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**IRENE SANTOS** and Matthew Rodriguez look at a photograph of their father, Armando Rodriguez, a Fountain Valley Regional Hospital & Medical Center employee who died of COVID-19 earlier this month, during a rally demanding stronger COVID-19 protections for caregivers and patients.

## Workers at embattled F.V. Regional Hospital demand COVID-19 tests

BY SARA CARDINE

Employees of Fountain Valley Regional Hospital & Medical Center called Armando Rodriguez the “Candyman,” because whenever the imaging aide walked the hallways, he’d pass out sweets to friends, coworkers and people he’d meet.

“My father loved working at Fountain Valley Hospital,” daughter Irene Santos recalled Monday. “He loved his coworkers.”

Rodriguez’s upbeat attitude and can-do spirit endured even after the coronavirus pandemic hit. When his brother and two young grandsons tested positive for the virus in July, Rodriguez reported his possible exposure to hospital managers and was allegedly told to wear a mask and monitor for symptoms, according to Santos.

Rodriguez continued to report for duty,

As colleagues fall victim to the coronavirus, employees say new patients and healthcare workers exposed to the virus should be tested in house. Meanwhile, O.C. virus rates continue to climb.

possibly exposing other employees to the virus, before he began showing symptoms. Santos said her father was once asked to wipe down an MRI machine used on a COVID-19 patient that should have undergone thorough disinfection.

“Fountain Valley [Hospital] should never have told him to come to work and put his coworkers at risk and put patients at risk,” she said. “They should have quarantined him and told him to get tested.”

Though it’s unclear whether Rodriguez contracted the coronavirus through his exposure at work or in his household, the Santa Ana resident was admitted to the hospital

multiple times throughout the months that followed.

Despite a valiant fight, Rodriguez succumbed to COVID-19 on Nov. 6. He was 65.

In a rally Monday outside Fountain Valley Regional Hospital & Medical Center, Santos and her father’s colleagues — in an effort organized by the National Union of Healthcare Workers — beseeched hospital leaders to test exposed employees and all incoming patients to stop the spread of coronavirus.

“I’m proud to stand here with my father’s coworkers and support their call for more

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## Teachers seek to reclose secondary schools

NMUSD district officials urged to return middle and high schools to distance learning as O.C. coronavirus cases rise.

BY SARA CARDINE

With coronavirus cases surging statewide — and as Orange County health officials reported Monday a record 1,422 new infections in a single day — teachers in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District are urging officials to reclose secondary schools to in-person learning.

In a letter to school board members issued Monday, representatives of the Newport-Mesa Federation of Teachers claimed an inability to regulate large gatherings of teens in common areas and insufficient COVID-19 reporting and contact tracing protocols were increasing the risk for exposure.

“[We] are compelled to speak plainly and openly on the ill-planned and experimental hybrid model, its failed implementation and operation and the imminent danger it has created,” the letter begins.

The missive comes days after state officials issued a statewide curfew prohibiting nonessential activities after 10 p.m. and one week after Orange County was moved back to the most restrictive purple reopening tier, indicating “widespread” transmissions.

Union leaders are asking that thousands of middle and high schoolers, who came back to campuses earlier this month under a modified schedule, return to distance learning following the Thanksgiving break.

“The hybrid model is a literal

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## Costa Mesa man suspected of sexually assaulting minors

BY SARA CARDINE

Police officers on Monday arrested a 69-year-old Costa Mesa resident who formerly served in several civic positions and with organizations throughout Orange County, on suspicion of sexually assaulting two underage girls and are seeking to identify possible additional victims.

Mark Allen Korando was arrested and booked Mon-

day on suspicion of digital penetration of a victim under 10, lewd acts on a child and continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14, according to a release issued Tuesday by the Costa Mesa Police Department.

Costa Mesa police began investigating Korando after the mother of two girls — a 14-year-old and her sister,



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Mark Allen Korando

## Protesters demonstrate in H.B. in defiance of curfew

BY ROSANNA XIA

A couple of hundred protesters, many donning bright red caps and waving American flags, gathered Saturday night at Huntington Beach Pier in defiance of the state’s coronavirus curfew that went into effect at 10 p.m.

Under the new stay-at-home order issued by Gov. Gavin Newsom, most non-

essential activity is prohibited outside the home from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Many protesters said this restriction goes against their civil liberties.

“I think there are too many restrictions, as is,” one protester told KCAL/CBS-TV.

“Obviously, a lot of people don’t agree with what our governor and city officials are doing, but I’d pre-

fer to see something done a little bit different but curfews are just a little too far.”

Most law enforcement officials in Southern California have said they would not be enforcing the curfew, which will remain in place through Dec. 21.

“There were no issues with the crowd,” said

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## Newport Beach teen nominated for Kid of the Year award

Chloe Mei Espinosa, 14, convinced the Newport-Mesa Unified School District to eliminate plastic straws from its 32 campuses in 2018. She didn’t stop there.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

It started at Newport Coast Elementary School.

Chloe Mei Espinosa, asked to identify a passion project she could research and act on in the sixth grade, had recently seen a video of a sea turtle with a plastic straw lodged in its nostril. For her project, she decided she’d try to eliminate plastic straws and launched “Skip the Plastic Straw,” with a website called *skiptheplasticstraw.com*.

Not long after, she was an incoming seventh-grader to Corona del Mar Middle School when she campaigned the Newport-Mesa Unified School District to stop offering plastic straws with student lunches and convinced Dale Ellis, then the district’s director of nutrition services, to remove plastic straws from all 32 school cafeterias in addition to making paper straws available.

“When I heard the good news, I felt like the ocean was giving me a

huge hug, saying, “Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping me,”” Chloe Mei said about her efforts in 2018.

It is now two years later, and Chloe Mei, 14, said she has convinced the Saddleback Valley Unified and Capistrano Valley Unified school districts to make the switch and skip plastic straws too. She’s also managed to get a hospital in Irvine and another in her hometown of Newport Beach to phase them out. In acknowledgment of her efforts, she’s been nominated for the first Nickelodeon and TIME magazine Kid of the Year award.

The prize, for which Chloe Mei is a top-20 finalist, looks to recognize young leaders who are making a positive impact in their communities. The top five honorees will be featured in a television special hosted by Trevor Noah of “The Daily Show,” with one nominee to be recognized as

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**CHLOE MEI ESPINOSA**, with straws, is among the top 20 nominees for Nickelodeon and TIME’s Kid of the Year. Sister Ella Lin, who helps her with the campaign and videos, stands with an awareness poster, and her mom, Alison Yap, and dad, David, join them at Corona del Mar State Beach.

# COVID-19 OUTBREAK AT CONCORDIA INFECTS 49 STUDENTS, 16 EMPLOYEES

BY LUKE MONEY

A coronavirus outbreak at Concordia University in Irvine has infected more than 60 students and employees, prompting campus officials to cancel athletic practices and urge against out-of-state travel for Thanksgiving.

The active cases — 49 on-campus students and 16 on-campus employees, according to the university's COVID-19 dashboard — were found through antigen testing that "was made available to our students who wished to be tested prior to returning home for Thanksgiving break," officials said.

The "large majority" of affected students and employees are asymptomatic, officials added, and all are isolating.

"All the students have transitioned into isolation housing, and all are presently awaiting confirma-

tion of the positive results through PCR testing," Concordia's COVID-19 response team wrote in a campus update Saturday. "Contact tracing, quarantine and subsequent testing of close contacts is ongoing."

Another 15 students "have been placed in quarantine in accordance with the university's health and safety protocols," officials said, adding that "all students in isolation and quarantine are receiving daily health checks, meals service delivered to their rooms and access to laundry service."

As a precaution, all athletic practices have been canceled for the rest of the year, according to the university.

Officials also urged students and employees to abide by the terms of California's recently issued travel advisory and remain in the state for Thanksgiv-

ing. Word of the outbreak — which accounts for the vast majority of the 80 cumulative cases confirmed at the campus throughout the course of the pandemic — comes just days after Orange County officially moved into the strictest "purple" tier of the state's coronavirus reopening road map.

As a result, many businesses and other public facilities had to suspend or severely limit their indoor operations.

Concordia, a private Lutheran university with more than 4,000 students, previously announced that most of its classes would move back to on-line instruction as of Monday.

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## SUSPECT

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aged 12 — contacted law enforcement in September and alleged she'd recently learned the man had inappropriately touched the children, the release stated.

Detectives later interviewed the girls, with assistance from the Child Abuse Services Team, and learned the sexual assault had reportedly begun approximately two years earlier, the release stated.

During their investigation, detectives learned Korando is a member of a local church located on the 1700 block of Baker Street, where he had occasion to chaperone groups of girls on out-of-state trips as part of a church-led effort to support communities in

need.

A website maintained by Mesa-Verde United Methodist Church, whose location coincides with the block and street listed in the release, names Korando in connection with multiple acts of service.

Authorities located the suspect Monday at his home, where he was interviewed and subsequently arrested and booked at the Costa Mesa Police Department. As of Tuesday, he was being held at the Orange County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Newspaper archives and Korando's LinkedIn profile indicate the Costa Mesa resident worked for 22 years as a volunteer and later as senior vice president for the Orange County chapter of Habitat for Humanity in Santa Ana,

from which he retired in 2017, according to an organization newsletter.

He was appointed to the Costa Mesa Planning Commission in 1991 and later resigned in 1996 for appointment to the board of directors of the Mesa Consolidated Water District.

Also in 1991, Korando was short-listed for appointment to the Costa Mesa City Council in a seat left vacant by the resigning Councilman Ed Glasgow. He ran for the City Council three years later but secured less than 9% of the vote, the Daily Pilot reported.

From 2005 to 2007, Korando was a senior building inspector in the city of Irvine. He also reportedly worked as a plan check in-

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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

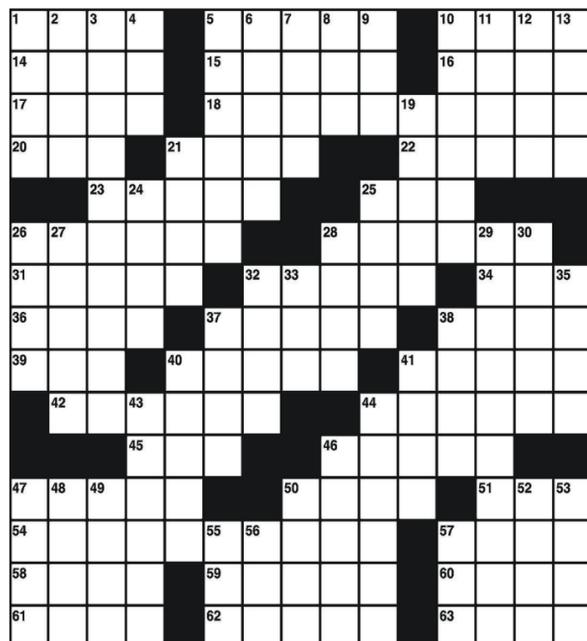
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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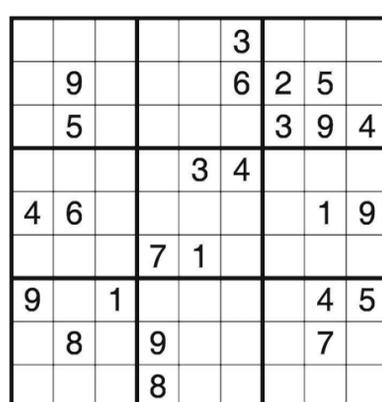
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## SUDOKU

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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



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

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# Newport Beach Restaurant Week to be postponed

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach Restaurant Week has been officially postponed.

Barring another delay, the 14-day-long dining event, initially scheduled for January, will take place in the spring. An official date has not been set.

In what would have been its 15th iteration, the postponement of the event comes in response to the pandemic.

Earlier this month, Gov. Gavin Newsom shifted Orange County — along with dozens of other counties — back into the purple, “widespread” tier.

Cases have skyrocketed, with Orange County hitting a single-day high of 1,422 new infections on Monday.

The change in tiers means a change in the restrictions surrounding businesses. For restaurants, that means a return to outdoor dining and takeout exclusively as indoor dining rooms are shuttered.

The decision was made last Wednesday during a Newport Beach Restaurant Assn. Business Improvement District meeting.

“We really decided it was just more prudent to push it forward to the spring. I think the community has been so supportive and I think if it was takeout only, they would be supportive of it,” said Carlos Godinez, Newport Beach Restaurant Assn. president.

“But, it made more sense for the restaurants to cinch their belts and figure



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**GUESTS PARTICIPATE** in the Newport Beach Restaurant Week kickoff party at the Lincoln Experience Center at Fashion Island on Jan. 9 this year.

out what’s going on today.” Godinez, who is also the general manager at Tavern House Kitchen + Bar, said

that weather in California would still allow for outdoor dining and that the association wanted restaurants to be able to focus on their dining spaces through the holidays and the start of 2021.

He added that the association would be meeting again on Jan. 27 to firm up the timeline and details on how Restaurant Week will proceed in the spring, but that they “won’t let it get to the summer.”

“I think [Newport Beach Restaurant Week’s] always — for years now, it’s been an event that brings new faces to our restaurants,” Godinez said. “All the restaurants put together prefixed menus at varying prices. It’s an opportunity for people that maybe have never tried your restaurant or haven’t been there in years to sample all the rest of the restaurants in the community.”

Godinez said the event is great for guests, foodies and is a “shot in the arm” for restaurants, but that they didn’t want to take away from a difficult situation for restaurateurs and the health of their staffs.

“We just decided that where we are at today in Orange County, because we rolled back into the purple tier and because restaurants will have limited seating capacity and won’t have the bandwidth or the capital to participate during this time,” Godinez said. “We look forward to postponing and bringing it back in the spring and encourage the public to keep supporting local restaurants until then.”

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## HOSPITAL

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COVID testing for both caregivers and patients,” Santos told a crowd of nearly 100 people. “My hope is that Fountain Valley Regional Hospital starts taking COVID-19 as seriously as my family does.”

Monday’s was the latest of several demonstrations held at the Fountain Valley facility, owned by Tenet Healthcare and the focus of a survey conducted in July by the California Department of Public Health Department and federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services in response to a NUHW complaint.

That survey determined the site put caregivers and patients at risk by scattering COVID-19 patients throughout the facility and assigning staff to treat infected and uninfected patients. Hospital officials were required to prepare and present a plan of correction to address the findings.

While NUHW members and employees consider the intervention a victory, they are still pushing for all newly admitted patients and potentially exposed employees to be tested for COVID-19. Union leaders also want health-care workers to be routinely



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**WORKERS GATHER** on Monday for a rally demanding stronger protections against the coronavirus for caregivers and patients at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital & Medical Center.

tested.

“Even though Fountain Valley has made some improvements in response to the state’s investigation, it is still not doing nearly enough to protect its employees or patients from COVID-19,” distribution technician Justin Evans said Monday via loudspeaker. “We live in a world where pro-

fessional athletes are tested every day for COVID while healthcare workers treating patients aren’t tested at all.”

Tenet Healthcare spokesman Todd Burke said Tuesday that the hospital continues to follow guidelines issued by the state Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

vention.

“To prevent potential exposure, all physicians, nurses and staff who care for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients are required to wear the appropriate PPE,” Burke said by email. “Testing of patients is provided based on symptoms and physician orders. If an employee is symptom-

atic, we follow the CDC’s return-to-work guidance for testing.”

For certified nursing assistant Mailinh Nguyen, however, more regular testing needs to be done to keep patients and workers safe. Nguyen was exposed to the virus in late July, after sitting with a patient who later tested positive, and was told to keep working and monitor symptoms.

She later quarantined for weeks, staying with a cousin and in motel rooms to keep from potentially exposing her aging parents.

“The only thing we ask for is that all employees need to get tested — that’s all,” she said.

On Tuesday — one day after county officials reported a record 1,422 daily infections — the Orange County Health Care Agency reported another 837 new cases and two deaths, for a countywide total of 71,953 cases and 1,556 fatalities.

A reported 463 residents were being treated in area hospitals, a 27% increase in the three-day average of hospitalizations, with 116 in intensive care units. About 28% of Orange County ICU beds remained available Tuesday.

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**HUNDREDS HOLDING** flags and carrying signs gather at the Huntington Beach Pier on Saturday in defiance of the state’s coronavirus curfew that went into effect at 10 p.m. that day.

## CURFEW

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Huntington Beach Police Lt. Julio Mendez, who said approximately “a couple hundred people” gathered by the pier Saturday evening. “The protest itself was peaceful, and unless there is a crime we’re not dispersing anybody.”

Health officials had warned about the interventions that would come with spiking case counts and hospitalizations.

Coronavirus cases began to surge in late October, sending officials scrambling to get the rise under control.

As of Saturday night, California was averaging more than 11,500 new coronavirus cases a day over

the last seven days, more than triple the number of a month earlier, according to a Times analysis.

On Saturday, Orange County reported 806 new cases and 11 related deaths, bringing its total to 69,142 cases and 1,551 deaths.

Officials cautioned that lower case counts over the weekend could reflect maintenance of the state’s reporting system, not a true decline.

Protesters have also gathered in Los Angeles County, where the average daily case count over the last four days has been 4,442.

A protest Friday outside Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti’s official residence was billed as “Curfew Protest Block Party: No More Lockdowns.”

Garcetti last week had called on people to please just stay home when possible.

“This is a different kind of moment, a new level of danger,” he said.

“If we don’t make these decisions now, there really is only one outcome: We will almost certainly have to shut things down again. And more people will get sick and die.”

“We must stay at home as much as possible for the next two to three weeks, except for accessing essential services, food and outdoor exercise.”

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## AWARD

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Kid of the Year and be featured on a cover of TIME with a story in TIME for Kids.

The special will air on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Nickelodeon, TeenNick and Nicktoons. Each of the five kids will have the chance to receive a cash prize and be a kid reporter for TIME for Kids with exclusive access to a Nickelodeon event.

The Mater Dei High School freshman said Monday she’d first gotten word of her nomination in September but wasn’t sure she’d get further than that.

When she found out she got into the top 50, she was even more surprised.

“I feel so honored to be recognized for my work, and it’s a great opportunity for me to spread my message,” Chloe Mei said. “It’s so cool for other people to see what I’m doing and what all the other kids ... [are] doing as well.” Her mother, Alison Yap, said she was proud of her eldest daughter, adding that the whole family was in tears when they found out she’d made it to the top 20 nominees.

“She’s being recognized for what she’s doing,” Yap said. “[Chloe Mei’s] a very positive girl. She’s always so happy. During COVID, it

was really hard. It hit her quite badly with a lot of events she wasn’t able to attend, including promoting from eighth grade to high school, but she still kept a positive attitude.”

“With this recognition, it really lifted her spirits,” she added. “It motivates her to keep wanting to go on.”

The pandemic has made it difficult for Chloe Mei to work on her “Skip the Plastic Straw” campaign but not impossible. She’s participated in remote campaigns such as the Ocean Heroes Virtual Boot Camp and launched a YouTube channel with her younger sister, Ella Lin, called “Sustainable Sisters,” where they review ecofriendly



**CHLOE MEI ESPINOSA**

makes a presentation before the Newport-Mesa Unified School District After-School Educators Group in 2018 a call for campuses to skip the plastic straw.

Photos courtesy of Alison Yap

products.

Though she doesn’t know if she’s made it to the final five, Chloe Mei said she plans on approaching her high school in the near future with a proposal to eliminate single-use plastic bottles and to reach out to the Newport Beach City Council to see if the city can also skip plastic straws and offer paper straws instead. The topic has come up before city officials in the past.

Newport previously banned Styrofoam in 2008 but made some exceptions for ice chests, egg cartons and prepared food packaged outside of town. Proposed foodware changes came up at a meeting for the city’s Water Quality and Coastal Tidelands Committee in December.

Chloe Mei said plastic straws are still offered on request, but she wants to ask if the city could switch to paper straws on request

instead to “eliminate the source completely.”

“I want to keep up doing videos and show you can live a sustainable life and it doesn’t have to be hard,” Chloe Mei said. “You don’t have to do completely no waste right away. It can be one small step, like changing that single-use water bottle to a reusable water bottle.”

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## CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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## SUSPECT

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spector in the city of Downey from 2008 until 2019.

Among his affiliations on LinkedIn, Korando listed “family and youth volunteer leadership” with YMCA

of Orange County.

Detectives with the Costa Mesa Police Department are seeking the public’s assistance in identifying other potential victims to whom Korando may have had access through his involvement with the local church and the community.

Anyone who may have additional information, or who believes they may have been a victim, is asked to call Det. Dan Holl at (714) 754-4873 or Sgt. Scott Stafford at (714) 754-4933.

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CASE NO. 30-2020-01168799-PR-PW-CJC  
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDRIANA SELLERS in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDRIANA SELLERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost 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.

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(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.courts.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 a 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 OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANTONIO FRANCIS STELLINO

30-2020-01169626-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: ANTONIO FRANCIS STELLINO

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NICHOLAS A. STELLINO in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NICHOLAS A. STELLINO 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 December 16, 2020 at 10:30 a.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.courts.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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### CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH Public Works Department

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ON-CALL PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE SERVICES PW-20-0010  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Public Works Department of the City of Laguna Beach, California, for furnishing all labor services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, utilities and all other items and facilities necessary therefore, as provided in the contract documents to provide On-Call Pavement Maintenance Services at various locations throughout the City of Laguna Beach together with appurtenances thereto, in strict accordance with the specifications on file at the Department of Public Works, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California 92651.

DATE OF OPENING BIDS: Bids will be received at the City of Laguna Beach until 10:00:00 a.m. on December 10, 2020, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Laguna Beach City Council Chambers located at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. All bids must be submitted online through Planet Bids. No Hand-Delivered or courier delivered bid packages will be allowed.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work to be performed shall include, but not be limited to: Asphalt and Concrete Pavement Maintenance Services such as demolition, saw-cutting, excavation, minor grading, compaction, AC cold milling, PCC grinding, forming, AC paving, concrete paving, traffic control, hauling, disposal, water quality BMPs, and other items not mentioned here, but required by the complete contract documents.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Contractor must possess a minimum of three (3) years' experience within the last five (5) years. Bidders who fail to meet these minimum qualifications shall have their bids deemed "non-responsive."

To obtain a copy of the Bid Documents, please visit the City of Laguna Beach's website [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) Click on the "Government" tab and then "Public Works", and review the information under the Bid Information tab on the Left side of the page. Next, click on the "e-Procurement System" link. If you are not currently registered with the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the "New Vendor Registration" button and then complete the electronic supplier registration process including selecting Category Code(s) describing the goods and/or services you provide, as well as entering your Contractors State License information. After registering your firm, click on the "Bid Opportunities" button to view and download the Bid Documents. Interested firms must be registered on the City's website and download the Bid Documents in order to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to download, and acknowledge in the bid submittal, any and all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION: All questions relative to this project prior to opening bids shall be prepared in writing and transmitted to the attention of Reza Jafari, Deputy Director of Public Works by email to [rfafari@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:rfafari@lagunabeachcity.net) with a copy to Adam Gufarotti, Senior Public Works Analyst at [agufarotti@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:agufarotti@lagunabeachcity.net). Requests for Information and other inquiries will not be accepted after 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2020, as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

Thank you for taking the time to submit a bid to the City of Laguna Beach.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST Loan No.: PRATT RESS ORL No.: 77064 A.P. NUMBER 117-253-05 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/25/2015, 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. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on 12/16/2020, at 01:30PM of said day, At the North front entrance to the County Courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701, RESS Financial Corporation, a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by JENNIFER B. PRATT, A SINGLE WOMAN recorded on 03/11/2015, in Book N/A of Official Records of ORANGE County, at page N/A, Recorder's Instrument No. 2015000126634, by reason of a breach or default in payment or performance of the obligations secured thereby, including that breach or default, Notice of which was recorded 7/30/2020 as Recorder's Instrument No. 2020000370129, in Book n/a, at page n/a, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, lawful money of the United States, evidenced by a Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, or the equivalent thereof drawn on any other financial institution specified in section 5102 of the California Financial Code, authorized to do business in the State of California, ALL PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE, all right, title and interest held by it as Trustee, in that real property situated in said County and State, described as follows: LOT 44, TRACT 1101, BOOK 35, PAGE 28, OF MISC. MAPS The street address or other common designation of the real property hereinabove described is purported to be: 316-318 BROADWAY, COSTA MESA, CA 92627. The undersigned disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation. Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or other encumbrances, to satisfy the unpaid obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein; plus advances, if any, thereunder and interest thereon; and plus fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligations at the time of initial publication of this Notice is \$301,865.98. In the event that the deed of trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing from one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f: 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 are 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 the 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's 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 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 77064. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Dated: 11/13/2020 RESS Financial Corporation, a California corporation, as Trustee By: GRACE GROVES, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER 1780 Town and Country Drive, Suite 105, Norco, CA 92860-3618 (SEAL) Tel.: (951) 270-0164 or (800)343-7377 FAX: (951)270-2673 Trustee's Sale Information: (916) 939-0772 or [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) NPP0372133 To: ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT 11/25/2020, 12/02/2020, 12/09/2020

## Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.) Escrow No. 73348-55

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name and address of the Seller/Licensee is: **MARLIN UNDERWOOD-3606 PARK LANE, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663**

The business is known as: **MARLIN CLUB**  
The name and address of the Buyer/Transferee is: **MARLIN CLUB, LLC - 3334 E. COAST HIGHWAY, SUITE 418, CORONA DEL MAR, CA 92625**

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: **NONE**  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: **FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY AND TYPE 48 ABC LICENSE** and are located at: **108 CATALINA AVENUE, AVALON, CA 90704**

The ABC License to be transferred is: **ON-SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISES License No. 48-454836** now issued for the premises located at: **108 CATALINA AVENUE, AVALON, CA 90704**

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **UPON ISSUANCE OF THE PERMANENT ABC LICENSE TO BUYER** at the office of: **FEDERAL ESCROW, INC, 23734 VALENCIA BLVD #100A, VALENCIA, CA 91355**

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of **\$300,000.00**, which consists of the following: **DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$300,000.00**

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Date: **8/20/2020**  
**MARLIN UNDERWOOD, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION**, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)  
**MARLIN CLUB, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, Buyer(s)/Transferee(s)  
**ORD-113244-C DAILY PILOT 11/25/2020**

Loan No.: Fox TS No. 2020-10160 APN: 440-281-26  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/15/2016, 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. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on 12/9/2020, at 1:30 PM of said day, At the North front entrance to the County Courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701, Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by John Daniel Fox, a Married Man as his sole and separate property recorded on 11/23/2016 in Book n/a of Official Records of ORANGE County, at page n/a, Recorder's Instrument No. 2016000595604, by reason of a breach or default in payment or performance of the obligations secured thereby, including that breach or default, Notice of which was recorded 8/13/2020 as Recorder's Instrument No. 2020000406609, in Book n/a, at page n/a, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, lawful money of the United States, evidenced by a Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, or the equivalent thereof drawn on any other financial institution specified in section 5102 of the California Financial Code, authorized to do business in the State of California, ALL PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE, all right, title and interest held by it as Trustee, in that real property situated in said County and State, described as follows: Parcel 1: Lot 23, Tract 6905, per Map, Book 308, Pages 27 to 32 inclusive of Miscellaneous Maps. Parcel 2: An appurtenant non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress throughout Lot 65, Tract 6905, per Map, Book 308, Pages 27 to 32 inclusive of Miscellaneous Maps. The street address or other common designation of the real property hereinabove described is purported to be: 509 Ventaja, Newport Beach, CA 92660. The undersigned disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation. Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or other encumbrances, to satisfy the unpaid obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein; plus advances, if any, thereunder and interest thereon; and plus fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligations at the time of initial publication of this Notice is \$254,179.96. In the event that the deed of trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing from one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f: 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 are 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 the 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's 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 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2020-10160. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Dated: November 13, 2020 Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California Limited Liability Company Christopher Loria, Trustee's Sale Officer P.O. Box 3552, Paso Robles, CA 93447 (SEAL) Tel.: (805) 296-3176 Fax: (805) 323-9054 Trustee's Sale Information: (916) 939-0772 or [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) NPP0372140 To: NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT 11/18/2020, 11/25/2020, 12/02/2020

# Fountain Valley woman, 85, struck, killed in parking lot

An 85-year-old woman was struck and killed by a car on Saturday after a Lexus SUV backed into her in a Ralphs parking lot in Fountain Valley.

The Orange County coroner's office identified the pedestrian as Fountain Valley resident Lavonne Perez.

Officers responded to a call at around 4:35 p.m. on Saturday at 18405 Brookhurst St., where the Lexus had been backing up out of a parking spot when the car struck Perez, according to a Fountain Valley Police Department statement. Police said the driver then "subsequently

drove over her."

Perez was later transported to Orange County Global Medical Center in Santa Ana, where she was pronounced dead. The driver, identified only as a 70-year-old Fountain Valley woman, remained at the scene. Police said she is cooperating with investigators.

Police said drugs or alcohol do not appear to be a factor in the collision at this time, but the investigation is ongoing.

Any witnesses are encouraged to contact the department traffic bureau at (714) 593-4481.

— Lilly Nguyen



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**STUDENTS EXIT** Corona del Mar High and Cdm Middle schools on Nov. 9. On Monday, teachers union officials urged the Newport-Mesa Unified School District to reclose secondary schools until safety protocols could be tightened up.

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accident waiting to happen," the letter states.

NMFT President Tamara Fairbanks said Monday teachers have become increasingly alarmed watching students socialize without masks, congregate inside vehicles and share food before, after and in between classes. She claims an online COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the district fails to paint an accurate portrait of risk.

"They're congregating in large masses and they're not complying with physical distancing at all," she added. "And we're seeing a lot of kids in quarantine, but kids in quarantine are not reflected in the dashboard."

Fairbanks said teachers are noticing widespread absences, possibly indicating students who may be self-quarantining, and are sometimes not notified when someone in their class has tested positive for the coronavirus.

NMUSD spokeswoman Annette Franco clarified Monday all confirmed coronavirus cases are input into a portal as soon as information is reported by district employees or by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

"Whenever there is a confirmed case in our schools, we wait until all the appropriate people have been notified, and we add it to the dashboard," she said.

As of Monday, the district had reported 35 school-site infections, including eight at Costa Mesa High and

Middle schools, two at Newport Harbor High, three at Estancia High and two at Corona del Mar High and Middle schools. Another three were reported among district staff not working on school grounds.

In a districtwide statement responding to NMFT's request to return secondary schools to distance learning, officials indicated they would continue to follow state guidance, which allows schools to remain unless multiple infections occur within a cohort or class, or more than 5% of a site's teachers or students test positive for the coronavirus.

"Multiple safety precautions and procedures have been implemented in alignment with the California Department of Public Health Guidance. However, as with any new system there will be some challenges," the response stated. "While COVID-19 data continues to rise ... Orange County districts are not required to move to distance learning."

The teachers union isn't asking for the district to reclose its elementary schools, which reopened in September.

"The nature of the elementary model does not allow students to congregate during the school day," Fairbanks said. "We would love for all schools to go to distance learning. However, our focus was to mitigate the spread at the secondary levels, where congregating and distancing is more difficult to manage."

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