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# Heritage calendar gets 4-3 approval in H.B.

City to celebrate slate of historic themes but disregard others more commonly observed, to dismay of some locals.

#### BY MATT SZABO

February's city theme for Huntington Beach will be "We Love Our Libraries" in 2024, while the city will make no mention of Black History Month.

In June, the city theme will be focused on the history of Independence Day, but the city will not be recognizing (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

The City Council voted 4-3 on Tuesday night to approve a 12-month calendar that will see each month dedicated to a specific theme but would remove other familiar months from the recognition list.

The item, introduced by Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns and Councilman Casey McKeon, states that it is designed to honor the rich historic heritage of the country,

See **Calendar,** page A4

### 1.5 tons of trash cleared from channel

Volunteers collect a record amount of debris in an OC Coastkeeper cleanup at Santa Ana Delhi River Channel.

#### BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

Clad in protective gloves and rubber boots, about 40 volunteers ventured into the area where Irvine Avenue meets Mesa Drive at the Santa Ana Delhi River Channel in Newport Beach Saturday to help prevent debris from polluting coastal waters.

A considerable amount of trash and debris awaited their attention. When the work was done some 3,100 pounds of it had been collected, all of which had accumulated since the last cleanup was held just before Thanksgiving.

See **Trash,** page A3



# Jingle on the Waves' is afloat



**TOP:** Frosty the Snowman in a boat is one of the pieces of Newport Beach's first float since 2006. "Jingle on the Waves" is the longest float entry in the parade's history and is dedicated to the Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade and Balboa Fun Zone's Ferris wheel and the Balboa Pavilion.

#### ABOVE AND RIGHT:

Volunteers work on the "Jingle on the Waves" float at the Phoenix Decorating Co. in Irwindale on Saturday.

Photos by James Carbone



s the new year draws closer, so too does the debut of Newport Beach's float for the upcoming Rose Parade.

The city's first entry in several years is called "Jingle on the Waves" and is an homage to the city's most iconic features: the Christmas Boat Parade, which recently finished its 115th run; the Balboa Fun Zone, also newly revived after a change in ownership; and the Balboa Pavilion.

With the float's superstructures completed, volunteers, including some from Newport Beach, started adding dry, nonfloral decorations earlier this month at the Irwindale warehouse, where what is reportedly the longest float in the Rose Parade's history is being staged. Floral and other "wet" decorations will start being placed on Dec. 26. Visit Newport Beach is still accepting volunteers at airtable.com/ appbc54x6ikyah7YI/ shrJXZzV2pqUx1Zzw.

Newport Beach has not participated in the Rose Parade since 2006, when it sought to celebrate its centennial. Visit Newport Beach president and chief executive officer Gary Sherwin said in previous interviews that an official with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Assn. reached out to the city to participate as both the city and parade had a long, preexisting relationship.

Newport Beach will be one of a number of cities participating in this year's parade. Others include La Cañada Flintridge, Sierra Madre, Downey, South Pasadena, Burbank, Alhambra and Torrance. Florida's Ft. Lauderdale will also have a

Built by Phoenix Decorating Co., the cost of the Newport Beach float to boost tourism is in the "low six figures," Sherwin said.

— Lilly Nguyen

### An automation-assisted Sweetgreen opens in Surf City



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

#### BY MATT SZABO

Sweetgreen's new fast-casual restaurant in Huntington Beach will bring Surf City patrons plenty of salads, bowls or plates to choose from.

It also brings them a glimpse into the future.

The Huntington Beach location, which opened on Dec. 12, is just the second of 224 Sweetgreen

eateries nationwide to use what

the company calls its "Infinite Kitchen" automated technology. The first opened in Naperville, Ill. in May.

Human employees prepare the food, performing tasks like marinating proteins, cooking and chopping vegetables and making dressings. They also provide the finishing touches, but the Infinite Kitchen does the rest of the work.

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**THE MISO** glazed salmon plate at the new Sweetgreen location in Huntington Beach.

**KALE ROGERS,** Sweetgreen director of concept automation, helps out on the counter at the new Sweetgreen location in Huntington Beach on Friday.

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1/6 QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE) **BOBBY GRAY** 1/7

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WILD CHILD (THE DOORS TRIBUTE) 1/13 1/14 CUBENSIS (GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE)

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2/2 **ENGLISH BEAT** 

2/3 GLENN HUGHES DEEP PURPLE SET 2/6

RICKIE LEE JONES

2/9 FAST TIMES (80s Concert Experience) 2/10

JOURNEY USA (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)

2/14 **OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA** 

**KARLA BONOFF** 2/15

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2/17 THE MOTELS

2/18 **ALBERT CUMMINGS** 

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2/24 DADA

2/25 **KEN GARCIA** 

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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

#### **ACROSS**

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31 Radiate

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49 Horse's gait 50 Mob scene

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56 That girl



**SARDINAS** COHN **MOUNTAIN** 2/29

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"2 ENGLISHMEN ABROAD" AN EVENING WITH **ROBERT FRIPP & DAVID SINGLETON** 

3/3 WALTER TROUT RECORD RELEASE PARTY 3/7 THE BODEANS

3/9 SUPER DIAMOND (Neil DIAMOND TRIBUTE)

3/13 REVEREND HORTON HEAT 3/14 **COLIN JAMES** 

THE FENIANS St. Pat's Day Celebration 3/15

3/23 THE HIGHWAYMAN SHOW

(Cash, Nelson, Jennings, Kristofferson Tribute) 3/28 HERMAN'S HERMITS STARRING PETER NOONE

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3/31 LYNCH MOB - THE FINAL RIDE THE KINGSTON TRIO

4/4 4/5 **ULI JON ROTH** 

- Interstellar Sky Guitar Tour

4/6 RONSTADT REVIVAL (LINDA RONSTADT TRIBUTE) **CINDERELLA'S TOM KEIFER** 

4/10 JOAN OSBORNE ACOUSTIC TRIO

4/11 JIMMIE VAUGHAN **ROGER CLYNE & THE PEACEMAKERS** 4/12

4/13 **TINSLEY ELLIS** 4/14 THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS

7/20

4/18 **SPONGE RICHIE FURAY** 4/19

4/20 **GEOFF TATE** 

**VONDA SHEPARD** 4/21

4/25 **ISRAEL VIBRATION & ROOTS RADICS** 4/27 KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE (STEELY DAN TRIBUTE)

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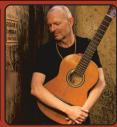
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TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: **BEN J. ELLINGSON** 30-2023-01367468-PR-LA-CMC

creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  $\ensuremath{\textbf{BEN J.}}$ **ELLINGSON.** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent

Kimberly Booth in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Kimberly Booth** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

 $\textbf{THE PETITION} \ requests \ authority \ to \ administer \ the$ 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

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**ILA SUE BUSCAINO** 30-2023-01360037-PR-PW-CMC To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent

BSC 224376

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Courtesy of Neil Olson

THE POLAR BEAR Toy Drive Christmas Volleyball Tournament at Main Beach benefited the Laguna Beach fire department's "Spark of Love" toy drive on Saturday. Competitors were asked to donate a toy as an entry fee.

#### Laguna Beach makes holiday cheer a priority

#### **BY ANDREW TURNER**

the calendar Since turned to December, the Laguna Beach community has seized every opportunity to celebrate the holi-

days.

There have been reported sightings of Santa throughout town, from the festive holiday kickoff event known as Hospitality Night to the Sawdust Art

Festival's Winter Fantasy

In this season of giving, many have taken it upon themselves to play the role of Santa's little helpers, contributing where they

can to make the holidays a bit more merry and bright. Laguna Beach's volleyball community got in on the act on Saturday, the

See Cheer, page A6

# Sobriety checkpoint yields 3 arrests on suspicion of DUI

#### **BY ANDREW TURNER**

The Fountain Valley police department took its enforcement against impaired driving to the streets last week.

Authorities arrested three drivers on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs on Friday night, police said. The arrests were made during a six-hour checkpoint operation that took place near the intersection of Brookhurst Street and Heil Avenue, which is adjacent to the west side of Mile Square Park. Three vehicles were towed.

The checkpoint saw 942 vehicles pass through, and officers contacted 607 drivers, per results of the operation put out by the department. Police evaluated

a total of nine drivers for DUI, and eight drivers received citations for operating a vehicle without a license.

Fountain Valley police noted last week that they would be stepping up enforcement through the end of the year as part of the national campaign, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

"Impaired driving isn't just dangerous, it's illegal," Police Sgt. Brian Mosher said in a statement. "Let's make this a joyful and safe holiday season for everyone on the road. This enforcement period allows us to get the message out that it is essential to act responsibly and plan a sober ride home."

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**AROUND 40** 

a cleanup held Saturday. About 3,100

pounds were

collected.

**VOLUNTEERS** pick

Delhi channel during

up debris from the

#### TRASH

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Volunteer Cindy Haq of Irvine was found trudging up the paved path, lugging a collection of grungy discarded styrofoam containers, inner tubes, a thermos and gas cans. That, she said, was just her first load.

"I love the ocean and earth and we live near the most gorgeous beaches in the world, and we need to take care of our home," Haq said. Speaking of the assorted volunteers working the area with her, she added, "I'm so happy to see so many people from all walks of life, and different ages who all care about our earth."

The Santa Ana-Delhi River Channel cleanup event Saturday was hosted by Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris and Orange County Coastkeeper.

O.C. Coastkeeper has adopted that section of the Santa Ana-Delhi Channel to help keep it clear of debris. The channel, which straddles the Costa Mesa and Newport Beach border before

is the last chance to remove trash before it gets into the bay, according to Matt Sylvester, communications director OC Coastkeeper.

"This is the third channel cleanup co-hosted by OC Coastkeeper and the assemblywoman in 2023," said Sylvester. "And this will be our sixth cleanup at the Santa Ana-Delhi Channel this year."

Last Saturday's haul broke the previous record of 2,500 pounds of trash collected during a single Coastkeepers' cleanup day. That record was set in June 2022.

The bulky items found in a channel, such as tarps, couches and bikes are naturally heavier than small pieces of trash like plastic bottles, lids and cigarette butts usually found on beaches. Sylvester explained that 250 volunteers may yield 300 pounds of trash in a two-hour beach cleanup, whereas a two-hour stretch of 50 volunteers at the channel can collect up to 900 pounds.

"Everything flows downstream toward upper Newport Bay and ultimately the Pacific Ocean," said Michael Tou, district director for Petrie-Norris. "The county put up the yellow 'trash net' barrier,



Susan Hoffman

which holds until a heavy rainfall pushes trash downstream ... cleanup is meant to keep that from happening."

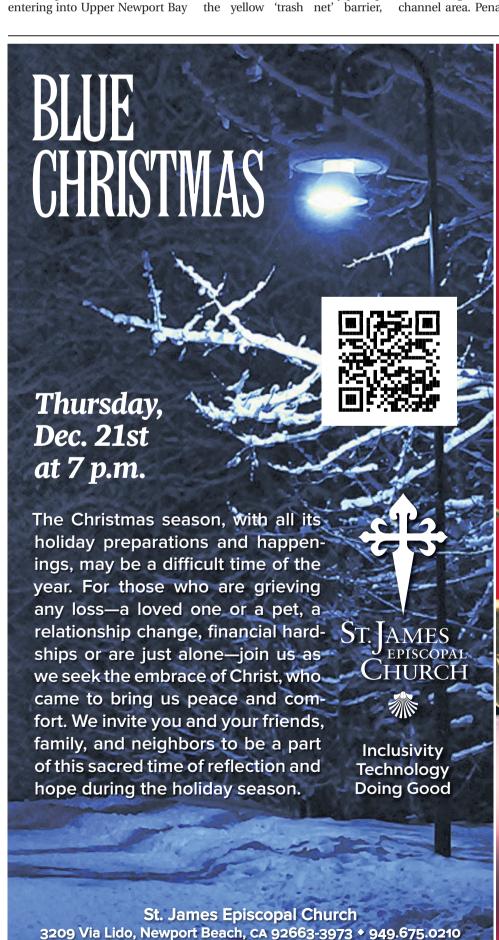
Once the items are collected, Coastkeepers notifies Orange County Public Works to pick up and deliver the trash to the dump.

Dyana Pena, associate director of programs for OC Coastkeeper, held a brief safety meeting prior to releasing volunteers into the channel area. Pena reminded everyone to stay on either side of the water, not to lift anything heavy or pick up anything sharp.

"We even do a graffiti assessment that may be observed along the waterways in the flood control channels, which are reported to the county," Pena explained. "It's all part of the stewardship of the county, and groups like us come in and supplement work that the county already does. The combined outreach lead us to less trash in the waterways."

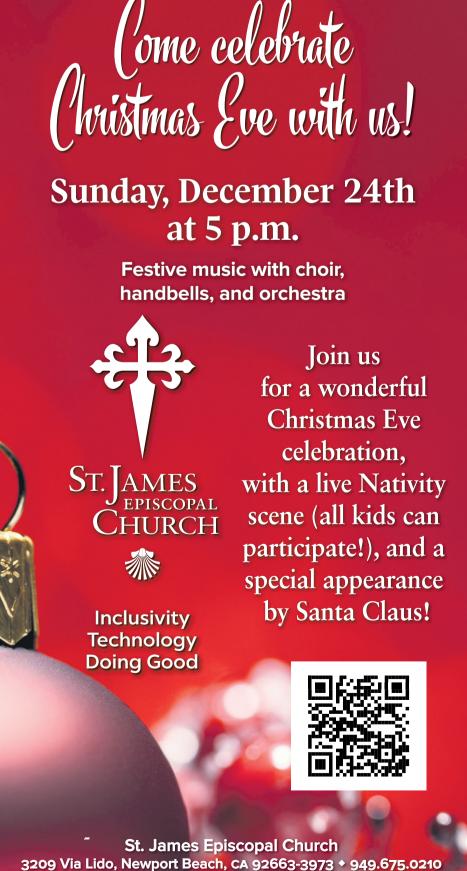
Petrie-Norris, who has partnered with OC Coastkeepers since 2022 in the Santa Ana Delhi Channel cleanup, said she was grateful to have so much outpouring of support from the community, adding, "It's a fun way to connect with constituents and serve our community together."

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.



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(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: TL HONG KONG EXPRESS CORP, 819 W 19TH STREET, COSTA MESA, CA 92627-3518

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s)

ASA RESTAURANT INC., 20460 REYNOLDS DRIVE,

TORRANCE, CA 90503 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENTS AND

GOODWILL of that certain business located at: 819 W 19TH STREET, COSTA MESA, CA 92627-3518 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at that

location is: HONG KONG EXPRESS (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is 01/10/24 at

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(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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Dated: December 11, 2023 Transferees:

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MICHAEL JOSEPH CULLEN aka MICHAEL J. CULLEN aka MICHAEL CULLEN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Marilyn Ribera in the Superior Court of California County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Marilyn Ribera be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

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 Feb 08, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM06 located at: 3390 HARBOR BVLD.

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person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in

California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from

the court clerk. Attorney for the Petitioner: PETER A. SAHIN, ESQ VELASCO LAW GROUP, APC 333 W. BROADWAY, STE 100 LONG BEACH, CA 90802

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> BSC 224342 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARY KATHRYN THOMPSON aka MARY K. THOMPSON aka MARY THOMPSON 30-2023-01364157-PR-PW-CMC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MARY KATHRYN THOMPSON aka MARY K. THOMPSON aka MARY THOMPSON.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Brian R. Thompson in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Brian

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THE HUNTINGTON Beach Fourth of July Host Band heads up Main Street during this year's Fourth of July parade.

#### CALENDAR

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state and Surf City itself. Each month's theme will significant highlight events, landmarks and influential figures.

Tony Strickland voted to approve the item, while Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton all voted "no."

McKeon said that over the past year, city archivist and historian Kathie Schey has sent him about 20 chronological photos of the history of Huntington Beach that he has hanging in his council office.

"Myself, as a third-generation Huntington Beach resident, I've just been amazed to learn how much of our rich history that I was unaware of, and I can only imagine that the majority of our residents are unaware of as well," McKeon said. "That was essentially the genesis for this calendar of historically themed months ... the monthly celebrations [now] are fragmented, inconsistent and relatively unorganized within the departments."

But Schey, earlier in the meeting during public comments, said she would be resigning as the chair of the historic resources board and member of the design review board in protest of the item. Another additional seven-to-nine member committee would be created to decide the calendar of events for each year, which she saw as usurping the power of the historic resources board.

"I think it's a pretty thinly veiled, stinging vote of noconfidence both in my role as a historian and leadership of the historic resources board," Schey said. "The members of that board include a history professor, two history authors, two of the greatgrandsons of our first mayor ... and this is unfair to them."

The item states the committee could be assisted by the human resources board or city staff, as needed. McKeon said the board was not consulted before the item was put on the agenda, though he did have a conversation with Schey over the weekend.

Monthly themes for 2024, as proposed and amended Tuesday, include celebrating the city's origins and remembrance of the Holocaust in January, California's history March and the history of Huntington Beach's railroad in April. But the item also states that any previous monthly themes or celebrations approved by earlier City Councils would be repealed and superseded.

These federally recognized celebrations include History Black Month, Women's History Month in March and Pride Month in June, among others. May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month runs from mid-September to mid-October.

The item states that the new Huntington Beach celebrations are intended to be "free of any identity politics and political agen-

Kalmick questioned both the item itself and why the previously approved celebrations need to be disregarded.

"This is not public policy," he said. "This is an Eagle Scout project. This is what we all learned in fourth grade and 10th grade and 11th grade. I do apologize if you didn't know some of these things; a lot of folks in town do ... So, February of 2024 we're

not going to celebrate



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#### **NON-OPERATIONAL**

oil wells are pictured in the parking lot of the **Huntington Beach Civic** Center earlier this year.

Black History Month. Why not?"

McKeon said the previous themed months could be added back in future

"This is meant to be a fun exercise that brings the community together," he said. "You're totally overcomplicating it."

Moser, who has a bachelor's degree in history from Cal State Long Beach, said that presenting a comprehensive historical narrative is complex, and she cautioned against oversimplification or inadvertent sanitizing of the past.

"I love history and I want us to know more about history, [but] our immediate role as council members is to prioritize the needs of the community that directly impact them," she

Don Han is the director of community partnerships for Groundswell, formerly known as OC Human Relations. He said he had been working to support the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force/Committee, which the council voted to ax over the summer, since 2005.

"It is kind of disheartening to see that the nationally recognized heritage months are being removed from the city of Hunting-Han said ton Beach, Wednesday. "The history of Huntington Beach is the history of these people. If Huntington Beach wants to continue to celebrate its diversity, it has to embrace and be inclusive of all people, so that they feel that they belong. Removing the Black History Month celebration, imagine if you identify as a Black person in that community, to see your city's elected officials say, 'We're not going to recognize you and your history.' That can be disheart-

ening." State Sen. Dave Min also released a statement that was highly critical of the

item. Burns said that the federally recognized months were already well known and being celebrated.

"Just not in Huntington Beach," Kalmick cut in.

#### **BOLSA CHICA SENIOR LIVING PROJECT CONTINUED**

The Bolsa Chica Senior Living Community project was continued again on Tuesday night to an unspecified later date, at the request of the applicant.

The council was set to vote on green-lighting the project, developed by real estate developer Hines and Clearwater Living. It was first introduced to the council in November and had since been slightly reduced in scale to four stories and 52 feet high, with approximately 178 total units.

Tom Lawless, a Hines representative, announced during public comments that the continuance was being requested.

"We're really excited about this project, but it's still clear to us that we have more work to do with the community and on the project," he said.

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**CUSTOMERS PLACE** orders at digital kiosks at the new Sweetgreen Huntington Beach location on Friday.

#### **OPENS**

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"How can we enhance the team member and customer experience, and get fresh, healthy food to more people?" Sweetgreen director of concept automation Kale Rogers said. "We hope this is going to be a big unlock for us as we continue to scale this brand and compete with fast food."

Customers order off one of six tablets located in the middle of the store, or they can order on the app. Once the order is in, their estimated wait time appears on a screen to the right usually no longer than three to five minutes.

After a team member places a bowl on the Infinite Kitchen conveyor belt, it moves station to station under temperature-controlled tubes, each filled with a food item such as a protein, rice, green or other topping. The tubes automatically dispense the ordered ingredients into the bowl as it passes under-

Rogers was a co-founder of Spyce Food Co., which also had an automated kitchen and was acquired by Sweetgreen two years ago. He said the Sweetgreen Infinite Kitchen system can make up to 500 bowls per hour — about 50% more than humans could which allows the restaurant employees to focus more on hospitality.

A host greets customers as they enter and is there to answer any questions.

"That's huge, because that allows us to compete with the fast food industry," Rogers said. "It's real food, but made really quickly, which we think is a huge benefit for our guests ... Our stores are normally more like a Chipotle, with a line that you go down. We have a really big lunch peak. A lot of times, you'll go into a store that's really busy and you're yelling your order over the glass. This allows for a little more intimate, one-on-one connection.'

The new location at Five Points Plaza is Sweetgreen's third store in Orange County, following locations at the Irvine Spectrum and in Tustin that opened earlier this year. It also includes an outdoor patio that can seat up to 36 diners.

Known for its salads, Sweetgreen recently introduced protein plates like miso glazed salmon, south-

#### "... it's been really exciting to see the reception from both customers and team members ..."

**Nicolas Jammet** co-founder of Sweetgreen

west chicken fajitas and hot honey chicken to its menu.

The restaurant company was founded in 2006 in Washington, D.C., by three then-college students at Georgetown who were looking for quick and healthy options. One of them, Nicolas Jammet, was at the new Surf City location last week for the opening.

He said it's important for Sweetgreen to know the communities it serves and feature local ingredients. The Huntington Beach store features bread from Santa Ana-based bakery Bread Artisan, goat cheese from Ontario-based Drake Family Farms and romaine lettuce and cilantro from Coastal Fresh Farms.

"This is our second Infinite Kitchen, so we're still very much in the learning phase," Jammet said. "But it's been really exciting to see the reception from both customers and team members, and just the quality of the food that's coming out

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Notice is hereby given that on **January 9, 2024**; Life Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations:

referenced facility to complete the transaction. Extra

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3190 Pullman St. Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (714)243-4094 12:00 PM

Ron Nadrasky

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CNS-3765993# DAILY PILOT

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Hamed Tadayon Jump Starter, Leaf Blower, Golf Clubs Linda Schlagel

Power Drill, Table Saw, Lathe

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CNS-3764568# DAILY PILOT

TSG No.: 8769567 TS No.: CA2100286915 APN: 426-251-24 Property Address: 1721 PALOMA DR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660-3742 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST; DATED 03/18/2011. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/05/2024 at 01:30 P.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/05/2024 at 01:30 P.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 03/28/2011, as Instrument No. 2011000158190, in book, page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of ORANGE County, State of California. Executed by: BRUCE E. GRAY AND JACQUE GRAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, 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 at 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: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 426-251-24 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1721 PALOMA DR, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660-3742 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 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, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 874,621.57. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby, immediately, due, and, payable, and has thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. 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 (916)939-0772 or visit this internet website http://search.nationwidepost thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sel property, you may call (916)939-0/72 or visit this internet website http://search.nationwidepost ing.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA2100286915 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. 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: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 (916)939-0772, or visit this internet website http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearch Terms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA2100286915 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, 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no Turther recourse against the Mortgager, the Mortgageer or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772NPP0444768 To: NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT 12/21/2023, 21/04/2024

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that on January 9th, 2024; Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations:

2950 Bear St Costa Mesa CA, 92626 949-415-5680 12:00 PM Kimberly Kika

Bags, clothes, shoes, personal items. The auction will be listed and advertised on

www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. 12/21, 12/28/23

CNS-3765566# DAILY PILOT

T.S. No. 115707-CA APN: 178-632-32 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/29/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE, IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 2/15/2024 at 12:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/5/2007 as Instrument No. 2007000074610 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Orange County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: KAREN COLLINGWOOD AND MICHAEL R. COLLINGWOOD, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; 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: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 16735 BAREFOOT CIR, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances. including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$367,196,68 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 a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. 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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 1-866-539-4173 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.SERVICELINKAUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 115707-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information s to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective 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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 115707-CA 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: 1-866-539-4173 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880

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## Orcas delight whale watchers off Newport Beach

#### BY LILLY NGUYEN

Whale-watching tours can't always promise passengers will be able to see whales, but those who went out last weekend with Newport Coastal Adventure were treated to rare sightings of a pod of orcas.

Killer whales live and thrive in oceans all over the world but are typically found in colder waters toward Antarctica, Norway and Alaska, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. But some of the most well-studied killer whale populations live in the northern Pacific Ocean. The pod seen through Monday this week were identified as Eastern Tropical Pacific killer whales.

The orcas, which are endangered largely by human activity, tend to spend the majority of their time off the coast of Mexico but occasionally swim up north. The last such sighting of this pod was reportedly in 2019, though Capt. Ryan Lawler said he saw them off the coast of Ensenada in 2021.

Lawler said the first sightings this weekend began on Dec. 11 by passengers on the the Catalina Express ferry traveling from Long Beach to Catalina Island.

"We subsequently launched two of our boats



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**AN ORCA** surfaces in Newport Beach's waters on Sunday after several sightings up and down Southern California's coast.

from Newport Beach to go watch them. The ferry has to go to Catalina, so they don't stop a long time. They just radioed, 'We saw killer whales,' and we found them again off Rancho Palos Verdes, but then they weren't seen for a couple of days," Lawler said. "I personally found them again off of Anacapa Island off of

Oxnard [on the 15th]. They're moving around.

They're moving around.

"We've been able to track their movements and get Newport Beach passengers on them. Whether the whales are near Catalina, Rancho Palos Verdes, San Diego, wherever we can. They want to see the killer whales and see them in the wild. It's a rare opportunity

to see them in the wild off the coast of Southern California."

Lawler said there were sightings off of the coast of Catalina Island on Saturday, then again off Newport Beach's coast on Sunday. Last sightings were reported on Monday near San Diego, though Lawler confirmed none of his ves-

sels had spied the pod as of Tuesday afternoon.

The scarcity of their sightings, he said, largely has to do with the fact that killer whales are apex predators, meaning they are often on the move to hunt their prev.

"We've seen these killer whales off of San Diego and Newport in several previous

years, but they've only ever been seen one other time in the Santa Barbara channel. It's pretty unexpected but welcomed. The whalewatching enthusiasts are going wild. Our capacity was around 20 per trip, and we were selling out the trip in less than an hour and oftentimes in about 30 minutes," Lawler said. "All we would do is make an Instagram story. 'Hey, we're going to look for killer whales tomorrow; does anyone want to come? Twenty-three people signed up in less than an hour every time.

"We call them whale geeks ... but even people who aren't whale geeks are fascinated by the idea of seeing an apex predator along our coast and a lot of these encounters, they were hunting dolphins. It was pretty impressive spectacle."

Lawler thinks the whales might have been seen farther north because of the relatively calm seas and temperatures prior to Tuesday, when rainstorms began in Southern California. He noted it was odd to see them outside of summer and that more typical for this time of year are humpback, fin and gray whales, as the latter is beginning its migration season.

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#### CHEER

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Polar Bear Toy Drive Christmas Tournament providing the reason to come together at Main Beach.

As an entry fee, competitors were asked to donate a toy that went to the Laguna Beach fire department's "Spark of Love" toy drive.

"The support that we've gotten for both the Polar Bear and the Laguna Open has been, over the years, outstanding," said Kirk Morgan, the director of the Laguna Open. "People, a lot of times, don't know how to give, and when you give them a pathway to giving, a lot of times they're very generous. They want to help out. They just some-

times don't know how."

The tournament had 92 players show up to compete on the beach this year, the event featuring a social division and an open divi-

sion. This was the 15th edition of the Polar Bear tournament.

Morgan said the generosity of Laguna Beach has extended to the Laguna Open, for which he was proud to say the prize money has been put up by locals. The Laguna Open was also back on the Assn. of Volleyball Professionals' schedule for the first time since 1991, he said.

Montessori School of Laguna Beach partnered with

MOMS Orange County, a nonprofit focused on newborn and pregnancy health, for its holiday giving program.

The school community contributed to a diapers and wipes drive, as well as a collective donation of gift cards. The gifts went to families in need.

Montessori School works with students between the ages of 2 to 6. Along with their participation in the holiday giving program,

parents were encouraged to share with their children the value of generosity. Students were able to place the gift cards on a giving tree during class.

"We just asked our community to come out, and we assigned each classroom two families," said Krystle Newquist, an administrator at the school. "Instead of trying to serve tons of families, we wanted to serve fewer families really well. The parents just really opened up their hearts.

"They were so excited to have someone give them the opportunity to give, and I think they really connected with MOMS Orange County as an organization. I think our community is really wonderful at noticing their own privilege and wanting to share that with others."

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