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**A HIGH TIDE** wave crashes in Laguna Beach on Tuesday. Large swells and nearly 7.0 high tides have combined to batter the coast at sunset time all week.

## Berms go up in Newport Beach ahead of expected high tides

The beach berms are returning to Newport Beach's coastline as the National Weather Service warns of evening tides anywhere between 7 and 7.5 feet across coastal Orange County.

The notice went out on Tuesday afternoon and is in effect through Thursday.

The National Weather Service warned of minor tidal overflow into low-lying beach areas — such as on the Balboa Peninsula, where streets on the westernmost end of the island are only 5 feet above sea level — boardwalks and parking lots.

Recently, the Newport Beach City Council received a presentation on updates to the 1930s drainage system on Balboa Island to address the issue of flooding.

The peninsula flooded last July and it's flooded previously in 2018 and 2019, albeit the latter to rainstorms.

Workers were out on Monday with heavy equipment to build up the berms and they were in place by Tuesday, said John Pope, a spokesman for the city of Newport Beach.

"A beach hazards statement is issued when threats such as strong rip currents, elevated surf



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**MICHAEL MARTINEZ** with the Newport Beach Public Works Department places a sign on a sand berm near Balboa Pier on Wednesday. The sand berm is in place to protect coastal properties from high tides.

heights, minor tidal overflow or lightning are possible at local beaches," the National Weather Service said in its warning, add-

ing that there may be strong currents. "Obey posted warning signs and flags and talk to a lifeguard

before swimming. Use caution when in or near the water and always swim near a lifeguard."

— Lilly Nguyen

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## Newport terminates its local emergency status

The council unanimously votes to dissolve the action that was taken in March 2020 in response to the pandemic.

**BY LILLY NGUYEN**

It's official! The Newport Beach City Council unanimously voted Tuesday to terminate its pandemic-related local emergency, ahead of state action.

The city initially declared its local emergency status on March 15, 2020.

The declaration granted Newport Beach access to state and federal resources. Councilman Will O'Neill requested at a City Council meeting earlier this month for city staff to bring back an item that would allow the city to dissolve the local emergency.

Following council action, it was officially terminated on Tuesday night after nearly 16 months. With it went emergency powers granted to City Manager Grace Leung and emergency ordinances on outdoor dining — which city officials extended through early September — and holds on short-term lodging.

That same day, the Orange County Board of Supervisors moved to maintain the local state of emergency.

"I've been looking forward to getting to the point that we could even have this conversation, let alone pass it for over a year now," said O'Neill, who was serving as mayor at the start of the pan-

## Inclusivity a watchword at Newport Beach church



Photos by Susan Hoffman

**BISHOP'S WARDEN** Meagan Cooper, center right, celebrates Pride Month with, from left, Jackie Freeman, and Maggie and Rod Adams at St. James Episcopal Church in Newport Beach.

**IRENE VECCHIONE**, in white jacket, sits among the congregation at St. James Episcopal Church.



**BY SUSAN HOFFMAN**

Josh Vecchione, a transgender male, had spoken in front of large groups before, but a recent Sunday would be his first time speaking before a church congregation.

He sat across from the Rev. Canon Cindy Evans Voorhees for the "Altarside Chat" in honor of Pride Month at St. James Episcopal Church in Newport Beach.

Vecchione, who had had sex reassignment surgery to become male 44 years ago at the age of 20, explained, "I always felt like a boy, since I was 8 years old."

As a result of gender reassignment, Vecchione, an Orange County resident, has endured intolerance, exclusion and strife. He has been called "one of those freaks" by a DMV clerk, prompting stares from the room full of people. He has been followed when he walked down the street in his neighborhood where he'd once been class president of his high school.

He was embroiled in a court case for 10 years, fighting for custody with his ex-wife over their young daughter. He had set a precedent in being recognized legally as a gender reassigned male to marry and parent, which generated national media attention. But it was expulsion from his place of worship that was the most hurtful.

"More devastating than going through the custody trial was to have my church turn their back on me, saying I'm not good enough to be at church anymore," Vecchione said. "It's sad to be shunned from a church

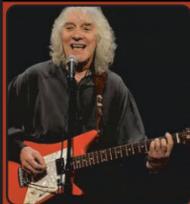
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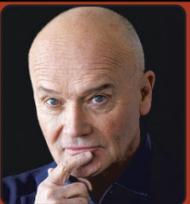
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SAT, JUL 10  
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SUN, JUL 11  
**CREED BRATTON**



THU, JUL 15  
**HENRY KAPONO**

- 6/24 ALBERT LEE
- 6/25 STEVE TYRELL
- 6/26 ABBAFAB
- 6/27 THE SPINNERS
- 7/2 SKELETON CREW (GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE)
- 7/3 WILD CHILD 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
- 7/8 STRANGELOVE (DEPECHE MODE TRIBUTE)
- 7/9 KELLY BOWLIN & THE BEALE STREET PLAYERS
- 7/10 LEE ROCKER OF THE STRAY CATS
- 7/11 CREED BRATTON FROM THE OFFICE
- 7/15 HENRY KAPONO
- 7/16 KILLER & THE KING (ELVIS & JERRY LEE LEWIS TRIBUTE)
- 7/17 THE HIGHWAYMAN SHOW
- 7/23 BEATLES VS STONES
- 7/24 YOUNG DUBLINERS
- 7/25 KEB MO
- 7/29 THE MARSHALL TUCKER BAND
- 7/30 THE RISING (BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE)
- 7/31 MISSING PERSONS
- 8/1 SUBURBAN SKIES
- 8/6 THE MOTELS
- 8/7 THE BABYS
- 8/13 HONK
- 8/14 BERLIN
- 8/20 THE TUBES
- 8/21 THE SMITHEREENS WITH VOCALIST MARSHALL CRENSHAW
- 8/26 BRIAN REGAN
- 8/27 YACHTLEY CREW
- 8/28 YACHTLEY CREW
- 8/29 THE 5TH DIMENSION
- 9/1 TONY ORLANDO
- 9/3 LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)
- 9/5 THOMPSON SQUARE ACOUSTIC
- 9/8 BUDDY GUY
- 9/10 CHRISTONE "KINGFISH" INGRAM
- 9/11 TOMMY CASTRO
- 9/12 THE FUNNIEST HOUSEWIVES
- 9/17 SAVOY BROWN
- 9/18 WILD CHILD (DOORS TRIBUTE)
- 9/19 BENISE
- 9/23 BILLY BOB THORNTON & THE BOXMASTERS
- 9/25 THE FENIANS (HALFWAY TO ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION)
- 10/1 VENICE
- 10/3 WAILERS
- 10/8 JD SOUTHER
- 10/9 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 10/10 GEOFF TATE



SAT, JUL 31  
**MISSING PERSONS**



FRI, AUG 6  
**THE MOTELS**



SAT, AUG 7  
**THE BABYS**



FRI, AUG 13  
**HONK**

- 10/13 FRANK MARINO AND MAHOGANY RUSH
- 10/14 JOHN HIATT & JERRY DOUGLAS BAND
- 10/16 TAPE FACE
- 10/17 ROBERT EARL KEEN
- 10/23 OINGO BOINGO FORMER MEMBERS
- 10/24 HEIDI NEWFIELD
- 11/3 THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY
- 11/4 FIREFALL
- 11/5 RONSTADT REVIVAL
- 11/7 ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION
- 11/11 JD SIMO / GA-20
- 11/12 FIVE FOR FIGHTING w/STRING QUARTET
- 11/13 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 11/20 WHICH ONE'S PINK?
- 11/26 LA GUNS
- 11/27 METALACHI
- 12/2 THE PLATTERS
- 12/4 DSB (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)
- 12/9 LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)
- 12/10 JOHN MAYALL / WALTER TROUT
- 12/12 ROBERT CRAY
- 12/17 AMBROSIA
- 12/18 BERLIN
- 12/19 GARY "HO HO" HOEY
- 12/23 AN EVENING w/ DAVID BENOIT CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS
- 12/26 BUCKCHERRY / JETBOY
- 1/7 QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)
- 1/8 QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)
- 1/13 GINGER BILLY
- 1/15 THE BLASTERS
- 1/22 JOAN OSBORNE / THE WEEPIES
- 2/3 THE GILMOUR PROJECT
- 2/6 AN EVENING WITH DAMIEN ESCOBAR
- 2/12 OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA
- 2/13 KINGSTON TRIO
- 3/10 KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD
- 3/13 GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA
- 3/21 TINSLEY ELLIS
- 4/2 Y&T
- 4/16 MARC COHN
- 4/17 MARC COHN



SUN, AUG 29  
**THE 5TH DIMENSION**



WED, SEP 1  
**TONY ORLANDO**



SUN, SEP 5  
**JOHN F. NOLAN**



WED, SEP 8  
**BUDDY GUY**

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## NEWPORT

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democratic. "We've seen some substantial ups and we've seen some substantial downs and we have fortunately seen a decrease [of COVID-19 cases] in the last couple of months that, honestly, it's amazing for so many reasons."

O'Neill said that, circumstantially, Newport Beach should have been hit a lot harder as a city due to its aging population, but wasn't — at least in part because many residents are either retired or are able to work from home.

Census data from 2019 indicates that at least 23.1% of the city's population is over the age of 65. About 17.2% are under the age of 18 and 3.9% under the age of 5.

"A lot of other communities couldn't say the same thing. So, this is a fortunate community and we need to recognize there are demographic reasons for the ability for us to weather this and to come out OK," O'Neill said.

"There is a lot to be said about the way that things worked out for our city.



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**MARCOS ESCUTIA** of Costa Mesa wears a unique face mask at the Newport Pier in Newport Beach on May 7, 2020.

There are obviously ways to improve and I do hope that none of us up here have to experience that again in our lifetimes, let alone from the dais."

O'Neill thanked city staff for their efforts and added that he felt that governments should give up their declared states of emergency when they could no longer justify keeping them in place.

Councilman Noah Blom said that even being able to talk about the termination of the local emergency was one of the most exciting issues to come up to him on the dais since his appoint-

ment to the council in December.

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon said the past year was an interesting case study in the powers that be at the state, county and city level, joking that someone might write a legal book on how the state of California responded to the pandemic.

Residents raised concerns about whether or not the termination of the local emergency would limit Newport Beach's access to additional funds to make up for what was expended

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**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **MANUELA BEATRICE MAYEDA** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MANUELA BEATRICE MAYEDA** 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 July 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LINDA FRANCINE MIMS, aka LINDA F. MIMS, aka LINDA MIMS 30-2021-01205689-PR-PW-CJC

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**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **PATRICIA ANN BARTELME** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **PATRICIA ANN BARTELME** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on August 04, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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**BEACHGOERS PRACTICE** social distancing near the Newport Pier on May 23, 2020.

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by the city in response to the pandemic.

Leung said the city has submitted all potential reimbursements through Tuesday and that it had received the first installment of the American Recovery

Rescue Plan Act.

Leung said that if there are additional expenses such as vaccination clinics after the termination of the local emergency, it is possible the city will not be reimbursed for those.

Mayor Brad Avery said the arrival of the pandemic brought about "real existential questions" at the

country, county and community level.

Avery said that he was amazed at how the county operated and thankful for how Newport Beach fared.

"This is our Independence Day," Councilwoman Diane Dixon said.

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## CHURCH

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because of who you choose to love. We're all the same."

Vecchione, a jeweler, city commissioner and funeral service director who holds degrees in psychology and deaf studies, had once been fully accepted into that church. Among his contributions over the 15 years there was his deaf ministry; he was interpreting by signing on stage every Sunday and also teaching a class in sign language.

The upheaval that elicited the pastoral decision from the Orange County megachurch occurred after a former high school classmate approached church officials about Vecchione's gender change. That news, along with the custody event going public, set into motion his separation from the church.

He was ordered to either repent, admit he was a sinner and go back to being a

female or he could no longer be a member of the church. Nor could his parents, if they continued to support him.

He recalls the pastor's words: "When you get to heaven, what's God going to say?"

Vecchione's dad, who attended the same meeting with the pastor, interjected, "He's going to say, 'Job well done, come on in,' and to you people, you're hypocrites."

While Vecchione's once accepting church environment shattered, Meg Cooper's grew stronger.

New to California, Cooper stumbled across St. James Episcopal Church, which happened to be down the street from her home on the Balboa Peninsula.

"After my first visit I was excited to go back, it was such a welcoming community," said Cooper, who hadn't felt that way when she visited other churches. "The couple sitting next to

me encircled me afterward and invited me to the after-church hospitality service."

Cooper was about to learn welcoming went beyond church walls. While at her bank one morning, she ran into Voorhees, senior priest from the church, who apparently remembered her and noticed she had been absent for a time. Voorhees pointed her finger at Cooper and said, "Where have you been? You need to come back."

They headed to Starbucks next door where Voorhees took the time to get to know Cooper and where the then-newcomer became comfortable enough during the conversation to talk about her sexuality.

"[Voorhees] was overly welcoming, which was so refreshing," said Cooper, an openly gay female. "It made me want to give my time and resources."

Five years later, in January 2021 Cooper took on the role of Bishop's Warden

## LAGUNA

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ever to use deadly force on him."

Officers had been attempting to make a traffic stop near the intersection of Smithcliffs Road and North Coast Highway at about 6:20 p.m. the evening of the incident.

Steinmetz then drove off, striking two vehicles with officers in pursuit, authorities said in a news release.

The pursuit crossed over into Newport Beach before Steinmetz turned his vehicle around and headed back into Laguna Beach on Coast Highway.

Officers employed a pursuit intervention technique, a maneuver utilized to cause a vehicle to spin out and stop, the statement said.

The release added that Steinmetz "quickly exited the vehicle" and was shot by police.

Laguna Beach police

Lt. Jim Cota told the Daily Pilot that Steinmetz was taken to Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo to be treated for his injuries.

He was said to be in "critical but stable condition" following the incident.

There were no other injuries resulting from the incident, including to the drivers of the two vehicles that were struck during the pursuit.

"[The police] violated Mr. Steinmetz's, our client's, 4th Amendment rights, and we're suing. Of course, we're suing," Contreras said.

"This is a grave injustice because this was a person who is a veteran, who is a minister, and the only reason why he was in this situation was because his ... prescription meds were off, and he wasn't thinking clearly."

Contreras added that body camera video has not been released with respect to the incident.

"It seems like they're

operating in secrecy, so we'll see what the truth reveals," Contreras said.

Steinmetz pleaded not guilty to all charges in a court appearance on April 21.

He faces felony counts for unlawful taking of a vehicle, evading a peace officer, reckless driving and resisting an executive officer.

He has also been charged with a misdemeanor for a hit-and-run incident resulting in property damage.

Orange County Dist. Atty. spokeswoman Kimberly Edds confirmed that if convicted on all charges, Steinmetz faces a maximum sentence of three years and eight months in state prison, plus an additional 180 days in Orange County jail.

Phil Kohn, the city attorney for Laguna Beach, declined to comment for this story.

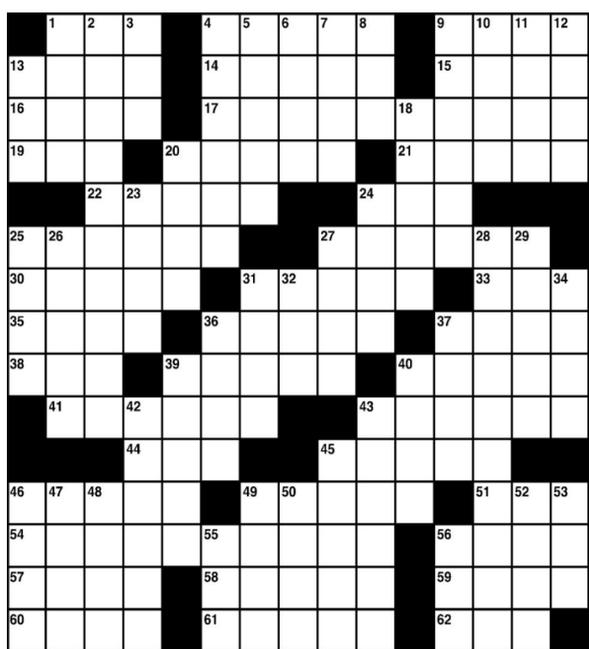
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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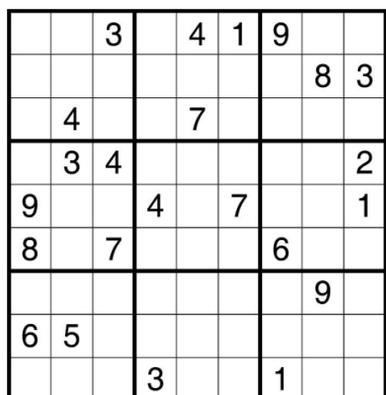
- 1 "Pardon me?" less politely
- 4 TV's "Green \_"
- 9 Cheerios ingredients
- 13 Fish in a casserole
- 14 "Be quiet!"
- 15 \_ up; support from behind or below
- 16 \_ 500; annual car race
- 17 Rival
- 19 Suffix for Taiwan or Vietnam
- 20 Full of energy
- 21 Quick
- 22 Archaeological site
- 24 Advice to the underweight
- 25 Smooched
- 27 Least nuts
- 30 "\_ the Dragon"; Bruce Lee film
- 31 Neglect one's duties
- 33 Panama or derby
- 35 Two \_ two is four
- 36 Spin
- 37 Market section
- 38 One of the Kennedys
- 39 Dinghies & dories
- 40 Liberated
- 41 Oppressive ruler
- 43 Pass, as time
- 44 Trauma ctrs.
- 45 \_ of society; riffraff
- 46 \_ song; TV show tune
- 49 Most populous nation
- 51 Child
- 54 Northern \_; USA's location
- 56 Come across
- 57 Hugger's need
- 58 Wedding bands
- 59 \_ in a blue moon
- 60 Mattel products



## SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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



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

- 61 Beginning
- 62 Wood for baseball bats
- DOWN**
- 1 Attila's men
- 2 Actor's substitute
- 3 Stable meal
- 4 Go higher
- 5 Karate blows
- 6 \_ roast; cut of
- beef
- 7 Observe
- 8 "Thar \_ blows"
- 9 Pain-relieving drug
- 10 Painting & sculpting
- 11 Tugboat noise
- 12 Agile
- 13 Reason for a
- 10th inning
- 18 Express

- gratitude to
- 20 Dock
- 23 Finds a purpose for
- 24 Pres. Carter's middle name
- 25 Didn't throw out
- 26 Narrow water passage
- 27 Gentlemen
- 28 Diplomas
- 29 "Grimms' Fairy"
- 31 Kill flies
- 32 Big success
- 34 Wave movement
- 36 Huge amount
- 37 Boring event
- 39 Exposes
- 40 Blood-sucking insect
- 42 Negligent
- 43 Mr. Hemingway
- 45 Mournful song
- 46 "I'll drink to \_!"
- 47 Medal of Honor recipient
- 48 Award for "Frasier"
- 49 Facial feature
- 50 Cluckers
- 52 Linear measure
- 53 Ike's monogram
- 55 Expert
- 56 Actor Barrett

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at St. James, which is the leader of the Bishop's Committee, similar to a board of directors.

"The whole congregation is so kind and welcoming," Cooper said. "It's so easy to be yourself there."

Along with Cooper's church duties, she is employed as a human resources leader for a medical device company, and is the chairman of the board of the LGBTQ Center OC.

Cooper explained that there's an intersection between what the LGBTQ Center of OC does and the work that Voorhees is doing in the LGBTQ space. Voorhees participated earlier this year in a panel discussion on the topic "Can you be Queer And Christian?"

"Personally, I've had an easier time defending my gayness to the faith community than defending my faith to the LGBTQ community," Cooper said. "The LGBTQ have been so ostracized by the church, they

[often] ask, 'Why am I going?'"

She explained since members of the LGBTQ community have been pushed away from church, the consensus is they can't be gay and have faith; they have to give up one or the other.

"We stand for inclusiveness, it's part of our website," Voorhees said. "Our church is a positive force and we consider ourselves an allyship and are open about it."

Allyship is an ongoing process of learning about experiences, empathizing with challenges of a marginalized group of people and building relationships with them. It also means you're taking on the struggle as your own whether you fully understand what it feels like to be oppressed or marginalized.

With June as Pride Month and St. James being a haven for inclusion and recognizing the struggles, it is celebrating the contributions of

the LGBTQ community.

The month-long recognition along with lighting of the church in rainbow colors, providing visitors with a Human Rights Campaign glossary of terms and a giveaway bag noting gratitude from the LGBTQ community: "Pride is unity in diversity."

"Gays are a loving community, yet they are an oppressed community," Voorhees said. "They have influential assets, yet they are kicked out [of churches or other organizations] for being gay."

Cooper added that doing good and supporting inclusivity brings light to a marginalized class. She advocates being more than just open — to be loud in a good way, and to be a member of a community that accepts people for who they are and celebrates them.

**SUSAN HOFFMAN** is a contributor to Times Community News.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF MESA WATER DISTRICT WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE ORDINANCE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to California Water Code Section 31027(b)(2), that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Mesa Water District, following completion of a noticed public hearing, has adopted Ordinance No. 32, a Water Shortage Response Ordinance (Ordinance). Ordinance No. 32 rescinded prior Ordinance No. 26 and adopted various water use guidance, limitations and restrictions consistent with Mesa Water District's adopted 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, including, but not limited to, the Water Shortage Contingency Plan incorporated therein.

Mesa Water's District's Board Secretary has determined that due to the length and complexity of the Ordinance that it is not feasible to prepare a fair and adequate summary of the Ordinance.

Copies of the full text of the Ordinance are available at the Mesa Water District's business offices located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California 92627, for public inspection upon request during normal business hours.

The full text of the Ordinance is available for review and/or download on the internet at: <https://www.mesawater.org/>.

Director(s) Voting for Ordinance No. 32: Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale  
Director(s) Voting Against Ordinance No. 32: None  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GREGORY SAM DOXAKIS, aka GREGORY S. DOXAKIS, aka GREGORY DOXAKIS 30-2021-01205502-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: **GREGORY SAM DOXAKIS, aka GREGORY S. DOXAKIS, aka GREGORY DOXAKIS.** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **LISA LEE** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **LISA LEE** 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 July 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at

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**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:

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BRANDON KIYOSHI ABO 30-2021-01205542-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: **BRANDON KIYOSHI ABO.** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **ALAN GEORGE** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **ALAN GEORGE** 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 July 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARK ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, aka MARK ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ 30-2021-01203057-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: **MARK ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, aka MARK ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **MICHAEL J. RODRIGUEZ** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MICHAEL J. RODRIGUEZ** 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 July 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8 located at

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**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**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.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HASKELL SHAPIRO 30-2021-01205686-PR-PW-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **HASKELL SHAPIRO.**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **BARRY SHAPIRO** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **BARRY SHAPIRO** 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 August 05, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at

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**WOMEN'S WATER POLO**



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**LOCAL ATHLETES**, from left, Alys Williams, Aria Fischer, Kaleigh Gilchrist, Maddie Musselman, Stephania Haralabidis and Makenzie Fischer have been selected as six of the 13 members of the U.S. women's water polo team during a news conference on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

## 6 local alumni elected to U.S. Olympic squad

BY MATT SZABO

LOS ANGELES — Alys Williams was the last player cut from the 2016 U.S. Olympic women's water polo team.

She never got to travel to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to help Team USA win its second straight gold medal.

Williams is fairly low-key out of the water, but missing an opportunity like that is a bitter pill to swallow for any competitive athlete.

With one more year of eligibility left at UCLA, the Edison High School alumna could have finished her career with the Bruins and headed off into the sunset.

Instead, she got back to work and set her sights for the next Olympics, taking place this summer in Tokyo.

"There's always been nerves, that's for sure," said Williams, 27. "I've tried to stay positive, but especially after 2016, it's been like, what if that happens again? What if I get all this way and I don't make it? I've been nervous about it, but much more confident this time around."

Williams and her teammates had to deal with the coronavirus pandemic that postponed the Olympics for a year. She also got married to fellow UCLA alum Cody Moore last November.

The hard work all paid off for Williams on Wednesday. She heard her name called as one of 13 players to represent the United States in Tokyo starting next month.

She became the first player in program history to be the last cut for a previous Olympic roster, then make the team for the next Olympics.

"To hear [head coach Ad-

am Krikorian] say the words, I felt like I could breathe," Williams said. "Shout-out to all of the people who aren't here with us today, because I know what it feels like."

On a warm morning, the 2021 Olympic squad was announced at a ceremony at Kyoto Garden in downtown Los Angeles. More than half of the team — seven players — have local ties.

Left-handed attacker Stephania Haralabidis, a Corona del Mar High graduate, made her first Olympics. CdM alumna and attacker Maddie Musselman made her second Olympics while CdM's current coach, defender and center Melissa Seidemann, is back to chase her third straight gold medal.

Newport Harbor alumna Kaleigh Gilchrist and the former Laguna Beach standout sister duo of Makenzie and Aria Fischer also are headed to their second straight Olympic Games.

"It's awesome," said Gilchrist, fully recovered from a leg injury suffered in 2019 when a balcony at a nightclub in South Korea collapsed.

"Looking back at Rio, I always joke that it seemed like a cakewalk after these last five years that everyone's been through. It was a long time coming and a tough road, but I'm better for it and I believe this team's better for it."

The coaching staff even has a local feel, as UC Irvine women's water polo coach Dan Klatt returns as an assistant for his third straight Olympics. CdM alumnus Chris Oeding is another assistant coach for

the second straight Olympics.

Team USA boasts eight returners, led by captain Maggie Steffens, as it goes for its third straight gold medal. The Americans are 14-0 this year since play resumed last month, and previously boasted a 69-match winning streak.

Each member of the team adapted to down time during the pandemic in different ways. Musselman said she started an Instagram food page, @musshavefood.

She was an 18-year-old kid during her first Olympics but now has a different role. Like Williams in 2016, Musselman will return to UCLA next year as a redshirt senior. She's a three-time All-American.

"I was definitely more stargazed and young last time," Musselman said. "It's great to compete with the returners and to be able to go with a lot of the first-timers as well, especially Alys."

"I got to play with her at UCLA as well, and to be able to play with her at this Olympics, it makes that a lot more exciting. We get to bring that passion from those first-timers with us to Tokyo, as well as the experience from the three-timers [Seidemann and Steffens]."

Musselman is also reconnected with Haralabidis. The two were teammates on the 2013 CdM girls' water polo team which won the program's only CIF Southern Section Division 1 title.

As for Williams, she said she was proud to represent Edison on the Olympic team. She is the Chargers' first Olympic water polo player in school history.

Former Chargers girls' water polo coach Diggy Riley said Williams was always a joy to coach before she graduated in 2012.

"Five years ago, she's the first alternate [for the Olympics]," Riley said Wednesday in a phone interview.

"What a life lesson. How easy it would be to be like, 'I'm done, I'm not going to go through four more years of this' ... She chose to go for it again, knowing that there were no guarantees. That takes a lot of guts and a lot of faith."

Riley said Williams' contact is still listed as "Alice" in his cellphone, not "Alys."

"That first Sunset League game at Newport, when we did the showcases, they would announce her name as Alice Williams," he said. "It was the funniest thing. She was like, 'My name's not Alice.' And I was like, 'It is now' ... Little Alice is now an Olympian."

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