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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR Joseph Alexander, left, shows Isaac Pais, 11, the tattoo that was put on his arm when he was sent to a concentration camp after the Nazis invaded Poland. Alexander spoke at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life of Newport Beach on Sunday.

Holocaust survivor urges us to learn lessons from the past

Joseph Alexander, now 100, endured hard labor, illness and near starvation in 12 concentration camps. He shared his tale Sunday to a rapt crowd.

BY ERIC LICAS

Some smiled affectionately as 100-year-old Joseph Alexander fumbled through a suitcase filled with article clippings, documents and photographs while sitting onstage at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life of Newport Beach Sunday evening. The Holocaust survivor found a wallet containing several black and white pictures of his parents and siblings and held them over his head for the audience to see.

"I wouldn't know where to start; I would be very happy if I, just, even if I could speak to one member of my family," he said. "I would be very happy. But unfortunately, I can't. I have to speak for them. Not just for *them*, I need to speak for 6 million Jews because they can't talk."

Alexander is among

shrinking group of people who were subjected to the horrors of the Holocaust and lived to tell about it. He has been sharing his story for decades in an effort to prevent anyone else from experiencing anything like what he went through. More than 200 people filled Sunday's venue to listen to him.

"It makes me feel encouraged," Edie Mermelstein, daughter of the late Holocaust survivor Mel Mermelstein, said in response to the large number of people who turned out for Alexander's talk. "In a time we're living now, it's good to see that there is not just an interest, but a desire to learn and understand, to somehow grasp the concept so we don't have something like this happen again."

Prior to hearing from Alexander, attendees were given a tour



ALEXANDER SHOWS the tattoo that was put on his arm when he was sent to a concentration camp after the Nazis invaded Poland.

of Chabad of Newport Beach's Holocaust Education Center, which is home to hundreds of items taken from the concentration camps that were collected by Mel Mermelstein. Rabbi Reuven Mintz invited people to

touch the pieces and lean in to examine their details in order to build a physical connection with the experience of survivors, just as Mermelstein intended.

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A SMALL memorial is shown where a pedestrian, who was identified as Xueyuan Zhang, 39, died after being struck by a vehicle in the roadway early Saturday near Cleo Street on Coast Highway.

Pedestrian killed by car in Laguna Beach

BY ANDREW TURNER

A pedestrian was killed in a fatal traffic collision early Saturday morning in Laguna Beach.

Police responded to the 700 block of South Coast Highway at 2:47 a.m. after a witness reported seeing a man lying in the road away from the nearest crosswalk.

Xueyuan Zhang, 39, died of his injuries at the scene. Zhang was believed to be a transient, according to the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Laguna Beach emergency personnel had attempted to execute life-saving measures upon arrival, officials said.

An investigation was being conducted to determine the cause of the collision by the Laguna Beach police department's traffic bureau. The driver of the vehicle involved remained at the

See **Car,** page A2

Alleged racial profiling case hits TikTok

Costa Mesa police are investigating an officer's recorded comments during a traffic stop near South Coast Plaza.

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Costa Mesa Police Chief Ron Lawrence said Saturday the department's Professional Standards Bureau has launched an investigation into a traffic stop deemed by the motorist to be racial profiling.

"The Costa Mesa Police Department is aware of a video on social media involving one of our officers. We understand the concern regarding the officer's dialogue during the traffic stop," the chief tweeted Saturday. "We have received information from members of the public in regards to this incident and our departments' Professional Standards Bureau is conducting a thorough and objective internal investigation."

One of Abdullah Aden's passengers recorded the incident, which has since gone viral on TikTok, ABC7 reported. The video shows Aden speaking with the officer from the driver's seat after being pulled over Tuesday on Bristol Street.

Aden tells the officer he doesn't have his driver's license and gives him his driver's license number instead.

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Man who allegedly defaced mural arrested

BY SARA CARDINE

A months-long search for a man who scrawled racist messages over a Costa Mesa mural celebrating Orange County Latinas ended Monday when police arrested the suspect as he showed up for a court appearance related to another crime.

Daniel Alec Hotte, 27, of Dana Point — who had come to Newport Beach's Harbor Justice Center for a hearing about his failure to obey a domestic relations court order — now faces a felony charge of vandalism with a hate crime enhancement for his alleged role in the Oct. 31 defacing of the mural.

Hotte was reportedly caught on camera near the artwork, at

See **Mural**, page A2

Il Farro Caffe Trattoria celebrates 30 years, plans more

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Tucked in between the Stag Bar + Kitchen and Rockin' Baja Lobster near the Newport Pier, Il Farro Caffe Trattoria has operated in the same location since brothers Domenico and Michele Maurici opened it in 1993.

Its interior may look different now after renovations were completed last year, but most things remain the same as the restaurant approached its 30th anniversary on Sunday, including its staff and some of its clientele.

"Can you imagine 30 years? What we went through?" Domenico Maurici said, laughing. "We have lots of older customers, but we see the grand-

daughters and grandsons that come back and even bring their families. We've seen kids who were just born and in their strollers and now they're married. We've seen them through their life ... it changes with time. Of course, people move away and move around, but we see them back if they are coming to visit. It's a beautiful thing."

Maurici said he's been in the food industry since he was a teen, having started as a dishwasher when he was 15 at a restaurant in one of the villages in southern Italy. He said he also helped prep dishes with the cooks there, which sparked his interest in the culinary arts and led to his enrollment at a culi-

nary institute, followed by work at other restaurants to learn the tricks of the trade.

After getting a work permit to come to the United States in 1986, he cooked at several restaurants in the area before eventually striking upon the opportunity to open his own restaurant in Newport Beach in 1991.

"The [property] owner said, 'Well, if you want to try; go ahead.' So, we made a deal, we opened and, of course, I called my brother. He's in the same business. Me and my brother worked for the first three years with not one day off. We started

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OWNER AND Italian-born Domenico Maurici, second from left, stands in Il Farro Caffe Trattoria, with staff members Gerardo Lemus, Victor Morales and "Chef O" Oronzo Rosato, from left, in Newport Beach.

THE DAILY **COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. *Mathews*

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34 Holey fabric 36 Weather forecast 37 Doze

38 Brawl; scuffle 39 Long _; way 40 Thoroughfares

41 Store employee 42 Bury

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to St. _' 59 Second U.S. president 60 Pigsty lunch 61 Rump 62 Lively

63 Neighbor of No. Car.

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.

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

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'Endless possibilities' of Newport Beach displayed in upcoming home tour

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The theme for this year's CdM Home Tour came to chair Gina Jaha in a dream

Back in September, when her committee was planning the 2023 event. Jaha dreamed she was watching the ocean from a home. She saw the endless possibilities that stretched before her in that seascape and, when she woke up, she decided she'd hit on the ideal theme for the event.

She shared her dream with everyone on the planning committee idea that same day, and the plans took off from there: Owners of six different homes with a full ocean view agreed to participate in this spring's showcase, "Endless Possibilities."

The CdM Home Tour is the Corona del Mar PTA's

only fundraiser and is presented this year by sponsors Barclay Butera Interiors and VALIA Properties. All proceeds from ticket sales go to Corona del Mar Middle and High schools, where they are used toward items such as classroom improvements, support dogs and student events.

"Our presenting sponsors have been amazing," said Jaha, who has chaired the committee since 2019. "They stuck with us throughout the whole process ... and they're back with us again this year. It's going to be bigger and better [than

That's especially true this year, she said, because all the homes featured have those inviting views of the Pacific.

The fundraiser turned in-person last year after taking a hiatus in 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in 2021, when organizers made the tour virtual. Jaha said the 2022 event broke records in both attendance and fundraising. Tickets were sold out, and the group raised a record-breaking \$240,000.

The event will take place on March 7. Organizers hope to raise \$35,000 more this year than last.

"This year, all dreams are coming true for the home tour and, hopefully, for all the people coming on the home tour," said Jaha. "I'm so excited to be able to give them what they want."

Interested readers can purchase tickets cdmhometour.com.

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ARTIST ALICIA ROJAS paints over white

supremacist graffiti tagged on Costa Mesa's Poderosas mural on Oct. 31. The man who reportedly committed the vandalism was arrested Monday.

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MURAL

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the corner of Baker Street and Killybrooke Lane, painting white supremacist phrases and gang symbols over images and poems intended to honor "strong poderosas, or women," with personal and historic ties to Orange

Neighbors shared video footage of the incident along with information that helped Costa Mesa Police identify Hotte, department spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said Tuesday.

"We had that video from witnesses, and that definitely helped the investigation," she said.

CMPD gang investiga-tors tied Hotte to locations in Orange and Riverside counties but were unable to locate the suspect, according to a release issued Tuesday. Seeing he had a court date scheduled for Monday, officers went to the courthouse and detained him there.

Hotte was being held Tuesday on \$40,000 bail and was scheduled for an arraignment hearing the same day, according to an online inmate locator maintained by the county's sheriff department.

For those who created the mural, news of Hotte's arrest was bittersweet.

The project was conceived by Camilo Romero, co-founder of ReGen-Colombia, eración peace-building initiative designed to heal intergenerational trauma through storytelling.

Romero collaborated with Colombian American artist and Santa Ana resident Alicia Rojas to create the Costa Mesa artwork which, upon its October 2020 unveiling, featured eight large portraits, including civil rights activist Dolores Huerta, Francis Munoz, the county's first Latina trial judge, and members of Romero's own family.

On Tuesday, he thanked members of the local community for supporting and protecting the mural as well as CMPD officers for their diligence in locating Hotte.

"An arrest is a step so that these acts of ignorance do not continue with impunity," Romero said. "Seems this man has many more steps to take in his life."

The portraits had been relocated from the mural to Santa Ana in 2021, the spaces they left behind filled with poems honoring their subjects. When Rojas heard about the vandalism on Nov. 1, she went to the site and began painting over the slurs with flowers, vines and leaves.

'When this happened, at first I was angry and I was triggered," she said, recalling her own immigrant story and its perils. 'I had all these questions. Why did he do this? What went wrong in his life that he has all this hate? Until when can we say we belong?

"[The mural] has a beautiful meaning of uplifting women and celebrating brown women," she said of the vandalized art. "But it's also sad, because that's what reality is like for brown women."

Costa Mesa city officials on Tuesday called Hotte's alleged actions incompatible with the city's diverse populace and its emphasis on inclusivity. Councilman Loren Gameros, whose 2nd district includes the site of the mural, described his district as a community rich in culture.

suspect came "This from another city into Costa Mesa to commit this crime and hurt the identity of some of our neighbors," Gameros said in a statement. "That is unacceptable and now he will have to face justice."

Romero said Tuesday he hoped something good might still come from the incident.

"Moments of hardship can be opportunities for growth and connection," he added. "I look forward to that Costa Mesa care continuing as the mural evolves."

Any witnesses to the incident who have not spoken to CMPD are asked to contact investigator Eric Molina at (714) 754-5694 or Sgt. Matt Selinske at (714) 754-5093.

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scene and was cooperative, according to a report in the

Orange County Register. Authorities said neither alcohol nor drugs appeared to factor into in the incident.

While the investigation was underway, South Coast

Highway was closed off to traffic between Legion and Thalia streets until 8:34 that morning.

Those with information about the incident are encouraged to contact the Laguna Beach Police Department at (949) 497-

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 $NOTICE IS HEREBY \ GIVEN \ that the Coast Community College \ District \ ("DISTRICT"), acting \ by \ and \ through \ its \ Board \ of \ Trustees, \ will \ receive$ sealed bids for the award of a contract for the following named Project. Bids will be received up until, but not later than, the bid deadline listed below.

Orange Coast College Technology Building Skylight Restoration Project Name:

Bid Number: Advertisement: 1/25/23 & 2/1/23 Pre-Bid RFI Deadline: 2/8/23, 12:00 P.M. Bid Deadline: 2/15/23 Prior to 10:00 A.M.

A MANDATORY pre-bid job-walk will be held at 9:00 A.M., February 2, 2023, Maintenance & Operations Building Conference Room.

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Place of Bid Receipt: All bids shall be submitted electronically via the PlanetBids Vendor portal located on the District Website

Project Description: Skylight restoration to include: conduct engineering load analysis/roof safety analysis, removal of current window caulk, application of Tremco restoration overlay and Tremco simple seal flat extrusions. It is anticipated that the Project will commence on March 2, 2023 and be completed by March 29, 2023.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 and Public Contract Code Section 3300. The District requires that the bidder possess at the time of bid, and maintain throughout the duration of the Agreement, the following license classification(s):

| Bid Package | Trade | License | Engineer's Estimate | |
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More information regarding this project can be found on the PlanetBids Vendor portal listed above. Further inquiries should be directed to the District's Purchasing Department at purchasing@cccd.edu.

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GIRLS' SOCCER

Huntington Beach stays tied for 1st in Surf League

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach High girls' soccer team last won a league title in 2016.

Since then, Los Alamitos has run things, winning five straight outright league titles.

The race for this year's Surf League crown between the Oilers and Griffins won't be decided until the final match of the season.

The rivals played to a 1-1 draw on Monday night at Huntington Beach High, keeping them tied in league headed into their respective final matches on Wednesday. Both teams are now 3-1-1 in league.

Huntington Beach (19-3-2) plays at Newport Harbor on Wednesday, while Los Alamitos (12-6-4) hosts Edison.

"It makes it more dramatic," Huntington Beach coach Raul Ruiz said with a smile after the final whistle Monday. "A lot of respect for Los Al. They're the No. 1 team always designated to win league. I thought today, both teams left it on the field. It was very dramatic all the way until the end. Because of this golden goal, you never know, right? A whiff, a missed communication, a free counter and it's over."

But neither the Oilers, ranked No. 4 in CIF Southern Section Division 1, nor No. 12 Los Alamitos were able to score in 20 minutes of overtime play.

Much of the match was played in a light rain. Senior defender Hannah Petteys gave the host Oilers the lead in the 24th minute, coming up the pitch and scoring on an assist from junior striker Jaiden Anderson.

Petteys, who said she plays center forward on her Slammers FC club team, redirected the ball in the

box into the left corner of the net.

"We had a winning streak for a while, and then we lost against Edison," said Petteys, who's bound for Utah Tech University. "This was a good bounceback, definitely. We have a lot of good freshmen, and we've got a good energy right now."

The Oilers nearly doubled their lead 10 minutes into the second half, but Los Alamitos freshman goalkeeper Avarie Gonzalez leaped to tip Anderson's volley over the cage. Both Ruiz and Los Alamitos coach Pat Rossi marveled at the play after the game, with Rossi calling it gamechanging.

"She can read the shot early, she can read the girl coming at her early," Rossi said. "Her speed of play or reaction time is next level. That's what I think gives her the advantage."



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LOS ALAMITOS

Avarie Gonzalez

attempts to block

a shot from

Huntington

Beach's Solana

a Surf League

match on

Monday.

Van Enoo during

Los Alamitos picked up the pace later in the half, with a shot from sophomore Viviana Zacarias hitting the post. Soon after, senior striker Kaylee Noble was tripped up from behind in the box in the 70th minute. She put away the penalty kick, her 16th goal of the season, to knot the score at 1-1.

Edison senior goalkeeper Reese Doyle also played well. She made a big save at the right post of Zoe Malinowski's shot in the box in the first overtime period. The Oilers' defense, also including seniors Alyssa Yadrick, Isabelle Walsh, Charlotte Landis and Hayley Slome, pitched a shutout other than the penalty kick goal.

"We just got a little unlucky, couldn't finish today, but I thought we had the ball most of the game," Petteys said. "It's better than a loss. We've got to win Wednesday. We're excited."

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BOYS' SOCCER

Marina earns split with Laguna Beach in Wave League set

BY ANDREW TURNER

As the second half of the Wave League boys' soccer schedule got underway, Marina hosted Laguna Beach in what essentially amounted to an elimination game for both sides.

First-half goals by Tyler Hyde and Ryan Spielman gave Marina a critical 2-0 win over Laguna Beach on Friday at home.

Ryan Patterson drew an assist on Hyde's marker, and Spielman cleaned up the scraps at the back side of the goal when another cross was deflected.

"Hyde's been our center back all season long, so I moved him up," Marina coach Gabriel Lucatero said. "Spielman has kind of played in the middle, more MARINA'S

Keagan Luzadder (2) tussles with Laguna Beach's Julian Riechel in a game on Friday.

> Don Leach



as a sub. Actually, this game he started, and it was just based on his training in practice. He's shown that he wants to get after scoring goals in practice."

In seven prior games against Sunset Conference opponents, Marina had been outscored 11-4. The Vikings had scored multiple goals in a game just once since a win over Bell Gardens on Dec. 28.

"All season long, we've created a lot of great opportunities," Lucatero said. "We just have not put them away, put away the goals, and fortunately for us today, we were able to capitalize on two goals."

Lucatero said the Vikings changed formations from a 4-2-3-1 to a 4-4-2 scheme, which paid dividends in the second meeting with the Breakers. Laguna Beach successfully defended its home turf 1-0 on Jan. 11.

Goalkeeper Hunter Mc-

Craine recorded the shutout for Marina, making three second-half saves as Laguna Beach looked to chip away at the deficit.

A desperate Laguna Beach side played the majority of the second half in possession of the ball, but the Breakers were unable to take advantage of the myriad set-piece chances they earned.

Jaxson Hutcheon and Chase Cuevas handled the free-kick duties. Cuevas delivered a quality strike to the back post in the 56th minute, quickly setting the ball down and then running up to take the shot before the defense could get set, but McCraine was up to the task.

Jackson Rowley also displayed deft touch in the midfield to play the Breakers' forwards in behind the Vikings' defense.

"A little too little, too late, I think," Laguna Beach coach Andy Thomas said. "We did create chances, but they weren't really testing the goalkeeper, and it was everything into his hands. It was just one of those days where we just didn't bring any desire and passion, and the game just petered out in the end. Just got what we deserved, I think."

Marina (6-9-5, 1-3-1) and Laguna Beach (6-10-1, 1-4) both needed to run the table in their final three games to finish at or above the .500 mark to boost their chances for at-large selection into the CIF Southern Section playoffs. On Monday, Marina lost to visiting Fountain Valley 2-1 in overtime, ending that possibility for the Vikings.

Newport Harbor (14-4-3, 4-0-1) will finish atop the Wave League, and Fountain Valley (6-10-2, 3-2) has clinched the league's second automatic bid. The Sailors beat the Breakers 3-2 at Davidson Field on Monday to wrap up the Wave League title.

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SURVIVOR

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Victoria Lerman Gillis' 13-year-old son, Marc, ran his fingers over the mouth of a shattered vase as he stared thoughtfully at bullet casings, discarded shoes and remnants of electrified fencing Sunday evening. She said it was important that her children learn about what happened to their ancestors, and not just because their grandparents were among the scores of Jews who suffered at the hand of the Nazis. She wanted her sons to be equipped with the truth in the face of those who continue to deny the Holo-

"Of course I teach my children to question everything, but this is just beyond skepticism," Lerman Gillis said. "Knowing the experience of my parents, it's crazy and makes me sad, frustrated and angry all at once that there are still people out there claiming it never happened."

Attendees of Alexander's

talk on Sunday included several who also endured atrocities inside the concentration camps, as well as many whose parents or grandparents were rounded up as scapegoats by the Third Reich. Several of them joined Alexander in lighting six candles in remembrance of the six million Jews killed during World War II before he began his presentation.

After the Nazis invaded Alexander, Poland, mother, father and five brothers and sisters were shipped to the Warsaw Ghetto, where he recalled witnessing people dying in the streets on a daily basis, he said Sunday. He was eventually sent to Auschwitz and 11 other concentration camps where he saw hard labor and subsisted on just enough food and water to survive. He once caught typhus and hid his illness from his captors rather than going to an infirmary, because "everyone else who checked in with the doctors, they never came back," he said.

Near the end of the war, Alexander was among thousands who were forced to march from the camp in Dachau to an extermination site in the German town of Tergensee. He could hear Nazi forces fighting American troops behind them and saw Allied aircraft flying overhead before they were liberated en route to what was supposed to be the site of their execution.

He's the sole member of his immediate family to live through the Holocaust and regain his freedom. He spent several years in Europe afterward but never managed to find out exactly what became of them after they were separated.

Alexander said it was difficult to talk about what he and his loved ones went through in the years immediately following the war. He added that even after moving to the U.S., he and others who emigrated from Europe like him faced resistance when trying to share their stories from Americans eager to forget about such a dark chapter

in human history.

But things changed in the 1960s as groups of survivors began to band together in the face of ongoing antisemitism and denial. It was about then that Alexander decided he owed it to his loved ones to speak out.

Despite everything he saw and suffered through, Alexander said he never gave up.

He told the audience that only one out of every six people held at the camps was given a blanket to stave off bitter European winters, and he never saw anyone try to keep it for themselves. Instead they would drape it over their neighbors to help each other make it through the night, reminding Alexander that kindness and decency can persist even in the most horrific situations.

"Tonight, I give a blanket to each of you," he said, "and ask and ask you to wrap it around your neighbors as well."

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PROFILING

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The officer wants to search the vehicle but Aden says he has the right to refuse such a search. The officer disagrees and asks Aden if he is a lawyer. Aden says no but mentions he studied at "the number-one public university."

"What, prison?" the officer asks.

Aden then corrects the officer, saying, "Berkeley."

"Prison? Look at you ... racist," Aden tells the officer. "I went to Berkeley."

The officer remained persistent.
"When somebody

"When somebody doesn't have ID, law enforcement has a right to search the vehicle," he says.

"No, they don't," Aden replies.

"OK, well, look it up,"

said the officer.
A legal expert told ABC7 that Aden was correct.

"This is just another example of how police use pretextual stops for petty

offenses like tinted windows to try and pressure them into forfeiting their rights to be free from unsearches," reasonable Adrienna Wong, an ACLU senior staff attorney with the Police Practices Project, told the station. She cited the 2019 California Supreme Court case People v. Lopez, which she said clearly established that someone not having their identification is not sufficient reason to be

Aden said the interaction made him want to educate the public on their Fourth Amendment rights.

able to search them.

"I wanted people to look at that video and say, 'Hey, what can I do the next time I'm with a cop? Like, can I talk like that?'" said Aden during an interview with ABC7 on Friday.

He was cited for driving without a license and having tinted windows, but the vehicle was not searched.

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as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed

of Trust recorded 04/25/2012, as Instrument No. 201200236819 and Modified by Modification recorded on 6/26/2018 by Insrument No. 2018000232748, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Orange

Records in the office of the County Recorder of Orange County, State of California, executed by Gina Marie Johnston, a Single Woman, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the North front entrance to the County Courthouse, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 426-074-01 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2278

real property described above is purported to be: 2278 Orange Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any

incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as

provided in said note(s) advances if any under the

terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expense

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

easonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at

the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$347,950.28 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 under said Deed of

Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of

Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 01/18/2023 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC The

Mortgage Law Firm, PLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that

purpose. Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, STE. 201, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL

PLEASE CALL /14-/30-2/2/ 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 tiself. 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

recorder's office of 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 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

(714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site -www.servicelinkASAP.com-for information regarding

the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 158686. 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.NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this

trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 158686 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written potice of

the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no

must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. A-4771652 01/25/2023, 02/01/2023, 02/08/2023

02/08/2023

"CHEF O" Oronzo Rosato chats with pleased customers at Il Farro Caffe Trattoria in Newport Beach, which celebrated 30 years on Sunday.



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Business Names

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **Soma Small Batch** as: Soma Small Batch
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Laguna Beach, CA
92651, Orange County,
Nellie Hieger 406 3rd
St., Laguna Beach, CA
92651 This business is
conducted by: a Limited
Liability Company Company Registrant(s) Liability

Commenced to transact under the Business business Fictitious Name(s) listed above on: 08/04/2021 Signed Nellie Hieger This statement was filed with the County of Orange on 01/06. Daily Pilot 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-Storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart, 2892 Kelvin Ave., Irvine, CA 92614 to satisfy a lien. Auction sale February 15, 2023 approx. 2:00 PM storagetreasures.com:

Tenant Name Jay Klester, Kenneth Hickson, Shahram Movahedi, Alexander Getta, Stephen Morrison, Tatiana Osborne All purchased goods are sold "as is." Purchased goods must be removed 72 hours within close of online sale. Sale Subject to cancellation up to time of sale, company reserves the right to refuse any online bids and to bid at the online sale

CNS-3664149# DAILY PILOT

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Advertisement of Public Sale

In accordance with the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Alton Self Storage LP, 2215 Alton Parkway, Irvine. California 92606, will sell by competitive bid on February 15, 2023. Property to be sold as follows: Miscellaneous household goods, personal items, furniture, clothing, and/or business items/fixtures belonging to the following.

TENANT NAME SPACE NUMBER

Jason West 1042 George Ellis 1264 Damoun Dolatabadi 2121 George Perret 2492 Darryl Peek 3025

Evelyn Boggiano 3278 Justin Deleon 3403 Jorge Cantoran-Perez 3456

Purchase must be paid for at time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between

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Announcements

BSC 222782 NOTICE OF PETITION

TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LOUIS SEPER, aka LAJOS SEPER 30-2022-01281719-PR-PL-CJC To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent

interested in the will or estate, or both, of: LOUIS SEPER, aka LAJOS SEPER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LOUIS

creditors, and persons who may otherwise be

S. SEPER & MARGARET SEPER in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LOUIS

S. SEPER & MARGARET SEPER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of 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.

 $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{A}}\ \boldsymbol{\mathsf{HEARING}}$ on the petition will be held on March 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C10 located at

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your

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) 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: AMRO ALKRISAT, ESQ.; SAVANNAH ANDRE, ESQ. THE LEGACY LAWYERS, APC 10221 SLATER AVE., STE 106 **FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92708** Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on:

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TRATTORIA

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out like that and, thank God, we were really successful," Maurici said.

The Maurici brothers decided to name their restaurant Il Farro, after the ancient grain that's since been popularized in Mediterranean cuisine. Domenico Maurici said that the restaurant imported farro pasta from small Italian farmers.

"I decided to bring farro in 1991 to the U.S. to distribute and introduce to the restaurants," Maurici said. "But, of course, that was a little difficult because no one knew of it. It was more expensive than normal [grains] too. But, when the opportunity came to open this restaurant, I decided, 'Why not introduce this grain as a healthy grain with high nutrition?'

He said the restaurant initially started with a staff of just four — two people to work in the back and two in the front — but now boasts of a staff of about 15 to 20 full- or part-time workers.

Maurici said some of the dishes on the menu are constants but that some dishes and specials change every week.

Longtime customer Zen Azuma said he's been going to the restaurant since 1996 and has always been especially impressed by the sauces used in the pasta dishes. He said he highly recommends the Farrotto con Salsiccia and the Il Farro e Feta, both farro dishes, though the former is cooked similarly to a risotto while the latter is more of a salad.

Their sauces are really unique, especially their tomato sauce," said

Azuma. "I think they use a more real Italian recipe ... they care about ingredients, flavor and taste. A lot of American Italian restaurants ... overkill the individual flavors with sauce and even though [Il Farro makes sauce], they care about the ingredient fla-

Azuma said he appreciates the wait staff at the restaurant, adding that some of them have been there for a long time, including server Victor Morales, who's been working at Il Farro for about 14 years.

Morales said he has two jobs and works the lunch shift at Il Farro and has continued to do so because he liked not only the ambience of the restaurant, but the flexibility Maurici offers to meet his schedules and needs. But most of all, he likes seeing the tourists and customers who come through.

"We give you the best service we can. They come over here and come back and that's happy for us to see them again and again and again," said Morales. "It's good when they come over here and ask for me, even if I only work only lunch time. But, I think the people around where I work — the cook, my busboy — they are very nice people so I'm happy to work for them and they work for me.'

While the restaurant didn't organize a large celebration for the 30th anniversary, Maurici said he plans to keep Il Farro open for as long as he can.

'What else are you going to do? Retire? What're you going to do at home? Watch TV?" he said, laughing. "I have lots of work to be done."

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