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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny

72°/56°



Saturday

Mostly Sunny

74°/59°



Sunday

Sunny

74°/59°



Environmental Charter Schools Host Environmental Leadership Summit



On February 25, Environmental Charter Schools (ECS)—which includes Environmental Charter High School (ECHS) in Lawndale and middle school campuses in Inglewood and Gardena—hosted a daylong training session addressing urban sustainability, transportation and pollution issues in Los Angeles. In one of the day’s activities, ECS Green Ambassadors Institute educators imagined the future of transportation in the urban landscape by biking through the streets of LA with the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. In the photo, participants take a rest stop at the LA River bike trails. The bike group includes ECHS teachers Stephanie Drury (second from left), Jessica Diaz (fourth from left) and Sara Diaz (sixth from left). Laura Lindquist (far right) is a student at ECHS. (Photo by David Montejano Photography)

California Has a Plan B If Obamacare Is Repealed

By Rob McCarthy

Few states embraced the Affordable Care Act the way California did, starting in 2010 with decisions by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and lawmakers to expand Medi-Cal eligibility and open a healthcare exchange so residents could shop for their coverage plans. Nearly five million Californians became insured through Obamacare, the highest number in the country.

The national healthcare law fixed one giant problem, yet created another in the process. The uninsured rate for Americans who weren’t covered through a work plan dipped into single digits, achieving one goal of the healthcare law. The ranks of the newly insured paid what they could afford for coverage, in some cases as little as a \$1 per month or less if their incomes fell below the poverty line. Patients with physical or mental illnesses suddenly had access to treatment.

However, a provision of Obamacare that allowed young adults up to 26 to remain on their parents’ healthcare insurance had an unintended consequence. While young, healthy adults didn’t go uninsured, far fewer than anyone expected signed up at CoveredCA.com for individual plans. The architects of the health law had counted on young adults to enroll rather than face a penalty for remaining uninsured after 2010. Sicker, older patients joined the plans instead.

As healthcare costs to treat previously uninsured Californians mounted, the big insurers raised their rates elsewhere. Employer-sponsored and family plans, in some cases, became more expensive and public opinion soured toward Obamacare. Support for the healthcare law was divided between the groups: one receiving affordable healthcare vs. people now paying higher premiums. It should be noted even those paying more were receiving more because of the Obamacare provision that all insurance plans cover 10 basic areas of health services.

These are: outpatient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity/newborn care; mental health and substance abuse services; prescription drugs; rehabilitation (for injuries, disabilities or chronic conditions); lab services; preventive/wellness programs and chronic disease management; and pediatric services. Before 2010, insurers could offer “cafeteria plans” that charged higher amounts for some or all of the services that came with Obamacare.

With members of Congress talking behind closed doors about a repeal of the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of the federal Medicare system to the states, a Los Angeles County state senator is ready with a Plan B in case President Obama’s healthcare law is dismantled. Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens, has introduced a single-payer health bill in Sacramento to replace Obamacare and address runaway costs for diagnostics, treatment and pharmacy drugs that health insurers say is behind the run-up in insurance costs for individuals and their families.

A single-payer system would be a replacement for Obamacare and consolidate several government plans into one. Proponents argue that single-payer systems make healthcare more affordable and efficient, but opponents say they raise taxpayer costs and give government too much power.

Lara’s bill doesn’t give specifics about how a public healthcare system would replace private plans. Medicare, the federally-funded health coverage for the elderly, is often held up as a model of what a single-payer system might look like, health-industry observers say.

California has flirted with the single-payer healthcare model before. Gov. Schwarzenegger’s administration twice pushed bills to create a state-run healthcare system. One of the main arguments for a single system is the state could negotiate with hospitals and drug companies for

lower prices, driving down health costs statewide. It also addresses a shortage of physicians in networks, according to Lara’s bill. The shortage is less pronounced in populated areas, including the South Bay, and more severe in the mountain and high desert areas.

No state in the country uses a single-payer health system, though Vermont came closest in 2014 when voters approved the conversion. When it proved too difficult to finance, lawmakers shelved the plan. California’s fallback to losing Obamacare has pitfalls that will be difficult to overcome, says a leader with the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Larry Levitt, a senior vice president at the Kaiser foundation, says that a single-payer system dramatically changes health care in two ways. “Single-payer plans have lots of appeal in their simplicity and ability to control costs,” he said. “But what I think has always held back a move to single-payer is the disruption they create in financing and delivery of care.” Even if this non-traditional healthcare system winds up lowering overall costs to Californians, the single-payer plans look to the public like a “very big tax increase,” Lara added.

Lara’s bill is supported by The California Nurses Association. The group supports the underlying goal to create a system that doesn’t exclude anyone and helps relieve patients’ financial burdens. Obamacare supporters, including the California Endowment, say that the national healthcare law achieved some of these goals, though it was far from perfect.

Supporters of the Affordable Care Act say the law is far from perfect. Daniel Zingale, a former staff member for Gov. Schwarzenegger, says that the action to save the healthcare law is happening on the ground. Californians who were worried about having their new health coverage stripped away by a repeal have spoken

Police Reports

Classifieds

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Robberies

ATTEMPTED--12100 S. INGLEWOOD AV. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Crime Occurred: Tue. 02/21 10:45.

4700 W. IMPERIAL HWY. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Crime Occurred: Wed. 02/22 06:30 to Wed. 02/22 06:52 Property Taken: Gold iPhone 7, Pink iPhone 6, small knockoff brand beige hand purse, Misc. denominations of U.S. currency.

11800 S. HAWTHORNE BL. HOUSE RESTAURANT, FAST FOODS, CAFÉ. Crime Occurred: Wed. 02/22 22:00.

12500 S. HAWTHORNE BL. Date/Time Reported Thu. 2/23 17:50 Crime Occurred: CAD: Thu. 02/23 17:50--No RMS Ent. Property Taken: space grey iPhone 6 with black/red case.

3600 W. 120TH ST. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Crime Occurred: Sat. 02/25 13:47.

2800 W. 120TH ST. HARDWARE STORE. Crime Occurred: Sat. 02/25 19:45.

3900 W. EL SEGUNDO BL. PARK-PLAYGROUNDS. Crime Occurred: Sat. 02/25 18:00.

4700 W. EL SEGUNDO BL. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Crime Occurred: Sun. 02/26 11:52. Property Taken: Cell phone, blue and grey Beats Solo2 wireless headphones, Coolpad Android smart phone (black).

Burglaries

5200 W. ROSECRANS AV. LIQUOR STORE. Crime Occurred: Mon. 02/20 09:38 Property Taken: tidel safe, cash in the safe Method of Entry: Pried.

5200 W. EL SEGUNDO BL. HOTEL & MOTEL OFFICE. Crime Occurred: Mon. 02/20 18:15 Property Taken: Black 15" Dell laptop computer. Method of Entry: Unlocked. POE: Single swing door Entry Loc: Front.

14000 S. CERISE AV. PARKING LOT, GARAGE, PAID. Crime Occurred: Wed. 02/22 01:59. Property Taken: AAA roadside emergency kit, Josephs loan paperwork. Method of Entry:

Unknown.

14000 S. CERISE AV. APARTMENT COMMON AREAS (LNDRY,CLB HSE,ETC). Crime Occurred: Wed. 02/22 02:30. Property Taken: Black purse, beige wallet w/cats on it, Michigan driver's license, victim's Social Security card, First Choice Visa card, Wings Financial Visa card. Method of Entry: Unknown.

14000 S. CERISE AV. PARKING LOT, GARAGE, PAID. Crime Occurred: Wed. 02/22 01:59 Property Taken: documents belonging to Carrington, gate remote to location, knit purse Method of Entry: Opened.

12800 S. ROSELLE AV. STORAGE SHED, PUBLIC. Crime Occurred: Sun. 02/19 18:00 to Wed. 02/22 13:21 Property Taken: Misc. hand and power tools, misc. antique stamps. Method of Entry: Cut padlock.

12800 S. ROSELLE AV. ART, ANTIQUE STORE STORAGE SHED. Crime Occurred: Wed. 02/22 16:00. Method of Entry: Unknown.

12800 S. ROSELLE AV. STORAGE SHED, PUBLIC. Crime Occurred: Sun. 02/19 18:00 to Wed. 02/22 13:21. Method of Entry: Cut padlock.

4500 W. 136TH ST. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Wed. 02/22 08:00 to Wed. 02/22 18:00 Property Taken: White gold bracelet with diamonds, misc. jewelry, bracelet with A.N.T on top gold, two cubic zirconium bracelets, gold ring letter "E," three necklaces, pearl gold turtle, gold choker, hello kitty charm/necklace, two gold necklaces w/heart charms, pearl. Method of Entry: Kick door.

11800 S. TRURO AV. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Fri. 02 21:00 to Fri. 02 23:45 Property Taken: Chase Bank debit card, U.S. Bank debit card, 401K paperwork, W2 tax form, US currency. Method of Entry: Unknown. POE: Unknown.

12800 S. ROSELLE AV. STORAGE SHED, PUBLIC. Crime Occurred: Fri. 02/24 22:42 to Fri. 02/24 23:59. Property Taken: Six Steve Harvey Suits, pair of black alligator boots, pair of Stacy Adams brown in color dress shoes, 22-inch Phillips Smart TV, black PS4, red and black Xbox 360. Method of Entry: Cut padlock. •

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Hawthorne Happenings Community Letter

News for the City of Good Neighbors from City Clerk Huber

TO EXTEND OR NOT TO EXTEND?

These are the times when I'm happy to be City Clerk and not a Councilmember. A decision has to be made soon on how much longer my term will be. The Council must decide to extend our terms by one year or possibly shorten our terms by one year. The California Legislature passed a law requiring cities with low voter turnout to move their election to even numbered years and consolidate with the state elections. So, the city's elections have been always on odd years and now they have to be held on even ones. That means either cancelling this year's election and holding it next November or holding two elections in two years. Either way something has to give. It will cost the city approximately \$80,000 to conduct an additional election in two consecutive years. There has been some public displeasure with the Council giving themselves an extra 12 months to govern. Since I'm an elected official, whatever the council decides to do will affect my term. I will serve whatever length of time they decide. I have tried not to make this column political. I have shied away from jumping into the muddy waters of politics. I believe God rules in two kingdoms, the earthly kingdom through government and the spiritual kingdom where grace, forgiveness and love are the rule for all believers. Should we be concerned about how our world is governed, yes? However, our spiritual wellbeing is of much more importance. A new heaven and a new earth await those who come to repentance and God's saving grace is manifested through the work of Jesus Christ. I always pray for good, honest and fair leaders to lead us here on earth, but I put my trust in the only true God that can save me. No gold, silver or cases of cold ones are as valuable as my faith. So my dear friends, stop worrying about who our current national leader is, or whether our City Clerk is sober or not. Trust God and turn off the political talk shows and life will be much better. Then celebrate your worry free life!

BUSINESS EXPO

The City of Hawthorne's Business Expo 2017 is for you. It will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd from 3-7 p.m. at the Memorial



Center. If you are a business owner, starting a new business, customer or just want to check out what is happening in our City, here you can connect with area businesses, community members, and service providers. Events include two dynamic keynote speakers and a wide variety of exhibitions and seminars throughout the day. There will be food and beverage samples and plenty of chances to win prizes! For more information, please call (310) 676-1163.

Lions Club to honor Citizen of the Year The Hawthorne Lions Club will be honoring a very special person with its annual "Citizen of the Year" award to be presented on Wednesday, March 15th at the Moose Lodge at 132nd Street and Inglewood Avenue. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

Golf Tournament The Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation Gold Tournament is on Monday, April 10th at 12 noon at Coyote Hills Golf Club. For more information, please contact Mr. Dick Huhn at 310-643-9157.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The next open meeting of the Hawthorne Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the community room of the Hawthorne Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

STATE OF THE CITY LUNCHEON

The Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual "State of the City" Luncheon on Wednesday, March 29th beginning at 11:30 a.m. Call the chamber's office for more details and ticket information.

SERVICE PROVIDER FAIR

Councilmember Angie Reyes English and the City of Hawthorne presents the annual Service Provider Fair at Memorial Park this year on April 22nd. There will be many vendors giving out great information. Lunch and prizes are always a big hit with the attendees each year.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

The volunteers of Hawthorne will be honored once again with a special event hosted by the Hawthorne Presidents Council on Sunday, April 23rd at the Memorial Center. •

Contact email: norbhuber@gmail.com (If you do enjoy my weekly column, please shoot me an email. I love to hear from my readers.)

Let's Embrace Our Similarities and Respect Our Differences

As an Ahmadi Muslim, I am obligated to condemn any hate crime against another human being no matter where the victim resides. I wholeheartedly condemn bomb threats and cemetery attacks at my fellow Jewish Americans and the killing of the Indian immigrant.

Islam teaches me that unconditional love toward another God's creation has no ban and has no wall. In this divided time, intellectual dialogue to embrace our similarities and respect

our differences is crucial. Thus, I would like to invite my fellow Hawthorne residents to join the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Los Angeles West chapter's "Coffee, Cake and True Islam" event for free at 13211 Prairie Ave, Hawthorne, CA 90250 every Sunday from 10 am to 11:30 am. Get your answers about Islam from those who practice the faith.

— Khalida Jamilah

Community Briefs



Dr. Gretchen Janson (Photo Provided by Enrique Pivarol)

LESD Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

In late August 2016, Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) contracted with School Services of California Executive Search Team to conduct a search for an Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. The candidate pool was narrowed to four final candidates who were selected for interviews by two panels focused on the necessary technical expertise and social and community engagement the position requires. After an extensive search, LESD hired Dr. Gretchen Janson. Her new assignment begins March 15.

Dr. Janson previously served as LESD's Director of Teaching and Learning for three years, where she gained experience in school finance, resource management, nutrition services, contract negotiations, school facilities and operations management, and educational technology. She earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership from USC and has a Master of Science in School Administration from Pepperdine. This spring, she will complete the School Business Academy offered by the Association of California School Administrators.

Inglewood's La Brea Plaza Leases Full Floors to National Construction Company

Cushman & Wakefield announced last week that Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors, the joint venture firm selected by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project, has signed a lease to occupy the entire first and seventh floors of the north tower for a total of 24,274 square feet at Downtown Inglewood's La Brea Plaza (101 and 111 N. La Brea Avenue). The two-tower, 160,000-square-foot Class A office project will serve as the tenant's main hub during construction of the new Metro Rail extension.

"La Brea Plaza is Downtown Inglewood's premier office project," said Katie Bernhisel, Director at Cushman & Wakefield. "The property's location one block from the future

metro stop at Florence and La Brea will be ideal for tenants seeking easy access to public transportation. We are very excited to welcome Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors as they continue their work in connecting Inglewood with Downtown Los Angeles and the rest of the region."

In addition to La Brea Plaza's close proximity to the Metro Rail extension, the property is less than two miles from Hollywood Park Land Company's 298-acre mixed use development which will become the new home of the NFL's Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers. The future NFL Stadium is set to open in 2019. The development also includes retail, office, residential, a hotel, a casino, and over 25 acres of public spaces and parks.

Provide Input on Metro's 2018 Fiscal Year Budget

As Metro begins to put together its budget for the 2018 fiscal year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) in order to set transportation policies across LA County, the agency seeks public input. Citizens are welcome to attend the South Bay

Service Council meeting scheduled on Friday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Inglewood City Hall (1 W. Manchester Boulevard). A subsequent meeting will take place at the same location on Friday, May 12 also at 9:30 a.m.

"Can You Hear Me" Call Scam Warning

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to hang up if they receive a call from a "Can You Hear Me" scam, where the caller asks that question or suggests they are having trouble with their headset. The plot is to get

the consumer to say "Yes," which can then be recorded and used later to make it sound like the consumer authorized a major purchase. Authorities advise people who receive the call and question to say nothing and hang up. •

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Sports

Hawthorne Softball Readies for Liftoff

By Adam Serrao

There’s nothing quite like the sound of a ball pinging off of an aluminum bat as a runner sprints away from home plate and around the bases. It’s that time of the year again when the girls of the Ocean League will lace up their cleats, pull up their stirrups, and take to the diamond. The beginning of softball signifies the end of a long, cold winter. The great amount of rain that California received this past year ensures that the grass will be even greener and the air will be that much crisper as the Hawthorne Cougars’ softball team attempts to steal away an Ocean League title. A team that was extremely competitive one season ago gains even more experience and maturity this year as the Lady Cougars head into the regular season with a young and aggressive group of girls from Hawthorne High.

It was just one season ago that the Lady Cougars were giving their rivals from the Ocean League a run for their money under the coaching abilities of Jerry Contreras. Contreras led his team into a season that was full of ups and downs, but began with high expectations for Hawthorne. The opening of the softball season brought with it an excellent start for the Cougars. Four wins in a row, highlighted by an 18-0 shutout victory over Serra, had everyone believing that Hawthorne was the real deal. Every team hits a slump eventually. Unfortunately for the Lady Cougars, that slump soon followed.

Contreras’s team lost three of five games heading into a league play schedule that really seemed to put Hawthorne to the test. The Cougars enjoyed victories over their rivals from Culver City and Santa Monica and were able to sweep both Beverly Hills and Lawndale. Unfortunately, two losses to the eventual league champion El Segundo Eagles set Hawthorne back in the standings and forced the team to a third place finish in the standings. Even still, the Cougars were able to sneak into the playoffs with a victory over Monrovia in a wild card game.

Monrovia wound up putting up quite the fight against Hawthorne, but ultimately it was a Cougars offense led by senior Alyssa Casillas and freshman Mia Darancou that paved the way for a 6-4 victory. The win, however, meant that Hawthorne would match up with last year’s CIF champions, the North High Saxons, in the first round of the playoffs. The Saxons steamrolled past everyone last season on their way to a title

and the Cougars were their first victims. Hawthorne’s year would ultimately come to an end with a 5-2 loss in the first round of the Southern Section Division 4 playoffs.

Despite the disappointing end to the season, the Cougars are back and full of firepower on offense this year—led by last season’s first-year standout Darancou. Now as a sophomore, Darancou will be looking to lead a team that is full of returning talent, including junior starter Natalie Rocha. Joining Darancou and Rocha from last season’s team will be seniors Vanessa Perez, Adriana Bood and Adriana Saucedo, as well as junior Alyssa Rodriguez. The experience that this team full of youthful talent gained from an up-and-down season one year ago will be the key to their success this year. The firepower provided by Darancou and Rocha should be enough to keep this year’s Cougars team in the running for an Ocean League championship, at the very least.

The regular season has already begun for the Hawthorne softball team--and through only two games, the Lady Cougars look to be exactly where they want to be. As expected, Hawthorne’s offense has been on full display in the early going and led the team to a 2-0 record through their first two games of the very young season. In those same first two games, the Cougars have outscored their opponents’ by a total score of 27-7 behind the hot bat of the sophomore Darancou. Despite the team’s early success, Hawthorne will have to look to avoid a letdown similar to the one that the team experienced last season. Difficult matchups against teams such as the West High Warriors and Torrance Tartars of the Pioneer League await before an always challenging league play schedule featuring games against the likes of El Segundo and Santa Monica get started near the end of March.

High school softball is back and ready to take center stage once again in the Los Angeles area. The Lady Cougars have finished in third place in their division in three of the past five seasons, with two second place finishes in between. With a team that is constantly knocking on the door of a league championship, Coach Contreras and his players hope that 2017 can finally be their year. Only time will tell as a long and challenging season waits, but this Lady Cougars team certainly has the talent and ability to make history on the softball diamond. •

This Year, Dodgers Could Win It All

By Adam Serrao

The Los Angeles Dodgers’ last World Series appearance came in 1988 when the Boys in Blue beat a heavily favored Oakland Athletics ballclub in five games. Though that was almost 30 years ago, the Dodgers have been consistently knocking on the World Series door for years now and may finally have what it takes to break that door down. Los Angeles has won over 90 games in each of the last four seasons and has won six division championships in the last nine years. This time, though, brings the feeling of a season that will mold youth together with veteran leadership to push the Dodgers up and over the ledge that they have been stuck on for years now.

If you’ve been a fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers over the past few years, then the team that you will see take the field at the beginning of this regular season should be one that looks rather familiar. After a 91-71 record and a first place finish in the NL West one year ago, Dodgers General Manager Farhan Zaidi and President of Baseball Operations Andrew Friedman didn’t have to do much to a roster that was already laden with talent. The biggest enemy of the Dodgers and their success, though, has been health. If the team can simply stay on the field, it will have as good of a chance as ever to capture a championship trophy this season.

Clayton Kershaw is the best pitcher on the entire planet. Naturally, his health is the key to any Dodgers prolonged postseason success. Last year, Kershaw suffered a back injury that caused the ace to miss over two months of game action heading right into the playoffs. All indications are that the Cy Young Award winner has looked like his old self this preseason and should be poised to rack up more awards of the like in the very near future.

Along with Kershaw, the Dodger pitching staff should be one that instills fear in opponents this season. Last year 16-game-winner Kenta Maeda will slide down to be the team’s number three starter and should come into 2017 with much more strength after undergoing an offseason conditioning program that has caused the former Nippon Professional League standout to put on much more weight and muscle mass. With a 2.12 ERA last season, Rich Hill will take over the number two spot behind Kershaw, leaving Julio Urias, who won’t turn 21 until August, to slide in at the back end of the rotation at the four spot. With another year of maturity behind him, Urias should be poised to experience a breakout season. That will leave Scott Kazmir, Brandon McCarthy, Hyun-Jin Ryu, Alex Wood, Brock Stewart and Ross Stripling to all contend for the final spot in the rotation. For once, the Dodgers are incredibly deep on the mound.

Backing up the pitching staff, the Dodgers have the luxury to rely on the services of new second baseman Logan Forsythe this year. Despite Forsythe’s addition, the Dodgers kept Chase Utley around to be the incredible clubhouse presence that he is and to fill in as a utility player at most any spot in the infield. Forsythe, however, will bring even more power to an already deep batting order. The ex-Tampa Bay Ray hit 20 home runs one year ago. His presence, along with shortstop Corey Seager, first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, and Justin Turner at the hot corner, should make for one of the most formidable infields in the entire league.

The Dodgers’ outfield presents a mess of sorts, but a good mess at that. Joc Pederson will hold down centerfield and may perhaps be the only everyday player to patrol the outfield for Los Angeles this season. Andre Ethier will be back to fight with Yasiel Puig for time in right field--which could be a good problem to have--while the speedy Andrew Toles, who played in 48 big-league games one year ago, will most likely have the left field job to himself. Scott Van Slyke, Enrique Hernandez, Trayce Thompson and the newly acquired Franklin Gutierrez will all battle for fill-in time, should they all make the Opening Day roster.

As we know from one year ago, second-year manager Dave Roberts’ most prized possession is his bullpen. Kenley Jansen will fortunately be back to anchor that pen, while Pedro Baez will unfortunately be back to incredibly slow down the pace of play by taking at least 30 seconds to throw each pitch. Roberts seems to get the most out of his relievers, though, even if nobody has ever heard of them before. Look for names like Adam Liberatore, Josh Fields, Grant Dayton and a newly acquired Sergio Romo from the San Francisco Giants to receive a lot of the nods from Roberts as he walks out of the dugout this season. The team will also most likely rely on whichever pitchers do not make the starting rotation to fill in for long relief, giving the bullpen some of the most talented depth in the league.

The Guggenheim ownership group has certainly not held back when it has come to the idea of spending money on their Los Angeles Dodgers team. That’s why it’s easy for the owners to control great talent on offense, a great pitching staff, and great talent on defense. What cannot be controlled, however, is health. If this year’s Dodgers team can somehow stay healthy throughout an entire 162-game regular season, then it will remain one of the favorites to win the World Series. It has been a long and difficult 29 years for Dodger fans, but this just may be the season that a championship trophy arrives back in L.A. • – Asixlion@earthlink.net

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- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, if desired
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RAYMOND M. EVANS CASE NO. 17STPB01130

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RAYMOND M. EVANS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOSHUA MATTHEW THOMAS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOSHUA MATTHEW THOMAS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/13/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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 ASHLEY F. COPP HONEY & COPP, LAWYERS 1300 HIGHLAND AVE. #115 MANHATTAN BEACH CA 90266 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/17 CNS-2977474# LAWNDALE NEWS Lawndale Tribune Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/17 HL-25484

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LIDA JOSEPHINE HAFNER AKA JOSEPHINE HAFNER CASE NO. 17STPB01754

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LIDA JOSEPHINE HAFNER AKA JOSEPHINE HAFNER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT SASLOW in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT SASLOW be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/12/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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 ALEX R. BORDEN BORDEN LAW OFFICE 1518 CRENSHAW BLVD TORRANCE CA 90501 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/17 CNS-2983304# Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/17 HH-25494

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GERALD NATHANIEL CHOUTEAU, aka GERALD N. CHOUTEAU, aka GERALD CHOUTEAU, aka G.N. CHOUTEAU CASE NO. 17STPB01104

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GERALD NATHANIEL CHOUTEAU, aka GERALD N. CHOUTEAU, aka GERALD CHOUTEAU, aka G.N. CHOUTEAU A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Carolyn Thompson in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Carolyn Thompson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 14, 2017 at 8:30AM in Dept. "5" located at: 111 N. Hill Street, 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 formal 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. LAURA N. ZOLNEKOFF, SB# 307501 PAUL D. VELASCO, SB# 192421 Attorneys For Petitioner Velasco Law Group, APC 333 W. Broadway, Suite 100 Long Beach, CA 90802 Reporter# 107063 Published in: Inglewood News Pub Dates: February 23, March 2, 9, 2017 Inglewood Daily News Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/17 HL-25485

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

DISTRICT:	HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:	Custodial Supply Bid
PROJECT NO:	Service Bid Number S16-17-7
MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE:	March 21., 2017; 10:00 AM Sharp! Hawthorne School District Purchasing Department 13021 Yukon Ave. Hawthorne, CA 90250
BID DUE:	APRIL 11, 2017, at 2:00 PM SHARP! Hawthorne School District 13021 S Yukon Ave. Hawthorne, California 90250
BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE	http://www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us/bids
DEADLINE FOR RFIs	March 28, 2017; 4:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hawthorne School District of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Owner" or "District", will receive prior to the above stated time and date sealed bids for the award of a Contract for the following: **BID #S16-17-7 CUSTODIAL SUPPLY BID** All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the Owner. Bids shall be received in the Office of the **Hawthorne School District, Purchasing Department, at 13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, California 90250** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above state time and place. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened. Minimum contract term is one (1) year. Quoted prices must stay in effect for one (1) year after award of bid and may be extended upon mutual consent of District and Contractor for an additional four (4) years in accordance with provisions contained in Education Code Section 17596 and the bid documents. There will be a mandatory **Pre-Bid Conference on March 21st, 2017, 10:00 AM**. Any Contractor bidding on the Project who fails to attend the entire mandatory job walk and conference will be deemed a non-responsive

bidder and will have its bid returned unopened. *Allocate extra time due to parking restrictions in the area.* Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions. It is each bidder's sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened. Bid Security. Each Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS Failure of any Bid Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall renders such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District. No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. No Bidder shall withdraw its Bid Proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after the award of the Contract by the District's Board of Education. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals. Substitute Security. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under

the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall have thirty (30) days following action by the District's Board of Education to award the Contract to such Bidder to submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention. The failure of the Bidder to make such written request to the District within said thirty (30) day period shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under California Public Contract Code §22300. Waiver of Irregularities. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid Proposal or in the bidding. Award of Contract. The Contract for the supplies, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Education to the responsible Bidder or Bidders submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal. The district fully reserves the right to award to one, make multiple awards, to make no award at all, or to award based upon any combination of base bid and/or individual line items. If the Bid Proposal requires Bidders to propose prices for Alternate Bid Items, the District's selection of Alternate Bid Items, if any, for determination of the lowest priced Bid Proposal and for inclusion in the scope of the Contract

to be awarded shall be in accordance with this Notice and the Instructions for Bidders. Inquiries and Clarifications. The Bidder is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the Bid Documents, Drawings, Specifications, etc., shall be submitted to the District in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the bid opening date. The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity. Verbal communication by either party with regard to this matter is invalid. Inquiries shall be sent in writing to Elsiea Essex at eessex@hawthorne.k12.ca.us or (310) 675-9464 by March 28, 2017, at 4:00 PM Elsiea Essex Purchasing Clerk HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT Los Angeles County, State of California FOR: The Board of Trustees Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 3/9, 3/16/17 HH-25496



REQUEST FOR BIDS Warehouse Janitorial Supplies RFB-0090 BIDS DUE: March 23, 2017 at 11 A.M. AT THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK LOCATED ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF INGLEWOOD CITY HALL One Manchester Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90301 Contact Person During Bid Period: Michael Tate, Purchasing Division (310) 412-5266 CITY OF INGLEWOOD REQUEST FOR BIDS CITY OF INGLEWOOD INVITATION TO SUBMIT BID (Specifications and Conditions Governing Award) The City of Inglewood invites and will receive bids duly filed as provided herein for the furnishing of qualified "WAREHOUSE JANITORIAL

SUPPLIES" as specified in this document. Each bid shall be submitted and completed in all particulars and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the City of Inglewood, Purchasing and Contract Services Division, Inglewood City Hall 8th Floor, with the designation of the project "WAREHOUSE JANITORIAL SUPPLIES" appearing thereon. The City Council reserves the right to waive any irregularities in any bids, and to take bids under advisement for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from and after the date bids are opened and announced. The following conditions and terms apply: 1) The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 2) Attached are detailed specifications and conditions for bid submission. 3) You must execute your contract within ten (10) days after the City mails it. If the contract is not executed within ten (10) days, the City reserves the unilateral right to cancel it.

4) If any provisions of the contract are violated, the City, after suitable notice, may cancel the contract and make arrangements to have the products and/or services supplied by others. Any extra cost to the City will be paid by the vendor. 5) Bids may be obtained from the Purchasing Division located on the 8th floor of City Hall, or call (310) 412-5266. 6) All bids must be for specific amounts. Any attempt to qualify prices with an 'escalation clause' or any other method of making a price variable, is unacceptable. Bid shall be valid for ninety (90) calendar days from receipt of bid. 7) The City reserves the right to add or subtract quantities and/or services based on the unit prices/unit lump sums so indicated as its budgetary needs may require. Date: 3/9/17 Artie Fields, City Manager Inglewood Daily News Pub. 3/9/17 HH-25502

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.) Escrow No. 006095-GG Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and address of the Seller/Licensee are: ALTAGRACIA FRANCO MARTINEZ, 11611 INGLEWOOD AVE, HAWTHORNE CA 90250 The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: N/A The business is known as: EL JALISCO BAR The names, and address of the Buyer/Transferee are: RUNWAY 24L LLC, 5600 W. CENTURY BLVD STE 201, LOS ANGELES CA 90045 As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Sellers/Licensee within three years before the

date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND ON-SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISES LICENSE #48-304555 and are located at: 11611 INGLEWOOD AVE, HAWTHORNE CA 90250 The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: ON-SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISES, License Number: 48-304555 now issued for the premises located at: 11611 INGLEWOOD AVE, HAWTHORNE CA 90250 The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is APRIL 6, 2017 at the office of: CAPITAL TRUST ESCROW, 280 S BEVERLY DR, #300, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including estimated

inventory, is the sum of \$45,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$45,000.00 It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the 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: FEBRUARY 2, 2017 ALTAGRACIA FRANCO MARTINEZ, Seller(s)/Licensee(s) RUNWAY 24L LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Buyer(s)/Transferee(s) LA1778264 HAWTHORNE COMMUNITY NEWS 3/9/17 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 3/9/17 HH-25501

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DISTRICT: HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RFP No. T16-17-6 BUNDLED INTERNET ACCESS DATE/TIME FOR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 4:00 PM DATE/TIME FOR SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSAL: TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 AT 10:00 AM SHARP! ADDRESS FOR SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS: Hawthorne School District Purchasing Department 13021 S. Yukon Ave. Hawthorne, CA 90250 PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE AT: USAC Website (Form 470) & details on HSD WEBSITE -http://www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us/bids NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hawthorne School District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the "District" will receive up to, but no later than the above stated date and time, sealed Proposals

for the Contract generally described as: **RFP No. T16-17-6 – Bundled Internet Access. No Withdrawal of Proposals.** No Bidder shall withdraw its Proposal for a period of **ninety (90) days** after the award of the Contract by the District's Board of Trustees. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Proposals, and as it relates to E-Rate parameters. **Waiver of Irregularities.** The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Proposal or in the bidding. **E-rate Requirements.** The project is 100% contingent upon the approval of funding from the Universal Service Fund's Schools and Libraries Program, otherwise known as E-rate. The District may or may not proceed with the project, in whole or in part, even in the event E-rate funding is approved. Execution of the project, in part or in whole, is solely at the discretion of the District. Bidders wishing to bid may do so solely at their own risk. The District is not liable or responsible for any costs, loss, fees, or expenses, of any kind, associated with bid and/or a decision not to proceed with the project, even after award of the contracts. By submitting a proposal, each bidder agrees to bear all of its own costs, fees, expenses, and losses, of any and all kind, should the District

cancel the project. **Inquiries and Clarifications.** This document is for informational purposes and shall not relieve the Bidder of the requirements to fully become familiarized with all the factors affecting the Project and Proposal. The Bidder is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the RFP documents, specifications, etc., shall be submitted to the District in writing no later than **Tuesday, March 23, 2017, 4:00 PM.** The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity, verbal communication by either party with regard to this matter is invalid. Inquiries shall be made in writing to: Aneska I. Kekula, Purchasing Director, 13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250, or via Email at ikekula@hawthorne.k12.ca.us; or via facsimile at 310.675.9464. Aneska Ines Kekula Purchasing Director HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR: The Board of Trustees Publication: Herald Publication and Hawthorne School District Website 1st Publication: March 9, 2017 2nd Publication: March 16, 2017 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 3/9, 3/16/17 HH-25495

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HELEN KEYES CASE NO. 17STPB01797 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HELEN KEYES. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MAXEL BATISTE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MAXEL BATISTE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/04/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 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 DEIDRA L. STAUFF, ESQ. - SBN 67668 LAW OFFICES OF DEIDRAL STAUFF, APC 2800 28TH ST #315 SANTA MONICA CA 90405 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/17 CNS-2983250# Inglewood Daily News Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/17 HL-25497

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017029490

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AIM HIGH JOHNSON'S FAMILY DAYCARE, 2715 WEST 76TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LA TRICIA JOHNSON, 2715 WEST 76TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: LA TRICIA JOHNSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 3, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 3, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 3, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/2017 **H-1585**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017032526

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SWANKI PRODUCTIONS, 9663 SANTA MONICA BLVD. #1276, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CHANTAL NICHOLAS, 9663 SANTA MONICA BLVD. #1276, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CHANTAL NICHOLAS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 8, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 8, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 8, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/2017 **H-1586**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017016159

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIGITAL FORMULAS, 1108 E 67TH STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CARLOS GERARDO HERNANDEZ, 1108 E 67TH STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/20/2017. Signed: CARLOS GERARDO HERNANDEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 20, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 20, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 20, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS: Pub. 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/2017 **HI-1587**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016072475

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) STRIKERS FC SOUTH BAY, 861 PARKVIEW DR NORTH #200, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. 2.) 531 MAIN STREET #993, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. AI #ON: 3671579 Registered Owner(s): EL SEGUNDO SOCCER CLUB, 861 PARKVIEW DRIVE NORTH #200, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: EL SEGUNDO SOCCER CLUB, SHERRY SANBORN, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 26, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 26, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 26, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/2017 **H-1588**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017029360

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MASS AUTO SALE, 137 OREGON STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ARMIN ARFAI, 28623 COVERIDGE DRIVE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2017. Signed: ARMIN ARFAI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 3, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 3, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 3, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/2017 **H-1589**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017030244

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) GAYLE'S TAILS, 1421 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD UNIT C, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, LA COUNTY. 2.) RIGHT BOWER PRODUCTIONS. Registered Owner(s): GAYLE LYNNE STOVER, 1421 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD UNIT C, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: GAYLE LYNNE STOVER, OWNER/OPERATOR. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 6, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 6, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 6, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/2017 **H-1590**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017042571

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANGEL CAKES BAKING COMPANY, 1725 E PINE AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LELANDIA FLOWERS, 1725 E PINE AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: LELANDIA FLOWERS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 21, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 21, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 21, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/2017 **H-1591**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017044543

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HERITAGE GARAGE DOORS SALE, 4833 TELEGRAPH RD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1.) YANIRA Y. COVARRUBIAS, 704 VICENT PARK B, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277. 2.) GINA M. CACERES PAYAN, 1108 W. 101 ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This business is being conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/2016. Signed: YANIRA Y. COVARRUBIAS, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 22, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 22, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 22, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/2017 **H-1592**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017045861

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SCANLON CONSULTING SERVICES, 21022 ANZA AVE, #102, TORRANCE, CA 90503, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LENIA SCANLON, 21022 ANZA AVE. #102, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: LENIA SCANLON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 23, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 23, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 23, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/2017 **HT-1593**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017044555

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) MAXCALVIN REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS, 11614 CHRISTOPHER AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2.) P.O. BOX 1490, INGLEWOOD, CA 90308. Registered Owner(s): CHARLES BINGHAM, 11614 CHRISTOPHER AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CHARLES BINGHAM, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 22, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 22, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 22, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS: Pub. 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/2017 **HI-1594**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017049964

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CRUISE PLANNERS, 1590 ROSECRANS SUITE D252, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, LA COUNTY. AI #ON: 3990922 Registered Owner(s): AMAZING TRAVEL MEMORIES INC., 1590 ROSECRANS, SUITE D252, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, CALIFORNIA. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2017. Signed: AMAZING TRAVEL MEMORIES, INC., MELANIE FRANKO, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 28, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 28, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 28, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **H-1595**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017053036

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as U.S. FRONTLINE, 385 VAN NESS AVENUE #110, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): STS INNOVATION INC., 5201 GREAT AMERICA PKWY SUITE 320, SANTA CLARA, CA 95054, CA. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: STS INNOVATION INC., HIYOSHI KISHIDA, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 2, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 2, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 2, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HT-1596**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017033822

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) CITIZEN WATCH AMERICA, 1000 WEST 190TH STREET, TORRANCE, CA 90502, LA COUNTY. 2.) BULOVA, 1120 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 10TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10036. Registered Owner(s): CITIZEN WATCH COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC., 1120 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 10TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10036, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CITIZEN WATCH COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC., DAVID B. PERLMAN, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 9, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 9, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 9, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HT-1597**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017036683

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ON THE KNEE, 3505 W 139TH ST APT 7, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CANDICE EMBREY, 3505 W 139TH ST APT 7, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CANDICE EMBREY, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 13, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 13, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HH-1598**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017051633

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BARE BEAUTY, 19800 HAWTHORNE BLVD BLDG 208 STUDIO 136, TORRANCE, CA90503, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MEGAN KARSON, 19800 HAWTHORNE BLVD BLDG 208 STUDIO 136, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2017. Signed: MEGAN KARSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 1, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 1, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 1, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HT-1599**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017035821

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) LOYALTYEJUICE, 4675 BROADWAY, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LA COUNTY. 2.) 4675 BROADWAY, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): CARLOS CASTANON JR, 4675 BROADWAY HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CARLOS CASTANON JR, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 10, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 10, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 10, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HH-1600**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017052608

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) SOOHOO DESIGNERS, 1424 MARCELINA AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LA COUNTY. 2.) SOOHOO. 3.) SOOHOO/HIRATA. AI #ON: 0997470 Registered Owner(s): PATRICK SOO HOO INC, 1424 MARCELINA AVE, TORRANCE, CA90501, CA. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/1980. Signed: PATRICK SOO HOO INC, PATRICK SOOHOO, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 2, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 2, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 2, 2022. 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 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HT-1601**

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A black and white close-up photograph of a small, scruffy dog, likely a terrier mix, looking directly at the camera. The dog has a white blaze on its face and is wearing a dark collar. The background is a light-colored wooden floor.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our pet adoption fairs which are held every Saturday at the Petco located at 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach from noon-3: 30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least one Saturday a month, please contact us at info@msfr.org. You can also visit all of our Miniature Schnauzers & Friends rescues at the adoption fair or check out our website, www.msfr.org. If you have any questions about a particular dog's availability you can email us at info@msfr.org. Schnauzers! But you can't adopt just one!

it's all friendliness and love. I haven't met a dog or a person that I'm not crazy about and most are pretty crazy about me!" If you're interested in Hopkins, please email hopkins@hawaii.edu for more information.

“Hi there! My name is **Echo** and one day when I was out exploring the neighborhood, I somehow got turned around and I got lost. That’s really pretty easy to do when you’re a curious, little (14-pound), one-year-old, female Schnoodle (Miniature Schnauzer/Poodle mix). I eventually ended up at an LA county shelter as a stray, but I was such



A black and white photograph of a small, scruffy dog, possibly a terrier mix, sitting on a light-colored wooden floor. The dog has dark fur with a white patch on its chest and muzzle. It is wearing a collar with a tag.

a stinking mess when I arrived that my prospects weren't looking too good. Then, to make matters worse, I came down with kennel cough! Is it any wonder that the one person who wanted to adopt me and the other three families that were interested in me decided to pass when they heard I was sick? I had to get cleaned up a bit before going to the vet and that was another new experience because I can't ever remember being groomed. Now that I'm looking and feeling much better, my playful, fun-loving puppy personality has emerged. I have a great personality and get along splendidly with other dogs. All I need is to find my forever home and I would love to be a member of your family." If you're interested in Echo, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

“Have you ever seen a “Standard Schnauzer” that only weighs 14 pounds? Neither have I, so it’s a sure bet that I’m not one of

those. One thing for certain is that I am a five-year old, male Miniature Schnauzer mix named **Roosevelt**. After wandering around I ended up at an LA county shelter as a stray. Everyone thinks that I'm definitely a Miniature Schnauzer mix and the odds are pretty good that the mix is a Silky Terrier. It's a good thing that the MSFR folks rescued me and had me checked out by their vet because I had an umbilical hernia. It wasn't anything major and was easily repaired by their doctor and I'm just fine, thank you. I also had a dental done--so in addition to being healthy and handsome, I've got some awesome pearly whites! I'm a pretty friendly little guy and get along great with other dogs. I'm also pretty adorable and am looking for my forever home. Come to adoptions and see for yourself what a cutie I am." If you're interested in Roosevelt, please email info@msfr.org for more information. •

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to their congressional representatives in person at town hall meetings and at district offices. House Republicans are reportedly split over whether to repeal-and-replace Obamacare so their constituents keep their plans, or kill it altogether. The Central Valley and undocumented children have benefitted greatly, Zingale says.

A single-payer system in California could combine the funding from several sources under one state umbrella: Medi-Cal for poor state residents; Medicare, the federal program that covers older adults; and private insurance. Lara admitted in recent interviews the funding is undecided. “I think we’ve reached a tipping point now that we haven’t had before,” he said, explaining the need for a Plan B before Congress, as expected, passes a repeal and the President signs it.

Lara's motivated by the oft-repeated campaign promises by President Trump and House Republicans to wipe the Affordable Care Act from federal law. There have been media reports the new administration is removing positive reviews about Obamacare from federal agency websites in preparation for a repeal. The President has said publicly he favors allowing grown children to remain on their family plans until age 26--the provision that was partially the undoing of Obamacare because the health insurance risk pools were imbalanced.

The higher costs to treat previously uninsured Californians and low-income elderly made the CoveredCA plans pricier for everybody in them.

Insurers denied their losses on Obamacare policies were passed along to employer and individual plan participants, whose premiums also rose after the healthcare law's biggest changes took effect in 2014.

Healthcare coverage for five million Californians is riding on the outcome of the big negotiations in Washington, D.C. Obamacare supporters, including Zingale's staff at the California Endowment, point to the public's changing attitude toward keeping the healthcare law and turning back repeal efforts. A Kaiser Family Foundation tracking poll done in February showed 48 percent of people surveyed now favor keeping the law, and 65 percent don't want Medicare shrunk.

In February's survey, 42 percent oppose the law and want it ended. That was down from 46 percent in January, according to the Kaiser Foundation. Half of independents--the voting block crucial to the re-election bids of congressman now considering the fate of Obamacare--support President Obama's healthcare expansion.

As Congress debates health coverage repeal vs. reform, more Americans like Obamacare than don't for the first time. That puts pressure on House Republicans whether to toe the party line or face backlash from voters who might lose their health plans, either because they can't afford them or no insurers will sell them a policy. Here in California, a third option is on the table: become the first state to merge numerous health plans and try to slow rising costs. •

Congratulations to Rizzo, our rescue from early November, and his new dad. His dad has had plenty of dog experience, having grown up with Schnauzers and a Jack Russell Terrier. His former roommate had a Schnauzer that strongly resembled Rizzo... so when he was finally ready for a dog of his own, he knew he

wanted a Schnauzer. Meeting Rizzo was like reuniting with an old friend, so there was an instant bond. Since Rizzo's dad has recently moved to California from New York, he now has a little buddy with whom to share all of his adventures in his new life. Wishing them much happiness on their journey! •



Wishing Rizzo and his new family much happiness!