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## An Amazing Day in the South Bay for the Walk United 5K



This past weekend at Hollywood Park and SoFi Stadium, the United Way of Greater Los Angeles raised awareness and funds for programs that aim to end homelessness and provide housing stability, quality education, and economic mobility. We are so proud of all the participants and sponsors. Photo courtesy City of Inglewood.

## Introducing Matt Knox and His ‘Wonderful Life’

By Duane Plank

Matt Knox is the CEO and partner at the El Segundo-based Wonderful Collective. He and his brother/partner Johnnie Munger’s company design digital products, ranging from apps to websites to creating successful e-commerce customer experiences and designing fully customized business platforms.

In this ever-expanding digital age, you could say the entrepreneurial Knox is living a “Wonderful Life,” a life a bit fast-forwarded from the iconic character George Bailey, magnificently portrayed by Jimmy Stewart in the 1946 holiday classic film of a similar name.

Ed Jaeger is the founder of RainMaker Solutions, Inc, an El Segundo-based start-up company, who has known Knox and his company for four years. He said that Knox and his company were recommended to Jaeger by “a mentor of mine.” Jaeger said that he values collaborating with Wonderful Collective because Knox has the talent of “getting situated in the shoes of the person he is developing with. Matt dives deep to make the best products in the business. “Wonderful has helped legitimize our data and company profile by designing a world-class website and app,” Jaeger said. “Matt is down to earth, always truthful, and be available for his clients. It has been a wonderful experience to work with Matt and the Wonderful team.”

And to think that Knox grew up with aspirations to become a professional ice hockey player, with the smallish but pugilistic endowed Calgary Flame winger Theo Fleury as a role model. Or to become a rock star, as Knox fronted what he termed a “hair band” decades ago. He said that he favored the dudes in the band, Van Halen or Jon Bon Jovi.

Alas, Knox said that the advent of grunge-type music and bands tanked the popularity and commercial dreams of most hair bands. And he begrudgingly came to the realization that he was not going to make it to the NHL as the next Theo Fleury.

So, it was time to recalibrate his career path, he said.

Raised in Arlington Heights, Illinois, Knox moved to the Tucson, Arizona, area when he was in fourth grade. Knox said that once he moved to Tucson, he thought he was done with hockey, a sport he had played since the age of three. “I thought my career was over,” he said, but he was able to land a spot with a Tucson area

traveling team to continue his ice capades.

After finishing his high school years, he headed to Hollywood with his bandmates to conquer the LA-area music scene, “become famous rock stars,” he said, a dream shared by more than a few musicians. He and his bandmates briefly attended a musician’s institute, attempting to sharpen their chops. At that time, he said, he chose to play college hockey at the University of Arizona or continue fronting the band. “I chose the band,” Knox said, “literally because it sounded more awesome” than gliding up and down a sheet of ice in Arizona and getting into occasional tussles

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## In Defense of Spontaneity—A Winter Ramble Through Northern Italy

Article and photos by Ben & Glinda Shipley

One of Glinda’s favorite song verses runs, “How can I ever miss you, if you won’t go away?” In the same philosophical ballpark, how can anyone experience the serendipitous heights that travel delivers without a basic humdrum beat of repetition in their everyday lives?

And unless we’re ripping off disguises in telephone booths, everyday life by definition involves stability, restraint, and prediction. Assembly lines, factory whistles, office cubicles, time cards, weekly reports, coffee and bathroom breaks. Alarm clocks, school lunches, bus schedules, grocery lines, chicken pot pie on the dinner table. Not to mention laundry?

Which brings us to a curious observation—you’d think that travelers with a mere few weeks of escape each year would smash their daily rhythms, throw off the shackles of planning and organization, and dance headlong into the paradise of their dreams. But judging by social media and a raft of conversations we’ve heard, just the opposite happens.

What is the precise best time of day to visit the Louvre? How many minutes will we need before cutting out to museum #6 on day 4 of our visit? Is it tacky to order spaghetti bolognese in a Copenhagen café? How do we reserve a taxi or a train from the airport? In Cairo, does the Casbah’s Favorite Foreign Diner accept lunch reservations

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## Weekend Forecast

Friday  
Sunny  
85°/62°



Saturday  
Sunny  
81°/60°



Sunday  
Sunny  
77°/59°



## Community Briefs

### Time to Shop Til You Drop at Mattel

Mattel Toy Store is offering great savings and opportunities to get your early holiday shopping done. Black Friday sales start November 13 and are taking place all month long. New deals will be added every Saturday. Also, be sure to stop by their Holiday Tent and save up

to 70% off open now through December 23. The Mattel Toy Store is located at 1955 E. Grand Ave., El Segundo, and open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11am - 5 or go to [Matteltoystore.com](http://Matteltoystore.com) for more information.

### Free Rain Barrels Available for Delivery and Pick-Up

The free Rain Barrel Program from the West Basin Municipal Water District is back. Residents of the West Basin service area may now register at [www.westbasin.org/rain-barrels](http://www.westbasin.org/rain-barrels) for free home delivery or a drive-through pick-up event hosted in El Segundo on January 29 and in Carson on February 5, 2022. "The Rain Barrel Program returns in time for what will hopefully be a plentiful rainy season to help alleviate the drought," said West Basin Board President Harold C. Williams, MSCE, P.E. "The 50-gallon rain barrels, valued at \$80 each but free to participants, are an easy way to capture precious rainwater and reduce stormwater runoff."

Two options are available for service area residents to receive their free rain barrels. This year, there are 700 rain barrels available for free home delivery. Residents interested in this option must reserve barrels by a January 20, 2022 deadline. The District will also host two drive-through pick-up events to distribute 400 barrels at each event. Pick-up event #1

will be at West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo on Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 8-11AM; and pick-up event #2 will take place at West Basin's headquarters in Carson on Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 8-11AM. Advance registration for the rain barrels is required.

Since 2015, West Basin has helped save millions of gallons of water in the region by providing over 14,000 rain barrels at no cost to residents in West Basin's 17 cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. One rain barrel can save up to 620 gallons per year. In addition, a rain barrel helps meet the requirement for a rainwater capture feature that is part of West Basin's grass replacement rebate program ([www.westbasin.org/grass-replacement](http://www.westbasin.org/grass-replacement)), which starts at \$3 per square foot of grass replaced. Visit the rain barrel program website to learn more about eligibility and conditions. Provided by West Basin Municipal Water District

### Help for Loved Ones

Memory loss in yourself or a loved one can feel daunting. Certified Dementia Practitioner and *Palos Verdes News* 'Alzheimer's' columnist Lauren Mahakian, invites you to benefit from her free interactive presentations, offered with the Solvang Library. She will inform, educate, listen to questions and respond to these. All presentations are offered on Zoom to ensure greater access: November 18, 11 am: *Let's Talk! Tips and Techniques for communicating with memory impaired loved ones*; December 2, 11 am: *Dashing Through Dementia: Learn new and creative ways to enjoy the holidays with your memory impaired loved one*

When support is needed, so are honesty and authenticity. This is what our Support Group, *Memory, Coffee & Compassion*, is all about. If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's or

other cognitive disorders, join our Support Group on Zoom any Wednesday at 10am. Please email us or call for a Zoom link. New Memory Care Home opening in Solvang. Family Connect Memory Care is proud to be opening its fourth state-of-the-art, specialized, memory care home. Like the current three homes in Torrance, it uniquely offers a 1-to-2 ratio of one caregiver to two residents! Specialized menus, and our patented Stimuli program for stimulation, exercise and validation therapies. Please contact us to inquire about availability, waiting lists, and tours in Solvang and Torrance. Learn more about the many things happening at Family Connect Memory Care at [FamilyConnect-MemoryCare.com](http://FamilyConnect-MemoryCare.com), by email at [BusOffice@familyconnectcare.com](mailto:BusOffice@familyconnectcare.com), or by calling (310) 383-1877 for a chat or a tour.

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in the heart and not in the mind."*

— LIONEL HAMPTON



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## Entertainment

### Film Review

### With 'The French Dispatch,' Wes Anderson Invents with Short Stories

By Ryan Rojas, Cinemacy

In 'The French Dispatch'—an anthology of short films about a fictional magazine and its articles—Wes Anderson finds new corners to invent. Anyone who has seen all—or even just one—Wes Anderson movie knows that every outing from the prolific auteur is pure dessert for moviegoers. A mere moment is among the richest of intricately made confectionary treats. Eating an entire box in a single sitting

Jr. His personal sayings "No crying" and "Just pretend you meant to write it like that" can't help but call back to Wes' own fixation with composed deliberateness.

The rest of his regulars pop up again as well, all understanding their assignments. **Owen Wilson** strolls the city as a "man about town" bicycling reporter. **Tilda Swinton** earns laughs as an art lecturer. **Adrien Brody** entertains as a greedy art dealer, and newly-minted



*The French Dispatch*, courtesy Searchlight Pictures.

is either the most savory of experiences, or the most uncomfortably stuffing.

I'm happy and relieved to say that the new film is actually, again, something of another detour in Anderson-land. Where Wes' previous eight films have all adhered to a single plot-driven storyline, the writer/director breaks from that convention only slightly in creatively making *The French Dispatch* an anthology series of short stories.

That larger backdrop is a fictional magazine (the *Liberty Kansas Evening Sun*) and its press, which he clearly loves the history of both. It's actually obvious to see how *The New Yorker* magazine—which he was fascinated with as a child (can't you just picture it?)—inspired his particular and creative writing style that evokes high-society intelligentsia. *The French Dispatch* is an homage to the institution and people that shaped that early artistic vision.

The film's structure breaks from his previous films, in that this outing is a series of short films—articles within an edition that cleverly mirrors a magazine itself. And it's this anthology structure that makes it so welcome and appetizing at this point in his filmography (where was he supposed to go after the enormous accomplishment that was the decades-spanning screwball caper *The Grand Budapest Hotel*?).

Anderson's recognizable camerawork and cast fit together like clockwork once again: **Bill Murray** leads the ensemble as the magazine's editor in chief, Arthur Howitzer

Oscar winner **Frances McDormand** shows she can deliver dry humor better than any.

It's the new faces though that make the biggest splash, and who provide the most exciting time in the film. **Benicio Del Toro** and **Léa Seydoux** star in the film's second short story, playing a brilliant but tortured artist/prisoner, and that prisoner's muse/guard. "It" boy **Timothée Chalamet** stars as a student protestor attempting to lead a revolution in 60s France. And in the film's fourth story (and most emotionally profound), **Jeffrey Wright** plays a writer and food critic with a larger story to tell.

However, the nature of the short story is also the film's biggest limitation. For all of its brilliantly-staged choreography that binds everything together, I was left without feeling a deeper significance to invest into, rather than let myself simply be in awe over these madcap comedies. Anderson clearly connects to these stories and characters: of Del Toro's tortured artist, Chalamet's youthful rebel, and Jeffrey Wright's melancholic food critic, in which we see Wes offer profundity and poignancy in a very welcoming way.

'The French Dispatch' is now playing in theaters.

#### The French Dispatch

I don't think that *The French Dispatch* will be included in the shorthand of Wes Anderson's most memorable films. However, it is a different sort of achievement in its own right.

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## Hawthorne High School Students Are on Their Way to Becoming Karate Instructors



Hawthorne High School has two lucky juniors who get paid to learn karate, thanks to a grant provided through the South Bay Workforce Investment Board - SBWIB. These karate interns graduated to yellow belt this week and were awarded a certificate for their completion of the white belt through the California Youth Karate Club, Inc. They are on the path to being able to co-teach middle school students through this program, a fantastic way to earn some money while exercising and learning self defense. Congrats Alondra and Pablo. Photo courtesy Centinela Valley Union High School District.

## Your Neighborhood Therapist

Dear Neighborhood Therapist,

My partner and I are having problems that are becoming more and more difficult to resolve. It is as if each of us is digging in further, blaming the other, and determined to win every disagreement. This is keeping us far apart, and killing all romance and intimacy. We have gone through a lot of changes in our lives: kids, jobs, and of course covid, but this time things feel different. It is almost as if neither one of us is interested in solving these problems. We haven't talked about the future of our relationship, but it feels like unless things get better soon, we are destined to end it at some point. I feel like things can get better, but I'm just not sure that I want them to. Do you think that couples therapy is something we should try?

– *Hesitant, El Segundo*

Dear Hesitant,

Yes, I do think you should try couple's therapy. There are a few reasons, but the most important reason is to get help figuring out if you want to try to get the relationship to a place where it becomes worth it to stay for both of you, or if you prefer to transition to living separately.

I said "save the relationship" or "break up" in a deliberately wordy way, because I think "saving" and "breaking up" are charged words, and charged words often lead to charged feelings. There is not always a need for charged feelings, especially when peoples' lives are highly intertwined and their decisions affect others' lives.

Relationships evolve. Sometimes, the people in them grow apart to the point where it doesn't make sense to live together or be romantic together anymore. There are countless possibilities for why this may come to pass, many of which do not involve bad faith, wrongdoing or lack of truthfulness.

Too often, couples come when it's too late, at a point in the relationship where it cannot be saved. One or both just want a "professional" to rubber stamp a decision that has already been made.

If you can go to counseling before the distance between you two becomes too great, then the work you do together with a counselor may help you be able to steer the relationship in the direction that is most helpful to both of you. Sometimes, that direction is one that has you being together more. At other times, all

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## Lawndale High School Helps Students Focus on a Future Medical Career



The Biomedical Careers Academy at Lawndale High School strives to provide students with the experience, skills, and knowledge necessary to pursue a career and/or further education in the biomedical sciences after high school. What a great way to jump start your future career. Photo courtesy Lawndale High School.

### Film Review

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A love letter to journalism and the writers and institutions that crafted himself as an artist, you can admire the heart that Wes shows here. And I shouldn't downplay that fact that it really does rival the intricate complexities and huge vision that The Grand Budapest Hotel displayed too. Just try and mentally pause any frame at any moment in your head, and notice the mastery of any one shot.

What was the question again? "Anyone else feel Wes Anderson-ed out?" To that, I say this: empty your head beforehand. Leave your memories, expectations, and projections behind. And then watch it, with eyes anew. I did. And the endless awe and inspiration that I drew from it gave me something worth writing about. •



Ryan Rojas

### Therapist

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parties involved may be better off going their separate ways.

Guilt and blame will sweep in like sharks at any sign of a struggle in a relationship. You would both do well to push them aside to the extent you can. Sure, they'll yammer, but they won't actually help you in the long run. We must make our decisions based on the best information we have at the time we need to make that decision. Getting that information out into the open can be very challenging, and

that is what we are here for.

Please write to [tom@tomandreccounseling.com](mailto:tom@tomandreccounseling.com) or text to 310.776.5299 with questions about handling what is affecting your life, your family, the community or the world. Tom Andre is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT119254). The information in this column is for educational purposes only and nothing herein should be construed as professional advice or the formation of a therapeutic relationship. •

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## The City of Inglewood's Turkey Giveaway Will Take Place on November 23



Thanks to Pepsi and Snoop Dogg over 2000 Inglewood families received a Free Thanksgiving Turkey and trimmings for their holiday meals last year. The City of Inglewood Turkey Giveaway Presented By Pepsi will host its annual Free Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Giveaway with Snoop Dogg on November 23, 2021 at Hollywood Park CA. To register to receive a turkey, visit <https://bit.ly/3jX4m18> Photo courtesy City of Inglewood.

### Matt Knox

from front page

with six-foot-four defensemen.

Knox said he and his band haunted the Sunset Strip from 1988-93, but then Nirvana and their distinctive brand of grunge music overwhelmed the music industry, which, Knox said, “was the end of an era, and wiped-out the rock and roll hair band era.” He and his mates, Knox said, had played all the venues that were “packed and happening” at the time on the Sunset Strip, including the Whisky A Go Go, the Roxy, and the Troubadour. But once it became apparent that he was not going to make his big-time mark in the music industry, he pivoted his career aspirations.

He then bounced around the South Bay for a while. He had, in that period, connected with the current mayor of El Segundo, Drew Boyles. Knox said that Boyles is also big-time into music, and the association was made as Knox pondered his next steps.

Welcome to Mayberry.

“El Segundo is an unbelievably business-friendly city,” Knox said, as well as being welcoming to the creative industry. Knox noted the availability of business space in the Smoky Hollow part of town, and how certain of the industrial units available were very enticing for tech company entrepreneurs and businesses who were not looking to cage their employees in old-school drab cubicles but featured “open space that we could make our own.”

But there was a slight detour.

Since the music and hockey aspirations petered out, “I wanted to make some money,” Knox said of his work time before starting Wonderful Collective. “I knew people in financial services, so it was an easy introduction,” he said as he joined the 9-to-5 working class. He said he enjoyed his time in the financial industry,

working on the life insurance side, learning about how businesses work. He said that he “had an affinity for financial products, and I love selling, so it was a natural fit.”

But while working in the financial services field, Knox realized that he still was not toiling in the area where he wanted to make his living. So, he sought a new avenue of employment. The financial services field was “understandably, highly regulated, a bit suffocating,” he said, relating how the tension and differences between the relative freedom of the rock-and-roll field and the financial world led him to explore diving into the tech sector, which he termed “an open field for creativity.” He soon embraced the world of tech, “the most “rock-and-roll thing in business that I could think of,” he said.

And so, his new career took shape.

Wonderful Collective has partnered with companies like EA Sports, GoDaddy, and Lexus, as well as designing digital platforms for the National Hockey League, the National Football League, and the PGA golf tour. They have also designed the “Bingie” app, which allows avid content streamers to “list whatever you want to watch, on every single (platform),” Knox said. “Our goal with Bingie,” Knox said, “is that you will never have to guess what you want to watch across all streaming platforms.”

Knox still hits the ice, saying that playing hockey is “my meditation time. It reminds me that “everything is going to be fine. You get out there, run into a few guys, and they run into you, and you feel better about life.” He lives locally with his wife Skaie, who he said is a “fantastic singer and songwriter,” which Knox said “keeps the music going on in my house.”

Knox touts the business-friendly environ-

ment of El Segundo. “They have done such an excellent job of attracting businesses,” he said, mentioning that one of his favorite relaxation destinations is Rock &-Brews, which, he said, has “captured the backstage feeling of a rock and roll show” while also showing sports on



Wonderful Collective's Matt Knox. Photo provided by Wonderful Collective.

their multiple screens.

The hockey guy Knox noted that he could view the Stanley Cup at Rock & Brews after one of the two LA. Kings triumphant seasons in the last decade.

As for partnering with his brother Johnnie, Knox calls the relationship “Awesome and seamless. We have worked together for 15 years. We are both good at different things.”

For his part, brother Johnnie Munger, who is currently working remotely from Tucson, thinks the brother partnership is a great fit.

Munger is 14 years younger than his brother and did mention that when he was interviewed.

Munger played tennis growing up, dabbled in the music industry, and when Matt broached getting into the digital field, Munger said he was all in. He said that when he was making music, he knew that the bands he played with had to have a digital marketing presence. But when the musical dreams waned, he and his brother “woke up and realized that there was value in (website and app designs), so why not do it professionally?”

Munger said he is “pretty much in charge of all creative output that comes out of Wonderful.” Matt, Munger said, is the front-man of the company, “and I am good standing behind him,” noting that Matt is the character guy in the company, always looking at the bigger picture to move Wonderful forward.”

Added Munger, somewhat facetiously, about his older brother: “Try to make him look really old in the article,” softening that later, saying “make him look ‘cool ancient,’ and adding that Matt “is the face of the company, and people trust him for a good reason.”

He said his tight relationship with his brother is “the reason that we do well. We complement each other. Where I fail, he succeeds, and vice-a-versa,” noting that, as brothers, they both have similar values.

What is on the upcoming agenda for Wonderful Collective? Knox was asked? “We are going to become our own biggest clients,” he said, “teaming up with local businesses to launch new products,” as well as increasing the footprint of Wonderful Collective, both regionally and nationally.

Hockey guy, rock and roller, entrepreneur: Matt Knox, chasing the digital dream. •

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARILYN SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARILYN SMITH 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 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: 11/19/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 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.

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HH-27328

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**NORMAN C. COLE**  
**CASE NO. 20STPB00144**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of NORMAN C. COLE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RHONDA COLE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RHONDA COLE 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 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: 12/13/21 at 9:30AM in Dept. 4 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.

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

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HH-27347

SUMMONS (Family Law)  
CITACIÓN (Derecho familiar)  
CASE NUMBER (NÚMERO DE CASO):  
20STFL09552

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name):  
Kevin Noe Darwin Cuan Zea  
AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre):  
Kevin Noe Darwin Cuan Zea  
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page.

Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente.

Petitioner's name is: Timothy James Gonzales  
Nombre del demandante: Timothy James Gonzales

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

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Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación

y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo.

Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales.

Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

NOTICE—RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

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que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas órdenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.

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1. The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): Timothy James Gonzales, 3738 1/2 W 1st St, Los Angeles, CA 90004-5885  
Date (Fecha): Sept. 25, 2020  
Sherri R. Carter, Clerk, (Secretario, por)  
L. Cabrera Deputy (Asistente)  
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HH-27350

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**FATHY FAHMY GREISSE**  
**CASE NO. 21STPB07744**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FATHY FAHMY GREISSE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NEIMAT FAHMY GIRGIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NEIMAT FAHMY GIRGIS 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: 12/08/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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HH-27348

**Order to Show Cause for Change of Name**  
**Case No. 21TRCP00353**

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

Petition of: AMBER MARIE VILLEGAS & CARLOS FERNANDO VILLEGAS for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMBER MARIE VILLEGAS & CARLOS FERNANDO VILLEGAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

VALERIE VIRGINIA MERIDA

to

VALERIE VIRGINIA VILLEGAS

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: 12-10-21, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: B, Room: 340

The address of the court is:  
825 MAPLE AVE, Room 100  
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:

SOUTH BAY CITIES: HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE  
Date: SEPT. 28, 2021

HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE  
Date: SEPT. 28, 2021  
GARY Y. TANAKA  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 10/21,  
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HH-27324

**Order to Show Cause for Change of Name**  
**Case No. 21TRCP00354**

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

Petition of: JESSICA TRUONG PICKETT for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JESSICA TRUONG PICKETT filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JESSICA TRUONG PICKETT

to

JESSICA PICKETT

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: 12-10-21, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: M  
The address of the court is:  
825 MAPLE AVE  
TORRANCE, CA 90503

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SOUTH BAY CITIES: HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE  
Date: SEPT. 28, 2021

DEIRDRE HILL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
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HH-27323

**Order to Show Cause for Change of Name**  
**Case No. 21TRCP00368**

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

Petition of: VY NGOC LAM NGUYEN & KHOI HOANG ANH NGUYEN for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VY NGOC LAM NGUYEN & KHOI HOANG ANH NGUYEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

VY NGOC LAM NGUYEN

to

VIVIAN NGUYEN

KHOI HOANG ANH NGUYEN

to

BRIAN NGUYEN

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: 12/17/21, Time: 9:00 AM., Dept.: B, Room: 340

The address of the court is:  
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:

HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE  
Date: 10/13/2021

HON. GARY Y. TANAKA  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 10/21, 10/28,  
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HH-27321

**NOTICE OF \$10,000 REWARD OFFERED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has reestablished a \$10,000 reward offered in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of 21-year-old William Ffita, who was fatally shot at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue in the City of Hawthorne after leaving a church dance with family and friends on March 20, 2016, at approximately 2:15 a.m. Si no entiende esta noticia o necesita más información, favor de llamar al (213) 974-1579. Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detective Karen Shonka at Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5621 and refer to Report No. 016-00031-3199-011. The terms of the reward provide that: The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than November 28, 2021. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than January 27, 2022. The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$10,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes. The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate. Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than January 27, 2022, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012. Attention: William Ffita Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579. CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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HH-27293

**NOTICE OF \$10,000 REWARD OFFERED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has extended a \$10,000 reward offered in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of 34-year-old Brian Greene, who was fatally shot while entering his dark purple Infiniti M37s vehicle parked in the Jack's Liquor Store parking lot at 4700 West Imperial Highway in the City of Hawthorne on January 19, 2021, at approximately 4:10 p.m. Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita más información, favor de llamar al (213) 974-1579. Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detective Matthew Landreth at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5504 and refer to Report No. 021-00006-3199-011. The terms of the reward provide that: The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than March 4, 2022. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than May 3, 2022. The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$10,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes. The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate. Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than May 3, 2022, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012. Attention: Brian Greene Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579. CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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*Tis the season to be Thankful!! - Love You Lots, Mom*

*"We can always find something to be thankful for, no matter what may be the burden of our wants, or the special subject of our petitions."*

— ALBERT BARNES

Travel

from front page

three months in advance? Can we get ketchup instead of mayonnaise with our French fries? How much will dinner cost in Paris at Amelie's Favorite Foreign Diner for a party of five with tax and tip, and do they allow children?

When we returned from Kerala in southern

was us) amid the horde of pigeons. Never before or since.

Venice: Christmas lunch and our first Bellinis at Ernest Hemingway's favorite, Harry's Bar. In the cloakroom afterward, the honeymooning Elton John and I mixed up our overcoats, then

San Gimignano: The next morning, I played catch with an insistent dog and her favorite chunk of concrete while her owner fixed our second flat tire in 24 hours. The first had occurred on a much-too-remote mountainside outside an olive oil pressing station. The paisani were racing

venerable Forte Belvedere, a massive Henry Moore sculpture positively glowed in the tranquil bosom of the snow-free, ultra-blue heavens.

The best part of the trip was that we never had to wonder again if either of us could roll with the punches. It didn't hurt that we were



Storm of the century—piling on the snow New Year's morning in San Gimignano.

India, friends were horrified that we'd reserved a hotel in Fort Kochi, a house boat two hours south in the backwaters of Alappuzha, and a colonial retreat five hours upland in the tea plantations of Munnar—without a thought for how we'd get from one to the next. Weren't there any English-speaking bus tours available? Why didn't we just take a cruise?

Things are a little more complicated today, but for a half-century, our policy has been to reserve flights, first- and last-night hotels, and punt on the rest. All of it. This is how we could leave Bruxelles for a casual drive to anywhere and end up two nights and 965km later on an ultra-romantic ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo. It's also how another all-time favorite trip came together out of Milan's Malpensa Airport back in the late 1990s.

In those days, we rivaled the proverbial church mice for poverty, but cobbled together every available penny and drove out of the airport east with no plans or destinations—into the worst Italian snowstorm in a century. There were so many highlights to that lunatic adventure. A few of the more memorable:

Venice: Splurging on Elizabeth Taylor's favorite suite at the Gritti Palace took 80% of our hotel non-budget on the first night. The next morning, a bitterly cold Piazza San Marco boasted a population of just two humans (that

eventually traded back. A seriously nice man, as long as we're name-dropping.

San Gimignano: Arrived late at the height of the storm to find all but two hotels closed and exactly one room left in the entire town. The room turned out to be a gorgeous, ultra-



Venezia: Peaches and Prosecco—the original Bellini waiting on the original Harry's Bar.

baroque suite overlooking the main square, rented for a pittance because it was supposed to be closed for renovation. The definition of serendipity—and all we had to do was beg.



Storm of the century—travelers last sighted near the farmlands of Castelfiorentino.

out to a New Year's Eve party, but insisted on changing it for us first. The second occurred on New Year's Day and brought out an entire football café to commiserate and wake up the only sober repairman (and concrete-chewing dog) within 100km.

Mantua: On another late night, the sign in the main square flickered "Pizzeria/Hotel", but the door was locked, and five grizzled old pensioners were playing cards inside. When we finally got their attention, one of them cheerfully pulled a sheet of plywood away from a staircase and took us up to an unheated room that had never been slept in. The next morning, his daughter berated him for renting when they didn't even have their license. But she still made us cappuccinos and sent him around to the bakery for cornetti.

The Meal Of The Century: In a snowbound mountain village (to this day, we have no idea where), the owner of a small, supposedly closed Trattoria started a roaring fire in the hearth and cooked lunch for us and another lost couple. Our introduction to pappardelle with wild boar and bucatini with pigeon sauce. Not a lot of options available—none, actually—but some of the most delicious food we've ever tasted.

Firenze: The storm abruptly vanished. Glinda got herself hooked on the unique, local version of Lasagna Fiorentina. On the lawn of the

crazy about each other—that never hurts, of course—but every looming catastrophe somehow dissolved into an exercise in serendipity. So much adventure. So much fun.

Next up: The Thing About Boston.

Ben & Glinda Shipley, published writers



Venezia: Le Maschere più belle, all gussied up for Carnevale. and photographers, share their expertise and experience of their many world travels. If you have any questions or interest in a particular subject, please email them at web@herald-publications.com. •



Mantua: A bed is a bed is a bed. Or is it a pizza?



Firenze: Henry Moore meets Michelangelo in the legendary view from the Belvedere.

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## Featured Pets of the Week

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**Baby** is an observant, independent 6 year old domestic short hair lady who likes to chat. She's also a good listener, though she may prefer a bit of distance as she's been through tough times. She would love an experienced, tranquil home where she can become your one and only at her own pace. Her beautiful coat and eyes make

her a stunner. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-273>

Let's talk about **Kevin**! This cute little 3 month old domestic short hair male kitty came in with his three siblings. At three months old, he's a young cat looking for a home to grow up in. He's fun and has great facial expressions! Apply to adopt Kevin. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-1170>

**Amy** is a smart 6 year old, 76 lb., female, Akita mix who enjoys learning new things. She is so eager to please. She can be a little timid meeting new people but soon gets comfortable especially with treats. She's been working on her obedience skills while she waits for "the one." She yearns for an engaged and adventurous home where she can be spoiled as the only dog. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-264> •



Sapphire



Baby



Kevin

## Happy Tails

This family was so excited to adopt! They even brought matching sweaters for Pickles and Pete to wear home. Pickles and Pete are a pair of six month old Chihuahua mixes who came to spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center in September. They are bonded, so the duo

needed to go to a home together. That can be challenging, as sometimes new adopters are not looking for two dogs. Luckily, Pickles and Pete found the perfect home! One where they were happy to adopt two dogs. Pickles and Pete are doing great with the Mason Family. •



Congratulations to Pickles and Pete and their new family.



Amy