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## Gardena Martial Arts Instructors Hit Goals

*Ballard, Walcher, Schwanz move up the ranks in Soo Bahk Do*

### SPECIAL TO THE GVN

The Gardena Soo Bahk Do (pronounced Sue Baak Dough) Martial Arts Instructors at Thornburg Park, 2320 W. 149th St., Gardena, were recently promoted to a higher rank on June 27, 2025.

To explain this process a bit better, the following took place:

Connor Schwanz underwent a five-hour local physical exam in April 2025, which included board breaking. He has now been awarded his new rank for passing that test.

Austin Walcher and John Ballard were both tested in Minnesota in November 2024, for seven consecutive days. They trained for six days from approximately 6 a.m. to around 9 p.m. or later, and on the seventh day, they performed their test. They were not promoted immediately as they were then required to enter a period of reflection that could be as long as one year. Now, seven months later, they are receiving their promotions. The certifications originate from U.S. Headquarters, located in New Jersey, and are endorsed by the Grand Master, H.C. Hwang of the Soo Bahk Do Federation.

Connor Schwanz, 16, was promoted to 2nd-degree black belt. He started in the Kinder program at the age of seven. He just graduated from high school last month, a year early, and is currently studying to get his welding certification and to become a certified instructor in Soo Bahk Do. "I started training at Soo Bahk Do at a young age to



All photos by Mark Schwanz  
Many of Gardena Soo Bahk Do's top practitioners are, from left, Connor Schwanz, instructors Kyo Bom Candace Lee, Sa Bom Larry Drehs, Sa Bom John Ballard, and Bu Sa Bom Austin Walcher.



Connor Schwanz shows his form.

learn self-defense and get physical exercise," Schwanz said. "Over time, I learned to assert myself and have the discipline to achieve my goals."

Austin Walcher began training in Soo Bahk Do at the



John Ballard (Sa Bom), left, and Adam Walcher (Bu Sa) are instructors with the Gardena Soo Bahk Do.

age of five. He has just been promoted to a 4th-degree black belt. This has earned him the title of Karate Master and the designation of Bu Sa Bom (certified Instructor). Walcher has been training for 25 years and is now

age, 30. He is excited to continue training and teaching the students at Gardena Soo Bahk Do. "I learned about Soo Bahk Do from my neighbor, whose kids and my brother started training

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## GVJCI Car Show Fundraiser

The inaugural GVJCI Car Show Fundraiser is coming on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute at 1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

General Admission tickets are \$15, but if ordered by Aug. 4, the early price ticket price is \$10. Children age 12 and younger are free.

Highlights to include Pinewood Derby races, free games for kids, vendor booths, and food trucks: Okamoto Kitchen and Handel's homemade Ice cream. Log on at: <https://www.jci-gardena.org/car-show-pinewood-derby-2025.html>

GVJCI organizers said: "With a mix of today's versions of these cars and others, we would like to bring back fond memories of yes-

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# Ichikawa sister city delegation visit proves a major league hit

BY BRETT CALLWOOD

As reported in last week's issue, a delegation from sister city Ichikawa, Japan arrived on Monday, July 21 and spent a few days enjoying Gardena.

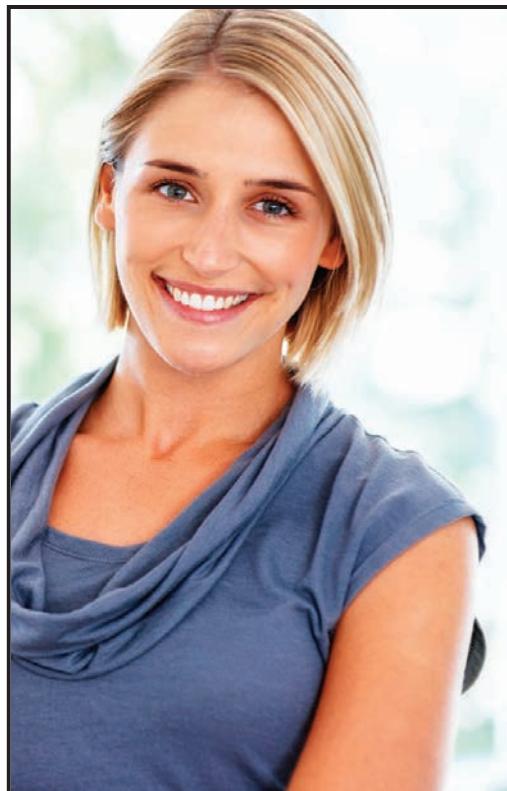
Five officials were here until July 24, with 32 baseball team members staying for an extra day. The city scheduled a number of activities for the visitors; on the Monday, there was a Welcome Dinner at Pollo Inka. On Wednesday, July 23, there was a Sister City and Parks and Recreation Day Celebration, held at City Hall. That included a Sister City Goodwill Baseball Classic.

Audra Lowe, the City of Gardena's communications officer said that, "The visit over the past week with our sister city was awesome. Overall, it was a great experience and a memorable visit. This was the first time the adults and the kids participated together, in the past it was either the adults visit-

ing or the kids never the two together participating like this. They were greeted at LAX and driven to City Hall for what was supposed to be a quick drive by, but instead they were surprised by a crowd of greeters waving Japanese flags. They decided to stop and get out to say hello and the kids took the time to run and play on the lawn of City Hall."

Director of Recreation and Human Services Stephany Santin added that, "We had the honor of hosting the Ichikawa Delegation and their baseball team, showcasing our Gardena Willows, sharing a meal together at Dodger Stadium, and celebrating our partnership by renaming the baseball field at Freeman Park. The week concluded with a fun-filled day at Disneyland enjoyed by both baseball teams. The kids shared great experiences and memories that will hopefully continue the amazing partnership between Gardena and Ichikawa."

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# 2025 local prep football schedules are available

BY JOE SNYDER

On July 28, local high school football teams began their practice for the upcoming season. Gardena, North Torrance, and Serra all begin their season on Aug. 22.

Serra will have to contend with its football stadium being closed for, at least, most of this season due to a fire that destroyed the press box and several nearby upper bleachers over last spring.

As of now, the Cavaliers will play its first game against Palos Verdes at El Camino College on Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. The Sea Kings are led by premiere junior quarterback Ryan Rakowski, who, as a sophomore, keyed P.V. to the CIF-Southern California Division V and the CIF-State Division IIAC crowns. Rakowski was CIF-Southern Section Di-

vision V Player of the Year, all-CIF State, and the Daily Breeze South Bay Player of the Year and, by the end of the 2024-25 school year, South Bay Athlete of the Year.

Serra continues to have a rigid schedule, both in non-league and the always brutal Mission League. On Aug. 28, the Cavaliers visit CIF-Los Angeles City Section school Hamilton in the L.A.-Palms District. The following Serra home games will be played at L.A. Southwest College in the Athens District. The Cavaliers host Los Alamitos on Sept. 5, then host Orange Lutheran from the prestigious Trinity League on Sept. 12, then Westlake Village Oaks Christian on Sept. 19.

Serra takes a week break before beginning Mission play with an expected showdown at Sierra Canyon in Chatsworth

on Oct. 3. The Cavaliers, then, host Loyola on Oct. 10, the first of three consecutive league home games. The others include West Hills Chaminade (Oct. 17) and Sherman Oaks Notre Dame (Oct. 24). On Halloween night (Oct. 31), the Cavaliers complete league at Bishop Amat in La Puente. All games begin at 7 p.m.

Defending three-time champion North Torrance will have to get use to playing without the premiere junior brother passing combination of quarterback Kane "Boogie" and wide receiver Kingston Anetema, who both transferred cross town westward to Bishop Montgomery, but has several experienced seniors that should keep the Saxons in contention for their fourth straight league crown. The Saxons begin play on Aug. 22 at home against Summit

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Photo by Joe Snyder

Gardena High incoming freshman quarterback Cecilio James has been considered by head Panther coach Terrence Williams very promising and smart. Local prep football teams began practice for the upcoming 2025 season last week. Gardena begins its season on Aug. 22 against Crespi at 4 p.m.

## Summer a splash with surfing fest

BY JOE SNYDER

It is usually the week bordering July and August that marks two of the top summer events in Southern California, the United States Pro Surfing in Huntington Beach and the South Bay International Surf Festival.

Most of the top surfers in the world met up in Huntington Beach over the past week and it finally came to an end last Sunday. The winners included Levi Slawson from Encinitas (located in Northern San Diego County) for the men and Sawyer Lindblad of San Clemente for the women. Both are from Southern California and young with Slawson being 21 years old and Lindblad, 19.

In the longboard division, Kai Ellice-Flint of Australia won the men's division and Avalon Gall from Laguna Beach won the women's division.

Locally, the 63rd Annual International Surf Festival, featuring lifeguards and other top ocean and beach sports athletes from the United States and Australia, competed in many events throughout Hermosa, Manhattan, Redondo, and Torrance Beaches.

Not all results were in but the popular Hermosa Beach-to-Manhattan Beach Pier Two-Mile Ocean Swim from last Sunday was. The top men's and overall finisher was 18-year-old Luka Van Dijk of Manhattan Beach at 37 minutes and 57 seconds. The top wetsuit finisher was Michael Davidson of Valley Glen clocking 43:17.

Unfortunately, the top female finishers were unavailable.

## SPORTS SCOOP

placed 10th overall.

In the Judge Taplin lifeguard event, the largest of the lifeguard contest on Saturday in Hermosa Beach, Los Ange-

les County South, that includes beaches in the South Bay and Long Beach area, won the race. The relay included swimming, paddleboard, and dory boats. Jeff Lombardo, who was part of the dory team for the L.A. County South team, also teamed with Tom Seth to win the Paul Mathies Three-Leg Dory race.

There was also beach volleyball but the results were unavailable, as was the South Bay Surf-off. There were also several junior lifeguard events.

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Robbery/Estes - Strong-arm  
2100 block of West Redondo Beach Boulevard  
July 25 at 4:45 p.m.

## ASSAULT

Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant/Dating With Hands  
15800 block of South Western Avenue  
July 23 at 2:19 a.m.

July 21 at 4:31 a.m.

Battery on Person  
13500 block of Van Ness Avenue  
July 23 at 1:21 a.m.

Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant/Dating With Hands  
15800 block of South Western Avenue  
July 23 at 2:19 a.m.

Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant/Dating With Hands  
15800 block of South Western Avenue  
July 23 at 2:19 a.m.

1200 block of West 134th Street  
July 23 at 2:54 a.m.

Willful Cruelty to Child: Possible Injury/Death - Felony  
No address provided  
July 23 at 6:28 p.m.

Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant/Dating With Hands  
1200 block of West 170th Street  
July 25 at 3:17 p.m.

Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant/Dating With Hands  
16900 block of South Western Avenue  
July 25 at 8:47 p.m.

Assault With Deadly Weapon - Other Weapon  
2600 block of West 141st Place  
July 26 at 4:20 p.m.

Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant/Dating With Hands  
1100 block of West 166th Street  
July 27 at 6:11 a.m.

Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant/Dating With Hands  
13300 block of South Vermont Avenue  
July 28 at 1:30 a.m.

Inflict Corporal Injury on

Spouse/Cohabitant/Dating With Hands  
14600 block of Wadkins Avenue  
July 29 at 1:44 p.m.

Battery on Person  
2700 block of West 141st Place  
July 29 at 3:32 p.m.

Obstruct/Resist Executive Officer - Felony  
14100 block of Crenshaw Boulevard  
July 30 at 2:58 a.m.

Battery: Spouse/Ex-Spouse/ Date, etc.  
2600 block of Rosecrans Avenue  
July 30 at 4:55 a.m.

Battery: Spouse/Ex-Spouse/ Date, etc.  
15300 block of Gramercy Place  
July 30 at 10:22 a.m.

Obstruct/Resist Executive Officer - Felony  
2000 block of Artesia Boulevard  
July 30 at 10:34 a.m.

Battery on Person  
1800 block of West 162nd Street  
July 31 at 1:40 p.m.

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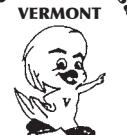
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Attempted Vehicle Burglary  
1400 block of West 135th Street  
July 21 at 12:38 p.m.

Attempted Vehicle Burglary  
1400 block of West 135th Street  
July 21 at 4:11 p.m.

Burglary: Vehicle  
13900 block of Arcturus Avenue  
July 23 at 11:24 a.m.

Burglary: Vehicle  
15400 block of South Western Avenue  
July 25 at 3:36 p.m.

Attempted Vehicle Burglary  
14000 block of South Budlong Avenue  
July 25 at 4:59 a.m.

Burglary: Vehicle  
13300 block of South Vermont Avenue  
July 25 at 3:32 p.m.

Burglary: Vehicle  
17900 block of Evelyn Avenue  
July 28 at 1:43 a.m.

Burglary: Vehicle  
1000 block of West Artesia Boulevard  
July 30 at 7:53 a.m.

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## Schedules

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Academy from Fullerton. After a week break, North is home against Centennial High from Las Vegas, Nev. on Sept. 5. On Sept. 12, the Saxons visit cross town rival West Torrance, last year's Ocean League, and CIF-Southern Section Division VII semifinalist. North, then, is at

Carson, which should be one of the top contenders for the Marine League and CIF-L.A. City Section championships, on Sept. 18. North has an open date for the following week and could be waiting for an opponent and site before starting the Pioneer League at Santa Monica on Oct. 3. The Saxons, then, have their first home league game in what should be a showdown against Redondo, led by senior quarterback Cole Leinart and receiver-

linebacker Bo Ausmus, on Aug. 10. On Aug. 17, North visits Peninsula High in Rolling Hills Estates before facing crosstown rivals South Torrance (Oct. 23 at home) and Torrance (Oct. 30 at Torrance) to complete Pioneer play. All games begin at 7 p.m.

After enjoying some successful seasons under recently departed head coach Monty Gilbreth, Terrence Sullivan takes the reigns as Gardena High's next coach. Sullivan assisted

under Gilbreth and Jim McElroy. The Panthers begin their season at home against Crespi High from Encino on Aug. 22 at 4 p.m. On Aug. 28, Gardena is at home against South East High from South Gate at 4 p.m. On Sept. 5, the Panthers will visit King-Drew Medical Magnet from Willowbrook at L.A. Harbor College at 7 p.m., then visit Dymally High in South L.A., on Sept. 12 at the same time. Gardena comes home to take on

Santa Monica on Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. before its non-league finale at Dominguez High in Compton on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

The Panthers begin the Marine League at Banning High in Wilmington on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. before hosting Carson on Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. Gardena visits Narbonne in Harbor City on Oct. 17 before closing the regular season with their homecoming game against San Pedro on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

## Goals

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ing together, but at five years old, the instructor said I was too young," Walcher said. "Wanting to participate with the others, I went to every class, following along in the back until the in-

structor finally relented and let me join. Twenty-five years later, I am still excited to go to class every day to continue learning and teaching others."

• John Ballard began So Bahk Do training at the age of 28 in 1985. "I was working in customer service, answering phones all day, and needed a steady workout. Two of my co-workers

trained at a martial arts studio and said that I should check it out. I was hooked from day one!" Forty years later, he has now been promoted to a 5th-degree Black Belt and Certified Master Instructor. Sa Bom John Ballard, now 68, is the senior student at Gardena Soo Bahk Do under the guidance of Sa Bom Larry Drehs, a 7th-degree Black

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net. The studio opened in 1981 and was relocated to Thornburg Park, June 19, 2001.

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Accessories  
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Grand Theft of Coin-Operated  
Machine  
14900 block of South Western  
Avenue  
July 22 at 2:26 a.m.

Grand Theft  
13100 block of Arcturus Avenue  
July 23 at 1:11 p.m.

Grand Theft  
16500 block of South Normandie  
Avenue  
July 23 at 10:23 a.m.

Attempted Grand Theft  
1100 Electric Street  
July 26 at 3:11 a.m.

Grand Theft  
1000 block of West 164th Street  
July 26 at 10:31 p.m.

Grand Theft  
1300 block of West Artesia  
Boulevard  
July 29 at 3:48 a.m.

Grand Theft  
Marine and South Western  
avenues  
July 30 at 11:09 a.m.

Grand Theft  
2000 Marine Avenue

July 31 at 5:16 p.m.

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Petty Theft  
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July 23 at 6:28 p.m.

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1200 block of West 166th Street  
July 22 at 8:18 p.m.

Taken Vehicle w/o Consent  
14200 block of South Van Ness  
Avenue  
July 22 at 11:45 a.m.  
Grand Theft Auto

14900 block of South Normandie  
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Taken Vehicle w/o Consent  
1700 block of West 146th Street  
July 23 at 3:01 p.m.

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16000 block of South Western  
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July 24 at 1:56 p.m.

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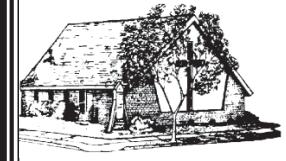
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# Why a Trustee Needs an Attorney

BY KYLIE M TSUDAMA

California residents often establish living trusts as a cornerstone of their estate plan, aiming to bypass the complexities and public nature of probate court. While trusts can indeed offer a streamlined path for asset distribution after death, the role of a trustee in administering that trust is far from a simple task. In fact, relying on the California Probate Code, it becomes abundantly clear that engaging a qualified attorney is not merely advisable, but often essential, to ensure proper, legal, and conflict-free trust administration.

Many individuals mistakenly believe that since a trust avoids probate, it also avoids the need for legal counsel. This misconception can lead to significant headaches, costly errors, and even personal liability for the trustee.

Here's why a seasoned trust administration attorney is indispensable:

## 1. Understanding Fiduciary Duties and Avoiding Personal Liability:

At the heart of trust administration lies the trustee's fiduciary duty. This means the trustee is legally obligated to act solely in the best interests of the trust and its beneficiaries, with the highest degree of care and loyalty. The California Probate Code outlines these duties extensively, including the duty to administer the trust according to its terms, the duty of loyalty, the duty to deal impartially with beneficiaries, and the duty to keep beneficiaries reasonably informed.

A misstep in any of these areas can expose the trustee to personal liability for damages to the trust or its beneficiaries. An attorney can guide the trustee through these intricate duties, ensuring

compliance and minimizing the risk of costly disputes.

## 2. Mastering the Notice Requirements (Probate Code Section 16061.7):

One of the most critical and often overlooked aspects of trust administration in California is the statutory notice requirement outlined in California Probate Code Section 16061.7. When a revocable trust becomes irrevocable (typically upon the settlor's death), or when there's a change in trustees of an irrevocable trust, the trustee has a strict 60-day deadline to serve a specific "Notification by Trustee" to all beneficiaries.

This notice is not a mere courtesy. It triggers a short statute of limitations (120 days from service of the notice, or 60 days from receiving a copy of the trust, whichever is later) for beneficiaries to contest the trust. Failure to properly serve this notice can keep the door open for trust contests for a significantly longer period, creating uncertainty and potential litigation down the line. An attorney ensures this crucial notice is correctly drafted, served, and documented, protecting both the trust and the trustee.

## 3. Navigating Complex Asset Management and Distribution:

Trusts often hold diverse assets, from real estate and investment portfolios to personal property and business interests. Administering these assets requires careful valuation, management, and ultimately, distribution according to the trust's terms. An attorney can assist with:

Asset Identification and Valuation: Ensuring all trust assets are properly identified and appraised, which is crucial for

equitable distribution and tax purposes.

Creditor Claims: Guiding the trustee through the process of handling potential creditor claims against the deceased settlor.

Tax Implications: Trusts have their own tax obligations, and an attorney, often in conjunction with a tax professional, can help navigate federal and state income and estate tax laws, minimizing liabilities for the trust and beneficiaries.

Property Transfers: Facilitating the legal transfer of real estate and other assets from the trust to the beneficiaries, including Prop 19, etc.

## 4. Ensuring Compliance with the Trust Instrument and California Law:

Every trust document is unique, and its terms must be meticulously followed. An attorney provides expertise in interpreting complex trust provisions and ensuring that all actions taken by the trustee align with both the trust instrument and the ever-evolving California Probate Code. This includes understanding clauses related to distributions, special conditions, and the ultimate termination of the trust.

While the desire to save on legal fees is understandable, the potential pitfalls of administering a trust without professional guidance far outweigh the perceived savings. A well-executed trust administration, guided by an experienced attorney, provides peace of mind for the trustee, protects the trust's assets, and ensures the seamless fulfillment of the settlor's legacy. For anyone appointed as a trustee in California, consulting a qualified trust administration attorney should be the first step in fulfilling this important responsibility.



Courtesy photo

Ichikawa adult and youth delegates hold up signs bearing their names during their recent visit to Gardena. Highlights of the visit include a Dodger baseball game to see Shohei Ohtani, a sister city Goodwill Baseball Classic between Ichikawa and Gardena youth athletes, and the renaming of Freeman Park baseball diamond to Ichikawa Nippon Yakyu Field and scoreboard ribbon cutting.



Photo by Gary Kohatsu

Gardena and Ichikawa athletes high-five each other and exchange gifts at the end of the Baseball Classic played at Freeman Park. The renaming of Freeman Park's baseball diamond to Ichikawa Nippon Yakyu Field and scoreboard ribbon cutting were among the highlights.



Courtesy photo

Gardena Mayor Tasha Cerda presents a group photo taken at Dodger Stadium to Ichikawa Mayor Koh Tanaka during a celebration dinner at the Nakaoka Community Center. Besides Mayor Tanaka, Ichikawa officials in attendance (but not shown) were, Takashi Ohkubo, Chairperson, Ichikawa Municipal Council; Takahiro Ikeda, Secretary-General Secretariat of Municipal Council; Norihiro Uematsu, Deputy Director - General, Department of Cultural and International Affairs; Ryo Hayasaka, Chief, Division of International Relations; Megumi Nakamura, Leader of the Team; and Takehiko Kenmochi, Team Manager. Hiroko Kawaguchi served as the translator.



Photo by Gary Kohatsu

Athletes from Gardena and Ichikawa sister cities share hugs and gifts after the youth Baseball Classic at Freeman Park.



Photo by Gary Kohatsu

Ichikawa Mayor Koh Tanaka is interviewed by KABC Channel 7 news. Hiroko Kawaguchi was the translator.



Photos by Gary Kohatsu

Above, keeping score and stats of the youth baseball classic are volunteers Marco Salas-Selam and Mitch Nakai. At left, is Ichikawa game one leadoff hitter and shortstop Hakuto Ishizaki belts a pitch in the first inning. Nissin Food (USA) Co., Inc. in Gardena covered the cost of baseball uniforms for Gardena and Ichikawa baseball players

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## Ichikawa

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Despite the fact that Gardena's youth baseball team was beaten by their Ichikawa counterparts, Lowe said that it was still an enjoyable experience.

"The energy, not only with the players, was so high, and the same

with the crowd," she said. "We had a great turnout. The teams posed for pics with reps from both Japan and Gardena, showing the new baseball field name of the board behind them. The two Mayors were interviewed by ABC7 about the visit and game, then both Mayors had fun throwing the first pitch of each game. After the game the kids came together at Nakaoka

Community Center and had dinner with one another. They all chatted and exchanged hats and jerseys. They all had a fantastic time and then the following day, went to Disneyland."

"The Ichikawa team played well but we were also really proud of our young people and the coaches who volunteered their time leading up to the game," added Mayor Tasha Cerda.

"They joked about how they had

magic bats that helped them win," said Santin. "It was great to see them have such a wonderful time despite the loss."

Besides the game, there were plenty of Gardena sights for the visiting delegation to enjoy.

"The delegation was able to tour Nissin Foods and JCI while the kids spent the day at Santa Monica/Universal City Walk and then headed to the Dodger Game," said Lowe. "Overall, it was a fantastic week of fun and unforgettable memories for both cities. While they were here, their visits included a trip to the Willow Wetlands on Monday, and on Tuesday [there were trips to the] JCI (Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute), a Cup Noodles tour (met the CEO at the Gardena location), [and a] Dodger game (everyone went on the field and took a picture)."

## Updates

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teryear and show how this car culture continues today."

For vehicle info and registration, go to <https://gvjci.wufoo.com/forms/qp7gex0ha2ycd/>

Contact Lyndon Meighan (LMeighan@jci-gardena.org)

for show details, vendor booths, volunteer opportunities, and sponsorships.

Ride Free to Manhattan Beach-GTrans is offering free rides on Line G to Manhattan Beach now through Aug. 30. Days of free ride to MB operation are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Go to ridegtrans.com to see the map and service schedules, or call

310-965-8888. This free summer ride service is courtesy of GTrans and the City of Gardena.

### Miriam's Garden Poetry Reading

A poetry reading by poets of color will highlight a celebration of Miriam's Garden on Saturday, June 28, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Hyde Park Miriam Matthews

Branch Library, 2205 W. Florence Ave., Los Angeles.

Invited poets are William Archila, Lory Bedikian, and Doug Manuel. This reading series highlights poets of color from South Los Angeles, made possible by donations from World Stage Press and Library Commissioner Hiram Sims. Call 323-750-7241.

### 22nd Annual Jazz Festival

The city of Gardena 22nd annual Jazz Festival is coming on Sunday, Aug. 24 at Rowley Park, 13220 Van Ness Ave., Gardena. Ticket sales started on May 5.

Seating is as follows, \$30 for General Admission; \$75 for Box Seat; and \$100 for a reserved table seat. To purchase tickets visit [www.gardenajazzfestival.com/tickets](http://www.gardenajazzfestival.com/tickets)

For in-person ticket purchase, visit the Nakaoka Community Center at 1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Artists for this year's jazz festival to be announced. The festival was founded and is hosted annually by former Gardena City Councilman and California State Sen. Steven Bradford.

### Food, Wine and Brew Festival

The city of Gardena will present its annual Food, Wine and Brew Festival on Saturday, Sept 27, from noon to 7 p.m., at the Gardena City Hall Complex, 1700 block of W. 162nd St., Gardena.

Highlights to include food,

drinks, entertainment, and a silent auction. Tickets will go on sale Monday, July 7. Go online to [Gardena15thannualfoodwinebrew.eventbrite.com](https://Gardena15thannualfoodwinebrew.eventbrite.com); for in-person ticket purchase, go to the Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena — Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All proceeds to benefit the Gardena Senior Citizens Bureau and Alzheimer's Support Program. Sponsors include The Original Giuliano's Delicatessen and Baker, and Give Gardena.

### Keep Gardena Beautiful Day

The city of Gardena's 25th annual Keep Gardena Beautiful Day and Community Cleanup is planned for 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 20. Interested parties should sign up to volunteer at Eventbrite by Sept. 5. Go to <https://KGBD2025.EVENT-BRITE.COM>

Clean up will take place throughout the city of Gardena. Following the cleanup will be a lunch and a raffle at Mas Fukai Park.

### GVJCI 2025 Art Show

The GVJCI 2025 Art Show is coming to Gardena on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27-28 at the GV Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena. Show hours are Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Theme this year is The Nikkei Experience in America.

"If you are an artist of Japanese ancestry, virtually any aspect of your life could be considered part of the Nikkei experience in America... the artwork can be any media: paintings, photos, sculptures, etc. and the show is open to all artist of any age, ethnicity and skill level." There is no entry fee. All submitted work must be pre-approved for showing.

Work to be considered must be submitted at Aug. 22. Contact Program Manager Stephanie Mayeda, or the GVJCI for additional information; <https://www.jci-gardena.org/> or 310-324-6611.

### Ongoing...

#### Pickleball

The city of Gardena offers Pickleball every Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Rush Gymnasium, 1651 W. 162nd St., Gardena. This ongoing event is open to the public and no signup is necessary. Call 310-217-9537.

#### Tai Chi Classes

The city of Gardena offers Tai Chi classes, which meet four days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Rush Gym, 1651 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

The fitness class helps participants to "increase focus, improve balance and strengthen muscles." Call 310-217-9537 for details.

# PETS of the Week

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Skittle is sweet and energetic and has quite a bit of energy. She enjoys going on walks and playing with stuffed toys. Her favorite activity is solving puzzles. Skittle can be shy when meeting new people, but she warms up quickly. She is already microchipped, spayed, and fully vaccinated so she is ready to find her new home. Could Skittle add some sweetness into your life? <https://spcalA.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-19069>

#### Jamie, LACA-A-19611

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Hawthorne, CA 90250  
spcaLA is offering adoptions Wednesday-Sunday 11am to 3pm. Go to [spcalA.com](http://spcalA.com) for info.



Meet Jamie! Jamie is a 6-month-old cat with a calm demeanor and a beautiful grey and white coat. She can often be found curled up taking a long afternoon nap or purring as she receives gentle affection from staff and volunteers. Jamie is already spayed and microchipped and is ready to meet her Friends for Life!

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## ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY AS NEWS FOR WEEK AUGUST 6-12, 2025

## HOT SULTRY DOG DAYS OF SUMMER UNDER THE BLUE-WHITE STAR SIRIUS

Note: the word dog spelled backward is "god."

We are in the "dog days of summer." Dog Days, a phrase describing the hot and humid summer weather (in the northern latitudes) from July 3 - August 15 - 20 days prior and 20 days after the star Sirius rises and falls with the sun! "Dog Days" refer to Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky in the constellation Canis Major, the "Greater Dog." Dog Days coincides with Sirius's rising with the Sun.

In Egypt, the annual flooding of the Nile occurred as Sirius, the blue-white star left of Orion, became visible at sunrise. This is called the heliacal rising of Sirius, a flashing forth of the Light of Sirius at pre-dawn before the Sun appears. Rising before the Sun and over the dome of the sky, Sirius and the Nile's floodwaters (to grow the foods for the year) appear simultaneously. Sirius and the Nile are associated with fertility, life and abundance.

The Pyramids (Temples of Initiation) are aligned with Sirius (also referred to as Isis). A sculpture of Isis stood in the Egyptian temples. In her forehead was a jewel. The position of Isis in the temples aligned with the heliacal (near the Sun) rising of Sirius. As Sirius flashed forth in the pre-dawn sky, its light touched the jewel of Isis. As it began to sparkle and glow, the Temple priests knew the Nile would soon overflow (needed for agriculture) and the Egyptian new year began.

Sirius, the star of freedom and liberation (Leo's tasks). Sirius rules and signifies the aspiration towards freedom that founded the experiment in freedom called the United States. Love originates from Sirius. The love of Sirius flows through Leo and its royal star, Regulus, into the hearts of humanity.

Sirius is the path of the heart. When

# RISA'S STARS

we make contact with Sirius, love is released. Christ, the World Teacher, is from Sirius. Upon completing our long journeys to Earth (a mystery school where we learn about and bring light to form and matter), seven further paths appear for our choosing. One is the Path to Sirius (Path of Electric Fire).

Sirius is a binary star (Sirius A & Sirius B, two stars orbiting a common center). In Mali, West Africa, the Dogon tribe has known of Sirius and its companion star Sirius B (Po Tolo, seed of creation). The Dogon's source of information was the Nommo, amphibious beings from Sirius. Night Light News (our website), is named after Sirius B - our creation.

**ARIES:** Notice you begin to seek perfection, first at work and then with partnerships and relationships, 'til finally you find you're tense and critical about everything and everyone. Be aware and try not to fall into this deadly way of being. Venus is in Cancer, and when there is criticism, we begin to wilt and disappear into sadness. Instead, be of goodwill and service to others, after tending carefully and with kindness to the self. How in your life would you do this?

**Taurus:** You may find your attention directed toward the animal and/or plant kingdoms. For some reason your intimate relationships are either doing well, are somewhere far away, or there's no one intimate around. Therefore you concern yourself with the kingdoms that need you. If it's gardening, plant a garden of white and gold and figure out what roses best reflect you. For the animal kingdom, tend to their health, teeth, fur, fins, or wings. Their devotion serves us as they learn how to be human.

**GEMINI:** Some of us, feeling we have little safety or constancy and experiencing emotional vulnerability,

seek security and hope at home wanting it to fulfill our deep and needful longings. Is this you, Gemini? For this to be a reality, one must tend to the home environment - from cleaning and refurbishing to decorating and adding features to create more safety and security. Being attentive to all that surrounds us creates a reflective golden light to shine upon us. Get down on your knees and begin scrubbing.

**CANCER:** Concerned about money, you attempt to clear up bills and debts hastily, hurriedly and quickly. Careful with this in the Mercury retrograde. Mistakes can be made. You want to pay bills as they come in the mail. Then you worry less and can concentrate on communication and casual social interaction. You're curious about everything. It's time to contact siblings, old school mates, neighbors by phone, text or emails. You're curious about everything. Especially about yourself. A good thing.

**LEO:** Finances and resources will take a turn upward and outward and although you can be practical, you may seek unusual luxury items that enhance your self-esteem. Should lots of money find you, research how to maintain its value - by investing in silver and gold, for example. You will want to manage your resources in these unusual times in unexpected ways as the tried and true financial paths are quickly crumbling. Remember to tithe to groups and organizations that assist those in need - all the kingdoms - earth, plant, animal, human and spiritual.

**VIRGO:** You may be looking in the mirror wondering how you're seen by others and consider a change in appearance from hair to clothes to types of shoes. You want to be attractive and magnetic. Go beyond

that and seek to be stylish, hip and just a little bit different. I read that style is individual; fashion is a trend. Which are you? Altering how we look alters feelings about ourselves. Tend to forgotten tasks put off for gloomy and rainy days of which there won't be any soon in these dog (god) days of summer. It's a happy time for you. Hang multiple crystals in all windows.

**LIBRA:** There are several messages attempting to get through to you and they affect your future. These messages are possibly coming through dreams (day and night). Have at your bedside pen and paper to jot down dreams and impressions should you wake in the night (are you sleeping well enough?). A sort of gentle nudging process is trying to bring you to the next level of awareness of Goodwill and Right Relations. Art will help in this. Remember yourself as an artist long ago?

**SCORPIO:** It's important to maintain diplomacy amidst overwhelming and possible challenges to your power. Scorpio is to learn how to use power responsibly and with poise. You may feel your foundation is being destroyed. Maintain a power within. You're to be with others, in groups with like-minded people who, like you, have very high objectives. Stand equal with everyone, including superiors. You have an authority that others recognize. Do you? Tend to self with disciplined kindness. Do not control others, as you would not have them control you.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Careful with communication in all areas of life, with others, at work, with family and friends. Have you been feeling your work is less than desirable, sliding dangerously into boredom and not meeting financial, emotional, psychological or intellectual needs? Do

you wonder what to do and seek freedom and fulfillment - sort of a revolution? You also want fame and fortune. Know that all our desires and aspirations are embryonic stages of what eventually will be. Life events are slower than our fiery thoughts. So what do you suppose you must develop on your path these days?

**CAPRICORN:** Your mind may be asking solemn questions about the meaning of life, your life in particular and your purpose. Simultaneously you'll be meeting new people. But there's something deeper to discuss. Begin and/or continue with your manifestation writings and drawings about your family (self, friends, etc.). This exercise isn't just for one day. Your daily work creates the magnetic field around you and what you need, and one day the two fields unite based upon your constant attention. Remember these words - community, water, greenhouses, friends, abundance, love.

**AQUARIUS:** Notice if you feel certain levels of change. These are small psychological signposts that your emotional life is changing and shifting to include more kindness and benevolence, and then forgiveness becomes very important. There may be some sort of windfall of money or resources. Make sure you research what's best to do with your finances. Something keeps occurring with the American dollar. Don't simply do as you've done before with money. A new reality is emerging.

**PISCES:** You need order, beauty and harmony in relationships and your surroundings will assist you in making some very difficult decisions. But when you do act upon those decisions, events will go easily and smoothly. You are very sensitive to deep psychological situations within and around you. A challenge will present itself. You must focus upon what your needs are. When they are met you can then assist others. If you always give yourself away, soon you'll simply disappear. Don't. Your gifts are needed by humanity and the world. Find a warm swimming pool to swim in.

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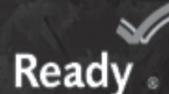


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The following person is doing business as: **TZT CONSULTING**, 1445 W. SEPULVEDA STREET, SAN PEDRO, CA 90732. Registered Owners: TAMIZA TEJA, 1445 W. SEPULVEDA STREET, SAN PEDRO, CA 90732. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. Signed: TAMIZA TEJA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 06/24/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/17, 24, 31, 8/7/25-154942

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-135021

The following person is doing business as: **HENANO BAKERY**, 318 BRIDGEWATER WAY UNIT 3, GARDENA, CA 90247. Registered Owners: JAMES VALENCIA, 318 BRIDGEWATER WAY UNIT 3, GARDENA, CA 90247. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2025. Signed: JAMES VALENCIA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/02/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/17, 24, 31, 8/7/25-154347

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-137817

The following person is doing business as: **MILANO NAILS BAR**, 15900 CRENSHAW BLVD UNIT G, GARDENA, CA 90247. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/01/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-14411

statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/17, 24, 31, 8/7/25-154935

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-142658

Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/17, 24, 31, 8/7/25-154943

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-140798

The following person is doing business as: **STICKYSCALE**, 731 W 158TH STREET, GARDENA, CA 90247. Registered Owners: STICKYSCALE LLC, 731 W 158TH STREET, GARDENA, CA 90247. This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2025. Signed: STEPHANIE GARFIELD, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/11/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/17, 24, 31, 8/7/25-154957

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-143329

The following person is doing business as: **AFFORDABLE CRUISES**, 2722 E 20 ST APT 205, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. Registered Owners: SALVATORE SANFILIPPO, 2722 E 20 ST APT 205, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2004. Signed: VICTOR M. FUNEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/21/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21/25-155139

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-138318

The following person is doing business as: **CONTRACTOR RESPONSE GENERAL SOLUTIONS**, 14519 WADKINS AVE, GARDENA, CA 90249. Registered Owners: CARLOS R RODRIGUEZ GARCIA, 14519 WADKINS AVE, GARDENA, CA 90249. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2010. Signed: JEREMY HECTOR, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/15/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21/25-155153

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### (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21/25-155152

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-148586

The following person is doing business as: **OASIS BEAUTY SALON AND BARBER SHOP**, 1516 1/2 W REDONDO BEACH BLVD, GARDENA, CA 90247. Registered Owners: VICTOR M. FUNEZ, 1516 1/2 W REDONDO BEACH BLVD, GARDENA, CA 90247. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/08/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21/25-155152

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-137544

The following person is doing business as: **PROHAULING SOLUTIONS**, 13606 S AINSWORTH ST, GARDENA, CA 90247. Registered Owners: DAS.BEAUTYY LLC, 13606 S AINSWORTH ST, GARDENA, CA

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90247. This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2025. Signed: DALLANA ABIGAIL SICAL, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/08/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21/25-155308

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ER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/24/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-142242**

The following person is doing business as: **ALL ABOUT PAINTING AND WALL PAPER**, 2160 PLAZA DEL AMO UNIT #165, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Registered Owners: JAIME A. VEGA, 2160 PLAZA DEL AMO UNIT #165, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. Signed: JAIME A. VEGA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/14/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code).

**Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21/25-155309

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 25CMCP00124**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: GUZMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GUZMAN to ALEXANDRA HANNA GUZMAN.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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

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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**

09/09/2025  
08:30 AM in Dept E Room 1004

Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

200 W Compton Blvd Compton, CA 90220

To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to [www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm).)

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: Culver City News

DATE: 06/27/2025  
Michael B Wilson  
Judge of the Superior Court

**Gardena Valley News** 8/7, 14, 21, 28/25-155313

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-148141**

The following person is doing business as: **GORDON SMITH PUBLISHING**, 1326 W BRAZIL STREET, COMPTON, CA 90220. Registered Owners: JENNIFER GORDON, 1326 W BRAZIL STREET, COMPTON, CA 90220. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2019. Signed: JENNIFER GORDON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/21/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code).

**Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21/25-155313

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trant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2006. Signed: SHERIEN APED ELSHAHED, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 07/28/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-128388**

The following person is doing business as: **ESSENCE AND CHARM**, 3662 VETERAN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. Registered Owners: JACQUELINE HERRERA, 3662 VETERAN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034.

This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. Signed: JACQUELINE HERRERA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 06/24/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code).

**Gardena Valley News** 8/7, 14, 21, 28/25-155314

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ERNEST DEAN NISHIJIMA**

Case No. 25STPB04560

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ERNEST DEAN NISHIJIMA. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DAWNELL NISHIJIMA in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, CA 90245. (424) 259-3550.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DAWNELL NISHIJIMA be appointed

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ted 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 filed an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on AUGUST 15, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 44

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: DMITRIY ARISTOV, 222 N. PACIFIC COAST HWY, SUITE 2000, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. (424) 259-3550.

**Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14/2025-155306

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Case No. 25STPB08661

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID E. RAWSON

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michael George Befeler in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michael George Befeler be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests that Michael George Befeler 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.

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: DMITRIY ARISTOV, 222 N. PACIFIC COAST HWY, SUITE 2000, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. (424) 259-3550.

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quest 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:**

ROBERT H PALMER  
ESQ SBN 92040  
ALEX R. BORDEN  
ESQ  
SBN 180301

**LAW OFFICE OF ROBERT H PALMER**  
3812 SEPULVEDA BLVD STE 300 TORRANCE CA 90505 CN119297 RAWSON Aug 7, 14, 21, 2025 **Gardena Valley News** 8/7, 14, 21/2025-155472

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**  
(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)

Escrow No. 10727-AK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: SUHAIL AHMED 2413 PACIFIC COAST HWY STE 105 LOMITA, CA 90717

Doing Business as: ROLLING HILLS MARKET All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are: NONE The name(s) and business address of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: KIVORA, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 2413 PACIFIC COAST HWY STE 105 LOMITA, CA 90717

The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASE-HOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND ABC LICENSE #21-OFF-SALE GENERAL #466542 and is/are located at: 2413 PACIFIC COAST HWY STE 105 LOMITA, CA 90717

The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASE-HOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND ABC LICENSE #21-OFF-SALE GENERAL #466542 now issued for the premises located at: SAME The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC. 13737 ARTESIA BLVD. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is 9/2/2025

The Bulk sale subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$80,000.00, in

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cluding inventory estimated at \$5,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$80,000.00; TOTAL \$80,000.00 It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/Transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Dated: JULY 30, 2025 SUHAIL AHMED, Seller(s)/Licensee(s) KIVORA, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)

4047737-P P GARDENA VALLEY NEWS 8/7/25 **Gardena Valley News** 8/7/2025-15549

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 25TRCP00344**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: SON POK GUILLET filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SON POK GUILLET to SUNNY LEE.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
08/29/2025  
8:30 a.m., Dept. M  
Room:350  
Superior Court of California  
County of Los Angeles  
825 Maple Ave  
Torrance, CA 90503

To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to [www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm).)

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: Gardena Valley News DATE: 7/11/2025 Gary Y. Tanaka Judge of the Superior Court **Gardena Valley News** 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21/25-155151

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