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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
71°/60°



Saturday
Sunny
72°/63°



Sunday
Sunny
76°/64°



Two Young Girls Bring Smiles to the Residents of El Segundo



What was originally meant to entertain Valerie and Sienna for one afternoon turned into a new-found creative outlet that became a daily ritual for months. Their sidewalk art brings smiles and positivity to El Segundo. To find out more, read their story below. Photos courtesy Jeff Williams and Rolland Mattoon.

El Segundo Sidewalk Artists Work to Brighten Your Day

Story by Duane Plank
Photos by Jeff Williams and Rolland Mattoon

If you have been cooped up in your home for three months like most El Segundo residents, unable to go to the gym or run on the track at the high school to get your daily exercise, you may have taken to walking or jogging on our city streets. And you may have noticed patches of sidewalks adorned with “sidewalk art,” colorful chalk renderings meant to cheer-up and inspire residents, boosting our morale as we all deal with one crisis after another.

Two young ladies who have utilized their artistic talents to brighten the streets of El Segundo are nine-year-old Valerie Williams and Sienna Mattoon. They have colorfully chalked inspirational messages on patches of local sidewalks, hoping to provide positive, thought-provoking messages to those out-and-about, momentarily escaping the stay-at-home edict. The girls also set-up an outdoor stand for a couple of weeks that provided masks and other supplies to residents passing through the neighborhood, seeking to collect donations to replenish their chalk supply.

According to information gleaned from the somewhat reliable Internet, sidewalk chart art had its genesis in the Stone Age. 16th Century Italians were credited with scratching-out somewhat of a living by coloring the cobblestones with depictions of the Madonna (not the singer). Folklore says that in the late 19th century, English “screevers,” took to the streets with chalk, sometimes spicing their

offerings with a moralistic or political slant. Sidewalk art has evolved over the years to the point where there are reportedly more than 50 chalk festivals typically held each year in the United States.

Jeff Williams, Valerie’s father, said that “What was originally meant to entertain them for one afternoon turned into a new-found creative outlet that became a daily ritual for months. The girls really do like to put a smile on people’s faces,” he said, “and we all enjoy watching the different families walk by to enjoy the pieces. Our favorite part was all the kind notes left

in the box when the girls were giving away masks and supplies and collecting donations for more chalk. It is then they realized that they could have a positive impact on others. Thank you to our community!”

Rolland Mattson, Sienna’s father, said his daughter gets a chance to utilize her creative talents while colorfully adorning the pavement. “Sienna is a very competitive girl, and always wants to give her best,” he said. “She now challenges herself every day to get more creative and put a smile on the people

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Household Census Count Builds Momentum

By Rob McCarthy

The once-per-decade count of people living in American households reached the midway point this week, and it appears at least three South Bay cities are headed for an undercount. The census-response rates for Inglewood, Hawthorne and Lawndale were slightly below the statewide and national averages, as of Sunday.

Census results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive for social services, including public health and housing. An undercount can be costly to local governments because of federal agencies’ base funding on population and income data.

The 2020 count will be used to allocate seats in Congress - and it’s a possibility California could lose a congressional seat. The household surveys also serve as a snapshot for drawing boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts, along with school districts. The pandemic added to the herculean task of counting everyone.

The U.S. Census Bureau, in March, mailed surveys to every home across the South Bay, asking how many people lived with them on April 1. The information about each individual, including their gender and nationality, is kept private and not shared with law enforcement or

See Census Count, page 9

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Police Reports

Monday, June 22nd

One male adult was detained at 0834 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

An annoying phone calls report was taken at 1337 hours from the 300 block of East Grand Avenue. A known suspect keeps calling the victim.

A burglary report was taken at 1429 hours from the 900 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole a bicycle from a parking garage.

One female adult was arrested at 0115 hours from the 300 block of West Acacia Avenue for battery on emergency personnel.

An attempt grand theft report was taken at 0134 hours from the 900 block of McCarthy Court.

The suspect attempted to steal the victim's catalytic converter.

An online identity theft report was taken at 0353 hours from the 300 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) fraudulently made a purchase with the victim's personal information.

Tuesday, June 23rd

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0952 hours from the 800 block of South Aviation Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's storage unit and stole his property.

An online petty theft report was taken at 1308 hours from the 300 block of Kansas Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's

package from his front porch.

Wednesday, June 24th

One male adult was cited and released at 0630 hours from the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue for petty theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 1034 hours from the 800 block of South Aviation Boulevard for identity theft.

A found property report was taken at 1034 hours from the 800 block of South Aviation Boulevard.

A grand theft report was taken at 1200 hours from the 1700 block of East Holly Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's catalytic converter from his vehicle.

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 1852 hours from the 900 block of Hornet Way. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and stole his property.

One male adult was arrested at 0216 hours from Imperial Highway and Pacific Coast Highway for one Hawthorne P.D. misdemeanor warrant and one Culver City P.D. misdemeanor warrant.

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Thursday, June 25th

A petty theft report was taken at 0801 hours from the 300 block of South Douglas Street.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1127 hours from the 900 block of North Pacific Coast Highway.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 1253 hours from the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Taken was 2018 Volkswagen Atlas.

A criminal threats report was taken at 1603 hours from the 800 block of Penn Street.

A petty theft report was taken at 2003 hours from the 700 block of West Mariposa Avenue.

Friday, June 26th

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 2027 hours from the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue, vehicle versus parked vehicle.

Saturday, June 27th

A petty theft report was taken 1046 hours from the 500 block of West Franklin Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 1239 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for misdemeanor DUI.

A grand theft report was taken at 1220 hours from the 300 block of West Palm Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle.

One female adult was cited and released at 1550 hours in the 300 block of Main Street for petty theft.

One male adult was arrested at 0031 hours 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for indecent exposure.

One female adult was arrested at 0515 hours from Aviation Boulevard and Imperial Highway for misdemeanor DUI. •

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U.S. Animal Welfare Organizations Launch Human Animal Support Services Pilot

Source: Maddie's Fund

Human Animal Support Services (HASS), a new animal welfare organizational model, will implement a new range of services for pets and people in 12 pilot cities, helping keep more animals in their homes and communities and reducing the number entering the shelter system through programs and resources.

The ideas for HASS were born during the early days of COVID-19, as the pandemic resulted in record numbers of pets being housed in the community through pet foster care.

“During the pandemic, we broadened the safety net for animals dramatically by asking the community for support, and they stepped up in a big way,” says Amy Zeifang, Executive Leadership Team, with Maddie’s Fund®, who is partially funding this endeavor. “Animals are being reunited with families by community members in numbers not seen before. By keeping animals in the community and not the shelters, we’ve all realized how much better for everyone it is to focus our efforts on keeping pets and families together,” she continued. “Ninety-five percent of Americans with pets believe their pets are family members. Maddie’s Fund is proud to see our energies spent supporting that important bond.”

The HASS pilot organizations include Humane Rescue Alliance (Washington, DC), Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care and Control (Charlotte, NC), Greenville County Animal Care (Greenville, SC), LifeLine Animal Project (Atlanta, GA), Cabot Animal Resource Center (Cabot, AR), Kansas City Pet Project (Kansas City, MO), El Paso

Animal Services (El Paso, TX), Pima County Animal Care (Tucson, AZ), Los Angeles Animal Services (Los Angeles, CA), Oakland Animal Services (Oakland, CA), Fresno Humane Animal Services (Fresno, CA) and San Diego Humane Society (CA).

“What we’ve learned throughout the pandemic, is that we can do more when it comes to providing community services to help people and their pets stay together,” said project leader Dr. Ellen Jefferson, Executive Director of Austin Pets Alive! and American Pets Alive!. “Whether it’s providing resources to help lost and stray animals get home, keeping cats and dogs with their families, or getting sheltered pets to foster and adoptive homes faster, HASS aims to provide the tools to support the pilot shelters and their communities achieve these objectives and more.”

Thanks to support from Maddie’s Fund, South Fork Foundation, Pedigree Foundation, Petfinder, Brandywine SPCA, and Michelson Found Animals Foundation, HASS will help pilot shelters test new resources and programs. These include remote services like veterinary telehealth and text support, comprehensive stray and lost pet return services, supported self-rehoming for people who cannot keep their pets, and community-based animal protection services.

More than 100 industry leaders including those from national organizations, shelter veterinarians, and animal shelter directors are part of this collaborative effort, with 20 additional animal shelters participating in phase two of this project in the coming months.

For more information about HASS, go to <http://humananimalsupportservices.org>. •

Letters

Rewrites Headline

“El Segundo Police Department Stands Behind Our Community”. It sounds like a sad apology. Shouldn’t the headline

have been “El Segundo Community Stands Behind Our Police Department”? Don’t we?

– David Van Pelt •

Your Neighborhood Therapist

Dear Neighborhood Therapist,

My partner and I have always had different political views, but now our views seem to have drifted so far apart that I have begun to wonder if I can remain in our relationship. I love my partner, but I’m not sure then I can continue with someone who seems to see things so differently from the way I do. I often hear people say that politics shouldn’t matter, and I know many people of different political persuasions are in happy relationships, but I’m not sure I am up to it. Am I crazy to think this?

– Politically Distressed, El Segundo

Dear Politically Distressed,

You’re right: political differences do not always have to ruin relationships. Many of us have had loving relationships with people of different political persuasions. When the stakes are low (do we fund a new wing of the arboretum? do we restrict parking on Main Street? etc.), we have the luxury of supporting Red or Blue the same way we cheer for our favorite sports teams. It’s easy enough to live with someone who roots for the Dodgers if you happen to root for the Angels (unless they meet in the World Series, at which time it would probably best for one of you to temporarily move out!).

You have also heard the talking heads on television screaming at us and at each other not to “politicize” what we think, or to “keep politics out of it.” These are often the same folks who treat politics like a horse race. If

your relationship broke up over a horse race, then yeah, I might wonder how strong it was in the first place.

But what happens when the stakes are not low? There are plenty of times in our history - now might be one of those times - when the positions of political parties reflected deeply held beliefs about right and wrong.

Think of an extreme: what if your partner was pro-stealing, and you were anti-stealing? Are you supposed to sweep under the rug the fact that your partner thinks thievery is cool just because this very debate happens to be raging on FOX or MSNBC? What is the role that having differing values plays in your relationship?

Are your political differences mostly about the “horse race,” based on preference, the way we root for a favorite team? If so, I suspect you will work it out. But what if your values differ, and that’s what shapes your politics? That may be a longer, tougher conversation.

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Show of Support for Black Lives Matter



A group met at City Hall on Saturday to support the Black Lives Matter movement. Photo by Gregg McMullin.

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Across

1. Owns
4. Wettish
8. Has a tab
12. "That's too bad!"
14. Fan club favorite
15. Part of a well-balanced diet
17. Druid performance
18. Do or re
19. Do without
20. Weather-report word
22. Drift
24. Voicemail signal
25. Mother clucker
26. Level

52. Unfriendly

53. Color
56. Impartial
59. Cut up
61. Holds on to
63. French notes
65. Long (for)
67. Knocks
68. Had control of the wheel
69. Tow behind you
70. What a surveyor surveys
71. Freshly
72. On your own
73. Assay

Down

1. Grating
2. Agree, with think
3. Gown material
4. Discordant sound
5. Put on a pedestal
6. "Get your ____ running....."
- Steppenwolf
7. Legal request
8. Postponed
9. Composed
10. Continental money
11. Omen
13. Have a glance at
16. Water tester
21. Slammer
23. Prefix with "skirt" or "series"

27. B & B
29. Jaguar
30. Like some roses
31. Maze animal
32. Punt
33. Hilariously funny thing
34. Friend
35. Stretched
36. Part of many a plot
37. Plant with tendrils
38. Had the quality of being
41. Colonnade tree
42. Pizzazz
44. Miners' find
45. Informant wear
46. Princess woe
47. Foul
50. "____ Weapon", starring
Gibson
51. Conclusively show
52. Smaller than small
53. Courage
54. Shoe part
55. Non-fiction work
56. Interest rate setters
57. A celebrity may have on
58. Wedge, for example
60. Fathers
62. Flight deck guess
64. Patch
66. Kind of trip taken alone

Last Week's Answers

[illegible]

7	8	3	5	9	6	4	2	1
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SUDOKU *Medium*

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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Sidewalk Artists

from front page

that pass by her art.”

Valerie said that her aim when creating her chalk art is to “put smiles on people’s faces.” Her favorite chalk motto: “You + Me = Unstoppable.” Like most El Segundo students, Valerie finished the school year distance learning, which she said was “harder” than the classroom experience, and is looking forward to the planned re-opening of ESUSD classrooms on Aug. 26. Imagine that a student is already looking forward to returning to the classroom environment!

When she is not sharpening her sidewalk chalk skills, she plays softball, pounds the keys on the piano, and enjoys ballet and



Sienna is working hard to put a smile on everyone’s face.

tap-dancing.

Initially, the girls had grandiose plans to decorate large swaths of El Segundo, but soon realized their brand of craftsmanship was very time-consuming, so they have focused their chalking talents on the pavement near their homes, at the intersection of Center and Pine Streets.

Sienna said she enjoyed seeing people coming to view their art every day. They were a little bummed when a rain shower and some pesky sprinklers, wreaked havoc on their earlier chalk efforts, but the girls quickly went back to work adorning the pavement. Sienna, who is looking forward to, hopefully, the upcoming soccer season, enjoys playing the piano and reading. She said, “Have fun, do your best, forget the rest!” is her favorite motto to festoon the sidewalk with.

Margie Lynch was Valerie’s third-grade teacher at Center Street this school year. “Can I just tell you she is an absolute joy!!!” she emailed. “I refer to her as a ‘walking ray of sunshine!’ She is always polite, kind-hearted, looking out for her fellow students. She just mailed me two of the Zentangle art she creates. One was an octopus, and the other was pretty sunflowers. My decorating theme in my classroom is “A garden of love and



Valerie is spreading wishes of happiness and positivity.

growing,” and I have sunflower fabric as my bulletin board paper. So, the beautiful Zentangle art she sent me just made my day. That is Valerie, always cheering people up and brightening their day.”

Naomi Breedlove, Sienna’s third-grade teacher this past school year, added that “Sienna has the sweetest and ‘smiliest’ disposition 100% of the time. I have been the proud receiver of numerous Sienna originals over the course of this year, even during this time of distance learning, when she dropped-off a handmade card in front of our room for me. She uses her creativity and talent for art to make people

smile! It does not surprise me that these two girls are doing something so fun, creative, and beautiful! I am so proud of her using her talents to spread happiness and positivity to the community! She has a big heart!”

The girls have been keeping busy, Jeff said, building a treehouse in which they post their artistic renderings. Over the summer, Valerie, the budding entrepreneur, will be working on sharpening her culinary talents and wants to start an online restaurant, among her other planned ventures. She hopes to travel to Tennessee to visit her grandparents.

Sienna plans to continue her chalking exploits and is hoping to take a surf class with her mother. And watch “a little bit of TV,” she giggled.

As the summer begins in full-force, Valerie laments that ‘I don’t like seeing my friends on camera. Once we get back to school, everyone is going to want to hug (each other), but we are not allowed to, which is so sad.”

Hopefully, Valerie and Sienna will get to celebrate birthdays and the like in-person with their friends in the not-too-distant future. Until then, they will continue to champion the notion, “Have fun, do your best, and forget the rest!” Not a bad thought for these challenging times, right? •

Entertainment

Film Review

A Preschool Director Reviews the Early Childhood Education Documentary, *No Small Matter*

By Sandra Rojas, Director of Sand Tots Parent Participation Nursery School

Investing in our children to better our future is not a new idea, but unfortunately, it is also not our current reality as is highlighted in the powerful documentary, *No Small Matter*.



Photo courtesy Siskel/Jacobs Productions.

doing what they are passionate about.

At a time when cultural disparity and inequities have become front and center topics in this country, the subject matter in this film – co-directed by Danny Alpert, Greg Jacobs, and Jon Siskel – is not only

As a preschool director for over 20 years, I found the film’s portrayal of Early Childhood Education today to be a heart-wrenching, yet unfortunately accurate view of the daily challenge that parents face in the attempt to provide quality care for their children. Today, parents often struggle to pay childcare costs equal to their rents and mortgages, even for sub-standard care. This is in conjunction with the undervalued field of early childhood educators, who are often referred to as glorified babysitters. Despite their financial challenges, many preschool teachers will find second sources of income in order to continue

incredibly timely, but another reminder that we cannot continue to ignore these issues facing our children. Increasing the focus on Early Childhood through parent education opportunities, as well as access to high-quality childcare in our most underserved communities, is an investment that will not only better our children’s lives but will positively impact all of our futures. *No Small Matter* is more than a documentary; it is a movement that demands change, and I am hoping that this is the year we begin to see that happening.

Visit www.nosmallmatter.com for streaming options and more information. •

WEBINAR PPP FORGIVENESS INFORMATION

The South Bay Small Business Development Center (South Bay SBDC), hosted by El Camino College, is having a seminar on PPP Forgiveness workshop being presented on July 8th at 10:00 a.m.

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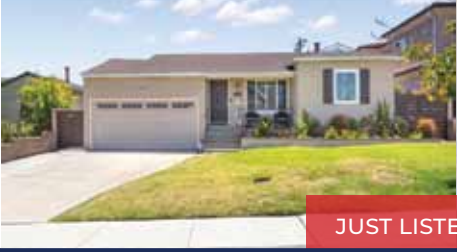
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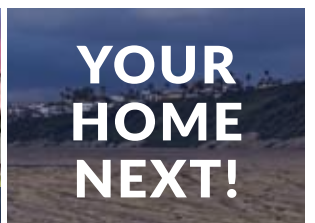
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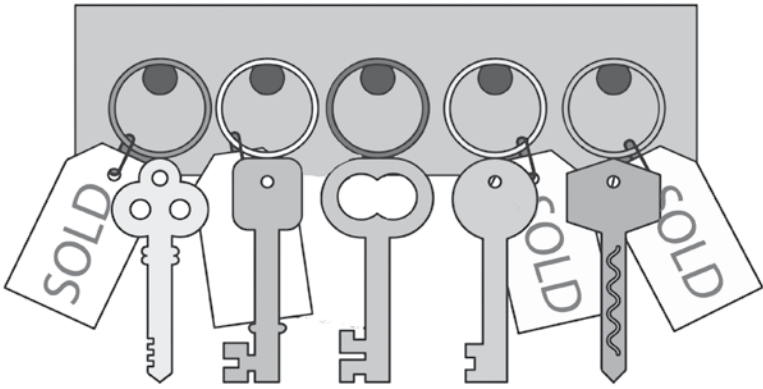
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Census Count

from front page

federal immigration authorities, the Census Bureau assures residents. And, the 2020 survey will not ask for a person’s citizenship or immigration status.

The coronavirus put the census campaign three months behind when the governor and Los Angeles County health officer ordered all non-essential workers to stay home. As a result, the census campaign was given an

extension until October 31 to finish the 2020 count. Despite the social-distancing restrictions, this census has technology on its side.

The 2020 census allows for online responses, which appears to be a popular feature. Even in cities with lower-than-average responses, a majority of residents have answered the 10-minute survey using the Census Bureau’s web site. (For the security of households, a

Census ID number was printed on the March mailing to U.S. households. That ID number is handy when logging on to the Census Bureau web site.)

For example, Hawthorne has a 58.8 percent response rate to the 2020 Census, as of Sunday. How many of those households skipped the mail and used the web? A very high 51.4 percent of all completed surveys were done electronically, according to the bureau.

Inglewood had the lowest response to date to start the July 4th week, with 56.6 percent of households reporting their occupancy numbers and relationship information. Almost 75 percent of the city’s census forms were submitted online. The numbers for Lawndale were 60.6 percent answering the census - 87 percent done online.

Los Angeles County as a whole, isn’t doing much better. With a 57.9 percent response, census field workers will be knocking on doors starting in mid-August at addresses that haven’t replied either online, by phone or mail by then, according to spokeswoman Patricia Ramos for the census tracts in the South Bay.

Responses are accepted by phone or return mail, too; however, the online feature is popular so far. According to Ramos, El Segundo residents by July 4 could surpass the response numbers from the 2010 Census. As of Sunday, El Segundo had a 65.2 percent return rate using the Internet, and a 71 percent response.

Culver City and Carson are in the upper echelon of California cities showing high enthusiasm for what some people consider an intrusion by the federal government on their privacy. Still, two-thirds of the households in El Segundo, Culver City, and Carson finished the survey without a census field worker’s visit. Phone calls from the bureau are occasionally needed to clarify answers on a returned survey.

Gardena and Manhattan Beach were middle-of-the-pack among South Bay cities.

With 64 percent of households answering the questionnaire as of Sunday.

However, the census will never ask for a Social Security number, bank accounts or credit cards. A U.S. Census employee won’t ask for a donation or anything for a political party either, according to the bureau. There are criminals and identity thieves who will try to use the census-collection period to fool people into handing over money and personal information - so beware. Ask for their names and some photo identification.

Some people don’t have a mailing address, and finding them and leaving a census questionnaire is the first task. According to Ramos, field workers with the U.S. Census have been out in communities since May 25, dropping off census forms. They won’t start knocking on doors until mid-August - so again, be wary of anyone who shows up before then claiming to be working for the 2020 count.

Call 844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative if you have suspicions that someone is impersonating a field worker. A valid ID will include the person’s photo, an expiration date, and a U.S. Department of Commerce seal.

It is the law that everyone living in the United States is counted once per decade. Because it’s important to be counted, the Census Bureau will send a reminder postcard to households that have not responded by July 22. The census takers will follow up, starting two weeks later.

It’s estimated that \$1.5 trillion in federal spending will be divided up and shared with governments, nonprofits, businesses, and households across the nation - all based on the census results. With small businesses struggling to recover from forced closures from March to June to slow the spread of the coronavirus, federal contracts awarded based on census data could provide stimulus to the South Bay and regional economies. •

PUBLIC NOTICES

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 20TRCP00116

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

Petition of: MELINDA RAE KOTSIANAS

for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner MELINDA RAE KOTSIANAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MELINDA RAE KOTSIANAS to

MELINDA RAE TOPPENBERG

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: 8-14-2020, Time: 8:30 AM.,

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- **Step 3:** Lightly oil the grill rack and heat the grill to medium. Grill the fish for 10 minutes or until cooked through, turning the fish over once halfway through the grilling time and brushing often with the reserved picante sauce mixture. Discard the remaining reserved picante sauce mixture.
- **Step 4:** Serve the fish with the orange mixture.

Recipe Tips

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If just 2% of the pet-owning households in America fostered one pet a year, we could stop euthanizing healthy pets in shelters. Here are a few of the precious cats and kittens waiting for their fur-ever homes.

Looking for a lap cat? **Cosmo** is a little fluffer nugget that loves to play “find the mouse” with her best friend and brother, PJ. When she’s finished eating, she likes to climb into your lap for her after-meal cleaning and a few scratches in all the right places. Her purr can be heard from across the room, and she has the sweetest face that every pet parent can love. Cosmo was initially named after Cosmo Kramer for her goofy nature and crazy kitty hair.

PJ is the life of the party, and there is never a dull moment when he’s around. He is fearlessly curious and runs from room to room like he’s seeing the world for the first time. PJ has not met a food or toy that he doesn’t like and prefers to perch high above the room to groom himself and observe the world around him. PJ has a lot of kitty energy but also has a lot of love to give you and your family. He’s highly motivated by food, so cat tricks could be in his future. It would be wonderful if PJ and Cosmo could be adopted together; they balance each other out in all the right ways.

Sophie came to her foster family with her brother, Sam, with whom she is very bonded. **Sophie** was the shyer of the pair, but quickly came out of her shell to show that she is one

of the sweetest kitties this foster family has ever had! **Sam** is an affectionate love bug who is inquisitive and playful with a meow so passionate he is bound to get your attention every time! Like most black kitties, they are ultra-affectionate and will tell you they love you by turning on their “purr” machines. Sophie and Sam also love spending time on your lap and will not hesitate to climb on when an opportunity presents itself. This pair has been exposed to other cats in their foster home and they understand boundaries when necessary. They also have done very well with children. Sam and Sophie will be great additions to any forever home!

Paterson is a panther cat who has a secret – she’s got the swirling stripes of a classic tabby, but they only show up in bright light. Cats with this unique color pattern are sometimes referred to as “ghost tabbies.” Her yellow eyes and a bright pink tongue provide the perfect pop of color to her monochromatic ensemble. Patty’s favorite hobbies are climbing, toy hunting, and laying in the sun with her foster siblings. Patty would love to find a forever family with one of the kitties in her foster home (Blair, Wilson, and Potter Stewart) but would be happy as long



Paterson
as she has another young kitty for a playmate. **Kinsley** is a beautiful, fluffy eight-year-old tortoiseshell who looking for a very patient, kind and gentle adopter, fully committed to helping her come out of her shell. Kinsley recently showed up at a friend’s doorstep hungry and looking for a home. We can never know what Kinsley went through before she came to us, but we can be certain that she has been through a lot and had incredible strength to survive her time on the streets. Initially, Kinsley is very shy and searches for safety in confined spaces. However, if you are patient and loving towards her, she will start to trust you and let you into her world. Aa you sit with her and give her neck and back scratches, she will quickly transform to



Cosmo
a playful and affectionate cat who is looking for someone to love her. Kinsley has FIV, which is an auto-immune deficiency, but she is in great health. FIV is not transmissible to humans and is exceedingly difficult to transmit to other cats. If you can find the love in your heart to care for her, Kinsley would be your best new buddy.

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Kinsley
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Happy Tails

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Sophie (left) and Sam



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