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LILLY DAO, Crawfish Festival organizer, left, carefully scoops the fresh Louisiana crawfish out of the crawfish boil at Fountain Valley Sports Park on Friday. Along with crawfish, the event offered alligator bites, frog legs, roasted corn and shrimp from a variety of other vendors.

'Enjoying the destination': Crawfish Festival returns

BY ANDREW TURNER

Some say the best things in life are free, but that can largely be subject to situational application.

A crawfish enthusiast won't likely see it that way, knowing full well that there is a cost for what they want most.

The labor of getting through the shell to get to the savory goodness did not deter the public from returning to the Crawfish Festival, held Friday through Sunday at Fountain Valley Sports Park.

Troy Howard, a Chatsworth resident, has visited the festival regularly since the years it was held in Long Beach prior to the coronavirus pandemic. He found himself first in line as a fresh batch of crawfish was being prepared, eagerly

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ERIN WOOD smiles wearing her Crawfish Festival attire as she serves guests at Fountain Valley Sports Park on Friday.

Pilot reporter honored for shining light on O.C.

SHANE KERN, left, of Newport Beach and Drew Davis of Costa Mesa stand in a warrior pose at their July 2022 Low Tide Aliens large-scale public art piece near Newport Beach Pier.



File Photo

BY ERIC LICAS

The stories of Orange County residents brought to life by Daily Pilot reporter Sara Cardine earned top honors from judges weighing a field of entries from across the state in the California Journalism Awards, it was announced this month.

The competition hosted annually by the California News Publisher's Assn. highlights some of the best reporting in the most populous state in the U.S. This

year, they awarded first place to two stories Cardine wrote about locals with deep bonds to their beach communities.

"There is no shortage of Orange County denizens out there pursuing passions, exploring life and doing things that are often highly visible but little discussed," Cardine said in between legwork for stories on city government and local developments Wednesday. "It is a thrill to be

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State will not appeal Surf City loan case

A judge in the so-called Waterfront Loan case ruled February that the state owes about \$25M to Huntington Beach.

BY MATT SZABO

A significant legal victory for Huntington Beach, which will bring more than \$30 million total back to the city, was finalized this week.

The state Department of Finance indicated in a letter to city officials Monday that it will not challenge or appeal a California Superior Court judge's February ruling that it owes about \$25 million to Surf City in the so-called Waterfront Loan case.

In a related ruling last April, Judge James P. Arguelles said that the state owes Huntington Beach \$5.2 million for a loan used in 2009 for the sale of the Emerald Cove senior citizen

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Hearing to decide if suspect fit for trial

A 58-year-old C.M. man pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity for 2016 murder near Vanguard University.

BY SARA CARDINE

A Costa Mesa man held in custody on suspicion of murder after he allegedly clubbed another man to death with a hammer hatchet more than six years ago appeared in a hearing Tuesday to determine whether he was mentally fit to stand trial.

The incident took place shortly before 9 a.m. on Nov. 2, 2016, when Costa Mesa police officers responded to a report of an assault in a parking area near an apartment complex on the 2300 block of Vanguard Way, across from Vanguard University.

Officers discovered the body of Kyle Boyd Avila, 53, and surmised he had been inside a Toyota Scion when he was beaten from outside the vehicle by another individual.

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Newport Beach first responders head to the courts

The only urgent situation personnel from the Newport Beach Fire Department had to respond to Wednesday was some fiery competition at the Tennis & Pickleball Club at Newport Beach.

The tournament, held at the facility on Clubhouse Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., was hosted by Sean Bollitieri-Abdali, the club's president and founder.

Firefighter Jim O'Brien said club officials reached out to him and others in the department to drum up interest in the tournament, which they've since called "Picklefest" — a first-time venture that involved fire departments from all over the state.

"Pickleball's on the rise and ... it's also an activity that we do, and it's been catching a lot of popu-



TEAMS FROM several Southern California agencies gather for a group picture during the Tennis & Pickleball Club's inaugural First Responders Pickleball Tournament.

larity all over," O'Brien said. "It's a good way to bring guys together, get some good competition in and have a little fun while we're doing it."

O'Brien said he felt it was a good way for both the Newport Beach police and fire departments to build rapport with the community, which was

welcome to attend and lend support to the first responders participating in the event.

O'Brien estimated about 10 of the more than 65 teams signed up for the tourney were from Newport Beach, split between the police and fire departments.

— Lilly Nguyen



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- 5/27 BLINK 180TRUE & GREEN TODAY
(BLINK 182 & GREEN DAY TRIBUTES)
- 5/28 BOBBY GRAY
- 6/1 TOAD THE WET SPROCKET
- 6/2 THE RISING (BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE)
- 6/3 JUDY COLLINS
- 6/4 THE MOTHER HIP
- 6/7 THE OUTLAWS
- 6/8 BLACK SABBITCH (ALL FEMALE BLACK SABBATH TRIBUTE)
- 6/9 AL DI MEOLA
- 6/10 SHAWN COLVIN
- 6/11 THE SNACKS / RICHARD STEKOL BAND / MISSILES OF OCTOBER / THE CODE
- 6/15 JULIAN MARLEY / TOMORROW'S BAD SEEDS
- 6/16 AL JARDINE AND HIS ENDLESS SUMMER BAND
- 6/17 AMBROSIA
- 6/18 PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE
- 6/24 PRINCE AGAIN (PRINCE TRIBUTE)
- 6/25 THE WAILERS
- 6/28 JOHN CRUZ "We Do It Island Style"
- 6/29 YNOT (RUSH TRIBUTE)
- 6/30 THE SWEET
- 7/1 MICK ADAMS & THE STONES
(THE ROLLING STONES TRIBUTE)
- 7/5 LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND
- 7/6 GILBY CLARKE AND THE KEEF RICHARDS
- 7/7 THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS
- 7/8 HENRY KAPONO
- 7/12 JIMMY WEBB
- 7/14 ROBERT JON & THE WRECK / GETHEN JENKINS
- 7/15 SHINE ON - PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE
- 7/16 TONY BENNETT SONGBOOK
(TRIBUTE FEAT. MARK VERABIAN)
- 7/19 THE JERRY DOUGLAS BAND
- 7/21 CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE:
FLEETWOOD MAC RUMOURS
Y & T
- 7/22 SPACE ODDITY (DAVID BOWIE TRIBUTE)
- 7/29 KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE (STEELY DAN TRIBUTE)
- 8/2 ERIC GALES
- 8/4 PABLO CRUISE
- 8/5 HONK / JACK TEMPCHIN
- 8/6 MICHIGAN RATTLERS
- 8/11 THE HIGHWAYMAN SHOW
- 8/12 JOURNEY USA (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)



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SUN, JUN 18
PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE

WED, JUN 28
JOHN CRUZ

WED, JUL 12
JIMMY WEBB

- 8/13 THE RAT PACK
- 8/18 SPYRO GYRA
- 8/19 MADELEINE PEYROUX
- 8/25 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 8/26 SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)
- 9/1 BANG TANGO / ENUFF Z'NUFF
- 9/2 THE PETTY BREAKERS (TOM PETTY TRIBUTE)
- 9/8 ULI JON ROTH
- INTERSTELLAR SKY GUITAR TOUR
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- 9/30 GARRISON KEILLOR TONIGHT
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- 10/14 DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)
- 10/15 JOURNEYMAN (ERIC CLAPTON TRIBUTE)
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- 11/9 THE YOUNG DUBLINERS
- 11/18 ABBAFAB (ABBA TRIBUTE)
- 11/26 ARETHA STARRING CHARITY LOCKHART
- 11/30 THE MUSICAL BOX
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- 12/1 THE MUSICAL BOX
- SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND
- 12/2 LEE ROCKER OF THE STRAY CATS

LIGHT

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able to lift the lid on someone's life, observe what's ticking underneath and describe what I see."

Her entry into the feature writing category, "Low Tide Aliens inscribe sacred geometry into the sands of Newport Beach," shared the art and philosophy of Shane Kern of Newport Beach and Drew Davis of Costa Mesa, the creators of intricate, impermanent mandalas etched into the sand near Newport Beach Pier. Judges applauded the author for approaching her subjects with "curiosity and independence" and "helping readers experience and understand the passions of these two sand artists."

Cardine's other winning submission, "Newport Beach retiree Stan Ross, aka the Metal Detector Man, finds O.C.'s lost riches," offered readers a deep dive into the life and impact of a longtime fixture along Orange County beaches. One judge said the profile was "a reminder of the importance of community journalism."

"No other outlet would pay attention and write about this man," the judge wrote. "The writing and storytelling shone in this piece."

Cardine says her favorite stories bring readers to-



STAN ROSS, 79, searches for metal near the Newport Beach Pier on a day in June 2022. As of that date, he had found 600 rings and pieces of jewelry.

Scott Smeltzer

gether and strengthen communities around shared experiences. She has been covering community news since 2004 and began writing about coastal Orange County for the Daily Pilot in 2020.

"The biggest compliment is when a reader comments, 'Oh, that guy on the beach! I've always wondered about him,'" Cardine said.

Daily Pilot Executive Editor Carol Cormaci said Cardine delivers both skill and "a certain grace that is her hallmark" in the work she produces. They previ-

ously worked together at the La Cañada Valley Sun, and the editor said her longtime colleague "was rightfully recognized by the CNPA judges this year with those two first-place awards."

"I've worked with Sara for more than a dozen years and have observed the great pains she goes to so she can capture for our readers the essence of any given subject that has caught her imagination," Cormaci said.

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apartment complex. That number has been increased to \$6.8 million after interest, Huntington Beach City Atty. Michael Gates said.

"This is the kind of case, back when we filed it in 2018, that many said was an improbable victory," Gates said. "So many other cities had tried their hand in court on these very same issues and lost ... For the court to find in favor of the city, obviously we think that is the right decision, and [are] just overall very, very happy."

In 1988, the Huntington Beach City Council, then acting as a local redevelopment agency, authorized the \$22.4-million Waterfront Loan Redevelopment Project, one of several taken out by the city to spur development and bolster property taxes in the "Main-Pier project area."

In the years that followed, the Waterfront Beach Resort and the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa were developed. The Waterfront Beach Resort opened in 1990, and the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa followed in 2003.

The state decided to halt redevelopment agencies in 2011, but Huntington Beach never saw that money paid back. The city ended up suing the Department of Finance in 2018, for up to \$75 million in reimbursements.

In his more recent ruling on Feb. 27, Arguelles ordered the Department of Finance treat the Waterfront Loan as an enforceable obligation.

The total amount coming to Huntington Beach in the most recent ruling is the original \$22.4-million loan plus interest, for a total of about \$25 million.

"I am grateful for the diligent and hard work of the city attorney and his staff," Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland said in a statement. "Like so many in our community, I find this to be one more reason why we are proud of Huntington Beach — we fight for the community, and we win."

Gates said nearly all of that money from the most recent ruling goes in the general fund.

"I think there might be some more interest on that too," Gates said. "All in, it might get us to approximately \$32 million."

There were nine other property loans in the 2018 lawsuit, but Arguelles ruled last year that the city didn't demonstrate that they qualified as enforceable loan agreements.

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BOYS' TENNIS

King of the Court: Niels Hoffmann is CIF champ

BY MATT SZABO

CLAREMONT — Even someone who knows little about tennis is able to study body language.

Corona del Mar High junior boys' tennis player Niels Hoffmann can be an open book.

"If he gets up, you'll know it," CdM coach Jamie Gresh said. "If he gets down, you'll know it. He can have a little bit of a roller-coaster effect there."

The thrill ride of a high school boys' tennis season ended in spectacular fashion for Hoffmann on Wednesday at Byszantz Family Tennis Center in Claremont.

He certainly saved one of his best matches for last.

The top-seeded Hoffmann routed No. 2-seeded Palos Verdes Peninsula senior Sean Ferguson 6-2, 6-1 in the CIF Southern Section Individuals boys' tennis singles title match.

It's the first major individual title in high school tennis for Hoffmann, who was a CIF Individuals doubles finalist last year with teammate Jack Cross and an Ojai singles finalist this year.

He joins his older brother Bjorn Hoffmann, who won the CIF Individuals title as a senior for CdM in 2016. They are the first brothers to both win CIF singles championships since Rick Leach and Jon Leach did so for Laguna Beach High in 1983 and 1988, respectively. The Leach brothers went on to star at USC, where Niels is committed. "It's super-cool," Niels



James Carbone

CORONA DEL MAR High's Niels Hoffmann celebrates a point against Woodbridge High's Avery Tallakson during the CIF Southern Section Individuals boys' tennis singles semifinals on Wednesday in Claremont. Hoffmann won the match 6-2, 6-1.

Hoffmann said. "I'll hear about it a lot tonight, but it's very cool. Even without the brother, it's still a really big accomplishment and it feels great ... I definitely have made some big jumps. I don't know if at the start of the year, I thought, 'Oh, I'm a lock to win it in straight sets and not drop a set this tournament.'"

He smiled. "But, you know, [it's a] happy surprise."

He served tough against Ferguson, bound for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, in improving to 3-1 against

him this season. Hoffmann did not face a break point in the final.

"It was kind of the exact type of match he wanted to play," Gresh said. "He was able to dictate a lot with his forehand, and he kept his error count super low."

Hoffmann rallied for a 7-5, 6-2 win in the semifinals earlier Wednesday against No. 4-seeded Avery Tallakson of Woodbridge. He was down 5-2 in the first set against the University of New Mexico-bound Tallakson, who was serve-and-volleying with

some success, a rarity in high school tennis.

"It's like, 'Oh my God, he can't miss a ball,' and I'm knocking on the door and not quite there," Hoffmann said. "Definitely, frustration crept in. I think he probably deserved that first set ... but he's tricky to play, right? He doesn't give you a lot of rhythm."

Hoffmann still won eight straight games to seize control of the match, and ended up beating Tallakson for the second time in three tries this season.

Niels is the youngest of

three brothers, all of whom play tennis. That's hardly a surprise, as both father Carsten Hoffmann and mother Biljana Longman played the sport in college at UC Irvine.

The middle Hoffmann brother is Nik, 22, who attended Wednesday's match. He also played tennis for CdM but is now focusing on medical school.

Niels said he has gotten closer to Bjorn, now 25, in recent years. Bjorn played four years at Cal before he took advantage of a COVID year to play a season for

UC Irvine in 2021 as a graduate student, living at home at the time. He now resides in the Los Angeles area, working remotely for Microsoft.

"As he's stayed closer to home, our relationship has grown, but it's also really cool because he can travel with me for tournaments and mentor me a little bit," Niels Hoffmann said. "I'm very grateful for that as well."

Though they are eight years apart, a sibling rivalry also can creep in. Niels will return to CdM next season with goals including winning an Ojai title, a second CIF Individuals title and leading CdM to a CIF Southern Section championship — things Bjorn came close to before falling a bit short.

"It's super fun," Niels Hoffmann said. "I think he's rooting for me to surpass him."

Gresh is rooting for it too, of course, because it would mean yet another standout season for Niels as a senior, after helping CdM reach the CIF Southern Section Open Division and CIF/USTA Southern California Regional title matches this spring as a junior.

"Obviously, Niels' schedule outside of high school tennis has a lot of big tournaments, but he looks forward to the team environment and trying to bring CdM a title," Gresh said. "As a coach, that's what you want and need out of your best player."

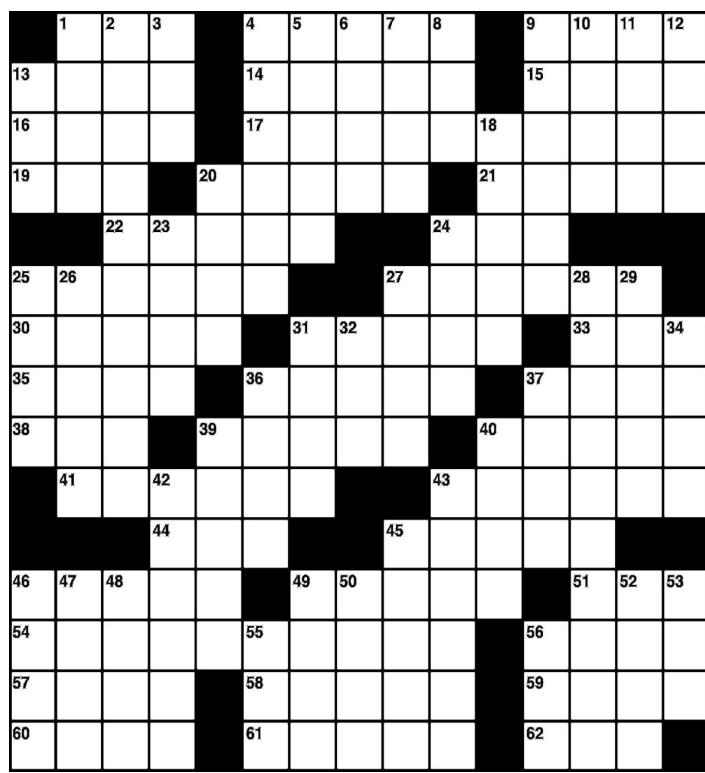
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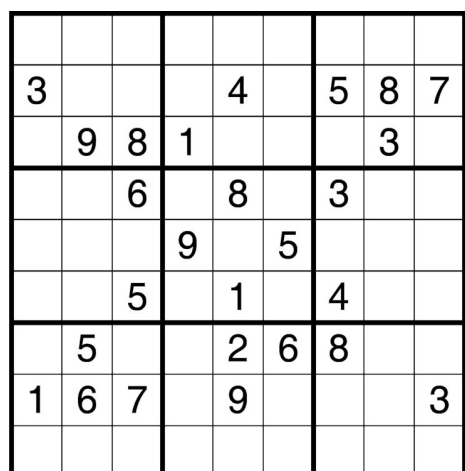
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- 20 Gets ready for a trip
- 21 Comic strip "Gasoline _"
- 22 Burst
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- 30 Henry VIII's royal house
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- 33 Closing trio
- 35 Criticize harshly
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- 37 Actress Patty
- 38 Simple reply
- 39 Use foul language
- 40 Naive types
- 41 TV's "_ & Greg"
- 43 Most impolite
- 44 Corn eater's discard
- 45 Alma _; school once attended
- 46 Punctuation mark
- 49 Leg part
- 51 "_ my brother's keeper?"
- 54 The whole shebang
- 56 Annoying insect
- 57 Martin or Cain
- 58 Postal scale unit
- 59 Not pleasant
- 60 Closes
- 61 _ together; combined



SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

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



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

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- 1 Central part
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- 3 Animal enclosure
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- 5 Build
- 6 Door fastener
- 7 Plenty

- 23 Hotel booking
- 24 Small fruits
- 25 Online crafts store
- 26 Called the shots
- 27 _-highs; long socks
- 28 Joyful enthusiasm
- 29 Wee ones
- 31 Circle dance
- 32 "_ Now or Never"
- 34 Vitality
- 36 Feeling no pain
- 37 City slicker on a ranch
- 39 Close friend
- 40 Biblical book
- 42 Oak droppings
- 43 In tatters
- 45 _ pie
- 46 Give up land
- 47 Jenn-Air appliance
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On June 26, 2023 at 09:00 AM, Auction.com Room, Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Anaheim - Orange County, 100 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on August 31, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006000583875, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Orange County, California, executed by MARK WIMBLEY, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST THE property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3 HEATHERGREEN #57, IRVINE, CA 92614-7096 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 without covenant or warranty, express 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 the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$501,020.35 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on 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 Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001638-22-1. 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 Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 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 right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001638-22-1 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 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 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. Date: May 9, 2023 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001638-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0434950 To: NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT 05/18/2023, 05/25/2023, 06/01/2023

Legal Notices

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BSC 223406
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES J. BROOKS
30-2023-01326087-PR-LA-CMC
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **JAMES J. BROOKS**.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Johnathan Brooks** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Johnathan Brooks** 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 **June 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626
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 hearing.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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BSC 223383
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JESSE LEE CUMMINGS, JR., aka JESSE CUMMINGS
30-2022-01295038-PR-LA-CMC
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JESSE LEE CUMMINGS, JR., aka JESSE CUMMINGS**.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **RICK CUMMINGS** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **RICK CUMMINGS** 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 **June 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM5** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626
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 hearing.
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James Carbone

CRAWFISH FESTIVAL ORGANIZER Lilly Dao, left, wheels out fresh boiled Louisiana crawfish to the serving area at Fountain Valley Sports Park on Friday.

CRAWFISH

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awaiting a 2-pound feast to share with his wife, Aurita.

"You have to put in the work," said Howard, who added the crawfish is not simply going to pop into your mouth if the words "open sesame" are uttered. "If you actually dive in and put in the work, twist, open, take that meat, suck that juice, you're going to have a full enjoyment of that experience. You'll forget about the journey to that experience because you're really enjoying the destination of that experience."

Reminiscent of a dining hall, scores of people sat along lengthy tables enjoying their crawfish, as well as items such as alligator bites, frog legs, roasted corn and shrimp from other vendors. Treats like churros and funnel cakes topped it all off for dessert.

The Bill Magee Blues Band provided the enter-

tainment end of the dinner-and-a-show combo Sunday evening. Saxophone player Walter Gentry came off the stage and worked the crowd.

Magee, a New York native who performed with Jimi Hendrix in the band "Jimmy James and the Flames," said he felt his band was well received by a diverse crowd. He added that he had played at the festival before, but this marked the first time since it relocated to Fountain Valley.

"The job of a musician is to make people feel good, get them up dancing and make them forget about their problems that they may have, just for a little while," Magee said. "If you can make them forget about whatever problems they have for a little while, then you've done your job."

Shortly after Magee's group concluded its performance, the crowd was further engaged with a rendition of "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In," as well as a costume

contest and a collaboration incorporating whistles.

The Original Lobster Festival will return to Fountain Valley Sports Park Sept. 8 through 10.

Rob Frizzelle, the community services director for Fountain Valley, said an unfavorable weather forecast impacted attendance Saturday.

"We still had a great turnout," Frizzelle said. "It's really a food festival, and that's what people are coming out for. Summerfest, that we also have during the year, which is the city's largest celebration and a kickoff to summer, it's more of a ride festival, games, and that's what people come for."

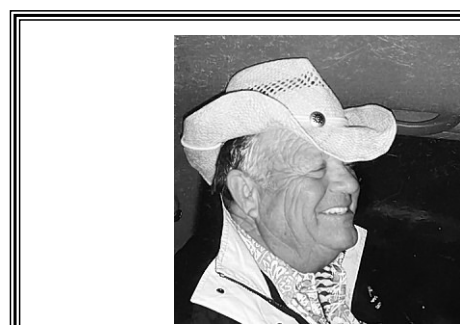
"Crawfish is the opposite. People are there for crawfish, and we have people come from all over California, and when we get the data back, I'm sure we're going to have people from multiple states that have visited for this event."

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GEORGE CLIFFORD THOMAS IV

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A hammer-hatchet police believed to have been used to strike Avila was found inside the car, the Daily Pilot reported at the time of the incident.

A neighbor who witnessed the scene said she saw a man swinging an object inside the vehicle while he stood outside. She thought the man may have been trying to break the window, until she saw him dragging what looked like a bloodied body out of the Scion and called police.

Ivan Chernov Dimov, then 51, was arrested and held on \$1-million bail after officers discovered him near the body and tasered him as he attempted to flee the scene.

Dimov, whose occupation was listed as shop owner, faced a charge of murder and a felony enhancement for using a deadly weapon. That December he pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. In November 2017, Orange County Superior Court Judge Kazuharu Makino found Dimov mentally unfit to stand trial and suspended criminal proceedings against him.

Neighbors reported Dimov was married and had three children when the incident took place. Now 58, Dimov has been held in custody for six years, appearing regularly at competency hearings to determine whether he is fit to defend himself in court.

A Costa Mesa Police Department spokesman said at the time of the murder investigators had not determined a motive for the crime or found any links between Avila and Dimov, who'd reportedly moved to Costa Mesa just a few days earlier.

Following Avila's slaying, a neighbor of Dimov's said she had spoken often with the suspect and his wife about mental-health issues he'd reportedly suffered, indicating he had undergone some form of medical testing. Dimov could face up to 26 years in prison if he is convicted of all charges.

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