

Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, City Hall and the Council Chambers are closed to the general public. Planning Commission meetings will be held remotely until further notice. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting remotely during COVID-19. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/commissions-and-committees/planning-commission/agendas-videos-minutes/2020-agendas-and-minutes>. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the 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. Members of the public who wish to make a comment on may submit your comment via email to PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov. Comments received by **12:00 PM** on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City as described above **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM** on the day of the hearing. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.

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AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CODE AMENDMENT CO-2020-04 TO AMEND TITLE 13 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE (PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT), RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

The Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider Code Amendment CO-2020-04 to amend portions of Title 13 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code (Planning, Zoning, and Development) to modify and establish standards and fees for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units consistent with State Law. The update includes revisions to the following chapters:

- Chapter I, Article 2: Definitions
- Chapter IV, Citywide Land Use Matrix
- Chapter V, Development Standards
- Chapter VI, Off-site Parking Standards
- Chapter XI, Subdivisions
- Chapter XII, Special Fee Assessments

Environmental Determination: The ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule).

The public hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: Monday, July 27, 2020

TIME: 6:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter

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CHARTER

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feel it was appropriate to include board members in what was essentially a non-public meeting between superintendents and staff members.

"Mari made a comment she'd like to attend the meeting, and I said it's not an open meeting, it's a meeting of people who largely work in the system," he said. "Members of the public can't just walk in there."

Barke said board members are frequently kept out of the loop regarding department affairs.

"The public thinks we know what's going on, but our superintendent never lets us know," she said. "We were absolutely refused, so I thought I just might have to create a forum of my own and invite the public to view some information."

Williams, a primary care physician, sought participation among his colleagues and secured a handful of medical experts for the panel discussion.

Barke invited Sherry

Kropp, the retired superintendent at Los Alamitos Unified School District, where Barke's husband, Jeff, served as a trustee for several years. Jeff Barke, also a primary care physician, is board chair for the Orange County Classical Academy, a public charter school whose petition to operate was approved by Orange Unified School District Board of Education in January.

The campus plans to open next month and "will follow all legal mandates regarding COVID-19 and school opening," according to the charter school's website.

"Absent a mandate from a federal, state or county agency, we will open on site as planned," the site states. "The science and statistics support opening OCCA on August 13th with minimum restrictions including no mandatory masks (but recommended as state/local rules allow) on children or staff."

Mari Barke said Wednesday she sees no conflict of interest in her husband's position with the charter school, since the academy

is a nonprofit and was approved locally and not by the county Board of Education, on which she sits.

The Orange County Classical Academy will operate under the aegis of the California Policy Center, a fact Swaim confirmed Wednesday.

The school — described in an article on the California Policy Center website as one that will "scrap" Common Core learning and offer "nonpornographic, age-appropriate, and medically accurate" sex education classes — currently has a waiting list at every grade level, Swaim said.

"Our school is trying to find a wealthy benefactor who will allow these students to come in," he added.

In separate interviews, both Barke and Swaim described the Orange County Board of Education guidelines not as a mandate, but as something intended to be a tool for parents

"We're not telling anybody to do anything," Barke said. "We just wanted [parents] to know there are choices, and it's up to them to make the best choice for

their families."

Ultimately, school districts will have the final say in adopting their own guidelines for reopening schools if and when state and county officials determine it is safe to do so, rendering the board-adopted white paper authoritatively moot.

But Barke sees the recommendation as a bargaining tool parents can take to their local school leaders to start their own conversations about the needs of children.

"Talk to your trustee," she said. "See if there's a free charter school somewhere you feel you can commute to see if their planning to open. I know my husband's is."

Swaim, who is open about his opposition to public employee unions, similarly encouraged parents and guardians who don't like decisions being made in public schools to act.

"Find a public charter school — those are free to the public and they're typically superior in terms of a quality education," he said. "If we can get parents

switched into charter schools or private schools, we're going to make those union schools pay for their failings."

ORANGE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Orange County Health Care Agency on Thursday reported 873 cases of the coronavirus and 11 new deaths, bringing the county's total number of cases to 27,904 and fatalities to 466.

The figures showed a decline from record-high infections recorded last week when county officials logged 1,333 new cases in a single day on July 8.

Reports indicate that among all infections recorded so far, nearly 44% — about 12,264 people — have recovered from the virus. Approximately 711 people were being hospitalized from the virus Thursday, including 245 receiving treatment in ICU units. Countywide ICU bed availability is estimated to be 36.5%.

The cumulative number of COVID-19 tests administered rose to 334,011, with 5,010 tests issued in the past 24 hours.

People between the ages of 25 and 34 account for about nearly 23% of all infections recorded in Orange County with 6,389 cases. Children under 18 account for 1,585 cases.

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

- Santa Ana: 5,225 cases; 122 deaths
- Anaheim: 4,792 cases; 112 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 1,357 cases; 43 deaths
- Irvine: 907 cases; seven deaths
- Costa Mesa: 865 cases; five deaths
- Newport Beach: 668 cases; three deaths
- Fountain Valley: 276 cases; eight deaths
- Laguna Beach: 105 cases; fewer than five deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc.

For information on getting tested, visit occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing.

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RESISTANCE

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market. "I, for one, regretably will not be doing business with any indoor environment that does not require masks and I urge others to do the same for their protection."

I called Tom Johnson, publisher of Stu News Newport, and told him I wanted to inquire about one of his more prolific letter writers.

"Lynn Lorenz," Johnson said before I could say her name.

Lorenz submits at least one letter a week to him, Johnson said, and she's a good writer, though he sometimes has to trim a few words. In Newport Beach, registered Republicans outnumber Democrats by about 2-1. (Lorenz is a "D.") Johnson said he tries to publish different views and appreciates

Lorenz's contributions.

Lorenz and I — masked, and keeping six feet between us — walked down the hill and past a park to a little shopping center across the street from the Rusty Pelican. The mask wearing count was close to 50-50 in the shopping center, but at one restaurant with outdoor seating, tables and customers were far too close together, in my opinion.

In one storefront, a clerk told us she gets three or so customers a day who ignore posted signs and refuse to wear masks. Sometimes, she said, masked and unmasked patrons air their grievances with each other.

In one case, said the clerk, a customer argued that she refused to cover her face because she wanted to build up her immunity. That strategy, by the way, hasn't worked too

well in Sweden.

But everyone seems to be an epidemiologist these days. As I read various letters to editors published in Orange County, I came upon one that reminded me of readers who have pushed back against columns in which I've suggested we'll all get back to normal much sooner if we play it smart.

"What's worse than an infection?" asked a letter to the editor published June 9 in the Orange County Register. "Government intervention."

Hmm. I thought the problem was the scandalous lack thereof, beginning at the top. But for some people, it's all about rights rather than responsibilities. And for some, the right to resist trumps the right of others to not be needlessly infected.

Orange County isn't the only place in California

where there's resistance to masks and distancing, even as the number of COVID-19 cases statewide has exploded following attempts to partially reopen for business. But after weeks of going after her local public officials for underplaying the threat, Lorenz is looking like both a scold and a sage.

Orange County public health officials said last week that hospitalizations had spiked 97% in three weeks, and they predicted the impact on the health-care system will get worse in the coming days and weeks. The number of confirmed cases is now doubling every 13 days, according to a Times analysis.

In Newport Beach last week, I wandered beaches and the commercial strip near the pier, where some people wore masks and distanced while others did neither. One young woman, visiting from Redlands with

friends, told me she'll wear a mask where it's required. But she doesn't think they work, though she couldn't explain how she arrived at that conclusion.

Lorenz blames some of the resistance on President Trump, who refuses to wear a mask and has hosted massive public gatherings where they're not required. But in her published letters, she goes after closer targets.

She did get attacked by another letter writer a while back for lauding Gov. Gavin Newsom's early attempts to corral the virus.

Her critic accused Lorenz of having fawned over Newsom while ignoring his failings.

Lorenz, undeterred, has kept her pen sharp, saving her sharpest critiques for Newport Beach city officials and county supervisors.

"In this jabberwocky world of Orange County politics, where down is up

and up is often down, don't be surprised if our local leaders try to start blaming someone else for the upsurge in coronavirus cases. They will undoubtedly shift the blame for opening the economy too soon," Lorenz wrote in a letter published recently by the Daily Pilot.

"Let's not forget their failure to support science and health leaders and their continuous rebellious nature against those who are working to do the right thing," Lorenz wrote. "Let's not let them get away with it."

I don't know if, in the end, enough people will heed her warnings.

But Lorenz, the masked crusader, said she intends to keep writing.

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