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## Remembering Our Fallen Heroes



Join the Lawndale City Council and other dignitaries to honor those that have lost their lives defending this great nation. The 2022 Memorial Day Remembrance Event will be this Monday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. It will take place at the Lawndale Memorial Wall at City Hall, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260. RSVP is not required but appreciated so we'll have an estimated attendance count. Please RSVP by calling (310) 973-3284 and leave name and number of guests that will be accompanying you, or email [cmolina@lawndalecity.org](mailto:cmolina@lawndalecity.org) with the information. Photo courtesy City of Lawndale.

## Norma Jean Was Here

By Ron Sokol

Norma Jean Mortenson was born on June 1, 1926. She is better known as Marilyn Monroe. Her mom, Gladys, was part of a poor mid-western family who migrated to California at the turn of the last century.

Gladys worked in Hollywood as a film negative cutter. She was not ready, mentally or financially, for a child. Gladys optimistically thought she and Norma Jean could live with her mom in the then-rural town of Hawthorne, but her mom had other endeavors at the time.

As fate would have it, Albert and Ida Bolender, devout evangelical Christians, were across the street and became Norman Jean’s foster parents. Gladys lived there for a while but had to move closer to work; she often visited her daughter on weekends, and they enjoyed the South Bay.

The Bolenders, by most accounts, were quite strict but provided a good home. They had a number of kids for whom they served as foster parents. Indications are the years Norma Jean spent in Hawthorne were among the most stable of her remarkable but ultimately sad life.

The Hawthorne house was 1,376 square feet, with three bedrooms and one bath. It was probably pretty crowded. At that time, though, the house sat on four acres (today, it is on .20 acre). The original address of 459 East Rhode Island Street later changed to 4201 West 134th Street. Looking at photographs of the house back then and how it looks today, not all that much has notably changed on the outside. One thing seems different: At that time, the family raised chickens and goats.

Norman Jean spent formative years in Hawthorne and attended local schools.

Her favorite among the family members, Lester, was just two months in age difference. Some referred to them as “the twins.” She loved to sing and greatly enjoyed climbing the outside apple tree with Lester, blanket in tow so they could play fort. But Norma Jean eventually left to live with her mom. I believe this was nearly nine years from when she began living in Hawthorne. As such, I wonder how different the story would be if she had remained here. After all, Hawthorne is known as “the City of Good Neighbors.” True, she moved to a much, much bigger stage and was in many movies. Indeed, she became world-famous and remained a major

icon to this day. Still, it is fair to ask: What if Norma Jean Mortenson had remained in Hawthorne longer, if not indefinitely?

Most if not all of us have moved from our childhood hometown. Often there is nostalgia about what was there, about what we did “back in the day.” Sometimes we have a longing for what seemed then a simpler, more basic life.

If I could have a word with Marilyn (that is, Norma Jean), it would include telling her about Hawthorne today. It is friendly and diverse, with some truly remarkable businesses, including one named Space X that sends people and equipment up into the sky.

**See Norma Jean, page 4**

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
66°/59°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
67°/60°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
69°/59°



## Island-Hopping the Aegean

Article and photos  
by Ben & Glinda Shipley

We’re pretty sure Greek Island-hopping is a sport for penniless, energetic youth with long, scruffy hair, anorexic eating habits, worn-out backpacks, and threadbare jeans. As an activity, it feels more like hitchhiking than private luxury jet travel. Yet on our 2022 Greek adventure, we only ran into two other couples who were as hard at it as we were, and they shared both our age and relatively benign economic circumstances.

On this trip, we hopped five legendary Aegean islands in twelve days—Naxos, Paros, Santorini, Mykonos, and Tinos. No reservations, no plans, one ferry and walk-up hotel room at a time. April was the perfect month for it too, a little

chilly, but empty before the Easter tourist onslaught. Greeks are chatty anyway, but with so little going on, people had nothing better to do than tell us their life stories.

We set as our prototype for the Greek Island-hopper the mythic Odysseus from the ancient Homeric epic, The Odyssey. After the fall of Troy, sometime around 2500BC, Odysseus took ten years to cross the Aegean in a voyage that should have lasted a month or two. This was the Heroic Age, when gods and monsters roamed the earth, full of random surprises for any intrepid voyager who crossed their paths. Odysseus never lost sight of his ultimate goal—a return to Ithaca and the arms of his clever, gorgeous, ultra-faithful wife Penelope—but along the way, he took on

**See Travel, page 8**





# Entertainment

## Film Review

### The Innocents Genre Bends From Coming of Age Drama to Supernatural Thriller

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

Screenwriter Eskil Vogt is stepping out from behind his recent Oscar-nominated screenplay (*The Worst Person in the World*) and into the spotlight as a director for the first time since 2014. Eight years after his directorial debut *Blind*, Vogt’s reintroduction as a multi-talented filmmaker is a bold one as he channels an atmospheric and darkly surreal coming-of-age story in the Norwegian film, *The Innocents*.

It’s often said that babies are born good; free from bias, hatred, and general erratic impulses. In a slightly contradictory stance,



*The Innocents*, courtesy of IFC Midnight.

Vogt himself states, “I think kids are beyond good and evil, or rather, before good and evil. But I don’t think children are little angels, that people are born pure. I think children are born without any sense of empathy or morals, we have to teach them that.”

No matter where you personally lean on the spectrum, it’s still alarming to witness seven-year-old Ida (Rakel Lenora Fløttum) sneakily abuse her older sister Anna (Alva Brynsmo Ramstad), who suffers from a type of “regressive autism.” Unable to use words to communicate her pain—from forearm pinches to broken glass in tennis shoes—it’s heartbreaking to watch Ida be so mean. But why is she acting out in the first place? One thought is her aggression is misplaced frustration at her family’s decision to move into a new apartment complex, new school district, and forgoing any summer plans due

to her father’s hectic work schedule.

With nothing but time on her hands, curious Ida spends her sunny summer afternoons taking Anna outside, only to ditch her and explore the grounds of the apartment complex alone. This is where she meets Ben (Sam Ashraf), a boy a little older than herself. He is mysterious but troubled, as if a dark cloud looms over him constantly.

While Ida and Ben are busy making mischief, another young apartment-dwelling neighbor, Aisha (Mina Yasmin Bremseth Asheim), takes up a special friendship with Anna, seemingly able to understand what the non-verbal girl is saying. In fact, when the four of them are together, they are able to conjure up supernatural abilities that start off innocent enough but end up taking a deadly turn. It’s all very suspicious.

It isn’t long before the four children unite and when they do, the film seemingly shifts tone from coming-of-age drama to supernatural thriller. In a haunting display of childhood trauma being expressed by four 7–11 year-olds, *The Innocents* genre-bends to a disturbing degree. Beware, the animal cruelty alone is enough to make you shudder.

*The Innocents* isn’t a traditional horror film, but more like the genre’s dark and twisted cousin. Using child actors as protagonists, a minimal score, and haunting imagery, *The Innocents* is a hard pill to swallow but it will no doubt leave a lasting impression. Vogt—who has been a constant collaborator with filmmaker Joachim Trier—is certainly making a name for himself as a director to watch with this whiplash of a title.

1h 57m. Distributed by IFC Midnight. Now playing at Laemmle Royal in West LA. •



Morgan Rojas

## Check It Out

### Redlocks and the Three Bears by Claudia Rueda

By Kristina Kora-Beckman, Senior Librarian, El Segundo Public Library

This week, I’m reviewing a hilarious fairy tale mashup, *Redlocks and the Three Bears* by Claudia Rueda. The story opens as you’d expect with a girl trying porridge, chairs and beds with a familiar result but with a twist. As this picture book’s name suggests, an unexpected story character has invaded the bear’s home and problem-solving fun with comical twists abound. The ending had me laughing out loud and eager to read more from Rueda. If you enjoy fairy tales with a twist, or ever wonder what would happen if an author mixed Goldilocks and Little Red Riding Hood, you’ll love Rueda’s latest book. For another fun spin on a traditional folktale, try *The Three Little Gators* by Helen Ketteman, illustrated by Will Terry.

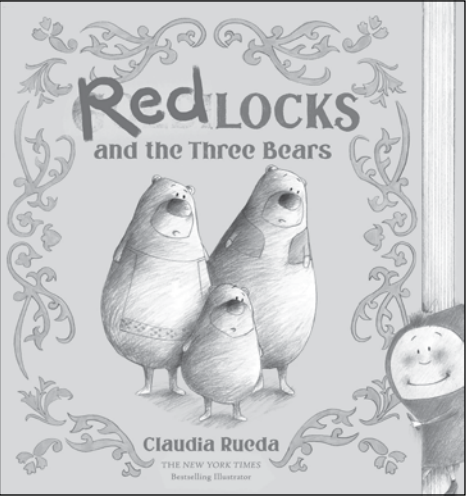
I love reimagined fairy tales for all ages,

particularly ones that reconceive the black and white, good and bad character storylines into dynamic characters that exist in shades of grey, which I feel better reflects the reality we all live day in and day out.

For more funny fairy tale reading recommendations, stop by our adult or youth service desks, Monday – Thursday from 9am-9pm or Friday/Saturday from 10am-5pm. We’d love to hear what you’re reading and share our favorites!

Save the date for our Summer Reading Program for all ages, **Read Beyond the Beaten Path**, which starts Friday June 10th. More info is available at: <https://www.elsegundolibrary.org/services/summer-reading-program>.

For programs for all ages including concerts, chess club and more, check out our online event calendar on our website, [www.elsegundolibrary.org](http://www.elsegundolibrary.org). See you around the library! •



*Redlocks and the Three Bears* by Claudia Rueda.



Kristina Kora-Beckman

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## Creating Fun Environments for Our Kids in the City of Hawthorne



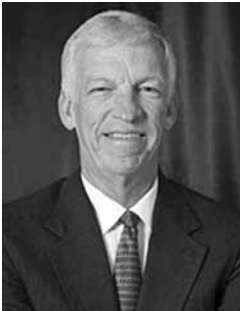
The City of Hawthorne held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Holly Park to re-open the playground to the community. There are lots of new fun features around the park that the community really enjoys. Photo courtesy City of Hawthorne.

### Hawthorne Happenings

**News for the City of Good Neighbors from an Old Guy named Norb Huber**

#### A SAD DAY

A nation is grieving today. The murder of 18 young children is beyond words. All Americans are crying outwardly and inwardly for those families, that town, that entire community. No laws, no security measures, no metal detectors can stop a sick person from committing an unthinkable act like that. We live each day not knowing what the day will bring. We do all we can to keep our kids, our families safe. Why does a loving God allow such a thing to happen? Why are lives cut so short? The evil in our world results from man's sinfulness and ultimately all of us face an earthly death. Our ways are not always in line with God's ways. We grieve for these 8, 9 and 10 year old children, just as we grieve the death of so many babies who never even have a chance to live. It's sad to hear that the birth rates in the developed countries in our world have dropped so low that in most countries the population is in decline. So few babies are being born in Japan and the older folk numbers are increasing so much, that there is a proposal to incentivize an early death, meaning the government will pay your estate a certain amount of money if you agree to die peacefully at a prescribed age. All of this can be depressing if we forget God and



the gifts that he gives us. LIFE is a gift from God. We are created by God in His image. He gives us dominion over the things of this world. He desires that we live life abundantly. The world can be cruel, it can be downright sickening. But, we have the assurance that God is with us through it all, no matter what comes our way. Love your loved ones today and tomorrow. Life can be short, but love conquers all.

#### A FRIEND

Just yesterday I was notified that a dear friend from my days in Hawthorne had lost her battle with cancer. For nine years we worked together at City Hall in the City Clerk's office. I was elected City Clerk in 2009, Monica did all the work to prepare for the City Council meetings, I just showed up to read the prepared agenda. Monica was dedicated to her job, always looked out for others, and made our work fun. Death is such a jolt to our system, such a dramatic separation. Monica fought her cancer for over three years. She was a warrior. She didn't want others to feel sorry for her. Her faith kept her going. Her Facebook posts were always positive, encouraging statements to let everyone know that everything is going to be okay. We will miss Monica and her loving, caring attitude. We pray for her family as they go through this difficult time.

– My name is Norb Huber and you can reach me at: [norbhuber@gmail.com](mailto:norbhuber@gmail.com) •

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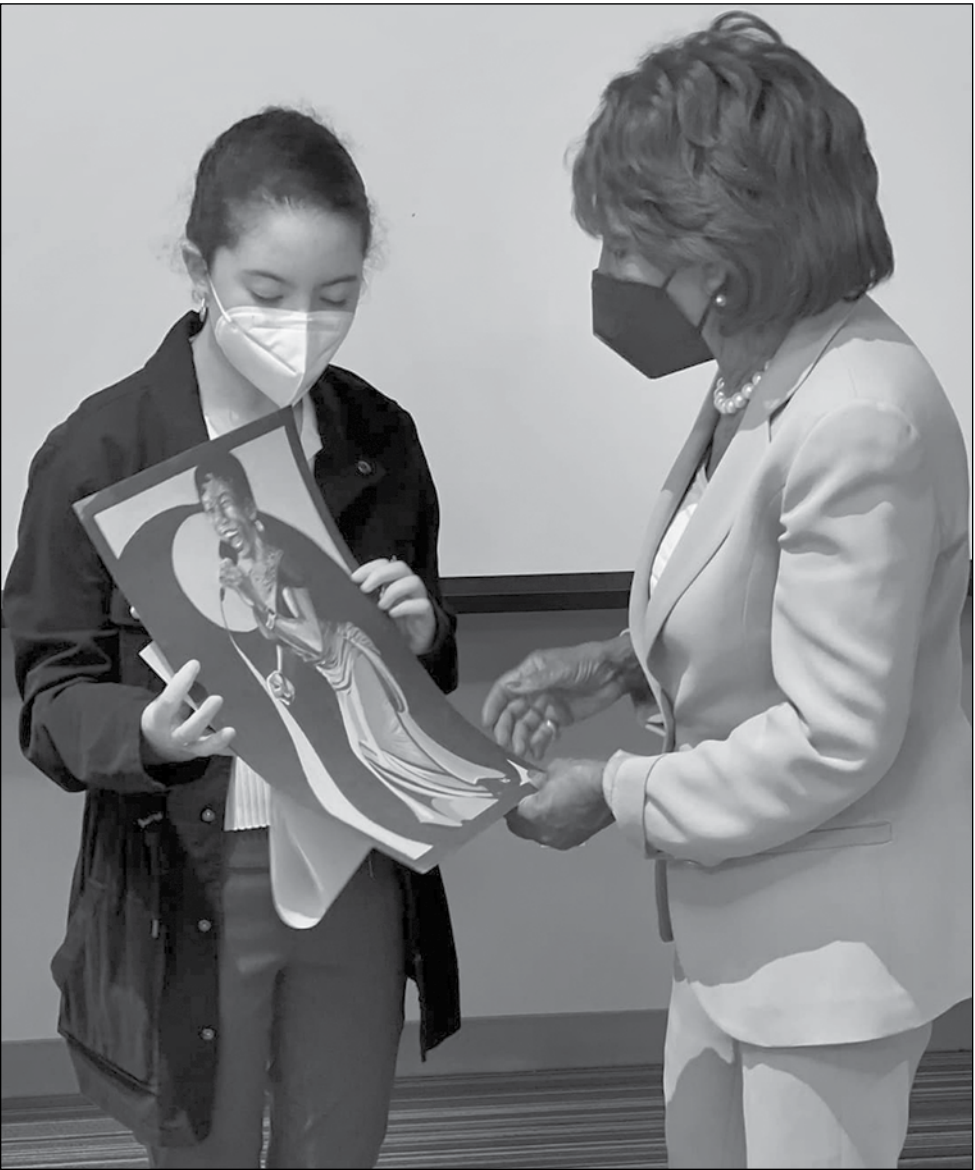


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## Lawndale High School Student Wins Prestigious Art Award



Congratulations to Lawndale High School junior, Ariana, for winning 1st place in Congresswoman Maxine Waters 43rd District Congressional Art Contest with her piece, “Portrait of Hope Morgan”. She won \$500, a \$10k yearly scholarship to Otis College of Art and Design, and her piece will hang in the U.S. Capitol for one year. She also won a trip to Washington D.C. for the unveiling reception this summer, so she can see her piece hanging in the Capitol. A special shout-out to Ariana’s teacher, Jack Wilburn, who will be retiring next month after twenty-two years with CVUHS. He taught Ariana all 3 years she has been at Lawndale. Congrats as well to Nicole from Leuzinger High School for winning 3rd place for her piece, “Masked”. And congrats to both Hawthorne High School and Leuzinger for receiving honorable mentions. Photo courtesy Centinela Valley Union High School District.

*“Art should be something that liberates your soul, provokes the imagination and encourages people to go further.”*  
— KEITH HARING

### Norma Jean

from front page

Hawthorne has very good schools and is so well located – beach close, big city close. Sports teams, concert halls, a state-of-the-art stadium nearby, and good law enforcement. I would tell her Hawthorne remains a very fine town in which to grow up or stay in or come back to.

I just cannot help but wonder how different

the story would be if Norman Jean had remained in Hawthorne. She passed at such a young age, 36. So, a significant part of her life was here. The mind and the heart wander when you look at the house, when you think of her and wish her life had not only been a lot longer, but a lot more like her early Hawthorne years. •



Norma Jean’s childhood house in Hawthorne, CA.

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## Purrrfect Companions

Kitten Rescue rescues cats and kittens from a variety of situations. Most live in our volunteers' homes and those volunteers foster them until we can find permanent homes for them. Young or old, tabby or Maine Coon, 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 forever home, we will help match you with the purrr-fect one. When you adopt, you save a life... and in turn enrich your own.

**Miss Fanny** is one of our very own Southern Belles! She will welcome you home with sweet rural charm, fixin' to snuggle right up on that warm ol' lap of yours. Miss Fanny is soft, affectionate, and sweeter than honey. She is very confident and will not take "no" for

an answer when it comes to cuddling. Miss Fanny loves to play and romp, is interested in all sorts of toys, especially tiny mice with a bit of a rattle. She was born into foster care and is very people focused. Miss Fanny would love to be adopted with one of her sisters, Miss Rita or Miss Heidi, or to a home with a young, active kitty.

**Fiona** is young, petite, and charming little lady who loves to cuddle, be held, carried and snooze in your arms! This little fairy princess flits and whizzes about your ankles, always there with you or racing towards the door to meet you. Fiona has a sparkly personality and adores her people. She is also incredibly food motivated and loves a good treat. She has a mild play drive yet enjoys relaxing just as much as playtime. Fiona would like an adult cat friend who does not have too much energy.

**Rain** is a sweet, sleek, black beauty who loves attention and affection. She has a chill side and playful side which make her the ideal kitty companion. Rain loves nothing more than a cuddle session with people. She will be your tv watching buddy and your nap buddy. Fiona also likes to play with her cat toys and leap into the air after the feather wand. Rain can be adopted into a single pet household or adopted together with her buddy, Willow, or adopted into a home with an existing friendly cat. Please come meet this black beauty to see for yourself what a great kitty she is.

**Dame Von Purriwinkle**, madam of all purrs and pets, is a confident little floofer who will greet you at the door. Purriwinkle loves to sit on your lap, snuggle, and relax with you. Always incredibly sweet,

Purriwinkle also loves to play with laser lights, string toys, or something that gets you in on the fun too. Purriwinkle does well with other easy-going cats and dogs. Since she is quite young, she will need to be adopted in a pair or to a home with a young active companion.

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, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website [www.kittenrescue.org](http://www.kittenrescue.org).

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



Miss Fanny



Rain



Fiona



Dame Von Purriwinkle



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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. Attorney for Petitioner BRIAN J. SHEPPARD - SBN 170526 LAW OFFICE OF BRIAN SHEPPARD 18075 VENTURA BLVD., #109 ENCINO CA 91316 5/12, 5/19, 5/26/22 CNS-3584564# Ingledwood Daily News Pub. 5/12, 5/19, 5/26/22 HI-27566

RFB-0150 CITY OF INGLEWOOD INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS (Specifications and Conditions Governing Award)

The City of Inglewood invites and will receive bids duly filed as provided herein to **"FURNISH AND INSTALL INDENTIV INTEGRABLE ACCESS CONTROL PANELS AND CARD READERS"** as specified in this document. There is a mandatory job walk on **Thursday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m.** Vendors are to meet in front of City Hall (La Brea entrance). Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the City will use best practices to accommodate social distance during the meeting. Vaccinated vendors must show proof of vaccination. Non-vaccinated vendors shall attend with proper face mask/coverage and follow local protocols and guidelines. Each bid shall be submitted and completed in all particulars and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the City of Inglewood, The Office of the City Clerk, Inglewood City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 1 Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90301, with the designation of the project **"FURNISH AND INSTALL INDENTIV INTEGRABLE ACCESS CONTROL PANELS AND CARD READERS"** appearing thereon. Each bid must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the City of Inglewood, or a bid bond, for an amount not less than ten (10%) of the aggregate of the bid, as a guarantee that the successful Bidder will, within the time specified, enter into an agreement as provided in the bid document and furnish bonds when required in the General Provisions; the Payment Bond and the Performance Bond shall be in a sum equal to the contract price. Bids will be opened in public on **Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Office of the City Clerk and will be announced then and

there to all persons present. Specifications and other bid documents for the above service are on the City's PlanetBids portal. The City Council reserves the right to waive any irregularity in any bid and to take bids under advisement for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from and after the date bids are opened and announced. The following conditions and terms apply: 1) The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 2) Attached are detailed specifications and conditions for bid submission. 3) You must execute your contract within ten (10) days after the City mails it. If the contract is not executed within ten (10) days, the City reserves the unilateral right to cancel it. 4) If any provision of the contract is violated, the City, after suitable notice, may cancel the contract and make arrangements to have the products and/or services supplied by others. Any extra cost to the City will be paid by the Contractor. 5) Bid may be obtained from the Purchasing and Contracts Services Division located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall, or call (310) 412-5266. 6) All bids must be for specific amounts. Any attempt to qualify prices with an "escalation clause" or any other method of making a price variable, is unacceptable. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days from and after the date bids are opened and announced. 7) The City reserves the right to add or subtract quantities and/or services based on the unit prices/unit lump sums so indicated as its budgetary needs may require. 8) Bid documents can be located on the City of Inglewood's Planet Bids Portal. https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45619 Date: Louis Atwell, Assistant City Manager Inglewood Daily News Pub. 5/19, 5/26/22 HI-27573



NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LAURA MARIA JACOBS CASE NO. 22STPB04981

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LAURA MARIA JACOBS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DANIELLE JACOBS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DANIELLE JACOBS 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: 06/22/22 at 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. Attorney for Petitioner MATTHEW C. YU, ESQ. - SBN 256235, THE LAW OFFICE OF MATTHEW C.YU 3620 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, SUITE 200 TORRANCE CA 90505 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22 CNS-3588907# Ingledwood Daily News Pub. 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22 HI-27582

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2021CU09 and DESIGN REVIEW 2021DR06

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter: **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2021CU09:** A request to approve a proposed new 5-story hotel (approximately 70,026 sq. ft.) with 137 guestrooms and 130 parking spaces. **DESIGN REVIEW 2021DR06:** A request to approve the proposed site design (exterior architectural building façade, landscaping, signage, etc.) for a proposed 5-story hotel. **PROJECT LOCATION:** 3521 W. 120<sup>th</sup> Street - City of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, State of California.



**MEETING DETAILS:**  
**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** June 15, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Place:** City Council Chambers  
4455 West 126th Street  
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Those interested in this item may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments. Written information pertaining to this item must be submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to 5:00 PM June 14, 2022, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 or emailed to mmajcherek@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional information, you may contact



NOTICE OF COMPETING PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARION EVELYNN TATE AKA MARION TATE BLUE CASE NO. 22STPB01955

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARION EVELYNN TATE AKA MARION TATE BLUE. A COMPETING PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LANITA QUARLES in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE COMPETING PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LANITA QUARLES AKA LANITA QUARLES STEWART be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE COMPETING 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 competing petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/23/22 at 9:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARY H. WELLS CASE NO. 21STPB10302

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARY H. WELLS. AN AMENDED PETITION FOR ANCILLARY PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL J. SEIBERT, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM G. WELLS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE AMENDED PETITION FOR ANCILLARY PROBATE requests that RONALD A. STOFFERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE AMENDED 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 AMENDED 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: 06/10/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS

NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING OF THE HAWTHORNE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER SUBMITTAL TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE A PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AND THE CONTENT OF THE PROPOSED CITY CHARTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, **June 14, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.**, a Public Hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, 4455 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California, 90250 to consider the matter of the proposal of a charter and the content of the proposed charter for the City of Hawthorne. At the public hearing, the City Council will consider and receive comments from the community regarding the proposal to adopt a City charter. This hearing fulfills the requirements of California Government Code §34458(b) for a first public hearing to consider the matter of the proposal of a charter and the content of the proposed charter. If the City Council approves further consideration of this city charter, a second noticed public hearing will be held as required by law. If you challenge the subject matter of this public hearing in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearing or to submit written comments. Any written comments should be submitted to the office of the City Clerk, at the address noted below, no later than the time of the public hearing. Public comments also can be made at the public hearing at the time and place set forth above. This proposed charter is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the office of the City Clerk at 4455 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250, (310) 349-2915. The proposed charter can also be viewed at the City's website at: https://www.cityofhawthorne.org/. Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 5/19, 5/26/22 HH-27572

Maria Majcherek at (310) 349-2972 or at the email noted above. **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Conditional Use Permit No. 2021CU09 & Design Review 2021DR06 is Categorically Exempt per Section 15332, Class 32. The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres and is substantially surrounded by urban uses; it has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species and approval would not result in significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. The project is consistent with general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. The hotel consists of 5-stores, 137



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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. Attorney for Petitioner VIVIAN L. THOREEN - SBN 224162; ROBERT BARTON - SBN 269455; JAIME B. HERREN SBN 271680, HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP 400 S. HOPE STREET, 8TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES CA 90071 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22 CNS-3585349# Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22 HI-27570



NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDDIE LEE WALLACE CASE NO. 22STPB04343

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of EDDIE LEE WALLACE. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KIMBERLY A. DAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KIMBERLY A. DAVIS 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: 06/21/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition,

guestrooms with required parking. The site area is 111,791 sq. ft. (approximately 2.56 acres) and is located within the M-2 (General Industrial) zone. **PLEASE NOTE** that pursuant to Government Code Section 65009: In an action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul a finding, determination or decision of the Planning Commission or City Council, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised at the public hearing in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or City Council at or prior to the public hearing. Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 5/26/22 HH-27585



**PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice is hereby by given, StorQuest Self Storage will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of: Tiffany Shine Tanika Murphy Luisana Touchard Peter Merle Robert Boyd Patricia Byrd Vasita Naivi Mariola Garcia Sean Johnson Selestina Chavez Keyona Lampley Property to be sold: misc. household goods, furniture, tools, clothes, boxes, toys, electronics, sporting goods, and personal content. Auction Company: www.StorageTreasures.com. The sale ends at 11:00am June 10, 2022 at the property where said property has been stored and which is located at StorQuest Self Storage 4959 W 147th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Goods must be paid in cash and removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 5/26, 6/2/22 CNS-3585536# Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 5/26, 6/2/22 HH-27579

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 22TRCP00162

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES Petition of: ALEXANDRA GALINDO for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALEXANDRA GALINDO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: **ALEXANDRA GALINDO to ALEXANDRA GAMINO-GALINDO** 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: 7-1-22, Time: 8:30 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: INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS Date: MAY 18, 2022 GARY Y. TANAKA Judge of the Superior Court Inglewood Daily News Pub. 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16/22 HI-27583



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. Attorney for Petitioner ROSETTA E. BROOMFIELD, ESQ. - SBN 333284 THE LAW OFFICES OF ROSETTA E. BROOMFIELD P.O. BOX 1074 REDONDO BEACH CA 90278 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22 CNS-3587461# Ingledwood Daily News Pub. 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22 HI-27580



**CITY OF INGLEWOOD SPECIFICATIONS FOR Vincent Park Pavilions Replacement Project** **BID NO. CB-22-10** Public Works Department One West Manchester Boulevard, 3rd floor Inglewood, California 90301 (310) 412-5333 June 2022 Due on June 29, 2022 at 11:00 AM **Bid Proposers are requested to submit bid proposal to:** **City Clerk's Office, 1st floor City of Inglewood One West Manchester Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90301** For any questions or inquiries, please contact Boytrese Osias, Senior Engineer – Public Works Department at (310) 412-5333.

**CITY OF INGLEWOOD INVITATION TO SUBMIT BID (Specifications and Conditions Governing Bid Award)** **Project Subject to Bid: Vincent Park Pavilions Replacement Project, CB-22-10** The City of Inglewood, California hereby extends an invitation to submit a proposal in accordance with this bid, to provide labor and materials and/or completing the above designated project. The City makes no representation that any agreement will be awarded to any firm/company responding to this request. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference and walk thru for interested bidders will be conducted on **June 9, 2022 at 3:15 PM** at Vincent Park. Vincent Park is located at, 700 Warren Lane, Inglewood CA, 90301. Pavilions are southeast of the swimming pool building. Call Boytrese Osias (City Capital Improvement Manager) or Kennick Sanderlin (Associate Engineer), at (310) 412-5333 should you require further information. Each bid to be considered must be delivered to and received by the City Clerk no later than 11: 00 AM on **June 29, 2022** at the Office of the City Clerk, Inglewood City Hall, One Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, CA 90301. Each bid shall be submitted and completed in all particulars using the form entitled, "Bidders Proposal and Statement" attached hereto. The submittal bid must be enclosed, together with the requisite bid security, in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the designation of the project: **Vincent Park Pavilions Replacement Project: CB-22-10** appearing thereon.

Each bid shall state the unit price of each item if called for on the Bidder's Proposal and Statement form. In the event alternative bids are called for in said form, each alternative bid shall be completed. Bids will be opened in public in the **City Clerk's Office** and will be announced to all persons present. Specifications and other bid documents for the project are on file in the Public Works Department, and may be obtained upon request. Each bid must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of cash, a cashier's or certified check made payable to the City of Inglewood, or a bid bond, for an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate of the bid. This is a guarantee that the successful bidder will, within the time specified, enter into an agreement as provided in the bid document. Bidder shall furnish bonds when required in the Special Provisions: One for faithful performance in the amount of the contract sum, and another for contractor's labor and materials in the amount of the contract sum. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in any bid, and to take bids under advisement for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from and after the date bids are opened and announced. Attention is directed to the provisions of Labor Code § 1725.5: No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (with limited exceptions for this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1a). No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. All contractors and subcontractors must furnish electronic certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner for all new projects awarded on or after April 1, 2015. The Labor Commissioner may excuse contractors and subcontractors on a project that is under the jurisdiction of one of the four legacy DLR-approved labor compliance programs (Caltrans, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Unified School District and County of Sacramento) or that is covered by a qualified project labor agreement. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 1777.5 and 1777.6 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the Contractor or any subcontractor under them. The Contractor or any subcontractor shall comply with the requirements of said sections in the employment of apprentices. Information relative to apprenticeship standards and administration of the apprenticeship program may be obtained from the Director of Industrial Relations, San Francisco, California, or the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and its branch offices. Notice is hereby given that the City Council has ascertained the prevailing rates of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the contract in accordance with the provisions of Section 1770, et. seq. of the Labor Code. Said prevailing rates are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and are incorporated herein by reference. Copies shall be made available to any interested party on request. Attention is directed to the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 10164 concerning Contractor's licensing laws. This contract requires at least a valid California State Contractors License with a classification of "A" or "B" at the time of the bid. The successful bidder must obtain and maintain a current Inglewood City Business License until completion of the project. This notice is given by order of the City Manager of the City of Inglewood, California, and is dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022. Artie Fields, City Manager City of Inglewood, California Inglewood Daily News Pub. 5/26, 6/2/22 HI-27585





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### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 bunch green onion, chopped
- 1 medium red bell pepper, diced (about 1 cup) (amount divided in recipe steps below)
- 1 1/2 pounds (21/25 count per pound) uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 tablespoons chopped pickled jalapeño pepper
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Shrimp Soup
- 4 ounces cream cheese (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 teaspoon grated lime zest
- 8 flour tortilla (6-inch), warmed
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (about 4 ounces)

### Directions

- **Step 1:** Heat the oven to 325°F. While the oven is heating, heat the butter in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Add the onions and **1/2 cup** red pepper and cook until tender. Season the shrimp with salt. Add the shrimp and cook until done (you can tell they're done when they turn pink and opaque).
- **Step 2:** Add the jalapeño peppers, soup, cream cheese, white pepper and lime zest. Cook and stir until the cream cheese is melted.
- **Step 3:** Remove the skillet from the heat. Divide **half** the shrimp mixture among the tortillas. Roll the tortillas around the filling and place seam-side down into a 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Spoon the remaining shrimp mixture over the filled tortillas. Sprinkle with the remaining **1/2 cup** red pepper and the Monterey Jack cheese.
- **Step 4:** Bake for 30 minutes or until the enchiladas are hot.

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Fira—a girl, a steep mule staircase, and a cruise ship. endured. But as experiences go, our twelve days overflowed with unexpected little bits of serendipity. A few of the stories we lived (and heard) along the way:

**Naxos:**  
A gazillion years ago, the beautiful princess Ariadne of Minoia was abandoned on the shore here by her escort Theseus. A passing sailor spotted her, fell in love, and settled in to farm the island. One day, he found a new type of vine that aimlessly crawled the ground, but had climbed into and nearly choked off a lone fig tree. The sailor loved his figs, so he cut back the vine, whereupon it began to sprout copious bunches of ultra-sour green fruit. As the fruits ripened in the blazing summer sun, they turned a lush purple, and the juices inside began to ferment into an irresistible alcoholic drink.

Thus the origin of the wine trade. All manner of sin and debauchery followed and elevated the sailor, Dionysius, to the status of a deity. We went looking for the god of pleasure in the sleepy mid-island village of Filoti, but all we found were some of his finest wines and the fiery absinthe the locals bottle as Kitro.

**Paros:**  
Somehow, in the fiery geological soup that produced the Aegean, a massive hunk of staggeringly pure, almost translucent marble erupted from the waters opposite Naxos. No one knows much about the history of the exquisite Venus de Milo (currently resident in the Louvre Museum of Paris), but you can still find the quarry she came from on the northern end of this island. Parian marble is

one of those exotic world-class standards that no one has been able to attain anywhere else. And speaking of impossible standards and exquisite beauty, Paros was the home of the legendary saint of the Greek Revolution, Manto Mavrogenous. This wealthy woman died penniless here in 1848 after giving her life and all of her riches to the cause of Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. You can still find her modest, private home on Paros Port.

**Fira/Thera (Santorini):**  
The loudest sound ever recorded by human instruments was the 310 decibels registered in 1883 during the eruption of the Indonesian island of Krakatoa. Yet sometime around 1650BC, the volcano that formed Santorini might have been three times as loud. The pressure wave circled the earth multiple times and utterly destroyed the Minoan civilization on the island of Crete (120 km away). Massive piles of volcanic rock created exotic new islands all over the Aegean Sea.

Today, the semi-circular island of Santorini represents half of the caldera—or volcano rim—from that catastrophe, with steep, black precipices shooting out of the sea and topped by a long, curving string of whitewashed

villages. If you want to offend the locals, use the Venetian name for the island, Santorini—otherwise call it Thira or, if you must, the Anglo version, Thera. To really impress people, stick to the local name, Fira. It’s not as complicated as it sounds.

**Mykonos:**  
Even more than the honeymooner’s paradise of Fira, this rock in the middle of nowhere exists almost entirely for the entertainment of foreigners. Its main attraction—miles of hyper-organized beaches lined with chaises-lounges, many of them clothing optional—would hardly catch the fancy of a southern California beach bum. And when eating out here, you have to work hard at escaping the tourist industry. Our hotelier, for example, directed our attention to the many fine restaurants on the harbor—but when we returned full of simulated outrage at her choices, quickly made good with an out-of-the-way local joint with food we won’t soon forget.

The best thing about Mykonos, apart from the easy sex with foreigners—not something we were looking for—is the bars. Mykonos is the only place in all of Greece (as far as we know) where you don’t have to teach

the bartender how to make a true American martini. And that might count for something.

**Tinos:**  
At 11:30 AM, the local boats hadn’t come in with the daily catch (the “big fish”), so the owner of our favorite tavern, ΑΓΚΥΡΑ, hoped we could make do with tiny grilled pilchard



Naxos—a glass of Dionysius’ finest at sunset. and deep-fried anchovies (both headless, thank the gods). We added the classic Greek dip, Tzatziki (sour cream-garlic-herbs-more garlic), and he threw in a thick, native her-ring paste for good measure. We were too early in the season for the local Assyrtiko, a spectacular white wine served young and chilled, but he had a few bottles left over from the prior year. So we spent a couple of hours watching the storms and ferries come and go, until it was our turn to return to Athens and the real world.

**Bucket Lists:**  
There are thousands of islands in the Greek archipelago, around 200 of them inhabited and worth a visit. We’ve now knocked off seven, but we have friends who’ve visited two per year for the last twenty-odd years. Each island is entirely unique in its history, topography, and people, but for purposes of island-hopping can be loosely grouped into the East (Aegean Sea), South (Mediterranean Sea around Crete), and West (Ionian/Adriatic Seas).

We usually sail out of Piraeus, the harbor outside of Athens, but you can just as easily ferry out of Patras in Western Greece, Istanbul in Turkey, or Brindisi in Italy. For travelers who like to hyper-organize their trips into check lists of palaces and monuments with the least time wasted in between, this probably isn’t the vacation for you. But if you want to bring down your blood pressure while meandering through 4,000 years of random, serendipitous, occasionally true, but always fascinating history, welcome to the islands. You might just refuse to leave. •



Naxos—ready to race the delivery trucks off the ship.



Tinos—your ferry awaits, storm or shine.



Mykonos—the Little Venice neighborhood left behind by the Italians.