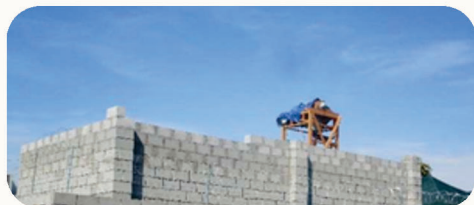


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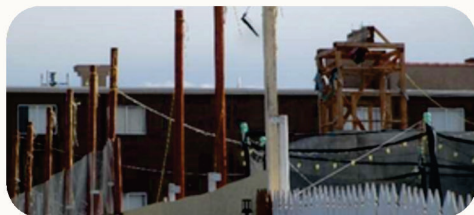
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WHAT GOES UP...

The case didn't look unusual at first, another complaint in a quiet residential neighborhood. But the moment Code Enforcement arrived to investigate, it was clear this one would not follow a routine path.



Rising from the back of the property was a large concrete masonry unit (CMU) structure: imposing, and unmistakably out of place among the surrounding homes. It wasn't temporary. It wasn't incidental. It was deliberate. Along the entire north side of the lot, a wood-post shade structure stretched the full length of the property, draped in screening that cast long shadows even under the midday sun. It formed a corridor of enclosure, too extensive to ignore, too dangerous to dismiss.



Approved permits would have provided further context, if not for one issue: there were none.



What followed was a familiar routine for our office: Notices were issued. Deadlines passed. There was no response from the property owner: no permits were obtained, no attempt at correction, not even a phone call to get more information

Time for an abatement.

Part of the abatement process is collecting contractor bids, and the proposed dollar amounts confirmed what Code Enforcement suspected: this would be no small job. Demolition, removal, and restoration were outlined in detail, each estimate reinforcing the scale of what had been built—and what would now have to be undone.

The process shifted from documentation to coordination.

With all the paperwork (so far) complete, the next step would take place in person. The Metropolitan Police Department was requested on-site to work with Code Enforcement, a precaution warranted by the fortified nature of the property and the



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LUCKY NUMBER FOUR

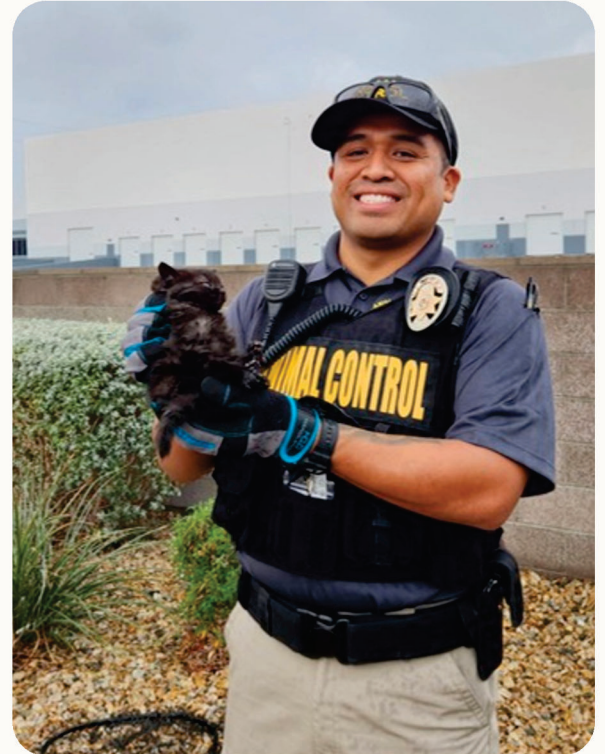
There's a libelous myth that black cats are bad luck, but four black kittens proved that they were very lucky when a citizen called Animal Protection Services to report their concern about them! While they were old enough that their eyes and ears were open, they were still quite young to be on their own and were showing signs of dehydration. Our newest officer, Officer Galvez, went out to investigate.



While it might have been his first kitten call, the felines were in good hands. Officer Galvez was able to catch all of the month-old kittens and checked the area for a mother cat that may be coming back for them. No mother was found, so the dehydrated kittens were taken to the shelter where they entered a foster home to receive specialized care.



They are reported to be in great health now! Those who get to adopt one of these adorable little guys (when they're old enough) should consider themselves lucky, too.



MONKEY CITE, MONKEY DO

Clark County Code 10.36.040(a) states "No person owning or having possession of any animal other than a cat, shall cause, permit or allow the animal to stray, run or in any manner be at large." The majority of "animals at large" calls that Animal Protection Services deals with are for dogs.

"Any animal other than a cat" covers quite a lot of ground, however, and recently someone called in to inform the dispatch office that their neighbor's monkey was frequently wandering around the neighborhood.



Officer Esparza responded to the residence to investigate. Because of a language barrier with the woman who answered the door, Officer Simon was brought in to translate. They learned that there was in fact a monkey being kept at the residence. He had plenty of room to play and swing on ropes, and he was even vaccinated for rabies... he just wasn't on a permit, which is a whole other part of the Clark County Code (10.18.020 for those of you that are curious).



The owner of the monkey soon came home, monkey in tow, to speak with the officers. A special use permit would have to be obtained from the Comprehensive Planning Department, then an Exotic Animal Permit from Animal Protection Services.

In the meantime, there would be a misdemeanor citation with a court date to ensure that these steps were being taken. The importance of keeping the monkey secured and contained on the property was emphasized. If evidence of the monkey being at large was received, an administrative fine could be issued.

You can learn more about Title 10 of the Clark County Code here!



RAPTOR! RAPTOR! GOTTA FIND THAT RAPTOR!

Nearly 10 million cats and dogs go missing each year, per the American Humane Society. Anyone whose pet has been lost knows the feeling of dread and panic when their absence is discovered. How far could they have gotten? Are they safe? Do they know their way back?

Officer Cox was working an unrelated call when a citizen flagged her down. He was desperately trying to find his missing German Shepherd, Raptor.

While Animal Protection Services does not keep a list of lost animals on file, Officer Cox said she would put the word out. She took the man's name and his phone number, an updated version from what was registered with the microchip, and sent the information as well as the general location in an email to the rest of the department.

Meanwhile, Officer Simon was on a call with Officer Scheel of the Metropolitan Police Department. He had located a limping German Shepherd, and during his attempts to confine it, the dog had run off and evaded capture. This was going to have to be a two-person job.

Officers Simon and Scheel worked together, and after cornering him at the end of a cul-de-sac, the dog was loaded safely onto Officer Simon's truck. She scanned him for a microchip and found one, learning that his name was Raptor and who he belonged to just as she received Officer Cox's email with an updated phone number.

A phone call was made, and gratitude was shared. The man had since gone back to work but stated that his wife and daughter would be home.

Officer Simon took Raptor home, and upon revealing him in the truck, it was debatable who was more excited about the reunion: the dog or his people. Turns out, Raptor had snuck out of the house earlier that morning when a door had been left open by mistake. He had left everyone quite worried.

Raptor was safely returned, with instructions to see a veterinarian about his limp and a warning about restraint. The rest of the office was treated to a very nice series of emails letting us know that Raptor made it back to his grateful family.

If you have recently changed any of your contact information, consider this a friendly reminder to make sure your information is up to date on your microchip registry.

AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE

What is restraint, anyway? "Restraint," is a fence, cage, coop, chain, leash or other adequate means to keep an animal from escaping the premises or their owner's control.

When walking your pet, a leash or lead may be no longer than six feet in length.



Keeping animals properly restrained prevents animal fights, bites, traffic accidents, loss of pets, and of course, receiving a citation.

In 2025, 59% of all administrative citations issued by Clark County Animal Protection Services included a charge for *10.36.040(a) Restraint*.

A first-offense restraint violation comes with a \$100.00 fine.



MEASURE TWICE, CAT ONCE



When a human stretches their arms to the sides, the length between the tips of their fingers on each hand will generally be the same as their height. The distance between a person's wrist to their elbow is typically the same length as their foot. Did you know there are fun measurement facts about cats as well? Their whiskers are typically as wide as their body, so they can use them to test if they will be able to fit somewhere.

People sometimes measure wrong, sometimes look at available space and think, "it'll be fine." That may be what happened with the stray cat in this story, who crawled through someone's garage vent without issue, but then dropped inside their swamp cooler and got stuck beneath the blades.

Officer Enright was sent to the scene. The resident stated that they were okay with the blades being cut to free the cat, and a neighbor with appropriate tools came by to assist with that process. Once the blades were cut, Officer Enright was able to free the cat, though it tried to inch away from her when given the chance. It was underweight and matted, but only had one raw spot on its shoulder that was already healing and was not actively bleeding.

It may have been an uncomfortable introduction, but the cat seemed to find a guardian in the resident, who immediately offered to take them for medical care. They called a veterinarian while Officer Enright was standing by, and were allowed to take over care for the cat.



HIGH VALUE



their probation!

Congratulations to Officer Jackie Razo for being recognized as one of Clark County's 2025 Value Champions! The Value Champion Award recognizes employees in the county that constantly go above and beyond, not just in their own role, but in supporting others in the department as well. Value Champions exemplify the Clark County values of service, integrity, respect, accountability, excellence, and leadership.

Jackie embodies all of these but was singled out for "excellence" in particular. Jackie is praised for having a great attitude and her unending support for her peers. Aside from her own excellent work, as part of the field training program, Jackie has mentored a total of fourteen (soon fifteen!) new officers, all of which have gone on to successfully complete

She is confident, considerate, and approachable, always willing to give thoughtful advice and feedback. 2026 marks her tenth year with Animal Protection Services.

Of Clark County's more than 10,000 employees, only twenty-four receive this honor annually!



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



A warm welcome to our new part-time Customer Service Assistant, Genisis Givens!

Genisis is a Criminal Justice major, and is eager to learn all that she can. Along with her position here, she is also working at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, working hard to build hands-on experience in the law enforcement field.

She wanted to work for Clark County due to the opportunities for growth and strong benefits. When the position with Animal Protection Services came along, offering her another opportunity to work with public safety while she continued to pursue her degree, it was a perfect match. Plus, she's a dog lover. Her favorite animal is the Goldendoodle, due to their friendly and playful nature.

Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, going to art shows and festivals, and going to the gym. This takes her all around the city, allowing her to explore new places, which inspires her creativity and keeps her motivated.

Staying disciplined and consistently working to improve herself are values that Genisis holds dear. It's no surprise, then, that her favorite movie is Creed.

When asked, "If you could trade lives with any one person for two weeks, who would it be and why?" Genisis chose Zendaya, who she admires for her confidence, hard work, and balanced mindset.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Officer Erica Johnson has been named Animal Protection Services' Employee of the Quarter!

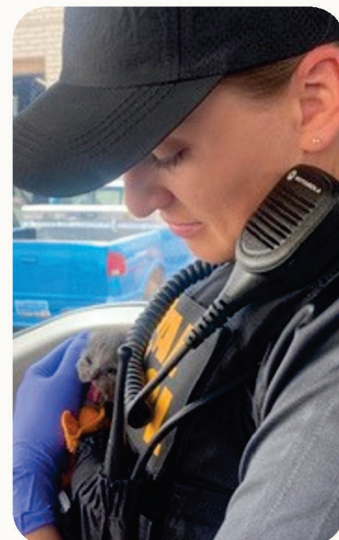
Her kindness and patience with members of the community has been brought to Animal Protection Service's attention many times. So, it was no surprise that when asked what her favorite part of her job is, she said it was protecting and advocating for animals while also serving the community and helping people. In her position, she's learned that she doesn't know everything and that it's okay to make mistakes, as they are learning opportunities that will help for the next time something similar comes up.



Outside of work, Erica spends a lot of time with her family. She's frequently busy with her dogs and three boys, but she and her husband love to make time to try new restaurants.

She loves dogs, her favorite movie is Dirty Dancing, and if she could go anywhere in the world, she would choose Costa Rica, which won her over with great food, great people, and beautiful beaches. She loves it so much, she wants to retire there.

If she could have dinner with anyone, alive or dead, she would choose family again, picking her Nona who never had a chance to meet her husband or her boys. Nona would be proud, we know we are!



1ST QUARTER STATISTICS

6,937

CALLS HANDLED
IN THE FIELD

19,659

CALLS RECEIVED
BY DISPATCH

207

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION
FINES ISSUED

VEHICLE CONFINEMENTS	119
STRAY ANIMALS	629
IMPOUNDED ANIMALS	1,951
MISDEMEANOR CITATIONS ISSUED	327
BITE REPORTS	394
TOTAL STERILIZATIONS	4,821
HEALTH AND WELFARE	474
INJURED ANIMALS	497
FELONY CASES TO METRO	21
RETURN TO OWNER IN THE FIELD	92

MANDATORY MICROCHIPS FOR ALL
DOGS AND CATS OVER THE AGE OF
FOUR MONTHS WENT INTO EFFECT ON

AUGUST 4, 2025

IN 2025, **191** LOST ANIMALS GOT TO SKIP
THE TRIP TO THE SHELTER! INSTEAD,
ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES GOT TO
TAKE THEM STRAIGHT HOME BECAUSE
THEY WERE MICROCHIPPED OR WEARING
AN IDENTIFICATION TAG.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2026,
ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES
HAS ALREADY RETURNED

92

LOST ANIMALS TO THEIR OWNERS!

1ST QUARTER STATISTICS

ABANDONED / UNSECURED PROPERTY	42
AUTO REPAIR	121
BUILDING WITHOUT PERMITS	192
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN ROW	865
DANGEROUS / UNSAFE STRUCTURES	33
DEAD VEGETATION & WEEDS	770
LANDSCAPE PARKING	139
OUTSIDE STORAGE	43
PARKING CITATIONS	504
SHORT TERM RENTAL	192
SQUATTER HOMES	38
TRASH & DEBRIS	667
UNLICENSED / INOPERABLE VEHICLES	113
VAGRANT CAMPS	1,037
ZONING VIOLATIONS	554

TOTAL FINES

DEAD VEGETATION & WEEDS	\$7,250	TRASH & DEBRIS	\$16,050
BUILDING WITHOUT A PERMIT	\$59,700	ZONING VIOLATIONS	\$3,150
DANGEROUS / UNSAFE STRUCTURES	\$1,100	LANDSCAPE PARKING	\$11,850
UNLICENSED / INOPERABLE VEHICLES	\$3,450	PARKING CITATIONS	\$50,400
RUNNING A BUSINESS OUT OF A HOME	\$2,750	OUTSIDE STORAGE	\$2,450

5,805
3,480
2,088 OUT OF
2,814 CASES, 90%
TOTAL CCPRD CASES
TOTAL GRAFFITI CASES
RESOLVED WITHOUT FINES

RESTORING POTENTIAL

When a commercial property is abandoned, a part of the community is missing. The empty space once held potential, but when no one is around to maintain it, it sometimes ends up holding a lot of violations instead. Due to the lack of oversight, the property became occupied by unhoused individuals and accumulated substantial debris and hazardous conditions.

Observed violations included an occupied RV, excessive trash and debris, graffiti, dead vegetation, and an inoperable vehicle raised on bricks without tires. Code Enforcement conducted several attempts to gain voluntary compliance from the property owners. Despite these efforts, the violations remained unaddressed.



As a result of the owner's inaction, the County proceeded with the abatement of the property. The site has since been cleared of unhoused individuals and hazardous conditions. The total cost of the abatement was \$4,830.00 along with an additional Inspection Fee of \$125.00. Hopefully this space will once more hold potential, and fall into the hands of someone ready to embrace it.

BEFORE



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A TOAST TO TIME WELL SPENT

Where were you a decade ago? Were you at a different job, in a different city? Were you still in school? Are you still friends with the same people, do you still keep in touch? So much can change in ten years and it's no small feat to dedicate that time to your career. Clark County recognizes this and recently had a brunch to celebrate employees reaching a milestone anniversary this year.

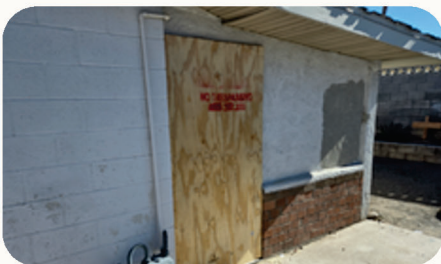
Congratulations to Code Enforcement's Randy Buckner (not pictured), Lonnie Mann, and Mike Mayora for recently celebrating ten years of service with the county!

But wait, where were you twenty-five years ago?

Painter Matt Westcott is celebrating his silver anniversary with the county! Now that's dedication!



ABATEMENT ANSWERS



What is an abatement anyway? An abatement is pursued after attempts at voluntary compliance with the property owner have failed.

In the interest of public safety, Code Enforcement will step in to mitigate or remedy the violations by obtaining proper warrants and hiring a third party to make the corrections. The property owner is then charged the cost of the abatement and any other outstanding fees as a lien on the property.

... MUST COME DOWN

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complete silence of its owner. Security from the nearby businesses were also notified, given the proximity.

After ignoring every notice, the property owner was served with one notice that could not be ignored: the warrant. Next came the final walkthrough before action, where planning would give way to execution.

The property did not go up in a day, and it did not come down in a day. It took months of documentation, repeated notices, and the steady escalation of enforcement before anything moved. What began as a routine inspection became a prolonged process: methodical, deliberate, and entirely one-sided due to the lack of communication.

The unpermitted structures were demolished. The unreinforced CMU additions were removed. The shade structure along the north boundary was dismantled. The razor wire came down. The rear yard was cleared, stripped of the elements that had transformed it into something apart from its surroundings. Where once stood a fortress, now there was compliance.



Back at the desk, the final phase was administrative. The case file was updated in full. Each action was documented. The warrant return process was completed with the legal record of entry and enforcement.

One final step remained: payment.

Approval was issued to Complete Demo Services in the amount of \$71,000, the final cost of demolition and restoration. A lien in that same amount was placed against the property, ensuring the cost would follow the owner.

With that, the case reached its formal conclusion.

What began as an unremarkable complaint had run its full course—through silence, escalation, and ultimately, removal.

Now the property sits as it once might have appeared: ordinary, compliant, still.



COUNTING VIOLATIONS

When Code Enforcement responds to a property in violation, it's rarely *one* violation. For this case in particular, the department observed landscape parking, outdoor storage, and trash and debris, all of which were listed on the issued Notice of Violation.

After receiving the Notice of Violation, in a refreshing change of pace from many of our stories this quarter, the owner contacted Code Enforcement with questions about the violations and what they should do to come into compliance.

Unfortunately, upon the next inspection, the violations from before still remained, and the notice of abatement was sent out and posted. The abatement was scheduled, and assistance from LVMPD was requested to serve the warrant. The Notice of Estimated Cost, Warrant and Warrant Return were all posted on the property and the contracted clean up proceeded. The final cost of the abatement was \$1,398.00



YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

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When someone passes away, it is not just their loved ones that get left behind, but all their property and possessions as well. It can be a daunting task to lose someone and then be faced with a whole house that needs to be maintained, so sometimes the property just *doesn't* get maintained.

One property with a deceased owner was reported to the Code Enforcement office as a squatter house, with no legal power service and piles of trash and debris. The lack of power service alone caused a health, safety, and legal risks, with extension cords running to a neighboring home, the power meter missing entirely, and a generator set up outside, which could not legally power the house.

Owners are required to repair, secure, or remove these hazards and clear the property of waste and nuisance plants. If the owner does not correct the violations, the county may perform an abatement and place a lien on the property to recover the costs. With the owner being deceased, notices were posted on the property and sent in the mail in the hopes that whoever was responsible for the property now would make the corrections.

When this didn't happen, the property was declared an imminent danger. After requesting resources for those seeking shelter, obtaining a warrant, and hiring contractors, an abatement was performed in the amount of \$3,180.00.

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OUT OF THE WOODS

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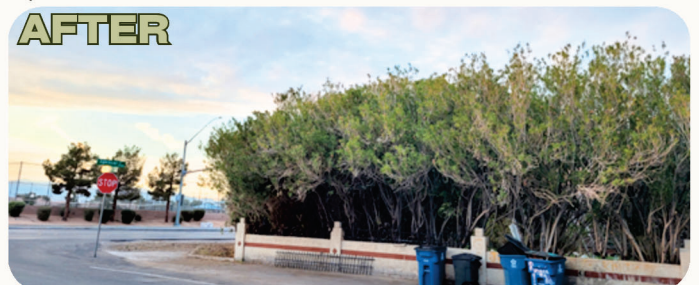


Anyone who ever goes for a walk, whether to check their mail, walk their dog, or just get out of the house for a while, has encountered this: an overgrown plant with no knowledge of human concepts like "courtesy" and "right-of-way" has blocked your path. Now, you must check your surroundings and venture into the roadway, a far more dangerous option.

One such case was first brought to Code Enforcement back in August of 2025. As it was a plant on someone's property, Code Enforcement attempted to communicate with the property owner to have this resolved. Notices were posted at the property and mailed, and contact was made with the owner in person.

Unfortunately, the property owner was uncooperative and at times refused to even acknowledge the presence of a violation. This property was eventually brought into compliance after Clark County abated it in the amount of \$2,988.00 with additional Administrative Citations and Inspection Fees totaling \$1,375.00.

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STACY AT THE BAT



Since 1986, the City of Las Vegas has hosted the Corporate Challenge Games, which is the largest amateur sporting event in the state! Local businesses participate in a number of events, split into divisions based on company size.

Being one of the largest employers in the area, Clark County is part of Division A and will be competing in games against the City of Las Vegas,

as well as other corporations with a large presence in the area, like UNLV, NV Energy, and Amazon - LAS.

While there are events scheduled to take place through May 16, softball results are out. You might think office staff just sits around, but they aren't afraid to get outside and break a sweat. Code Enforcement Office Assistant II, Stacy Mata, stood strong on Team County! In game five against the City of Las Vegas, Team County won by one point, with Stacy herself going up to bat about twenty times and hitting a triple. This is Team County's second softball championship win in a row! Stacy was on the team last year, as well.

This is a fitting win for Stacy, who is always willing to jump in and help whenever someone needs it, a trait she has both on and off the diamond. By the way, Mighty Stacy *never* struck out.

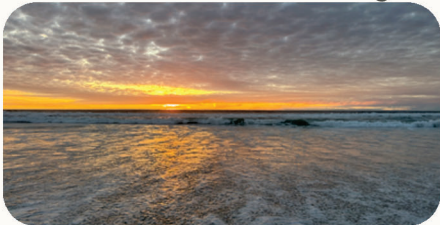
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Another home run! Stacy Mata is also Code Enforcement's Employee of the Quarter! The best part of working for the county for Stacy is the ability to serve the community in a meaningful way and make a positive impact on the lives of others. The benefits and training opportunities are great, it's true, but making a difference takes it to the next level.

In her work, Stacy has learned the importance of patience, and taking the time to be an active listener and truly understand people. She finds that making the extra effort leads to better outcomes for everyone, whether she is interacting with the public or with colleagues.

Outside of work, no two weekends look the same for Stacy. Lately, she's been rediscovering her love of photography and has started gardening. Softball is, of course, a huge part of her life, as she's spent many years both playing and coaching. She also has a second job running a local haunted house company!

While she loves her hobbies, she makes it a point to prioritize resting, recharging and spending time with her Shih Tzu, Piper, who Stacy calls, "the Queen of the Castle." You can also catch her watching every Los Angeles Dodgers game.

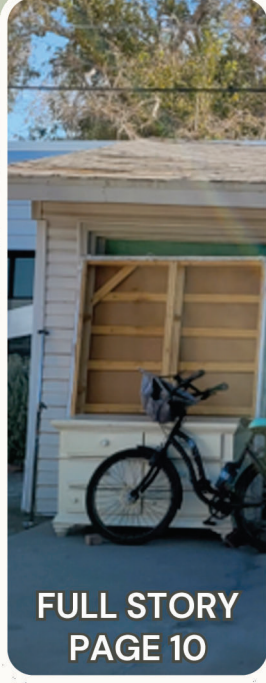


Stacy is another fan of Dirty Dancing, and she loves Grease as well. This year, she's taking some well-earned trips to Hawaii and Mexico and is eager to immerse herself in new cultures, see some beautiful scenery, and experience new things. If she could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, she would pick her grandma, Nancy. Stacy describes her as the family's true matriarch, who had a huge impact on the entire family. "One more conversation with her would mean everything."

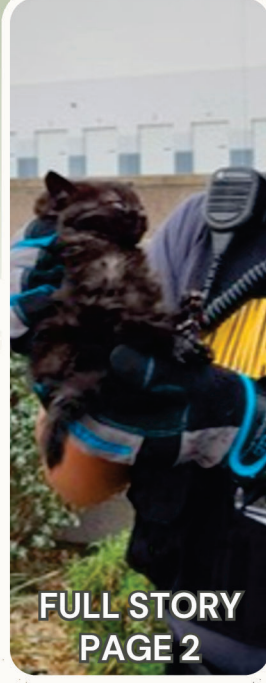




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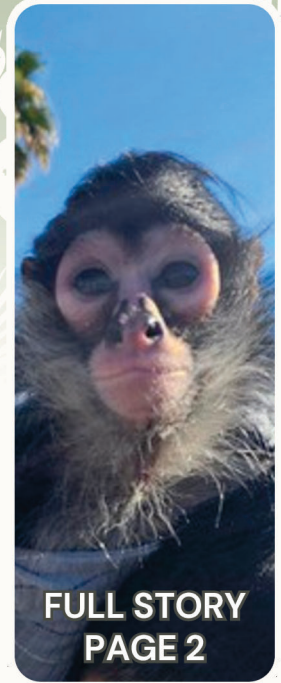
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