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Celebrating Play with Purpose



Special Olympics Southern California hosted a “Play with Purpose” event at SoFi Stadium, in partnership with Gallagher and Hollywood Park, featuring a Unified Sports experience with the LA Rams to promote inclusion. This event was a celebration of ability, unity, and teamwork for athletes with intellectual disabilities. Congratulations to all our athletes. Photos courtesy Hollywood Park Facebook page.

Knowing the Law is a Good Thing

By Ron Sokol

If you come to an intersection with cars on all sides, but there is no signal, and no one is clear who is entitled to go and who must yield, there could be a significant mess. One or more persons could well be seriously hurt, or at a minimum, property damage will occur.

Thus, we have laws in place to keep a level of predictability, to provide for orderliness, and to guide conduct in a manner that enhances our security. We give up a level of freedom to establish boundaries of what is right and what is wrong, what is permitted and what is not. We also set consequences if misconduct occurs.

A problem arises, however, when the outcome of a case does not seem reasonable; in fact, may even be very hard to believe. You probably heard or read about the large jury verdict a few years ago in favor of a McDonald’s customer who was badly burned by hot coffee. For many, the amount of money awarded was jaw-dropping.

In the criminal case environment, a problem can arise when a person commits a heinous, cold-blooded murder, is found guilty after trial, but is not given the death sentence. Loved ones and friends are grief-stricken, some may never have any relief over their lifetimes. Yet many states have outlawed the death penalty, or a moratorium has been declared. The murderer is jailed, and while he may not have a nice living arrangement, he is above ground. He could live for many years, and will get fed every day. *Is that justice?*

There has been a struggle to implement laws that are fair and objective. For instance, you feel strongly that someone is guilty and should be severely punished. But we have a well-established presumption of innocence. As it turns out, you were wrong; he is not guilty after all -- someone else committed the crime.

In sum, we may not like what the law mandates, but there can be significant justification for it.

The law is a learning process. This is why they call lawyering “the practice of law”. At one time, the law of the land allowed discrimination. It took longer than it should for that grossly misinformed rule to be corrected.

Of note is that in 2006, California passed Penal Code Section 597.7, which outlaws leaving an animal, such as a dog, in an unattended vehicle if the conditions are extreme. This means heat, cold, lack of ventilation, food, or water, which could result in the animal suffering, becoming disabled, or worst yet dying. It was not until ten years later that California passed the Right to Rescue Act, which sets forth criteria in Civil Code Section 43.100 to immunize someone who breaks a car window to save the dog.

Specifically the Right to Rescue Act can shield you from claims if: You believe in good faith the animal is in imminent danger; you conclude that the vehicle is locked; there is no other reasonable means of entry; you contact local authorities (911, animal control, or the police); you employ only that level of force necessary to obtain entry; you remain on the scene in a safe, nearby location until the responder(s) arrive; and the animal is turned over to authorities.

The Right to Rescue Act makes excellent sense. By the same token, let me ask: In the passion of that moment with a dog in significant distress in a locked car, are you expected to think out precisely what you can do to avoid potential claims? The Right to Rescue Act is well conceived; on the other hand, is it realistic?

There is a well-worn motto about laws coming into effect: “*Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made.*”

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Scales of Justice. Image provided by Ron Sokol.

Weekend Forecast

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Entertainment

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Film Review

East of Wall Review: Evoking a Magical Sense of Sonder

By Morgan Rojas for cinemacy.com

Authenticity seems to be the buzzword right now in hooking audiences to pay attention to various forms of entertainment. Filmmaker Kate Beecroft effectively demonstrates this, along with a natural sense of originality, in her debut feature, *East of Wall*. Winner of the 2025 Sundance Film Festival Audience Award, *East of Wall* captures a magical spirit by stirring up a tangible sense of sonder.

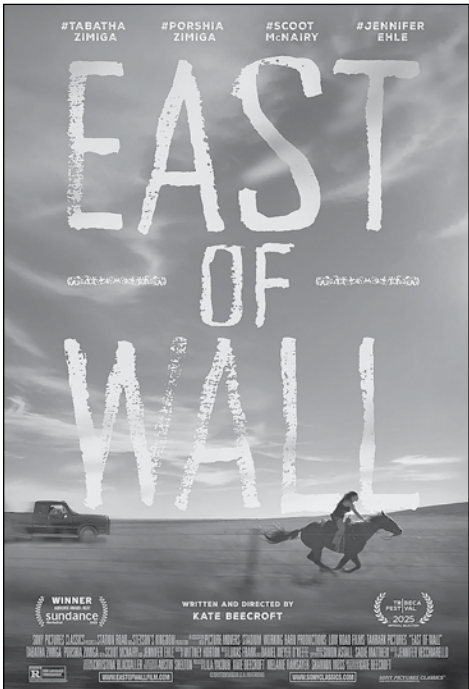
East of Wall is an atmospheric journey for both the mind and the soul. The film follows Tabatha, a good-hearted yet rebellious rancher who rescues and resells horses for a living in the Badlands of South Dakota. Every day may look the same for Tabatha and her fractured family, which includes the seven wayward teenagers who live with her, but she wouldn't trade it for the world. Tabatha is a gifted horse whisperer whose passion and love for these majestic animals far outweigh the stress of her increasingly desperate living situation. However, she soon faces an enticing opportunity that requires a life-changing, yet conflicting, choice. Tabatha must decide if she is willing to give up her ranch, and the only life she knows, for

financial freedom.

The incredible discovery of Tabatha, a real-life cowgirl, leads to the film's most tender and euphoric moments. Says Beecroft, "Taking a wrong turn... in South Dakota led me to the deepest adventure of my life. I pulled up to a rundown ranch and found Tabatha Zimiga and a [group] of intimidatingly bold teenage girls... heads half-shaved like warriors, eyeing me up and down. Tabatha welcomed me into her world with one sentence: "Want to see some real cowgirl shit?". I have spent three years living with this family. They allowed me to be a fly on the wall of their barn and trailer, absorbing every inch of their daily life to write this script..."

In addition to the phenomenal casting, cinematographer Austin Shelton brings the Badlands to life through a dynamic choice of lensing. Utilizing the sun's fiery glow and nature's rich elemental tapestry, *East of Wall* feels wholly organic. Drone shots soar over the mountain ranges, resulting in a feeling as equally kinetic as the horse riding itself. The vibrancy of these visuals seems to permeate through the screen. They magically evoke the smell of summer air as we take in every last drop.

East of Wall is a quiet stunner that unearths a simple, beautiful subsect of Americana. Acquired by Sony Pictures Classics, it is now playing in select theaters. •



Courtesy of Sony Pictures Classics



Morgan Rojas

Meet Albert the Camel

By Rob McCarthy

A young camel with a humanlike personality and 300 animal friends is a social media celebrity, lumbering around the sanctuary he calls home. And, his story ties back to El Segundo and the game of baseball.

Albert the camel stands seven feet tall and weighs 2,000 pounds, according to his owner, Richard Murad, the proprietor of the Beach City Baseball Academy in El Segundo. Albert isn't a typical camel. He's allowed inside the family's small Ojai home, where he romps through the kitchen, knocking over pots and pans and causing hilarious mayhem.

He loves apples and eats up to 24 per day, according to Murad, whose son shared a bedroom with Albert and bottle-fed the one-hump camel, called a dromedary. Albert needed rescuing because he wouldn't nurse from his mother, so the Murads loaded up a trailer, drove to Texas, and picked up the

little tyke.

The family quickly discovered Albert was different. He thinks he's a person and acts like one, too.

"He was really a human being in a camel outfit," Richard said, drawing a huge belly laugh from this interviewer as we talked by phone. He's "smarter than any animal on the property. Ten times smarter than our horses, our pigs, our goats, and our llamas."

Albert was German shepherd-sized when the Murads adopted him. He bonded with their son, Alex, who cared for the camel and today manages the Rancho Grande animal sanctuary in Upper Ojai. Albert sleeps at night in an outdoor pen, having outgrown the cramped bedroom where he grew up — literally.

"If you say good night to him in a gentle way, he knows it's time to sleep," according

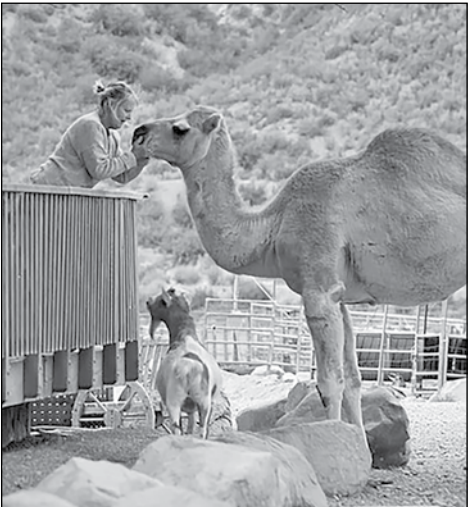
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Albert cuddling up to Richard Murad. The Murads adopted Albert from Texas and are raising him on their 200-acre property along with 300 rescue animals.



Albert the Camel. Photos credit: Rancho Grande.



Albert is a three-year-old camel that thinks he's a person, according to his owner. The Murad family rescued him at one month old after he stopped nursing from his mother.



Albert checking out what Amazon is bringing. Guests at Rancho Grande animal sanctuary in Ojai can feed Albert. Apples are a favorite food of his, and he eats two dozen a day.

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Welcome Back Hawthorne Students



On the first day of school we focus on a fresh start, new adventures, and the excitement of learning. Have a great year. Photo courtesy Hawthorne School District Facebook page.

Therapy PUPs Aim to Make Flying a Less Stressful Experience

By Brian Simon

Ever feel a bit anxious when you’re about to get on a plane? Countless imagined hands just raised. Indeed, air travel can be a stressful experience even for those who jet about frequently. Various options exist to help people relax and no, a martini does not have to be the answer. For the many dog lovers out there, one remedy to calm the nerves is readily available. The LAX Pets Unstressing Passengers (PUP) program seeks to enhance the overall customer experience at the airport by providing travelers access to therapy dogs (with their handlers in tow) who roam the departure levels in the gate areas of all the terminals. The program strives to comfort passengers while also educating them with information about LAX projects and construction-related traffic impacts. “The dogs in red Pet Me vests and handlers in red shirts with the PUP log are an excellent addition to the customer service team,” the program fact

sheet notes. “Passengers love seeing warm, wet noses and wagging tails that create a friendly, ‘PAWSitive’ experience at LAX.” PUP harkens (or shall we say, *barkens*?) back to 2012 when LAX officials asked now-Program Director Heidi Huebner to create a new way to bolster the guest experience at the airport. She was happy to oblige. “I love animals and I love people,” she explained. “I had worked with therapy dogs for over 25 years creating programs for schools, hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities.... but never for an airport. I put pen to paper, and the PUP program was created and launched in April 2013. Since the inception of the program, I have helped airports across the United States and overseas. Currently there are 94 airports that have therapy dog programs, and that number continues to grow. I manage the program on the day to day. I do the meet and greets, onboarding and scheduling of all the PUP volunteers.”

Speaking of volunteers, PUP currently has 96 of them and they work one- to two-hour shifts at the airport. Huebner also continually recruits for newbies and invites people who believe their pet has the personality to be a therapy dog to contact her and discuss the process to move forward. “Each volunteer goes through an initial meet and greet and walk-through with me to make sure it is a good fit for both volunteer and dog,” Huebner said. “Next step is in-terminal training to learn about LAX and how to assist passengers. In addition, handlers are fingerprinted and badged.” Not to disparage other four-legged friends (e.g. horses and cats) in any way, but dogs are by far the most common therapy animal and any breed is eligible. They must be privately owned and at least two years of age. Along with the owners, the canines in question must be certified or registered with a national organization. PUPS partners with the group Alliance of

Therapy Dogs. “First and foremost, the dog must want to and love doing therapy work—that is something that cannot be taught and it is who they are,” Huebner emphasized. “They also are trained in basic obedience skills and have the following personality traits: Calm demeanor, patience, confidence, love of human contact, gentle and friendly nature, resilience to stress, adaptability to various environments, and good temperament around strangers.” Huebner can vouch for the impact of the program first-hand on a daily basis. “You see the magic happen every time the PUPs are in the terminals,” she said. “People start smiling, you see shoulders drop, and strangers start talking to each other when they are petting the dogs. They will take selfies with the PUPs and share photos and stories of their pets at home. It is about the dog and the volunteers. Sometimes the dog is the conduit to the human

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PUPs participating for a Valentine’s Day event. From L-R Top Row: Wendy and Cosmo, Maria and Miz Penelope Cruz, Lisa and Abe Lincoln, Stacey (wearing cap) and Bixby. Photo Credit: Heidi Huebner.

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Herald Publications will be Closed on Monday, September 1.

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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A Cheerful and Exciting First Day of School



A Lawndale tradition is rolling out the red carpet for our new and returning Cardinals. Photo courtesy Lawndale High School Instagram page.

Therapy PUPs

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interaction that is needed.”

In one case, a young woman who had just suffered a femoral fracture learned of the pitfalls of traveling alone with hampered mobility in a busy airport while hobbling about on a crutch and pushing a wheelchair simultaneously. In an email, Ashley described her moments of despair when trying to get food on her own. It all changed when she looked to her left and saw Chaco and Cali. “...My feelings of self-pity and frustration disappeared,” Ashley wrote of the PUPs. “They were so sweet and completely shifted my energy... Though I remain pretty level-headed, in general, airports are crazy. So many people are rushing around, stressed out, and so unaware of their surroundings. Usually, this doesn’t add stress to my day, but today’s experience was much different. Chaco, Cali, and their humans made my day! Their therapeutic benefits cannot be properly articulated. I believe it takes some special pups and humans to be doing this kind of

work. It was fun to sit and watch how many people were excited to see them. All four of them were absolute day-makers!”

Though situated at LAX, the PUPs have made a name in El Segundo as well. They participated in the annual Holiday Parade on Main Street and also worked at an event at Chevron. “The PUPs participate in a lot of community events and school exam time and wellness days,” Huebner said. “This depends on the availability of the volunteers and their scheduled outside of their shifts at LAX, which is the main priority.”

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, and now a Los Angeles resident, Huebner earned a Bachelor’s degree in Communications at Chapman University. Involved in animal advocacy and education for over 30 years, she was Director of Volunteer Programs for Los Angeles Animal Services, Founder and Executive Director of KidsnPets, and Director of Pals2Pets. She joined Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in 2008 and holds the title of

Public Information Director for the volunteer section in Guest Services. She also serves on the ACI-NA Marketing, Communications & Customer Experience Committee for Airports Council International – North America. “ACI-NA advocates policies and provides services that strengthen the ability of commercial airports to serve their passengers, customers, and communities,” Huebner said. “ACI-NA professional staff in the government affairs, legal, environment, safety, security, operations, and technical departments work to ensure that legislation and regulations enacted in Washington, D.C., and Ottawa help airports operate more safely and efficiently.”

My passion is raising awareness through education, program development, and public speaking for airport conferences nationwide and in the community.

Noting that her passion is to raise awareness through education, program development, and public speaking for airport conferences both locally and nationally, Huebner expressed

her pride in the PUPs’ ability to provide a “much-needed support system” to passengers and employees alike. “The teams work the same day, time, and terminal,” she noted. “The employees love collecting their trading cards as much as the passengers do. I appreciate my volunteers so much. Their love and dedication to the program makes my heart happy. I continue to receive calls and emails from people saying, ‘I met a PUP and it made my day!’ I’m grateful every day that I created my dream job. I get calls every month from a new airport that is looking to start a therapy dog program. My hope is to expand this into businesses to help employees unstress when at work.”

To find a PUP when it’s time to fly out of LAX, check the departure levels in the gate areas of every terminal and scope out the red “Pet Me” vests. “Make sure to get their trading card,” Huebner advised. “And if you think your dog could be a PUP, please contact me at hhuebner@lawa.org. •



PUP (Pets Unstressing Passengers) Program Director Heidi Huebner and her dog Chance coordinate canine comfort for anxious travelers at LAX. Photo Credit: Maria Miller.



Dog Dazzy greets two brothers flying into LAX. Photo Credit: Merin Dahlerbruch.



A day in the life of a PUP posing for a selfie and making people smile. Candice and her dog Sherlock. Photo Credit: Heidi Huebner.



Therapy dog Serjio was in the PUPs program for over 11 years. He was famous at the airport — especially in Tom Bradley. Mel, pictured here, works in the terminal and looked forward to seeing him every week. Photo Credit: Tiffany Butcher (Serjio’s handler).

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Celebrating Forty-Three Years of Service by South Bay Outreach Center



Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles and Councilman Pat Kearney joined in recognizing the organization's incredible dedication to uplifting the community with food, clothing, and hope. Thank you for your continued support for our community. Photo courtesy Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS

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Angel

Since 1997, Kitten Rescue has rescued cats and kittens from a variety of situations. Young or old, tabby or Siamese, we care for orphaned and abandoned kittens that need to be bottle-fed around the clock, moms with litters, cats that need socialization, and sick or injured animals. When they are finally ready for their fur-ever home, we will help match you with the purr-fect one. When you adopt, you save a life... and in turn enrich your own.

It is not too early to mark your calendar for our biggest fundraiser of the year Kitten Rescues 17th annual "Furball at the Skirball". Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, celebrity guests, and a magnificent silent auction – Saturday, October 4, 2025.

Julius is a ray of sunshine in cat form. This bundle of joy embodies the classic orange cat personality - sweet, energetic, and the ultimate social butterfly. He can be found climbing cat trees, wrestling with his brother, and playing with all types of toys. He is a curious kitty



Julius (left) and Caesar

who loves affection and will follow you around the house like a tiny shadow – to protect you of course. After burning through his energy from playing all day, Julius transforms into a gentle kitty who is ready to lay on your lap and snuggle with you through the night. Julius is closely bonded with his brother Caesar; together, they are two peas in a pod. **Caesar** is a little distinguished gentleman. This handsome boy has a gentle, observant nature. He loves to watch the world from the window and atop the cat tree. Caesar is also the cutest little cuddle bug, who will happily lay on your chest and purrs to the touch. He is quite the assistant who loves to watch you cook and is now a dedicated sous chef. They are the perfect balance of cuddly and energetic and bring out the best in each other.

Angel is a playful and curious little kitty who enjoys the company of other friendly felines. She loves to watch her reflection in the water bowls and can often be found zooming around

on high shelves. A big fan of Churu, she will quickly warm up to you if you have some on hand! While Angel is a bit cautious at first, she becomes a total love bug once you gain her trust, ready to give you all the purrs and elevator butt! Angel would thrive in a patient, calm home with folks who will give her the time she needs to come out of her shell.

Iris is a delightful calico beauty and a true food lover looking for a forever home to dine in. Born in 2019, Iris has a special passion for food, often trying to steal everyone else's meals and even chewing on her bowls! She gets along with other kitties and is a member of the famous Puffs crew. Due to her food allergies, Iris requires a special diet, making her the perfect companion for someone who can provide the right nutrition and care.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped,



Iris

tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information to see these or our other kittens and cats and for a list of our weekend adoption events, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org.

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Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •

Councilwoman Dionne Faulk and Assemblymember Tina McKinnor’s Annual Backpack Giveaway



Students and families enjoyed free haircuts, dental checkups, laptop giveaways, and so much more. We’re proud to support our youth as they head into a new school year feeling prepared and confident. Wishing all of our students a successful and happy back-to-school season. We are rooting for you. Photo courtesy City of Inglewood Facebook page.

Law

from front page

Nonetheless, we are taught to revere the law. When in Court, we should tread lightly, show respect, and wait our turn. Orderliness is to be honored. Judges are referred to as “Your Honor...” Harkening back to the intersection example above, you must wait to go forward until it is properly your turn. When you do press the pedal, remember: Do not speed, do not cut people off, do not text, and bottom line, obey the rules of the road!



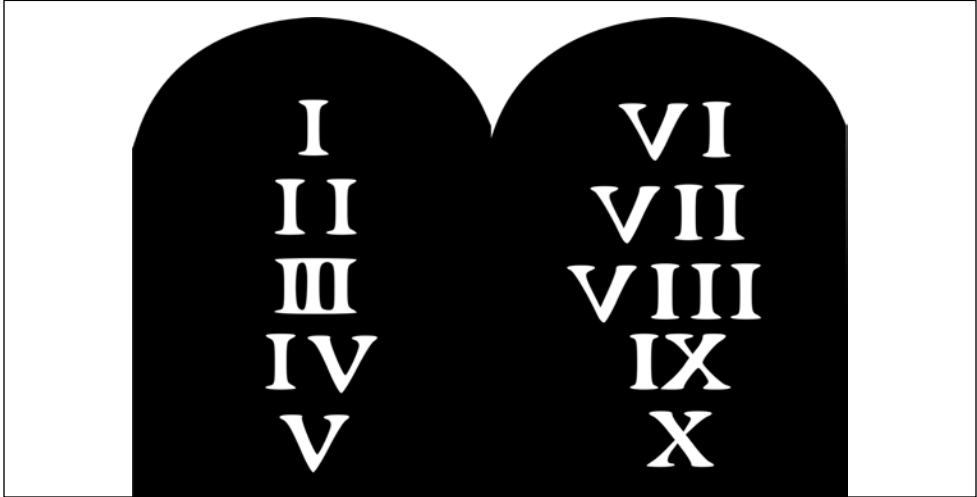
Peak Into a Courtroom.

In California, there are twenty-nine separate Code books. These range from the Family Code to the Penal Code, from the Probate Code to the Corporations Code, from the Civil Code to the Health & Safety Code. Among those twenty-nine Code books, the separate sections, the specific statutes, total over 100,000 in number. The California Legislature meets every year and is typically quite active. Over the two years of 2023-2024, more than 4,500

bills were introduced, and over 1,000 were signed into law. Bottom line, that is a lot of laws! How to keep track?

The law evolves; the law changes, often with the times. Knowing the law is very important. Ignorance of the law, as you have heard many times, is no excuse. Clearly, we need laws to have order. We need laws to be secure.

I will quote no less than Cicero, who said,



The Ten Commandments. Images provided by Ron Sokol.

all those many, many years ago: “The good of the people is the greatest law.”

Knowing the law is a good thing. Being able to follow it, seeking to make sure to comply and obey, is a worthy but at times challenging task. I have been a lawyer now over 40 years. When I say “I keep practicing”, I don’t just or only mean that I keep working. I mean that I keep learning and, on occasion, getting schooled! •



A Judge’s Gavel.

Camel

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to Richard and Alex.

Albert is “a happy guy” who’s good with people and the other animals, including the dogs. He has collected over 100 million views on social media, TikTok, and Instagram, Richard tells. Albert’s always good for laughs, especially when he lumbers through their kitchen as Richard begs Albert to be more careful.

“His videos captured the world because, as I said earlier, he’s not a camel. He walks and talks and generally acts like he owns the place,” according to Richard.

Albert has a way of getting his point across. He makes noises, roars or whining sounds, and it’s uncanny how he’s able to make his wants and desires known to his human family. “You can see when he’s happy. You can see when he’s excited. All of his expressions are very easy to pick up,” according to Richard.

Albert loves people and the guests. He especially likes his apples. He eats two dozen per day, along with cabbage and hay, because he is a growing boy. Standing 7 feet tall and about a ton, the social media star will grow taller, according to his owner. Albert will eat almost anything except lemons because they’re sour.

Not only does Albert appear regularly on social media worldwide, he also makes local personal appearances. Most recently, he did a meet-and-greet at a grand reopening of a supermarket in Ojai, 20 minutes north of Ventura. Albert served admirably as grand marshal for the store event, laying camel kisses on people and posing for photographs.

Will Albert ever make an appearance in El Segundo? Richard Murad said it could happen for a special event on the Little League-sized field across the street from the red-brick

baseball academy. His daughter, Shelly, manages the family’s baseball business and lives in the city. The ball field on the north side of Grand Avenue is inconspicuous and hard to see from the street. Most residents don’t even know it exists, Richard said.

The backstory about how the Murads opened an animal sanctuary in Ojai is rooted in baseball. They wanted to create a satellite baseball academy with more space for diamonds, batting cages, and training facilities. However, they struck out with the Ventura County Planning Department, which denied them permits to build on the rural ranch, which is zoned for horses and lemons. So, the Murads went to Plan B. They’d make a field of dreams for rescue animals instead.

They opened their ranch to pot-bellied pigs, chickens and roosters, alpacas, ducks, goats,

and sheep. Richard and his wife Linda and their three children, *Shelly, Alex, and Jack*, share their idyllic property with small horses, guinea pigs, tortoises, quail and Guinea fowl, rabbits, and Macaws. Day visitors and overnight guests can pet the animals and even collect eggs from the henhouse.

Dr. Doolittle would feel right at home at Rancho Grande with the squeaks and squawks and talk of the animals. Albert is not only the largest animal at the ranch, but he also has one of the biggest hearts of them all. He’s still allowed in the house despite his towering size, Murad explains. And, he waits for his turn to eat.

“The doors to the house are open most of the time so the dogs can come in, and that’s when Albert lets himself in,” Richard said. “But when the doors are closed, he waits outside the door for his apples.” •

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARIA BONDRESCU CASE NO. 25STPB08934

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARIA BONDRESCU. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RICHARD PONTI in The Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RICHARD PONTI 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 in this court as follows: 9/10/2025 at

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LENORA VICTORIA WARD CASE NO. 25STPB08925

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LENORA VICTORIA WARD. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEPHANIE WASHINGTON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEPHANIE WASHINGTON 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 with limited authority. (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 in this court as follows: 09/12/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of

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8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner RICHARD PONTI 350 W. VENICE AVE., #164 VENICE, FL 34284 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/25

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 25TRCP00371

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES Petition of: PATRICIA EVELYN ESQUEDA for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PATRICIA EVELYN ESQUEDA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: PATRICIA EVELYN ESQUEDA to PATRICIA EVELYN FOXMAN The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: September 19, 2025, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: P Room: 440 The address of the court is: TORRANCE COURTHOUSE 825 MAPLE AVE TORRANCE, CA 90503 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Torrance Tribune Date: July 29, 2025 Judge David K. Reinert Judge of the Superior Court Torrance Tribune Pub. 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/25

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW & PUBLIC HEARING 2024-2025 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION The City of Hawthorne (City) receives funding on an annual basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address various housing and community development needs. Each year, the City reports to HUD and to the community on how these funds were used through the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). In accordance with HUD regulations, the City has prepared the draft 2024-2025 CAPER, covering the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The report details how the City utilized its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds to accomplish the goals established in the 2024-2025 Action Plan to address the housing and community development needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the draft 2024-2025 CAPER will be available for public review and comment

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: YOLANDA SIMMONS CASE NO. 24STPB12108

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of: YOLANDA SIMMONS aka YOLANDA BAILEY SIMMONS AN AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHEL SIMMONS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHEL SIMMONS 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 in this court as follows: 10/20/2025 AT 9:30 AM in DEPT: 5 ROOM: 236 located at 111 N. HILL ST. LOS ANGELES, CA, 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of

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for a period of 15 days, beginning on August 25, 2025 and ending on September 9, 2025. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to review the report and share their feedback on the City's performance, as well as any emerging housing and community development needs. Copies of the draft 2024-2025 CAPER will be available for review: ONLINE: https://www.cityofhawthorne.org/departments/housing/cdbg IN-PERSON: City Hall & Hawthorne Public Library, 12700 Grevillea Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2025 and directed to:

Hawthorne Housing Department Attn: Kimberly Mack, Housing Director 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250 kmack@cityofhawthorne.org

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Hawthorne City Council will conduct a public hearing to receive oral comments on the draft 2024-2025 CAPER and to discuss program performance. All comments received during the 15-day public review period will be considered by the City Council prior to final action. WHEN: September 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner MICHEL SIMMONS 3318 Hollypark Dr. #3 Inglewood, CA 90305 Inglewood Daily News Pub 8/28, 9/4, 9/11/25

WHERE: City Hall – Council Chambers, 4455 W. 126th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250

The City Council is the final decision-making body for this item. If you challenge the City Council's action on this matter in court, you may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence received by the City before or during the hearing. ADA COMPLIANCE It is the intent of the City of Hawthorne to fully comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations such as accessible seating, assistive listening devices, sign language services, or written transcripts, please contact the City Clerk's office at (310) 349-2915 at least 48 hours before the public hearing. The City will make every reasonable effort to accommodate requests. LAP COMPLIANCE Si necesita más información sobre este aviso o la traducción de documentos en español, comuníquese con Dayna Williams-Hunter al (310) 349-2915. PUBLISHED August 21, 2025 (Hawthorne Press Tribune) Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 8/ 21, 8/ 28, 9/4/25

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Invitation to DBE Subcontractors – Asphalt & Concrete Work We are bidding on a project in the City of Inglewood and are looking to advertise for DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) subcontractors who hold valid licenses in Asphalt and Concrete work. Please see the project details below: Project Name: Street & Alley Improvements Project Bid Date: September 03, 2025, at 11:00 AM Scope: Seeking DBE-certified subcontractors licensed in Asphalt and Concrete work Quote Deadline: Please submit your quote by 10:00 AM on September 03, 2025 Bid documents are available through 1st California Construction, Inc. Inglewood Daily News Pub. 8/28/25

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ABANDONMENTS: \$125.00

ABC NOTICES: \$125.00

DBA (Fictitious Business Name) \$75.00

NAME CHANGE: \$200.00

Other type of notice? Contact us and we can give you a price.

For DBA's email us at: dba@heraldpublications.com All other legal notices email us at: legalnotices@heraldpublications.com Any questions? Call us at 310-322-1830



T.S. No.: 25-13622 Loan No.: *****8682 APN: 4010-010-020 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/26/2022. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Robin Willis, A Married Woman As Her Sole And Separate Property Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 10/28/2022 as Instrument No. 20221029080 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 9/8/2025 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,061,780.17 Street Address or other common designation of real property:

2804 W 85TH ST INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90305 A.P.N.: 4010-010-020 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. 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 (949) 776-4697 or visit this Internet Website https://prestigepostandpub.

com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-13622. 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 right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (949) 776-4697, or visit this internet website https://prestigepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-13622 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: 8/7/2025 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (949) 776-4697 Patricia Sanchez Foreclosure Manager PPP#25-005392 Inglewood Daily News Pub 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/25

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